Naturetrek Tour Report

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### **Summary**

In November 2023, our group embarked on an extraordinary Tiger Direct tour, exploring the central Indian national parks of Pench, Kanha, Tadoba, and Satpura. The adventure began with a pre-tour extension to Tadoba National Park, Maharashtra's oldest and largest reserve, renowned for its Tiger sightings. After a delightful breakfast in Nagpur, our group of seven introduced themselves and set off for Tadoba.

Tadoba is famous not only for its Tigers, but also hosts a variety of wildlife, including Sloth Bears, Leopards (including 'black panthers'), Wild Dogs and more. During our game drives, we were privileged to witness a dominant male Tiger, Chota Matkasur, lounging in a pond and later gracefully swimming across it. Another highlight was spotting 3 sub-adult cubs of a tigress named Babli. Our sightings extended beyond Tigers, including Sloth Bears, Leopards, Spotted and Sambar Deer, Indian Gaur, Golden Jackals, and diverse fauna like scorpions, Rat Snakes, and Fan-throated Lizards. Tadoba's water bodies, such as Telia Lake and Pandarpauni Lakes, added to the charm with their rich birdlife and resident crocodiles.

Next, we journeyed to Pench National Park, the real-life inspiration for Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book." The diverse landscapes, from teak forests to open meadows, provided a habitat for Bengal Tigers, Leopards, Wild Dogs, Indian Gaur, deer species, Golden Jackal, Wild Boar and more. Our scenic drive to Pench featured remarkable sightings, including a Leopard and more Wild Dogs. Day 6 brought excitement as we witnessed a tigress being chased by an Indian Gaur, and other tigress blocked the safari track during our evening drive and gave us a very good sighting for almost twenty minutes.

Memorable bird sightings and encounters with various mammals marked our final drive in Pench.

Transitioning to Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh, our exploration continued in a biodiverse sanctuary known for lush, evergreen sal forests. Days 8 to 10 brought fantastic drives in the Kisli zone, showcasing diverse birdlife and exceptional Tiger and Leopard sightings. Conservation efforts, especially for the Barasingha Deer, highlighted Kanha's ecological significance.

On Day 11, our expedition concluded, with some members heading to Satpura for the post-extension tour and some returned back home with lots of memories from the trip.

Satpura National Park, named after the Satpura ranges, covers an area of 524 sq. kms. Known for Sloth Bear sightings due to its undulating terrain, Satpura also offers opportunities to spot Tigers, Leopards, Malabar Giant Squirrels, Indian Gaur, Wild Boar, antelopes, crocodiles, and a myriad of birds.

Our game drives in Satpura provided memorable sightings of Tigers, Sloth Bears, Spotted and Sambar Deer, Malabar Giant Squirrels, Indian Gaur, Nilgai, Wild Boars, crocodiles, Golden Jackals, and numerous local and migratory birds.

Throughout the tour, we were treated to thrilling wildlife encounters, picturesque landscapes, and delightful group gatherings for checklists and dinners, creating lasting memories of an unforgettable adventure.

#### Day 1

## **Thursday 16th November**

Notably Maharashtra's oldest and largest National Park, the "Tadoba National Park", also known as the "Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve", is one 47 Project Tiger reserves existing in India and one of the best places for Tiger sightings.

After meeting at Nagpur during breakfast and making introductions, we left for Tadoba National Park. On the way we stopped at beautiful Ukkarwahi lake which is very good for local and migratory birds. After spending half an hour at the lake, we resumed our drive to Tadoba. The resort manager and staff welcomed us with hot face towels and welcome drinks. After settling down in our rooms we came for lunch and then got ready for our first evening game drive. Guests divided between two jeeps. We entered the park and started driving deeper. We could see lots of birds and other animals like Spotted and Sambar Deer, Indian Gaur and Wild Boar. While we were checking for all the possible spots for Tigers, our guide could hear alarm calls of Spotted Deer, so we rushed to that place and saw some fresh pug marks of a sub-adult Tiger cub which had crossed the road. We waited for a long time... but the cub decided to sit inside the bushes. And since it was getting dark, we had to leave. While coming back had a wonderful sighting of a Sloth Bear.

### Day 2

# Friday 17th November

On our second day we had wonderful morning and evening game drives with lots of local and migratory birds in the water bodies, crocodiles basking in the bank of Tadoba Lake, Wild Boar, Grey Langur, Spotted Deer, Sambar Deer, Indian Small Mongoose, Black-naped Hare, Fan-throated Lizard, a scorpion crossing the road, a Rat Snake basking in the small water hole. On our morning drive while we were driving and checking for Tigers, we could see a Sloth Bear feeding on termites (their favourite food). We stopped there, the bear unbothered by us: he kept eating and we could take some good pictures. And on the other side the other jeep had a wonderful sighting of a Leopard. During our evening drive, as we entered the park, another Jeep informed us about Tiger location, so we rushed towards there, and found a small pond where a dominant male tiger named Chota Matkasur was sitting in the water and relaxing. Since it was first Tiger sighting everyone was super excited, we had a good view and pictures. After a while the Tiger decided to come out from the water body: he swam across the pond, climbed the bund of pond, came onto the road, crossed in front of all Jeeps and went into the grassland. We spent almost an hour with this huge male Tiger.

#### Day 3

# Saturday 18th November

We again had wonderful morning and evening game drives, seeing lots of resident and migratory birds, and lots of animals like Spotted Deer, Sambar Deer, Wild Boar, Indian Small Mongoose, Golden Jackal, Nilgai, lots of Tiger pug-marks, and during our evening drive, one of the jeeps saw another Sloth Bear.

# Day 4

# Sunday 19th November

On our fourth day we again had amazing game drives. Since it was our last day in the Tadoba National Park, we focused more on big cats both in our morning and afternoon game drive. During our morning drive we started checking for pug-marks and trying to hear alarm calls. While driving we got information about Tigers sitting in the bushes, so we went straight towards them. Since it was not very far away, we arrived quickly. As we approached

the spot, we saw three beautiful cubs of about 14-15 months playing with each other in the bushes. Though the mother was not there, we decided to wait and spend time with the cubs. On our evening drive as we entered the park, we roamed around for some time, and then heard information about a tigress near Telia Lake. We rushed to the lake and stopped there for a while. We saw some fresh pug-marks and could hear some strong alarm calls, but the tigress decided to come out a little late.... since we were running out of time, we had to leave the spot and drive back to the park gate.

#### Day 5

### **Monday 20th November**

We embarked on our journey to Pench Tiger Reserve, enjoying a scenic two-hour drive through picturesque countryside and corridor forests. The landscape offered breathtaking views, and upon our arrival, we checked into Tuli Tiger Corridor. At 1.00pm, the group gathered for lunch, where we had the pleasure of meeting another group from Tadoba. Following the meal, we embarked on our first game drive in Pench.

During our inaugural day in Pench, the wildlife greeted us with remarkable sightings, including a Leopard and Wild Dogs. Our adventure also included encounters with Rhesus Macaque, Langur, Sambar Deer, Spotted Deer, and Nilgai (Blue Bull).

In the evening, the entire group reconvened for a checklist session, recounting the day's exciting observations. The day concluded with a delightful dinner, providing an opportunity for everyone to share their experiences and anticipation for the days ahead.

#### Day 6

# **Tuesday 21st November**

Our day commenced with an early morning wake-up call, treating us to a spectacular sighting of a Tigress being chased by an Indian Gaur. The landscape was alive with the presence of various other animals, including Spotted and Sambar Deer, Golden Jackals, Wild Boars, Indian Gaur, Three-striped Palm Squirrels, and a plethora of birds.

After an eventful morning, we returned to the lodge for some much-needed rest and a hearty lunch. The evening drive brought another round of excitement, with a captivating sighting of a Tigress which blocked the safari track and gave a twenty-minutes sighting, and moved only when she got disturbed by the sound of a beat guard's motorbike! Additionally, we marvelled at the presence of Indian Grey Hornbills and numerous other bird species, enhancing our experience.

# Day 7

# Wednesday 22nd November

The final morning in Pench National Park began with an early wake-up call for everyone. It marked our last drive in the park, and it turned out to be a memorable one, filled with numerous bird sightings and encounters with various mammal species.

After the enriching wildlife experience, we returned to the lodge for a delicious lunch. Following our meal, we embarked on a 4.5-hour drive to Kanha, traversing through corridor forest of Pench and Kanha, and enchanting countryside. Upon reaching our destination, the Kanha Jungle Lodge welcomed us, and we retired to our rooms after a satisfying dinner and briefing.

#### Day 8

## **Thursday 23rd November**

After our customary tea/coffee, we set out for the park, exploring the Kisli zone. The morning drive proved to be fantastic, immersing us in the beauty of the surroundings. At 1.00pm, we regrouped at the lodge for a satisfying lunch, gearing up for the afternoon game drive in the Kisli zone once again. Although this area is renowned for its high density of Tigers, today's sightings were limited to some new tracks and alarm calls in a couple of locations. Nevertheless, the park treated us to an abundance of birdlife, including Lesser Whistling Ducks, Asian Openbills, Crested Honey Buzzards, Crested Serpent Eagles, and Jungle Owlets.

As the evening approached, we had to hasten back to the gate, mindful of the dwindling time. Back at the lodge, our customary checklist meeting took place, followed by a delightful dinner, marking the conclusion of another adventurous day.

### Day 9

### Friday 24th November

Our morning drive in the Kisli zone proved to be exceptional as we embarked on our third adventure in the park. The highlight of the morning was an awe-inspiring sighting of a majestic Tiger.

After the exhilarating drive, we returned to the lodge for some rest and a satisfying lunch. In the afternoon, our exploration shifted to the Kanha zone of the park. As expected, the vast grasslands welcomed us with a large herd of Swamp Deer. The afternoon drive concluded on a high note as everyone enjoyed a wonderful sighting of two Tigers.

Both the morning and evening drives were enriched with numerous bird sightings and other fascinating wildlife, making it a day filled with memorable moments in the heart of nature.

### Day 10

# Saturday 25th November

Following our morning tea and coffee, we set out for the morning drive in Kanha, which turned out to be amazing. We were fortunate to spot both a Tiger and a Leopard, accompanied by a variety of birds. After a satisfying lunch, we embarked on the evening safari, where, despite numerous alarm calls, our luck with sightings was limited. Later, we gathered for the checklist session and enjoyed a delightful dinner.

## Day 11

# **Sunday 26th November**

After a quick tea and coffee break, a small group of members eagerly started their next adventure to Satpura, while the remaining group opted for a birdwatching excursion through the lush sal forest towards the Banjar River. The bird walk proved to be a delightful experience, immersing the participants in the natural beauty of the surroundings. Following this, a hearty breakfast awaited, and soon after, we checked out from our current location and set out on our journey towards Nagpur.

The morning meal at Kanha Jungle Lodge was a delectable affair, fueling our spirits for the day ahead. As the group split into two, half of the members chose to venture into Satpura National Park for their post-tour extension, led by Deepti, while the other half headed back to Nagpur with Akshay, marking the conclusion of their expedition.

The drive from Kanha to Satpura was nothing short of scenic splendour, winding through the picturesque countryside of Central India. Exiting the Vindhya Range, we seamlessly transitioned into the Satpura Range, where the landscape unfolded before us. Along the way, the diverse avian residents of the region captivated our attention, showcasing the rich biodiversity of the area. Despite the eight-hour journey, time passed swiftly, thanks to the captivating views that accompanied us.

Upon arriving at our lodge, the manager extended a warm welcome, offering refreshing face towels and a welcome drink. A comprehensive briefing about the lodge and the planned activities followed, setting the stage for an immersive experience. The day concluded with a satisfying dinner, and soon after, we retired for a restful night's sleep, eager for the adventures that awaited us in Satpura.

#### **Day 12**

## **Monday 27th November**

Two jungle safaris planned for us today. Morning and evening. On our morning game drive while going from the lodge to the park gate, we spotted our first Indian Wild Dogs. We also had good sightings of Spotted and Sambar Deer, Indian Gaur, Nilgai, Malabar Giant Squirrel, Rhesus Macaque, Langurs, Golden Jackals, Indian Muntjac, Wild Boar and some reptiles like Rat Snake & crocodiles.

## **Day 13**

# **Tuesday 28th November**

We had a wonderful day today. Activities were planned in a way so that we could enjoy game drives and a boat experience as well. Before entering the park, a park ranger gave us the information about a male Tiger growling all night next to the park entry gate, from the grassland. It was a good hint for us to start our drive. As soon as we entered the park, we start looking in the grassland...we drove only 200m inside the park and our guide shouted "Tiger, Tiger, Tiger," A huge male Tiger was sitting on the edge of a grass patch. It was foggy and misty after continuous rain, but fortunately, it brightened up and we had a wonderful sighting of him and took many photos. Suddenly, we saw him disturbed by something: a Wild Boar which was coming towards the Tiger! We got ready to see some action, but the Tiger was not in a mood to kill the boar. Actually, he was protecting his food from the Wild Boar. Apart from the Tiger, we also had good sightings of other animals and birds. The evening boat ride and birding was also amazing. We saw some 50+ species of bird during our three-hour trip!

## Day 14

# Wednesday 29th November

We again had an amazing day today. The morning game drive especially was very good for both the Jeeps. As soon as we entered the park, we started looking for pug mark of Sloth Bear, Leopard and Tiger, the key species of Satpura. While driving and checking, we decided to check a road where we hadn't gone before. As we drove in, there was the same male Tiger from yesterday morning, laying in the middle of the road. We stopped at a distance and gave him full comfort. After five minutes he decided to get up and start walking on the road, spray marking on trees, and gradually climbed up the small hill next to the road. Since we had a good sighting and pictures we decided to leave and proceed on our drive to other areas of the park. While driving we met another Jeep which gave us the information about another Tiger, a female (and sister of that male Tiger), chasing Indian Gaur and trying to hunt. We went to the spot where they saw her last and waited. She came out from the bushes, went into the water, walked in the shallow water, came out the other side and started calling for her brother and boldly walking on the road. We spent almost an hour with her and then she again disappeared into the bushes to take

some rest. Others had a wonderful sighting of a Sloth Bear with two cubs. The weather was not favourable, and it was raining continuously, but we went on a night safari and saw a few animals.

#### **Day 15**

## **Thursday 30th November**

Today, finally, after few days of rain and bad weather, we could see some sunshine and with it lots of birds. A special highlight of the countryside birding was a Eurasian Eagle Owl. After coming back from birding, we spent an hour in the lodge and then left for Bhopal. On the way we stopped at Bhimbetka. It is UNESCO World Heritage Site and known for its rock art. After that we had dinner at Jehan Numa Palace and then headed off to the airport, where a wonderful tour came to an end.

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# **Species lists**

## Mammals

								Nov	ember	2023						
Mammal Species	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Royal Bengal Tiger	Panthera tigris tigris		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Leopard	Panthera pardus		<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>	
Jungle Cat	Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas						<b>√</b>							<b>√</b>		
Rhesus Macaque	Macaca mulatta					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓					✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
(Common) Grey Langur	Semnopithecus dussumieri (spl fr entellus)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Indian Small Mongoose	Herpestes auropunctatus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓					
Ruddy Mongoose	Herpestes smithii						<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Golden Jackal	Canis aureus			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	Cuon alpinus dukhunensis					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>			
Sloth Bear	Merursus ursinus	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>											<b>√</b>	
Indian Flying Fox	Pteropus giganteus					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓								
Indian or Black-naped Hare	Lepus nigricollis		<b>√</b>													
Three-striped Palm Squirrel	Funambulus pennarum					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓			<b>√</b>		✓	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Five-striped Palm Squirrel	Funambulus pennanti							✓								<b>√</b>
Indian Giant Squirrel	Ratufa indica												✓			
Sambar	Cervus unicolor	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	Cervus duvauceli branderi								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Chital (Spotted Deer)	Cervus axis	✓	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>								
Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	Muntiacus muntjak								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			
Black Buck	Antilope cervicapra															✓
Nilgai (Blue Bull)	Boselaphus tragocamelus				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>							<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>
Indian Wild Boar	Sus scrofa	✓		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Gaur	Bos gauras	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>				✓	<b>√</b>		

## Birds (H = Heard only)

								Nov	ember	2023						
Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Lesser Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna javanica	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Bar-headed Goose	Anser indicus													<b>√</b>		
Knob-billed Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos			<b>√</b>												
Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea							<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>		
Cotton Pygmy Goose	Nettapus coromandelianus								<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>					
Indian Spot-billed Duck	Anas poecilorhyncha													<b>√</b>		
Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>							
Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina							<b>√</b>								
Painted Francolin	Francolinus pictus													<b>√</b>		
Grey Francolin	Francolinus pondicerianus			<b>√</b>												<b>√</b>
Red Junglefowl	Gallus gallus						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Grey Junglefowl	Gallus sonnerati	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>											
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis								<b>√</b>							
Painted Stork	Mycteria leucocephala				<b>√</b>									<b>√</b>		
Asian Openbill	Anastomus oscitans			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Black Stork	Ciconia nigra						<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>							
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus						<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓	
Lesser Adjutant	Leptoptilos javanicus		<b>√</b>							<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Black-headed Ibis	Threskiornis melanocephalus			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>											
Red-naped Ibis	Pseudibis papillosa		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>					
Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia				<b>√</b>											
Yellow Bittern	Ixobrychus sinensis													✓		
Cinnamon Bittern	Ixobrychus cinnamomeus													✓		
Indian Pond Heron	Ardeola grayii	✓	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	✓	✓								
Eastern Cattle Egret	Bubulcus coromandus	✓	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>								
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	✓				<b>√</b>								✓	✓	
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea													<b>√</b>		
Great Egret	Ardea alba												<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>											
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Indian Cormorant	Phalacrocorax fuscicollis			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo							<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>		
Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster				<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus				<b>√</b>											
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>
Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	Pernis ptilorhynchus										<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>
White-rumped Vulture	Gyps bengalensis										<b>√</b>					
Indian Vulture	Gyps indicus						<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>		
Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis cheela		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus cirrhatus				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>
Shikra	Accipiter badius	✓			<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Montagu's Harrier	Circus pygargus			<b>√</b>												
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus							<b>√</b>								
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	Haliaeetus ichthyaetus						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
White-eyed Buzzard	Butastur teesa			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>								
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus				<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>		
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus													<b>√</b>		
Barred Buttonquail	Turnix suscitator															<b>√</b>
Indian Stone-curlew (split fr Eurasian)	Burhinus indicus													<b>√</b>		
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus			✓		✓	✓	✓						✓		
River Lapwing	Vanellus duvaucelii												✓	✓		
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus malabaricus								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓					
Red-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus indicus	<b>√</b>														
Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius													<b>√</b>		
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis													<b>√</b>		
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	Hydrophasianus chirurgus													<b>√</b>		
Bronze-winged Jacana	Metopidius indicus			<b>√</b>												
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos							<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	✓						<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia													<b>√</b>		
Small Pratincole	Glareola lactea												<b>√</b>			

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River Tern	Sterna aurantia	<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Painted Sandgrouse	Pterocles indicus			<b>√</b>												
Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	Columba livia							<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Oriental Turtle Dove	Streptopelia orientalis						<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>			
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto			<b>√</b>										<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Red Turtle Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica				<b>√</b>											
Spotted Dove	Spilopelia chinensis	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>									
Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>									<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	Treron phoenicopterus				<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Southern (Greater) Coucal	Centropus sinensis parroti				<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Sirkeer Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii						<b>√</b>							<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	Hierococcyx varius								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	
Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus													<b>√</b>		
Eastern Barn Owl (split)	Tyto javanica													<b>√</b>		
Indian Scops Owl	Otus bakkamoena							<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Brown Fish Owl	Ketupa zeylonensis		<b>√</b>													
Mottled Wood Owl	Strix ocellata	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>									<b>√</b>	
Jungle Owlet	Glaucidium radiatum					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Spotted Owlet	Athene brama								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		
Indian Nightjar	Caprimulgus asiaticus	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>											
Savanna Nightjar	Caprimulgus affinis													<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Crested Treeswift	Hemiprocne coronata												<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis	<b>√</b>														
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis													<b>√</b>		
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	<b>√</b>														
Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>							<b>√</b>		
Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis	<b>√</b>														
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops		<b>√</b>													
Malabar Pied Hornbill	Anthracoceros coronatus										<b>√</b>					
Indian Grey Hornbill	Ocyceros birostris					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Brown-headed Barbet	Psilopogon zeylanicus						✓	<b>/</b>	<b>√</b>							

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Coppersmith Barbet	Psilopogon haemacephalus							<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Yungipicus nanus												<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	Leiopicus mahrattensis															<b>√</b>
Black-rumped Flameback (L.Goldenb.)	Dinopium benghalense	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
White-naped Woodpecker	Chrysocolaptes festivus						✓								✓	
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus										<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		
Plum-headed Parakeet	Psittacula cyanocephala	✓			<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria	<b>√</b>			✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	✓		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Large Woodshrike	Tephrodornis virgatus												<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia													<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Large Cuckooshrike	Coracina macei				<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus flammeus								<b>√</b>							<b>√</b>
Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus							<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		
Bay-backed Shrike	Lanius vittatus	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach						<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Indian Golden Oriole (split)	Oriolus kundoo				<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>						
Black-hooded Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus						<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>									
Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus									<b>√</b>						
White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens	<b>√</b>								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
White-spotted Fantail	Rhipidura albogularis													<b>√</b>		
White-browed Fantail	Rhipidura aureola		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis azurea							<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone paradisi							<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>					
Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>									
House Crow	Corvus splendens												<b>√</b>			
Indian Jungle Crow	Corvus culminatus		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>								
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			
Cinereous Tit (split fr Great)	Parus cinereus									<b>√</b>			<b>/</b>		<b>√</b>	

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Indian Black-lored Tit	Macrolophus aplonotus													<b>√</b>		
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix grisea								<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>			
Oriental Skylark	Alauda gulgula													<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	✓	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>								
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Dusky Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne concolor	<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>			
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica							<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides	<b>√</b>						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>							
Clamorous Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus stentoreus													<b>√</b>		
Striated Grassbird	Megalurus palustris				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>										
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis								<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
Ashy Prinia	Prinia socialis									<b>√</b>						
Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
Indian Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus horsfieldii										<b>√</b>					
Tawny-bellied Babbler	Dumetia hyperythra													<b>√</b>		
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	Alcippe poioicephala								<b>√</b>							
Puff-throated Babbler	Pellorneum ruficeps									<b>√</b>						
Jungle Babbler	Turdoides striatus	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>									
Yellow-eyed Babbler	Chrysomma sinense													<b>√</b>		
Oriental White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus							<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			
Indian Nuthatch	Sitta castanea								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Jungle Myna	Acridotheres fuscus								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling)	Gracupica contra									<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Brahminy Starling	Temenuchus pagodarum													<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Rosy Starling	Pastor roseus															<b>√</b>
Indian Robin	Copsychus fulicatus	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>/</b>
White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus								✓		<b>√</b>					
Asian Brown Flycatcher	Muscicapa dauurica						<b>/</b>									
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis tickelliae								/	<b>/</b>	<b>√</b>				/	

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Red-breasted Flycatcher	Ficedula parva												<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Taiga Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla									<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					
Ultramarine Flycatcher	Ficedula superciliaris															<b>√</b>
Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros									<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		
Siberian Stonechat	Saxicola maurus					<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Pied Bush Chat	Saxicola caprata															<b>√</b>
Brown Rock (Indian) Chat	Oenanthe fusca													<b>√</b>		
Golden-fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons										<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum agile												<b>√</b>			
Purple Sunbird	Cinnyris asiaticus						<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>					
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus							<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Spanish Sparrow	Passer hispaniolensis									<b>√</b>						
Yellow-throated Sp. (Chestnut-sh. Pet)	Gymnoris xanthocollis				<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>
Red Avadavat	Amandava amandava				<b>√</b>								<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		✓
Indian Silverbill	Euodice malabarica													<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>
Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mann.)	Lonchura punctulata						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>					<b>√</b>
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea						<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	✓		
White-browed Wagtail	Motacilla madaraspatensis	✓	<b>√</b>			<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>				✓	✓	✓	✓
Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus				✓					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			✓		✓
Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis				✓											✓

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Indian Flapshell Turtle	Lissemys punctata														<b>√</b>	
Soft Shell Turtle	Nilssonia gangetica						✓									
Indian Rock Python	Python molurus								✓							
Marsh Mugger Crocodile	Crocodylus palustris		<b>√</b>		<b>√</b>									<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	
Water Snake species	Natrix sp						<b>√</b>						✓			

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House Gecko species	Hemidactylus or Gehyra etc sp						<b>√</b>									
Southern Indian Rock Agama	Psammophilus dorsalis					<b>√</b>									<b>√</b>	
Checkered Keelback	Xenochrophis piscator					<b>√</b>										
Indian (Spectacled) Cobra	Naja naja												<b>√</b>			
Buthus Scorpion	Buthidae sp.		<b>√</b>							<b>√</b>						
Leaf-litter Skink	Scincidae sp.						<b>√</b>									
Rat Snake	Ptyas mucosa		<b>√</b>										<b>√</b>			
Millipede sp.										<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>					