

Indian – Tiger Marathon

Naturetrek Tour Report

15th February – 2nd March 2024



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Summary

The third Tiger Marathon trip of the season was a resounding success. The group collectively saw 26 different Tigers, four Leopards, three Wild Dogs, two Sloth Bears, and hundreds of bird species.

The main highlight of the trip is sure to be the hunting Tiger. A Tigress in Bandhavgarh was seen resting in the grass. All jeeps parked and waited patiently for her to wake up. After half an hour she got up and walked into the open grassland. As she walked, we could notice a difference. She was poised for a hunt. Her ears erected and pointed forwards. Soon she disappeared in the grasses. Just a few minutes later a herd of deer was seen walking towards the Tigress, unaware of her presence. We patiently waited as we kept a close watch on her movements. The deer continued walking, getting closer to the danger. And that moment the Tigress leaped out of the grass and shot into a chase. A few metres of adrenaline-fueled run and mayhem and the Tigress emerged once again out of the grass with a deer fawn in her mouth. Words could not express the feeling that day. The group was clearly overwhelmed with excitement after witnessing nature's sheer power.

Day 1

Thursday 15th February

The group departed from Heathrow on the overnight flight to India, arriving early the following morning.

Day 2

Friday 16th February

After arriving at the Radisson Blu hotel in Nagpur in the wee hours of the morning, we caught up on some much-needed sleep before convening for a hearty breakfast and tour briefing.

By mid-morning around 10.30 am our journey to Pench began, taking us through picturesque villages, wildlife corridors, and finally into the lush forest.

Arriving in Pench just in time for lunch, we refuelled before embarking on an unforgettable safari adventure. Our first safari in Pench treated us to the thrilling sights of two Leopards and a Tigress crossing the river, collectively. Of these two Leopards, one had made a kill in the morning and was guarding the same when we saw him.

As the night began to rise, we gathered for checklist over drinks and enjoying a delicious dinner together.

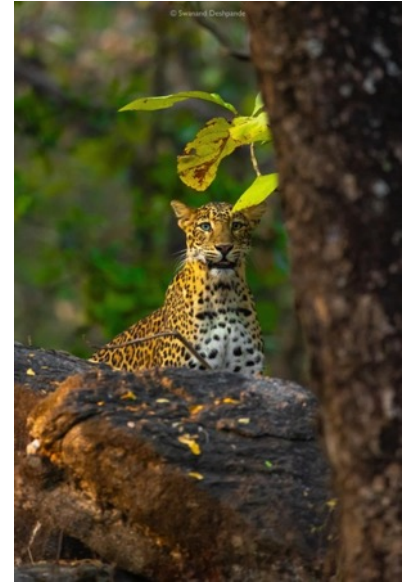
Day 3

Saturday 17th February

We awoke to the gentle reminder of a wake-up call, eagerly starting our day with a steaming cup of tea or coffee before venturing into the enchanting forest. Our journey commenced with a rare sighting of the Eurasian Hobby, a passage migrant unique to this area, setting the tone for an extraordinary day.

As we delved deeper into the jungle, we were privileged to witness nature's drama unfold before our eyes. The majestic Tigress, Patdev, claimed the Leopard's kill as her own, providing us with a mesmerizing spectacle as she

feasted and rested amidst the verdant grass. Our morning was further adorned with the wonderful sight of a mother Leopard and her cub.

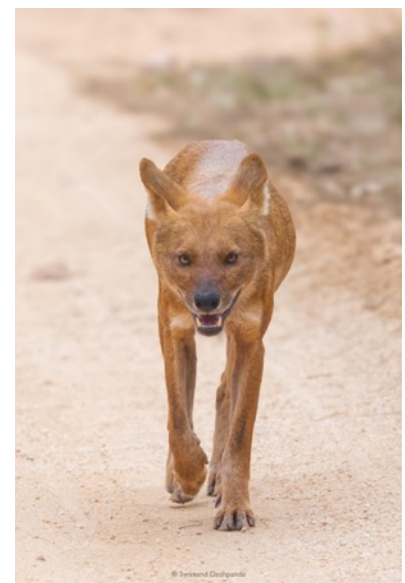


As the day transitioned into evening, the wilderness continued to enchant us with its wonders. Amidst the fading light, our group was blessed with sightings of not one, but three different Tigers, alongside another elusive Leopard. Gathering in the evening, we shared our exhilarating encounters while reviewing our checklist, culminating in a delightful dinner that served as the perfect conclusion to an unforgettable day in the wild.

Day 4

Sunday 18th February

For our morning safari, we ventured into the Khursapar zone, a distinct area within Pench nestled in the state of Maharashtra. Our group was treated to an extraordinary sight: three wild dogs frolicking and traversing the road, adding a touch of untamed beauty to our safari experience.



Returning from our morning safari, we refreshed ourselves and eagerly awaited lunch before embarking on our journey to Kanha. The drive through the Kanha-Pench corridor was a seamless and comfortable transition.

Upon reaching our destination - Tuli Tiger Resort - we were warmly welcomed by our lodge naturalist, who provided us with a detailed briefing about the lodge and the park. After settling into our rooms, we relished some leisure time, immersing ourselves in the serene surroundings and basking in nature's embrace until dusk.

Gathering once more at 7:15 pm, we meticulously reviewed our checklist before indulging in a delectable dinner, capping off yet another memorable day of exploration and discovery in the wilderness.

Day 5

Monday 19th February

During our morning safari, we savoured moments observing various bird species. Although the majestic big cats remained elusive, our spirits soared upon encountering the magnificent Hard Ground Barasingha Deer for the first time.

As the evening descended upon Kanha, anticipation mingled with excitement as we experienced our inaugural Tiger sighting. To our delight, not just one, but three playful Tiger cubs graced us with their presence, frolicking along the road and eagerly awaiting their mother's return. Additionally, one of the vehicles was fortunate to witness the enchanting sight of a Sloth Bear.



Truly, it was a remarkable day to cherish, and we commemorated it with celebratory drinks while diligently completing our wildlife checklist.

Day 6

Tuesday 20th February

During the morning safari, anticipation rippled through all the vehicles as we listened to the distant alarm calls and traced the telltale pugmarks of the elusive Tigers. Yet only one vehicle was privileged to witness the awe-inspiring sight of a Tiger crossing the road, ascending the bund, and gracefully vanishing amidst the swaying grasses.

However, as the evening unfolded, fortune smiled upon us all. Every vehicle had the incredible opportunity to behold a magnificent female Tiger accompanied by her trio of playful cubs. With bated breath, we watched as the

family nonchalantly traversed the road before us, the echoes of their bone-chewing resonating in the air. And as the sun dipped below the horizon, two of the cubs ventured forth to quench their thirst at the water's edge.

Indeed, it was yet another enchanting conclusion to a remarkable day in the wild.

Day 7

Wednesday 21st February

In the serene morning hours, we delighted in the picturesque landscapes of Kanha, immersing ourselves in the melodious symphony of birdsong. Some of our vehicles were treated to captivating sightings of the elegant Blackbuck, enhancing our wilderness escapade.

After indulging in a delightful early lunch at the lodge, we extended our sincere appreciation to the attentive staff, skilled drivers, and insightful naturalists who had enriched our Kanha experience. With gratitude in our hearts, we bid farewell and set off for our next destination: Bandhavgarh.

Upon our arrival at Bandhav Vilas, we were graciously received by the lodge manager, who warmly welcomed us and provided a comprehensive orientation about the lodge and its surroundings. As we settled into our cozy accommodations, excitement bubbled within us for the adventures awaiting us.

Later in the evening, we gathered once more for a checklist session, eagerly sharing stories of our sightings before indulging in a delectable dinner, marking the perfect end to another memorable day in the wilderness.

Day 8

Thursday 22nd February

This morning, we immersed ourselves in the breathtaking landscape of Bandhavgarh in the Tala zone. Our group delighted in birdwatching activities, though Tiger sightings eluded us.

Later in the evening, we were treated to the mesmerizing sight of a beautiful sub-adult Tigress from the New Chakradhara lineage, gracefully concealed within the tall grass. As the moments passed, the air filled with the intense alarm calls, signaling the presence of the protective mother nearby. With a stirring combination of anticipation and awe, the sub-adult Tigress rose and elegantly strode towards us, crossing the road to reunite with her mother. It was a truly enchanting conclusion to our day in this new and captivating destination.



Day 9

Friday 23rd February

This morning, our hopes of spotting a Tiger within the Magdhi zone's lush forest were dashed, but a few of our guests were treated to an enchanting sighting of wild Asiatic Elephants. Just as we began to think our luck had run dry, a magnificent male Tiger emerged on the main road just outside the park, a majestic sight to behold.



In the evening, our excitement soared as one of our trucks encountered a striking male Tiger, spending nearly two mesmerizing hours observing his various behaviours around a waterbody. Meanwhile the other vehicles were watching spellbinding display of natural history as a Tigress stealthily stalked a herd of deer before successfully hunting a fawn and disappearing into the dense woods.

As the sun set and we prepared to leave the park, our senses were once again heightened as we caught sight of the male Tiger that had graced us with his presence earlier in the morning. Now he leisurely drank water and attempted a hunt near the main road, leaving us in awe once more. Truly, it was a day filled with unforgettable wildlife encounters and breathtaking moments.

Day 10

Saturday 24th February

This morning the group saw a different female Tiger and another handsome male Tiger in golden light in Khitauli zone. We had breakfast with Jungle Babblers, Rufous Treepie, Mynas and Starlings. We came back to the lodge and expressed our gratitude to all the guides, naturalists and drivers who made our safari experiences so memorable. The group left Bandhavgarh by 1.10 pm.



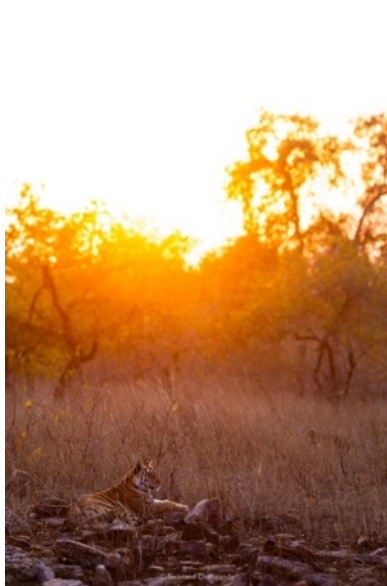
We arrived at Tendu Leaf Resort in Panna after sunset. We had a great view of hundreds of vultures on the way. There were Indian Vultures, Red-headed Vultures, Griffon Vultures, and Egyptian Vultures. We met for dinner at the lodge after we had settled in and completed the checklist.

Day 11

Sunday 25th February

Despite the flurry of morning traffic, we were fortunate to encounter four sub-adult cubs of Tigress P151. At Vultures Point, we reveled in the spectacle of various vulture species gracefully disappearing into Panna's vast landscape. Our Peregrine Falcon sighting was equally captivating.

In the afternoon, our vehicles eagerly awaited the final safari, hoping for a memorable Tiger sighting. Our patience paid off as we were treated to an extraordinary encounter bathed in the warm, crimson rays of the setting sun, with only a few vehicles sharing the experience. The sight left everyone filled with joy and contentment.



Day 12

Monday 26th February

This morning was wonderful as we embarked on a serene boating excursion along the picturesque Ken River. We were treated to mesmerizing sightings of the Stork-billed Kingfisher, the majestic Grey-headed Fish Eagle, the elusive Brown Cuckoo, the graceful Pied Kingfisher, and a plethora of other captivating avian species. After indulging in a delicious breakfast, we eagerly set off for the enchanting destination of Khajuraho. This is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers the timeless allure of Khajuraho, where ancient temples whisper tales of love, spirituality, and artistic brilliance.

After exploring the area, we had lunch and headed to the airport. Our flight was delayed by two hours, so we arrived in Delhi around 9 pm. We had dinner and called it a day.

Day 13

Tuesday 27th February

Early morning around 6 am, the group departed bid farewell to each other and left to board their flights and trains for their respective destinations.

Meanwhile, Swan and five other people started their drive to Ranthambore. The journey was completed in an impressive five hours of driving with multiple breaks. Upon arrival we had our rooms ready for us. After a quick wash and change, the group reassembled for lunch. At lunch, we are oriented by Swan about our upcoming safaris in Ranthambore. By the time we finished our lunch, the safari trucks were ready for us.

The drive to the safari gate was rather bustling with locals and wildlife alike. Pretty soon we were at the base of the massive and enchanting ruins of Ranthambore fort. Opposite of the fort was Zone 3 where we started our first safari. The entrance took us through the arched gateway made up of fig trees. We were introduced to the royal ruins of Ranthambore, the Padam Talab and iconic Raj Bagh. After a wonderful birdwatching session, we had a news of Tiger sighting. Upon arriving at the spot, there was a Tiger cub in the distance which took a good amount of effort to see. Soon enough though two more cubs were sighted around the first one. These were the cubs of the famous Tigress Riddhi.

After a fruitful drive in Zone 3, we re-grouped back at the lodge. Martin and Madeleine, while having not seen a Tiger, were very excited to let us know about their sightings of the rare Dusky Eagle Owl. We retired early after a early dinner.



Day 14

Wednesday 28th February

Early morning we met for coffee and today we drove to Zone no 2. The forest was teeming with animals and birds in this zone. It was a quite early on when we realized just how unique this park really is. Its uniqueness not only lies in its touch of royal history but also in its habitat. Zone 2 has some of the most beautiful habitats in the park. We started off by driving towards the territory of famed Tigress 'Arrowhead'. With not much movement being felt, we decided on exploring the park. We saw a lot of birds like Brown Fish Owl, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Striated Heron, Rufous Treepie and a few more owls.

In the afternoon the park was shut, so we used this opportunity and go explore the majestic Ranthambore Fort. It took us about half an hour to climb the fort. We stopped many times to enjoy the vistas from the top and to take pictures every now and then. Swan gave us a nice bit of history of the fort, about the ruler and why it holds an importance for the locals. After descending, we realized just how much this short hike was a welcome change.



Day 15

Thursday 29th February

Today we went to Zone 4. This is another zone sprinkled with ancient architecture and magical Malik talab. No Tigers were spotted this time around. However, we had an amazing photographic opportunity. The vistas and the birdlife of Zone 4 is unmatched. Back at the lodge Martin and Maddie had an absolute blast in Zone 2, with the sighting of Tigress 'Noorie'.

In the afternoon, in Zone 1, we finally got to see the elusive Sloth Bear. There was also a baby riding on its back. We watched the bear as she kept sniffing for termites, and the baby kept falling off, and all in all a beautiful sight of about 10 minutes.

Back at the lodge, we met up for dinner and called it a day.

Day 16

Friday 1st March

Our last safari took us to Zone 5. It was a surreal drive through the forest. We came across Tiger footprints coming out of a puddle of water, and they were dripping wet, so clearly the big cat was here barely a few minutes away. We pursued for some time without any luck.

We returned to the lodge, packed up and came down for lunch. We left for Delhi by 12.30 pm.

Upon arrival, we were checked in to the hotel. We had an early dinner before hitting the bed.

Day 17

Saturday 2nd March

We boarded the morning flight to London Heathrow at 10.50 am.



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Species lists

Birds

E = Endemic, N = Near endemic		February - March 2024															
Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1	2
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓			✓				
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓	✓										✓				
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>				✓												
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>		✓														
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>		✓														
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>		✓									✓					
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>		✓		✓												
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>		✓		✓								✓				
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>		✓														
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	✓															
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red Spurfowl - E	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>		✓				H										
Painted Spurfowl - E	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>							✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Grey Francolin	<i>Ortygornis pondicerianus</i>													✓	✓		
Jungle Nightjar - N	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>			✓													
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>									✓							
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓									
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		✓		✓							✓					
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓						
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓										
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>										✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>		✓		✓			✓									
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>			✓							✓						
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>							✓									

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Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brown Crake	<i>Zapornia akool</i>											✓					
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>								✓						✓		
Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>			✓													
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>														✓		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓							
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>												✓		✓		✓
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				✓												
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓			✓				✓	✓					✓		
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>															✓	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>								✓								
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	✓	✓	✓										✓	✓	✓	
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	✓									✓					
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓						
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>												✓		✓		
Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	✓			✓					✓				✓		✓	
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>										✓		✓	✓		✓	
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>										✓						
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>												✓	✓	✓		
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓							✓							
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓										
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓											✓				
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>													✓	✓		
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	

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Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓								✓			✓		✓	✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			✓												✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓		✓					✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>				✓					✓							
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>														✓		
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓			✓					✓							
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓							
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>				✓	✓					✓						
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓							
Indian Vulture - N	<i>Gyps indicus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓						
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓						
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>										✓						
Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>				✓												
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>			✓	✓			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>				✓												
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>			✓						✓							
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>	✓				✓						✓					
White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓						
Dusky Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>												✓				
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>								✓	✓					✓	✓	
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓									
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	✓		✓										✓	✓		✓
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>					✓							✓	✓			
Mottled Wood Owl - E	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	✓	✓														
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓											
Malabar Pied Hornbill - N	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>				✓	✓		✓									

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Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	✓	✓									✓		✓	✓	✓	
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>			✓						✓						✓	
Asian Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓							
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓								
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>						✓										
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>				✓			✓									
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				✓		✓	✓									
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>		✓														
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>										✓						
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>				✓			✓									
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>							✓									
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>										✓			✓	✓	✓	
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓									
Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>				✓	✓											
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓									
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>				✓												
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>				✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>							✓		✓					✓	✓	✓
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>				✓	✓											

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Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓							
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>			✓	✓				✓		✓						
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>									✓							
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>				✓						✓				✓	✓	
Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>									✓	✓						
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>										✓						
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>				✓			✓									
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓	✓		✓										
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>				✓			✓									
Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>				✓												
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	✓				✓											
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>						✓										
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>				✓												
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>						✓				✓						
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>								✓								
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>				✓						✓						
Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>							✓									
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>					✓											
Large Grey Babbler	<i>Argya malcolmi</i>			✓													
Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>												✓				✓
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓						
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>			✓						✓							
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>									✓							
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>		✓		✓				✓		✓			✓		✓	
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>				✓	✓			✓		✓						
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>				✓	✓	✓										

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Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		✓						✓								
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>				✓						✓						
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>			✓			✓		✓								
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓						
Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>									✓							
Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>				✓												
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>						✓	✓		✓		✓					
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>					✓											
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓					
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓						
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			✓						✓							
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>						✓										
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>						✓										
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓		✓												
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	✓								✓	✓						
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓						
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>								✓								

Mammals

		February – March 2024															
Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1	2
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
Bengal Sacred Langur - E	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>			✓													
Northern Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>	✓	✓														
Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>	✓	✓					✓		✓							

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		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1	2
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus medius</i>	✓	✓														
Northern Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓							
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barasingha	<i>Rucervus duvaucelii</i>				✓	✓	✓										
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓		✓			✓	
Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>				✓		✓										
Eurasian Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	✓	✓														
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	✓	2		3	5		✓	3	2	4		✓		✓		
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Urva smithii</i>	✓	✓				✓			✓							
Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Urva edwardsii</i>		✓														
Dhole	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>			✓													
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>				✓											✓	
Asiatic Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>							✓									

Reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	February – March 2024															
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1	2
Marsh Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>										✓						
Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓						
Checkered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	✓															
House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>			✓													

Butterflies

Common name	Scientific name	February – March 2024															
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1	2
Common Rose	<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i>						✓										
Common Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>	✓	✓	✓													
Gram Blue	<i>Euchrysops cnejus</i>							✓									
Tawny Coster	<i>Acraea terpsicore</i>		✓	✓				✓									
Danaid Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas misippus</i>	✓															
Common Crow	<i>Euploea core</i>	✓	✓														
Chocolate Pansy	<i>Junonia iphita</i>		✓														
Common Sailor	<i>Neptis hylas</i>							✓									