

# Northern India & the Himalayan Foothills

Naturetrek Tour Report

7th – 23rd November 2025



Ibisbill



Asian Elephant



Wallcreeper



Painted Storks

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## Summary

This tour was a tremendous success, yielding an impressive 311 species of birds, 19 species of mammals, and nine species of reptiles. The journey was filled with unforgettable moments and outstanding wildlife encounters.

We began at Sultanpur National Park, where a rich variety of birdlife set the tone for the tour. Watching the Red-naped Ibis, Black-necked Stork, and a bustling Painted Stork nesting colony was a delight, complemented by sightings of Greater Spotted and Booted Eagles.

Bharatpur offered equally memorable experiences, including displaying Sarus Cranes, Black and Yellow Bitterns, Dusky Eagle-Owl, Indian Jungle Nightjar, Orange-headed Thrush, Eastern Imperial Eagle, and Bar-headed Goose. Additional highlights were the Crested Bunting, Great Grey Shrike, Isabelline Wheatear, Indian Bush Lark, and a thriving colony of Indian Vultures. A serene boat trip on the Chambal River revealed the Black-bellied Tern, Great Stone-curlew, Marsh Crocodile crocodiles, and the endangered Gharial.

A cultural interlude took us to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort, and the Taj Mahal. Each was as impressive as the wildlife.

Corbett National Park brought thrilling sightings, including the Ibisbill along the Kosi River, Himalayan Rubythroat, Wallcreeper, Collared Falconet, Brown Fish Owl, Himalayan Vulture, Cinereous and Red-headed Vultures, and Crimson Sunbird. Encounters with Asian Elephants, including a great sighting of a tusker in the grasslands, were unforgettable.

In the higher Himalayas, clear views of Nanda Devi (7817m) and Trishul (7120m) enhanced sightings of Himalayan and Rufous-bellied Woodpeckers, Brown Dipper, Spotted and Slaty-backed Forktails, Altai and Rufous-breasted Accentors, Kalij Pheasant, Rock Bunting, Pink-browed Rosefinch, Red-fronted Serin, and Himalayan Goral. Combined with sunny weather, delicious Indian cuisine, and a visit to the Ganges, the trip was truly memorable.

### Day 1

Friday 7th November

Clients departed from London.

### Day 2

Saturday 8th November

The clients arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi at 9.15am. From there, we drove for about an hour to our hotel, Shahdara Bagh, located near Sultanpur National Park. After freshening up, we began our journey to Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary.

We enjoyed some excellent sightings, including Booted, Greater Spotted and Indian Spotted Eagles, a nesting colony of Painted Storks, Indian Cormorant, Black-headed Ibis, Grey Heron and Oriental Darters. We also observed White-throated Kingfisher, Hume's Leaf Warbler, Common Hawk-Cuckoo and several Nilgai. A real highlight was the superb sighting of a Black-necked Stork, and we saw a pair of Indian Grey Mongooses.

**Day 3****Sunday 9th November**

After breakfast, we checked out and began our lengthy drive to Bharatpur. En route, we enjoyed very good birding, with sightings of the Cotton Pygmy Goose, Pheasant-tailed and Bronze-winged Jacanas, Western Marsh Harrier, Indian Spot-billed Duck, Jungle Prinia and a wonderful display by Sarus Cranes. After settling into the Birds Inn Hotel, we had a hot lunch.

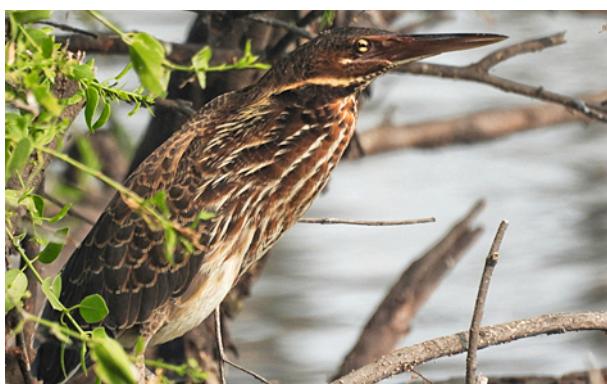
In the afternoon, we headed to Keoladeo National Park by e-rickshaw. Inside the park, we enjoyed excellent views of Alexandrine Parakeet, Greater Coucal, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Oriental Darter, Eurasian Hobby, Spotted Owlet, and had a fantastic sighting of a Jungle Nightjar. After sunset, we returned to the hotel.

**Day 4****Monday 10th November**

We spent the morning and afternoon birdwatching inside Keoladeo National Park. Our morning visit took us to Sapan Mori, while the afternoon was dedicated to a peaceful walk behind Shanti Kothi. The day produced excellent sightings, with highlights such as Dusky Eagle-Owl, Steppe Eagle, Indian Nuthatch, Orange-headed Thrush, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Grey-headed Canary-flycatchers, Grey Wagtail, Black-rumped Flameback, Bluethroat, Coppersmith Barbet, Great White Pelican, Black Bittern, Clamorous Reed Warbler and Pied Kingfisher. We also enjoyed watching the busy mixed herony. and ended the day with a beautiful sunset.

**Day 5****Tuesday 11th November**

After breakfast, we set out for a full day of birding, covering the Bayana Hills, Bund Barella, and the Chambal River. Our day began with an hour's drive to the Bayana Hills, a rugged landscape known for its raptor diversity. Here, we enjoyed spectacular views of Indian Vultures, several of which were engaged in nest-building. The rocky slopes also produced excellent sightings of the Jungle Prinia, Crested Bunting, Common Kestrel, Bonelli's Eagle and a striking Blue Rock Thrush. From Bayana, we continued another hour to Bund Barella, where the wetlands were teeming with migratory shorebirds and waterfowl. Among the highlights were large flocks of Ruff, Common Redshank, Little and Temminck's Stints, and Kentish and Little Ringed Plovers, along with a graceful group of Bar-headed Geese. We were also rewarded with superb views of Eastern Imperial Eagle, Rufous-fronted Prinia, Isabelline Wheatear, Richard's Pipit, Yellow-wattled Lapwing and Indian Bush Lark, making the stop exceptionally productive.



Black Bittern



Indian Vulture

After a late lunch, we headed to the Chambal River for a scenic boat safari. This unique riverine ecosystem offered memorable encounters with Black-bellied Tern, Great Thick-knee, River Lapwing and River Tern. The safari also provided close views of iconic reptiles, including Marsh (Mugger) Crocodile and the endangered Gharial, adding a thrilling wildlife element to the day. We returned to the hotel in the evening, where we completed the day's checklist and enjoyed a relaxed dinner. It had been an excellent day of varied habitats, rewarding sightings, and memorable experiences across three rich birding locations.

## Day 6

**Wednesday 12th November**

After breakfast, we set off once again for morning and afternoon birding inside Keoladeo National Park, travelling by e-rickshaw. The morning session was wonderfully productive, beginning with excellent views of a Wryneck. As we explored deeper into the park, we encountered both Yellow and Black Bitterns, along with another memorable sighting of the Dusky Eagle-Owl. Other highlights of the morning included Little Heron, Jungle Nightjar, Indian Golden Oriole, Osprey and a stately Black-necked Stork.

After lunch and a short break, we returned to the park for the afternoon round. This session offered a different set of experiences, starting with a roosting group of Indian Flying Foxes, and a well-camouflaged Indian Scops Owl. As we continued through the wetlands, we enjoyed sightings of Asian Woolly-necked Stork and a powerful Laggar Falcon. One of the most memorable moments of the day was witnessing the graceful display of the Sarus Crane, a true highlight of Keoladeo NP.

## Day 7

**Thursday 13th November**

We began the day with a hot breakfast, before checking out of the hotel and driving towards Fatehpur Sikri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We spent about an hour exploring the historic palace complex, and the clients thoroughly enjoyed learning about its rich Mughal architecture and fascinating history. From Fatehpur Sikri, we continued our journey to Agra, where our first stop was the magnificent Agra Fort. After touring the fort's impressive courtyards and sandstone structures, we headed to a local restaurant, where the clients had a wonderful lunch.

Post lunch, we visited one of India's most iconic landmarks: the Taj Mahal, another UNESCO World Heritage Site. The monument looked especially beautiful in the soft evening light, offering our clients a truly memorable experience. We also enjoyed some birdwatching along the Yamuna River, and recorded species such as the Pied Avocet, Red-naped Ibis, Egyptian Vulture, Common Redshank and Ruff. It was a fantastic and culturally enriching day, during which we had covered three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. After finishing our visits, we drove onwards to New Delhi to conclude the day and stayed at a luxury hotel, The Leela Ambience.

## Day 8

**Friday 14th November**

Today we had breakfast before starting our drive to Corbett National Park. The journey took around six hours, including a wonderful stop at the holy River Ganges, where we enjoyed the serene atmosphere; Hindu pilgrims were bathing in the river and doing various rituals. It was a cultural and refreshing break during the long drive.

We arrived at Corbett around lunchtime, completed the check-in formalities, and enjoyed a relaxing lunch at the hotel Jim's Jungle Retreat. After a short rest, we headed out for our first birding session in the area, using open jeeps to explore the forest outside the park boundary. The afternoon birding proved rewarding with sightings of White-capped Water Redstart, Jungle Owlet, Grey Bush Chat, Brown Hawk-Owl, and several other species typical of the foothill forests. The pleasant weather and forest setting made the drive especially enjoyable. We returned to the hotel around sunset, completed our daily bird checklist, and ended the day with dinner. Overall, it had been a smooth if long travel day, with a refreshing mix of cultural experiences and foothill birding.

**Day 9****Saturday 15th November**

This morning, we drove in three different open jeeps for a full-day safari in the buffer zone of Corbett National Park. Upon reaching the parking area, we had our first sighting of a Greater Flameback. Later, we walked down to the Kosi River, where we found Plumbeous and White-capped Water Redstarts, Crested Kingfisher, River Lapwing and Common Sandpiper. After a long search, we had incredible views of Himalayan Rubythroat and Wallcreeper feeding along the river.

The real icing on the cake was the sighting of Ibisbill, our top target species for the day. Later, we drove to Mohan, where we saw Collared Falconet, Brown Fish Owl and Lesser Fish Eagle.

**Day 10****Sunday 16th November**

Today, we enjoyed morning and afternoon game drives in the core zone of Corbett National Park. Some of the highlights included Great and Oriental Pied Hornbills, Long-billed Pipit, Zitting Cisticola, Siberian Stonechat, Black-winged Kite, Himalayan and Cinereous Vultures, Asiatic Golden Jackal, Chital and Sambar. However, a herd of Asian Elephants, and a brief sighting of a Tiger from one of the jeeps, were the highlights of the day.

**Day 11****Monday 17th November**

Today, we enjoyed our final two game drives in Corbett, covering two different zones. Highlights included Scarlet and Long-tailed Minivets, Black-hooded Oriole, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Himalayan Rubythroat, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Small and Rufous-bellied Niltavas, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Red-headed Vulture, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Bengal Bush Lark, Chestnut-eared Bunting and Himalayan and Cinereous Vultures.

We again encountered Asian Elephants, including one large male tusker, and a Yellow-throated Marten was seen during the evening safari.

**Day 12****Tuesday 18th November**

This morning, we did some birding in the hotel garden after breakfast. We had great sightings of Crimson Sunbird, Jungle Owlet, Ashy Drongo, Buff-barred Warbler, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Indian Silverbill, Scarlet Minivet, Black-hooded Oriole, and Himalayan and Cinereous Vultures.

After an early lunch, we checked out and drove to Nainital. On the way, we enjoyed sightings of (Black-headed) Eurasian Jay, Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Grey Treepie, Kalij Pheasant, Great Barbet, Lemon-rumped Warble, and Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler. Later in the evening, we did the checklist followed by dinner in our beautifully situated hotel, The Abbotsford.

## Day 13

## Wednesday 19th November

Today we had a clear sky again, and after breakfast we drove to a place called Bajun. After arriving, we enjoyed our birding walk and had some incredible views of Black-chinned Babbler, Buff-barred and Lemon-rumped Warblers, Bar-tailed Treecreeper, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch, White-browed Shrike-babbler and Black Bulbul. We also had a wonderful sighting of a Himalayan Goral looking down into the valley.

In the afternoon, we birded at High Field, where highlights included Rufous-breasted Accentor, Rock Bunting, Pink-browed Rosefinch, Slaty-headed Parakeets, Kalij Pheasant, and over three hundred White-throated Laughingthrushes flying down the hills to roost, which was one of the highlights of the day.

## Day 14

## Thursday 20th November

Today we departed early with a packed breakfast and lunch, and drove to Vinayak / Cheer Point. Along the way, we stopped to admire the magnificent Himalayan view, with the morning sun giving a beautiful view of Nanda Devi (7817m), the second-highest peak in India. At Cheer Point, we had breakfast overlooking the Himalayan foothills and had sightings of Himalayan Goral, Altai Accentor, Himalayan Prinia and Blue-capped Redstart. After a lovely picnic breakfast in the sunny morning, we drove on and saw Coal Tit, White-tailed Nuthatch and Ashy-throated Warbler. We heard the elusive Koklass Pheasant a couple of times.



Brown Dipper



Great Barbet

After our picnic lunch, we walked down on a scenic trail and spotted Olive-backed Pipit, Black-throated Thrush, Russet Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch and Red-fronted Serin. On the way back to the hotel, we had excellent views of the Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Himalayan Woodpecker and Slaty-backed Forktail.

## Day 15

## Friday 21st November

Today, we started with a hot breakfast and drove for a full day of birding in Sattal, with picnic lunch boxes. After an hour's drive, we reached the Sattal bird hide and enjoyed incredible birdwatching and photography. Highlights included Great Barbet, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Red-billed Leiothrix, Grey-winged Blackbird, White-throated and

White-crested Laughingthrushes, Grey-headed Woodpecker, and Lesser and Greater Yellownapes. After lunch, we did some garden birding, with sightings of Banded Bay Cuckoo, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Black-chinned Babbler, Slaty-blue Flycatcher and Long-tailed Minivet.

Later, we drove to the Chanpi River, where we saw Spotted and Slaty-backed Forktails, Himalayan Rubythroat and a Brown Dipper displaying, and had incredible views of a Wallcreeper flying close to us, which gave us unforgettable memories. On the way back to the hotel, some of the clients enjoyed a walk around Naini Lake.

## Day 16

## Saturday 22nd November

We had a relaxing morning with a hot breakfast in the garden, where we saw Lemon-rumped Warbler, Kalij Pheasant, Oriental Turtle Doves and Common Iora. We checked out of our lovely hotel with a packed lunch, and drove back to Delhi, with a couple of scenic stops on the way. After arriving, we checked in to the Hotel Pride Plaza for a comfortable night.

## Day 17

## Sunday 23rd November

After breakfast, we checked out and drove the twenty minutes to Indira Gandhi International Airport, to catch the flight back home. It had been a tremendous tour, and clients took home many incredible memories.

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## Species lists

### Birds

N=Near-endemic		November 2025														
Common name	Scientific name	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓										
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>					✓										
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓				✓	✓									
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓						✓
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</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>							✓								
Goosander	<i>Mergus merganser</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>Perdicula asiatica</i>											✓				
Jungle Nightjar - N	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>		✓				✓									
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>									✓		✓				
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>									✓		✓				
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓			
Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>												✓			
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>							✓								
Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>														✓	
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	✓														

Common name	Scientific name	November 2025														
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>										✓			✓		
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>					✓	✓									
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>					✓	✓	✓								
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>						✓					✓	✓			
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Grey-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓									
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓						
Sarus Crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>			✓				✓								
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓									
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>							✓								
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>						✓									
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>										✓					
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓							✓
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>								✓							
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>						✓									
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>						✓		✓		✓					
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>						✓									
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>						✓									
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>			✓		✓										
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓						
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>						✓									
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>						✓									
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						✓			✓	✓					
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>						✓									✓
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>						✓									
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>						✓									

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			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				✓		✓									
	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				✓		✓		✓							
	Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>					✓		✓								
	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>					✓		✓								
	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>					✓										
	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>					✓										
	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>					✓	✓									
	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>					✓										
	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	✓						✓								
	Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</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>	✓		✓		H		✓	✓							
	Black Bittern	<i>Botaurus flavigularis</i>				✓			✓								
	Yellow Bittern	<i>Botaurus sinensis</i>								✓							
	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓						✓								
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓
	Little Heron	<i>Butorides atricapilla</i>							✓	✓			✓				
	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓
	Medium Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>				✓	✓			✓							
	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea coromanda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									

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	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					✓										
	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						✓									
	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>			✓		✓			✓		✓	✓				✓
	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>				✓		✓									
	Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>					✓										
	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>									✓	✓					
	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Indian Vulture - N	<i>Gyps indicus</i>						✓									
	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>															✓
	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>									✓	✓	✓				
	Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga hastata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓								
	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>		✓													✓
	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>			✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>						✓									
	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>							✓								
	Shikra	<i>Tachyspiza badia</i>			✓		✓	✓				✓	✓				✓
	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>										✓	✓				
	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Pallas's Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>											✓				
	Lesser Fish Eagle	<i>Icthyophaga humilis</i>											✓				
	Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo reectus</i>														✓	✓
	Brown Boobook	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>										✓					
	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓								
	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>									✓						
	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>											✓				
	Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Ketupa coromanda</i>							✓	✓							

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	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓			✓		✓			✓	✓					
	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>										✓	✓				
	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>								✓		✓					
	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyceros birostris</i>				✓		✓									✓
	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>			✓												
	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</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>Nyctyornis athertonii</i>										✓					
	Asian Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓		✓												
	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>						✓									
	Great Barbet	<i>Psilopogon virens</i>												✓			✓
	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>				✓		✓									
	Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓					
	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i>										✓					
	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	✓				✓						✓				
	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>					✓						✓				
	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>								✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Brown-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos auriceps</i>								✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>															✓
	Himalayan Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos himalayensis</i>											✓	✓			
	Greater Yellownape	<i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>							✓								✓
	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>											✓				✓
	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>												✓			✓
	Himalayan Flameback	<i>Dinopium shorii</i>								✓	✓	✓					
	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓			✓	✓						✓				
	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>									✓		✓				
	Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>									✓	✓					
	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>					✓										

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	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>				✓	✓										
	Laggar Falcon	<i>Falco jugger</i>					✓		✓								
	Slaty-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>												✓	✓		
	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>				✓					✓	✓	✓				
	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>														✓	
	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>		✓	✓			✓									
	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>												✓			
	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>					✓						✓				
	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>															✓
	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>											✓				
	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>										✓	✓			✓	
	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>									✓	✓	✓				
	White-browed Shrike-babbler	<i>Pteruthius aeralatus</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>									✓						
	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>										✓	✓				
	Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>										✓	✓	✓			
	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>				✓						✓		✓			
	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>										✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>				✓											
	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>			✓												
	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</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 erythrorhyncha</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Common Green Magpie	<i>Cissa chinensis</i>									✓						

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	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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>												✓	✓		
	Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Chelidorhynx hypoxanthus</i>									✓						
	Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Chelidorhynx hypoxanthus</i>									✓						
	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>					✓					✓	✓				
	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>												✓	✓	✓	
	Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Himalayan Black-lored Tit	<i>Machlolophus xanthogenys</i>							✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Indian Bush Lark	<i>Plocealauda erythroptera</i>				✓											
	Bengal Bush Lark	<i>Plocealauda assamica</i>											✓				
	Ashy Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flavala</i>							✓					✓			
	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Rubigula flavigaster</i>											✓				
	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>						✓				✓	✓	✓			
	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
	Himalayan Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Grey-throated Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>				✓					✓	✓					
	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>					✓										
	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>													✓		
	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>					✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
	Asian House Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>													✓	✓	
	Eastern Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
	Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>						✓									
	Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
	Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>												✓			
	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓			✓		✓				

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Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>					✓			✓	✓						
Whistler's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus whistleri</i>										✓					
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</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>														✓	
Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</i>					✓										
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>		✓		✓						✓	✓	✓			
Delicate Prinia	<i>Prinia lepida</i>		✓													
Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</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>					✓						✓				
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-chinned Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma pyrrhops</i>									✓					✓	
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	<i>Erythrogenys erythrogenys</i>												✓			
Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Grammatoptila striata</i>														✓	
Streaked Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron lineatum</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓
Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>															✓
Large Grey Babbler	<i>Argya malcolmi</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓					
Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓
Common Babbler	<i>Argya caudata</i>					✓					✓					
White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>								✓						✓	
Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla rufogularis</i>														✓	

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	White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Pterorhinus albogularis</i>											✓	✓	
	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>													✓
	White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>												✓	
	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>			✓									✓	
	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>								✓		✓		✓	✓
	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</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>			✓										
	Grey-winged Blackbird	<i>Turdus boulboul</i>													✓
	Black-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus atrogularis</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>									✓				
	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>										✓	✓		
	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>		✓	✓		✓			✓					
	Himalayan Rubythroat	<i>Calliope pectoralis</i>								✓	✓				✓
	Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>												✓	✓
	Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>													✓
	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>													✓
	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	✓		✓		✓								
	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>			✓				✓						✓
	Himalayan Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>												✓	
	Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>												✓	
	Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus coeruleocephala</i>											✓		

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Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>							✓	✓				✓		✓
White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>							✓	✓				✓		✓
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</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>				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>					✓									
Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>		✓				✓				✓				
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasi</i>														✓
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>					✓									
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>														✓
Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>									✓	✓	✓			✓
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	✓		✓							✓				
Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer cinnamomeus</i>													✓	✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	✓		✓		✓				✓	✓				
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Altai Accentor	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>														✓
Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophiata</i>													✓	✓
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	✓				✓									
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>			✓											
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓						
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>					✓									
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>					✓									
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>					✓			✓						
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>										✓				
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>													✓	
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>										✓				

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	Pink-browed Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rodochroa</i>												✓			
	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	<i>Chloris spinoides</i>										✓			✓		
	Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>													✓		
	Crested Bunting	<i>Emberiza lathami</i>							✓								
	Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>										✓		✓	✓		
	White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>									✓						
	Chestnut-eared Bunting	<i>Emberiza fucata</i>										✓					

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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>					✓										
Indian Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus coromandra</i>	✓						✓			✓	✓				
a tomb bat	<i>Taphozous sp.</i>						✓									
Eurasian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓			✓			✓			✓	✓	✓			
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Himalayan Goral	<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>												✓	✓		
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>										✓	✓	✓			
Northern Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>									✓		✓			✓	
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>										✓					
Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Urva edwardii</i>		✓								✓	✓				✓
Small Indian Mongoose	<i>Urva auropunctata</i>						✓									
Yellow-throated Marten	<i>Martes flavigula</i>											✓	✓			
Asiatic Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			✓		✓				✓	✓	✓				

## Amphibians &amp; reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	November 2025													
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Common Skittering Frog	<i>Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis</i>										✓	✓			
Indian Softshell Turtle	<i>Nilssonia gangetica</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓			
Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>					✓									
Indian Tent Turtle	<i>Pangshura tentoria</i>						✓								
Marsh Crocodile (Mugger)	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>					✓									
Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>					✓									
Rock Agama	<i>Agama agama</i>											✓			
House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			
Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>						✓								