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With Tadoba & Satpura extensions

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Ext Day 1

Wednesday 27th March

In flight to Nagpur, via Doha.

Ext Day 2

Thursday 28th March

The four group members on the Tadoba pre-tour extension arrived at Nagpur this morning and were met at the airport by Himanshu. We went straight to the Radisson Hotel where an early check in and breakfast had been arranged. After resting for the morning we met at lunchtime and discussed the next few days ahead and then we had a half hour bird walk around the property in which we saw up to 20 species of birds plus Grey Langur Monkey and a Grey Mongoose, which was quite successful for this urban area. After dinner we retired to our rooms.

Ext Day 3

Friday 29th March

We started out for Tadoba at 9am after a hearty breakfast at the Radisson Hotel and it took us three hours to reach the Svasara Hotel where we checked in and met for lunch at 1pm, by which time the temperature was already touching the 40 degree mark. We went for our first safari at 2:30 pm. The jungle was rather quiet this afternoon as it was very hot, but we reached a waterhole where in the morning safari a couple of sub-adult Tigers had been spotted and we were pretty sure that they would be in the same vicinity. We waited for a short time, but the heat was extreme and Himanshu didn't want anyone to become ill on our first drive, so we parked up away from the waterhole under the shade of a tree. At around 4:30 pm when it was slightly cooler and some other groups had lost patience we found a good spot facing the waterhole and parked our jeeps.

After just five minutes of waiting one Tiger walked out into the open and had a drink, and soon a second Tiger walked out, this time a male, and we got good views as they walked towards the other side of the waterhole. We quickly backed up and went to the other side as well, and both the tigers came as close as five metres from our jeeps. We then watched them for a good 30 minutes and got some great pictures – an awesome sighting on our very first drive, and naturally the whole group were very happy.

In the evening we met at 7:30 pm, had dinner and retired to bed early as we had a 4:45 am wakeup call .

Ext Day 4

Saturday 30th March

We started early and entered the park, driving straight towards Panderpouni where there was a chance of seeing the Tigress known as Maya and her cubs. Just before the turning for the waterhole we saw a Sloth Bear, a lovely male bear busy digging, and it stayed there for a good five minutes and then crossed the road right in front of us. Quite a good sighting to say the least.

After seeing the bear we went to the waterholes and then went to Tadoba Lake where we saw a Marsh Mugger crocodile and some lovely birds. We kept both jeeps together, and went to the mid-point of the drive to have breakfast. On our way back we found one vehicle parked waiting for something and we gathered from them that

a Black Leopard had been spotted by another jeep at that point around half an hour ago and that it was in the thickets next to the road! We all got very excited as for all of us a Black Leopard would have been a lifer! We waited for around 20 minutes but nothing much happened and it was time for us to leave so we slowly made our way back to the gate.

The afternoon safari was action packed as two male Tigers were at the Panderponi number 2 waterhole with a kill. That's when we learnt that the dominant male Matkasur shares his territory with his son Chota Matkasur. We saw both the Tigers at the waterhole in fact Chotamatkasur was carrying half the carcass of a small wild boar in the water. After having a good view we left to search other areas. We left the park and reached the lodge around 7pm in plenty of time for dinner at 8 pm and we then retired to bed.

Ext Day 5/Main Tour Day 1

Sunday 31st March

We set off for a safari at 6am this morning and reached the Panderponi waterhole in Tadoba National Park which is a hotspot for Tiger sightings. The famous female Tiger called Maya has her territory around this area and she has two sub-adult cubs still with her; a male and a female. This territory also belongs to a big male Tiger called Matkasur and recently another male called Chotamatka has entered this area. Unusually Matkasur allows Chotamatka, who is his son, to share his territory and in fact these two males are seen together on many occasions. However Maya does not like Chotamatka's presence in her territory.

As we reached the waterhole we heard alarm calls from beyond the waterhole so we rushed to that side. As the alarm calls got intense we knew that surely a Tiger is going to appear from that patch of jungle. We then heard alarm calls from the opposite direction, towards the grassland, and as we scanned with binoculars we saw a male Tiger emerge from the grassland. He walked straight towards our car and on looking carefully we realised he was Chotamatka, the transient male. He came as close as 30 metres from us and sat down and just then the alarm calls from the jungle side intensified and Maya the female Tiger along with her two sub-adult cubs walked out and she was in front of our jeep on the road. Chotamatka was on our left just behind our jeep, and as Maya moved forward we noticed her expression change! Her eyes flared up! Her muscles tightened! We knew she had seen the male Tiger and she would most definitely go for him! She then went down in a crouching position with the male cub just behind her, while the female cub seemed a bit scared and decided to abandon her mother and headed in the opposite direction. After crouching for a few minutes as depicted below, she decided to pounce on Chotamatka and she went straight at him and punched him straight in the face with her paws. The male surrendered and laid down flat on the ground as if he had given up. Maya came back a few feet and sat down staring at him and her male cub stayed with her. Whenever Chotamatka tried to move Maya would growl and snarl at him. This lasted for almost 35 minutes until Maya finally decided to move on towards the waterhole where her daughter had headed.

We got to see so much Tiger behaviour in a single sighting – mother/cub bonding and a female Tiger making a male surrender (which is unusual unless it's a mating pair). The Tigers came very close to our jeeps, especially the male cub who was very inquisitive. Seeing four individual Tigers at the same spot was truly the highlight of the entire tour and this was witnessed by everyone on the Tadoba extension.

After such a magnificent sighting we left and went ahead to another area where there was a chance of sighting Matkasur. In the afternoon session we went to the same area where Matkasur had been seen in the morning and

as soon as we arrived we found him sleeping next to a waterhole. He woke up and gave us a show as he walked along the bank and then plunged in the water. We then went to Panderponi where we sighted one of Maya's cub and then to another area to try to find a Leopard but we weren't lucky with that.

So all in all we had a great day, having seen five individual Tigers and some unusual Tiger behaviour, and to top it all right at the end of the evening we glimpsed a pack of 14 wild dogs (eight pups and six adults).

Ext Day 6/Main Tour Day 2

Monday 1st April

We started the safari at 6 am and it was a very quiet morning compared to what we had seen the previous day. One of our jeeps saw a Sloth Bear and that was highlight of the morning as there were no other sightings of Tiger or Leopard.

We had lunch and checked out ready to leave for Pench, and we heard that the rest of the group was delayed and would arrive in the late evening. We reached Pench at 5 pm and relaxed until we met at 7:30 for dinner and the group then retired early as we had another early start the following day. The people arriving for the main tour reached Nagpur at 8:30 pm because of a flight delay, so Himanshu waited for them and met them at the lodge at 11pm where dinner was ready for them. Bhanu was with the group and we both briefed the guests and checked them in.

Day 3

Tuesday 2nd April

We met for tea at 5 am and then departed for the first safari at Pench. Himanshu was with the birders Peter, Yvette, Ian and Helen and had a grand start as 30 minutes into the safari we saw a Leopard sleeping on a rock, while some others saw a lovely male Tiger and one group saw a female Tiger with two cubs.

The evening was good as well as most of us saw a Leopard, but the jeep with Su, John, Rob & Lauren had the best view, with a Leopard sitting right in the middle of the road! Peter, Yvette, Ian and Helen hadn't managed to see a Tiger yet, so were hoping for better luck tomorrow.

We met and enjoyed some beer before dinner, then did the checklist and retired for the night.

Day 4

Wednesday 3rd April

We started at the usual time and went into the park, with fingers crossed for a good morning, and hoping that Peter, Yvette, Ian and Helen would get to see a Tiger. Our wishes came true as they had a very good sighting of a Tigress with two cubs and she was stalking a Sambar deer which was very interesting to watch so we spent most of our time there. Some of us left and went for breakfast while the rest stayed longer.

Later, after a hearty lunch and checking out, we set off for the five-hour long journey to Kanha Jungle lodge where we were given a warm welcome by Tarun and Dimple. We settled in and met for the evening bird list followed by dinner.

Day 5

Thursday 4th April

Everyone in the group had a great start as the first hour was packed with action. First we went to the Shringarpur waterhole where there was a young Tigress sitting, while her mother, known as DJ, was sitting in the waterhole adjacent to this one. Then we saw the mother chase the daughter and they crossed in front of our jeeps on many occasions; a territorial fight was on between mother and daughter, as mother wanted the sub-adult to leave her territory. This lasted for a good 45 minutes, and then we noticed that one of the jeeps was missing. We found out later that they were with the dominant male Tiger Umarpani and he gave them quite a show. We went to that area later and found him sitting by the Sondar lake.

The afternoon was good too as we again saw another male at Baba Thenga waterhole, and after we left him we found a female. We also had some good birding, seeing some good birds like the Malabar Pied Hornbill and Crested Hawk Eagles.

In the evening we did the checklist and most of us decided on an early night.

Day 6

Friday 5th April

We started early and everyone again had some Tiger sightings and we had a nice morning. A female killed a Wild Boar and left it in the middle of the road, so everyone was waiting in anticipation to see this female, but she didn't come back until the very end of the morning.

In the evening we went back there and saw a female at the waterhole, and the kill was already dragged in. We saw the female and then went to other areas to try to find other interesting animals, but were not that lucky.

Day 7

Saturday 6th April

We started early and we did the Kanha zone drive as so far we had been sticking to the Mukki zone. We reached the Kanha zone and as we arrived we saw a lovely female Tigress walking in the meadow, but then it got very crowded with other jeeps, so we left and we found some jackals on the way. We had breakfast and left for the Mukki zone, and on the way we found a huge male Sloth Bear which was busy rubbing its back on the tree next to our jeep! Wow, what a sight that was! Totally awesome, then the bear walked towards our car and gave us quite a show.

After a spectacular morning we came back to the lodge and got ready to go on our last safari at Kanha and for some the last safari of the tour. We set off and went to Minkur then Baba Thenga where we heard some alarm calls and as we came to the road there emerged from the undergrowth a magnificent male Tiger called Chotta Munna who walked along the road completely unconcerned by our presence, and we all got lovely views.

Day 8/Post Tour Day 1

Sunday 7th April

We met at 7 am for a walk to the river, which we all enjoyed and saw some lovely birds. We were back from the walk by 8 am in time for a good breakfast and by 10 am we left for our respective destinations. Bhanu left with the main group and Himanshu went to Satpura with Peter, Yvette, Helen, Ian, Marie and Robin. Our journey to

Satpura was a very long one and it took us eight hours to reach the Reni Pani Lodge. We settled in and met for dinner and were told that we had an even earlier start - 4:30 am - for a safari the next morning!

Day 9/Post Tour Day 2

Monday 8th April

The main group members arrived back in the UK.

We woke up at 4:15 and met for tea coffee at 4:30 am and then departed for the jungle which is around 20 minutes' drive from the lodge. On arrival we found some stunning birds and some Gaurs etc, and one jeep saw the Malabar Giant Squirrel. There was a news of a Sloth Bear being sighted so after breakfast we went to look for it and we were super lucky, as it was a mother bear carrying her cubs on her back, - an amazing sighting. None of us, even Himanshu, had ever before witnessed a mother carrying a small cub on her back and it was a stunning sight. We all came out of the park early as it was heating up quite a bit.

After some rest we had lunch and later set off for the afternoon safari in which we didn't get very lucky with sightings as it was very quiet. Evening we met for drinks and bird mammal list at the usual time and retired to bed early after a long day.

Post Tour Day 3

Tuesday 9th April

We entered the park with only one target today – Leopard. There was a report of a Leopard being sighted ahead of where we were so we rushed to the location, where Himanshu glimpsed the Leopard jump and disappear. Then we went ahead and saw the Leopard cross a river bed but in my jeep only Helen and Himanshu saw it while Robin and Ian missed it, so we waited. Himanshu commented that had it been a Tiger it would have come out at the far end of the ridge and as he said this we looked at the far end and sure enough the Leopard was standing there. We rushed over and everyone got to see a fleeting Leopard. The show was not over yet, as we saw another Sloth Bear, this time a male, cross the road.

We came back to the lodge and later went for the evening safari which was not very successful. We did the usual checklist before dinner.

Post Tour Day 4

Wednesday 10th April

Our agenda was still the same, Leopard or Wild Dogs so we set off early in the morning and Peter, Yvette and Marie in the leading jeep glimpsed two Wild Dogs cross the road. We entered the park and there were a lot of alarm calls. One jeep saw a Leopard so we waited and after a long wait and hearing a lot of Langur Monkey alarm calls we finally saw a Leopard walking in the jungle some distance away from us but at least we all saw it. We also had a good sighting of a snake, probably a Cobra, trying to steal a lapwing's eggs.

Then we went to a stunning breakfast location called Lakdaa where we enjoyed the views and did some photography as well, and on the way there we saw a Malabar Squirrel up close to us. We had a relaxed afternoon and at 5 pm we set off for Parsapani for the night safari. This is a stunning place and it was fun because we heard a leopard many times, saw lots of nightjars and one of our jeeps with Ian, Robin and Helen had a fleeting glimpse of a Leopard. We saw a lovely Nilgai and a Chinkara Gazelle which was a "lifer" for all the group.

We reached the lodge at 9 pm, had dinner and retired to bed.

Post Tour Day 5

Thursday 11th April

We left for a bird walk around the property at 6:45 am and we saw some good birds and walked around three kms around the village and jungle area, where we also enjoyed some photography other than birding. We came back to the lodge and as the temperature was rising to the 44 degree mark during mid-afternoon the group had unanimously decided that they would not be stopping at the Bhimbetka Caves, hence we relaxed at the lodge. We had lunch and then left for Bhopal. We reached Bhopal at 4pm and left for the airport at 7:30 pm. For the flight back to the UK. Peter and Yvette stayed at the hotel as they had booked flights on the following day instead.

This was the end to our lovely tour during which we had seen some fantastic wildlife, visited some beautiful areas and enjoyed wonderful hospitality at the lodges where we stayed.

Post Tour Day 6

Friday 12th April

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Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted)

| | Common name | Scientific name | March/April | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | Northern Pintail | <i>Anas acuta</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Eurasian Teal | <i>Anas crecca</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Painted Francolin | <i>Francolinus pictus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Grey Francolin | <i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 10 | Red Spurfowl | <i>Galloperdix spadicea</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 | Eurasian Spoonbill | <i>Platalea leucorodia</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 23 | Black-crowned Night Heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 24 | Indian Pond Heron | <i>Ardeola grayii</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 25 | Eastern Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus coromandus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 26 | Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</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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| 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 | Red-headed Vulture | <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 39 | Crested Serpent Eagle | <i>Spilornis cheela</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 40 | Short-toed Snake Eagle | <i>Circaetus gallicus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 41 | Changeable Hawk-Eagle | <i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i> | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| 42 | Shikra | <i>Accipiter badius</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 43 | Grey-headed Fish Eagle | <i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i> | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 44 | White-eyed Buzzard | <i>Butastur teesa</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 45 | White-breasted Waterhen | <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 46 | Common Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</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 | Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 57 | Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 58 | Common Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 59 | Little Tern | <i>Sternula albifrons</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 60 | River Tern | <i>Sterna aurantia</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 61 | Black-bellied Tern | <i>Sterna acuticauda</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |

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| 62 | Painted Sandgrouse | <i>Pterocles indicus</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 | Spotted Dove | <i>Spilopelia chinensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 67 | Laughing Dove | <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 68 | Yellow-footed Green Pigeon | <i>Treron phoenicopterus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 69 | Southern (Greater) Coucal | <i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 70 | Sirkeer Malkoha | <i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 71 | Common Hawk-Cuckoo | <i>Hierococyx varius</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| 72 | Asian Koel | <i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</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 | Jungle (Grey) Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus indicus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 79 | Savanna Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus affinis</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 80 | Crested Treeswift | <i>Hemiprocne coronata</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 81 | Indian Roller | <i>Coracias benghalensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 82 | White-throated Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 83 | Common Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo atthis</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | |
| 84 | Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 85 | Green Bee-eater | <i>Merops orientalis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 86 | Eurasian Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 87 | Malabar Pied Hornbill | <i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 88 | Indian Grey Hornbill | <i>Ocyrceros birostris</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 89 | Brown-headed Barbet | <i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 90 | Coppersmith Barbet | <i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 91 | Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker | <i>Yungipicus nanus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 92 | Yellow-crowned Woodpecker | <i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 93 | Black-rumped Flameback (L.Goldenb.) | <i>Dinopium benghalense</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| 94 | White-naped Woodpecker | <i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 95 | Common Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 96 | Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 97 | Plum-headed Parakeet | <i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 98 | Alexandrine Parakeet | <i>Psittacula eupatria</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 99 | Rose-ringed Parakeet | <i>Psittacula krameri</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 100 | Large Woodshrike | <i>Tephrodornis virgatus</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | |
| 101 | Common Woodshrike | <i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 102 | Common Iora | <i>Aegithina tiphia</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 103 | Large Cuckooshrike | <i>Coracina macei</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 104 | Black-headed Cuckooshrike | <i>Coracina melanoptera</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 105 | Small Minivet | <i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| 106 | Scarlet Minivet | <i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 107 | Bay-backed Shrike | <i>Lanius vittatus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 108 | Long-tailed Shrike | <i>Lanius schach</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 109 | Southern Grey Shrike | <i>Lanius meridionalis</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 110 | Indian Golden Oriole (split) | <i>Oriolus kundoo</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| 111 | Black-hooded Oriole | <i>Oriolus xanthornus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 112 | Black Drongo | <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 113 | Ashy Drongo | <i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 114 | White-bellied Drongo | <i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 115 | Greater Racket-tailed Drongo | <i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i> | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 116 | White-throated Fantail | <i>Rhipedura albicollis</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 117 | White-browed Fantail | <i>Rhipidura aureola</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 118 | Black-naped Monarch | <i>Hypothymis azurea</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 119 | Indian Paradise Flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 120 | Rufous Treepie | <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 121 | House Crow | <i>Corvus splendens</i> | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 122 | Indian Jungle Crow | <i>Corvus culminatus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 123 | Cinereous Tit (split fr Great) | <i>Parus cinereus</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 124 | Indian Black-lored Tit | <i>Macrolophus aplonotus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 125 | Rufous-tailed Lark | <i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |

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| 126 | Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark | <i>Eremopterix grisea</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| 127 | Indian Bush Lark | <i>Mirafra erythroptera</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 128 | Oriental Skylark | <i>Alauda gulgula</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 129 | Red-vented Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 130 | Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 131 | Wire-tailed Swallow | <i>Hirundo smithii</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 132 | Red-rumped Swallow | <i>Cecropis daurica</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 133 | Greenish Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 134 | Grey-breasted Prinia | <i>Prinia hodgsonii</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 135 | Jungle Prinia | <i>Prinia sylvatica</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 136 | Ashy Prinia | <i>Prinia socialis</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 137 | Plain Prinia | <i>Prinia inornata</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 138 | Common Tailorbird | <i>Orthotomus sutorius</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 139 | Indian Scimitar Babbler | <i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 140 | Brown-cheeked Fulvetta | <i>Alcippe poioicephala</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 141 | Common Babbler | <i>Turdoides caudatus</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ |
| 142 | Jungle Babbler | <i>Turdoides striatus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 143 | Oriental White-eye | <i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 144 | Indian Nuthatch | <i>Sitta castanea</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 145 | Common Myna | <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 146 | Chestnut-tailed Starling | <i>Sturnia malabarica</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| 147 | Brahminy Starling | <i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 148 | Orange-headed Thrush | <i>Geokichla citrina</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 149 | Indian Robin | <i>Copsychus fulvicatus</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 150 | Oriental Magpie-Robin | <i>Copsychus saularis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 151 | White-rumped Shama | <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 152 | Tickell's Blue Flycatcher | <i>Cyornis tickelliae</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 153 | Taiga Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula albicilla</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 154 | Siberian Stonechat | <i>Saxicola maurus</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | |
| 155 | Pied Bush Chat | <i>Saxicola caprata</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 156 | Golden-fronted Leafbird | <i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 157 | Pale-billed Flowerpecker | <i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |

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| 158 | Purple Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 159 | House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 160 | Yellow-throated Sparrow | <i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 161 | Forest Wagtail | <i>Dendronanthus indicus</i> | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 162 | Grey Wagtail | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 163 | White Wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | |
| 164 | White-browed Wagtail | <i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 165 | Paddyfield Pipit | <i>Anthus rufulus</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 166 | Common Rosefinch | <i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |

Mammals

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| 1 | Royal Bengal Tiger | <i>Panthera tigris tigris</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 2 | Leopard | <i>Panthera pardus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 3 | Rhesus Macaque | <i>Macaca mulatta</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 4 | Southern Plains (Common) Grey Langur | <i>Semnopithecus dussumieri (spl fr entellus)</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 5 | Common Mongoose | <i>Herpestes edwardsi</i> | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Ruddy Mongoose | <i>Herpestes smithii</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 7 | Golden Jackal | <i>Canis aureus</i> | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 8 | Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog) | <i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 9 | Sloth Bear | <i>Merursus ursinus</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 10 | Indian Flying Fox | <i>Pteropus giganteus</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Indian Tree Shrew | <i>Anathana ellioti</i> | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 12 | Indian or Black-naped Hare | <i>Lepus nigricollis</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 13 | Three-striped Palm Squirrel | <i>Funambulus pennarum</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 14 | Indian Giant Squirrel | <i>Ratufa indica</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| 15 | Sambar | <i>Cervus unicolor</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 16 | Barasingha (Swamp Deer) | <i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 17 | Chital (Spotted Deer) | <i>Cervus axis</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 18 | Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer) | <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 19 | Black Buck | <i>Antilope cervicapra</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | |
| 20 | Khincara (Indian Gazelle) | <i>Gazella bennetti</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |
| 21 | Nilgai (Blue Bull) | <i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i> | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

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| 22 | Indian Wild Boar | <i>Sus scrofa</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 23 | Gaur | <i>Bos gauras</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 24 | Pipistrelle bat sp. | <i>Pipistrellus sp</i> | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | ✓ | ✓ |

Other Fauna

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| 1 | Indian Flapshell Turtle | <i>Lissemys punctata</i> | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| 2 | Marsh Mugger Crocodile | <i>Crocodylus palustris</i> | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 3 | House Gecko species | <i>Hemidactylus or Gehyra etc sp</i> | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| 4 | Bengal Monitor Lizard | <i>Varanus bengalensis</i> | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Rat Snake | <i>Ptyas mucosa</i> | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Green Keelback | <i>Macropisthodon plumbicolor</i> | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| 7 | Rock Agama | <i>Psammophilus sp</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| 8 | Common Cobra | <i>Naja naja</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | |