

Northern India & The Himalayan Foothills

Naturetrek Tour Report

6th – 21st January 2024



Black-chinned Yuhina



Indian Skimmer



Indian Spot-billed Duck with ducklings



Blue-throated Barbet

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A successful tour with 275 different species of bird and 19 different mammals including two sightings of Yellow-throated Martens.

Day 1

Friday 5th January

Overnight LHR to Delhi.

The guests flew on flight BA 257 to India.

Day 2

Saturday 6th January

Delhi to Sultanpur

The guests arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport Delhi at 8.50am. Later they checked in at the Pride Plaza Hotel in Aerocity. At 1.30pm, we left for Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary. At the sanctuary, we spotted some birds like Osprey, Northern Shovelers, Indian Spot-billed Ducks, Northern Pintails, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, and Common Pochard. We reached our hotel Pride Plaza at around 7.10pm. Guests were briefed about the next day's programme.

Day 3

Sunday 7th January

Delhi to Bharatpur

At 8.00am we started our journey to Bharatpur. On the way, we saw Egyptian Vultures, and reached our destination, Birders' Inn, at around noon. Post-lunch we went to Bharatpur (Keoladeo) National Park. We had a great birding session and a rare sighting of a Ruddy-breasted Crake and the uncommon Eurasian Wryneck. We also saw flocks of Northern Shovelers, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Eurasian Wigeon, Red-crested Pochards, Grey-headed Swamphens, Little Grebe, Common Coot, Bluethroat and Jungle Nightjar on the way back. We did the checklist at 7.00 pm, followed by dinner.

Day 4

Monday 8th January

Bharatpur

It was a cold and foggy day, and post breakfast we went to explore Keoladeo National Park once more. We had great birding both in the morning and in the evening. We saw many new birds like Greylag Geese, Knob-billed Ducks, Garganey, Ruddy Shelducks, Little and River Terns, Dusky Eagle Owls, Spot-billed Ducks with chicks, and 5 individual Black Bittern sightings in different locations.

Day 5

Tuesday 9th January

Bharatpur

It was cold, cloudy, and a bit foggy today, but we still we had a good day. Apart from the regular bird sightings, we saw a pair of Sarus Cranes, a single Greater Flamingo, and Tufted Ducks.

Day 6

Wednesday 10th January

Bharatpur to Chambal

Today it was a clear day after it had rained lightly overnight around Bharatpur. Post breakfast we left for Talab-e-Shahi and Chambal. En route to Chambal, we first decided to visit Talab-e-Shahi, one of the cleanest and most thriving lakes in Rajasthan today. Located 27km from Dholpur and 5km from Bari in Rajasthan, this lake and the 17th-century Khanpur Mahal next to it were primarily made to serve Emperor Shah Jahan during his hunting sojourns to Dholpur. Khanpur Mahal, a palace of several connected pavilions, though, was made as Shah Jahan's pleasure residence, could never serve its purpose. Both the lake and the palace were completed in 1617.

We reached the lake, where there was a high density of Cormorants. We also saw Brown-headed Gulls and Whiskered Terns, which were new for the list. Later we drove to the Chambal River to look out for our target species: Indian Skimmers. We had lunch on the bank of the Chambal River before setting out on a boat safari. On the boat safari, some of us were lucky enough to see the Gangetic River Dolphin. We also had good sightings of Marsh Mugger and endemic Gharials. We also saw some Ruddy Shelducks, Bar-headed Geese, River Lapwings, Pallas's Gull, River and Black-bellied Terns, Kentish Plovers, more Brown-headed Gulls, and 44 Indian Skimmers on the mud flat, with huge Gharials and Marsh Muggers basking in the sun. We reached our lodge at Bharatpur in the evening at around 5.10pm.

Day 7

Thursday 11th January

Agra

The morning was cold and foggy, but after a hearty breakfast we left Bharatpur at around 8.30am to visit Fatehpur Sikri. We reached Fatehpur Sikri at around 9.00am. Our cultural guide was waiting for us. After around one and a half hours we came back to the bus and started our journey to Agra, around forty minutes from Fatehpur Sikri. We first went to see the Red Fort, a magnificent building from the Mughal era. After spending two hours here, we went to see the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the modern world. After the Taj visit, we had lunch. Post lunch we drove to Delhi and reached the capital in the evening. We drove straight to the Pride Plaza Hotel, where the guests were staying for a night.

Day 8**Friday 12th January**

Delhi to Corbett N.P.

We started our journey to Corbett National Park from Aerocity New Delhi at around 7.30am. It was quite a cold and foggy morning. On the way, we stopped mid-way at a motel to use the restrooms and to have some tea and coffee. The motel was very posh, with clean restrooms. We reached our destination, Tiger Camp, at Dhikuli at around 1.30pm. After check-in, we had a quick lunch as we had a birding session to enjoy. We went towards the Garjiya temple on the bank of Kosi River to look out for our target species, Ibisbill. We had a great birding session and saw Yellow-bellied and White-throated Fantails, Plumbeous Water Redstart, White-capped Redstart, River Lapwings, and the iconic Ibisbill. We had a good view of the latter and all took photos as well.

Day 9**Saturday 13th January**

Corbett N.P.

It was very cold in the morning. We went towards Kath Ki Naav which is at a higher elevation. It was beautiful to see the sun rise from that point and we also got lucky in spotting some beautiful and interesting birds like Grey-bellied Tesia, White-bellied Erpornis, Black-throated and Green-tailed Sunbirds, Himalayan Rubythroat, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Little and Spotted Forktails, and Brown Dippers with a juvenile. It was a day well spent in the wilderness.

Day 10**Sunday 14th January**

Corbett N.P.

Today it was an early morning start, as we were going on a safari in Jim Corbett National Park with a picnic breakfast. It was quite cold and foggy in the morning, but we were on the lookout for some interesting mammals and birds. After a little while we came across a Tiger's pug marks: the tiger must have walked a few hours ago, based on the tracks. After some time, we saw fresh tracks made by Asian Elephants, and a few hundred meters further on we saw a herd of them foraging in the forest. We also saw some interesting birds like Oriental Pied Hornbills in flight, Blue-throated Barbet, and Rufous-bellied Niltava. During the morning drive, we were also blocked by the elephants as they were close to the tracks: after waiting for a while we decided to turn around, as they were not going to move! While being driven around the park, we also came across a beautiful Rufous-gorgeted flycatcher.

We had lunch at 12.30pm. Post lunch we went again for a safari, this time in a different zone known as Dhela. It was a bit cloudy and as we entered the gate of the reserve, our first encounter was a herd of Asian Elephants. Later we saw a pair of Spotted Owlets on a tree and a few other interesting birds including a Changeable Hawk Eagle and a Maroon Oriole. We also came across some more Tiger tracks, but had no sighting.

Day 11

Monday 15th January

Corbett N.P.

It was a very cold and foggy morning, after having some tea and coffee we, set out for a morning drive. Initially, we focused on finding a Tiger: we saw a few fresh and old tracks. While waiting we also heard a faint distress call of Chital (Spotted Deer). After waiting for some time, the calls stopped, alas. We further explored the grasslands and saw some birds like Greater Coucal, Rock Dove, Laughing Dove, Grey Francolin, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, and Spotted Owlets.

Back at the lodge, we had lunch and again we set out for our fourth and last safari, again in a different zone. It was still cold and a bit foggy. We saw Northern Red Muntjac, Terai Sacred Langurs, Chital, Golden Jackals and Wild Boar. We also got some interesting birds like a Cinereous Vulture, Great Hornbills and a Lesser Fish Eagle. We heard a few distress calls of Sambar at a distance...but after waiting for some time, they stopped.

Day 12

Tuesday 16th January

Corbett N.P. to Nainital

We had a hot breakfast and started our birding walk around the property and Kosi River. We saw Crimson Sunbirds, Pied and Crested Kingfisher, Indian Cormorants, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Black-rumped Flameback, and tracks of Leopard and Sloth Bear, animals which may have walked past just last night on the sand bank. It was a good birding walk for over an hour. We had lunch at Tiger Camp before heading on for our next destination: Nainital.

On the way to Nainital, we stopped at a few places like Kaladungi and Mangoli Valley to look for some birds before reaching our destination. We reached Nainital and left our bus and got on to local taxis, as the bigger commercial vehicles were not allowed to get into the town. Abbots' Ford property was really beautiful and looked glorious. the rooms were superb and very comfortable. We met again for some tea and coffee; everyone admired their rooms.

Day 13

Wednesday 17th January

Nainital

Today we went towards Pangoot, which is around 14km above Nainital. It is a well-known birding destination around Nainital. We saw Fire-capped Tit, Mountain Hawk-eagle, Himalayan Vultures, Eurasian Jay, Black-headed Jay, Brown-fronted Woodpecker, Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, Rufous Sibia, Cinereous and Green-backed Tits, Grey-hooded Warbler, White-tailed Nuthatch and many more.

After our picnic lunch, we went back downhill. On the way, we saw Himalayan Bluetail, Bar-tailed Treecreeper, Maroon Oriole and many more.

Day 14**Thursday 18th January**

Nainital

It was a clear morning with sunshine and ground frost. We went out to explore Sattal, another great place for birding around Nainital. We saw Black and Ashy Bulbuls, Speckled Piculet, Greater Yellow-naped, Streak-throated and Grey-headed Woodpecker, Rufous-chinned and White-throated Laughingthrushes, and Hodgson's Treecreeper. Later we went to another hotspot called Sattal Studio. There we had a great birding session and saw Chestnut-headed Tesia, Red-billed Leothrix, Indian White-eyes and Blue Rock Thrush. We also came across Northern Red Muntjac and a pair of Yellow-throated Martens.

Day 15**Friday 19th January**

Nainital

Today after the hot breakfast at the lodge, we went to explore Bajoon and Mangoli Valley. Initially it was a bit quiet, but then we came across a few hotspots for birding. We saw Grey Treepie, Lemon-rumped Warbler and Eurasian Jay. Later we saw Himalayan Brown Goral on the cliff. We stopped at a small camp for lunch, and while having lunch we saw a few more birds along the small stream which was flowing with the boundary of the camp. We saw Spotted Forktails, Striated Laughingthrushes, and Hume's Bush Warbler. In the evening we did a checklist followed by a delicious dinner.

Day 16**Saturday 20th January**

Nainital to Delhi

Today was a bit of a lay-in for us, but Paul and Jen wanted to visit Snow View Point as on the day before yesterday they had not been able to take pictures. So Yusuf volunteered to take them and they were rewarded with a clear sky towards the Himalayan ranges. Post breakfast, we checked out and started our journey back to Delhi. We carried our packed lunch and stopped on the way to look out for some birds and to have lunch at one of the motels where we could have tea/coffee and use the restroom facilities.

We reached Delhi at around 6.15pm. Yusuf helped the guests with the check-in formality and updated them about the next day's plan. Paul and Jen were heading for an extension to Jaipur, while everyone else was going back to the UK.

Day 17**Sunday 21st January**

Delhi to London Heathrow

Yusuf met the guests going to the airport at 9.20am at the hotel lobby. We bade good-bye to each other, and the North India and Himalayan Foothills tour ended.



Ibisbill

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Species lists

Birds (E = Endemic, N = Near endemic, I = Introduced)

		January 2024													
Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>					✓									
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓		✓	✓										
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>			✓		✓									
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓								
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>			✓											
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>		✓		✓										
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	✓	✓												
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				✓										
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>				✓										
Hill Partridge	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>													✓	
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>								✓					✓	✓
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>									✓	✓				
Grey Francolin	<i>Ortygornis pondicerianus</i>									✓	✓				
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>									✓					
Jungle Bush Quail - N	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>				✓										
Jungle Nightjar - N	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>		✓												
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>									✓	✓				
Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>														✓
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓				

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Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓	
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>								✓							
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>					✓		✓								
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>				✓	✓										
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>										✓					
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓					
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓						
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											
Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Zapornia fusca</i>		✓													
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											
Sarus Crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>				✓	✓										
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>				✓											
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>					✓										
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>							✓								
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>					✓	✓	✓								
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>			✓	✓											
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>					✓										
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>			✓												
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>			✓		✓										
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>			✓	✓	✓										
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				✓	✓		✓				✓				
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓	✓			✓			✓					
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>			✓	✓											
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓	✓	✓										
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓		✓										
Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albigollis</i>					✓										

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Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>					✓										
Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>					✓										
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>			✓												
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>			✓		✓	✓									
Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>					✓										
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>					✓										
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>					✓										
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓										
Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>										✓					
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓										
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>			✓	✓	✓						✓		✓		
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓					✓	
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>					✓										
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓										
Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>			✓												
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			✓		✓										
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>			✓	✓	✓										
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓	
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓					
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	✓														
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		✓			✓				✓	✓					
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		✓			✓	✓									
Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>									✓	✓		✓		✓	

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Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>									✓						
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>										✓					
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>			✓	✓					✓						
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>								✓				✓	✓		
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>									✓	✓					
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>								✓							
Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga hastata</i>	✓		✓	✓											
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓							
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			✓	✓											
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>				✓				✓				✓			
Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>			✓	✓											
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>					✓										
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Lesser Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga humilis</i>										✓					
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓					
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>										✓					
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>								✓							
Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Ketupa coromanda</i>			✓	✓											
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓													
Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>									✓	✓					
Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>									✓						
Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>		✓	✓												
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>				✓	✓										
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>			✓		✓		✓			✓			✓		
Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>							✓	✓			✓				
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓				
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>									✓						
Great Barbet	<i>Psilopogon virens</i>												✓		✓	

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Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>									✓	✓				✓	
Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i>									✓						
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>		✓													
Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>													✓		
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>								✓	✓	✓					
Brown-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes auriceps</i>												✓			
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>			✓	✓					✓		✓			✓	
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>								✓	✓			✓			
Greater Yellownape	<i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>								✓				✓	✓		
Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>									✓				✓		
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>								✓					✓	✓	
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓				
Slaty-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>												✓			
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>									✓	✓			✓		
Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>								✓							
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>								✓							
Large Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis virgatus</i>								✓							
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>			✓												
Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>								✓							
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>								✓							
White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>								✓					✓		
Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>									✓			✓			
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>									✓						
Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>			✓												
Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>								✓	✓					✓	
Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>										✓					
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>							✓								
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleascens</i>									✓						
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓					
White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

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Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		✓		✓											
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				✓	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>												✓			
Black-headed Jay	<i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
Red-billed Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa erythroryncha</i>								✓			✓		✓	✓	
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											
Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>														✓	
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓								
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus</i>							✓	✓	✓					✓	
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>			✓	✓				✓							
Rufous-naped tit	<i>Periparus rufonuchalis</i>												✓			
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
Himalayan Black-lored Tit	<i>Machlolophus xanthogenys</i>								✓					✓		
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>					✓										
Ashy Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flavala</i>													✓		
Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>													✓		
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>							✓		✓	✓					
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>		✓	✓	✓											
Himalayan Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓		✓	✓											
Grey-throated Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>							✓		✓	✓	✓				
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>					✓					✓					
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓						
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			✓				✓		✓	✓	✓				
Hume's Bush Warbler	<i>Horornis brunnescens</i>														✓	
Chestnut-headed Tesia	<i>Cettia castaneocoronata</i>													✓		
Black-throated Bushtit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>											✓		✓		

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Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>														✓	
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>								✓						✓	
Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>								✓						✓	
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>								✓					✓		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>		✓	✓	✓											
Whistler's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus whistleri</i>								✓							
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>			✓	✓											
Blyth's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>			✓	✓				✓			✓				
Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>								✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>			✓	✓											
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>			✓	✓	✓										
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>			✓	✓											
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>									✓						
Himalayan Prinia	<i>Prinia crinigera</i>									✓						
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>									✓						
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓					
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>			✓	✓							✓				
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓					
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>				✓											
Black-chinned Yuhina	<i>Yuhina nigrimenta</i>								✓							
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>								✓							
Black-chinned Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma pyrrhops</i>								✓					✓	✓	
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	<i>Erythrogenys erythrogenys</i>								✓							
Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>								✓							
Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Grammatoptila striata</i>														✓	
Streaked Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron lineatum</i>								✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron erythrocephalum</i>														✓	
Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>												✓	✓	✓	
Blue-winged Minla	<i>Actinodura cyanouroptera</i>								✓					✓		
Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>													✓		

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Large Grey Babbler	<i>Argya malcolmi</i>					✓										
Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Common Babbler	<i>Argya caudata</i>		✓		✓					✓						
Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla rufogularis</i>													✓		
White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Pterorhinus albogularis</i>													✓		
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>								✓					✓		
White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>												✓	✓		
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>								✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>							✓								
Hodgson's Treecreeper	<i>Certhia hodgsoni</i>													✓	✓	
Bar-tailed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia himalayana</i>												✓			
Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓														
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	
Indian Pied Myna	<i>Gracupica contra</i>			✓	✓	✓					✓					
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>			✓												
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>			✓	✓					✓						
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>		✓	✓	✓											
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>		✓		✓	✓				✓						
Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltava sundara</i>								✓	✓					✓	
Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>								✓							
Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>									✓						
Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i>														✓	
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>										✓					
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>		✓	✓												
Himalayan Rubythroat	<i>Calliope pectoralis</i>								✓							
Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>								✓							
Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>								✓					✓	✓	
Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>							✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>								✓		✓					
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>													✓	✓	
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophciata</i>									✓					✓	

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Rusty-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula ruficauda</i>														✓
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		✓	✓	✓										
Golden Bush Robin	<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>								✓						
Himalayan Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>												✓	✓	✓
Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>													✓	✓
Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus coeruleocephala</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>							✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>												✓	✓	✓
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓				
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>								✓					✓	
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>											✓			
Grey Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>			✓	✓										
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>									✓					✓
Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>					✓									
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>								✓						
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>								✓						
Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>								✓						
Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>									✓		✓			
Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer cinnamomeus</i>														✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>				✓										
Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>		✓												
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			✓	✓										
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓				✓		✓		✓			
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>					✓		✓		✓					
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				✓										
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>														✓
Chestnut-eared Bunting	<i>Emberiza fucata</i>									✓					

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Mammals															
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>									✓					
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Terai Sacred Langur	<i>Semnopithecus hector</i>						✓		✓	✓	✓				
Nepal Sacred Langur	<i>Semnopithecus schistaceus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓				
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus medius</i>			✓											
Ganges River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>					✓									
Northern Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>								✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>				✓				✓	✓					
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Himalayan Brown Goral	<i>Nemorhaedus goral hardwiche</i>														✓
Eurasian Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>									✓	✓				
Small Indian Mongoose	<i>Urva auropunctata</i>									✓					
Yellow-throated Marten	<i>Martes flavigula</i>								✓					✓	
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus Linnaeus</i>			✓	✓						✓				
Fish															
Golden Mahseer	<i>Tor putitora</i>													✓	
Reptiles															
Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>			✓	✓										
Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>					✓									
Marsh Mugger	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>					✓									

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Butterflies															
Common Crow	<i>Euploea core Cramer</i>									✓					
Common Grass Jewel	<i>Freyeria trochylus</i>									✓					
Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>									✓		✓			
Cabbage (Large) White	<i>Pieris rapae</i>									✓					
Peacock Pansy	<i>Junonia almana</i>									✓					
Lemon Pansy	<i>Junonia lemonias</i>									✓				✓	
Chocolate Pansy	<i>Junonia iphita</i>													✓	