

Rajasthan – Wildlife & History

Naturetrek Tour Report

9th January - 5th February 2025



Hawa Mahal, Jaipur



Tiger, Ranthambore



Leopard, Ranthambore



Black-necked Stork, Bharatpur

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Summary

On this tour, you can experience the perfect blend of heritage and wilderness as you explore Rajasthan's rich history and diverse wildlife. Our journey took us through the royal past of the Pink City, Jaipur, the Blue City and Jodhpur, as well as Rajasthan's wildlife sanctuaries.

We wandered through the majestic Amber Fort, felt the grandeur of the City Palace, and explored the vibrant markets of Jaipur. We enjoyed discovering Jodhpur's cultural heritage and its historical landmarks, soaking in the timeless charm of Rajasthan's regal past.

Beyond the architectural splendour, we embarked upon thrilling safaris in Ranthambhore National Park, Desert National Park, and Jorbeer Conservation Reserve. We tracked the elusive Bengal Tiger in Ranthambhore, witnessed the rare Great Indian Bustard in the arid landscapes of Desert National Park, and marvelled at the impressive gatherings of vultures and raptors in Jorbeer.

From breathtaking forts to untamed landscapes, this was a journey through Rajasthan's most iconic historical and wildlife treasures.

Day 1

Sunday 19th January

Our tour started with an overnight flight to Delhi.

Day 2

Monday 20th January

Delhi - Bikaner

The group arrived on time at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi and was welcomed warmly. We drove 15 minutes to the Pride Plaza Hotel, where we enjoyed a hot breakfast before completing the check-in formalities. In the afternoon, we drove to Sultanpur National Park, where we observed good number of birds such as Booted Eagle, Greenish Warbler, Common Chiffchaff, Black-necked Stork, White-tailed Lapwing, White-throated Kingfisher, Greater Spotted Eagle, Spotted Owlet and Alexandrine Parakeet. After an excellent birding session, we returned to the hotel for dinner. Later, we headed to the railway station to catch our overnight train to Bikaner. Once everyone settled into their seats, we retired for the night.

Day 3

Tuesday 21st January

Bikaner - Gajner

This morning, we woke up in Bikaner, Rajasthan. We transferred to our coach and drove to a hotel for a wash and change, followed by a hot breakfast. Our city tour began with the magnificent Junagarh Fort, with its stunning paintings and carvings. After a delicious lunch, we visited the Camel Research Centre to learn about the different breeds. Nearby, we explored Asia's biggest open landfill site at Jorbeer, a conservation area where the abundance

of vultures and eagles was spectacular. In the evening, we arrived at the Gajner Palace for two nights, where we enjoyed a cultural dance and delightful dinner.

Day 4

Wednesday 22nd January

Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary

We spent the day on morning and afternoon safaris in Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary, a small reserve. The highlight was a rare sighting of a pair of Caracals. Other mammals included Black Buck, Chinkara, Indian Wild Boar, Asiatic Golden Jackal, Indian Hare, and Nilgai. Birding was equally rewarding with sightings of Asian Desert Warbler, Rufous-fronted Prinia, Barn Owl, Coppersmith Barbet, Red-crested Pochard, Eurasian Spoonbill, Tawny Pipit, Common Crane, Little Ringed Plover, Green Sandpiper, Lesser Whitethroat, Booted Eagle and White-throated Kingfisher. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner back at the hotel before heading to our comfortable rooms.

Day 5

Thursday 23rd January

Gajner - Jaisalmer

We began our day with an 8am birding walk around the lodge, spotting highlights like Dalmatian Pelican, Bluethroat, Common Crane, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Black-rumped Flameback and a Greater Spotted Eagle feeding on a Coot. After a delightful stay at Gajner Palace, we checked out and drove two and a half hours to Khichan, where the breathtaking sight of over 18,000 Demoiselle Cranes left us in awe. We truly appreciated the conservation efforts before continuing to Jaisalmer, arriving in the evening. A relaxed dinner concluded the day.

Day 6

Friday 24th January

After breakfast, we set off for a full day of birding in Desert National Park, where we witnessed a stunning sunrise over the sand dunes. Switching to open jeeps, we drove straight to the area where the Great Indian Bustard is most often seen. After some searching, we were rewarded with the incredible sight of 18 Bustards in flight - a record for this Naturetrek tour. Other highlights included Trumpeter Finch, Desert Lark, Tawny Eagle, Lagger Falcon, White-browed Bushchat, Bimaculated Lark, and Cinereous Vulture. We also had excellent views of three Indian Foxes. After an amazing day in the Thar Desert, we returned to the hotel for dinner.

Day 7

Saturday 25th January

Jaisalmer

After breakfast, we visited the Jaisalmer Fort, built over 800 years ago by Maharaja Jaisal with yellow sandstone. The fort impressed us with its intricate carvings and strong, majestic gates. Inside, we explored two beautifully preserved Jain temples and wandered through the charming streets. Later, we admired 200-year-old havelis, showcasing exquisite Hindu craftsmanship. After enjoying a hot lunch and some relaxation at the hotel, we drove to Vyas Chhatra for sunset, where the breathtaking view of Jaisalmer Fort left us in awe. We returned to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 8**Sunday 26th January****Jaisalmer - Rohetgarh**

This morning brought pleasant weather as we checked out after breakfast. Most of the day was spent driving, with a few birding stops. We spotted Little Ringed Plover, Green Sandpiper, Knob-billed Duck, Demoiselle Crane, Indian Silverbill and Egyptian Vulture. Lunch was enjoyed at a local restaurant along the way. We arrived at the Rohetgarh Fort at 4pm, where the staff greeted us warmly. In the evening, we completed our birding checklist before indulging in a delicious dinner. Satisfied with our experiences, we retired to bed, looking forward to the adventures ahead.

Day 9**Monday 27th January****Rohetgarh**

This morning, we enjoyed a jeep safari to the Bishnoi villages, exploring the countryside and visiting a pottery house. During the drive, we stopped for birding and were thrilled to see a Marsh Harrier on a kill, Eurasian Hoopoe, Red Collared Dove, Ruff, Knob-billed Duck, Bluethroat, Pallid and Montagu's Harrier. Later, we saw more than 30 Blackbucks and enjoyed visiting the Priest House for the opium ceremony.

After lunch, we headed to the Kharda Dam, where highlights included a flock of Bar-headed Geese, Common Kingfisher, Shikra, Glossy Ibis, Brahminy and Rosy Starling, and the charming Spotted Owlet. After witnessing a stunning sunset, we returned to the hotel, completed our birding checklist and enjoyed another delightful dinner.

Day 10**Tuesday 28th January****Rohetgarh - Jodhpur**

This morning, under clear skies, we enjoyed a delightful birding session behind our hotel. Highlights included Clamorous Reed Warbler, Common Kingfisher, Tree Pipit, Crested Grebe, Hume's Warbler, Ashy Prinia, Green Sandpiper, Ruff, White-throated Kingfisher, Shikra and Indian Silverbill. After a wonderful stay, we checked out and drove about an hour to Jodhpur. Following lunch, we explored the magnificent Jaswant Thada and the impressive Mehrangarh Fort, marvelling at the breathtaking views of the Blue City. In the evening, we returned to our hotel, completed our checklist and enjoyed dinner before retiring for the night, reflecting on a fantastic day.

Day 11**Wednesday 29th January****Jodhpur - Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore)**

We had an early start, reaching the railway station to catch our 5am train. As we travelled, we enjoyed the scenic countryside while eating our packed breakfast. Upon arriving at the Sawai Madhopur Junction, we were warmly welcomed at our hotel, completed check-in formalities, and had lunch. Excitement built as we embarked on our first safari in the park. The day's highlights included a Leopard, Spotted Deer, Sambhar, Indian Scops Owl, Black

Stork and Plum-headed Parakeet. After an evening checklist session and a delightful dinner, we retired for the night, eager for the adventure ahead.

Day 12

Thursday 30th January

Ranthambore

This morning in Ranthambhore, we had an incredible Tiger sighting. As we entered the park, we followed the fresh pugmarks and were fortunate to track the famous Tigress Riddhi and her sub-adult cub. They rested in the grass before coming down to a stream for a drink, just as the sun rose. Our two jeeps had thrilling views; we captured stunning photographs and spent almost two hours admiring them. Later, we spotted three more Tigers. The afternoon was quieter but scenic, with excellent birding. Highlights included Taiga Flycatcher, Indian Scops Owl, Crested Serpent Eagle, Pied Kingfisher, Common Iora and Small Minivet, all of which added up to a truly memorable day.

Day 13

Friday 31st January

Ranthambore

Today we had both morning and afternoon game drives in the park. In the morning, only one jeep was fortunate enough to see two different Tigers, while the other two jeeps heard numerous warning calls from deer and monkeys but had no big cat sightings. The afternoon brought thrilling encounters: one jeep spotted an elusive Leopard on the road, while another saw two distant Sloth Bears. We also observed a good number of Ruddy Mongoose. Birding highlights included Painted Stork, Brook's Leaf Warbler, and Indian Scops Owl. After completing our checklist, we retired to bed, reflecting on another exciting day.

Day 14

Saturday 1st February

Ranthambore - Jaipur

Today we had our final game drives in Ranthambhore National Park, exploring different zones. It was generally quiet, but as we heard tell-tale warning calls, both our jeeps rushed to track a potential Tiger. We were incredibly fortunate to witness a massive male Tiger descending a hill, crossing the road before us and climbing another. Taking a different route, we found him walking directly towards us, offering breathtaking views and photo opportunities. Our other jeep also spotted a different Tiger elsewhere. Birding highlights included Brown Fish Owl, Stork-billed Kingfisher and Crested Serpent Eagle. After lunch, we drove to Jaipur, arriving in the evening.

Day 15

Sunday 2nd February

Jaipur

Today we explored Jaipur, the Pink City. After breakfast, we visited the stunning Hawa Mahal (Wind Palace) before heading to Amer Palace. This is one of India's most beautiful forts, where we spent two hours admiring its grandeur. En route, we viewed the picturesque Jal Mahal (Water Palace) from a distance, spotting Rosy Pelicans.

After a relaxing lunch at our hotel, we visited the Jantar Mantar Observatory, marvelling at its precision and preservation. Next, we explored the City Palace Museum. After a fantastic day of sightseeing, we returned to our hotel, enjoyed dinner, completed our checklist and retired for the night.

Day 16

Monday 3rd February

Jaipur - Bharatpur

After breakfast, we drove to Bharatpur. First, we went to visit the bird sanctuary where the big heronry held hundreds of Painted Stork, all three species of Cormorant, Asian Openbill, and various herons. We also saw White-eared Bulbul, Spotted Owlet, Greater Spotted Eagle, Steppe Eagle, Indian Grey-headed Swamphen, Black Bittern, Eurasian Spoonbill and Oriental Darter. After a wonderful sunset, we returned to the hotel and completed the checklist, followed by dinner and then bed.

Day 17

Tuesday 4th February

Bharatpur - Delhi via Agra

We had another great morning in Keoladeo National Park. At first light, we saw White-throated Kingfisher, Lesser Pied Kingfisher, Bronzed-winged Jacana, Purple Heron, Grey Heron, Indian Pond Heron, Rufous Treepie, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Jungle Babbler, Common Greenshank, Dusky Eagle Owl and Wire-tailed Swallow. We returned to the hotel and after a hot breakfast, we checked out and drove to Fatehpur Sikri and Agra. We all enjoyed visiting the 16th century sandstone building of Fatehpur Sikri. After lunch in a local restaurant, we went to visit the Taj Mahal, which was spectacular, and we all loved it! While we explored the Taj, we found some great birds in the Yamuna River such as River Tern, Ruddy Shelduck, Wood Sandpiper, Eurasian Spoonbill, and White-throated Kingfisher. After a wonderful sunset at the Taj Mahal, we returned to the coach and drove four hours to Delhi. Upon arrival, we checked in to our last hotel.

Day 18

Wednesday 5th February

After an early morning hot breakfast, we drove ten minutes to the airport to catch our flight back to the UK. It had been a wonderful tour with so many amazing memories of remarkable places and extraordinary wildlife. Rajasthan had captivated us all and we had surely seen the very best of this special province.



Demoiselle Cranes quenching their thirst at Khichan



Great Indian Bustard in flight, Desert National Park



Bishnoi shepherd



Jaswant Thada

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Species lists

Birds

Common name	Scientific name	January – February 2025															
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	✓										✓					
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>								✓							✓	
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓		✓	✓											✓	
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	✓						✓	✓						✓		✓
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓		✓								✓	✓			✓	✓
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>															✓	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	✓		✓	✓					✓						✓	
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				✓											✓	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>			✓												✓	
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓							
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			✓					✓							✓	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	✓		✓	✓												
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Painted Spurfowl - E	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>												✓				
Grey Francolin	<i>Ortygornis pondicerianus</i>				✓	✓						✓	✓	✓			
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>									✓		✓					✓
Great Indian Bustard - E	<i>Ardeotis nigriceps</i>					✓											
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>			✓		✓			✓								
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yellow-eyed Pigeon	<i>Columba eversmanni</i>		✓														
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>		✓						✓						✓		

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Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>											✓	✓	✓			
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>				✓				✓							✓	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	✓							✓	✓					✓	✓	
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓			✓			✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i>				✓				✓								
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>			✓	✓				✓								
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>									✓							
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>												✓				
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>																✓
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	✓														✓	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓		✓		✓	✓								
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>								✓			✓					
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>											✓				✓	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>					✓											
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓							✓
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</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>	✓		✓	✓								✓	✓			✓
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>																✓
Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>														✓		
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓				

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Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>			✓	✓							✓	✓			✓	
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓										✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	✓										✓	✓			✓	
Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>								✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓			
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓							✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>											✓			✓	✓	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>		✓														
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓						✓	
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓						✓	✓
Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>															✓	
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓		✓					✓				✓		✓	✓	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</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>	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>														✓	✓	
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>				✓												
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	✓															
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓						
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>		✓			✓		✓	✓							✓	✓
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>				✓												
Indian Vulture - N	<i>Gyps indicus</i>										✓						
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		✓			✓											

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Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		✓			✓											
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>											✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>							✓		✓							
Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga hastata</i>															✓	
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>	✓			✓											✓	
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	✓		✓												✓	✓
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>		✓	✓		✓											
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>					✓											
Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>		✓													✓	
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>					✓					✓	✓	✓			✓	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>					✓		✓	✓			✓					
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓				✓			✓							✓	
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>								✓			✓					
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>												✓				
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								✓	✓							
Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>		✓	✓													
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	✓				✓			✓			✓	✓			✓	
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>										✓	✓	✓		✓		
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>														✓		
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓		✓			✓								
Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</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>	✓								✓		✓	✓			✓	
Asian Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>			✓													
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>											✓	✓				
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓			✓							✓	✓			✓	

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Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>					✓			✓								
Laggar Falcon	<i>Falco jugger</i>					✓											
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</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>	✓										✓					
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>										✓	✓	✓				
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>			✓							✓	✓	✓				
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>					✓											
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>										✓		✓			✓	
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</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>			✓													
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>										✓	✓	✓				
Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i>					✓											
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>								✓								
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>			✓													
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>								✓								
Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>					✓											
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Grey-throated Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓					
Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>						✓		✓			✓					

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Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>								✓								
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓							✓								
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓						✓	
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>			✓							✓						
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>															✓	
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>															✓	
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	✓										✓	✓		✓	✓	
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓							✓	✓			✓				
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>			✓					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</i>			✓		✓			✓	✓			✓			✓	
Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Curruca nana</i>			✓		✓											
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>												✓				
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>										✓	✓					
Large Grey Babbler	<i>Argya malcolmi</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				
Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Common Babbler	<i>Argya caudata</i>			✓		✓			✓		✓						
Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>										✓				✓	✓	✓
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>										✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Pied Myna	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓							✓	✓					✓	✓	✓
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>								✓		✓						
Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>		✓						✓	✓					✓		
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓		✓						✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>			✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>												✓	✓			
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</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>					✓			✓				✓				
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>					✓							✓				

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Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>					✓											
Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>		✓				✓										
Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>					✓											
Red-tailed Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe chrysopygia</i>					✓											
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>													✓			
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>					✓											
Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>					✓		✓	✓								
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>							✓	✓							✓	
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>					✓											
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓						✓	✓	✓			✓	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					✓				✓	✓	✓		✓			
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>						✓					✓		✓			
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			✓		✓											
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>									✓							
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>					✓											
Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>					✓											
Humes Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>			✓												✓	
Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</i>			✓													
Delicate Prinia	<i>Prinia lepida</i>					✓											
Punjab Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>					✓											
Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>										✓						
Grey-headed lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>															✓	
Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>															✓	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>								✓								
Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>													✓			
Persian Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>					✓											
Brook's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i>													✓			
White-browed Bushchat	<i>Saxicola macrorhynchus</i>					✓											

Other vertebrates

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Mammals																	
Rhesus Macaque	Macaca mulatta	✓									✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Bengal Sacred Langur - E	Semnopithecus entellus										✓	✓	✓	✓			
Indian Hare	Lepus nigricollis			✓							✓						
Northern Palm Squirrel	Funambulus pennantii	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Indian Flying Fox	Pteropus medius										✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
Chital	Axis axis										✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Sambar	Rusa unicolor										✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Blackbuck	Antilope cervicapra			✓					✓								
Deccan Chinkara	Gazella bennettii			✓		✓			✓		✓		✓			✓	
Eurasian Wild Pig	Sus scrofa		✓			✓					✓	✓	✓	✓			
Leopard	Panthera pardus										✓		✓				
Tiger	Panthera tigris											✓	✓	✓			
Ruddy Mongoose	Urva smithii										✓	✓	✓	✓			
Indian Fox	Vulpes bengalensis					✓											
Golden Jackal	Canis aureus			✓													
Sloth Bear	Melursus ursinus												✓				
Caracal	Caracal caracal			✓													
Stripped Hyena	Hyaena hyaena												✓				
Reptiles & Amphibians																	
Marsh Crocodile	Crocodylus palustris											✓	✓	✓			
Indian Softshell Turtle	Nilssonia gangetica	✓										✓	✓			✓	
Bengal Monitor	Varanus bengalensis											✓				✓	
House Gecko	Hemidactylus frenatus										✓						