

Naturetrek's Wildlife Festival – Kanha National Park, India

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Tigers

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Summary

The Festival of Wildlife tour across Tadoba, Kanha and Pench unfolded as an incredibly rewarding journey through Central India's most dynamic forest landscapes. With seamless transitions between destinations and a strong rhythm of safaris, the experience combined thrilling wildlife encounters with immersive moments in nature, keeping the group engaged throughout.

Tadoba set the pace early on with remarkable predator activity, delivering multiple Tiger sightings across different age groups, alongside rare and extended Leopard encounters, particularly at a kill site. These were not just fleeting sightings, but rich behavioural moments (stalking, feeding and movement), allowing the group truly to experience the intensity of the forest.

Kanha brought a beautiful contrast, offering a more layered and atmospheric experience. From Barasingha glowing in golden light, to unexpected predator encounters and quiet forest drives filled with birdlife, the park revealed itself slowly. The addition of cultural interactions and thoughtfully curated lodge experiences made this leg especially memorable.

Pench provided a fitting and energetic finale, with dynamic predator action, engaging Dhole sightings and productive wetland birding. Across the entire journey, a total of 205 bird and 39 mammal species was recorded, a testament to the incredible diversity of habitats explored, and the richness of Central India's wildlife.

Pre-tour extension Day 1

Wednesday 18th February

The group departed from London.

Pre-tour extension Day 2

Thursday 19th February

Tour leaders Swan and Shaan received the group and transferred them to the Radisson Blu Hotel, Nagpur. After some rest, the group assembled in the lobby for a short briefing before departing for Tadoba. En route, a stop at a lake turned into a lively birding session, setting the tone for the journey. Blue Rock Thrush, Yellow-throated Sparrow, Northern Pintail, Black Stork, Eurasian Hoopoe, and Rufous-tailed Larks were among the highlights. On arrival at Svasara Jungle Lodge, the group met the resident naturalists and proceeded for lunch. The first safari itself was an exciting start, with a Jungle Cat walking along the road, offering excellent photographic opportunities.

Pre-tour extension Day 3

Friday 20th February

The morning drive towards Moharli proved highly rewarding, with a wonderful sighting of two sub-adult Tiger cubs near Telia Lake, beautifully lit in the morning light. Birdlife added to the experience with Red Junglefowl, Red Spurfowl, Greater Racket-tailed Drongos and orioles. The afternoon brought a dramatic turn of events. A carcass inside the forest revealed a Leopard feeding, soon joined by a smaller individual, likely its cub. Watching this interaction unfold in Tiger territory was truly special. The excitement continued on the return journey, with a sub-

adult male Tiger resting close to the road, followed by another male stalking a herd of Chital. Just before our exit, a Sloth Bear made a brief but memorable appearance, before disappearing into the bushes.

Pre-tour extension Day 4

Saturday 21st February

The morning began with strong alarm calls and fresh tracks, building anticipation until a relaxed male Tiger was found basking in the sun. The sighting was enjoyed exclusively for a while, making it all the more special. Revisiting the previous day's kill site paid off, with both Leopards seen resting on a fallen log, completely at ease. The afternoon slowed down, allowing for a more relaxed pace with enjoyable birding, including a lively mixed feeding party moving through the forest.

Pre-tour extension Day 5 / Main tour Day 1

Sunday 22nd February

At Chauradeo Gate, the morning quickly turned unforgettable. A female Tiger emerged from the forest and crossed the road, followed by her entire litter of cubs, one after the other. It was one of those rare, magical moments that left everyone silent and smiling at the same time. The rest of the morning was spent exploring water bodies, adding several new bird species to the list. Meanwhile, another vehicle was treated to a rare sighting of a Sloth Bear mother with two grown cubs, interacting in daylight. In the afternoon, a female Tiger was seen moving through the forest. Her behaviour suggested she might have been pregnant: an exciting sign for the future of Tadoba.

Main tour clients departed the UK.

Pre-tour extension Day 6 / Main tour Day 2

Monday 23rd February

The morning began with a peaceful walk around the lodge, accompanied by bird calls and soft forest light. Soon after, light rain set in, and the group prepared for the journey to Kanha. The main group arrived in Nagpur around the same time, and both groups reached Kanha by evening. A warm welcome at Kanha Jungle Lodge and a short orientation set the stage for the next leg of the journey.

Day 3

Tuesday 24th February

The first safari in Kanha was action-packed. Across the vehicles, the group sighted a Sloth Bear, Dhole and a Leopard, making for a thrilling start. Birdlife continued to impress, with several new additions. In the afternoon, a few vehicles also managed to sight a Tiger.

Day 4

Wednesday 25th February

A misty morning created perfect conditions for observing Barasingha in beautiful golden light. Despite our following strong alarm calls, the cats chose to stay out of sight, adding to the mystery of the landscape. With the park closed in the afternoon, the group visited a nearby tribal village, followed by a scenic sundowner atop a hillock. As the sun set, a Savanna Nightjar performed its graceful flights, and a pair of Indian Giant Flying Squirrels glided overhead, making it a truly memorable evening.

Day 5**Thursday 26th February**

The morning began with a fascinating sighting of a Golden Jackal feeding on a Chital fawn. At Saunder Lake, a pair of Dhoolas was observed along with a rich variety of waterbirds. Between safaris, a cooking demonstration was held at the lodge. In the afternoon, persistence paid off as tracking efforts led to a sighting of the young female Tiger (DJ-9), emerging quietly from the forest.

Day 6**Friday 27th February**

The morning was dedicated to birding, with several rewarding sightings including Crested Serpent Eagle, Crested Hawk-Eagle and White-rumped Shama, along with a rare Brown Crake. Blackbuck added to the diversity of the landscape. The morning turned out to be one of the highlights, with sightings of female Tiger MV3 with her cubs, along with DJ-9 again. In the evening, the group came together to celebrate Naturetrek's 40th anniversary, marking the occasion with a cake-cutting ceremony and shared memories.

Day 7**Saturday 28th February**

The morning was again spent birding, bringing a fresh set of sightings. Highlights included a few new raptors, along with species such as Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Indian Pitta and Black-hooded Oriole, while a shy Slaty-legged Crake briefly showed itself near the wetlands. The afternoon was spent exploring the forest once again, with our focus shifting to smaller animals and the overall experience of the landscape. Though the big cats remained elusive, the drive rewarded us with a variety of birdlife, including drongos, treepies and a few woodpeckers, while Chital and Bengal Sacred Langurs kept a watchful eye from the edges of the forest. The quiet trails and warm evening light made for a relaxed and enjoyable outing.

Day 8**Sunday 1st March**

The final safari in Kanha was calm, reflective, and deeply enjoyable. Sightings of Gaur, Northern Red Muntjac, Blackbuck and a variety of birds provided a gentle close to this leg of the journey. After brunch, the group split, with some heading to Pench, and others returning to Nagpur.

Post-tour extension Day 1**Sunday 1st March**

We arrived in Pench by evening, which was followed by a relaxed checklist session.

Post-tour Extension Day 2**Monday 2nd March**

The first safari in Pench delivered immediately, with an engaging sighting of a Dhool pack. Their behaviour (marking, communicating, and moving as a unit) was fascinating to observe. A well-hidden Leopard resting on the forest floor added to the morning. In the afternoon, a female Tiger walked confidently along the road, before disappearing into tall grass. This was followed by a striking Leopard sighting on rocks.

Post-tour Extension Day 3

Tuesday 3rd March

A visit to Bodhanala revealed an impressive congregation of Little Grebes, along with a lone Great Crested Grebe and several Red-crested Pochards. The morning continued with sightings of Peregrine Falcon, an Osprey with a kill, and Painted Storks. In the afternoon, the dominant male Tiger 'X-mark' was seen resting by a water body, before he walked alongside the vehicles: it was an unforgettable, close encounter. The day ended on a high with a Mottled Wood Owl and its fledglings.

Post-tour Extension Day 4

Wednesday 4th March

After a relaxed morning and lunch, the group departed for Nagpur, bringing the journey to a close.

Post-tour Extension Day 5

Thursday 5th March

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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic		February 2026												
Common name	Scientific name	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	1	2	3
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>												✓	✓
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>				✓									
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>													✓
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</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>			✓	✓							✓		✓
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Red Spurfowl - E	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Painted Spurfowl - E	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>												✓	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Grey Junglefowl - E	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>			✓	✓									
Grey Francolin	<i>Ortygornis pondicerianus</i>				✓					✓				
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>													✓
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>							✓		✓				
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	✓		✓	✓	H	✓		✓	✓	H	H		
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

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Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>												✓	✓	
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓									
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>			✓	✓	✓						✓			
Brown Crake	<i>Zapornia akool</i>									✓					
Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓	✓	✓									
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Thinornis dubius</i>				✓	✓	✓								
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>					✓									
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>				✓										
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</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>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>					✓									
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>													✓	
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>				✓								✓	✓	
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>			✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>		✓					✓		✓	✓	✓			
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				
Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>							✓	✓	✓				✓	
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>												✓	✓	

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Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</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>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓	
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓		✓	✓								✓	✓	
Jungle Nightjar - N	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>						H			H					
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>			✓											
Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>		H	H				✓							
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓						✓		
White-rumped Spinetail - N	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>						✓								
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>					✓									
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>			✓	✓	✓									
Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>							✓							
Brown Boobook	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>								H						
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>				✓							✓	✓	✓	
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>		✓	H	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Indian Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bengalensis</i>									✓					
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>								✓						
Mottled Wood Owl - E	<i>Strix ocellata</i>			✓										✓	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>													✓	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>								✓		✓	✓			
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>							✓	✓						

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Indian Vulture - N	<i>Gyps indicus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>					✓									
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>							✓							
Shikra	<i>Tachypiza badia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>			✓											
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓				✓						✓			
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	
Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Malabar Pied Hornbill - N	<i>Anthracoeros coronatus</i>							H				✓	✓		
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>						✓			H					
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>									✓					
Asian Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>			H			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	H		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	H	✓	H			✓	H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>												✓		
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>						✓								
White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>			✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>				✓				✓				✓		
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>	✓	✓		✓										
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>													✓	
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-bellied Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus erythropgius</i>							✓						
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓				✓	✓
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Indian Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage melanoptera</i>			✓										
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>		✓		✓				✓	✓		✓		
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>			✓	✓									
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>									✓				
White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>				✓									
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>						✓	✓						
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</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>		✓		✓									
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓								
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>						✓			✓				
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>						✓			✓	✓			
Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>		✓											
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>				✓									

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Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>							✓							
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>					✓	✓		✓						
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓			
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>						✓	✓							
Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>								✓						
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Eastern Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓					
Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>				✓										
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>							✓		✓					
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>				✓		✓		✓		✓	✓			
White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>			✓											
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>									✓					
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>						H	✓				✓			
Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>		✓	✓		✓									
Indian Scimitar Babbler - E	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>						✓								
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>						H	✓				✓			
Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Common Babbler	<i>Argya caudata</i>			✓											
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>						✓			✓	✓				
Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>							✓							
Indian Pied Myna	<i>Gracupica contra</i>						✓	✓			✓				
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				
Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>						✓	✓		✓					
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Indian Blackbird - N	<i>Turdus similimus</i>								✓						
Tickell's Thrush	<i>Turdus unicolor</i>			✓						✓					
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulvicatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									

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Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>				✓		✓							
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>	✓												
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Pachyglossa agilis</i>						✓		✓	✓				
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>				✓									
Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>				✓									
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>								✓			✓		
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</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>							✓						
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓			✓	✓								
Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>									✓				
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	✓	✓			✓			✓					✓
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>					✓								
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>								✓					
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				✓									
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>										✓			

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name	February 2026												
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	1	2	3
Madras Treeshrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>				✓							✓		
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Bengal Sacred Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>											✓		
Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>						✓			✓				
Northern Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	
Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>									✓				
Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓					
Lesser Bandicoot Rat	<i>Bandicota bengalensis</i>			✓										
Indian Pipistrelle	<i>Alionoctula coromandra</i>							✓						
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus medius</i>							✓				✓	✓	✓
Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>		✓		✓		✓				✓			
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dhole	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓							
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	
Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indian Gray Mongoose	<i>Urva edwardsii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓							✓
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Urva smithii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>		✓	✓	✓								✓	✓
Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barasingha	<i>Rucervus duvaucelii</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northern Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Eurasian Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Amphibians & reptiles

Common name	Scientific name	February 2026												
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	1	2	3
Common Indian Tree Frog	<i>Polypedates maculatus</i>		✓				✓							✓
Indian Painted Frog	<i>Uperodon taprobanicus</i>							✓						
Skittering Frog	<i>Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis</i>				✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Marsh Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	✓	✓	✓							✓			
Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>						✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Indian Desert Monitor	<i>Varanus griseus koniecznyi</i>							✓			✓			
Peninsular Rock Agama	<i>Psammophilus dorsalis</i>				✓									
Oriental Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>													✓
Checkered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>											✓	✓	✓