

Unknown India – Tadoba & Satpura

Naturetrek Tour Report

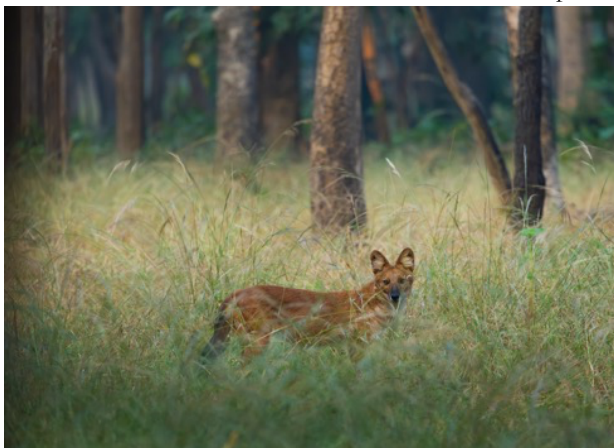
15th – 25th November 2023



Leopard



Royal Bengal Tiger



Indian Wild Dog



Oriental Darters

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Summary

The Unknown India tour proved to be one of the most successful tours of the new season. Spanning across four Tiger reserves of Central India, the tour was an excellent opportunity to explore the region. Key sightings included 9 individual Tigers, 3 Leopards, 7 Sloth Bears, 4 Wild Dogs, 148 species of birds, 22 species of mammals, 13 species of reptiles & amphibians, and 21 species of invertebrates such as spiders, butterflies, and scorpions.

Our first Tiger sighting basically introduced us to the Tiger kingdom. It painted a picture that one can only hang on a wall. Sunset filled the scenery with soft golden light. The backdrop is of tall dry deciduous trees, the foreground is the Jamni lake and walking across the edge are a family of three tigers. The following day we had fleeting glimpses of sloth bears. This was followed by a beautiful scene of male tiger resting, swimming, and peacefully snoozing inside a pool. Amidst all the amazing Tiger sightings, was an uncommon sight. A behaviour which rarely witnessed. Perched atop a mahua tree, was a crested hawk eagle treating itself with what looked like a bullfrog leg. Another unusual sight we had was a lone jackal in the middle of the forest of Tadoba. Even for Swan this was the first time him seeing a Golden jackal on a safari in Tadoba. He was absolutely stunning, curious, and bold. Furthermore, in Pench we had a brilliant sighting of a “leopard on the rocks”, a pack of wild dogs and a tigress with two cubs. The best Tiger sighting of the entire trip surprisingly happened in Satpura.



Male Tiger Dagoba

Day 1

Wednesday 15th November

Overnight flight from the London to Doha.

Day 2

Thursday 16th November

The flight from Doha arrived at Nagpur Airport earlier than scheduled arrival time, which was a welcome surprise. The arrival and checking in to the hotel went very smooth and swift, allowing the group to get a much-needed rest. We all left for Tadoba around 10.00 a.m. for a late breakfast. It was quite a scenic drive through rural India's beautiful landscape. En-route we saw a few birds along the way, like Long-tailed Shrikes, Black-winged Kites, Pied Bush-chats, Shikras, and so on.

On arrival at the Svasara Jungle Lodge, we were greeted by very warm and welcoming staff. A brief orientation was given by the lodge manager and we were guided to our respective rooms. After freshening up and gearing up, we had our lunch and got ready for our first game drive in Tadoba National Park. We entered the park through the Kolara gate. The first animal to greet us was a Wild Boar. The safari kept us engaged with the abundance of wildlife around like Spotted Deer, Sambar, multiple egrets, Grey-headed Swamphens, Jungle Babbler, warblers, sunbirds and dozens of other birds and mammals. As we were enjoying our time in the forest and animals as they passed by, the guide and Swan heard alarm calls of Spotted Deer from across the Jamni lake. And within no time, through the reeds and out by the edge of the lake, an orange streak appears. Two more followed right away. It was the tigress 'Bijli' with two cubs. Tigers sure love to come out when the light is perfect and golden. The sighting, albeit short lived, was grand. It showed us the essence of the Tiger's kingdom, the essence of where it lives. Following this sighting, there was also a fleeting glimpse of a Sloth Bear.

In the evening the group assembled for checklist before dinner.

Day 3

Friday 17th November

The first morning in Tadoba was spent relaxing. It was an amazing birding session with owls like Brown Fish Owl, Mottled Wood Owl and Jungle Owlet, Lesser Adjutants, orioles, a Grey-headed Fish Eagle with a fish kill in its talons, Tricolored Munias and many more birds. The group enjoyed observing some unique bird behaviour as well.

In the afternoon safari, we started out by scouting the area around Jamni lake for Bijli and her cubs. As we were moving from one area to another, Swan started to wonder about vehicles from another gate not being seen in the park. He suspected that something is up, some big game. So, we decided to head straight to that entrance to investigate the scene. And surely enough, there were a couple of trucks parked next to a pond in the middle of a vast expanse of a meadow. Upon reaching, we saw a massive Tiger head floating peacefully in the water. It was the male Tiger 'Chota Matka'. We parked our vehicle in a good position and watched the Tiger enjoying his siesta in the pond. Later, after about an hour, he woke up and decided to go for a walk. He came out of the pond, crossed the road right in front of us before disappearing into the grassland. It was a fantastic experience to watch him swim and just relax in the pool.



Male Tiger Chota Matka in the pool

We left the meadow and explored the forest for some time. We arrived at another watering hole, where Swan spotted a Changeable Hawk-Eagle perched atop a Mahua tree. It was feeding on something which was quite difficult to make out. As it tried pulling a big chunk out of the kill, Swan saw the features and concluded that it was feeding on a bullfrog leg. Looking at the leg it is safe to say that it was once a massive specimen.



Crested Hawk Eagle with bullfrog kill.

Day 4

Saturday 18th November

Day 4 was an exploration day for us. We ventured out into the forest from a different entrance. This part of the Tiger reserve has a very different terrain, being quite flat, and has a lot of undergrowth. Relatively, it is a denser forest. This area at the time is known to be housing five or six Tigers. Early morning, we were chasing alarm calls all over the forest without any luck. At about 9.00am we heard a Sambar sending out very strong distress calls. Judging by the intensity of the call, it had to be for a Tiger and not anything else. We parked our vehicles near a fire line which Tigers generally use as a crossing point. And as soon as we parked, our guide pointed out the Tiger approaching through the woods. A large male Tiger on the move. He crossed the road and disappeared in the bushes without bothering to even look at us.

The group was then relaxed to spend rest of the morning enjoying breakfast in the bush and watching birds. The afternoon safari was a quiet one. Even though we didn't see any big cats, we did see a Sloth Bear hunting for termites. We also enjoyed our time watching Gaur, Nilgai, Sambar and a rather uncommon sight in Tadoba, a Golden Jackal. After a lovely afternoon drive, while driving towards the exit, we were lucky to spot two beautiful Pallid Harriers peacefully fly off into the sunset.

Back at the lodge, we freshened up and regrouped for drinks and checklist.

Day 5

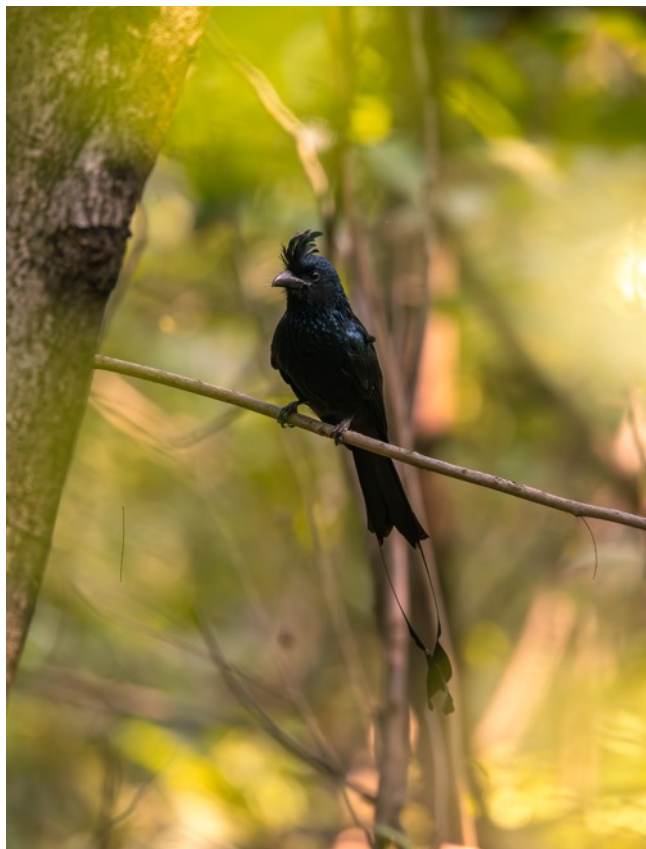
Sunday 19th November

One last drive before driving off to Pench. Perhaps the big game was enjoying their Sunday and decided not to show up. Half of the groups saw a very interesting behavior which is rarely witnessed. True to its name, a Crested Honey Buzzard was seen ripping apart a honeybee comb and feeding on the larvae. Opportunist treepies looked at a chance and joined in eventually. Mark and Louise were able to document this very well.

Back at lodge, we get ready for our journey to Pench. After a sumptuous lunch, we said our thanks to the lodge team for making our stay so comfortable.

After a four-hour drive, we arrived at Tuli Tiger Corridor in Pench. As Swan was getting our room keys, a warm wet towel and a refreshing drink was given to us. After a quick freshening up in the room, we reassembled by the lake for high tea and watching birds as they return to their roosting spots. Black-crowned Night-herons, egrets, White-throated and Common Kingfishers, parakeets, and many more birds were seen as silhouettes against the setting sun, all while we had a cuppa in our hands!

In the evening, we meet at the lounge for the checklist.



Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Day 6

Monday 20th November

After a comfortable night's sleep, we woke at 5 am and geared up for our first drive in Pench. We started off with some excellent activity: lots of alarm calls, fresh pugmarks and some rich birdlife. The group also saw five Golden Jackals. At Pench river, we saw lots of Asian Openbills, Black Ibises, Indian Peafowls, Wood Sandpiper, Woolly-necked Storks and a Marsh Mugger crocodile. After the morning drive, back at the lodge, we photographed a native Checkered Keelback snake resting on a overhanging branch of a Jamun tree.



Checkered Keelback

During the afternoon safari, we came across a parked jeep that was watching a Leopard resting atop a rock boulder. Looking at the small size it was a young male, Swan suggested. We got excited and started to take pictures right away. The light was stunning, and the Leopard was in a clear sight. He was taking short naps, then waking up, grooming himself and back to napping again. Eventually, he caught the attention of some flies and that made him move to a different spot. By this time, there was a horde of vehicles which had gathered to watch the Leopard. Looking at the narrow road and vehicles lining up behind us, Swan suggested we try and watch the Leopard from a different angle and away from all the vehicles. So, we drove further ahead a few meters and found an opening from where we could see the entire body of Leopard as he was resting flat on yet another big boulder. The small window made up of branches and leaves, created a wonderful 'bokeh' effect around the leopard.

Eventually he started to descend and come down to the forest floor. This reposition benefitted us in many ways. Now the Leopard was about to cross the road in front of us, without any vehicles in the backdrop. And he did. Evenings being short, we had utilized most of our time watching the Leopard. We returned to the lodge with big smiles on our faces.



Indian Leopard

Day 7

Tuesday 21st November

Our short yet exciting tour in Pench was about to get even more exciting. As we entered the forest, we stopped to check out a large male Gaur deep inside the woods. The guide and Swan observed that Gaur looked a bit distressed. And as we said this, the Gaur let out a very loud whistling snort, which is basically their alarm call. Out comes a young Tiger, running and disappearing into the woods. Following the alarm call was another one and a big commotion inside the forest. Soon, another Tiger came out running and disappeared in the same bush as the first one. That was tigress 'Patdev' and her cub. After this we saw a lot of birds like Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Black-hooded Oriole, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Large Cuckooshrike, and so on. Later we also saw a pack of four Wild Dogs for nearly an hour.

Post-safari, we had plenty of time to repack, shower and have some lunch before leaving for Satpura's Reni Pani lodge.

Day 8

Wednesday 22nd November

Satpura has always been a magical place to be. The montane forest with vast river snaking through the forest always gives the park a beautiful touch.

Saying that our first game drive in Satpura was 'successful' would be an understatement. Swan and Arvind, the naturalists, took care of the guides and we boarded the ferry that would take us across the river to the core forest. First thing in the early morning we saw was a big herd of Spotted Deer, some Wild Boar and Sambar, and the next thing we know, there is a Tiger walking on the road! We quickly grabbed our cameras and fired straight away. Ours were the only two jeeps for about two minutes, before a couple more joined in. Swan said it was a female. We drove in reverse for nearly 500 meters before she started to sniff the trees and mark territory. This one particular tree seemed to have caught her attention. The tree was at the edge of the road and leaning forwards. This was a perfect tree. She gave it a quick smell test and then she was on her two legs, latched on to the tree and gave it a nice cheek rub. Everyone was just awestruck by what they had just witnessed. Satpura is not known for Tiger sightings and it is quite rare to see one in Satpura, let alone have a wonderful photography session. We concluded our sighting as she went inside the bushes afterwards. All of this happened within just six minutes (which is a lot for a Tiger sighting in Satpura).

After the breathtaking sighting, we decided to head towards the breakfast point. After a delicious and sumptuous breakfast, we saw another uncommon mammal, a Four-horned Antelope, and also a pair of Indian Giant Squirrels, which was on our bucket list.

In the afternoon, we took a drive in a different part of the forest. Here we saw hundreds of Tree Pipits, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Crested Treeswifts and many more birds. As the sun was setting, we drove to the viewpoint to admire the beautiful view of Denwa river and enjoy some sundowner tea.

Later in the evening, Arvind got a news that there was a sighting of Sloth Bears and we decided to drive over there and check that out. It was getting a little dark, but we did see a mother bear with two grown cubs crossing a nullah.

Day 9

Thursday 23rd November

The following morning was even prettier than before. We started with the usual suspects, the deer, the Wild Boar, the Sambar and the Gaurs. Then Swan heard the calls of Malabar Pied Hornbill and we started to chase them. Unfortunately, we only saw them as they flew from a distance.

A little further, and the guide spotted a round black thing inside the forest. Another Sloth Bear! It was one of two cubs that were regular that week. We saw both of them together for nearly an hour before heading off to the breakfast point.

In the afternoon, we went out on a walk inside the core forest. We came across lots of Tiger pugmarks, Leopard pugmarks, and Sloth Bear excavation sites. We also saw lots of butterflies like Commander, Plain Tiger, Common Sailor, Tawny Coaster, Baronet, Blue Tiger etc.

Evening at leisure with checklist.

Day 10

Friday 24th November

Today we spent the entire safari with exploration in mind. However, that did not stop us from finding a big cat or two. We drove up to the top of Satpura Tiger reserve to have a picnic-style breakfast with the view of the entire Tiger reserve. While we were having our breakfast, Swan, Arvind and the guides heard a Tiger's growl from below, in the valley. We decided to leave the breakfast momentarily and go check if we could find the Tiger. No luck with the sighting, but we kept on hearing the Tiger as it gave out mating calls that resonated throughout the forest.



Once we had had our breakfast and come down to the main forest, we tracked Spotted Deer alarm calls. We initially thought the deer got spooked because of the Wild Boar that was foraging near them, but the calls were too intense for a boar. In no time, a Leopard dropped from a tree and ran into the grassland, causing chaos within the deer herd. For a moment we also something in its mouth. The guides said it looked like a Spotted Deer fawn.

The afternoon safari we spent watching birds, Giant Squirrels, Gaur etc.

Day 11

Saturday 25th November

Our last adventure in Satpura was on the waters, with a surreal boat ride on the Denwa river. This was mainly targeted with birds in mind, but we saw some Sloth Bears anyway! Stork-billed, Common, White-throated and Pied Kingfishers, Woolly-necked, Painted and Openbill Storks, River Lapwings, River Terns, Bar-headed Geese and many more birds were seen during this trip.

Back at the lodge, we got ready for checkout. After a quick word of thank you and good byes, we left for our respective destinations to Kanha and Bhopal. En-route to Bhopal we had paid a visit to the ancient caves of Bhimbetka. This was followed by a dinner in Jehan-Numa Palace and then we boarded the flight to Mumbai which would connect us to the flight back home.

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

Common name	Scientific name	November 2023									
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>								✓		
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>								✓	✓	✓
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>						✓				
Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>			✓							
Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>							✓	✓		
Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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>						✓				✓
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	✓	✓	✓							
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓		
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓		✓	✓					✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>		✓	✓	✓						
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>				✓						
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>								✓	✓	
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓		✓			✓		✓	
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>					✓					
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>					✓					
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>							✓	✓	✓	
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>				✓						
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	✓	✓			✓				✓	
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓			
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>							✓			
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>			✓							
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓					✓				

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Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>		✓			✓					
White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>		✓			✓	✓				
Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	✓	✓								
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>									✓	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>									✓	
Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						✓				
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>					✓				✓	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓				
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</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>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>		✓			✓		✓			
Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>									✓	
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>							✓			
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓	✓				
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>		✓		✓						
Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>		✓			✓					
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>		✓	✓			✓		✓		
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>								✓	✓	
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	✓	✓								
Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>								✓		
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓			✓						
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>									✓	✓
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smymensis</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>Ocyroceros birostris</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanica</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓				
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephala</i>									✓	
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>			✓	✓			✓			
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>									✓	
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>							✓			
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	✓									
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>			✓							
Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>					✓				✓	
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		✓	✓							
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</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>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>		✓	✓							
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>							✓	✓		
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</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>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>			✓	✓				✓		
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>			✓							

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Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</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>					✓			✓	✓	
Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>				✓						
Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	✓		✓							
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>		✓								
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>			✓							
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					✓			✓	✓	
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>									✓	
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>									✓	
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>		✓		✓	✓					
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
Tricolored Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓	
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>								✓		

Mammals

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Common name	Scientific name	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	3	✓	✓					✓	H	
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>					✓			✓		
Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>			✓					✓		
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						

Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>								✓		
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓			
Sloth Bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>				✓	✓			✓		
Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>									✓	
Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>		✓								
Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>								✓	✓	
Gaur (Indian Bison)	<i>Bos guarus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Black Buck	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>								✓	✓	
Chousingha (Four-horned Antelope)	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>			✓					✓		
Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

Reptiles & Amphibians

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		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>		✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	
Soft Shell Turtle						✓			✓	✓	
Bronzeback Tree Snake (endemic)	<i>Dendrelaphis sp.</i>									✓	
Water Snake species	<i>Natrix sp</i>				✓	✓					
Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>					✓				✓	
Forest Calotes	<i>Calotes rouxi</i>				✓				✓	✓	
Rock Agama	<i>Psammophilus sp.</i>		✓	✓		✓				✓	
skink sp.									✓	✓	
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>				✓					✓	
Common Toad	<i>Bufo bufo</i>			✓							
Invertebrates											
Stick Insect species										✓	
Giant Wood Spider	<i>Nephila sp.</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Butterflies											
Lime Butterfly			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Plain Tiger			✓				✓			✓	
Common Crow			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	

Common Pierrot						✓			✓	✓	
Grass Yellow			✓			✓	✓				
Tawny Coaster			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Lemon Pansy			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Crimson Rose						✓					
Common Rose			✓	✓	✓	✓					
Grey Pansy			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Common Caerulean			✓	✓							
Common Leopard			✓								
Indian Jezebel			✓			✓			✓	✓	
Commander				✓	✓	✓					
Baronet						✓			✓	✓	
Common Sailor						✓					
Indian Palm Bob								✓			
Wanderer									✓		
Leaf-mimic Katydid				✓							