

Rajasthan - Wildlife & History

Naturetrek Tour Report

5th – 22nd October 2025



Tiger



Indian Cobra



Dusky Eagle-Owl



Leopard

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Day 1

Sunday 5th October

Clients departed London for an overnight flight.

Day 2

Monday 6th October

The guests arrived at Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi at 8.00am. After a quick wash and change at the Pride Plaza Hotel, we began our journey to Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary. The visit offered some wonderful sightings, including Painted Storks, Indian Cormorants, Spotted Owlets, Booted Eagles, Black-rumped Flamebacks, Pallas's Gulls, Black-headed Ibises, Knob-billed Ducks, and Nilgai (Bluebull). Following the excursion, we returned to the hotel for some rest, before proceeding to Delhi railway station to board our train to Bikaner. Once settled on the train, we retired for the night.

Day 3

Tuesday 7th October

We arrived in Bikaner, freshened up, and set out to explore Junagarh Fort. Built in the late sixteenth century by Raja Rai Singh, the fort is one of the few major forts in Rajasthan not built on a hilltop. It showcased a fascinating blend of Rajput, Mughal, and Gujarati architectural styles, with intricately carved balconies, courtyards, and marble temples that reflect Bikaner's royal heritage. Later, we visited the Jorbeer Vulture Conservation Area, where we witnessed hundreds of Egyptian Vultures, along with Lesser Spotted Eagles, Nilgai, Indian Robins, Common Babblers, Isabelline Shrikes and Variable Wheatears. After an exciting birding session, we drove to Gajner Palace, where we relaxed and enjoyed a vibrant cultural programme in the evening.

Day 4

Wednesday 8th October

During the morning safari, we spotted Chinkara, Wild Boar and Nilgai, along with several interesting bird species such as Rufous-fronted Prinia, Desert Wheatear, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, White-eyed Buzzard, and Large Grey Babbler. The highlight of the drive, however, was an incredible sighting of a two-metre-long Indian Cobra near the lake: a truly memorable encounter. On the afternoon safari, we observed graceful Blackbucks and, on our return, were lucky enough to witness two Porcupines crossing the track. The day ended with a wonderful sighting of a large flock of Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse, and Tawny Pipits, rounding off an eventful day in the desert wilderness.

Day 5

Thursday 9th October

This morning, we set out for an early birding session, which turned out to be a rewarding experience. We observed a colony of Indian Flying Foxes, along with Booted Eagles, Spoonbills, Shovelers, Cotton Pygmy Geese, Common Kingfisher, Common and Green Sandpipers, Greenshank, and Spotted Owlets. After breakfast, we began our journey towards Khichan and Jaisalmer. En route, we had excellent raptor sightings, including Bonelli's Eagle, Tawny Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, and a rare White-rumped Vulture, which was a true highlight of the day. We also saw flocks of Rosy Starlings along the way.

Upon reaching Khichan, we enjoyed lunch before heading out to witness the famous Demoiselle Cranes: around 200 individuals had gathered at the roosting site, creating a spectacular sight. As the sun began to set, we continued our drive and arrived in Jaisalmer, the enchanting Golden City, just in time to catch its sandstone glow in the evening light.

Day 6

Friday 10th October

Today, we set out early for a full-day adventure in the Desert National Park. As we began our drive, we came across flocks of Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse and Rosy Starlings, which made a wonderful start to the day. Upon entering the park, the landscape came alive, with sightings of Blue-cheeked Bee-eaters, Desert Wheatears, White-browed Bushchat, Variable Wheatears and Black-crowned Sparrow-Larks. The absolute highlight of the day was an incredible sighting of three Great Indian Bustards (one male and two females); a rare and thrilling experience. Near a small water body, we spotted a Striolated Bunting and a soaring Tawny Eagle. The desert also revealed some fascinating reptiles, including a Snipy-tailed Lizard, and we were lucky to encounter a Desert Fox towards the end of the drive. After an exciting and fulfilling day in the park, we returned to the hotel to rest and unwind.



Great Indian Bustard



Chinkara

Day 7

Saturday 11th October

Today was dedicated to exploring the cultural side of Jaisalmer. We met our local guide, Mr Puri, at the hotel and began the day with a visit to the magnificent Jaisalmer Fort. Walking through its narrow lanes, we witnessed the vibrant life that continued within the fort walls: we saw bustling markets, ancient homes, and centuries-old traditions thriving in harmony. We then explored the beautifully carved Jain temples and the intricate *havelis*, each reflecting the city's rich architectural heritage. In the afternoon, we visited the cremation grounds for sunset, where Anurag shared valuable insights into Hindu cremation rituals and their spiritual significance, making it a truly thought-provoking and memorable experience.

Day 8

Sunday 12th October

We began our journey early this morning, heading towards Jodhpur. En route, we stopped near a wetland for some birdwatching, and were rewarded with wonderful sightings of Common Cranes in flight, along with Kentish Plovers, Ruffs, Marsh and Green Sandpipers, Whiskered and River Terns, and a Marsh Harrier patrolling the area. Upon reaching Jodhpur, we enjoyed lunch before setting out to explore the city. Our tour included the majestic Mehrangarh Fort, offering sweeping views of the Blue City, and the serene Jaswant Thada, where we also spotted

Indian Spot-billed Ducks and a Long-legged Buzzard. After an enriching day of exploration, we returned to the hotel to rest and prepare for our train journey to Ranthambore the following morning.

Day 9

Monday 13th October

We boarded our train in the morning, and along the way, we enjoyed beautiful views of wetlands teeming with birdlife; we spotted Greater and Lesser Flamingoes, River Terns, and Pied Avocets. Upon arriving in Ranthambore, we checked into our hotel and soon headed out for our first safari in the national park. The drive proved to be very rewarding, with sightings of Rufous Treepie, all three species of cormorant, Plum-headed Parakeet, Common Kestrel, White-breasted Waterhe, and an excellent selection of owls, including Dusky Eagle-Owl, Brown Fish Owl and Indian Scops Owl. It was a fantastic start to our Ranthambore experience, setting high expectations for the safaris ahead.

Day 10

Tuesday 14th October

Today, we had two safaris in Ranthambore, both filled with exciting sightings. During the morning safari, we encountered some wonderful birds, including Red-headed Vulture and Black-headed Oriole. While tracking Tiger movements, we were thrilled to spot a cub resting on a hillside, seemingly waiting for its mother to return; it was a truly special moment to witness in the wild. After returning to the lodge for a short rest, we headed out again for our afternoon safari, in a different zone. Though we were on the lookout for another Tiger, luck brought us a different kind of treat: a Sloth Bear with her cub, busily digging into the ground in search of termites. Watching their natural behaviour up close was an unforgettable highlight of the day.

Day 11

Wednesday 15th October

This morning, we set out for our safari in Zone 10. Not long into the drive, we came across fresh Tiger pugmarks and began tracking. During the search, we encountered a male Sloth Bear casually strolling through the forest before crossing a river right in front of us. As we watched him disappear into the woods, alarm calls rang out nearby, leading us to a female Tiger resting gracefully on the rocks. She watched us calmly and gave us ample time for observation and photography: a truly memorable encounter. We also spotted a Pied Kingfisher fishing, along with Black Redstart and Booted Warbler. During the afternoon safari, we explored a different zone, where we saw Red-breasted and Taiga Flycatchers, White-browed Wagtail and Common Chiffchaff, along with Sambar and Nilgai. It was a wonderful day in the park, full of activity and rewarding wildlife moments.

Day 12

Thursday 16th October

This morning, we explored a different zone of Ranthambore, where we enjoyed stunning views of the Ranthambore Fort rising above the forest. The drive offered excellent birding opportunities: we spotted Little Heron, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Asian Openbill, Indian Thick-knee, Small Minivet, and a large colony of Flying Foxes. We were also delighted to come across a Dusky Eagle-Owl perched near one of the park's ancient monuments, blending the beauty of wildlife with Ranthambore's rich history.

For the afternoon safari, we set out with hopes of tracking a Tiger. While waiting, we were treated instead to the sight of a huge male Sloth Bear strolling down the road in search of water. Birdlife continued to impress, with

sightings of Indian Golden Oriole, Brown Fish Owl, Jungle Nightjar and Crested Serpent Eagle, making it another fantastic day in the park.

Day 13

Friday 17th October

Today's highlights included the majestic Dusky Eagle-Owl, the impressive Brown Fish Owl, and the tiny yet charming Indian Scops Owl. We also spotted several other species, including Crested Serpent Eagle, Rufous Treepie, Plum-headed Parakeet, White-throated Kingfisher and Indian Roller, all adding bursts of colour and sound to the forest. Towards the end of the safari, just as we thought the day couldn't get any better, a huge male Leopard appeared and walked gracefully along the road beside our jeep, a breathtaking sight on which to end our visit. After the safari, we checked out and began our journey to Jaipur, reaching the city evening. The evening was spent relaxing and reminiscing about our unforgettable Ranthambore experience.

Day 14

Saturday 18th October

Today was our cultural day in the Pink City, Jaipur. We began by exploring the Palace of the Winds, popularly known as Hawa Mahal. Later, we drove towards the Amber Palace, stopping en route to visit one of the beautiful stepwells. The Amber Palace was truly magnificent, with its intricate carvings, paintings, elegant courtyards, and stunning views of the old city. On our way back, we stopped at the Water Palace (Jal Mahal), where we were delighted to find two Great White Pelicans, Indian Cormorants, and Grey-headed Swamphens, among other species. After lunch, we visited the Jantar Mantar Observatory and the City Palace. The city market was beautifully decorated for the Diwali celebrations, creating a festive atmosphere.

Day 15

Sunday 19th October

After breakfast, we checked out and began our four-hour drive to Bharatpur, or Keoladeo National Park. Upon arrival, we completed check-in formalities and enjoyed a hot lunch before heading into the park, one of Asia's finest birding destinations and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We explored the park in electric rickshaws, spotting many highlights such as Eurasian Hobby, Crested Honey Buzzard, Indian and Greater Spotted Eagles, Pied Kingfisher, Coppersmith Barbet, Clamorous Reed Warbler and Bronze-winged Jacana. We returned to the hotel in the evening and, after dinner, completed our bird checklist for the day.

Day 16

Monday 20th October

We spent two incredible birding sessions today in Keoladeo National Park. In the morning, we covered the central area of the park, while in the afternoon we enjoyed a lovely walk behind Shanti Kutir. Birding highlights included a pair of Sarus Cranes, Sulphur-bellied Warbler, Eurasian Hobby, Black Bittern, Indian and Greater Spotted Eagles, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Pied Kingfisher, Blue-cheeked Bee-eater, Jungle Nightjar and Dusky Eagle-Owl. Mammal sightings were equally rewarding, featuring Asiatic Golden Jackal, Indian Flying Fox, Spotted Deer, Nilgai, and Sambar.

Day 17

Tuesday 21st October

This morning, we started early and visited the nesting colonies, where we were fortunate to observe several pairs of Eurasian Spoonbills, Black-headed Ibises, Asian Openbills, Grey and Purple Herons, Indian Cormorants, Black-crowned Night Herons, and all four species of egret. Later, we recorded additional highlights such as Ferruginous Pochard, Paddyfield Pipit, Yellow Wagtail and Wire-tailed Swallow.

After a hot breakfast, we checked out and drove to Fatehpur Sikri, another World Heritage Site, where we explored its grand Mughal architecture. Following lunch, we visited the spectacular Taj Mahal and even added a few more bird species to our list, including Black-bellied Tern, River Lapwing, and Brown-headed Gull. In the afternoon, we drove to Delhi, arriving late in the evening. After check-in formalities, we retired for the night.

Day 18

Wednesday 22nd October

We checked out at 6.30am with a packed breakfast and drove to Indira Gandhi International Airport for our flights back home.

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Species lists

Birds

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic		October 2025															
Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>			✓					✓	✓		✓				✓	✓
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	✓							✓						✓	✓	✓
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>				✓					✓							
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	✓			✓										✓	✓	
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓						✓								✓	✓
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓		✓											✓		
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓		✓	✓												
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			✓													
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Red Spurfowl - E	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>									✓							
Painted Spurfowl - E	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>									✓							
Grey Francolin	<i>Ortygornis pondicerianus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Jungle Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>												✓		✓	✓	
Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>			✓													
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>		✓														
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Great Indian Bustard - E	<i>Ardeotis nigriceps</i>					✓											
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓								✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>											✓			✓	✓	
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	✓	✓		✓							✓	✓			✓	✓
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>											✓	✓				
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>			✓	✓	✓											
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>															✓	
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>			✓	✓								✓			✓	✓

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Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	✓												✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brown Crake	<i>Zapornia akool</i>								✓	✓								
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Sarus Crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>															✓		
Demoiselle Crane	<i>Grus virgo</i>			✓	✓													
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓								
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>								✓									
Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>								✓									
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>								✓			✓	✓					
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>								✓									
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓														
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>							✓										
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>															✓		
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>														✓	✓		
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			✓	✓									✓				
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					✓		
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>							✓										
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓														
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>								✓									
Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>							✓										
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>							✓	✓									
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>							✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>																✓	
Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>	✓																
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>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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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>Botaurus flavicollis</i>															✓		
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	
Little Heron	<i>Butorides atricapilla</i>								✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Medium Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	✓		✓						✓			✓			✓	✓	
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea coromanda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓							✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</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>			✓	✓					✓			✓			✓		
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>									✓	✓							
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>				✓													
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</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>				✓	✓												
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>				✓													
Shikra	<i>Tachyspiza badia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>			✓	✓									✓		✓		
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>					✓			✓									

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Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>					✓												
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓							✓						✓	✓		
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓			✓			✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		✓	✓	✓							✓						
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>								✓	✓								
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓		✓			✓	✓		
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>								✓	✓		✓	✓					
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>								✓			✓	✓					
Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Ketupa coromanda</i>								✓			✓				✓	✓	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓					
Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>															✓	✓	
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓									
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</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>	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>					✓										✓		
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>															✓		
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>														✓	✓		
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓		✓	✓					✓		✓	✓		✓			
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓			✓		
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</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>										✓	✓						
Indian Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>											✓						
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>									✓								
Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>			✓									✓			✓		

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Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>								✓									
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>								✓			✓						
Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓									
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>															✓		
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</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>								✓		✓	✓	✓					
Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>			✓		✓												
Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i>					✓												
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>											✓						
Indian Bush Lark	<i>Plocealauda erythroptera</i>											✓						
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>								✓									
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</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>									✓			✓	✓				
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>				✓				✓							✓		
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>				✓				✓						✓		✓	
Eastern Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>					✓												
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>												✓					
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>			✓											✓			
Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>															✓		
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>								✓		✓							
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	✓													✓	✓		
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>										✓				✓			
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>															✓		

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Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>															✓		
Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>										✓							
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>					✓												
Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</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>								✓					✓	✓			
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Curruca curruca</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>									✓			✓					
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>					✓												
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>			✓	✓	✓												
Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>					✓			✓					✓			✓	
Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata</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>					✓												

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Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>		✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>								✓								
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>																✓
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓				
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓				✓
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>								✓	✓			✓				
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>					✓											✓
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>			✓	✓	✓											
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>					✓											
Striolated Bunting	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>					✓											

Mammals

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Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>										✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bengal Sacred Langur - E	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>			✓	✓											✓		
Indian Crested Porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>			✓														
Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus medius</i>		✓	✓	✓						✓		✓			✓		
Lesser Mouse-tailed Bat	<i>Rhinopoma hardwickii</i>									✓		✓						
Indian Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus coromandra</i>				✓		✓											
Greater False Vampire Bat	<i>Lyroderma lyra</i>						✓											
Black-bearded Tomb Bat	<i>Taphozous melanopogon</i>							✓										
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>			✓														
Chinkara (Indian Gazelle)	<i>Gazella bennettii</i>			✓	✓	✓						✓						
Eurasian Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>			✓					✓		✓	✓	✓					
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>												✓					
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>									✓	✓							
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Urva smithii</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

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Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Urva edwardsii</i>			✓													
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>														✓	✓	
Red (Desert) Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes pusilla</i>					✓											
Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>									✓	✓	✓					

Amphibians & reptiles

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Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Indian Bullfrog	<i>Hoplobatrachus tigerinus</i>	✓															
Indian Skipper Frog	<i>Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis</i>						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
Indian Toad									✓		✓	✓					
Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Indian Softshell Turtle	<i>Nilssonia gangetica</i>								✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>			✓					✓	✓		✓					
Indian Spiny-tailed Lizard	<i>Saara hardwickii</i>						✓										
Northern House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus flaviviridis</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Oriental Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>								✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Checkered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>			✓													
Indian Cobra	<i>Naja naja</i>			✓													

Butterflies

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Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Common Rose	<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i>						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Common Mormon	<i>Papilio polytes</i>			✓													
Common Lime	<i>Papilio demoleus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓										
Common Jezebel	<i>Delias eucharis</i>												✓				
Yellow Orange-tip	<i>Ixias pyrene</i>										✓	✓					
White Orange-tip	<i>Ixias marianne</i>															✓	
Common Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>		✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Common Immigrant	<i>Catopsilia pomona</i>			✓			✓		✓								
Hedge Blue	<i>Acytolepis puspa</i>									✓							

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Grass Blue	<i>Zizeeria karsandra</i>		✓						✓								
Solar Sapphire	<i>Heliophorus sena</i>			✓	✓												
Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Striped Tiger	<i>Danaus genutia</i>				✓											✓	
Blue Tiger	<i>Tirumala limniace</i>				✓											✓	
Blue Pansy	<i>Junonia orithya</i>									✓							
Lemon Pansy	<i>Junonia lemonias</i>												✓			✓	
Grey Pansy	<i>Junonia atlites</i>														✓	✓	

Other insects

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Common name	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Damselflies & dragonflies																	
Senegal Golden Darlet	<i>Ischnura senegalensis</i>									✓						✓	
Green Marsh Hawk	<i>Orthetrum sabina</i>										✓				✓	✓	✓
Broad Scarlet	<i>Crocothemis erythraea</i>																
Globe Skimmer	<i>Pantala flavescens</i>											✓			✓	✓	
Grasshoppers																	
Painted Grasshoper	<i>Poekilocerus pictus</i>								✓							✓	
Beetles																	
a ground beetle	Carabidae sp.				✓		✓										
a jewel beetle	Buprestidae sp.																
a dung beetle	Scarabaeidae sp.								✓	✓		✓					
Bees & wasps																	
a bumblebee	<i>Bombus</i> sp.						✓		✓								
a paper wasp	Polistinae sp.														✓	✓	
Flies																	
a blue bottle fly	Calliphoridae sp.										✓						