

Just Tigers!

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 0

Friday 18th December

Travel from the UK

Day 1

Saturday 19th December

All the guests arrived at Delhi at 9am and after a quick introduction we all got onto the coach & checked into the Taj Palace. We left at 1:30pm after lunch for a short trip to Sultanpur. The walk around the periphery of lake brought us close to many small bird species. We got back to the hotel at 8pm.

Day 2

Sunday 20th December

Check out from Taj Hotel was at 12:15pm and we reached Nizamuddin Railway Station at 1:15pm. We headed straight to Comesum where we had lunch – Veg Thali is ordered for all of us and it was so good we packed up the same meal for dinner later too. At 2:30pm we proceeded to the station where our train was expected to arrive within 15mins. We had dinner at 7pm and retired into our bunks for the night.

Day 3

Monday 21st December

We arrived at Jabalpur train station at 7:25am and went straight to Jacksons Hotel for a wash and change plus breakfast. We left there at 8:35am and reached Tuli tiger resort at 11:45am. Lunch was at 1pm and we went on our first game drive at 2:15pm. The drive brought us great luck - at 3:30pm we saw our first male Tiger which walked away from us and into the bushes. We headed towards the opposite side and waited and this time he came fairly close to the jeep. Following this big cat encounter we carried on with the drive to look for birds, and saw the Red Avadavat (or Strawberry Finch) among the commoners. We were on our way out of the park and all of a sudden I saw a tigress in front of the jeep ahead of us. What an awesome day! We were back at the resort at 6pm. The checklist was completed at 7:15pm followed by dinner & early to bed.

Day 4

Tuesday 22nd December

An early wake up at 4:30am was followed by tea/coffee and we left for the morning drive at 5am. We headed straight to get the tiger show tokens and following that we went around the park for a while before we got to go on the elephants to see a Tigress; it's a very lovely experience. We had breakfast at the centre point and drove through the various areas of the park before getting back at 12 noon to the resort. We went for a stroll by a river bed at 12:30pm before lunch. Once again at 2pm we got going for the afternoon drive. We took a different route this time and very soon saw a tigress.

We carried on with the drive enjoying the lovely scenery that surrounded us without knowing that a surprise was lurking round the corner. We saw a Sloth Bear for 45mins, it was slightly far from us but it was worth it. We got back to the lodge at 6pm and the same routine was followed for the night – checklist, dinner and bed.

Day 5

Wednesday 23rd December

Today we decided to go to Bahmni Dadar – the highest point in the park. We did not see any predators but it was a lovely morning with loads of bird species. We were back at the resort after having a short walk on the roadside behind Kipling Camp where we saw some new butterflies & birds. We left at 2pm for the afternoon drive. We followed fresh pugmarks of Tiger and also Jungle Cat, but it seemed like they had dodged us. We kept looking for birds and all the other wildlife, but the day ended with no predators. We were back at the lodge at 6pm and followed the routine of checklist, dinner and bed...

Day 6

Thursday 24th December

Today we went to Shankar Ghati & Dev Talai with Devender (the senior naturalist at Kanha) and although we did not see any predators we did see a Muntjac peacefully come to drink from the waterhole. We added Red Whiskered Bulbul and Indian Yellow Tit amongst others. We did not do a walk today as the roads were being mended. In the afternoon we went to another zone hoping to see a different area as the main zone was very crowded. There were no signs of predators but we heard alarm calls at a water hole but in vain. Just as we were on our way out we saw a Jungle Cat in a small clearing in the grass. We got back to the lodge at 6pm, and did the checklist at 7pm, followed by dinner & off to bed by 9pm.

Day 7

Friday 25th December

We saw a Jungle Cat scamper across the road but before we stopped for a second look we heard Sambar alarm calls from ahead so we drove further on and waited. The tigers stayed in the undergrowth and unfortunately did not show up. We had breakfast at Sondar Camp and waited for a tiger update but there was no show, so we carried on with the drive after checking the various water birds at a large water body. We saw many Barasingha on our way back to Kanha Zone through the Kisli Range and were out of the park by 12 noon. We stopped again for a small walk and saw a White-naped Woodpecker in the woods behind Kipling camp. Lunch was at 1:15pm and we left at 1:45pm to the gate for our afternoon drive. We went to yet another part of the forest and enjoyed the drive. In the evening we did the checklist and had dinner and then went to bed.

Day 8

Saturday 26th December

Today we drove into the third zone which is a really fabulous route and we saw fresh tiger pugmarks and followed them until they disappeared leaving us clueless. We got to a lovely stream at the end of this zone and had breakfast by the stream. We went back at the resort after birding for a while at the waterhole. At 1:45pm we left for the afternoon drive, but there was a long queue at the gate due to the holiday crowd. We went to the Kanha area and checked the various territories for predators but still no luck... We got back to the resort at 6pm; did the checklist at 7pm. We then watched a presentation on Kanha organized at 7:30pm so we had dinner post presentation and then got to bed.

Day 9

Sunday 27th December

The same routine was followed in the morning. We went to another area today and heard strong Langur alarm calls so decided to stay put here, and eventually we glimpsed a tiger cub, but it scampered deeper into bushes. We waited here for longer as the Langur was still calling off and on, and half an hour later we saw a leopard up on the tree just metres ahead of where the cub was seen. The leopard pranced to & fro on the branch for about fifteen minutes before he actually jumped off to the ground and headed away from us. It was worth the wait!!!! The afternoon routine remained same as before and we went to the maidan (open field) to check the area where the male was seen and shown by the elephant this morning. We heard calls but still no luck. We got back at 6pm, and did the checklist at 7pm. Tonight the resort played a documentary at 7:30pm – Saving the Tiger, which we watched before our last dinner here and then bed.

Day 10

Monday 28th December

We left at 5am for our last drive in Kanha and headed straight to get the tokens for the elephant rides. We went around the park hoping to glimpse the majestic beast again but in vain, so we went back to the centre point for breakfast. We drove to where a mahout saw a tiger vanish into the bushes and waited briefly but don't see any movement. We got back to the lodge at 12 noon. We said our final goodbyes to the friendly staff and left at 2pm after having yet another fabulous lunch. We reached Jabalpur at 4:30pm, collected our packed dinner and went to the station. The train left and we did the check list at 6:45pm on the train. Dinner was eaten at 7:15pm and we retired into our bunks shortly after.

Day 11

Tuesday 29th December

We arrived at Agra at 9:45am, a little late, and went to the Taj Gateway Hotel for a wash and change, had breakfast and left for sightseeing at 11am. The first monument, the Taj Mahal, was crowded but still a worthwhile experience. Ratan, our cultural guide explained the history well. Next we went to Agra Fort. Once this was done we went to a restaurant for lunch at 3pm. Following lunch we parted ways here with Allan who was doing the Ranthambore extension while the rest of us went on to Chambal on an extension to the tour.

We reached the Chambal River Lodge at 5:35pm, after checking into the rooms I headed towards the cave within the camp while Mark and Ann went on a stroll around the camp and Daphne relaxed by the fire. At 6pm we went out looking for the Civets and saw one sitting on a tall fig tree just at the edge of his roosting hole. We had mouth-watering homemade food at 7:30pm and went to bed a little after 9pm.

Day 12

Wednesday 30th December

We decided to have breakfast and waited for the rain to ease a bit and then decided to take our chances and see if we could do the boat ride. When we reached the river we were happy to see that the rain has eased off into a drizzle. We steered upstream to find the island on which the Indian Skimmers roost. We saw a few Great Thick-knees, an Osprey, Plovers, River Lapwing, Ruddy Shelducks, Desert Wheatear, and Crested Larks were seen at the base Camp. Due to the rain we were unable to see any of the crocodiles or Gharials however we had wonderful sightings of Gangetic River Dolphins fairly close to our boat. We got back to the resort at 12 noon and had lunch at 1pm before we left for Bharatpur for a 3 night stay.

We arrived at the Laxmi Vilas Palace at 5pm and were greeted into the palace which is now converted into a plush hotel for tourists. We met up for the checklist followed by a great spread for dinner.

Day 13

Thursday 31st December

We got ready with a picnic lunch for a day long excursion to Bund Baretha – a reservoir on the outskirts of Bharatpur, with Pramod, our local guide. Fog hindered our observations, but we managed to see a Pied Kingfisher by the side of the road. We glimpsed a Sulphur-bellied Warbler who vanished into a mixed flock of Greenish Warblers, Tickells Warblers and Grey-headed Canary Flycatchers making it difficult to spot him again. We saw many new birds like Jacanas, Sandpipers, and Whiskered Terns among the commoners. The walk uphill to the erstwhile hunting palace proved to be a success as we saw many Pochards, Wigeon, Gadwall, Mallard and many more. The highlight however remained the lovely view of the rare Imperial Eagle. On our way back we saw two Sarus Cranes fly across the road into the nearby mustard fields, we leapt out of the car and darted straight into the fields to get a closer look of this lovely bird. Mark fixed his scope on the pair who were preening themselves in a clearing in the field. We got back to the hotel at 5pm; the hotel had organized a party as it was New Years Eve! They had a lovely barbeque dinner followed by fireworks....just a lovely way to start a New Year!

Day 14

Friday 1st January

Today we left at 7am post breakfast to the Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary where due to low water levels the number and diversity of birds had been affected. Birds included Black-necked Stork, Greylag Goose, Spotted Owllet, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, Black-rumped Flameback, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker and many other common birds. Thereafter we got back to the hotel for lunch and had a relaxed afternoon by the pool. We returned to the park and decided to visit the wetlands so we got onto rickshaws. This wonderful place is suffering due to the lack of water, but birds seen here still included Greater Spotted Eagle and Common Moorhen. Some Spotted Deer and Blue Bulls (Nilgai) were well seen and admired by group members. We saw a pair of Sarus Cranes as well. The second session of birding involved a walk from behind the Forest Rest House 'Shanti Kutir'. We saw a Bay backed Shrike, Black-shouldered Kite etc. We also heard the grunts of Dusky Eagle Owl but did not see it. We saw four Jackals (and heard their eerie howling calls in the mist).

Day 15

Saturday 2nd January

Today we started for the canal at 8am but severe fog made visibility poor. We still saw Ruff, more Stilts and Sandpipers. We went to the small water body near the houses looking for the Comb Duck but don't find any. We returned to the sanctuary after visiting the nursery for the Brown Hawk Owl. In the park we saw Dusky Eagle Owl sitting on her nest and another male out in the open. We spent some time looking for the Tickell's Thrush but didn't see it due to bad weather. A single Olive-backed Pipit was spotted on a dead tree and a Bluethroat offered a quick glimpse. Daphne took a rickshaw towards the wetland while Mark and Ann chose to walk along the scrub land. We returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed a little before we decided to check-out from here and get onto the train to Delhi. The train arrived but stopped en route for an hour due to fog and we reached Delhi at 8:30pm. We were back at the Taj Palace where we started our trip from and say goodbyes to each other before the return journey to the UK, arriving back on the 3rd of January...

Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	December/January															
			19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓			✓				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>												✓				
3	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	✓				✓						✓		✓	✓		
4	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
5	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓												✓			
7	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓										✓	✓		✓	✓	
8	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓									✓	✓		✓	✓		
9	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
10	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓	✓									✓					
15	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>			✓									✓				
16	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>						✓		✓								
17	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>								✓								
18	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>															✓	
19	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓														✓	
20	Red-naped Ibis (Black Ibis)	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
21	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>													✓			
22	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓										✓			✓		
23	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
24	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓															
25	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
26	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Cotton Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>							✓									
28	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	✓												✓			
29	Falcat Duck	<i>Anas falcata</i>												✓				

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30	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓												✓		
31	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓				✓		✓	✓	i		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>													✓		
33	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓												✓	✓	✓
34	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
35	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓						✓	✓					✓	✓	
36	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>							✓						✓		
37	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>													✓		
38	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>													✓		
39	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>													✓		
40	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>												✓			
41	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓						✓		
42	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓			
44	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>										✓					
45	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>											✓	✓			
46	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓							
47	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓							
48	Vulture sp											✓					
49	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>													✓	✓	
50	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
51	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓		✓												
52	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>				✓			✓	✓					✓		
53	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
54	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>						✓									
55	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>														✓	
56	Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>													✓		
57	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>														✓	
58	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>												✓			
59	Changeable Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>				h	✓		✓	✓							
60	Rufous Bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>									✓						
61	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

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62	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓	✓	
63	Jungle Bush-quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>									h						
64	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>						✓	✓	h	h	✓					
65	Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>									✓	✓					
66	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>													✓	✓	✓
68	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>														✓	
69	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	✓												✓	✓	
71	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>													✓		
74	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>									✓				✓		
75	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>															✓
76	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓		
77	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>														✓	
78	Great Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i>												✓			
79	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>												✓			
80	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓				
81	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
82	White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>														✓	
83	Little -ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>												✓		h	h
84	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>	✓														
85	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>					✓	✓								✓	
86	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>														✓	
87	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>												✓			
88	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>													✓	✓	✓
89	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>							✓			i		✓	✓	✓	✓
90	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>							✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
91	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>													✓	✓	
92	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				✓	✓						✓	✓			
93	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>														✓	

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94	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>												✓			
95	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>														✓	
96	Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>											✓	✓			
97	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>													✓		
98	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>												✓	✓		
99	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>												✓			
100	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>													✓		
101	Sandgrouse sp														✓		
102	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
103	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>								✓							
104	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	h	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	
105	Red Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>												✓	✓	✓	
106	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
107	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	✓			✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	
108	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
109	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	h	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
111	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>			h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
112	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>							✓								
113	Cuckoo sp				✓					✓							
114	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>				h									✓		
115	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>				✓		✓	✓		✓				✓		
116	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
117	Indian Scops-owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>													✓		
118	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					
119	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	✓			✓					✓	✓	✓	✓			
120	Brown Hawk-owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>												✓			✓
121	Dusky Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>														h	✓
122	Grey Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>														✓	
123	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>														✓	
124	White-rumped Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>			✓												
125	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>												✓		✓	

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126	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>					✓		✓	✓							
127	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>					✓				✓						
128	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
129	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓		
130	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	h	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
131	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
132	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>							✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	
133	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
134	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>				h	h	✓	✓	h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
135	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>			✓	✓	h	h	h	✓	✓	✓		✓			
136	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					✓										
137	Brown-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis nanus</i>					✓										
138	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>				h						h				✓	
139	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>										h					
140	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>							✓								
141	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
142	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>				h			✓	h	h						
143	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>												✓	✓		
144	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>												✓			
145	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	✓														
146	Dusky Crag-martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	✓											✓			
147	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓				✓				✓		✓			
148	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>						✓		✓				✓			
149	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
150	Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>			✓												
151	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			h				h	h			✓	✓		✓	
152	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>											✓	✓		✓	
153	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>													✓		
154	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
155	Oriental Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>					✓			✓	✓				✓		
156	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>												✓	✓	✓	
157	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓							

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158	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>									h					✓	✓	
159	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
160	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	h							
161	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>												✓				
162	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>					✓	✓		✓								
163	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>						✓										
164	White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	
165	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
166	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>						✓	✓									
167	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>							✓									
168	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		
169	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
170	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>							✓	✓	✓	h						
171	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>							✓	✓	✓							
172	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	✓			h	✓	✓								✓		
173	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
174	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>				✓		✓	✓	h	h					✓	✓	
175	Clamorous Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>														h		
176	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓		h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	h	✓			✓		
177	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							✓	✓						✓	✓	
178	Tickell's Leaf-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>				✓				h								
179	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>														✓		
180	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>														✓	✓	
181	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
182	Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>															✓	
183	Western crowned warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>			✓													
184	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	✓			i		✓		✓						✓	✓	✓
185	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
186	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	✓				h	✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	
187	Red throated Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>				h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓							
188	Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>						✓										
189	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>				✓		✓				✓						

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190	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	h	✓	✓			✓		
191	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>				✓				h					✓	✓	
192	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	i												✓	✓	
193	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	h			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
194	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>									✓						
195	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	
196	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
197	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>				✓		✓	✓						✓	✓	
198	Grey Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>						✓	✓								
199	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>												✓			
200	Indian Chat (Brown Rock Chat)	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>													✓	✓	
201	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		
202	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>						✓									
203	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	h							
204	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>				i				✓	✓						
205	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>					✓	h	h	h							
206	Indian Scimitar-babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>				h		h	h	h	h						
207	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>					✓	✓									
208	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>												✓			
209	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>												✓			
210	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	h										✓	✓	✓	✓	
211	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
212	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	h	✓	✓					
213	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>				✓	✓	✓	h	✓		h					
214	Black-lored Tit (indian Yellow Tit)	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>						✓									
215	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>					✓				h	h					
216	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>													✓	✓	
217	Purple Rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>			✓											✓	
218	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>				h		✓									
219	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>								✓							
220	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	h		h			✓	✓	
221	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>			h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		

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222	Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>				✓	✓										
223	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	✓				✓							✓	✓		
224	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>							✓						✓	✓	
225	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		
226	Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>													✓	✓	
227	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>													✓		
228	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
229	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>				✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	
230	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓						
231	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
232	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
233	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
234	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
235	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
236	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
237	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓		
238	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>							✓								
239	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>					h			h			✓	✓	✓		
240	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
241	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>				i									✓		
242	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>													✓		
243	Bengal Weaver (Black Breasted)	<i>Ploceus benghalensis</i>	✓														
244	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓									
245	Green Avadavat	<i>Sporaeginthus formosus</i>								i							
246	White-throated Munia (Indian Silverbill)	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>					✓				✓				✓	✓	
247	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>					✓										
248	Nutmeg Mannikin (Scaly breasted Munia)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>				✓	✓				✓	✓					
249	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>					✓										
250	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	✓														

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Mammals

1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>			2	2											
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>									1						
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>	4						2					1	✓	✓	
9	Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>				1											
10	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	i			✓	✓		
11	Pipistrelle sp							✓									
12	Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>								i			✓				
13	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
14	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	h										✓	✓	✓	✓	
15	Gaur (Indian Bison)	<i>Bos guarus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
16	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
17	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
18	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
19	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>					✓	✓									
20	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	20											✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	1			2	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	
22	Indian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>											✓				
23	Working Elephant									✓	✓	✓					
24	Gangetic River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>												✓			

Reptiles & amphibians

1	Softshell Turtle	<i>Apalone ferox</i>				✓											
2	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>							✓								
3	House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus or Gehyra etc sp</i>									✓						
4	Northern House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>											✓	✓			

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other taxa

1	Jumping Spider	?			✓												
2	Giant Wood Spider	??										✓					
3	Black Wood Spider	?			✓												
4	Millipede sp	?			✓		✓										

Dragonflies

1	Crimson Marsh Glider	<i>Trithemis aurora</i>			✓	✓											
2	Green Marsh Hawk	<i>Orthetrum sabina</i>				✓											
3	Ditch Jewel	<i>Brachythemis contaminata</i>				✓											
4	Globe Skimmer	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>					✓	✓	✓								
5	Ground Skimmer	<i>Diplacodes trivialis</i>						✓	✓								
6	Blue Percher	<i>Diplacodes trivialis</i>									✓						

Butterflies

1	Common Castor			✓		✓											
2	Common Emigrant		✓			✓	✓	✓									
3	Common Crow				✓	✓		✓				✓					
4	Small Grass Yellow				✓	✓	✓	✓				✓					
5	Spotless Grass Yellow				✓	✓											
6	Plains Cupid				✓	✓											
7	Lesser Grass Blue				✓	✓											
8	Mottled Emigrant					✓											
9	Blue Pansy					✓										✓	
10	Chocolate Pansy					✓	✓	✓									
11	Lemon Pansy					✓	✓	✓									
12	Yellow Pansy					✓											
13	Baronet					✓	✓										
14	Common Jezebel					✓	✓	✓			✓						
15	Striped Tiger					✓		✓							✓		

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16	Long Brand Bushbrown					✓											
17	Paint brush Swift				✓												
18	Grey Pansy				✓					✓							
19	Blue Tiger					✓										✓	
20	Blue banded pierrot					✓											
21	Tailed Jay							✓				✓					
22	Lime Blue							✓									
23	Common Bushbrown								✓								
24	Yellow Orange Tip															✓	
25	Plain Tiger															✓	✓
26	White Orange Tip															✓	
27	Common Leopard															✓	

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