

Unknown India – Tadoba & Satpura

Naturetrek Tour Report

8th – 23rd March 2023



Bengal Tiger



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Indian Wild Dog



Dusky Eagle Owl

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Summary

The Unknown India - Tadoba & Satpura March 2023 tour was a big success. We explored every bit of Central Indian Forests, with 40 tiger sightings, 5 leopards, 1 sloth bear, 7 wild dogs, 165 birds, 26 mammals, 14 reptiles, and 33 invertebrates such as spiders, butterflies, and scorpions.

We saw a lot of action from three tigers in Tadoba: Maya, Rudra, and Balram. On our first safari, we saw two males, Rudra and Balram, following each other's scent due to territory overlap. We knew it wasn't going to be a happy beginning. We continued to look for updates over the next few days. Finally, on our final drive through Tadoba, we saw both males engaged in a brutal fight for the female. Tigress Maya was anxious as she emerged from the bamboo thicket. Following her was a male tiger, Balram, the father of Maya's current cub. The left front leg was badly injured and bleeding. After some time, Rudra suddenly appeared. He had several bruises on his face. He walked with a limp. He came out, sat in the sun, walked a little, and then vanished into the bushes.

Another highlight of the tour was seeing a pair of Dusky Eagle Owls in Satpura Tiger Reserve. Aside from that, we were fortunate to spend some time alone with two different tigresses and cubs. One vehicle spent about a half-hour with DJ and her 4-month-old cubs on our second day in Kanha. Then, later that evening, another vehicle spent about an hour alone with Tigress MV3 and her two subadult male cubs. During this tour, we witnessed wide range of seasons. Tadoba and Pench were pleasant warm, with slightly cooler mornings and nights. We were caught in rain and hailstorms in Satpura and Kanha.



Male tiger swimming in the water by Debbie Troy

Day 1

Wednesday 8th March

Overnight flight from the London to Doha

Day 2

Thursday 9th March

The flight from London via Doha arrived on time at Nagpur Airport in the early morning hours. We drove about 10 minutes after clearing immigration to check into the Hotel Raddison Blu. We all left for Tadoba around 9.30 after a relaxing night's sleep and a late breakfast. It was a beautiful drive through rural India's beautiful landscape. We passed through some chickpea, cotton, and mustard fields. The path was lined with beautiful summer flowers like Flame of the Forest and Red Silk Cotton. We saw a few birds along the way, including a Black Drongo, a White-throated Kingfisher, a Long-tailed Shrike, a Black-winged Kite, and an Indian Roller.

When we arrived at the Svasara Jungle Lodge, we were greeted warmly, briefed, and served a hot lunch. Clients were assisted to their rooms. We left for our first game drive after a quick shower and rest. We entered the park through the Kolara gate. Our safari began with sightings of Spotted Deer, Sambar Deer, Gaur, Langurs, Rufous Treepie, Indian Roller, and other animals. And, to our surprise, we saw our first Tiger, Rudra, sleeping quietly in bamboo thickets within half an hour of our safari. We learned about another male tiger, Chota Matka, who was resting in another body of water while we were watching Rudra. We drove to the water body, and he was still there. We spent an hour before he got up, walked towards us, and went to the Tadoba buffer zone. We then considered checking out the Rudra area. As we approached the area, a few vehicles were already parked in one spot.

We gathered that the male had already left the location and that he was anticipated to come back on this road. After a couple of minutes, the male emerged. This, however, was not the male we had seen earlier that afternoon. Balram was his name! He simply crossed the street and vanished into the bushes. The Rudra followed him, sniffing the scent of Balram. Following Balram, he displayed the Flehman response (bearing of the upper teeth). It was time to leave the park by the time he vanished into the woods. We needed to get to the gate as soon as possible.

In the evening, we gathered for a checklist and discussed our incredible experience. We had dinner and called it a day after laying out the plan for the next day.



Rudra male tiger by Debbie Troy

Day 3

Friday 10th March

We spent a lot of time birding on this morning drive. Red-naped Ibis, Black-headed Ibis, Openbill Storks, Black Storks, Crested Honey Buzzard, and many other species were seen. We saw a Ruddy Mongoose basking in the sun for quite some time. There were a few alarm-calls in various locations, but nothing came to light.

In the evening, one vehicle witnessed Rudra swimming in the pond, while another saw Maya walking on the main road.

Day 4

Saturday 11th March

We were not prepared for what was offered to us as the day began. Within 15 minutes of entering, we saw a young Tigress, Bijali (about 3.5 years old), attempting to hunt Spotted Deer. She walked alongside the road for 30 minutes and practised her hunt show for 15 minutes. We drove to a hilly part of Tadoba, where Maya and Balram were enjoying the sunny day in the open plateau, after she vanished in Jamni's grassland. We decided to proceed because the area was quickly becoming crowded. While we were watching a Jungle Owlet, we noticed a few vehicles reversing back, almost as if something interesting was nearby. We moved a little and noticed Rudra walking towards our vehicle. In the first 3.5 hours of our safari, we had already seen four Tigers. Finally, when we decided to go birding around a lake, Mowgli, another handsome male Tiger, decided to show up. He followed our vehicles for about a mile! I still can't believe what a fantastic morning it was!



Bijali tigress practicing her hunting techniques by Debbie Troy



Mowgli male tiger by Debbie Troy

We decided to explore the other zone of the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve after encountering many Tigers in the morning. It was Moharli zone. Away from the other tourist vehicles, our two vehicles explored the beautiful landscape of the Vindhya range of hills seeing approximately 35 different bird species, including Pied Kingfisher, Mottled Wood Owl, River Terns, Crested Honey Buzzard, Little Ringed Plovers, Lesser Whistling Ducks, and many others. During this drive, we saw two elusive mammals: the Madras Tree Shrew and the Indian Muntjac.



Madras Tree Shrew by Debbie Troy

Day 5

Sunday 12th March

We arrived in Tadoba with the intention of exploring the forest one last time; until next time! A Sloth Bear suddenly crossed the road in front of us as we were driving. It was a brief but clear sighting. Clients could take a few pictures. Following the Sloth Bear, we saw a Wild Dog walking on the main road for a while. A pair of Jungle Owlets were perched on a tree. We went to a hilltop after seeing a couple of Crocodiles and a few waders. That's where we saw both males - Rudra and Balram - engaged in a brutal fight for the female - Maya. Tigress Maya appeared anxious as she emerged from the bamboo thicket. Balram, the father of Maya's current cub, was following her. His left front leg had been severely injured, and he was bleeding. Rudra appeared unexpectedly after a while. His face was covered in bruises. He walked with a weakness. He came out, sat in the sun, took a short walk, and then disappeared into the bushes. That, my friends, was not the end! Finally, on our way to the center point for breakfast, we observed a Leopard relaxing on a rock with a langur kill nearby. What a way to end a Tadoba safari.



Rudra by Alan Evans



Balram by Alan Evans

Back at the lodge, we had enough time to freshen up and eat a hot lunch before embarking on our five-hour journey to the Pench Tiger Reserve. We drove through lovely countryside, woodland, and farmlands to arrive in Pench before sunset. We were greeted at the lodge and led to our rooms. We prepared the checklist in the evening after a short walk inside the lodge for birds, butterflies, and spiders, followed by a sumptuous dinner at Tuli Tiger Corridor resort.

Day 6

Monday 13th March

Our day began with a 5.00 wake-up call, followed by a hot cup of tea and coffee. We arrived at the gate and were assigned routes. The morning began with a handsome male Gaur approaching us through the beautiful teak wood patch. A single Openbill Stork stood motionless on the tree. As we drove ahead, another vehicle informed us of a Tiger sighting on a parallel road. There she was as we drove! Patdev female and her three cubs, one of whom has a limping leg and minor bruises on the body. She crossed the road, scent marked her territory, and then vanished into the bushes. Our driver took us to a pond since he knew exactly where she was going to come out.

Yes, she was there! She walked out of the pond, followed by two cubs. The third, the injured one, was terrified. He was on the opposite side of the water. He began calling out for his mother. She returned, stood there, and crossed the river with all three of them.



Tigress – Patdev and her cub by John Loader

We saw the family walking along the roadside and disappearing into the Pench hills in the evening. Following that, we witnessed an incredible sighting of an Indian Leopard, first sitting on a rock and then walking through the woods.

Day 7

Tuesday 14th March

Even before entering the park, our last safari began with an amazing sighting of a Golden Jackal walking on the road. One vehicle got a good look at a Leopard and four Wild Dogs. We had a wonderful morning watching Malabar Pied Hornbills, Osprey, Indian Vultures, Pied Kingfishers, and many other birds. Before leaving the park, we saw a large herd of Gaur and Nilgai.

Back at the lodge, we quickly freshened up, ate a hot lunch, and set out for Satpura. It had been an eight-hour drive. We drove through farmlands, teak wood plantations, Pachmari Hills, Sal Forest, and a couple of small towns before arriving at the Reni Pani Jungle Lodge around 20.30. We called it a day after a lovely dinner under a Neem tree.



Leopard by Alan Evans

Day 8

Wednesday 15th March

The sky in Satpura appeared to be overcast. A few Spotted Deer and Sambar Deer were spotted. We saw an elegant Indian Giant Squirrel - the mascot of Satpura Tiger Reserve, feeding on red silk cotton flowers halfway through our morning drive. It was such a lovely moment when she would hop a little to get the flower, put the flower in her mouth, find a comfortable spot on a leafless tree, and suck the nectar from the flowers. In addition, we found a Greater Painted Snipe, Painted Stork, Common Greenshank, River Lapwing, and a baby Marsh Crocodile in a pond. Before returning to the lodge, we were able to see a Bar-headed Goose feeding on the riverbank.

We went for a night drive in the evening. The weather changed dramatically as we approached the park. One vehicle caught a brief glimpse of a Sloth Bear and its cub. Moving on, we were anticipating the arrival of a Tiger family consisting of a male, female, and two cubs. However, thunderclaps began, and the weather began to deteriorate. We needed to get to the lodge right away. It began to rain heavily as soon as we arrived at the lodge.

We had dinner and went to bed.

Day 9

Thursday 16th March

The following morning was still cloudy. Another Indian Giant Squirrel was spotted. However, the forest was strangely silent. We ate our breakfast on a large boulder at the Lagda viewpoint. It was a tranquil setting. We saw Grey-headed Fish Eagles, Crocodiles, White-browed Wagtails, Pied Kingfishers, Little Terns, River Terns, and

many other birds. We had the best sighting of one of the most elusive owls of central India – Dusky Eagle Owl. Not one individual but a pair!

It rained again in the evening. We saw elusive leucistic Gaurs, Sambar Deer, Spotted Deer, Mottled Wood Owls, Jungle Owlets, Stork-billed Kingfishers, Large Cuckoo Shrikes, and many more. We spent a lot of time watching Langurs do monkey business.

Day 10

Friday 17th March

Finally, on our last safari in Satpura, we got to see some action. An Indian Hare crossed the road on the way to the park. We saw a Leopard with a Langur kill shortly after entering the park. He emerged from the shadows, ate the kill, and sat in the sun for a while. As we continued on, we came across another Leopard walking in a dry stream. We also saw herbivores such as Spotted Deer, Sambar, Wild Boar, Nilgai and others.

We went on a boat safari in the evening. The boat ride in the Denwa river took about an hour. We saw a large roosting colony of River Terns, a fishing colony of Little Terns, a Great Thick-knee, Pied Kingfisher - both male and female Common Kingfisher, Wild Boar, a Peacock dancing, a large herd of Gaurs, and many other animals. Overall, it was a fascinating experience.



Leopard by Alan Evans

Day 11

Saturday 18th March

We got out of bed a little later than usual. We met at Reni Pani's reception at 7.00 for our walk. We took an hour walk around the property and saw Oriental Magpie Robin, Golden Oriole, Black-hooded Oriole, Indian Grey Hornbills, Common Iora, Small Minivet, Jordon's Leafbird, and many others. After the walk, we packed our luggage, ate breakfast, said our goodbyes to Mr. and Mrs. Evans (who were wrapping up the tour in Bhopal), and left for Kanha with a packed lunch.

It was a nearly 10-hour drive through rain and traffic. We arrived at the lodge - Singinawa in Kanha around 18.00. The lodge had provided us with a lovely perch consisting of four rooms, a common living room, and a courtyard. We had a private villa to ourselves. This is where we had our first plate of chips (the best part of the lodge) and where we ensured we ate them at every meal. We ate dinner and discussed about our plans for the next day before calling it a night.

Day 12

Sunday 19th March

On our first safari in Kanha, on a bright sunny day, we saw a male Tiger - Neela Nala walking through the woods. There was a wound on his front limb that looked like an antler mark; perhaps from the hunt. The Mahouts followed him with two Elephants to inspect his health, but instead Neela Nala disappeared and never returned. On the way back to the lodge, one vehicle saw another subadult male cub of Choti Mada chilling on the rock.

The weather suddenly changed in the afternoon and it began to rain, followed by a hailstorm. We had to return to the lodge early. We spent the evening talking. We prepared a checklist, ate lunch, and called it a day.

Day 13

Monday 20th March

Today we went for a morning drive in Kanha zone. It was a great time looking for birds like Malabar Pied Hornbills, Common Stonechat, Indian Vultures, White-rumped Vultures, Cotton Pygmy Goose, and many more in the vast grasslands and large water bodies. We saw Neelam Tigress, the queen of Kanha meadows, resting under the Jamun tree after breakfast. We were returning to Mukki zone when we noticed a few old Tiger pug marks. As we were looking at them, DJ appeared from the Lantana thickets, only 10 feet away from us. She came onto the road as we were driving ahead. She wasn't alone; she had three cubs with her. They walked for a half mile before disappearing.



DJ with cubs by Debbie Troy

We began our safari in the evening, with the intention of looking for the same female with cubs. We saw a male T-46 rush into thickets and rest peacefully within an hour. We went to an area where the cubs were, knowing he wasn't going to wake up anytime soon. But there was no sign of them. We had entered the territory of the other females. And, without pugmarks and alarm calls; they were right there! MV3 is a female with two boisterous subadult cubs. We watched them for about 45 minutes before other vehicles appeared.

It was, indeed, a baby's day out!

Day 14

Tuesday 21st March

Both boys were hiding in the bushes in the morning. We were able to see them through a gap. We left them after spending some time with them to explore other parts of the zone. While we were admiring the owls, three DJ cubs darted across the road. It was a 10-second sighting where everyone saw the cubs but couldn't take pictures. We went to the other road to find the cubs after receiving information about a male being seen. We rushed there, but he had already crossed the track. We hurried to the parallel road. After a few minutes of waiting and some Cheetal alarm calls, a massive male Tiger named Neela Nala crossed the road. He is such a huge hulk that getting him in one frame was a challenge!

The afternoon drive began with a light drizzle. We came across a big herd of Barasingha. We could see a few White-eyed Buzzards, Indian Rollers, Yellow-throated Sparrows, and other birds. While leaving the park, two brothers decided to demonstrate some brotherly behaviour by crossing the road and spending some time together.

And with that, it was the end of our last safari of the tour.

Day 15

Wednesday 22nd March

On our last day, we went for a morning walk along the Kanhar River. We saw a few birds, including a Black-hooded Oriole, Indian Roller, Indian Grey Hornbill, Common Iora, Oriental Magpie Robin and others. The naturalist shared some fascinating tales about native trees. We discovered the tracks of mongooses, civets, and Northern Plains Langurs. We completed the final checklist together after the walk, had lunch, and then drove to Nagpur.

We arrived at the Radisson Blu in Nagpur around 20:00. We rested for a while after our farewell dinner.

Day 16

Thursday 23rd March

We began our journey to the airport around midnight. We flew to Doha after clearing immigration and check-in.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	March 2023													
		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>						✓	✓	✓	✓					
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓	✓			✓					
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>												✓	✓	
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>					✓									
Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>			✓											
Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓	✓	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>					✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>						✓								
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		✓				✓								
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓					
Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	✓													
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>		✓												
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓		✓					✓					
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>		✓	✓											
Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>								✓						
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓			
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>					✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	

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Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					✓				✓	✓					
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓							
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						✓			✓						
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓			
Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>						✓						✓	✓		
Indian (Long-billed) Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>						✓						✓	✓		
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>											✓	✓	✓		
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>		✓				✓		✓					✓		
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>									✓						
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		
Brown Crake	<i>Amauornis akool</i>			✓												
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>					✓										
Great Stone-curlew (Thick-knee)	<i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i>	✓								✓						
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>							✓	✓	✓						
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>												✓	✓		
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓			✓			✓						
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>							✓	✓	✓						
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓													
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓	✓			✓						✓	✓		
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					✓										
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>									✓						
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>												✓	✓		
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓		✓	✓			✓			✓	✓		
Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>			✓						✓						
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>						✓			✓						

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Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>								✓	✓						
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>	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>															
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	
Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>															
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>			✓		✓						H	✓	✓	H	
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>						✓						✓	✓		
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>		✓									✓				
Dusky Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>								✓							
Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓							
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>							✓		✓			✓	✓		
Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>										H					
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>						✓			✓		H				
Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>		H					✓	✓							
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarpis melba</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>	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>			✓			✓			✓						
Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		
Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>						✓						✓	✓		
Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanica</i>					✓	✓		H	H		✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephala</i>	H				✓								✓	✓
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>		✓	✓			✓							✓	
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>						✓	✓							
Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>												✓	✓	
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>						✓						✓	✓	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>						✓				✓		✓	✓	
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Large Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis virgatus</i>													✓	
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>			✓					✓					✓	
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
White-bellied Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus erythropygius</i>						✓								
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>							✓					✓		
Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>								✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>											✓	✓		
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>			✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>											✓			
Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>												✓	✓	✓
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>			✓	✓		✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>		✓			✓					✓		✓		
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>												✓		
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>		✓		✓			✓			✓				
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓							✓	
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>									✓					

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Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>								✓					✓	
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>								✓						
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>						✓								
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓													
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				
Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>												✓		
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓						✓	✓				✓	✓	
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>		✓												
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>												✓	✓	
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>		✓	✓			✓						✓		
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>							✓		✓					
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>										✓				
Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>							✓							
Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>						✓			✓	✓				
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>								?	?					
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>		✓			✓	✓				✓		✓		
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	✓	✓	✓						✓			✓	✓	
Tickell's Thrush	<i>Turdus unicolor</i>									✓					
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	✓		✓	✓										
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓								
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>			✓	✓		✓								
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>											✓	✓		
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>						✓						✓		
Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>										✓		✓	✓	
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>		✓					✓		✓					
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>													✓	
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>		✓												

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Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Purple rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>	✓	✓		✓										
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Indian Silverbill (White-throated)	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>			✓											
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	✓	✓												
Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	✓													
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>						✓								
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>			✓			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>			✓											

Mammals

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Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓					
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
'Northern Plains' Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓				✓	✓	
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>	✓			✓		✓								
Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>				✓										
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>						✓								
Indian Fulvous Fruit Bat	<i>Rousettus leschenaultii</i>					✓								✓	
Indian Tree Shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>			✓											
Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>				✓										
Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>			✓			✓	✓		✓					
Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓					

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		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>							✓	✓	✓					
Gaur (Indian Bison)	<i>Bos guarus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>											✓	✓	✓	
Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	✓	✓	✓									✓	✓	
Black Buck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>							✓					✓		
Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Common Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

Reptiles & Amphibians

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		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>				✓	✓	✓								
Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>												✓		
Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Forest Calotes	<i>Calotes rouxi</i>			✓											
House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus or Gehyra etc sp</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Indian Bullfrog	<i>Hoplobatrachus tigerinus</i>				✓	✓					✓		✓	✓	✓
Indian Skitter Frog	<i>Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Tree Frog	<i>Polypedates maculatus</i>						✓	✓		✓					
Indian Softshell turtle	<i>Nilssonia gangetica</i>	✓								✓					
Bengal Monitor Lizard	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	✓													
Indian forest skink	<i>Sphenomorphus indicus</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Checkered keelback	<i>Xenochorophis piscator</i>				✓										
Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>							✓					✓	✓	✓

Invertebrates

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Common name	Scientific name	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Funnel webbed spiders	<i>Agelenidae Sp.</i>	✓	✓													
Carpenter bee	<i>Xylocopa latipes</i>	✓				✓										
Bee hives		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tawny coaster butterfly	<i>Acraea terpsicore</i>	✓														
Plain Tiger butterfly	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓									
Striped Tiger butterfly	<i>Danaus genutia</i>	✓						✓	✓							
Common crow butterfly	<i>Euploea core</i>	✓														
Blue Tiger butterfly	<i>Tirumala limniace</i>		✓													
Crimson Rose butterfly	<i>Pachliopta hector</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓									
Common Lime butterfly	<i>Papilio demoleus</i>		✓	✓						✓						
Common Mormon butterfly	<i>Papilio polytes</i>		✓	✓	✓											
Common Emmigrant butterfly	<i>Catopsilia pomona</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓									
Common Rose butterfly	<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Common Grass Yellow butterfly	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>			✓					✓							
Cyclosa spider	<i>Cyclosa Sp.</i>				✓											
Blue Mormon butterfly	<i>Papilio polymnestor</i>				✓		✓									
Common sailor butterfly	<i>Neptis hylas</i>				✓	✓						✓				
Bamboo Tree Brown butterfly	<i>Lethe europa</i>				✓											
Spotless Grass Yellow butterfly	<i>Eurema laeta</i>				✓											
Jumping spider	<i>Salticidae Sp.</i>					✓	✓									
Signature spider	<i>Argiope anasuja</i>					✓	✓									
Tent web spider	<i>Cyrtophora citricola</i>					✓	✓									
Common Jezebel butterfly	<i>Delias eucharis</i>					✓	✓									
Common Pierrot butterfly	<i>Castalius rosimon</i>								✓	✓						
Huntsman spider	<i>Sparassidae</i>									✓						
Cricket	<i>Grylloidae Sp.</i>									✓						
Great Eggfly butterfly	<i>Hypolimnas bolina</i>											✓				
CommonEvening Brown butterfly	<i>Melanitis leda</i>											✓				
Indian Scorpion	<i>Hottentotta tamulus</i>							✓	✓							