

Just Tigers

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 0

Friday 16th October

Travel from the UK

Day 1

Saturday 17th October

The Naturetrek group arrived from the UK and were picked and transferred into Delhi. The clients enjoyed the drive through the city as it was Diwali and the buildings were decorated with lights all around. We checked into the Taj Palace, a luxurious hotel in the heart of Delhi. At about 3pm we (Robert, Claire & I) left to Sultanpur to do some birding while Paul & Tracey went to Chandni Chowk. Sultanpur was very low on water, however we did see some Painted Storks, Purple Heron, Black-headed Ibis, and Spot-billed among the more common Egrets & Cormorants. The highlight of the trip was the Black-shouldered Kite. We got back to the hotel at 7pm and decided to go to bed early.

Day 2

Sunday 18th October

We had a relaxed morning and left the hotel at 12 noon. We reached the local restaurant near the station, had lunch, and packed our dinner for the overnight train. After lunch we walked across to Nizamuddin Station for our train to Jabalpur. We left on time by 3:25pm on the Gondwana Express (named after the Gond tribal people of the Jabalpur area). The train journey was enjoyable and a good opportunity for us to get to know each other. Following dinner we went to sleep.

Day 3

Monday 19th October

We arrived at Jabalpur, in the heart of central India, at 7:30am. We had a leisurely breakfast and wash and change at the Narmada Jackson before setting off on the road journey to Kanha. We reached the Tuli Tiger Resort on the western side of the National Park about three and a half hours later. There was just time to freshen up and have lunch before we set off on our first game drive. Devender one of the resident naturalists at Tuli was going to be with us for the rest of our game drives. We had good views of a pack of Wild Dogs on the main road before the park gate. Later we had dinner at 7:30pm and were off to bed by 10pm as we had an early start the next day.

Day 4

Tuesday 20th October

It was still dark when we got up at 5.00am. Despite our location at around 23 degrees North, the morning was extremely cold as a result of the altitude and cold air sweeping off the Plateau. Driving in open jeeps meant a high wind chill factor, justifying couple of extra layers. The park was open from around 6.00 to 12.00.

We took different routes searching for wildlife in the sal forest, bamboo jungle and open meadows before breakfast around 8.30am. We heard the Sambar Deer give out warning calls to announce the presence of a predator but we didn't see any. We saw loads of Langurs & Chitals not forgetting the huge Crested Serpent Eagle & the Changeable Hawk Eagle.

Once the sun rose above the trees it became pleasantly warm, making it more enjoyable. In the afternoon the parks' opening hours were 3 - 5.45, but it was very crowded as there were some politicians visiting the park. Despite this, we still saw common animals such as Wild Boar and Muntjac as well as Three-striped Palm Squirrel. Just as we were returning from the drive we saw jeeps near a nullah (gully) and some of the other guides told us that they had just seen a male Tiger come into the nullah. Devender found us a good position to park the jeep and we waited until the Tiger majestically walked out, looked at us and headed off the other way staying on the road. We got good views of the lovely radio-collared male. This sighting was definitely the highlight of the day!

Day 5

Wednesday 21st October

The same morning routine was followed, with a 4.30am wake up call, tea/coffee at 4.45am and departure for the park at 5am. Today we decided to go straight to the other zone called Mukki with the hope of seeing the Barasingha. We saw some good birds but no alarm calls for the predator. We got to Sondar camp for breakfast and also to check on the status of the Tiger viewing from elephant back. The tiger was on the move and did not appear, but we enjoyed instead the pranks of the Langurs for the rest of the drive.

The afternoon was very crowded with more jeeps with politicians & influential people going into the park. There seemed to be a sharp increase in the number of vehicles waiting at the gate so we took a scenic route away from the crowds. This included a peaceful halt in the Sulkum River Valley, Parsa Tola Camp that adjoined the Sarhi Zone. It was a lovely drive and we saw a Ruddy Mongoose by the rocks and a pair of Red Jungle Fowl on the road. We had dinner at 7pm and get to bed early.

Day 6

Thursday 22nd October

Today we decided to stay at Kanha and planned to go straight to get ourselves a token for the Tiger viewing from elephant back. However no sooner had we entered the park we saw fresh Tiger tracks and Sloth Bear tracks on the road. We followed them and soon heard alarm calls from the Sambar Deer and the Langurs in the nullah. We waited there for ten minutes but the alarm sounds just died off and we carried on....when just a few metres away was a huge male Tiger lying in the grass by the side of the road!! He was very relaxed and stayed for a very long time. When he got up and left we realise that he has a wound and is limping so we informed the HQ at Kanha.

After breakfast we tried our luck in the same area but we just saw some Gaur and the Sambar Deer. We drove on and were happy to find more Langurs & Deer. The evening proved to be quiet - we headed towards Route 7 where some jeep had seen a female Tigress & her cub during their morning round. We waited near the tall grass (a species of elephant grass), and some alarm calls from a couple of Langurs got us excited, but the sounds died off as quickly as they came. After a few minutes wait we decided to check the meadow area for the male. Just as we were driving past we found some jeeps queued up on hearing some Sambar alarm calls from the far end of the meadow.

We stayed put and within a few minutes we saw the female Tigress walking daintily towards the road. We got yet another great view of the majestic stride of the dominant tigress in Kanha before she disappeared into the undergrowth. Later on at the accommodation we had an early dinner and went off to bed soon after.

Day 7

Friday 23rd October

Rob, Claire & I along with Devender did the morning drive today. We left at 4:55am as we were excited about the fact that we may see the female again first thing in the morning. Two Jackals were seen just inside the park entrance on the way in. We drove through to the HQ to get a token for the elephant ride and on our way out from there we decided to check Koyla Batta - the rocky area known for Leopards. We saw great commotion as we neared the area and saw the elusive cat on the rock. She quickly blended into the grass and when she moved, excitement increased as we could hear the rustle of grass as she walked but could not see her.... soon however she sprinted across the road. Wow!! What a lovely start for the day! We carried on as there is no chance of her coming out onto the road again.

We went back to the same track where the Tigress was seen last evening, but other jeeps were there as well. We parked by the side of the road and waited. Patience pays after all, as the Tigress walked through the tall grass and crossed the road, and soon she was followed by her cub. We drove on talking about how lucky we were to have seen both the Tigress and her cub, not forgetting the Leopardess. Just as we turned the corner the jeeps ahead of us tell us they have seen the Leopardess, and once again we saw her as she crossed the road ahead of us. All the jeeps left as she disappeared into the lantana, but we pulled up and decided to wait just a few minutes before carrying on. Rob scanned the bushes and he soon discovered this beautiful Leopardess staring straight at him...and we saw her again as she walked uphill towards where she had her kill.

In the afternoon we scanned the area where the Tigers were seen in the morning. We don't hear or see anything and so we drove into the meadow. All seemed to be quiet until the Sambar called out in the distance to announce the presence of a predator nearby. We waited & again we saw a huge Tiger walk up through the grass in the meadow, he looked so majestic and his confident stride instantly sends the message across to the onlookers that he is the dominant male of the meadows.

Day 8

Saturday 24th October

As usual we got the tokens first and then we drove up to the Bamni dadar plateau for breakfast at the high viewpoint overlooking the park. From here there is an extensive view over the largest most remaining tract of forest in Central India, though this view was slightly dimmed by the haze. There was a very good view of a pair of Malabar Pied Hornbills flying from the tall trees and calling loudly to each other. On the way down, we had a very close view of the Red-headed Vulture. From elephant back, we saw the male Tiger from the previous evening and he had killed a Chital. As we were virtually the last people to arrive to see the tiger, the mahouts (elephant drivers) let us stay longer than usual and take photos. We waited by the side of the road as I was very sure that the Tiger would come onto the road as soon as the elephants left the spot. A few minutes after the elephants left we heard the tiger get up and walk along the main road. Devender got us into the right position at the right time making the sighting extremely special for us.

Paul had an unusual expectation for the evening drive - he wanted to see a Leopard ambush a Sloth Bear & just as the leopard was ready to pounce on the bear the bear gives the leopard a bear hug and they become friends!!!). Anyway the drive went on well but no predators...it seems like the Tigers were resting after putting on a show for us over the last two drives. Once again we had an early dinner and were off to bed by 9pm.

Day 9

Sunday 25th October

The morning drive was rather quiet, but we did some fresh Tiger & Sloth Bear tracks but not the predator. We received the news that the elephants had tracked the Tigress and her cub so we get back to the HQ to get the tokens. We then drove to the tall grass area on route 7 where we would once again get to see the Tigress & her cub. The mahouts keep us for longer than normal & we are lucky as the cub came over to the Tigress to share the kill...a wonderful sighting!

The evening drive got us quite close to the Langurs and we waited for a long while where a Tigress was previously seen but didn't hear or see anything ourselves. We got back to the resort a little earlier as the jungle was unusually quiet. Our last dinner at Kanha was preceded by a dance by the local tribal dancers.

Day 10

Monday 26th October

The morning was cloudy, making for a colder start than normal. Tracey decided to just relax by the pool at the resort whilst we headed straight for the tokens as we are very sure about the elephants tracking the tigress & cub again. The decision of getting onto the elephant proved to be quite fruitful as we had clear views of the Tigress & the cub as they both were in the open with the last bits of the deer kill. The highlight however was when the cub rolled onto her back and showed off her fat belly to us. The mahouts were very patient and allowed us stay until we had got the best pictures of the two.

We were back at the resort by 11am, we packed up and got ready to say goodbye to all those who made our holiday so memorable for us. We left on the 3hr drive by road to Jabalpur, stopping en route to capture all the village scenes. Following lunch & after having obtained our packed dinner from the hotel and other supplies for the journey, we caught the overnight train to Agra, marvelling again at the enormous weights the station porters were able to carry on their heads! All of us had a good night's sleep...

Day 11

Tuesday 27th October

We spent the early hours on the train taking pictures as we passed through the countryside. We arrived at Agra by 8am and headed straight to the Taj Hotel for a wash & change. After enjoying a lavish breakfast we then with our local guide embarked on a tour of the city. We first visited the Taj Mahal, which is as beautiful as it is impressive, no matter how many times you have been there before. The guide then took us to a marble workshop for a demonstration of marble inlay. We later visited the Red Fort, built by the Mughals, and following the city tour we headed to a local restaurant for lunch.

We arrived at Chambal Safari Lodge and wonderful birds awaited us - there were Indian Grey Hornbills, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker and Black-rumped Flameback amongst the species seen in the orchard and garden. We left for a walk by the fields at 4pm for an hour.

We went out again within the grounds and found the Indian Palm Civet also known as the Toddy Cat. We had a candle-lit dinner, and the food was typical home food and tasted amazing. It was a wonderful experience just to listen to the nocturnal creatures signifying their presence with their calls.

Day 12

Wednesday 28th October

We are eager to get to the River Chambal at 6am. We found one Indian Skimmer, and a few Great Thick-knees, Osprey, Kentish Plovers, River Lapwing, Ruddy Shelducks, Desert Wheatear and Sand Larks were seen at the start. On the boat ride apart from lots of the birds seen from the bank, were Black-bellied Tern, Indian River Tern and Small Pratincole. The boat ride was also good for reptiles - we had good sightings of Marsh Crocodile, Gharials, Indian Flapshell Turtle, Indian Tent Turtle and wonderful sightings of the Gangetic River Dolphins.

We left Chambal at 3pm following lunch and carried on by surface to Bharatpur for a 3 night stay. We arrived at The Laxmi Vilas Palace at 7pm and were greeted into the palace, now converted into a plush hotel for tourists. We met up at the courtyard for 'Kingfisher', i.e. the beer and not the bird. A wonderful performance by the local puppet artists further stirred the 'spirits'. The fun and excitement reached its peak as Claire was invited by an artist to join the local 'Rajasthani' dance. She proved a perfect match to the dancing skills of the artist and got a big applause. We enjoyed ourselves as Paul & Rob took great pleasure in giving the show their version of the story.

Day 13

Thursday 29th October

We got ready for another early start to Keoladeo National Park with Dilip, our local guide. Fog hindered our observations, and water levels were low, but with Dilips we saw over 45 species, as well as several Nilgai, four Jackals (and their eerie howling calls in the mist), Chital, Wild Boar, and a good view of a Jungle Cat. Birds included Black necked Stork, Greylag Goose, Spotted Owlet, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Black-rumped Flameback, and Tickell's Thrush. Thereafter we got back to the hotel for lunch and had a relaxed afternoon by the pool.

We got back to the park and decided to visit the wetlands, so we get onto the rickshaws. It's a very sad state that this wonderful place is almost parched due to the lack of water. We came across three species of Egrets, Little, Intermediate and Great sitting together on a small Island, giving us the opportunity to observe the differences in size, plumage, gape-lines, and coloration of bare parts like lores, mandibles, tarsus and feet. Other birds seen here included Comb Duck, Common Teal, Greater Spotted Eagle, Marsh Harrier, Common Coot and Common Moorhen. Some Spotted Deer and Bluebills were well seen and admired by all group members. We saw a pair of Sarus Cranes which was a definite highlight for us.

Day 14

Friday 30th October

Today we decided to head straight to the park, sadly though the officials let us know that the ticket machine had broken down & we had to wait for it to be fixed before we could go into the park. By 7.00am we decided to spend some time at the watch tower & look for pythons. The Spotted Owlet was still in the same tree as yesterday. We got some good views of Black-rumped Flameback, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, and Rufous Treepie. A single Olive-backed Pipit was spotted on a dead tree.

There was a White-bellied Drongo that was seen well by the group and a Bluethroat that offered a quick glimpse. The second session of birding involved a walk from behind the Forest Rest House 'Shanti Kutir'. Dilip showed us an Indian Bush Rat crouching amidst the safety of the undergrowth.

We headed to the temple where we saw the Indian Mudshell Turtles up close in the temple pond. They come up to eat whatever is offered by the priest. The priest takes great pride in telling us how he takes care of the 2 day old Nilgai who has lost its mother. There was a good view of Eurasian Spoonbill, a small party of 2-3 Black-rumped Flamebacks, and Dilip spotted an Indian Rock Python hiding in the grass right in the middle of the road. Some Wild Boars were also spotted during this session.

Lunch was again at the resort and after lunch the group was picked up by the rickshaws and taken to the Kadam Kunj area in the drier parts of the reserve. We saw Bay-backed Shrike, Black-shouldered Kite hovering for a long time, etc. There were some good sightings of Jackals in this area too. On the way back another pair of Collared Scops Owls was seen perched on a palm tree. On the way back there were a lot of Grey Francolins and Indian Peafowl - a hen with many young chicks crossing the road.

Day 15

Saturday 31st October

We arrived at the temple for a walk through the silent part of the park, looking at parakeets, and a Eurasian Hobby. A pair of Spotted Owlets sat peeping out of their roosting/nesting hole. The trail leading away from the temple produced some Common Coots, being disturbed by a female Marsh Harrier. Other birds seen on the trail were Common Snipe, Temmink's Stint, Blyth's Reed Warbler, and Sarus Crane etc.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and relax a little before we checked out from there and got onto the train to Delhi. The train arrived on time & we reached Delhi at 7pm. We arrived back at our accommodation at the Taj Palace and said goodbye to each other after having spent two fun-filled weeks together.

Day 16

Sunday 1st November

Return to the UK

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Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	October														
			17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						✓					✓		✓		
2	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓														
3	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓										✓				
6	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
7	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>		✓									✓		✓	✓	✓
8	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓														
12	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>		✓	✓							✓			✓	✓	✓
13	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>		✓									✓	✓			✓
15	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>													✓	✓	✓
16	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓										✓				
17	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>			✓		✓					✓	✓				
18	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>											✓			✓	✓
19	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>															✓
20	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
21	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>													✓	✓	✓
22	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓	✓	
23	Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>													✓		
24	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>												✓	✓	✓	
25	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓														
26	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓														
27	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓														
28	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>												✓			
29	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>				✓									✓	✓	✓

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			17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
30	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓							✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
31	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓									✓	✓			✓
32	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>									✓						
33	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	
34	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				
35	Long-billed Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>											✓				
36	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>										✓					
37	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>													✓	✓	
38	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓			✓							✓		✓	✓	
39	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>													✓	✓	
40	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	
41	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>													✓	✓	
42	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>												✓			
43	Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila hastata</i>													✓	✓	
44	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>													✓	✓	
45	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>														✓	✓
46	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
47	Changeable Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatu</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓					
48	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>															✓
49	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
50	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>													✓		✓
52	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>													✓	✓	✓
53	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>													✓	✓	
54	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>													✓	✓	✓
55	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>												✓		✓	
56	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>													✓	✓	✓
58	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>														✓	✓
59	Great Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i>												✓			
60	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>												✓			
61	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>												✓			

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62	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>										✓					
63	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
64	Little -ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>												✓			
65	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>												✓			
66	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>													✓	✓	
67	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>												✓			
68	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>													✓	✓	
69	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>												✓			
70	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					✓									✓	
71	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>													✓	✓	
72	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>												✓			
73	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>												✓			
74	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>															✓
75	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>												✓			
76	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>												✓			
77	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>												✓			
78	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
79	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
80	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓								✓		✓				
81	Red Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	✓										✓		✓		
82	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
83	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>													✓	✓	✓
84	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>									✓						✓
85	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
86	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>						✓	✓				✓				
88	Pied Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	✓										✓				
89	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>						✓		✓	✓	✓					
90	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
91	Indian Scops-owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>											✓		✓	✓	
92	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓			✓	
93	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>											✓		✓	✓	✓

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94	Grey Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>															✓
95	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>															✓
96	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>					✓				✓						
97	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>									✓						
98	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
99	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>												✓			
100	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
101	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
102	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
104	Malabar Pied-hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>									✓						
105	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
106	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>											✓				
107	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>															✓
108	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>					✓									✓	
109	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygus</i>					✓									✓	
110	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓				✓	✓
111	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>	✓												✓		
112	Sand Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>													✓		
113	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>				✓									✓	✓	✓
114	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			✓												
115	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>													✓		✓
116	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>													✓		
117	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓
118	Oriental Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>									✓						
119	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>														✓	✓
120	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>								✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
121	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>				✓											
122	White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>													✓		✓
123	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
124	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>				✓											
125	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>				✓				✓							

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126	Tickell's Thrush	<i>Turdus unicolor</i>															✓
127	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	✓														
128	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	✓										✓		✓		
129	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓			✓	✓						✓		✓		
130	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>															✓
131	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>															✓
132	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓						✓								✓
133	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>														✓	✓
134	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>															✓
135	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>									✓						
136	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>												✓	✓	✓	
137	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>													✓		✓
138	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
139	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	✓					✓					✓	✓		✓	
140	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓				✓						✓		✓	✓	
141	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
142	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
143	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
144	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
145	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
146	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>					✓	✓	✓								
147	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
148	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>													✓	✓	✓
149	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>												✓		✓	✓
150	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>												✓	✓		✓
151	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
152	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
153	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
154	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
155	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
156	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓												✓	✓	✓
157	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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158	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
159	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>											✓		✓	✓	✓
160	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓														✓
161	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>													✓	✓	
162	Indian Silverbill	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>															✓
163	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>			✓												
164	Scaly Breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>								✓	✓						
165	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>								✓	✓						
166	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrurus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
167	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>											✓				
168	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>				✓			✓	✓							
169	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>			✓			✓	✓								
170	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>												✓			
171	Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>												✓			

Mammals

1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>				✓		2	3	1	2	2					
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>							✓								
3	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>									✓		✓		✓		✓
4	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>	✓														
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>					✓										
8	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>			✓		✓					✓					
10	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
11	Unknown Fruit Bat														✓		
12	Pipistrelle Bat	<i>Pipistrellus coromandra</i>													✓	✓	
13	Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>															✓
14	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
15	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓	✓													
16	Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>						✓									

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17	Gaur (Indian Bison)	<i>Bos guarus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓								
18	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					
19	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>					✓	✓		✓		✓					
20	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
21	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>					✓	✓									
22	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>				✓	✓										✓
24	Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>											✓				

Other fauna on extension

1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>												✓				
2	Indian Tent Turtle	<i>Kachuga tentoria</i>												✓				
3	Indian Soft Shell Turtle	<i>Trionyx gangeticus</i>					✓				✓			✓	✓			
4	Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>									✓				✓	✓		
5	Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>																
6	Gangetic River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>												✓				
7	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>												✓				
8	Checkered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>			✓			✓			✓							
9	Monitor Lizard	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>														✓		
10	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>													✓	✓		
11	Forest Calotes	<i>Calotes andamanensis</i>													✓			
12	Northern House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>				✓	✓											
13	Indian Field Mouse	<i>Mus booduga</i>														✓		
14	Indian Bush Rat	<i>Golunda ellioti</i>															✓	
15	Bandicoot Rat	<i>Bandicota bengalensis</i>		✓														✓
16	Flying Fish													✓				
17	Cat Fish														✓	✓	✓	
18	Carp	<i>Ciprinidae sp.</i>	✓															