

The Wildlife of Satpura – Best of Central India (with Kanha extension)

Naturetrek Tour Report

17th - 30th January 2025



Tiger cubs



Sloth Bear



Dhole



Malabar Giant Squirrel

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Tour summary

The wildlife tour began with an unforgettable experience in Satpura, a destination that left everyone in awe of its stunning landscape. The unique aspect of the park is the need to cross the Denwa River to enter, adding a special touch to the journey. The safari in the hilly areas of the Satpura mountain range provided an incredible experience, with rugged terrains and picturesque views enhancing the overall atmosphere.

Right from the entrance, we were fortunate to witness an amazing Tiger sighting within seconds. Throughout our safaris in Satpura, Tigers were consistently close to the gates, offering frequent sightings that left everyone excited. The guests had the rare opportunity to witness exceptional Tiger behaviours, such as scent marking, hunting attempts on deer and Wild Boar, river crossings, and swimming. The playful cubs from the boat were also a sight to behold, adding an extra level of excitement to the experience.

One of the standout moments was observing the Sloth Bear in action, digging for termites and displaying its natural behaviour in the wild. These moments allowed participants to connect with nature in its purest form.

Next, we ventured to Kanha, which was just as spectacular as expected. The crisp, cold mornings and evenings, combined with the breathtaking meadows, created an enchanting atmosphere. The sight of the Barahsingha Deer grazing in the mist-covered meadows during the early mornings was a highlight.

In Kanha, we primarily focused on birdlife, given the remarkable Tiger sightings we had in Satpura. However, Kanha did not disappoint, as its bird population was simply outstanding. Despite the focus on birds, we were lucky enough to have a couple of close Tiger sightings, adding to the excitement. The Wild Dog sighting was another special moment, as we spent quality time alone with the lone Wild Dog, in the company of just our vehicle.

In conclusion, the wildlife tour was a resounding success, with participants leaving with numerous cherished memories and exceptional sightings. The tour culminated with a remarkable tally of:

- 8 individual Tigers
- 5 Sloth Bears
- 1 Wild Dog
- 175+ species of birds

This tour exceeded expectations, providing an extraordinary wildlife experience that will be remembered for years to come.

Day 1

Friday 17th January

Our journey started with a flight from the UK to India.

Day 2

Saturday 18th January

The clients arrived from London via Mumbai at 9.45pm at Bhopal Airport. Omkar received the guests & they were directly transferred to the beautiful Jehan Numa Palace for a night stay. Few guests decided to have dinner while others, after a smooth check-in directly went to sleep.

Day 3

Sunday 19th January

Guests had breakfast at Jehan Numa Palace and left for Satpura National Park at 9.30am. Birding started from the cars as we saw many common birds crows, mynas and vultures. We reached Reni Pani at 12.30pm followed by Lunch.

The day's activities began with a jungle walk in the buffer zone, starting at 3:00pm. During the walk, guests had the opportunity to observe a variety of trees and bird species. The group also came across notable signs of wildlife, including scrape marks left by Tigers and Leopards.

Along the walk, a Marsh Crocodile was spotted, along with a range of birds such as the Common Hawk Cuckoo, herons, Painted Storks, and parakeets.

At 6:45pm, the group returned to the resort, where a checklist was conducted at 7:30pm, ensuring all sightings and observations were recorded.

The day ended with a beautiful candlelit dinner by the poolside. After a fulfilling meal and great conversation, everyone retired for the night at 9:30pm, with lights out to rest for the next day's adventures.

Day 4

Monday 20th January

The day started early with a 6:00am departure from the resort. Within just 100 meters of entering the park, we were lucky enough to encounter two Tigers on the road, stalking a herd of Spotted Deer. For the next two hours, we had an incredible sighting to witness the Tigers' behaviour, as they crossed the road, stalked, and even attempted to chase the deer. The Tigers were a female and her three subadult cubs, well known in the Fireline area.

After breakfast, we returned to the Tigers, who had moved closer to the river. We decided to stay nearby in case they emerged from the water. While we were quietly watching the Tigers, a Sloth Bear unexpectedly appeared, much to the excitement of the group. It was busy foraging for termites right near the jeep. Not long after, another Sloth Bear emerged, making for a truly rare and special moment. However, as time was running out, we had to leave them in the open and head back to the gate. We arrived back at the lodge around 12:00pm and had lunch at 1:00pm.

In the afternoon, at 2:30pm, we set out for a boat safari on the Denwa river. As the Tigers were still in the area, we decided to check on them. While on the boat, we spotted a male cub stalking Wild Boars. The cub approached to within 20 feet but was unsuccessful in its attempt to catch one. It then swam across the water, with another female Tiger following close behind. Soon after, we found the mother and her female cub. Later, two Tigers swam toward the riverbank where the mother was. The three cubs were then seen playing around in the open and even in the water. It was a beautiful sight, and we observed them for a while before they ventured deeper into the jungle.

We then shifted our focus to birdwatching, where we spotted a variety of species, including Painted Storks, Common and White-throated Kingfishers, thick-knees, vultures, Comb Ducks and herons, among others.

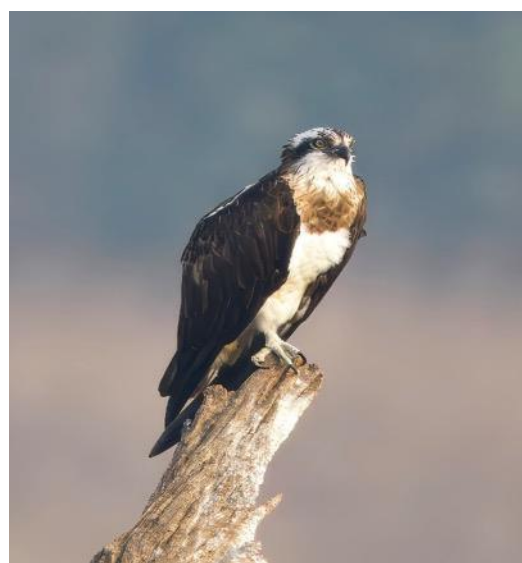
We returned to the lodge at 6:15pm, where a checklist was conducted before guests enjoyed a delightful dinner, reflecting on an exceptional day of wildlife sightings.



Tiger cubs swimming in backwaters of Denwa



Great Egret with fish by Di Bennett



Osprey

Day 5

Tuesday 21st January

The morning safari began at 6:00am. Shortly after entering the park, we found the same three sub-adult Tiger cubs resting peacefully. After enjoying a great view of them, we decided to move forward in search of Leopards and Sloth Bears. As we ventured on, we encountered a herd of Gaur. Continuing on, we heard alarm calls from Spotted Deer, signalling the presence of a predator. Heading in the direction of the calls, we were thrilled to spot a male Tiger on the road, rolling in water. After a minute, he got up and walked directly toward us. His pace was fast, and we could tell he was in a hurry. He came right toward our jeep, passing head-on before moving into the jungle.

We then moved to a parallel road, where we saw the Tiger cross in front of us again, providing a perfect opportunity for photos. However, the Tiger soon returned, walking briskly on the road, almost as if running. It became clear that he was likely fleeing from something—probably another male. The Tiger disappeared into the bushes, and we continued our search. Heading back to the area where the alarm calls had originated, we found a male Tiger's pugmarks leading away from the location, confirming our suspicion that the Tiger we had seen earlier was indeed running from another male.

We had a stunning breakfast at Lagda, perched on the rocks of the mountains with breathtaking views—undoubtedly one of the best breakfast spots in the wild. After enjoying the meal, we exited the area and had a brief glimpse of Tigers resting inside the forest before heading back to the lodge.

In the evening, we focused on tracking the Malabar Giant Squirrel and the bear. We ventured into an area where the bear had last been seen but unfortunately couldn't locate either the bear or the squirrel. However, as we were observing a Racket-tailed Drongo by the riverside, something unexpected happened: a Tiger suddenly emerged from the big river and swam toward us. The excitement was palpable as the Tiger came straight toward our jeep, eventually walking head-on and marking her territory. After following her for about a kilometre, we decided to leave her on the road and give other visitors a chance to watch.

As we continued our journey, we shifted our focus back to tracking the bear and squirrel. Just as we were about to exit, we saw the same female Tiger once again, walking directly toward us, with all the other jeeps following her. She walked a considerable distance, and we noticed the sub-adult cubs nearby. The female then entered a meadow and began stalking Spotted Deer just a few feet away from our jeep. Unfortunately, we had to exit before the hunt unfolded, leaving the Tiger next to the road, continuing her pursuit of the deer.

It was another eventful day with incredible Tiger sightings, and everyone left with unforgettable memories of close encounters with the wild.

Checklist was at 7.30pm followed by a delightful dinner.



Female Tiger stalking

Day 6

Wednesday 22nd January

This morning, we initially noticed Tigers resting in the bushes, but instead of approaching them, we decided to observe from a distance. As we watched carefully, we realized that the cubs had successfully hunted a deer and were feeding on it. The dominant cubs were fiercely guarding the kill, not allowing the other two cubs to share the food. One of the cubs eventually emerged, walking along the road and coming toward us. It began marking its territory, standing tall while scratching at the ground and spraying scent. We also heard the distinct calls of Tigers fighting nearby, adding an extra level of excitement to the moment.

We continued our journey to JhinJhini Mahal Temple, where we enjoyed breakfast surrounded by beautiful wildlife and birds. This temple is situated in the middle of the forest and is still standing tall. The tranquil setting allowed everyone to take in the peaceful surroundings before heading back. While exiting, we had another brief glimpse of a Tiger resting in the bushes.

In the evening, we set off for a night safari in the buffer zone of Satpura. We learned that a Tiger with two small cubs had made a kill of cattle near the gate, and we headed straight to the area. Unfortunately, the Tiger did not emerge, but we were able to observe other nocturnal wildlife. We saw Northern Palm Civet, Indian Hares, Indian Nightjars, which made for an exciting night safari despite not seeing the Tiger up close.

After night safari, guests went straight for dinner and lights out.

Day 7

Thursday 23rd January

Today, we embarked on a full-day safari to Bori-Churna. As soon as we entered, we were treated to an incredible sight: three tigers were stalking a Wild Boar nearby. The view was outstanding, and the Tigers were very close,

offering us an unforgettable experience. After observing them for a while, we decided to move on and headed toward Churna. Unfortunately, there was no significant animal movement in that area, but we were still able to spot some remarkable wildlife.

We encountered several great bird species, including a Indian Scops Owl, Brown Fish Owl, Scarlet Minivet, and a Malabar Giant Squirrel. We also observed Marsh Crocodiles and Indian Flapshell Turtles along the way. As we continued our safari, we saw two Sloth Bears digging for termites—another unique moment that provided excellent views of their natural behaviour.

On our way back, we were lucky enough to spot a Tiger sitting by the river. The Tiger was relaxed, and we got a great look at it in a serene setting. Throughout the day, we also had fantastic sightings of the Malabar Giant Squirrel, which is the mascot of Satpura and always a special highlight.

At the end of the day, we conducted a checklist for the last two days' sightings, ensuring all memorable moments were recorded. The day concluded with a delicious dinner, reflecting on the fantastic wildlife experiences we had enjoyed.

Day 8

Friday 24th January

The morning started with a slightly later boat safari at 7:00am, which allowed everyone an extra hour of rest. Just as we were about to board the vehicle, we heard alarm calls from Spotted Deer on the property. We quickly rushed to check it out, suspecting a Leopard was nearby, but unfortunately, we didn't have any luck in spotting it.

As we made our way towards the river, we enjoyed observing several bird species around the countryside, adding new birds to our checklist. Once on the boat, we headed straight toward where the Tigers had been spotted earlier. We were fortunate to find them relaxing by the river, with two Tigers playfully fighting and one cub lying down. The highlight came when the male cub walked right toward our boat and sat directly in front of us. We spent a good amount of time with the Tigers, capturing numerous photo opportunities.

After this exciting sighting, we moved upstream in search of more bird action. Along the way, we spotted several new species, adding more to our checklist. Breakfast on the boat, right in the middle of the jungle and river, was a truly magical experience. The quiet serenity of the surroundings made it an unforgettable moment for everyone.

We continued our boat safari after breakfast and had some excellent close encounters with crocodiles, providing more fantastic sightings. Birds seen included Stork-billed Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher, Grey Heron, Osprey, Oriental Darter, Lesser Whistling Ducks, Knob-billed Ducks, Cormorants, Ibis, etc

We also saw animals such as Gaurs, Sambar Deer, Spotted Deer, and Wild Boars. Before exiting, we quickly checked on the Tigers, but they were sleeping and didn't offer a good view, so we decided to leave them be.

In the evening, the safari was equally exciting. Upon entering, we saw 2two Tigers sitting right on the road in front of us, with a third one about to join them. After about 10-15 minutes, a few Sambar Deer came close, and one of the female Tigers chased a sambar Deer up the hills, with the male Tiger following the chase. Both Tigers later

stalked the same group of Sambar Deer, but the deer managed to escape, and the male Tiger gave up the pursuit. He then walked back onto the road.

After leaving the Tigers, we continued on the safari, hoping to find other wildlife. The rest of the drive was quiet, with no alarm calls, pugmarks, or other notable activity. However, we did witness an amazing sight of two male Gaurs fighting for mating rights, providing us with some fascinating behaviour to observe.

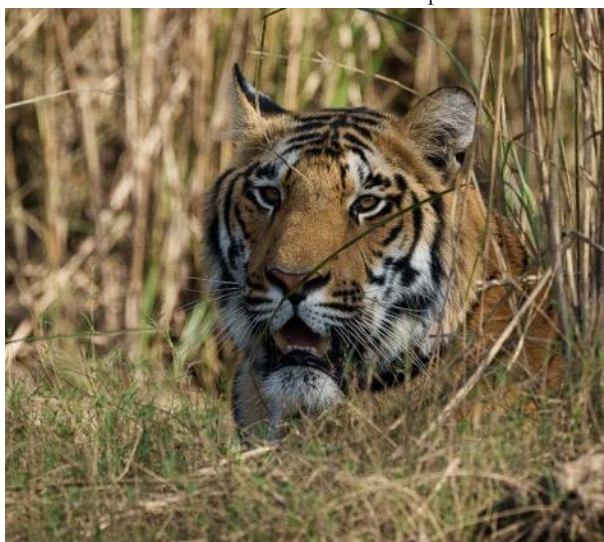
Before exiting, we found the three Tigers resting in the grass, marking the end of another incredible day. We gathered at 7:30pm for a checklist and later enjoyed a delicious dinner, reflecting on the day's memorable moments.



Indian Spot-billed Duck



Comb Duck



Tiger cub from boat



Pied Kingfisher

Day 9

Saturday 25th January

This morning, we began with a birding walk on the property at 7:00am. We had some great sightings as we explored the Reni Pani area and the meadow just outside the property with Omkar. The walk was filled with vibrant birdlife, adding new species to our checklist. After the walk, we enjoyed a hot breakfast in the camp at 8:30am.

At 9:30am, six guests who were extending their stay for Kanha left for their next destination. We said goodbye to the guest who was returning home today.

Meanwhile, the remaining group reached Kanha at 6:00pm, with a packed lunch on the way. The day concluded with a lovely dinner marking the end of a smooth and enjoyable transition for the group.

Kanha extension Day 1

Sunday 26th January

Kanha is held by many to be the most beautiful of central India's National Parks, and it is easy to see why. Wildflowers carpet the vast meadows like delightful tufts of cotton wool, pretty streams criss-cross the verdant greenery like brush strokes on canvas, and a cornucopia of wildlife completes the utopian scene. Today marked our first safari in Kanha, and we had an exciting start. As we entered the park, we learned that a vehicle had spotted a male Tiger earlier. We waited for some time in hopes of seeing him again, but unfortunately, he didn't appear. Instead, we had a great birding session during breakfast, which was a perfect way to enjoy the morning.

After breakfast, we received news of a sighting of a female Tiger. We quickly headed to that location, but by the time we arrived, the female was hidden inside the bush. We decided to wait, and as we were about to turn our jeep, luck was on our side as she emerged from a seasonal stream and walked right next to us! She crossed the road, marked her territory, and then disappeared back into the forest. It was an incredible sighting and an amazing start to our time in Kanha.

In the evening, we had another fantastic birding session around the meadows and large watering holes. As the temperature began to drop, we checked the areas where the Tiger had disappeared earlier in the day, hoping for another big cat sighting. Unfortunately, there was no luck with the Tigers, but just as we were about to exit, we were rewarded with an incredible sighting of a Sloth Bear emerging in the meadow. The bear gave us an unforgettable experience, but we had to leave it in the open as we were running out of time.

We finished the day with a checklist followed by a delightful dinner.

Kanha extension Day 2

Monday 27th January

This morning, we departed after tea and coffee and entered the park at 6:30am. We found a male Tiger's pugmarks, but unfortunately, there was no sighting. As we decided to focus solely on birds, we were rewarded with several exciting birdwatching opportunities. We saw many new species, including snipes, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Tickell's Blue and Verditer Flycatcher, along with other beautiful birds such as Brown Fish Owl, Black Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Crested Honey Buzzard, Cotton Pygmy Goose, and more.

One of the most exciting moments of the morning was spotting a large number of vultures soaring above the meadow. Griffon, Indian, and White-rumped Vultures were all flying in the area, and it was fascinating to see so many of them perched on a tree. An even more unique sighting was one vulture sitting on a large termite mound, a scene that everyone truly enjoyed.

At 2:30pm, we left the lodge and continued our bird-focused safari. We observed more vultures and heard several White-rumped Shamas singing. A particularly memorable highlight was watching the Barahsingha in the water, feeding on wet grass—an incredible scene.

During our safari, one vehicle had a glimpse of a Leopard, and we weren't too far behind, but unfortunately, we missed the Leopard by just a short time. Despite this, all the guests were happy and satisfied, as the focus on birdwatching allowed for an uninterrupted experience without the distraction of other vehicles.

The day concluded with a checklist followed by a tribal dance performance at 7:30 PM, and a delicious dinner to reflect on the day's wildlife experiences.

Kanha extension Day 3

Tuesday 28th January

This morning, we headed out to Kanha Zone for our safari. As we entered, we moved towards the designated zone, and on the way, we heard the roar of a Tiger echoing from deep inside the forest. The sound continued for quite some time, but we decided to push ahead as the call seemed far from the path and deep within the jungle.

We spent some time exploring the Kanha meadows, where we had a wonderful birding session. The grasslands were alive with a variety of species, including prinias, cisticolas, Yellow-eyed Babblers, Brown Shrikes, bee-eaters, pipits, and munias. A particularly stunning sight was a Crested Serpent Eagle perched in the beautiful morning light, giving us excellent views. We were also fortunate to spot the Indian Nuthatch near its nesting site, with both parents feeding the young one—an incredibly rare and beautiful moment for the group.

After a refreshing breakfast, we started making our way back toward the gate, as it was quite a distance. On the way back, we had a stroke of luck and spotted a large male Tiger sitting by the side of the road. This was the same Tiger whose roar we had heard earlier in the morning. The Tiger remained calm for a while, then got up and started walking down the road. It spray-marked and left a scent mark before defecating on the road and disappearing into the forest. It was an excellent sighting and a thrilling experience for everyone.

In the evening, we explored several areas in search of more birds. We were later informed of a Wild Dog sighting by another vehicle, and we made our way straight to the meadow where it had been seen. We were lucky enough to get a close view of the animal sitting near the road. Since other vehicles were busy near a Tiger sighting, we decided to spend a good amount of time with the Wild Dog, as this was a rare sighting for everyone in the group. It was an exciting and unique experience, and everyone was thrilled with the encounter.

Additionally, one of the vehicles had a brief sighting of a Jungle Cat, rounding out a day filled with memorable wildlife moments.



Male Tiger, Kanha

Kanha extension Day 4

Wednesday 29th January

This morning, we met at 7:00am for tea and coffee, before departing for our walk. Our first stop was the tribal museum, where we explored traditional village houses and the farming tools used by the local community. It was a fascinating insight into the culture and history of the area. Next, we visited the beautiful butterfly garden, where we spent some time enjoying the colourful and vibrant butterflies.

We then set off for a bird walk on the property, exploring the meadows, forest, and a small river. It was a successful birding session, with several new species added to our checklist, including the Common Rosefinch, Golden Oriole, Sykes Warbler, and Orange-headed Thrush. The morning was filled with the sounds and sights of the natural world, providing a perfect start to the day.

At 9:15am, we had a hearty breakfast, and after the meal, we had a small surprise for one of the guests who was celebrating her birthday the following day.

After checking out with a packed lunch, we made our way to Nagpur, arriving at the Pride Hotel by 6.00pm. The group gathered for a final dinner together, reflecting on the memorable experiences of the tour. At 7:30pm, the guests were dropped off at the airport, bringing an end to a wonderful trip.



Bengal Sacred Langur

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Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only)

E = Endemic, N = Near endemic		January 2025									
Common name	Scientific name	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Fulvous Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>			✓							
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>		✓								
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>					✓	✓				
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>									✓	✓
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>				✓				✓	✓	✓
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>						✓				
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>								✓		
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>				✓					✓	✓
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>				✓					✓	
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Spurfowl - E	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>				✓				✓	✓	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>								✓	✓	
Grey Junglefowl - E	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>			✓	✓	✓					
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>				✓		✓				
Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>	✓		✓			✓				
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓			✓
Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>					✓	✓				
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</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>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>								✓		
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>				✓						
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>				✓						
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>				✓	✓					
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>				✓				✓	✓	✓
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>		✓				✓				
Eurasian Thick Knee	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>									✓	✓
Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>								✓		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓				
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>		✓				✓				
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucellii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>									✓	✓
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>										✓
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>		✓		✓						✓

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Common name	Scientific name	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>								✓		
Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>										✓
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>								✓		✓
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>						✓				
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>				✓					✓	✓
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>										✓
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>						✓				
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>						✓				
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>								✓		✓
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓	✓								
Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	✓		✓			✓				
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>								✓	✓	✓
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>					✓			✓		
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>								✓		✓
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>						✓				✓
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>								✓		✓
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea coromanda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓				✓				
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						✓				✓
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓								✓
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>									✓	✓
Indian Vulture - N	<i>Gyps indicus</i>	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>									✓	✓
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>								✓		
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>					✓	✓				✓
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>			✓							
Shikra	<i>Tachyspiza badia</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>				✓						
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓						✓			
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>									✓	✓
Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	✓				✓					✓
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>										✓
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>			✓		✓					
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>					✓			✓		✓
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>						✓		✓		✓
Malabar Pied Hornbill - N	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>	✓									
Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓

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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>	✓	✓				✓				
Asian Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>										✓
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>		✓							✓	✓
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>			✓							
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>					✓	✓		✓		
White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</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>			✓		✓		✓			✓
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>				✓					✓	
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>		✓			✓			✓		✓
Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>										✓
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>										✓
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>										✓
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>			✓						✓	✓
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>				✓						
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		✓				✓				
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>									✓	✓
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓						✓			
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>							✓			
Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>			✓	✓						
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>		✓	✓			✓				
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>		✓		✓						
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>						✓				

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Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>			✓			✓			✓	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>										✓
Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>										✓
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							✓			
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>							✓			
Syke's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>										✓
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>									✓	✓
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>			✓							
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>			✓							
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>									✓	✓
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>								✓	✓	✓
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>									✓	
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>		✓					✓			
Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hypertyra</i>				✓						
Indian Scimitar Babbler - E	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>									✓	
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>								✓	✓	
Large Grey Babbler	<i>Argya malcolmi</i>						✓				
Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>										✓
Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>									✓	
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Indian Pied Myna	<i>Gracupica contra</i>			✓			✓				
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>			✓			✓				
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>										✓
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>						✓				✓
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>			✓				✓			
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>										✓
Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>										✓
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>										✓
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>		✓							✓	
Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>				✓		✓			✓	
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>					✓					
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>						✓				
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>						✓				
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>					✓				✓	
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓				✓					
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>				✓		✓	✓			
Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>			✓							
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>									✓	
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>									✓	
Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>									✓	

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Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>									✓	✓
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓				
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>				✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>			✓			✓			✓	
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>									✓	
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>										✓

Other vertebrates

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Mammals											
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Bengal Sacred Langur - E	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>			✓	✓	✓				✓	
Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>				✓	✓					
Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
Northern Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barasingha	<i>Rucervus duvaucelii</i>								✓	✓	✓
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓		
Blackbuck	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>				✓			✓			
Eurasian Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>									✓	
Northern Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>				✓						
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Urva smithii</i>										✓
Dhole	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>									✓	
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>		✓			✓			✓		
Reptiles											
Marsh Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>					✓	✓				✓

Butterflies noted

Common name	Scientific name
Indian Jezebel	<i>Delias eucharis</i>
Tawny Costor	<i>Acraea terpsicore</i>
Striped Tiger	<i>Danaus genutia</i>
Daniad Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas misippus</i>
Common Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>
Common Rose	<i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>
Peacock Pansy	<i>Junonia almana</i>
Chocolate Pansy	<i>Junonia iphita</i>
Pierrot	<i>Castalius</i>
Common Palmfly	<i>Elymnias hypermnestra</i>
Baronet	<i>Euthalia nais</i>