

India – Tiger Marathon

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Thursday 7th November

Most of the group departed from London to Nagpur.

Day 2

Friday 8th November

With a brief introduction and ice-breaking over breakfast, we started from Nagpur. We arrived at our lodge, Tuli Tiger Corridor at Pench Tiger Reserve by lunch time. We saw quite a few birds as we were on our way from Nagpur to Pench. Black-winged Kite, Green Bee-eaters, egrets, Crested (also known as Oriental) Honey Buzzard and several open-country birds kept us busy on the drive. We had a brief discussion over the drill for the safaris and game plan for the coming days here at Pench.

After nice lunch and a short break, we started our first safari. It was quite warm and sunny while we arrived at Pench but it turned cloudy in the evening. Our game drive started with great excitement as we experienced the lush green foliage around and fresh smell of grasses. We continued birding on and off in the park while we came across Golden Jackals, Spotted Deer and other herbivores. Spotted Deer alarm calls built up excitement in the game drive, but the mysterious predator kept hiding.

Day 3

Saturday 9th November

In the morning we had an early wake-up call, and after brief refreshment, we set off for our safari. We started with hearing nightjars and lapwing as the dawn broke. We had a great time hearing rising calls of Racket-tailed Drongo, Treepie, Orioles and parakeets flocking around. We had a good time with Spotted Deer, Langur and Rhesus Macaques and jackals. Then we went moved to the same area where we heard alarm calls last evening. We continued looking for more signs like tracks and alarm calls, and there she was! We saw a female Tiger along with her three cubs. This was our special moment with our first 'Big Cat' sighting of this trip. It was stunning to see a full-grown female Tiger walking on the jeep track so boldly. At one junction she called out for her cubs and three curious souls jumped out from the tall grasses. They were there out in open for a while and then she took them under the cover of thick lantana bushes across the road. Over breakfast we heard stories of this bold female Tiger in Pench, called 'Collar-wali'(One with the collar). And now we had already experienced why she is been favourite of everyone who visits Pench.

After short siesta we were back on the track. As were enjoying birding on one of the waterbodies, we heard Tiger growling. It felt like two Tigers fighting at a distance. As we started scanning the area, all of a sudden, we saw a Tiger resting across the bank of the waterbody. For a while it felt like the play of sun rays falling on the lantana bushes. But as we put our binoculars up, we could see a big cat resting and facing away from us. It was a magical sight to see this Tiger blending into the forest. We continued with birding and also saw pair of Grey Mongoose. As usual, jackals entertained us for long time.

Day 4

Sunday 10th November

Our last drive at Pench did not yield any big cats for us, but we knew that we were very close to them. There were lots of pugmarks all around. We kept hearing alarm calls throughout our safari. Unfortunately, with dense foliage visibility was low.

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. We had a really warm and lively welcome at 'Tuli Tiger Resort'. We went for short walk to the riverside and saw couple of kingfishers and martins. There was a trail of Leopard that had walked along with her cub on this sandy riverbed. We met for the checklist, and a nice dinner.

Day 5

Monday 11th November

We set off for our first drive in Kanha full of zest. We were amazed to see the really beautiful Sal forest and dense bamboo foliage in early morning light. It was magical sight to see dew glittering on the meadows, and herbivores like Spotted Deer and Sambar Deer emerging from the tall grasses. We decided to roam around more and look around for 'big cats'. As we went ahead, we came across the pugmarks of a male Tiger. These were fresh pugmarks as there was not even trace of leaf litter or dew settling down in these tracks. Our guide, naturalist and driver were very alert and observant as we drove down the path. The tracks disappeared after few kilometres where a stream cut across the road. Everything was very quiet; we noticed there was not even a single deer on the lush green grassland along this road. A little ahead, the same stream joined the road again and the pugmarks reappeared. We continued going ahead and while the naturalist and driver were busy reading every track as we drove, our guide spotted the Tiger! A full-grown male Tiger was walking in front of our jeep. Miraculous golden rays of early morning light were filtering through the canopy and here was the king of the jungle marching in his territory. We had nice time with this male Tiger as he scraped, marked and sprayed trees and bamboo on this trail. Our naturalists were very observant and noticed wounds on the forehead of this Tiger, as he had recently fought with an intruder. Over breakfast we learned how to identify Tigers based on the stripe pattern. It was 'Dhamangaon male or Dhaman' we had spent memorable time with on our first safari in Kanha.

After breakfast we saw Barasingha (Hard-ground Swamp Deer) and Black Buck which were new additions to our checklist. We also came across a flock of vultures resting on a tall dead tree near grasslands. We were delighted to have clear view of pipits and stonechats in these open grasslands. On our way back we also saw a lone Asiatic Wild Dog. We continued birding on our way back and also saw Yellow-wattled Lapwings.

In the afternoon we explored different part of Kanha zone. It was interesting to drive through the Kanha Ghat area. There was quite variation in vegetation as we gained height. As we reached top of the ridge and halted near one of the fire-breaks, we heard Spotted Deer alarm calls from the meadow. By the time we reached the spot everything went quiet, although we did see Barasingha and Sambar deer out in open on these grasslands. We had nice time with open country birds like Hoopoe, stonechats and Black Drongo. By the time we were about to reach one of the main junctions, our guide spotted something at a distance. As we stopped and we put on our binoculars this distant, furry, black thing at turned around. We were excited to see our Baloo, the Sloth Bear! 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 12th November

The morning game drive on our second morning was at Mukki. This was another beautiful area of Kahna. We came across couple of tracks and few alarm calls. On our way back we ticked off Brown-headed Barbets, leafbirds and warblers. We enjoyed breakfast at Mukki side, watching Langur monkeys jumping in the canopy. Scops Owl was another new addition for us in our list. After watching these owls for a while, we had to drive to the gate, owing to the shortage of time.

On our afternoon drive our group was split up. Our two jeeps went to Kisli zone and one of our jeeps went to Kahna zone. In Kisli we came across Asiatic Wild Dog, Barking Deer, Gaur and Sambar deer. We also had a good view of Asian Paradise Flycatcher. As we drove further, we saw Spotted Deer looking in one direction and kept alarming for long time. We waited for a while but eventually everything went back to normal. We explored a different route on our way back and because of shortage of time we had to rush back. We continued our safari, and then returned to the lodge for the evening.

Day 7

Wednesday 13th November

On our last morning game drive we visited Mukki, and as we reached the area with nice open patch of grasses and a waterbody nearby, we saw couple of jeeps waiting at this spot. They had heard alarm calls and Tiger roaring before we reached them. We waited for long time and also saw working Elephants with their riders on their back tracking something in the thick vegetation. As time passed by, we decided to move and check the location after breakfast. We were first to set off for the drive after breakfast. We met Mahavats on our way, and we continued on the same track and came across jeeps following a female Tiger. It was nice that all the jeeps cooperated and changed positions, so everyone could get a view as this Tiger kept walking on the jeep track. As she took a trail entering the bush, we decided to wait for her on other side where same trail joins the road. While we waited in anticipation of the female Tiger, birders from our group ticked off nuthatches. 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. The drive from Kahna to Bandhavgarh was interesting as we drove through countryside, open fields and the ghat section. Our drive to Bandhavgarh was comfortable and we arrived there just before sunset to check into the luxurious, very private Bandhav Villas 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 14th November

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. We went to Magdhi zone for our first safari. As soon as we entered the park there were plenty of Sloth Bear and Tiger tracks welcomed us. At one of the junctions where different routes

were marked, we heard that couple of jeeps had seen a male Tiger walking along the fire-break. We waited at this place but there was no movement. As we continued, we saw nice birds like Southern Coucal, Common Hawk-Cuckoo, Small and Scarlet Minivets. We had a wonderful breakfast at a camp. On the way back we saw Red-headed and Indian Vultures soaring along the ridge. Bandhavgarh was really different forest and very unique topographically. 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 Maghdhi zone of the reserve again. We checked the fire-break as soon as we entered the forest, but it was all quiet. We drove to very distant area where a female with her year-old cubs had been resting for last few days. We came to know that forest watchers had seen these cubs in daytime on the waterbody nearby. We waited for long time, but this family of Tigers did not turn up. As we had to cover quite a bit of distance, we started going back to the gate. One of our jeeps got lucky on their way back. While they passed the fire-break, the male Tiger got up and walked into the bushes. We enjoyed tea and coffee after game drive and assembled after a while for the checklist and a nice dinner.

Day 9

Friday 15th November

This morning we went to Tala, in search of Tigers and other wildlife. We had good sightings of Blue Bulls, and many birds. Our drive started full of excitement, as there were plenty of pugmarks on the track. We covered quite a few kilometres following these tracks and also waited for a while at the junction where these tracks disappeared in the adjacent nahal. Then we had breakfast and continued birding. On our way back we explored the caves and sleeping statue of Lord Vishnu carved in sandstones. We then returned to the lodge.

When we went to Tala range in the afternoon everyone was on different routes. On our route we saw fresh tracks of female Tiger. The tracks were very fresh. As we drove few metres we saw two jeeps stopped and everyone looking on the left-hand-side bamboo bush. As we reached the spot and positioned our jeep, we saw a sub-adult female Tiger sitting under the bamboo thickets. We were glued to those big eyes curiously staring at us. We were there for a while. Later on, she got up and moved further inside and went out of sight. Sid explained this shy behaviour of sub-adult Tigers and how they kept roaming in the natal range of their parents. Later on, we heard that one of other jeeps had a glimpse of shy female Tiger while they were driving back from the caves. Our third jeep saw a Sloth Bear and to everyone’s surprise this Sloth Bear gave head-on shots; Sloth Bears are known to be very shy creatures.

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

Day 10

Saturday 16th November

For our last game drive in Bandhavgarh, we were back in Tala zone again. Again, were were on different routes. One of our jeeps had a close sighting of female Tiger called ‘Spotty’, in first one and a half hours of their drive. We came across tracks and alarm calls, but nothing popped up. We did see Griffon Vultures this time near the ridge, and some Indian Vultures. We enjoyed our breakfast in the park and set off to the lodge as we had to pack

up for the journey ahead. After a quick freshen up, and last checks on the bags, we set off for our long drive to Panna Tiger Reserve.

As we reached Panna, we were stunned with the rustic look of Tendu Leaf Lodge. It was situated right adjacent to the Ken River. Again, here the staff were very polite and cooperative. We quickly settled down and met for the checklist followed by dinner.

Day 11

Sunday 17th November

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. Panna was warm compared to the rest of the other parks and it really felt nice at the arrival of winter. As we entered the park, we were on the trail to find a female Tiger along with her five-month-old cub, which had been seen in past few days in this area. As we continued, we came across a plateau which looked stunning in early morning light. We were on our last big-cat mission today and hence we did not stop for birding. As we drove ahead, we came across the pugmarks of the female Tiger. After few minutes she appeared from the bushes and started walking into the dry stream parallel to the road. The vegetation was bit high and hence initially, we could see only tail of the cub. To our surprise, this female kept walking and everyone could see the mother and the cub clearly. At two roads they even crossed the track as jeeps created a gap. This was really special sighting for whole group together. We then had nice picnic breakfast and set off for a boat safari on the river.

We had to take turns for the boat safari and divided ourselves into two subgroups as there was only one boat. We saw quite a few butterflies on the bank as we waited for our boat ride. This boat safari added Marsh Muggler (Freshwater Crocodile) and River Lapwing to our checklist. Lesser Adjutant stork and Pied Kingfishers kept entertaining us all the time while we were there on the bank of the river. Then we set off from the park; we would come back again in the evening for our last safari for the main group!

We had great fun with the ‘cake-mixing’ session before lunch; sadly we could not taste our experiment as it was meant to be kept and matured until Christmas. The venue chosen for lunch was fabulous. We could see the Ken River while we had delicious paneer, chicken and fish.

After a short break we were back on track for our last safari. We scanned the same area where our female Tiger disappeared into the bushes, but there were no tracks or alarm calls. So, we drove ahead to gain height and reached a second plateau. We had a great view of pair of Painted Sandgrouse. We were amazed to see the camouflage of these birds. We explored this beautiful park a bit more and then turned back, because of shortage of time.

We all had really good time in Panna. We met for checklist followed by our last dinner as a group.

Day 12

Monday 18th November

We started in the early morning, not for safari but for Khajuraho! 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 started our journey to Jhansi. We were provided with packed lunches on the way by Tendu Leaf Resort. As we reached Jhansi, we saw team of porters waiting for us. This was going to be first experience of Indian trains for a couple of us. Yes! We did enjoy every bit of our train journey from Jhansi to Delhi. The clean corridor, neat and clean toilets were a great delight on this train journey, while the very polite train crew served us snacks and tea and coffee.

Stephen got down at Agra for his special extension of the tour to Chambal and ahead to Bharatpur. The rest of the group checked inn Hotel Pullman and had dinner along with Rachit and Sid.

Main Tour Day 13; Extension Day 1

Tuesday 19th November

Today four of the group had an afternoon flight back to the UK where the main tour ended.

Meanwhile, Rachit Singh along with the other four, started the Ranthambore Extension 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 Pugmark. Hotel with its highly courteous and considerate staff ready to welcome us. After lunch we had time to relax at the lodge. In the evening we went out for a walk to see birds in nearby fields. We saw Variable Wheatear, Large Grey Babbler, Common Babbler, Long-tailed Shrike, sandpiper, and other common birds too,

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.

Extension Day 2

Wednesday 20th November

On the first game drive in Ranthambore, we had great sighting of a Tigress along with her three tiny cubs on a kill of Blue Bull; we spent all our time of the morning safari just with them, watching them and their different behaviours. On the way back we had great view of large herds of Spotted Deer, Sambar deer and Wild Boar, as well as good birdlife around the waterbodies in the reserve.

On the afternoon game drive, we saw another Tigress, a very dominant lady of Ranthambore national park. We saw her on a step wall; she was rested there and then she got up and walked in front of our jeep for a long while, before she went in to the bushes as she saw Sambar deer, as she was looking for prey to kill. We all were very happy to see her in action. Later we proceeded further into the forest, where we saw some pugmarks of a Tigress and a sub-adult cub together on track. We followed the pugmarks and later we saw another Tigress with her male sub-adult cub; they walked in front of our jeep too, and later they followed a trail and went into the bushes. We all were very happy and excited after seeing three different Tigers in our afternoon safari. Later we left for the exit drive; on the way back, we saw Marsh Mugger crocodile in a water reservoir.

All the group members were very happy and excited after seeing seven Tigers and the other fauna and flora for the day! We later met for the checklist and dinner, before heading off to bed.

Extension Day 3

Thursday 21st November

The different safari zones of Ranthambore allow one to explore varied landscapes. For the second morning's drive we went to Zone 5, In Zone 5 we saw tracks of male and female Tigers, heard loud alarm calls too of Sambar deer and Langur monkey, but no big cat came out in open; they were there in bushes only. As the guide told us, the female Tiger along with three sub-adult cubs had made a kill of Blue Bull deep in the forest, and they were busy on feeding on carcass. We had good birding in Zone 5: we saw Tawny Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, Painted Stork, a Little Cormorant killing a frog, River Tern, Great Egret, Bronze-winged Jacana and loads of Indian Peafowl. We also recorded Spotted Deer making alarm call after seeing Rhesus Macaque, Sambar deer, and other fauna and flora too.

For the afternoon game drive, we went to Zone 1. We saw tracks of a Tigress coming towards a waterhole. We checked the waterhole and the nearby area in search of the Tigress, but she had already moved further away after having water in waterhole, as we heard alarm call of Sambar deer from the other side of hill near to the waterhole.

Later we moved further to check the big lake area, we saw Great Cormorant, Crested Serpent Eagle, Pied Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, White-breasted Waterhen, White-throated Kingfisher, Bronze-winged Jacana, Ruddy Shelduck and Lesser Whistling Duck, plus quite a few Marsh Muggier crocodile, Sambar deer and other fauna and flora as well. On the way back we saw big Sloth Bear moving on road, and then he moved into the bushes; he came out again in open and moved next to the roadside along with our safari jeep. We all had great close view of Sloth Bear for a long time, before he went in to the bushes, and we left him to come out of the Park.

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 22nd November

On our final drive at Ranthambore our two jeeps visited Zone 5. We had some great views of common mammals 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 we then decided to head back to the exit gate.

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 23rd November

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

All together we all had great fun, and were very happy with the excellent birding, sightings of Mammals, and other fauna and flora, not forgetting those Tigers (and Sloth Bears) on this Tiger Marathon

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Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	TL	November																
				8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
1	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	1									1			1	1	1	1		
2	Jungle Bush Quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>	1										1							
3	Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>	1							1	1	1				1	1	1		
4	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	1				1	1	1	1	1	1								
5	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
6	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	1		1		1	1	1					1				1		
7	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	1		1															
8	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	1				1													
9	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	1		1															
10	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	1		h						1	1								
11	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	1				1	1	1					1						
12	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1	1											1					
13	Southern (Greater) Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i>	1	h							1			1	1		1	1		
14	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	1											1						
15	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	1	1			1				1		1							
16	Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>	1											1						
17	Rock Dove / Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	1									1	1		1	1	1	1	1	
18	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	1				1	1				1	1	1						
19	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	1			1	1						1							
20	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
21	Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	
22	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1	1	
23	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	1	1	1										1	1	1	1		
24	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1													1	1	1		
25	Sarus Crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>	1																1	
26	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1		1								1							
27	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1				1								1	1	1	1		
28	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	1											1						

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				8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	1				1	1	1										
30	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
31	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	1												1				
32	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	1															1	
33	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1				1											1	
34	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	1				1		1			1	1			1		1	
35	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	1															1	1
36	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1													1	1		
37	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	1															1	1
38	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	1												1				
39	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	1									1							
40	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	1				1												
41	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1			1							1		1		1	1	
42	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	1									1		1					
43	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	1	1	1		1	1	1				1	1			1	1	1
44	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	1										1	1			1	1	1
45	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1				1						1					1	1
46	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	1		1								1					1	1
47	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	1		1	1	1	1	1										
48	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>																	1
49	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1															1	1
50	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
51	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus (split)</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1					1	1
52	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1										1					1	
53	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1															1	
54	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1		1		1	1	1				1	1				1	1
55	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	1	1	1	1	1		1			1	1		1	1	1	1	1
56	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1	1	1	1	1		1										1
57	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1										1						
58	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1	1		1			1				1	1		1			
59	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	1	1															
60	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	1	1	1		1					1		1					

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				8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
61	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	1	1		1													
62	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>	1			1				1	1	1	1						
63	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	1									1	1						
64	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	1	1						1	1		1						
65	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	1			1	1						1			1	1	1	
66	Changeable (Crested) Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	1	1		1	1			1			1						
67	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	1															1	
68	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1										1			1	1		
69	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1	1		1								1	1				
70	Grey-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichhyaetus</i>	1	1					1										
71	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	1	1						1			1						
72	Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica (split)</i>	1													1			
73	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	1				1	1			1	1					1	1	
74	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	1										1						
75	Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	1	1	1							H							
76	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	1	1	1	1	1					H	1						
77	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	1									1	1			1	1	1	
78	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1		1	
79	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>	1									1							
80	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyroceros birostris</i>	1	1	1	1	h	1	1	1	1	1	h	1					
81	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
82	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
83	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1			1		1					1	1			1	1	
84	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1	1		1							1					1	
85	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
86	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	1		1			1	1					h					
87	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	1	h			1	1	1	1		1							
88	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>	1	1			1			1									
89	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>	1		1							1		1					
90	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>	1									1	1						
91	Black-rumped Flameback (L.Goldnbk)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1			1	1	1	

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92	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>	1	1				1		1									
93	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1		1		1						1	1					
94	Laggar Falcon	<i>Falco jugger</i>	1									1							
95	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>	1											1					
96	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	
97	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
98	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
99	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	1					1		1									
100	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	1							1						1			
101	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>	1				1	1		1									
102	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	1		1		1	1	1			1	1	1					
103	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>	1			1													
104	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	1	1		1					1		1	1		1	1	1	
105	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
106	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	1	1									1						
107	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
108	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	1				1	1	1				1						
109	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	
110	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
111	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	1									1				1	1	1	
112	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	1	1			1	1	1										
113	Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	1				1	1											
114	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
115	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	1	1					1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	
116	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1	1	
117	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	1	1				1	1	1	1							1	
118	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	1	1		1										1	1	1	
119	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	1				1												
120	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
121	Grey-throated Martin (split fr. Plain)	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>	1	1			1				1		1	1	1			1	
122	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	1								1			1		1		1	

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123	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	1	1										1	1		1		1
124	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	1				1	1		1									
125	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>	1			1													
126	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	1		1	1	h	1			1	1	1						
127	Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	1					1											
128	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	1				1	1											
129	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	1													1			
130	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	1				1												
131	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	1				1												
132	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	1				1	1		1									
133	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1						1	
134	Indian Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>	1				1		h										
135	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>	1				1		h										
136	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	1				1												
137	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Argya malcolmi</i>	1													1	1	1	1
138	Common Babbler	<i>Argya caudata</i>	1								1					1	1	1	1
139	Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1
140	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	1												1				
141	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	1	1			1	1		1	1	1							
142	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>	1						1	1									
143	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	1						1										
144	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	1							1					1		1	1	
145	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
146	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	1	1		1						1				1	1	1	1
147	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>	1		1														
148	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	1	1									1	1					
149	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	1			1		1	1		1								
150	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulvicatus</i>	1		1							1	1	1	1	1			1
151	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1	1
152	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	1				1		1	1									
153	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	1		1						1								
154	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	1				1	1	1	1									

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155	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>	1	1			1												
156	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	1							1				1					
157	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>	1											1					
158	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1		1	1				1	1	1	1	1				1	1
159	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	1		1		1	1	1	1		1							
160	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	1		1		1					1							
161	Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>	1												1		1	1	1
162	Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>	1													1		1	1
163	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	1	1			1	1											
164	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	1									1				1			
165	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1	1		1							1			1	1	1	1
166	Yellow-throated Sparrow (Ch-sh Petr)	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	1	1						1	1								
167	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	1		1														
168	Scaly Breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	1				1		1	1									
169	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	1		1														
170	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1		1			1	1
171	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1		1									1	1	1			
172	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatisensis</i>	1											1	1	1			
173	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	1		1		1							1					
174	Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>	1				1							1					
175	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	1		1		1									1			

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				8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	1	1		1	H	1	1	1	1	1			7							
2	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>	1	1																		
3	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	1	1	1			1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1					
4	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1				
5	Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>	1	1																		
6	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	1	1	1		1			1	1	1			1	1	1					
7	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1										
8	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>	1			1	1															
9	Bengal Fox	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>	1							1												
10	Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>	1			1				1							1					
11	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>	1	1	1		1	1														
12	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
13	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	1	1			1				1				1	1	1	1				
14	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1				
15	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>	1				1	1	1													
16	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1				
17	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	1				1	1		1	1											
18	Black Buck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	1				1															
19	Khincara (Indian Gazelle)	<i>Gazella bennetti</i>	1													1		1				
20	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	1	1							1	1	1	1	1		1	1				
21	Indian Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	1	1		1	1	1	1													
22	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1				
23	Pipistrelle Bat		1				1															
24	Small Horseshoe Bat		1								1		1									
25	Black Rat (Roof Rat)		1							1												
	Other fauna	Scientific name																				
1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	1	1					1													

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2	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	1										1			1	1	1	
3	Water Snake species	<i>Natrix</i> sp	1										1						
4	Checkered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	1	1				1											
5	Indian Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>	1	1															
6	Russell's Viper	<i>Daboia russelii</i>	1											1					
7	Oriental (Common) Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>	1										1	1	1			1	
8	Garden Lizard		1				1												
9	Forest Calotes		1	1		1													
10	Brahminy Skink	<i>Eutropis (Mabuya) carinata</i>	1				1	1	1										
11	House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus</i> or <i>Gehyra</i> etc sp	1				1	1	1										
12	Graham Blue		1	1															
13	Baronet		1	1	1	1													
14	Common Grass Yellow		1	1	1														
15	Swordtail		1	1															
16	Tawny Coster		1	1															
17	Chocolate Pansy		1	1															
18	Danaid Eggfly		1	1	1														
19	Common Rose		1	1	1														
20	Common Lime		1	1	1														
21	Common Evening Brown		1	1															
22	Lemon Pansy		1		1														
23	Common Crow		1		1														
24	Common Jezebel		1					1											