

India - Tiger Direct!

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Sloth Bear

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Highlights of the Tour

Our Tiger Direct tour ended with 176 Species of birds and 24 species of mammals. We had fantastic sightings of Tigers, Sloth Bear and Leopards during the pre-tour extension, Main Tour and post-tour extension.

Pre-tour Extension

We had five Tiger sightings in Tadoba, involving four individual Tigers, plus two Leopard sightings, two Sloth Bear sightings and a sighting of the elusive Jungle Cat.

Main Tour

In the main group also we had some excellent sightings in Kanha. On 14th February we saw one Tiger on the morning drive and four sightings in the afternoon, all of different individuals. This was followed by three sightings on 15th and a single sighting of a different male Tiger on 16th in addition to a Jungle Cat.

Post- tour Extension

We had one good sighting of a Tiger in Satpuda for about 20 minutes. We also saw Sloth Bears on all our drives giving a total of eight individual bears. Finally, we saw a single Wild Dog on the night drive.

Pre-tour extension Day 1

Wednesday 6th February

In flight to India

Pre-tour extension Day 2

Thursday 7th February

On a clear, pleasant and sunny day, the flight landed at Nagpur a little earlier than scheduled. At Nagpur Yusuf met six of the group and we transferred to the Radisson Blu hotel in Nagpur. We met up again for dinner, after which Yusuf briefed the group about the next day's programme.

Pre-tour extension Day 3

Friday 8th February

We met in the hotel lobby at 10:00 am before starting our 2½- hour journey to Tadoba. On the way we saw quite a few birds like Asian Brown Flycatcher, Asian Pied Starlings, Black Drongos and Indian Roller to name but a few. We reached our destination, Svasara Jungle Lodge, at 12:45 pm.

After lunch we went on our first safari, and of course everyone was very keen to see what we could find. We saw quite a few birds, as well as mammals like Spotted Deer and langur. We drove straight to Pandarpauni water hole where there were some interesting birds like Red Avadavat, Paddyfield Pipits, Red-vented Bulbuls, Eastern Cattle Egrets, and Green Bee-eaters. After exploring for some time, we saw a dominant Tiger patrolling his territory, so we followed him for quite a distance and we were with him for almost for one and a half hours. It was the first Tiger sighting for the group.

In the evening we met to do the checklist followed by dinner.

Pre-tour extension Day 4

Saturday 9th February

After refreshing tea and coffee, we went for our morning safari. We saw a lot of birds and mammals including a male Sloth Bear who was foraging on the side of the track and seemed to be quite relaxed. Post lunch we went again for afternoon safari. We saw a few pug marks of a Tiger and we also waited at Ayen Bodi water hole for a long time. Later we went to another water hole as we got the news that a dominant male Tiger, T54, had been sighted at Panderpauni waterhole, When we reached the waterhole we saw a few vehicles parked up so we secured a place and saw the Tiger sleeping close to the waterhole. One the way back some of the group, Terry, Jane and Rosemary were lucky enough to see a Leopard.

Back at the lodge we did the checklist and later had a very tasty dinner.

Pre-tour extension Day 5 / Main Tour Day 1

Sunday 10th February

It was a chilly morning and after a refreshing cup of tea or coffee, we set out for our game drive. We saw quite a few tracks and followed them for quite a while, although there were no alarm calls. We then decided to check a new area which is good for both birding and also another target species - Jungle Cat. When we reached the meadow area we saw quite a few birds like Siberian Stonechats, Plain Prinia and Rufous-tailed Larks. Suddenly we saw a Francolin fly across the tracks which was possibly disturbed by the Jungle Cat, because although we were all looking in the other direction our guide saw it jump. As anticipated we saw the Jungle Cat when she came out started rolling over on the road before crossing to the other side - a fantastic sighting of this elusive animal. As we moved on we came across a foraging Sloth Bear, which was close to the track and soon it crossed the road, and stayed with it for a good 10 -15 minutes. While heading back we saw Grey Necked Buntings in a meadow. Meanwhile the rest of group in the other jeep saw a Leopard.

Meanwhile, two members of our group who were joining us for the main tour started their adventure with a flight from the UK to India.

Pre-tour extension Day 6 / Main Tour Day 2

Monday 11th February

Today was our last drive in Tadoba. Soon after we entered the park we saw a few Tiger tracks after crossing the Jamuni area. We decided to checked the hilltop area and within a minute after we started moving towards the hill we saw Tigress T12, known as Maya, walking towards our vehicles. Soon she disappeared into the bamboo thickets, so trying to anticipate her movements we then drove to one of the crossing points, and soon she reappeared as we hoped before vanishing again. We decided to intercept her at a water hole, but as we started moving we saw another Tiger, T54, known as Matkasur walking through the bamboos towards the waterhole. We reached the waterhole and secured a good position overlooking the waterhole, but after waiting almost two hours with no luck we decided to check other areas. When we reached Tadoba Lake we saw our third Tiger, a young male which was radio collared. He was sleeping next to the lake under the trees. Our last drive in Tadoba produced three Tiger sighting, which was a brilliant finale to our time there. We reached the lodge and had enough time to clean and change before an early lunch. Post lunch we left for Pench, arriving at around 5:15 in the evening.

Meanwhile the flight for the other two group members landed at Nagpur, after which they had a two-hour drive to Pench. In the evening we all met to do the checklist, had dinner together and had a briefing about the next day's programme.

Main Tour Day 2

Tuesday 12th February

Today was not so cold, and after hot drinks, we had an early start for the park. After completing the formalities, we entered the park and, as we drove, we saw tracks of a Tigress. After following the tracks for a while, we reached a junction, but had no luck with Tiger sightings. We did see some fantastic birds though, including Lesser Golden Back Woodpeckers, Yellow & Red Wattled Lapwings and Indian Scops Owls.

On the afternoon drive we heard a few alarm calls of Spotted Deer, but after waiting for some times the calls stopped. Suddenly we heard the distress calls of Langur, possibly from Bija Matta waterhole and when we reached the waterhole we saw a few vehicles already parked up, but then the calls stopped. We waited for a few minutes but it was nearly the closing time of the park so we had to make our way towards the exit.

We later met for the checklist followed by dinner, before calling it a night.

Main Tour Day 3

Wednesday 13th February

Today was our last drive in Pench. After some hot beverages, we started our morning drive, heading towards Kalapahad. On the way we heard a few distress calls of langurs, so we waited for 15 minutes but the calls stopped. We saw a few interesting birds like woodpeckers, Indian Pond Herons, Ruddy Shelducks etc. We had an early lunch, after which we set out for our next destination, Kanha National Park, reaching Kanha Jungle Lodge at around 5.15pm where we were welcomed by the hospitable staff of the lodge. In the evening we did the checklist, followed by dinner.

Main Tour Day 4

Thursday 14th February

After our early morning wake-up call, we met for hot beverages before proceeding on our first safari in the park. It was quite cold as we left the lodge, but we had blankets and hot water bottles in the jeep which kept us warm. Kanha is always a refreshing change of scenery from our previous locations. It was a little misty in the grassland and it was amazing to see the endemic Swamp Deer in the mist with some of the males with their antlers decorated with vegetations. After a while we decided to check the area which where a Tigress with a very young cub had been sighted regularly for a few days. While driving we saw track of Tiger which seemed to be quite fresh. A few other jeeps were already in the area as they had heard a few distress calls. We also parked our vehicle at the roadside overlooking a meadow where the calls were coming from, and suddenly Tim spotted the Tiger at a distance. We looked through our binoculars, and he must have been at least 200 metres from us. We saw him walking majestically across the meadow before disappearing into the thickets, so anticipating the movements of the Tiger we drove quickly and positioned our vehicle, but he was quite elusive. We did hear him after a while, and we also heard another distress call which was a little further away from where we heard the Tiger, so we came to the conclusion that there was one more Tiger in the same vicinity. We waited for half an hour but had no luck with another sighting. We went to the breakfast spot where we were lucky to see a pair of Brown Hawk

Owls. After reaching the lodge we went for a nature walk, seeing quite a few interesting spiders, insects, butterflies, wild flowers etc.

In the afternoon we got lucky again. We were checking the same area where we expected to see the mother with a young cub when we got the news that the Tiger we saw this morning had crossed the road, so once more anticipating his movements we drove to an area which was parallel to the forested patch where he was last seen. It looked as though the Tiger was heading for the waterhole and after waiting for about 15 minutes we heard alarm calls, so we repositioned our vehicle slightly and within a few minutes the Tiger appeared from the dense foliage. He walked towards our vehicle, crossed the road and went up to the waterhole. After having a drink the Tiger again started walking, presumably patrolling his territory, We anticipated his movements and decided to intercept him on another road, so we drove quickly and positioned our vehicle close to one of the tracks that animals use quite often. Within a minute the Tiger came out and crossed the road, before going back into the undergrowth, so calculating his moves we again decided to intercept him at a fire break in the jungle. Yusuf asked the driver to reverse to put our vehicle in a perfect position and within five minutes the Tiger came out of the bamboo thickets and crossed the fire break line. Meanwhile some more people got the news and a few more vehicles reached the spot, so for the fourth and the last time we turned our vehicle around and repositioned it and the Tiger came out and crossed the road.

We then left and drove about a kilometre to reach Minkur waterhole, where we decided to wait. There were a few vehicles already at this spot. There was a Serpent Eagle sitting quite close to us, when suddenly a Tigress came out of the thickets and she was in her stalking position as she had spotted a few deer. Then she went back where she came from, growling a few times, but after a few minutes she came back out and sat in the middle of the road for a short time before she vanished in the undergrowth.

We decided to drive to another area where a young Tigress known as MB-3 is often sighted and as we were driving towards that area we saw two vehicles parked. As we got closer we saw her sitting on the road and she was very close to our vehicle. It was nearly the parks closing time and the Tigress didn't seem ready to move aside, but after a while she got up and started moving towards our vehicle, approaching to just three feet away from us! Meanwhile the rest of our group in the other jeep were in a different area and they saw a male and a female Tiger at a waterhole, so in the afternoon we saw five individual Tigers as a group.

Main Tour Day 5

Friday 15th February

Today was a bit chilly again, but we were not discouraged as we met for refreshments before leaving for a safari. As we drove a few kilometres in the park we saw a few Tiger tracks possibly from early this morning. They were the tracks of male and female Tigers. We kept following the tracks and after a while the female tracks vanished, so we kept following the male's tracks for a few kilometres. While Yusuf and the guide were looking at the tracks and Yusuf told the group that the tracks look quite fresh, suddenly Tim spotted the Tiger on the side of the road going into the foliage. Anticipating his movement we repositioned our vehicle and after waiting for about 10 minutes the Tiger appeared from the undergrowth, and crossed the road close to our vehicle. Anticipating his direction again we decided to drive further and wait near a fire break line. Our plan worked, and in a few minutes we saw the Spotted Deer become alert and they started giving alarm calls, and soon the Tiger appeared and crossed the fire break line in front of us.

Meanwhile our other jeep saw a sub-adult Tigress cross the road, and also saw the Tigress with young cub crossing the road. On the afternoon drive we again saw the same Dominant Tiger.

In the evening it rained heavily with hailstones. Later we did the checklist followed by dinner.

Main Tour Day 6

Saturday 16th February

This morning was quite beautiful as there was mist in the grassland due to last night's rain. To see Swamp Deer in the mist was a magical experience. We saw quite a few interesting birds like pipits, Brown-headed Barbets, Purple Sunbirds, Golden-fronted Leafbirds etc.

The afternoon drive was also very pleasant. One of the jeeps had a good view of a Tiger crossing the road, and later one group saw a Jungle Cat sitting on top of a termite mound.

We later met for the checklist before we had farewell dinner under the stars!

Main Tour Day 7

Sunday 17th February

Today was a relaxed day so we all decided to wake up a little later than usual, as we had a long journey to Satpuda and Nagpur. We had breakfast at 8 am, we all wished Christy best wishes for her journey back to the UK and departed from the lodge for Satpuda at 8:45 am. Christy departed a little later at around 9am for Nagpur. It was quite an interesting experience to see the countryside and the beautiful landscape of central India. We reached lodge at around 5:15 am. and we were welcomed by the hospitable staff of Reni Paani Jungle Lodge. Later we met at the guest area for a surprise Birthday Party for Cheryl - the cake was really delicious! After the birthday celebration we all had a delicious dinner.

Main Tour Day 8

Monday 18th February

The morning was cold when we met at the pavilion at 5:45 am to travel to the to the park entrance which was about a 20 minute drive from the Lodge. We crossed the river where there was hardly any water left. We saw some interesting birds, like River Lapwings, River Terns, Great and Intermediate Egrets, Red-naped Ibis etc to name a few. After driving for some time we saw fresh tracks of Tigers, so we followed the prints for a few hundred metres, until we reached a spot where a small herd of Gaurs were quite alert. Suddenly we saw a wild boar break cover and un off which was a sign that the Tigers whose tracks we had been following were around. After waiting we saw a group of Nilgai going into the forested patch and when they also started giving alarm calls we checked that area from the parallel road but had no luck with the sightings. After a while we got our first Sloth Bear sighting, which everyone was excited to see on our first drive.

In the afternoon we did try our luck for the Tigers again but the striped cats remained elusive. Later those in one of the jeeps saw another Sloth Bear.

Main Tour Day 9

Tuesday 19th February

This morning was warmer and very pleasant. After driving for a few minutes in the park we reached a spot where we saw very fresh pug marks of Tigers so we quickly reversed and suddenly the driver spotted the Tiger sitting at eye level on a small mound around 20 metres away. Then we saw another two Tigers, and we watched them for a good 20 minutes. Later we all saw a male Sloth Bear male. Needless to say, we all thought it had been a very good morning!

In the afternoon we had a fantastic sighting of a mother Sloth Bear with a very young cub on her back. We saw her foraging at a distance, and then she crossed the road close to us. Everyone was thrilled to see the baby bear and we got a good opportunity to photograph the two of them.

Evening we did the checklist followed by dinner.

Post Tour Extension Day 1

Wednesday 20th February

Today we had a pleasant morning with quite a few birds including Lesser Whistling ducks, Darter, and Brown Fish Owl. In the evening we also had a great night drive with an amazing sighting of a Sloth Bear with two cubs and later we saw an Asian Palm Civet and a Wild Dog. After the drive we went straight for a slightly late dinner.

Post Tour Extension Day 2

Thursday 21st February

This morning was bit more relaxed than usual as today was our last day at Satpuda. We met at 7.00am to go for a birding drive in the local countryside. We did well, seeing some good birds such as Isabelline Shrike, Black Drongo, Indian Silverbills and, a reminder of home, House Sparrows! Later when we were returning to the lodge Cheryl spotted a male Sloth Bear, the last large mammal of a memorable holiday.

All too soon it was time to make our way to the airport for our return flights to the UK. We all agreed that we had been very fortunate to see a fantastic variety of wildlife in this fascinating country, and the sights and sounds of the Indian countryside will stay in our memories for a very long time.

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Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	February															
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
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	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
6	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	
7	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>									✓	✓						
8	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>							✓									✓
9	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓			
10	Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓								
11	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>								✓	✓	✓						
12	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonnerati</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>										✓						
15	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>													✓	✓		
16	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	
17	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>								✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
18	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>													✓		✓	
19	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>								✓	✓	✓					✓	
20	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	
21	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
22	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	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			✓													
27	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
28	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	
29	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
30	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>									✓			✓	✓		
31	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
32	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
33	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	
34	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
35	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>				✓									✓		
36	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>							✓	✓		✓					
37	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>												✓		✓	
38	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>					✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
39	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			✓											✓	
40	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>				✓											
41	Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila hastata</i>		✓													
42	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>													✓	✓	
43	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>			✓		✓									✓	
44	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>							✓				✓				
45	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>		✓						✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
46	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓							✓	✓	
47	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>		✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓
48	Sarus Crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>															✓
49	Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>														✓	✓
50	Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>														✓	
51	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓					✓					✓	✓		
52	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>												✓	✓	✓	
53	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>					✓	✓									
54	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>												✓			
56	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>			✓												
57	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>		✓	✓										✓	✓	
58	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
59	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>												✓			
60	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>							✓					✓		✓	
61	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>		✓					✓					✓	✓	✓	

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
62	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</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	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>			✓													
73	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓								
74	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>													✓	✓	✓	
75	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>			✓				✓						✓		✓	
76	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>			✓					✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
77	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>													✓	✓	✓	
78	Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>								✓								
79	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>														✓		
80	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>			✓										✓		✓	
81	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>		✓												✓		
82	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		✓														
83	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
84	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	✓	✓												✓		
85	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
89	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
90	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>												✓				
91	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyroceros birostris</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
92	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>					✓	✓		✓					✓			
93	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	✓												✓			

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94	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					
95	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leopicus mahrattensis</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			
96	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>									✓					
97	Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Goldenback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
98	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>									✓					
99	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>												✓		
100	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
101	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>											✓			
104	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>												✓	✓	
105	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>							✓					✓	✓	
106	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>		✓									✓		✓	
107	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>									✓					
108	White-bellied Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus erythropygius</i>												✓		
109	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>								✓	✓	✓				
110	Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>														✓
111	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>			✓		✓								✓	✓
112	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
114	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>														
116	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
117	Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>							✓	✓						
118	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
119	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>		✓	✓									✓	✓	✓
120	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	✓			✓				✓	✓					
121	Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>			✓						✓		✓			
122	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
123	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>						✓								
124	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
125	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>									✓					

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126	Cinereous Tit (split fr Great Tit)	<i>Parus cinereus</i>					✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
127	Indian Black-lored Tit	<i>Macrolophus aplonotus</i>											✓			
128	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>			✓											
129	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>						✓						✓		✓
130	Singing Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra cantillans</i>														✓
131	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>							✓							
132	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
133	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
134	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓
135	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓				✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	
136	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>					✓									
137	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>		✓								✓				✓
138	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						✓
139	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓							
140	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>														✓
141	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>							✓		✓					
142	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>			✓											✓
143	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
144	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>														✓
145	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>														✓
146	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>		✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓
147	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>										✓				
148	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>									✓	✓				
149	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
150	Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling)	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓	✓			✓									✓
151	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>								✓	✓	✓				
152	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>			✓		✓				✓		✓		✓	
153	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓		✓		
154	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	
155	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
156	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>									✓					
157	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓	✓		✓

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158	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓		
159	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>							✓							✓	
160	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>		✓			✓										
161	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓
162	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>			✓					✓					✓	✓	✓
163	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓
164	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>								✓	✓						
165	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓					
166	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
167	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>		✓		✓	✓										
168	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓	✓	
169	Yellow-throated Sparrow (Chestnut-shouldered Petronia)	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	
170	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	✓														
171	Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>		✓											✓	✓	✓
172	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	✓														
173	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓			✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
174	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓													✓	✓
175	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>	✓				✓								✓	✓	✓
176	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓				✓	✓
177	Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>							✓			✓				✓	✓
178	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓			
179	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>				✓											
180	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani</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>			✓							✓		✓			
4	Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>											✓			✓	
5	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>				✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Southern Plains Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>			✓												

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8	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>		✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓
9	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
10	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>															✓
11	Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</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	Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>															✓
16	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
17	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>								✓	✓	✓					
18	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
19	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
20	Khincara (Indian Gazelle)	<i>Gazella bennetti</i>				✓										✓	✓
21	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>			✓		✓							✓	✓	✓	
22	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
23	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
24	Pipistrelle bat sp.	<i>Pipistrellus sp</i>												✓		✓	✓
25	Fulvous Fruit Bat (Leschenault's Rousette)	<i>Rousettus leschenaulti</i>												✓			
26	Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>															✓

Other fauna

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	Checkered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>				✓												
5	Roux's Forest Calotes	<i>Monilesaurus rouxii</i>	✓															
6	Green Keelback	<i>Macropisthodon plumbicolor</i>			✓													
7	Painted Kaloula	<i>Kaloula pulchra</i>										✓	✓					