

India - Tiger Direct!

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Tigress Collarwali



Collarwali and cub



Dhole (Wild Dog)



Golden Jackal

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Highlights of the Tour

This Tiger Direct tour was a great success with the group seeing nearly 150 bird species. Tadoba was way beyond expectation with one of the Tigers giving us brilliant views for close to half an hour.

Similarly, Pench lived up to expectations with some of the group members having a close encounter with a Tigress with her three cubs, while the rest of them saw several sightings of different Tigers. Amongst the group we also saw a pack of Wild Dogs and one jeep got lucky again and saw the Leopard.

Kanha, was a little low in terms of sightings as the recent hailstorm had upset the animal movements, but the group did hear a mating pair of Tigers, glimpsed couple of other Tigers in a distance and had good views of Wild Dogs again.

Overall the tour gave an amazing insight into the forest and the way animals behave in their natural habitat.

Day 1

Friday 21st February

Peter and Angie landed at 1:25am which was 45mins earlier than expected, and soon they met Dhanya, and drove to Hotel Radisson Blu in Nagpur. We met back at breakfast at 8.30am, when we also met up with Helen and Sandy who had arrived a day earlier from Australia. Post breakfast we headed out on our three hour drive to Tadoba. We got to Svasara Resort in plenty of time to get some rest before lunch and an afternoon safari.

We left at 1:45pm for our first safari, finding that the park was quite dry for this time of the year and dusty too!. We checked several waterbodies and lakes for the stripy cat. We spent a lot of time waiting at Pandarpauni waterhole. We skirted around the Tadoba Lake and saw several crocodiles, cormorants, darters among the more common Cattle Egrets and lapwings. We got back to the waterhole and decided to stay put as it was getting closer to dusk. Soon we heard one alarm call of a Spotted Deer, so off we went in that direction and there was a big male Tiger – Matkasur(T54) - sat at the water's edge with part of his body submerged in water. It took us a while to move into the right spot so that we could see the Tiger clearly. Angie managed to get some pictures while the rest of us looked through the binocs. Since there were several other jeeps around we decided to move out and head back at an easy pace.

Back at the lodge we had a cup of chai and discussed the sighting. We met back at 7:15 for the checklist followed by a dinner cooked by the villagers from around the resort.

Day 2

Saturday 22nd February

This morning we met at 6am for a refreshing cup of tea and then headed out for our morning safari. We started by checking the area where we saw Matkasur last evening. There was absolutely no sign of him so we drove on and headed to Pandarpauni to see if Maya(T12) was around, and while we waited we saw two Ruddy Mongooses, Jungle Bush Quails and then we heard a Tiger calling, wow! that was loud!! Seconds later we saw Matkasur walk

along the far bank and we along with all the other jeeps headed to the next parallel road and the Tiger walked majestically down the fire line and onto the road amid all the noise and commotion of the jeeps around him. He walked and put on a brilliant show for everyone nearly half an hour. We enjoyed great views and managed to click some good pictures before we decided to move on and give the animal some respite. We drove around a few new areas and stopped for breakfast. We saw the parakeets on a ghost tree and also found a mating pair of Indian Rollers. We then headed out towards our gate watching the scenery, the deer and the langurs.

Back at the resort we used the midday break to catch up on some sleep. We met for lunch at 1pm and left for the afternoon safari soon after lunch. We drove around the area of Maya(T12) hoping to see her, since this morning several jeeps had a good sighting of her. We waited at many of her favourite spots listening for any alarm calls, but all seemed quiet. We then heard that Rudra(T103) was seen at the water overflow, so we drove towards that waterbody and saw the Tiger sat in the water, enjoying the cool of the water in the heat of the day. He being a slightly shy tiger stayed in the water, moving around and swimming along giving great views to almost all the jeeps. He then got out of the water and disappeared into the tall grass. We waited for the next 45mins hoping for him to come out but it seemed like he had had enough for the day and decided to stay put. With minimum time left to reach the gate, we left Rudra sleeping in the grass and moved on. En route we saw a fresh kill made by the Wild Dogs; they had killed a Spotted Deer, ripped the stomach out and there was blood all over the place. They had then dragged the kill into the bamboo undergrowth, but we saw only the remains and there was no signs of the Dogs. What a great day!!

Back at the lodge, routine was followed and we met back for checklist followed by dinner.

Day 3

Sunday 23rd February

This morning we followed our usual routine and left on safari after our cups of tea and fruit. The forest seemed extremely quiet. There was no sign of Maya(T12) or the males. We checked the various points that seemed most likely for spotting the cats. We saw some Serpent Eagles and the regulars like Sambar and Spotted Deer. The morning safari seemed void of calls and footprints leaving us clueless about where the cats had disappeared. We drove towards Navegaon, saw the lovely meadow land and a few Nilgai, the Blue Bull female with her twins. We enjoyed another picnic breakfast, but this time we ate in the jeep overlooking a meadow area as we were the only car.

Post lunch we went again for afternoon safari. The situation remained the same, no warning calls or pugmarks. We drove around the park just enjoying the lovely forest.

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

Day 4

Monday 24th February

Today we had a relaxed morning and we met at 7:30am when we enjoyed a nice sit-down breakfast and listened to the dawn chorus of the birds in the resort grounds. Post breakfast we departed on our four hour long journey to Pench.

The six members of the main group also left for Pench with Deepti from Nagpur. Dhanya along with the Tadoba team arrived at Pench by 12:30pm and they met the rest of the group at lunch. The plan for the evening was discussed and we left for our first safari into Pench National Park.

We were in three jeeps and each of us had allocated routes. Dhanya was with Mark and Kerry while Deepti accompanied Chris, Carol, Jim and Elaine and Peter, Angie, Sandy and Helen were on their own. The park was quiet during the heat of the day so we decided to check the various waterholes. Dhanya and team were on Route 1 and we started the drive by spotting a Jackal pair with their Spotted Deer kill. Soon we realised that we had not seen any other jeeps for a while now, meaning there probably was sighting somewhere. Soon we realised that Route 2 had a sighting of Patdev, a female Tiger and her cubs were around too. We drove in that direction and saw the Tigress sleeping right behind a big fallen log in a nullah.

Deepti and team and the jeep with Angie, Peter, Helen, Sandy had also seen Patdev resting in the shade, then they left the sighting as they had to complete the designated route. As they drove along they saw other animals like Spotted Deer, Sambar, Wild Pigs, Golden Jackal and lots of birds. The jeep with Deepti and team decided to check the area once more after it had cooled off a little. Dhanya and team stayed there all along and hear the sub-adult Tigers call out to the mother, two of them or possibly even three were heard play fighting in the nullah. There was a Spotted Deer kill on the far bank, but the tigers decided to stay in the clearing giving us great views and some insight into their behaviour. That was definitely a brilliant start for Pench.

We got back to the resort at 6:30pm, freshened up and met back for the checklist followed by dinner.

Day 5

Tuesday 25th February

This morning we were in three jeeps again and Dhanya was with Chris, Carol, Jim and Elaine, while Deepti was with Peter, Angie, Helen and Sandy and our third jeep with Mark and Kerry were on their own. We split up into different routes as we drove in and headed out looking for the Tigers as usual. Dhanya and team were on Route 3 so they decided to head straight towards where a Tigress (Collar-wali) with three cubs was seen the previous morning. The other two jeeps were on Route 1 & 2 and the ones on Route 2 decided to check the area where the Tigress Patdev with her cubs were seen last evening by our group. Soon they heard Tiger growls and on realising that the predator was on the move they drove up along the road looking for the stripy cat finding a big herd of Gaur. Deepti and team carried on with some birding and soon heard langur alarm calls and a quick scan of the nearby bushes revealed two Tigers sat in there. They waited and saw two of Patdev's cubs walk through the forest and cross the road in front of their jeep.

Mark and Kerry on the other hand drove along Route 1 looking at various birds, enjoying the forest and they also saw a pack of eight wild dogs. They decided to drive towards the breakfast point and check about the sightings on the other routes. As they neared the breakfast point they heard a lot of commotion and a quick scan revealed a pack of two Wild Dogs but they didn't get into the bushes as one of Langdis' sub-adult male cubs was resting in the forest. Mark managed a good picture of this lovely sub-adult male Tiger.

Dhanya and team reached the territory of Collarwali (a very famous Tigress) in time and saw her sat with all three cubs playing around her. They then got up and walked, two cubs walked close to their mother while the third decided to walk by itself. We watched as the Tigress walked in and out of the forest spray marking on

Lantana bushes and trees to announce her presence. The Tigress walked with her cubs into the Lantana bushes, left them there and she walked towards the track, passing so close to the jeep that they could have touched her.

Back at the lodge we got some rest and post lunch we left for the afternoon safari, but the forest was quiet and we did not see much. Deepti with Peter, Angie, Helen and Sandy and the other jeep with Chris, Carol, Jim and Elaine accompanied by Mukesh saw a pack of Wild Dogs at Sita Ghat for quite a while and in great light too! Mark, Kerry and Dhanya drove around the forest checking to see if there was any chance of seeing Collarwali but in vain. They also missed a Leopard literally by its whiskers. Overall it was a lovely drive for the group.

Back at the lodge, we followed routine and had dinner post checklist.

Day 6

Wednesday 26th February

Today was our last drive in Pench. After some hot beverages, we started our morning drive and headed towards Khursapar. We saw a couple of new birds like the Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Common Hawk-cuckoo etc. We also had great views of the Chousingha – the four horned antelope. On our way back we drove slowly through the village to get a taste of real life around the national parks. We also stopped at the local school and saw the happiness on the little kids faces.

We had an early lunch, after which we set out for our next destination, Kanha National Park, reaching Kanha Jungle Lodge at around 6pm. After having some nice evening snacks and tea we went to our rooms, and met back for the checklist at 7:30, followed by dinner.

Day 7

Thursday 27th February

After our early morning wake-up call, we met at the dining area for porridge and tea. Soon we were headed towards the Mukki Gate. We were in three jeeps again, Deepti was with Peter, Angie, Helen and Sandy, while Dhanya was with Chris, Carol, Jim and Elaine, and our third jeep with Mark and Kerry were with Urjit, the local naturalist.

The sal forest of Kanha had everyone mesmerised and no sooner had we entered the park than we heard alarm calls. Dhanya and team heard loud Tiger growls not far from a small stream, so they waited while the other two jeeps decided to check other areas. After circling around the area several times Dhanya and team decided to check another part of the forest which belonged to the female known as Dhawajandi. As they approached the place they saw Urjit with his team pointing to the bushes nearby where a Tiger pair was glimpsed and heard mating. Time and again the bushes would move creating a stir among the eager tourists but the Tigers stayed in the bushes. Soon the jeeps on the other side of the road reversed at great speed, so we followed suit and found Dhawajandi heading towards the tri-junction with the mating pair. The Tigress seemed like she would cross the track but soon changed her mind and walked through the forest before disappearing again.

We all decided to wait further up on the same track as the Tigress normally takes the nullah, but this time she decided to disappear for good. It was amazing how quickly time had flown and we had to have breakfast and exit the meadows at a certain time. On the drive back we saw Langur, Spotted Deer, Barasingha, Gaur and several birds.

Back at the lodge we had enough time to get 40 winks before we met back for lunch and soon left on our afternoon safari pinning our hopes on seeing the mating Tiger pair.

The drive started with some Barasingha in the water eating the weeds followed by a Jungle Cat who impressed one and all with the outstanding camouflage it possessed. We spent some time watching this elusive small cat as it disappeared into the tall grass and appeared further away from us. We drove on watching the regulars like the Sambar, Spotted Deer and Gaur. One of the jeeps saw some Nilgai too! When we got to the area, but we were surprised to see that the mating pair had disappeared and the local forest guard mentioned having seen them cross over into the denser part of the forest. Well, we circled the area several times looking for the pair and also the Tigress but neither were seen. We enjoyed the drive watching birds and the general feel of the forest.

Day 8

Friday 28th February

Today was not as chilly but we still had the hot water bottles and blankets in the jeeps. We were way ahead of most other jeeps in the queue at the gate. There were no Tiger tracks, Dhanya was with Mark and Kerry, and they heard several deer calls deep in the forest and instinctively knew that it had to be for the Tigress DJ with her cubs. They waited for a long time hoping for them to come out in the open. After a long wait in vain they decided to check the various areas which are part of her territory. There was still no sign of the cat.

Deepti accompanied Chris, Carol, Jim and Elaine and looked for some birds and found a Jungle Cat in a grassland trying to hunt. Sandy, Helen, Peter and Angie were with Urjit and found a pair of Wild Dogs near a waterbody. At breakfast we all met up and discussed sightings so far and heard that Deepti and team saw the Wild Dogs too. Soon after breakfast Dhanya and team decided to check the area where the Wild Dogs were last seen while the other two jeeps decided to wait at the water hole for DJ.

On reaching the spot Dhanya, Mark and Kerry saw that the Wild Dogs had moved further up the road. A few minutes watching them revealed the fact that the dogs were reluctant to move into either side of the forest and kept sniffing the air, but stayed in the open. Soon Dhanya and the guide heard a Sambar alarm call so they decided to wait at the fire break on the opposite road. After several minutes of wait, the Spotted Deer at the far end of the fire break became alert announcing the arrival of the striped cat. Lo and behold, the male Tiger – Umerpani - emerged from the nullah and walked behind the deer giving us a great perspective of his size. Although it was a distant sighting, it definitely was impressive.

Back at the lodge we got to know that the DJ had decided to stay hidden. We had lunch and were off on our afternoon safari.

Again, the afternoon was hotter than the morning so we decided to check the various water holes for predatory movement but there was none. We stopped again and looked at the Wild Dogs that were walking around the place where we had expected DJ earlier. We watched them as they crossed into the Nullah and stopped for a drink of water. They once again headed back towards the meadow area and we all carried on as we had to get back to the gate in time.

We followed the usual routine at the lodge, checklist followed by dinner.

Day 9

Saturday 29th February

This morning all three jeeps were in Kanha Zone. As we drove along we heard loud growls of a Tiger on a road that was part of Mukki Zone, so we waited for a bit to see if any of the other jeeps from Mukki zone would signal us about the Tiger. There was no further alarm calls but the Tigers started calling on either side of the forest. We decided that we must carry on and spend the time exploring Kanha. As we reached the meadows we heard some alarm calls again so we checked the area but in vain. The meadows were quite beautiful as there was mist in the grassland and the streams still had water due to the recent rains. We saw the Blackbucks, Barasingha among the more common Spotted and Sambar Deer. We also saw few interesting birds like pipits, Brown-headed Barbets, Purple Sunbirds, Golden-fronted Leafbirds etc.

This afternoon being the last drive in the park we decided to try our best for one last sighting of the Tiger. We checked the areas with the most potential and we checked several tracks multiple times but in vain. There was absolutely no sound of the cats; it seemed like they were still asleep. We decided to spread out and wait at different spots to maximise our chances. Dhanya, Mark and Kerry heard one langur call in the distance, so we reversed but by the time we got to the spot we saw several other jeeps that were reversing uphill. Apparently some jeep had spotted a Tigress when she came out towards the track but on seeing the jeep disappeared into the forest. All three of our jeeps waited several minutes before hearing from another jeep that she had crossed from behind all the jeeps and unnoticed – what a dodge!! wow!!! Well we had to get back to the gate so we took different tracks and headed out. Deepti with Chris, Carol, Elaine and Jim saw a Tree Shrew while they drove back. All three jeeps also saw a Shikra with its Skink kill, eating it peacefully sat on a tree branch.

Since we were having a relaxed morning tomorrow, we watched a very detailed documentary called Tiger Land before dinner. We decided to do the checklist later tomorrow.

Day 10

Sunday 1st March

This morning we didn't have a safari so we had a little longer in bed. We met at 7:30am for a village and birding walk accompanied by Deepti and Joy the local naturalist. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the village life and how the locals got on from one day to the other. We also saw some birds like woodpeckers, crows, mynas etc

After the walk we came back and had a small cooking demo by Dimple and learnt to make Aloo Parathas and Indian Chai. This was followed by our last breakfast in the midst of wilderness. We departed at 10.30am for Nagpur and stopped a few times for toilets, leg stretch and lunch which we had brought from the lodge. We got to Nagpur hotel at 5pm and had enough time to use the pool, sauna or catch up on sleep.

This brought yet another wonderful Naturetrek holiday in India to a memorable end.

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Mammals (✓=recorded but not counted)

			February-March 2020										
			Trip	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1
1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>		✓	✓	✓		2	4		3	✓	
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		✓					✓				
3	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>		✓	✓						✓	✓	
4	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>		✓						✓			✓
5	S. Plains (Common) Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
6	Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>		✓					✓	✓			
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				
8	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>		✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	
9	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>		✓					✓	✓		✓	
10	Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>		H								H	
11	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>		✓					✓				
12	Indian Tree Shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>		✓									
13	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>		✓	H	H		✓	✓	✓		✓	
14	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>		✓							✓	✓	
16	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
17	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>		✓								✓	
18	Black Buck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>		✓									
19	Chousingha (Four-horned Antelope)	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>		✓						✓			
20	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓			
21	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
22	Gaur	<i>Bos gauras</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Pipistrelle bat sp.			✓									✓

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted)

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	Common name	Scientific name	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1
1	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>		✓	✓				✓		✓	
2	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓					
3	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>							✓	✓	✓	
4	Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>					✓					
5	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					✓		✓			
6	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>				✓	✓					
7	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>					✓					
8	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				✓	✓					
9	Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					✓		✓	✓		
10	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>					✓					
11	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>					✓		?			
12	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>							✓			
13	Jungle Bush Quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>		✓								
14	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>		✓	✓					✓		

15	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	
16	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonnerati</i>		✓	✓							
17	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
18	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
19	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							✓			
20	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>					✓		✓			
21	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>					✓		✓			
22	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>					✓					
23	Stork sp	<i>Ciconia sp</i>					✓					
24	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>								✓		
25	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>				✓						
26	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓
27	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
28	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
29	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	
30	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>					✓					
31	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	
32	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>					✓					✓
33	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓							
35	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>				✓		✓	✓			✓
36	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
37	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>					✓			✓		
38	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>					✓					✓
39	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>					✓			✓		
40	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
41	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓		
42	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>						✓	✓			✓
43	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</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>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>							H			
48	Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>								✓		
49	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓			✓					
50	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>										✓
51	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
52	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>					✓					
53	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>							✓			
54	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓					✓			
55	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>					✓					
56	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							✓	✓		
57	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>							✓			
58	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>							✓			
59	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>					✓					
60	Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓			✓	✓					
61	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓		✓		✓				
62	Red Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>				✓						

63	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>				✓						
65	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
66	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>										
67	Southern (Greater) Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i>		✓	✓		H			H	H	✓
68	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>		H				✓	✓	H	H	H
69	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>				✓	✓					
70	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>							✓	✓	✓	
71	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>		✓	✓							
72	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
73	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>			✓		✓				✓	
74	Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>							✓	✓	✓	
75	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>					✓					
76	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>			✓			✓				
77	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
78	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>					H					
79	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓					✓	
81	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>							✓	✓	✓	
82	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	
84	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>					✓					
85	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
86	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>							✓	✓	✓	
87	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>					H	H	✓	✓	H	✓
88	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>							✓	✓	✓	
89	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
90	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>					✓		H	H	✓	
91	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						✓		✓	✓	
92	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			
93	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
94	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	
95	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>						✓				
96	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	H	H								
97	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>					✓	✓		H	✓	H
98	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>						H			H	
99	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		✓								
100	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>			✓		✓	✓				
101	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>		H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
102	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		
104	Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>							✓	✓		
105	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
106	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>						✓				
107	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>								✓	✓	
108	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

109	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>						✓				✓
110	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>			✓	✓						
112	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
113	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>				✓						
114	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>				✓						
115	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>							✓	✓	✓	
116	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
117	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>										✓
118	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>							✓		✓	
119	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>							✓			
120	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>						?	✓			
121	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>										✓
122	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>		H								
123	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>										✓
124	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>							H	✓	H	
125	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
126	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>				✓						
127	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>							✓			
128	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>										✓
129	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
130	Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling)	<i>Gracupica contra</i>				✓		✓				
131	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	
132	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓			
133	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
134	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>							?	✓	H	
135	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	H	H		✓			✓			
136	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>					✓		✓			
137	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>										✓
138	Grey Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>										H
139	Brown Rock (Indian) Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>										✓
140	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>							✓		✓	
141	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>				?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
142	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
143	Yellow-throated Sparrow. (Chestnut-sh. Pet)	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
144	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>										✓
145	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	
146	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>					✓					
147	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	

Reptiles (✓=recorded but not counted)

			February-March 2020										
			Trip	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1
1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
2	Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>		✓								✓	✓
3	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓						
4	House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus</i> or <i>Gehyra etc sp</i>		✓						✓	✓		
5	Common Indian Tree Frog	<i>Polypedates maculatus</i>		✓	✓								
6	Indian Skitter Frog	<i>Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis</i>		✓				✓	✓				

Butterflies (✓=recorded but not counted)

			Trip
1	Common Rose	<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i>	✓
2	Crimson Rose	<i>Pachliopta hector</i>	✓
3	Common Jezebel	<i>Delias eucharis</i>	✓
4	Striped Tiger	<i>Danaus genutia</i>	✓
5	Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	✓
6	Grass Yellow sp	<i>Eurema sp</i>	✓
7	Common Crow	<i>Euploea core</i>	✓
8	Common Pierrot	<i>Castalius rosimon</i>	✓
9	Baronet	<i>Euthalia nais</i>	✓
10	Lemon Emigrant	<i>Catopsilia pomona</i>	✓
11	Common Sailor	<i>Neptis hylas</i>	✓