

Just Tigers!

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Saturday 27th March

After a quick introduction at the airport, we checked into the ever-so-stylish hotel in Gurgaon and, after a break for lunch, we headed for Sultanpur Jheel. We started our walk with excellent views of the chirpy Purple Sunbird male showing off his iridescence. As we moved on we realized that the ducks and storks were very few in number due to the receding water levels. We continued birding with the happy songs of distant Grey Francolins. We compared the Great and Intermediate Egrets, and caught up with countless species familiar from home. Five-striped Palm-Squirrels bounced up a tree-trunk reminding us how similar they were to chipmunks. A few Rhesus Macaques swaggered along paths and Nilgai chewed contentedly in the shade of the trees.

Day 2

Sunday 28th March

We had the morning at leisure and left the comforts of our plush hotel in Delhi to get to the station to start our tour in the real sense. We had lunch at the restaurant near the railway station and went to the platform. The train arrived on time however left half an hour late. We settled into our bunks ready to experience our first Indian train ride and had dinner at 7pm.

Day 3

Monday 29th March

The train reached Jabalpur Railway Station at 7:30am; we are quickly transferred to the Jacksons Hotel for breakfast plus a quick chance to wash & change. We then started on our 3hr drive to Kanha. We reach the warm and friendly Tuli Resort in less than 3hrs, which gave us time to have a relaxed lunch before going on our first game drive.

In the afternoon Jacqueline decided to stay back and avoid the heat, while the rest of us carried on with the drive. The bright green leaves of the Sal trees welcomed us and we 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). We then headed straight to the same area where a male Tiger had been seen this morning. We saw him as soon as we reached there soaking himself in water. We waited and watched him enjoying the soak. Suddenly news arrived that there has been another tiger sighted in the vicinity. We dashed off to the spot only to see a female cub lying in the tall grass and all we could see was her tail swishing about. We headed further on the same road to check for her brother and saw the other cub – the male. Wow! What a start to the trip. Three different tigers on the very first drive!!!!!!

Day 4

Tuesday 30th March

With great excitement, this morning we made our first foray into the wilds of Kanha. The forest had become quiet so we stuck to bird watching after having checked the most important Tiger territories. We watched the Barasingha herds, for which Kanha is famous, grazing in the grasslands and saw countless Chital along with the ever playful Langur. This morning's other highlights included Crested Serpent-Eagle and Crested (a.k.a. Changeable) Hawk-Eagle and a herd of Gaur. We heard that the male tiger we saw yesterday in the water was seen across the meadow so we rushed to the spot only to see him walk through the grass and the nullah. We carried on with the rest of the drive as usual and got back by 11am as the heat began to increase in the open grounds of the park.

During the afternoon drive we headed off straight to the area where the cubs were seen earlier, as usual looking at whatever came our way. Soon we heard from other jeeps that the Tigress (mother of the two cubs) was having a soak in the pond way ahead of us. We dashed to the spot only to realize that she had walked into the forest just minutes before we reached. We got back to the tall grass to check on the cub that was seen here earlier. Lo and behold we saw the cub (male) resting in the grass! We stayed put hoping that he would move and cross the road. In less than half an hour he got up several times and went back to sleep in different patches of the grass!! Finally he woke up and walked away from us into the forest giving us a good look at him. What a lovely day!!!!

Day 4

Wednesday 31st March

Today was a day of tracks, signs and close encounters. We saw footprints of Leopard and Tiger but the forest afforded us no encounter with its stripy denizens. However, we saw good birds again and as we headed in the direction of the meadow we heard from the other jeeps that the Tiger was seen again and so we waited on the other side. With no movement and knowing the behaviour pattern of this specific cat we decided to give him some time and headed to Kanha Museum for breakfast.

Following breakfast we had good views of the Barasingha and what's more we had a brief but fair sighting of a Jungle Cat! Further down the road we saw many jeeps and moved in that direction only to realize that the Tiger was sitting under a tree. We could see him clearly from here. We drove on as he started to walk and we got excellent views of him cross the road in front of our jeep and vanish into the nearby stream. We waited a little longer and saw him walk through the meadow and disappear in the grass. We drove on having had the best sighting so far! We decided to deviate from the main track to avoid the other jeeps and see new areas of the reserve. We drove around and headed to the far end of the park adjoining the other zone – Sarhi. We visited one of the anti poaching camps here to get an update regarding the sightings, then carried on towards the area with the cubs. The jeep coming from the opposite side ushered us to speed up to see both the cubs together. We dashed off as usual and saw them leap and play with each other. Soon mom joined in making it a trio which was very exciting for the onlookers.

Day 5

Thursday 1st April

Today we decided to head off in a different direction, but the forest had other plans for us. We saw fresh Tiger pug marks and started looking for him in the vicinity.

Unable to locate him we carried on with the drive, but one jeep turned around on hearing the tiger roar and saw him walk on the road, while the others unaware of the situation waited further down the down on hearing the spotted deer alarm calls. Soon an approaching jeep told us about the sighting and we rushed off but in vain... We left the area and checked out some of the other roads but there was no sign of the tiger. We come across fresh pug marks of two Leopards on one of the roads – it seems like they saw us before we saw them and hence disappeared from the main track. We waited hoping they may appear again but secretive as they are we didn't see them. Bird highlights were the Jungle Owlet, Velvet Fronted Nuthatch, and Red Headed Vulture among commoners.

We headed for breakfast, but soon get news that a Tiger was in a water body, so we dashed off. We stopped short to see a pair of Wild Dogs at a nearby water hole – they were peacefully relaxing by the waterhole. We carried on and saw the Tiger soaking himself in the water hole. That was our 6th different tiger today. Wow! As we come out from the gate we saw an Indian Giant Flying Squirrel make a short glide to the adjacent tree, completing today's drive filled with variety.

Day 6

Friday 2nd April

There was a VIP visiting the park today – so we cancelled going to the plateau. We traversed through a different route and saw new birds like the Indian Scimitar Babbler, Malabar Pied Hornbill, and Chestnut Tailed Starling etc. We heard alarm calls from the Spotted and Sambar Deer shortly followed by the Barking Deer. We waited for a while at the spot however since some were getting hungry we decided to get back to the breakfast spot at the gate and also check on the status of Tiger Show. Following breakfast we decided to drive into the park for a little longer. Minutes after we entered the park a couple of VIP jeeps told us to get ourselves a token for the elephant back viewing. We got back to the gate and soon we were on our way and got to see a magnificent Tiger resting amongst the grass. Happy as we were we headed back to the resort before the heat got us.

This afternoon we took yet another route and saw some new birds. We also saw fresh tracks of a Sloth Bear and miss a Leopard by its whiskers – stealthy as they are, the leopard managed to elude us once again. We then went to the meadow before returning to the resort.

Day 7

Saturday 3rd April

Today we decided to do something really different and so take the longest route to the Plateau. We traversed through the various different areas of the park, stopping for birds all along and reach the highest point in the park. Once at the top we had a delightful breakfast on the plateau at Bhamani Dadar, overlooking the forests and grasslands of the park. We spent some time looking at the landscape below which gave us an overall view of the expanse of this park. As we got back we saw a Wild Dog (Dhole).

Midday was spent mostly in the comfort of the air conditioned room, except for the brief exposure to the sun during lunch. In the afternoon, after much discussion the guide and drivers give in to my idea of taking the regular route to the meadow. Soon they were happy for having taken my advice as we saw a handsome male Leopard drinking water from the stream near the road. The Leopard was put off by the arrival of several jeep and darted across the stream dashing off into the nearest bush.

Hearts pounding and minutes later we heard alarm calls from just a few metres away from us. We decided to inspect the calls; soon we saw her in the undergrowth. We were happy to have got there early enough to get some good views of her. Further down the road is where the male Tiger was seen this morning and he was still there so we decided to go and see him as well. Wow!!! He was lying in open grass, where the light is very bad for photographs but we saw him really well. We got back to the lodge bubbling with the excitement at having seen two Leopards and a Tiger. The same routine as normal was followed for the rest of the evening.

Day 8

Sunday 4th April

In the morning today we saw a pack of 15 Wild Dogs while we are looking for the Tigress who was seen with her 5 month old cubs last evening by a few jeeps. For the rest of the drive we scouted around the park looking for various birds and prey species. During the midday heat we stayed in the coolness of our air conditioned rooms.

In the afternoon we came within a Tiger's whisker of seeing the whisker's owner! The forest literally rang out with the yelps of Chital, the grunts and snarls of Common Langurs but the sounds subsided with the same speed as they started. We were parked by the artificial water hole where we had seen a male tiger earlier. We heard the rustle of leaves which literally increased our adrenaline levels but again the sounds ceased and we surmised that the Tiger had stopped to rest for a while. We didn't see the big cat however we did see some good birds by the waterhole.

Day 9

Monday 5th April

It was our 14th drive today, so soon? Seems like we just started our first drive yesterday!!!! Today we visited the other zone of the park – the Mukki zone. This proved to be lucky for us as two of the three 24 month old cubs have been tracked by the Mahouts, which meant we could see them from the elephant back. We rushed to the camp to get the tokens and queue up to go on the elephants. We saw the two cubs relaxing peacefully in amongst the lantana, making it very tough for photography but good for viewing. We looked at them for a while through the binoculars and saw how the female cub put her paw over her brother while his face rested on her shoulder – aww!

We spent the afternoon driving to Jabalpur and the night 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

Tuesday 6th April

We arrived at Agra from the overnight train from Jabalpur and headed straight to the Taj Gateway for breakfast. It was just amazing to see the amount of food that was laid out for us. We helped ourselves to some of the oven fresh muffins, doughnuts etc. It was definitely a change to what we have been eating for so long. 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 took us to a marble workshop for a demonstration of marble inlay. Following the city tour we headed to a local restaurant for lunch.

After lunch we visited the Red Fort, built by the Mughals. Back at the restaurant we said our final goodbyes to Jacqueline and Steve who were going to Chambal first and then to Bharatpur - while the others were coming with me on the extension. We got into our respective cars and headed on towards our destinations.

We reached Bharatpur at 6pm and had a relaxed evening, doing the checklist and getting some dinner in the palatial hotel. We got to bed by 9pm after having had a very delicious Rajasthani meal.

Extension to Bharatpur

Day 11

Wednesday 7th April

We were awake at 6am and got ready quickly to go on our short bird watching walk into the famous World Heritage Site called the Keoladeo Ghana Sanctuary. It's sad that the park is at the moment nearing a state of drought but we still managed to see some good birds.

We had an assisted transfer at the railway station at Bharatpur and departed to Sawai Madhopur by train. We arrived at Sawai Madhopur at 13:35pm. On arrival at the station we find two jeeps readily waiting to take us to the Pug Mark Resort. Once again we had a very pleasant welcome at the hotel when we arrived at 2pm. We would be staying here for the next couple of nights. We had a quick lunch and headed straight to the park as we did not want to miss our first safari. We were on two jeeps and on different routes – one jeep is allotted Route 2 while the other one is on Route 3 – the jeep on Route 2 doesn't see any predators, just see few prey species like the spotted deer, sambar, and wild boar. The jeep on Route 3 saw a Tigress lying under the huge Banyan tree.

We got back to the resort by 7pm and did the check list after we took some time to freshen up. Following the checklist we had a lovely dinner at the resort.

Day 12

Thursday 8th April

We were up and ready at 6am to go to the park for an early morning safari. We went on Route 4, a very nice road winding through the hillsides and giving us a feel of how different and rugged this national park is. As we reached the rockiest or maybe I should say the bumpiest road we saw the Lady of the Lake, also called Machili – meaning Fish because of her marking on her forehead.

We were back at the resort by 10am and had breakfast. The day passed by without us realizing that it was soon time for lunch. We had lunch at the resort and proceeded for the afternoon game drive. This time we are on route 5, but we didn't see anything much here, until all of a sudden we heard alarm calls by the dry Nullah, and we waited. There came a male sub-adult Tiger, which crossed the road in front of our jeep and headed uphill. We waited here just in case he came back. After half an hour we decided to move on and make a retreat, and as we were heading out from the reserve we saw a Tigress walk through the woods and come to the artificial water body for a drink and soak. We saw her for a while then decided to get back before the other jeeps get ahead. Luckily once again as we saw yet another Tigress – radio collared, just at the entrance gate of route 1. Three Tigers in one drive – what more can we ask for!!! We got back to the camp at 7pm, did the checklist at 8pm and then had our dinner.

Day 13

Friday 9th April

Now we were on route 1, we enjoyed the drive through the winding cliffs and towering rocks cast from the huge fort engulfing the tops of these hills. The drive remained without any predator sightings. The evening brings in a bit of cheer when we know that we are going to the other part of the park. Here we saw a Leopard all by herself, enjoying the forest and living like a queen. We were back at the camp by 7pm, did the checklist at 8pm and then moved on for dinner.

Day 14

Saturday 10th April

It was our last drive into the park today and we had Route 3, one of my favourites. We saw a tigress no sooner than we entered the park and carried on into a different part of the route to see what we could find. Just as we come by the big lake I saw a Tigress disappear into the tall grass.... We then went ahead to the other side of the same lake and saw her again. She stalked Sambar Deer but the Sambar sees her and sounds an alarm and she walked away. We were certain that she would come out again as she was hungry and had to make a kill. We saw a black-naped hare as we got onto another road. We saw the tigress chase some Chital but she missed the kill again. She disappeared not very far from us though. We however retreated as we had to get back and get ready to leave...

We had breakfast and carried a packed lunch from the hotel before we left for our uneventful seven hour train journey back to Delhi.

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Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	March/April													
			27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						✓			✓					
2	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
3	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</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	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>												✓	✓	
12	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>											✓	✓	✓	
13	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>												✓		
14	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>												✓	✓	
15	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
16	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>								✓						
17	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓											✓		
18	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
19	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓	
20	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
21	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>											✓	✓	✓	
22	Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	✓													
23	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	✓													
24	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓													
25	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓					✓						✓	✓	
26	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓											✓		
27	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓													
28	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>											✓			

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			27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
29	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>														✓	
30	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
31	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
32	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</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>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	✓		✓	
41	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>							✓		✓						
42	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
43	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>															✓
44	Changeable Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>					✓	✓			✓	✓					
45	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>				✓			✓								
46	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	h			✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
47	Jungle Bush-quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>				✓		✓						✓		✓	
48	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>				✓		✓			✓						
49	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
50	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	✓											✓	✓		
51	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	✓														
52	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓											✓	✓		
53	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓										✓			
54	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	✓											✓			
55	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
56	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>				✓			✓								
57	Great Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i>												✓	✓		
58	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>				✓					✓						
59	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Little -ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>												✓	✓		

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61	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	✓												✓		
62	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	✓											✓	✓		
63	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>														✓	
64	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓												✓		
65	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓												✓		
66	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						✓	✓		✓				✓		
67	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓											✓	✓		
68	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓										✓	✓			
69	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>													✓		
70	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	✓												✓		
71	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>													✓		
72	Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
73	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>				✓	✓	✓									
75	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓										✓	✓		h	
76	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	✓					✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
78	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
79	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>			✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
80	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	
81	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>				h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
82	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>			h	h	✓	✓	h	h	h	h					
83	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>						✓				h					
84	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>				h	h			h	h					✓	
85	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>								✓							
86	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	?		✓	h	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
87	Indian Scops-owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓					✓					
88	Brown Fish-owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>													✓		
89	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>				✓		✓	✓		h	✓					
90	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>				✓	✓		✓						✓		
91	Grey Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>								✓							
92	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>				h	h	h									

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93	Savannah Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>									✓					
94	Indian Jar sp						✓	✓								
95	White-rumped Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>												✓		
96	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
97	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
99	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
100	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						✓					✓		✓	
101	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyroceros birostris</i>			h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
102	Malabar Pied-hornbill	<i>Anthracosceros coronatus</i>					h		✓	✓		✓				
103	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>			h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
104	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	h		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h	h			h	h	
105	Brown-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis nanus</i>									✓					
106	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>				✓										
107	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>									h					
108	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	h				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h		✓	✓	✓
109	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>						✓	✓		✓					
110	Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>								h						h
111	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>												✓	✓	✓
112	Dusky Crag-martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	✓		✓										✓	✓
113	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>						✓	✓			✓				?
114	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>				✓	✓	✓								
115	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			✓											
116	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>													✓	
117	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>												✓		
118	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		
119	Oriental Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓					
120	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>							✓							
121	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
122	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>				✓	h	✓		✓	✓					✓
123	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				

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124	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>								✓							
125	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
126	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>					✓				h						
127	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>						✓		✓							
128	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓		
129	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓								
130	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>							✓								
131	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
132	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓							
133	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	?														
134	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	h			✓	h	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
135	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>										✓					
136	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>										✓					
137	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>												h			
138	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	h			✓						✓					
139	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>					h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
140	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
141	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>				✓				✓							
142	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	✓		?		✓							✓	✓	✓	
143	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	
144	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>					✓										
145	Indian Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>			✓												
146	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>						✓						✓	✓	✓	
147	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>						✓	✓		✓						
148	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>									✓						✓
149	Indian Scimitar-babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>				h			✓			✓					
150	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	✓											✓	✓	✓	
151	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
152	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>				h	h	h	h	h	✓						
153	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>					✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	
154	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>						✓									
155	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓		h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓

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156	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparrajai</i>						✓									
157	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
158	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>			h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
159	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>				✓											
160	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>															✓
161	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	?					✓	✓						✓		
162	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	✓														
163	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
164	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>								✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
165	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			
166	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
167	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	
168	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
169	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓	✓								✓		✓			
170	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
171	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>						✓						✓			
172	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>							✓	?							
173	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>				✓								✓	✓	✓	
174	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓			✓								✓	✓	✓	
175	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
176	White-throated Munia (Indian Silverbill)	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>															✓
177	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>									✓						
178	Crested Bunting	<i>Melophus lathami</i>												✓		✓	
179	Red Jungle Fowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
180	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓								
181	Dusky Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>				✓											
182	Brown Hawk Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>				h											
183	Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>												✓	✓	✓	
184	Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>												✓			

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Mammals

1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>			3	1+1	3+1	1+1	1	1	?	2		T17	1+3	!!	1
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>								2							✓
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 Grey	<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	Fruit Bat sp							✓									
12	Pipistrelle sp									✓				✓	✓	✓	
13	Indian Tree Shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>				✓											
14	Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>												✓	✓		
15	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					
16	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>						✓									
18	Gaur (Indian Bison)	<i>Bos guarus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
19	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
21	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
22	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>			✓		✓	h	h	✓	✓	✓					
23	Khincara (Indian Gazelle)	<i>Gazella bennetti</i>													✓		
24	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓												✓	✓	✓
25	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
26	Indian Hedgehog	<i>Paraechinus micropus</i>														✓	

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Other Taxa

1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	✓			✓		✓			✓			✓			
2	Unnamed Lizard	<i>Varanus griseus koniecznyi</i>															✓
3	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>												✓	✓		
4	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>			✓	✓		✓						✓			
5	House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus or Gehyra sp</i>												✓			
6	Carp sp		✓														
7	Grass Skink sp.			✓													
8	Northern House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
9	Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>				✓	✓	✓									

Butterflies

Lime Butterfly *Papilio demoleus*
 Common Emigrant *Catopsila crocale*
 Striped Tiger *Danaus genutia*
 Common Bushbrown *Mycalesis perseus*
 Commander *Moduza procris*
 Great Eggfly *Hypolimnas bolina*
 Grey Pansy *Junonia atlites*
 Grass Jewel *Freyeria trochylus*
 Plum Judy *Abisara echerius*

Common Jezebel *Delias eucharis*
 Spotless Grass Yellow *Eurema laeta*
 Plain Tiger *Danaus chrysippus*
 Common Treebrown *Lethe rohria*
 Staff Sergeant *Pantoporia selenophora*
 Yellow Pansy *Junonia hierta*
 Chocolate Pansy *Precis iphita*
 Tiny Grass Blue *Zizula hylax*

Common Gull *Cepora nerissa*
 Blue Tiger *Tirumala limniace*
 Common Crow *Euploea core*
 Common Evening Brown *Melanitis leda*
 Common Sailor *Neptis hylas*
 Lemon Pansy *Junonia lemonias*
 Common Leopard *Phalantha phalantha*
 Large Oakblue *Arhopala amantes*

Dragonflies / Insects / Frogs etc

Crimson Marsh Glider
 Common Clubtail
 Blue Darner
 Wolf Spider
 Indian Skitter Frog

Ditch Jewel
 Ashy Skimmer
 Globe Skimmer
 Jumping Spider
 Marbled Balloon Frog

Green Marsh Hawk
 Ruddy Marsh Skimmer
 Lady Bird
 Honey Bees
 Common Indian Toad