

Northern India & the Himalayan Foothills

Naturetrek Tour Report

6th – 22nd February 2026



Koklass Pheasant



Himalayan Bluetail



Spotted Forktail



Pygmy Cupwing

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Summary

This tour was a memorable winter journey combining exceptional birding, rich wildlife encounters, and iconic cultural landmarks.

We began near Delhi at Sultanpur National Park, where we recorded over eighty bird species in the wetlands and surrounding scrub. From there, we travelled to Keoladeo National Park, one of Asia's finest birding destinations. Over four productive days, we observed impressive winter congregations of waterfowl including Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler and Ferruginous Duck, along with Painted and Black-necked Storks, Dusky Eagle-Owl, Spotted Owllet, and Indian Scops Owl.

A boat safari on the Chambal River was a highlight, yielding sightings of the endangered Indian Skimmer, Black-bellied Tern and Great Stone-curlew. We also paused to explore the magnificent Mughal heritage sites of Fatehpur Sikri, the world-renowned Taj Mahal, and Agra Fort, adding a rich cultural dimension to the tour.

Returning to Delhi, we then continued into the forested landscapes of Jim Corbett National Park, named after the legendary conservationist. Jeep safaris through river valleys and Sal forests produced sightings of Asian Elephants, Wild Boar, Golden Jackals, several deer species and Tigers. Birding along the rivers revealed winter specialities such as Ibisbill, Blue Whistling Thrush, Plumbeous Water Redstart, White-capped Redstart and Wallcreeper.

Our journey concluded in the Himalayan foothills around Nainital, including Pangot and Sattal. At elevations above 2000m, we encountered a fine selection of Himalayan birds, including laughingthrushes, forketails, accentors, Himalayan Bluetail, warblers and barbets. Overall, the tour delivered outstanding winter birding, rewarding wildlife sightings, and unforgettable cultural experiences across northern India and the Himalayan foothills.

Day 1

Friday 6th February

Clients departed the UK, bound for India.

Day 2

Saturday 7th February

The group arrived at Delhi airport, and we drove to Shadrana Bagh Hotel in Gurugram, where we had lunch and a formal welcome session. In the afternoon, we went birding at Sultanpur National Park, where we had a fantastic birding experience. Highlights included White-tailed Eagle, Sarus Crane, Alexandrine Parakeet, many waterfowl, Painted Stork, cormorants, ibises and many other beautiful species.

Day 3

Sunday 8th February

We drove from Shadrana Bagh Hotel to Bharatpur. On the way, we did some birding, and reached Bharatpur by lunchtime. After lunch, we had an afternoon birding session at Keoladeo National Park, with highlights such as Painted Stork, Purple Heron, various egrets, Greater and Indian Spotted Eagles, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Bar-headed Goose and many more.

Day 4**Monday 9th February**

We had a full day of birding in Keoladeo National Park. We started early and stayed all day. Highlights included Dusky Eagle-Owl, Indian Scops Owl, Jungle Nightjar, Booted Eagle, Eastern Imperial Eagle, Black Kite, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Ruddy Shelduck, Painted Stork, Grey Heron, Black and Yellow Bitterns and Grey-headed Lapwing, along with many other species. It was a fantastic full-day experience.

Day 5**Tuesday 10th February**

We drove from Bharatpur to the Chambal River in the morning. After breakfast, we had a couple of hours on a boat on the Chambal River, where we saw the endangered Indian Skimmer, Gharial, Bonelli's Eagle and Brown Crane, as well as River and Black-bellied Terns and many other excellent birds. After the boat trip, we drove out to the Dholpur area for birding in the thorn forest, where we saw Painted Sandgrouse, Sykes's Warbler, Long-billed Pipit, Indian Bushlark and more. After lunch, we drove to Bund Baretha, visiting the Bayana Cliffs to look for Indian Vultures at their nesting sites, and then drove back to Bharatpur in the evening.

Day 6**Wednesday 11th February**

We had another full day of birding in Keoladeo National Park. We observed Sarus Crane, Bay-backed and Isabelline Shrikes, Red Avadavat, Bluethroat, Orange-headed Thrush, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Indian Bushlark, Indian Roller, Red-naped Ibis, Oriental Magpie-Robin and many other fantastic birds. It was another wonderful day in the park.

Day 7**Thursday 12th February**

We drove from Bharatpur to Fatehpur Sikri, the former capital of Emperor Akbar, known for its stunning Mughal-era architecture. After a couple of hours there, we drove to Agra and took a golf cart to the Taj Mahal, the iconic symbol of eternal love built by Shah Jahan for his late wife, Mumtaz Mahal. After enjoying the Taj, we visited the Yamuna River behind it where we spotted River Lapwings and other birds. Then, we had lunch at a local restaurant, before visiting the Agra Fort, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a rich Mughal history as a military stronghold. After over an hour at the fort, we drove back to Delhi for an overnight stay.

Day 8**Friday 13th February**

We drove from Delhi to Corbett, arriving at the hotel around lunchtime. After lunch, we relaxed, and in the afternoon, we took jeeps to go birding outside Corbett National Park. Highlights included Red-billed, Himalayan and Red-vented Bulbuls, Smoky Warbler, Green Bee-eater, Bengal Bushlark and many others. We also spotted various vultures (Griffon, Egyptian, White-rumped and Cinereous), Steppe Eagle and Black Kites. It was a rich afternoon of sightings!

Day 9**Saturday 14th February**

After breakfast, we had a full day of birding outside Corbett NP. We explored Garjia Temple, the Kosi River, and areas like Kumaria and Mohan. Highlights included Himalayan Rubythroat, Ibisbill, Wallcreeper, White-capped

Redstart, Crested Kingfisher, Red-breasted Parakeet, Rufous-breasted Accentor, Crested Serpent Eagle and bushlarks. It was a fantastic day, with a rich variety of birds.

Day 10

Sunday 15th February

During the morning jeep safari in Dhela, we spotted Bengal Bushlark, Coppersmith and Great Barbets, Collared Falconet, Black Kite, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Himalayan and White-rumped Vultures and Steppe Eagle. It was a truly diverse set of birds! During the afternoon jeep safari in the Jhirna zone, we saw more fantastic birds: Asian Green Bee-eater, Himalayan Monal, Crested Kingfisher, Indian Cuckoo, and Crimson and Purple Sunbirds. We also spotted various vultures and, once again, Steppe Eagle. It was a really rewarding afternoon!

Day 11

Monday 16th February

The next morning, we went on a jeep safari in both the Jhirna and Dhela zones. During the morning session, the guide informed us that Sambar alarm calls had been heard nearby. After a short wait, we saw a Tiger sprinting for its kill. During the afternoon safari, we continued birding: some of the highlights were Great Slaty and Rufous-bellied Woodpeckers, Black-headed Oriole, White-bellied Drongo, Bengal Bushlark and Orange-breasted Green-pigeon. Late in the afternoon, we spotted the Tiger again, and watched it for more than fifteen minutes.

Day 12

Tuesday 17th February

After breakfast, we spent a couple of hours birding in the lodge grounds. The highlight was the early morning call of the Brown Boobook owl. In the morning session, we also saw Grey-capped Pygmy and Fulvous-breasted Woodpeckers, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Tickell's Thrush, both male and female Common Blackbirds, Indian Silverbill, and Crimson and Purple Sunbirds. After birding, we returned to pack, and after an early lunch, we drove from Corbett to Nainital, birding along the way.

Day 13

Wednesday 18th February

After breakfast with a packed lunch, we drove from Nainital to Pangot for a full day of birding. At Pangot, Chiri Point, and Ghugukham, the highlights were the woodpeckers: Rufous-bellied, Himalayan and Brown-fronted Woodpecker, and Greater Yellownap. We also saw rare thrushes like Chestnut and Long-billed, and Grey-winged and White-collared Blackbirds. Also, we spotted Rock Buntings, Striated and Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrushes and a flock of Black-faced Warblers near Ghugukham, along with Blue-capped and Blue-fronted Redstarts. After a fantastic day, we returned to Nainital in the evening.

Day 14

Thursday 19th February

After breakfast and taking a packed lunch, we drove from Nainital to Pangot for a full day of birding. Although it rained heavily in the morning, around 9.00am the rain stopped, and we heard a male Koklass Pheasant calling nearby. After a short walk, we saw a male and female. The rest of the day was also great: we saw woodpeckers, Rock Buntings, accentors, laughingthrushes, and a female Pallid Harrier, which was most unusual. In the late afternoon, we birded near Timlapani, searching for a Spotted Forktail. One of our clients spotted a Pygmy Cupwing, but the rain returned, and we headed back to Nainital for the night.

Day 15

Friday 20th February

After breakfast, we drove from Nainital to Sattal with a packed lunch. There, we saw beautiful birds like Red-billed Blue Magpie, Slaty-headed and Plum-headed Parakeets, Black Francolin, and Kalij Pheasant, along with Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler and many others. After a couple of hours, we walked down in Sattal, where we spotted the Speckled Piculet, Long-tailed Minivet and a flock of Himalayan Black-lored Tits. After lunch, we went to the Chaphi side near a stream, where we finally saw the Spotted Forktail, and White-capped Redstart, Plumbeous Water Redstart, Brown Dipper, Crested Kingfisher. After that, we returned to Nainital for the night. It had been a wonderful day, with so many highlights!

Day 16

Saturday 21st February

After an early breakfast, we drove to Haripura Dam for two hours of birding. We saw White-tailed Stonechat, Red-throated Pipit and Chestnut-capped Babbler. We also spotted a West Himalayan Bush Warbler, a very rare winter visitor. After more birding, we drove back to Delhi and stayed overnight at the Pride Plaza Hotel.

Day 17

Sunday 22nd February

In the morning, we checked out of the hotel at 7.30am, then drove to the airport to catch the flight from Delhi to London. A fabulous tour had drawn to a close.

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic		February 2026														
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>		✓		✓	✓										✓
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>		✓		✓	✓										
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>		✓	✓		✓										
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓				
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>					✓										
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>		✓	✓		✓										✓
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	✓														✓
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓		✓		✓										
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓										
Koklass Pheasant	<i>Pucrasia macrolopha</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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		H							
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>				✓											
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>															✓
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococyx varius</i>	✓														
Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>				✓											

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic		February 2026														
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	✓						✓	✓		✓	✓				
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>			✓		✓										
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>							✓							✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>									✓						
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>									✓						
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>		✓	✓		✓					✓					
Sarus Crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>		✓			✓		✓								
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓										
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Zapornia fusca</i>					✓										
Brown Crake	<i>Zapornia akool</i>				✓											
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>				✓											
Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>									H						
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>		✓													
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>								✓							
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Thinornis dubius</i>				✓				✓							
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓			✓				
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>			✓												
Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>					✓										
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	✓	✓			✓										
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</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>				✓	✓										

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic		February 2026														
Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				✓	✓	✓									
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>				✓											
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓							
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>				✓	✓										
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>				✓	✓										
Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>				✓											
Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>				✓											
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	✓			✓											
Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>				✓											
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>															✓
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</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>								✓	✓	✓	✓				
Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>			✓			✓					✓				✓
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓										
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓				
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓									
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓						✓
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>			✓	✓	✓										
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>			✓		✓										
Black Bittern	<i>Botaurus flavicollis</i>					✓										
Yellow Bittern	<i>Botaurus sinensis</i>					✓										
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		✓	✓		✓										

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			7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	Jungle Nightjar - N	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>		✓			✓									
	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	✓													
	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓													
	Brown Boobook	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>									H	✓				
	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>		✓	✓				✓				✓			
	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>													✓	
	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓				✓		✓			
	Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Ketupa coromanda</i>			✓											
	Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>														✓
	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		✓		✓			✓		✓	✓				
	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓						
	Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>									✓	✓				
	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>							✓		✓					
	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>									✓					
	Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>							✓		✓					
	Indian Vulture - N	<i>Gyps indicus</i>				✓										
	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>									✓					
	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			H
	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatu</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>		✓	✓		✓									

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Common name	Scientific name	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>				✓											
Besra	<i>Tachyspiza virgata</i>											✓				
Shikra	<i>Tachyspiza badia</i>			✓		✓			✓	✓						
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			✓		✓	✓						✓	✓		✓
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>												✓			
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	✓	✓													
Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓	✓												✓
Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>									✓	✓					
Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyroceros birostris</i>			✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>								✓	✓	✓					
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>			✓	✓		✓									
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>									✓		✓				
Asian Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>				✓	✓				✓						✓
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						✓	✓
Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>								✓						✓	
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓							
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	H	✓	✓		✓				H	✓					
Great Barbet	<i>Psilopogon virens</i>								✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓				
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	H	✓	✓		H		✓			✓					
Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i>								✓	✓		✓				H
Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>														✓	
Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>										✓					
Himalayan Flameback	<i>Dinopium shorii</i>								✓	✓						
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		✓					✓		✓	✓	✓				
Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>										✓				✓	
Scaly-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Picus squamatus</i>												✓			
Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>								✓		✓				✓	
Greater Yellownape	<i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>												✓		✓	

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Great Slaty Woodpecker	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>										H					
Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>														✓	
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>								H	H	✓					
Brown-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes auriceps</i>												✓	✓	✓	
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>												✓			
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>										✓					
Himalayan Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos himalayensis</i>												✓			
Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>								✓	✓						
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>									✓						
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓							H							
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Slaty-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>											H	✓		✓	
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>								✓			✓			✓	
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>				✓						✓					
Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>									✓				✓	✓	
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>								✓		✓					
Rosy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus roseus</i>									✓	✓					
Indian Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>									✓	✓					
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>										✓					
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>		✓	H	✓					✓	✓					
Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>										✓					
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>							✓		✓	✓	H				
Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>	✓				✓										
White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>								✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>									✓						
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>										✓					
Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>									✓	✓					
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>									✓	✓	✓				
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓

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Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>			✓	✓											
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>												✓	✓		
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			H	
Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>												✓	✓	✓	
Red-billed Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa erythroryncha</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>												✓		✓	
Black-headed Jay	<i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>													✓		
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				✓
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus</i>								✓			✓			✓	
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>					✓			✓		✓	✓			✓	
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓				
Himalayan Black-lored Tit	<i>Machlolophus xanthogenys</i>														✓	
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>												✓	✓		
Indian Bush Lark	<i>Plocealauda erythroptera</i>			✓	✓											
Bengal Bush Lark	<i>Plocealauda assamica</i>									✓						✓
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>															✓
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				
Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</i>				✓											
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>															✓
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					✓
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>				✓											
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>		✓	✓				✓								
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>		✓	✓		✓										
West Himalayan Bush Warbler	<i>Locustella kashmirensis</i>															✓
Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>													✓		
Pygmy Cupwing	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>													✓		

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Grey-throated Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						
Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>							✓	✓							
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>													✓		
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>			✓	✓	✓										
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓									✓	
Nepal House Martin	<i>Delichon nipalense</i>								✓							
Eastern Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓								✓			✓			
Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>		✓		✓											
Black-throated Bushtit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>												✓	✓		
Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler	<i>Cettia major</i>															✓
Black-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>											✓	✓			
Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>												✓	✓		
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	✓				✓						✓				
Brooks's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i>				✓	✓										
Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>										✓					
Smoky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fulgiventis</i>							✓								
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓								
Whistler's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus whistleri</i>										✓				✓	
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	✓				✓		✓				✓				
Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>										✓					
Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>									✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Rubigula flaviventris</i>									✓	✓	✓				
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Himalayan Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>			✓	✓											
Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓										
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>				✓											
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>															✓

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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>												✓	✓	✓	
Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>											✓			✓	
Large Grey Babbler	<i>Argya malcolmi</i>	H		✓	✓											
Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>								✓	✓					✓	
White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Pterorhinus albogularis</i>												✓		✓	
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>								✓							
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>									✓	✓					
White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>												✓			
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>										✓	✓			✓	
Bar-tailed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia himalayana</i>												✓		✓	
Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	<i>Certhia nipalensis</i>	✓														
Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>						✓									
Indian Pied Myna	<i>Gracupica contra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>		✓	✓		✓					✓	✓				
Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>							✓								✓
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasi</i>								✓							
Long-billed Thrush	<i>Zoothera monticola</i>												✓			
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>					✓				✓						
White-collared Blackbird	<i>Turdus albocinctus</i>												✓	✓		
Chestnut Thrush	<i>Turdus rubrocanus</i>												✓	✓		
Black-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>												✓	✓		
Grey-winged Blackbird	<i>Turdus boulboul</i>								✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					

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White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>										✓						
Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltava sundara</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>								✓								
Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>												✓	✓			
Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>								✓								
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophciata</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>												✓	✓			
White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>								✓						✓		
Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>								✓						✓		
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓	✓		✓												
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>														✓		
Grey Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>							✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓								
White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucurus</i>															✓	
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>		✓	✓				✓		✓			✓	✓			
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>				✓												
Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>											✓					
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>														✓		
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>												✓				
Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>									✓							
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓					
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>									✓	✓						
Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>				✓	✓											

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Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>							✓				✓				
Altai Accentor	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>											✓	✓			
Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis</i>													✓		
Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophiata</i>													✓		
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>			✓		✓										
Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer cinnamomeus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>				✓			✓				✓		✓	✓	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓				✓			✓							
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓				✓
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓						
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓		✓					✓						✓
Upland Pipit	<i>Anthus sylvanus</i>													✓		
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>															✓
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	✓		✓						✓						
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓				✓			✓					
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>								✓							
Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>															✓
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
Chestnut-eared Bunting	<i>Emberiza fucata</i>									✓						
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>										✓		✓	✓		

Mammals

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		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>									✓						
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bengal Sacred Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Northern Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓								
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus medius</i>					✓										
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>										✓					
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓								
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>										✓					
Northern Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>								✓	✓	✓					✓

Reptiles

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		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>				✓											
Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>				✓											
Soft-shelled Turtle	<i>Nilssonia gangetica</i>			✓	✓											
Indian Tent Turtle	<i>Pangshura tentoria</i>				✓											
Indian Python	<i>Python molurus</i>					✓										
Checkered Keelback	<i>Fowlea piscator</i>		✓			✓										