

India - Tiger Marathon

With Ranthambore extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

21 March - 2 April 2019



Tiger cubs, Ranthambore



Tigress in the Grassland, Bandhavgarh



Painted Sandgrouse



Tigress stalking deer

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Day 1

Thursday 21st March

Most of the group departed from London on a flight to Mumbai.

Day 2

Friday 22nd March

From Mumbai we had a short domestic flight to Nagpur, where we met Kaustubh. It was already dark as we reached Nagpur, due to a delayed flight and the drive from Nagpur to Pench took us about two hours.

We arrived late at our lodge, Tuli Tiger Corridor at Pench Tiger Reserve and we straight away headed for dinner. The Lodge had specially kept the food ready, even though it was past the dinner time. We were briefed on the next morning's game drive in particular, before we hurried to our rooms to get to bed as early as possible.

Day 3

Saturday 23rd March

In the morning we had an early wake up call, and a brief time for refreshments, and off we went in search of the Tiger! We had had a good start watching some of the more prominent herbivores such as Spotted Deer, Sambar and Wild Pigs, and such interesting birds as Crested Hawk Eagle and Crested Serpent Eagle, We followed a lot of Tiger tracks, waited at waterholes, where we heard a faint and distant Spotted Deer alarm call. As we rushed to the spot, a couple of jeeps already present there had a glimpse of a Tigress, disappearing in the woods. We then continued with our drive and came across some jeeps waiting at a spot, and we had a good look at some Leopards After the exciting start to our safari, we returned to our lodge for a cold shower, lunch and respite from the midday heat.

Siestas on safari days are short. With more than an hour's scorching afternoon heat still left, we started on our afternoon safari, planning to head back to where we had seen the Tiger tracks in the morning. Our agenda was to drive to the area and wait in the shade near the waterhole, doing some wildlife watching, especially birds, while listening for alarm calls to give away a predator, but there were none, so we continued our safari, visiting different parts and diverse habitats of the park. The afternoon turned out to be quiet and we had to exit the park as our time was up.

We had a wonderful dinner after doing the checklist, and after a briefing about the plans for the next day, we called it a night.

Day 4

Sunday 24th March

Our last drive at Pench did not yield any big cats for us, but we had good views of Golden Jackal, Macaques, Langur, and a few birds.

After returning to the lodge, we had an early lunch and got into our comfortable, air-conditioned Toyota Innovas for the picturesque drive across 'Kipling country' to the fabulous Sal forests of Kanha Tiger Reserve. Owing to the great condition of the road, the usually five-hour drive took us just about four hours, and we

arrived for an early check in at Tuli Tiger Resort, Kanha. We had some time for ourselves, before we met for the checklist, and a nice dinner.

Day 5

Monday 25th March

The majestic moist deciduous Sal forests of Kanha, forever green and full of shade, were a very welcome change from the hot, dry and leafless teak forests of Pench. The mornings were cool, the chill in the air making for very pleasant morning drives, even requiring warm clothes and safari blankets to keep us cozy in the 10°C mornings.

As we searched the grasslands for the wildlife, we watched the hard ground Barasingha, which was a great new addition to our checklist - surely the most elegant of India's deer – and another new addition was the Black Buck. Tiger signs were everywhere and we searched every possible place for them, finally getting a brief but a good view of a sub-adult Tigress, who was well camouflaged in the tall grasses. Just before breakfast we were taken by surprise by a mother Jackal with pups suckling that we came upon. Seeing a Jackal with pups so young is a very rare treat as these canids are usually very secretive about the location of their cubs.

In the afternoon our drive in Kisli zone of the reserve, was very quiet, although we did have some close views of a large herd of the world's biggest wild bovine, the Indian Gaur, feeding on the vegetation right beside the road. Just before the end of our safari, we heard a Tiger growling from a distance away, for quite a long time, but it was not to be seen as we were nearing the time to exit.

We then returned to the lodge for a nice hot shower, and then the checklist followed by dinner, before heading off for bed,

Day 6

Tuesday 26th March

The morning game drive on our second morning was at Mukki. We had a good time watching birds, Barasinghas, and other wildlife. We heard a few alarm calls, before beginning our drive back to the lodge. On our way out, we waited a long time at a site where Sambar Deer raised an alarm, but the calls subsided, and we had to drive to the gate, owing to the shortage of time.

On our afternoon drive we visited Kanha Zone, where we saw many Spotted Deer and a small herd of Barasingha grazing, and also Gaur and Barking Deer. As we drove further, we spotted a Leopard, standing right beside the road, and watching something on the other side. We waited and suddenly realised that it was a mother and cub duo and then the cub crossed the road and they both disappeared into the forest. It was an exciting moment, and quite unexpected! We continued our safari, and then returned to the lodge for the evening.

Day 7

Wednesday 27th March

On our last morning game drive we visited Kanha, and had a fabulous sighting of three Jackals walking on the road, which all of a sudden started playing amongst themselves, chasing each other, which was great fun to watch! We completed a full safari, and then returned to the lodge at exit time, as were to make the long drive to Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve that day.

After freshening up, and eating a delicious lunch we checked out. A handsome Nilgai bull bade us goodbye as we drove through the buffer zone of the reserve. Our drive to Bandhavgarh was comfortable and we arrived there just before sunset to check into the luxurious, very private Bandhav Vilas safari lodge. The staff, ever courteous and hospitable, helped us settle in and rest before the five game drives that awaited us.

Day 8

Thursday 28th March

It was an early morning start for our exciting first game drive in the rocky, hilly, dry Sal forest interspersed with beautiful meadows at Bandhavgarh. One jeep went to Tala zone, while the other went to Magadhi Zone with Kaustubh. Plenty of Sloth Bear and Tiger tracks, welcomed us into the park. We went around on all possible roads, with tracks a plenty, but there were no sightings reported anywhere in the park that morning. We had a wonderful breakfast at a camp, where we also got an opportunity to watch the Red-rumped Swallow and Little Swift nests inside the forester's checkpost. We had a good view of Steppe Eagles, Red-headed and Indian Vultures, Lesser Adjutant Stork, and a lot more. None of our jeeps had any "Stripey" luck this morning! We returned to the lodge for a delicious lunch and some rest.

After resting through the middle of the day and a sumptuous lunch, the afternoon game drive took us to the Khitauli zone of the reserve. Here we were greeted by a couple of bull Gaurs, which were at a man-made pond for a drink. Later as we drove in search of big cats, suddenly there was a Leopard sitting beside the road, a great sighting, causing a lot of excitement. As the Leopard walked away and disappeared into the forest, we drove back to the first waterhole and looked around that area, hoping to find something there. As we again checked a small stream, there were a lot of alarm calls, so we waited patiently, and suddenly the Langur began panicking in the opposite direction as to where the deer raised a call. We rushed back, and saw this beautiful Tigress sitting right beside the stream, under the huge Sal trees. This was a female known as Dhara. She started walking again, so we followed her movements, and she appeared in the grassland. We moved ahead of her, predicting where she would appear next but she stopped halfway and just sat in the grass, rolling her head and ears. We all waited patiently, and just as the park was to shut, she got up and walked through the grass towards the waterhole. We had a wonderful time, but had to get back for the exit time was just a few minutes away. Of course everyone was super excited, and it was a very happy group that returned to the lodge that evening!

Day 9

Friday 29th March

This morning we had another drive in the Khitauli range, in search of Tigers and other wildlife. We had good sightings of Blue Bulls, and many birds. We drove around searching for big cats and finally, just before breakfast, we got a fleeting glimpse of a sub-adult Tiger. We then returned to the lodge, after breakfast.

We went to Tala range in the afternoon and drove straight to the waterhole where there had been a Tiger sighting this morning. Although there were pug marks of mother and cubs, there were no alarm calls or any other indication. We searched at all possible places, but it was very quiet. We then returned towards the gate, but took a turning to check on some alarm calls by Sambar Deer, but nothing turned up, so we again continued on the way to the gate. As we neared the exit time, we watched some domesticated/working elephants and a very young calf dust bathing as they were about to be fed.

Once back, we met for the checklist, followed by dinner.

Day 10

Saturday 30th March

Our last game drive in Bandhavgarh did not disappoint. We had entered the park full of determination and hope to find a Tiger for all the group. We followed some Tiger tracks until they disappeared into the forest, and a while later, there were a couple of jeeps waiting and they informed us about them having a glimpse of a Tiger as he walked away from the road. It was a male Tiger which is known to be very shy. We waited for him to move, and suddenly one of us saw a Tiger sitting by the side of the road, just where it had walked away from, so everyone rushed there, and had a brilliant sighting of a young female! We watched her for a good 10 minutes, as she just sat beside the road, watching in the direction in which a male had walked into the forest. By then other jeeps were there too, including our group's other jeep. The female walked past and went slightly inside the forest and lay there, in a small clearing, and we all watched her for at least 20 minutes. She walked away as some elephants with Mahouts arrived, but just when we were about to leave, the male Tiger emerged, crossed the road, and disappeared into the forest where the female went. It was sheer excitement at our breakfast spot, and we then drove to 'Sheshaiyya', to seek his blessings, for the rest of the tour, and for the journey. It being our last drive in the reserve and with the long drive to Khajuraho awaiting us, we headed back to the lodge, where we had a brief time for a shower and to pack.

We started on the long drive to the ancient town of Khajuraho which would be our base for visiting the Panna Tiger Reserve. It was a while before sunset when we arrived at Khajuraho after about six hours of driving, and we checked into the Radisson Hotel. We later met for the checklist, followed by dinner before retiring to our rooms!

Day 11

Sunday 31st March

The dry, deciduous, rocky landscape of Panna with its steep ravines and the River Ken flowing through it was a dramatic change from Bandhavgarh and Kanha. Temperatures here were unseasonably high for this time of the year; such high temperatures are usually experienced only later in April and May. The morning drive at Panna got us really close to seeing a Tiger, where we tracked pug marks, heard alarm calls and also heard the Tigress growling. As we heard that, we rushed to the spot, the Tigress had already crossed the track and had vanished into the steep ravine. We climbed up the hill and waited on the plateau, hoping she would turn up, but she didn't, so we continued our drive to find some beautiful Black Storks, Lesser Adjutant Stork, Bay-backed Shrike, Griffon and Indian Vultures, and a few more species. We then enjoyed our breakfast at the now dry waterfall, enjoying the view.

We then set off for a boat safari on the river. This allowed us to have some close views of the Indian Marsh Crocodile (or Mugger). We also had some good birding with Common, Pied and White-throated kingfishers, and Blue Rock Thrush. As it was very hot by now, we went out of the park and returned to Khajuraho and rested for the afternoon. Later we again drove to Panna, for our afternoon safari. We visited a few grasslands, where we watched a pair of Painted Sandgrouse, and saw the father taking responsibility of protecting a tiny chick under his wings, keeping it in the shade all the time. It was an incredible sight! We then headed over to the riverfront, as we expected some animal activity around the water. We spent a long time there and as it started cooling down, a Tigress emerged briefly from the tall grass and quickly disappeared again. We knew she would be sitting in there, and had not gone far, as the fields were full of deer. We waited for some time, and she re-emerged in a small gully created by animals walking over the grass, and attempted to stalk the deer. She stood there for a good

couple of minutes before moving into the dry stream bed and disappearing. This brought about an exciting end to the safaris for the main tour!

We all returned happy to Khajuraho, and met for checklist and dinner.

Day 12

Monday 1st April

We had a short lie-in this morning! After a lazy start, we visited the Khajuraho Temple with our local cultural guide who showed us around the magnificent architecture of these monuments, built between the 10th and 12th centuries, also explaining quite amazing details and facts related to culture and history. After our morning at the western and eastern groups of temples at Khajuraho, we went back to our hotel, had lunch, checked out and boarded a flight to Delhi from Khajuraho airport. After a comfortable flight via Varanasi, we landed at Delhi where we checked into the Holiday Inn. We later met for a farewell dinner and after saying goodbye to Mary, Anne, and Jill, we called it a night as the group for the extension had to have a relatively early start.

Main Tour Day 12; Extension Day 1

Tuesday 2nd April

Today Mary, Jill and Anne had an afternoon flight back to the UK where the main tour ended.

Meanwhile, the Ranthambore Extension commenced when we boarded the Golden Temple Mail Train at Delhi's Nizamuddin Railway Station early in the morning in order to reach Sawai Madhopur, our destination, by lunch time. The aesthetically stunning Sawai Madhopur railway station, where every wall, pillar and parapet is decorated with exquisite wildlife paintings by local artists, fascinated everyone.

A short commute of about 20 minutes brought us to the comfortable Hotel Pugmark. Hotel with its highly courteous and considerate staff ready to welcome us. We had a relaxing evening to help us prepare for the safari schedule once again.

Extension Day 2

Wednesday 3rd April

On the first game drive in Ranthambore, we had great views of large herds of Spotted Deer, Sambar Deer, Wild Pigs, Mugger Crocodiles and Soft-shelled Turtles, as well as good birdlife around the waterbodies in the reserve. The hot and dry weather had many animals congregating near the sparse water sources.

The afternoon game drive was mostly quiet. A Tigress had been seen in the area hiding in the bushes, reluctant to leave the spot and get to the water, and we later realised that she had hunted a Sambar Deer, which she was hiding there. We waited patiently, almost until the end of our drive time, and then she came out, and walked to the small pool and had a drink and sat in it. We then left for the exit drive, while the other jeep in zone 1 had an excellent view of a Leopard doing its rounds.

We later met for the checklist and dinner, before heading off to bed.

Extension Day 3

Thursday 4th April

The different safari zones of Ranthambore allow one to explore varied landscapes. For the second morning's drive one jeep went to Zone 3 with the other in Zone 4. In Zone 3 it was a wonderful morning, full of excitement. Just as we entered the main gate, on the main road, a Sloth Bear was seen foraging for food on a hill slope - it was absolutely fantastic to watch him there. As we proceeded, we saw a Leopard sitting on a rock in the bushes, so we watched for a while, before other jeeps arrived, and then we left to enter into the zone we had been booked on. It was an incredible beginning!

As we drove to the gate and entered, we started seeing tracks of a Tigress with cubs. Then there were a lot of alarm calls by Spotted and Sambar deer, indicating the presence of a predator. We waited a long time, until the calls finished and the forest went silent and then we decided to explore that part of the park, and visited Padam Lake and Rajbag lake and spotted good number of birds. Meanwhile the other jeep in Zone 4 had a very close sighting of a sub-adult Tigress. We returned to the hotel for some breakfast, and later met for the afternoon safari. This evening the two jeeps swapped zones, and those from Zone 3 in the morning were on Zone 4 and had a wonderful sighting of a the same Tigress and her mother, while the other jeep from Zone 4 had gone to Zone 3 and had another excellent sighting, this time the Tigress Arrowhead and two of her young cubs. It had been a day full of excitement and happiness, and a fitting end to our evening safaris!

On returning to the lodge, we met for the checklist, followed by dinner, and after a briefing, everyone headed to their rooms for some packing and a much needed rest!

Extension Day 4

Friday 5th April

On our final drive at Ranthambore our two jeeps visited Zone 5 and 6. Both the groups had some great views of Chinkara, and some lovely birds, as we drove in the respective zones, enjoying the stark contrasts in the habitats. We checked all the waterholes, and usual resting places of tigers, but they were not there, and then decided to head back to the exit gate. Just minutes before we would exit, we came across a male Tiger, walking across the road, and heading into the forest. We watched as he marked his territory and disappeared into the dense foliage.. One couldn't ask for a better finale!

Soon after reaching our lodge, we checked out and headed to the railway station at Sawai Madhopur, from where our train brought us back to Delhi. An elaborate farewell dinner awaited us at the Holiday Inn.

Extension Day 5

Saturday 6th April

Today we flew back to the UK in the afternoon, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end

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Species Lists

Mammals (✓=recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	March - April													
			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	6
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	✓			✓			✓						✓	✓
3	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>	✓													
4	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
5	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
6	Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>										✓				
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓						✓	✓	
8	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</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	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</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	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
22	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
23	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
24	Lesser Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>	✓													
25	Pipistrelle Bat sp	<i>Pipistrellus sp</i>										✓	✓			

Birds

1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓												✓
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			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
2	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>		✓	✓	✓							✓		✓	✓
3	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
4	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>										✓	✓		✓	✓
5	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>														✓
6	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>														✓
7	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓								✓	✓
8	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>														✓
9	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓									✓		✓	✓
10	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
12	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>													✓	
13	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>											✓			✓
14	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>										✓		✓	✓	✓
15	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>														✓
16	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>							✓			✓			✓	✓
17	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
18	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
19	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓												✓
20	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓									
21	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>		✓												
22	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>											✓			
23	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓	✓											✓	
24	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>		✓												
25	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓												✓
26	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>		✓												
27	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓	✓												
28	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>														✓
29	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>													✓	✓
30	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓						✓	✓
31	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓			✓		
32	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>												✓		
33	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>	✓	✓												

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			23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
34	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>							✓	✓				✓		
35	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓											
36	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>	✓	✓		?		✓			✓	✓			✓	✓
37	Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	✓	✓							✓	✓				
38	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>			✓				✓							✓
39	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
40	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
41	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓				
42	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>							✓							
43	Crested Hawk-eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	✓			✓										
44	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>									✓	✓				
45	Painted Francolin	<i>Francolinus pictus</i>										✓				
46	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>													✓	✓
47	Jungle Bush-quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>										✓				✓
48	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>									✓					
49	Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>							✓	✓						✓
50	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
51	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Brown Crake	<i>Amauornis akool</i>													✓	✓
53	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>													✓	✓
54	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>													✓	✓
55	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>													✓	
56	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Eurasian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>		✓						✓				?		✓
58	Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>														✓
59	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>				✓	✓	✓							✓	
60	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
61	Little -ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	✓	✓												✓
62	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>														✓
63	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>													✓	✓
64	Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>													✓	
65	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>														✓

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66	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>												✓	✓	
67	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		✓										✓	✓	
68	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓		✓			✓	✓				✓	✓	
69	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓	✓										✓	✓	
70	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>							✓						✓	
71	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>													✓	
72	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>												✓		
73	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	✓	✓											✓	
74	Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>										✓			✓	
75	Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
76	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>				✓		✓								
77	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓							✓	✓		✓	✓	
78	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
79	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
80	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>								✓						
81	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>		✓	✓		✓				✓	?		✓	✓	
82	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
83	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
84	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
85	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>				✓								✓		
86	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>				✓				?						
87	Southern Coucal	<i>Centropus {sinensis } parroti</i>				✓				✓	✓					
88	Indian Scops-owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	✓											✓	✓	
89	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>				✓		✓								
90	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>								✓			✓			
91	Savannah Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>									✓	✓				
92	Asian Palm-swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>		✓												
93	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>						✓				✓				
94	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓									
95	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓	
96	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>												✓		
97	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

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98	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>										✓			✓	
99	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>							✓							
101	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
102	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>										✓			✓	✓
103	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
104	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>			✓											
105	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>											✓	✓	✓	
106	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		✓												
107	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis nanus</i>													✓	
108	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>														
109	Lesser Goldenback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓			✓	✓
110	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>						✓								
111	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>	✓	✓												✓
112	Dusky Crag-martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>										✓	✓		✓	
113	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓							✓			✓		
114	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>		✓												
115	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>							✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
116	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓	✓												✓
117	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>										✓			✓	✓
118	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>													?	✓
119	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓								✓	✓
120	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>				✓										
121	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>		✓												
122	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓					
123	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>							✓							
124	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>			✓		✓									
125	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
126	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	✓													
127	Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>									✓					
128	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>									✓	✓				
129	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>		✓										✓		

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130	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>		✓											✓	
131	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>					✓									
132	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>			✓											
133	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>							✓	✓						
134	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
135	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>			✓	✓			✓		✓					
136	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>							✓			✓			✓	✓
138	Brown rock chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>										✓				
139	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>													✓	
140	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>		✓											✓	✓
141	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>				✓										
142	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>						✓					✓			✓
143	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>						✓								
144	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>										✓	✓	✓		
145	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>										✓		✓	✓	
146	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
147	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>						✓								
148	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓	✓		✓						✓			✓	✓
149	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>									✓					
150	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
151	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>							✓	✓			✓			✓
152	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓		✓										
153	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓						
154	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>										✓				
155	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>		✓				✓								✓
156	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>		✓											?	✓
157	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
158	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>													✓	✓
159	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		?				
160	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				?	✓	✓		✓	✓
161	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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162	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus {macrorhynchos}culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
163	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>										✓	✓		
164	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
165	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>										✓			
166	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>		✓					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
167	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
168	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
169	Crested Bunting	<i>Melophus lathami</i>													✓
170	Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	✓												

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	✓		✓				✓					✓	✓
2	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>									✓			✓	✓
3	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>										✓			
4	House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus or Gehyra etc sp</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Rock gecko									✓					
6	Common Treefrog	<i>Polypedates leucomystax</i>				✓									
7	Forest calotes	<i>Calotes calotes</i>								✓					
8	Bull frog	<i>Hoplobatrachus tigerinus</i>												✓	
9	Skitter frog														✓
10	Rat Snake	<i>Colubrinae sp</i>													✓

Insects

1	Spot-winged swordtail	<i>Graphium nomius</i>		✓											
2	Assassin Bug	<i>Reduviidae sp</i>			✓										

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