

Just Tigers!

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary: For reasons which escape me, they call this tour Just Tigers. Given our experience I feel that '*So, So Much More Than Just Tigers*' or '*The Tigers Were Fantastic But So Was Just About Everything Else*' would be more appropriate titles. I'll see what I can do about it.

But wasn't it a marvellous tour? A whole week spent in the enchanting forests and grasslands of Kanha, watching their inhabitants – furred and feathered – at our leisure, all the while staying in an excellent lodge; then the excitement of the train-ride to Agra and a whistle-stop introduction to the Mughal heritage of north India. Who could ask for more?

The success of the tour was owed to many, and notable among them were: Vishwas, Narend and all their staff at Royal Tiger Resort; our fantastic jeep-drivers, Kishan (for the first day) and Tirut; our charming and well-informed park guides, Kamal, Virendra, Duar, Chain Singh, Rajendra, Prtham, Arvind, Ganesh and Akbar; our elephants – Vijay Bahadur and Himalay among others – and their mahouts; our drivers to-and-from Delhi and Jabalpur, Muktar, Dipu and Pawan; and our local guides in Agra, Raman and Jolly. Thanks to all of them our tour ran smoothly and delightfully, and we were able to sit back and enjoy the wonderful wildlife and history of this incomparable country.

Thanks are also due to all the creatures of Kanha who held us spellbound for a week – stately Barasingha in the swamps, fine-footed Jungle Cats in the golden grass, vast Gaur and a tiny Ultramarine Flycatcher, long-limbed Common Langurs and dumpy Wild Boar. Big and small, ugly and beautiful, rare and common, we were charmed by you all.

Day 1

Saturday 24th January

Having met you at the airport, we checked you into your ever-so-stylish hotel in Gurgaon and, after a break for lunch, headed for Sultanpur Jheel for your first introduction to the glorious birds of India. Painted Stork chicks spluttered and groaned from their nests on a wooded island, Hume's Leaf-Warblers lisped from the trees above us and Red-breasted Flycatchers scolded from the shadows. To the happy songs of distant Grey Francolins we compared elegant Great and Intermediate Egrets, caught up with countless ducks and geese familiar from home, watched a Plain Prinia twirling through tussocks of long grass and admired the flights styles of Black Kites and a Booted Eagle. Five-striped Palm-Squirrels bounced up tree-trunks, Rhesus Macaques swaggered along paths and plump Nilgai chewed contentedly in the shade of the trees. Highlights included a couple of White-tailed Lapwings, a Black-shouldered Kite who kept coming back for more and a family of Black-rumped Flamebacks.

Day 2

Sunday 25th January

Early this morning we were on board our flight to Jabalpur in the centre of India. After breakfast (our third of the morning!) at Jackson's Hotel we set out for Kanha, in the care of our excellent driver Dipu. At stops along the way we watched such goodies as White-bellied Drongo, Brown Shrike, Purple Sunbird and Oriental White-eye and in the early afternoon we reached Royal Tiger Resort just outside the Mukki gate of Kanha National Park. The resort staff quickly showed us to our excellent rooms and served us a delicious late lunch, the first of many great meals from the kitchen here.

In the afternoon Terry and I went for a short walk towards the river and admired our first Chital, Greater Racket-tailed Drongos, Common Langurs (with sooty infants strapped to their bellies) and Alexandrine Parakeets (helpfully perched in a tree above our heads).

Day 3

Monday 26th January

With great excitement, this morning we made our first foray into the wilds of Kanha. The forest apparently felt that we ought to get to know all the prey species before seeing a Tiger, so we did just that. In the morning we watched the Barasingha herds, for which Kanha is famous, grazing in the grasslands and marshes; we saw countless dapper Chital in the dappled light of the forest edge; glimpsed a pair of handsome Sambar; and laughed at the antics of Wild Boar. This morning's other highlights included Crested Serpent-Eagle and Crested (a.k.a. Changeable) Hawk-Eagle and a handsome group of Gaur.

After lunch at our lodge we watched butterflies – Striped Tiger, Large Oakblue and Staff Sergeant among them – and made the acquaintance of a beautiful Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher in a patch of bamboo just outside our rooms (though it must be said that the flycatcher rather rudely interrupted Margaret's Syrian stuffed bird story). On our afternoon drive we were introduced to the last of the common prey species – the Barking Deer or Indian Muntjac – and to our first carnivore – a Golden Jackal. We figured we'd start with a jackal and work up through the carnivores towards the mightier predators. Popular birds this afternoon included Collared Scops-Owl, Lesser Adjutant and Lesser Whistling-Duck.

Day 4

Tuesday 27th January

Today was a day of tracks, signs and close encounters. We saw footprints of Sloth Bear, Leopard and Tiger and we saw fresh Tiger scat (that's biologist-speak for poo); we also heard Langurs alarm-calling very close to us, but the forest afforded us no encounter with its stripy denizens. However, at roadside wetlands we had point-blank views of White-throated Kingfishers, impossibly beautiful Indian Rollers, Barasingha submerged to their necks, Green Sandpipers (soon to be heading north for the breeding season) and Woolly-necked Storks glowing bronze in the evening light. In the forests we saw a Common Hawk-Cuckoo and had an eye-dazzling view of Golden and Black-hooded Orioles together. Today's butterfly favourites included Blue Tiger, Common Leopard, Tiny Grass Blue and Grey Pansy. What's more we continued on track with our plan of working up through the carnivores with a good sighting in the afternoon of a Jungle Cat.

Day 5

Wednesday 28th January

Reaching Kanha meadows this morning we were delighted to see a Sloth Bear crossing a fire-break in the forest but our drive in the meadows was soon interrupted by the news that a Tiger had been found by the mahouts in Kisli. Thither we were soon in the queue for the Tiger Show. I'm never one to sniff at a Tiger but it has to be said that the views you had of your first Tiger did leave much to be desired. The three-year-old female in question was asleep deep in a Lantana thicket. We were thrilled to see her but to be honest we would have liked to have seen a little more of her. This said, everyone agreed that the experience of riding a lumbering elephant through the beautiful forests of Kanha was fantastic in itself.

On our lunchtime walk to the river we saw a perfect male Ultramarine Flycatcher. And much of the afternoon was spent chasing alarm calls round the Mukki range and stopping to listen for signs of Tigers, the forest ringing all the while with the songs of Brown-headed Barbets. Tigers came there none, but we did have a splendid encounter with a family of Gaur and saw a Painted Francolin and an impeccable pair of Greater Painted Snipe.

Day 6

Thursday 29th January

Today's Tiger Show – also in the Kisli range and also to visit a female Tiger – was enormously better than yesterday's. This time you saw the whole, magnificent Tigress and were altogether chuffed when you clambered down from your elephant. What's more, on our way to the Tiger Show we saw a Wild Boar, a family of Gaur, fresh porcupine tracks, and – briefly – a Jungle Cat in the long grass.

The Tiger notwithstanding, Jungle Cats were destined to be the star turn of the day – later we watched a male for half an hour as he padded through the grass by Sondar Tank, stalked Spotted Doves, and failed to catch them, all in the glorious golden light of afternoon, against a backdrop of Barasingha and Chital grazing, Peacocks displaying and a Crested Serpent-Eagle peering at us imperiously. We were amused to see a Common Langur, sitting in the grass, stand up from time to time to eye the cat as if repeatedly asking, 'Can that eat me?'

Also this afternoon we searched for the same female Mukki Tiger as had eluded us the day before. And – guess what – she eluded us again today.

Day 7

Friday 30th January

The infamous Mukki tigress eluded us all day today! However, the morning was brightened by some wonderful birds – a Chestnut-shouldered Petronia unusually deep in the forest, a Sulphur-bellied Warbler doing its trademark treecreeper impression, and a brilliant male Blue-capped Rock-Thrush.

Other goodies this morning included a superb family of Gaur coming to a waterhole and – adding to our long list of faunal faeces – a selection of Wild Dog droppings.

In the afternoon, I'm ashamed to report, we laughed a lot and were generally very silly. In our defence, it must be said that the week before our arrival in Kanha, yea even the *day* before our arrival, tigers were being seen left, right and centre along the roads. But since we'd arrived almost nobody in the whole park had seen a tiger except from an elephant.

We'd spent hours and hours and more hours exploring the forest, following every alarm call and analysing every footprint (and it must be said *thoroughly* enjoying ourselves), all under the expert guidance of our driver Tirut who is one of the most famed Tiger-trackers in the park; but we hadn't seen a Tiger from our jeep. Nor, for that matter, had *anybody* seen a Tiger from a jeep. We all, Tirut included, had started to find our vain efforts jolly funny and, as jeep after jeep of dejected visitors drove past us, we began to translate the conversations of the local guides and drivers – with perhaps more than a jot of poetic license: 'Any sign of a Tiger?' 'Tiger? You're having a laugh mate; haven't seen one in years.'

Day 8

Saturday 31st January

But very, very good things come to those who wait (and to those who laugh). This morning you experienced the Tiger Show to end all Tiger Shows. A splendid male had been found close to the Barasingha enclosure in Kanha meadows and no sooner had we heard the news than you were in the queue and onto the elephants. As you watched him, the glorious creature stood up and wandered around the open grass, almost at the feet of your elephants. When you got back to the jeep you were *buzzing*. Buoyed up by our tremendous good fortune, we had a delightful breakfast on the plateau at Bhamani Dadar, overlooking the forests and grasslands of the park.

In the afternoon we came within a Leopard's whisker of seeing the whisker's owner. The Forest literally rang with the yelps of Chital, the barks of Barking Deer (I wonder why they called them that) and the grunts and snarls of Common Langurs. The Leopard wanted to cross the road to a water hole but was put off by the arrival of several jeeps. We ended our last safari in fits of our by-now trademark laughter as we learned the art of making Sambar alarm calls by blowing on a *Butia*-leaf.

Day 9

Sunday 1st February

Was it already time to leave the park, so soon? This morning we eschewed a drive in favour of a contemplative walk down to the river from our lodge. Two new butterflies were seen here – Common Evening Brown and Common Treebrown – and we had a chance to say our goodbyes to the wonderful forests of Kanha.

We spent the afternoon driving to Jabalpur and the night rolling by train to Agra – something which just *has* to be experienced at some point in life. In this case – happily – it was a very smooth and tolerable experience.

Day 10

Monday 2nd February

We arrived in Agra not long after dawn and were briskly met by Raman from our local agency. Having checked you in to your palatial hotel we were soon on the road to Fatehpur Sikri, accompanied by our excellent local guide, Jolly. We marvelled at the Mughal wonders of Akbar's abandoned city and enjoyed some new birds – Brown Rock Chat, Egyptian Vulture and Little Swift – before heading back to Agra for lunch.

In the afternoon we visited Agra fort, perched on the banks of the Yamuna and blessed with an incomparable view of the surrounding countryside and the Taj Mahal. Our visit to this splendid site was hugely enhanced by Jolly's tremendous knowledge and enthusiasm. What's more, Terry and I were able to watch birds too. Three Pallas' Gulls and a 'Yellow-legged' Gull soared high above the jewelled rooms in which lovelorn Jahan – confined by his murderous son Aurangzeb – sat gazing upon his marble monument to his departed wife.

Day 11

Tuesday 3rd February

Today you were moved and delighted by our early morning visit to the most sublime of buildings, the Taj Mahal. It had been a long-held ambition of yours – especially of Margaret and Rosemary's – to see the Taj and, as is always the case with this extraordinary memorial, it was indescribably more beautiful in reality than you had ever imagined it could be. As we wandered through the gardens of the Taj, our attention was also occasionally drawn to the wildlife around us – Pallas' Gulls on the Yamuna and a large group of Five-striped Palm-Squirrels eating from a pile of millet.

All too soon we had to say goodbye to the Mughal splendours of the Taj Mahal and, very sadly, to each other. After a good breakfast at a nearby restaurant we parted company, Rosemary and Terry bound for Bharatpur and Ranthambore, and Margaret and I bound for Delhi (and on to the UK and Assam respectively).

It was, we all agreed, a quite wonderful trip, made all the more so by our frequent outbursts of riotous laughter – Tirut's pumpkin snowman, the Sambar alarm call, Terry's 'Oh *that's* what they look like' on seeing a Tiger on a video, and many more such moments. Thank you for your enthusiasm, good humour, questions, energy and smiles, all of which hugely contributed to an altogether fantastic trip! I hope we'll meet again soon in another bewitching forest.

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Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	Januray/February									
			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
2	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</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	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓									
13	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
14	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓
15	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptotilos javanicus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓				
16	Black Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
17	Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
18	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓									
19	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>										✓
20	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓			
21	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
22	Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
23	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓									
24	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓									
25	Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
26	Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓									
27	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
28	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓		✓						✓
29	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>										✓
30	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>					✓					
31	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>						✓				
32	Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
33	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓								
34	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓				✓		✓	✓		✓
35	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>								✓		
36	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>	✓									
37	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
38	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓						✓		✓
39	Painted Francolin	<i>Francolinus pictus</i>					✓	✓				
40	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	h									
41	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>			h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
42	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
43	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>					✓			✓		
44	Purple Swampfen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	✓									
45	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓				✓	✓				✓
46	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓									
47	Greater Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>					✓			✓		

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48	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓					✓
49	Stone Curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>			✓		✓						✓
50	White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	✓										
51	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
52	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>			✓		✓		✓				
53	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓								
54	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			✓		✓		✓				
55	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	✓										
56	Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓		✓		✓						
57	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
58	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>				✓	✓	✓					
59	Pallas' Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>											✓
60	'Yellow-legged' Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>											✓
61	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓										✓
62	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓				
63	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓				h						✓
64	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	h	✓			
65	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>											✓
66	Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
67	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
68	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓		h	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
69	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>			✓	h	✓	h	✓	✓	✓		
70	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>			h	✓	h	h	h	h	✓		
71	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>		✓									✓
72	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓	✓		✓	h	✓	✓	h			
73	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>				✓							
74	Collared Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>			✓			✓	h	✓			
75	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
76	House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>											✓
77	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>			✓						✓		
78	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓	✓	✓	h	✓			
79	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
80	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
81	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
82	Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓			✓					✓
83	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>				✓		h					
84	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		h
85	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	h	h	✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
86	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>		h	✓	h	h	h	h	h	h		
87	Brown-capped Pygmy-Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>						✓	h				
88	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	h	✓	✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓		
89	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>	✓										✓
90	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>		✓									
91	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓	✓	✓						
92	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>					✓						
93	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
94	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓		✓								
95	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatisensis</i>	✓										
96	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>				✓	✓						
97	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	h	✓	✓	✓		✓			
98	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>					✓						

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			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
99	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			✓		✓							
100	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>		✓	h				✓	✓	✓			
101	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>		h	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
102	Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>										✓		
103	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>			✓									
104	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>			✓		✓	✓			✓			
105	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pyconotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			
106	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>									✓			
107	Blue-capped Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i>									✓			
108	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>							✓	✓	✓			
109	Scaly Thrush	<i>Zoothera dauma</i>						✓						
110	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>						✓				✓		
111	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>					✓							
112	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>											✓	
113	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
114	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>									✓			
115	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓						h	h	h			
116	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus (collybita) tristis</i>		h										
117	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>									✓			
118	Hume's Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	✓	✓	h	h	✓	h	h	h				
119	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>		h							✓	h		
120	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	✓	h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓					
121	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>						✓						
122	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>			✓						✓			
123	Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>			✓		h			h	h			
124	Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>			h									
125	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓						✓		✓			
126	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>										h		
127	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochuros</i>	✓	✓										
128	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola (torquata) maura</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓		
129	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>					✓							
130	Grey Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>					✓							
131	Brown Rock Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>												✓
132	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>			✓	h	✓	h	h	h	✓			
133	Indian Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>			h					h				
134	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	✓										✓	
135	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
136	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>					✓			h	✓			
137	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>			✓		h	h						
138	Black-lored Tit	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>			✓									
139	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>			✓									
140	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	h	✓	✓							✓		✓
141	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>		✓	h	✓	✓	h	✓	✓				h
142	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓							
143	Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>				✓								
144	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>		✓		✓		✓			✓			
145	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓				
146	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocerus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
147	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>		✓	✓									
148	Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentotus</i>			✓									
149	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

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			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
150	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
151	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓									✓
152	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
153	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓										✓
154	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
155	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓			✓	✓						✓
156	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓									✓	
157	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>								✓	✓		
158	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>									✓		
159	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>									✓		

Mammals

1	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓									✓	✓
2	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
3	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>						✓					
4	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>					✓	✓		✓			
5	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>				✓		✓					
6	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			✓		✓		✓				
7	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>					✓						
8	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>						✓		✓	✓		
9	Barking Deer	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>			✓			✓	✓	h			
10	Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
11	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
12	Barasingha	<i>Cervus duvaucelii</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
13	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓										
14	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
15	Five-striped Palm-Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓										✓
16	Three-striped Palm-Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓			

Butterflies

Lime Butterfly *Papilio demoleus*
 Common Gull *Cepora nerissa*
 Spotless Grass Yellow *Eurema laeta*
 Striped Tiger *Danaus genutia*
 Common Crow *Euploea core*
 Common Treebrown *Lethe rohria*
 Commander *Moduza procris*
 Common Sailor *Neptis hylas*
 Yellow Pansy *Junonia hierta*
 Grey Pansy *Junonia atlites*
 Common Leopard *Phalantha phalantha*
 Tiny Grass Blue *Zizula hylax*
 Plum Judy *Abisara echerius*

Common Jezebel *Delias eucharis*
 Common Emigrant *Catopsila crocale*
 Blue Tiger *Tirumala limniace*
 Plain Tiger *Danaus chrysippus*
 Common Bushbrown *Mycalesis perseus*
 Common Evening Brown *Melanitis leda*
 Staff Sergeant *Pantoporia selenophora*
 Great Eggfly *Hypolimnna bolina*
 Lemon Pansy *Junonia lemonias*
 Chocolate Pansy *Precis iphita*
 Grass Jewel *Freyeria trochylus*
 Large Oakblue *Arhopala amantes*