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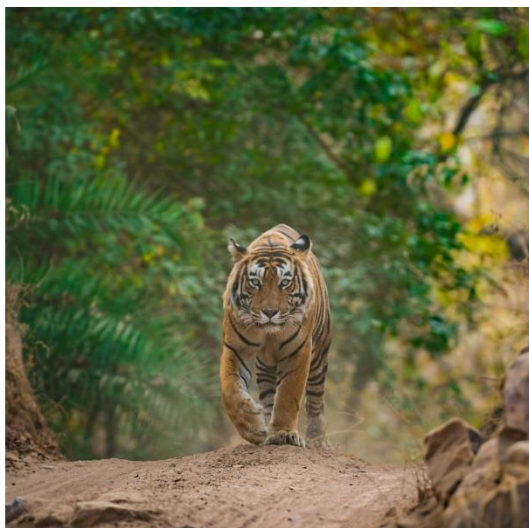


Tour Report

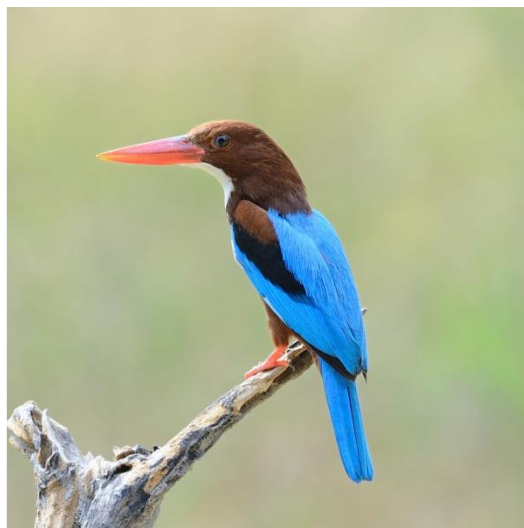
India – Birds & Tigers in Central India

28 November – 14 December 2019

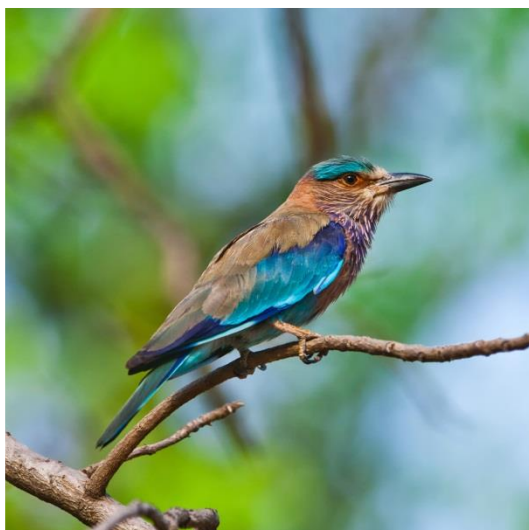
Tiger



White-throated kingfisher



Indian roller



Jungle cat



Tour Leader: Anand Sinha

Day 1: Thursday 28 November 2019

Inflight to Delhi

Day 2: Friday 29 November 2019

Our flight arrived at Delhi airport 20 mins earlier than scheduled and we were welcomed by our tour leader, Anand. After brief introductions we drove to our hotel, the Pullman Aerocity. We checked in at the hotel and, after discussing the plan for the day, we retired to our rooms. After some much needed rest, our group met again at 1pm for lunch. The buffet spread at the Pullman was incredible and suited everyone's taste. Although there was no activity planned for the afternoon in the itinerary, considering the amount of time we had, all of us unanimously decided to visit the Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary. Just 1.5 hours away from the hustle bustle of Delhi, Sultanpur is a birdwatcher's paradise. We were greeted by numerous migratory birds, including greylag goose, garganey, northern shoveler, gadwall, Eurasian wigeon, spot-billed duck, pintail, teal, red-crested pochard, black-necked stork, sarus crane, spoonbill, marsh harrier, Indian and greater spotted eagles, white-tailed lapwing, orange-headed thrush and many more. Our first mammals – bluebull antelope and three-striped palm squirrel – were also seen. We returned to the hotel for dinner and, after discussing the next day's plan, we called it a night.

Day 3: Saturday 30 November 2019

After breakfast at the hotel, we drove to the town of Bharatpur. On the way we drove through beautiful countryside and spotted common birds such as red-wattled lapwings, Indian roller, black-winged kite, bank myna, common myna and so on. Upon reaching Bharatpur, we checked in at Vijay Niwas Palace, then after lunch we left for the Keoladeo National Park. We were to explore the park in two cycle rickshaws. The wetland areas of the park were teeming with ducks and waders. Among the highlights were: little grebe, painted stork, pintail, teals, bar-headed geese, common pochard, black-necked stork, darter, Egyptian vulture, spotted owl, dusky eagle owl, greater spotted eagle, crested serpent eagle, sarus crane, bronze-winged jacana, wood sandpiper, Eurasian hobby and white-eared bulbul. Bharatpur, although a bird sanctuary, is also known for some lesser mammals: Rhesus macaque, common mongoose, golden jackal, sambhar, spotted deer, blue bull and wild boar were spotted in the park. Back at the hotel we completed our checklist, had dinner and after the briefing for the following day, we retired for the night.

Day 4: Sunday 1 December 2019

In the morning we woke up to a beautiful sunny day. We had breakfast at our hotel in Bharatpur and then drove to the Chambal Safari Lodge. Upon arrival, we checked in and were briefed about the property. It is a beautiful heritage camp set right in the middle of farmland that acts as an oasis and attracts myriad bird and animal life. Our lunch was taken in a beautiful setting in the camp's garden. After lunch we left for our first safari on the Chambal River. Within minutes of leaving the jetty on the motor boat we spotted a jungle cat on the shore – our first wild cat of the trip! It was obliging enough let us watch as it hunted some small rodent. We managed to take several shots as well. As we continued upstream we came across our first gharials which were basking alongside some marsh crocodiles. Even the dominant male of the stretch was out on the bank basking. He seemed to be very shy though and slithered back in the water upon our approaching. We searched for Gangetic dolphins as well, but they were not active in the area. Birds such as lesser whistling duck, bar-headed geese, spot-billed duck, great crested grebe, painted stork, great cormorant, Egyptian vulture, black-winged kite, Bonelli's eagle, common coot, Kentish plover, Temminck's stint, black-bellied tern, pied kingfisher, common kestrel, crested lark, greater short-toed lark, sand martin and blue rock thrush were spotted and several photographed. We were even surprised by a sambar deer on the banks of the river. These are present, but not seen often in the riverine habitat.

Day 5: Monday 2 December 2019

After breakfast at the camp we left for the blackbuck safari in two jeeps. On the way we stopped for birds such as red-headed buntings, black-breasted weaver, baya weaver and scaly-breasted munia amongst others. The area where the blackbucks are seen is not a reserve or a protected area, instead it's private farmlands. However, the farmers are very tolerant and are at peace with the antelopes as long as they stay away from their crops. We found two big herds of them – one was a breeding herd with a dominant ram and his harem of females and the other herd was a bachelor herd with young males honing their fighting skills. They were a beautiful sight and we took several lovely shots. At the blackbuck site birds such as Eurasian wryneck, yellow-crowned woodpecker, purple sunbird, bay-backed shrike and long-tailed shrike were spotted. We even saw a bold common mongoose in the fields. At another location ashy crowned sparrow lark, Hume's short-toed lark and tawny pipit were spotted.

In the afternoon, after a sumptuous lunch in the camp's garden, we left for another boat safari in Chambal. We spotted the usual mugger crocodiles, gharials, the dominant male gharial (which was bolder today), Indian tent turtle and flap-shelled turtle. We even spotted two golden jackals which were very active on the river bank. On reaching the Bonelli's eagle nest site, we got down from the boat and approached it on foot, with the result that we managed to get some stunning close-ups of the eagle.

Back at the lodge we completed our checklist, had dinner and then went for a night walk. After a strenuous search we spotted an Asian palm civet tucked away in a tree and managed some good photographs.

Day 6: Tuesday 3 December 2019

The morning started with breakfast at the camp and then we left for an area of wetland where we would search for sarus cranes, at what is their largest breeding ground. On the way we spotted a fresh road kill of a striped hyena. It was sad to see such a beautiful animal dead on the road. We also spotted more than 50 individual sarus cranes in different locations, including views of several cranes doing their mating ritual. Other birds spotted were black necked stork, black-necked ibis, woolly-necked stork, white-tailed lapwing, greater spotted eagle, long-legged buzzard, bluethroat, red avadavat, black-breasted weaver, paddy field pipit, tawny pipit, rosy pipit, red-headed bunting, red-breasted flycatcher and pied bush chat. While we were watching one of the flocks of the sarus cranes, we came across a jungle cat walking slowly in the grass. As the birds spotted it and started mobbing, the cat ran into the tall grass and disappeared.

After lunch we did a walk around the camp itself and several resident birds were spotted. A pair of golden jackals and a herd of bluebull were also seen.

After completing our checklist and dinner, our resident camp naturalist came to inform us about an owl that he had heard a few minutes previously. We went to have a look and it turned out to be a brown hawk owl – a good find to finish a very productive day.

Day 7: Wednesday 4 December 2019

After breakfast at the Chambal Safari Lodge, we left for the city of Agra – a drive of 1.5 hours. We checked in at our hotel, the Crystal Sarovar Premiere. After lunch we met our local cultural guide and then left for some sightseeing. We started with the majestic 16th century Agra Fort. Both its grandeur and delicate intricate carvings are something that will remain with us forever. The monument was explained expertly to us by our cultural guide. Finishing with the fort it was time for sunset and perfect time to visit the Taj Mahal – one of the architectural wonders of the world, and rightly so. In the golden light of the setting sun it looked magnificent. Back at the hotel we had our dinner and, after the briefing for the next leg of the trip, we retired for the night.

Day 8: Thursday 5 December 2019

After breakfast at the hotel, we drove to the Agra Cantt railway station for our day train to Bhopal. The train arrived on time and after a comfortable journey of about 5 hours, we reached Bhopal. We were received by the local representatives and after lunch we drove to Satpura National Park. It was a complete contrast to what we had seen so far. Lush jungles, rolling mountains and beautiful winding roads took us to Satpura. Upon arrival we were warmly greeted by the Forsyth Lodge's team. The lodge naturalists introduced us to the national park and briefed us about the next few days' plans.

Day 9: Friday 6 December 2019

We started the day with a clear morning sky and slight chill in the air. The first grassland as you enter the park was full of spotted deer, langur and some wild boar. We had heard about a pair of wild dogs in the grassland the previous evening, but they were nowhere to be found in the area. We also saw a good size breeding herd of gaur. At one spot there were fresh tracks of a male leopard on the road. After waiting there for some time we heard some langur alarm calls. We immediately knew that he was in the vicinity. But even after waiting there for 15 minutes, nothing came out. We continued on the drive. After checking some other areas out, we returned to the same area with the leopard tracks. The jungle was silent. Keeping our eyes peeled we were scanning every bit of the ground possible. 'Leopard! Leopard!', exclaimed our guide. Now literally 5 metres away from the jeep, a fine male leopard was crouching on the ground. We had surprised each other. As we fired our cameras, it stood up and dashed into the bushes behind. A close encounter indeed! Towards the end of the drive we found the two wild dogs resting on a big rock at the edge of the grassland.

After lunch we went out for a canoe on the river. It was a beautiful afternoon and we saw birds including woolly-necked stork, pied kingfisher, common woodshrike, bar-headed geese and black-bellied tern, but the surprise find was a Jacobin's cuckoo (unusual at this time of the year).

Day 10: Saturday 7 December 2019

After breakfast, we drove to the central Indian hill station of Pachmarhi. On the way we saw a pair of chinkara gazelles which was a new mammal for the group. The drive to the hills was a beautiful one through winding roads and sal forest. We saw a group of wild boar on the road. Upon arrival we checked into the Golf View Retreat. On our first walk we saw common tailor bird, plain prinia, Indian vultures and racket tailed drongo. On the walk we reached a point with a stunning view of the valley which is also known for peregrine falcons and we saw one of them in action. We also explored three caves with paintings more than 5,000 years old, including scenes and images of hunting, farming, and warriors.

In the afternoon we went to the vulture point area where the birds nest on the protruding ledges, and saw the Indian vultures again. Down in the valley at one spot there were bird alarm calls coming. After waiting and scanning for several minutes, our naturalist exclaimed 'Leopard!', and young leopard came out on the rocks briefly though, unfortunately, went in quickly as well before anyone else could spot it. Other birding highlights included dusky crag martin, Eurasian crag Martin, red-breasted flycatcher, common chiffchaff, greenish warbler and black redstart. We also saw a new mammal, the tree shrew.

Day 11: Sunday 8 December 2019

The day started early and we went to a newly opened area for safaris. This area is a lot greener and lush compared to the other side of Satpura. On the drive we spotted sambar, spotted deer, barking deer, bluebull and Malabar giant squirrel as well as birds such as crested serpent eagle, white-bellied drongo, brown-capped pygmy woodpecker, yellow-footed green pigeon, small minivet, large cuckoo shrike and long-tailed shrike.

In the afternoon we returned to Forsyth Lodge and later went for a safari in the Madhai area of Satpura. While crossing the river to get to the park, we spotted an osprey. The big cat movement this afternoon was limited and there were hardly any fresh tracks, although we did get some very good alarm calls from langur. Judging by the noise it was making, it must have been a leopard, but the cat remained elusive. One of our jeeps also saw an Asian palm civet.

Day 12: Monday 9 December 2019

Today after breakfast we said goodbye to Satpura and drove to Pench National Park. Upon arrival we were welcomed by the team at Jamtara Wilderness Camp, a beautiful luxury tented camp set right in the midst of Pench's buffer jungles. In the afternoon we went for our first drive in the park. The jungle seemed to be very alive. There were several herds of deer grazing in the open grasslands and langur monkeys foraging on the trees. We saw a pair of golden jackals actively patrolling their territory and got some good head-on shots of them as they came trotting towards us. As we continued on the drive, we came to a spot where a few jeeps were parked and a few spotted deer were giving intense alarm calls. After patiently waiting for 15 minutes, we spotted a tigress walking out of the jungle. She was the dominant tigress in the area and a rather famous one for having successfully given birth to the highest recorded number of tiger cubs. The figure stands at 29 so far. She came out on the road and started walking in our direction. We had to reverse for more than a kilometre as she kept coming. She sat down on the road a couple of times as well. We all got some incredible shots. Concerned about something, she was continuously growling. The whole jungle shivered with the reverberating sound of the tiger. It seemed she may have been looking for her cubs who were missing. It was a sighting none of us will ever forget.

Day 13: Tuesday 10 December 2019

The day began early with another morning drive in Pench. We headed straight to the central area of the park in the direction of the tigress that we saw the day before. There were no footprints and no alarm calls to signal any current movement. After checking all the parallel roads in the area, we decided to park in an open area and wait for the jungle to give us a hint. Ten minutes later a sambar honked from the dense bushes on the left, then called a second and then third time. The tigress was out on the road in front of us with one of her cubs. We took some fantastic shots as they walked past our jeep. The cub led in front of its mother. As they disappeared into the thick vegetation, we left the spot. About 30 minutes later, after checking other areas, we returned to the same spot and, to our great surprise, there was the tigress coming out of the bushes again, but this time with all her three cubs. It was an unbelievable moment as they walked parallel to our jeep. After lunch, we returned to the national park. We had a short but good sighting of a leopard. A pair of mottled wood owls were also seen.

Day 14: Wednesday 11 December 2019

After breakfast, we bid adieu to Pench and drove to Tadoba. The drive was an interesting one through corridor forest and beautiful countryside. We arrived and checked in at Svasara Jungle Lodge in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive. It was a bit warm and we decided to check a couple of waterholes where a male and a female tiger had been sighted in the morning. But it was quiet. After watching a few common birds including white-throated kingfisher, red wattled lapwing and green bee-eater, we left the area and went over to the western side of the reserve. Near a perennial stream is a strip of very green jungle with a lot of Arjun and tamarind trees. As we drove in this green belt, one of the jeeps in front of us spotted a sloth bear foraging in the bushes. It was the first bear for the tour and everyone was excited. It was completely relaxed in the presence of the jeeps and, after a while, actually came out in the open. Everyone took some good shots as it dug out termites using its long claws. After spending some 40 minutes with the bear (and only two other jeeps present), we left the spot. At one of the small streams we also saw a small marsh mugger crocodile.

Day 15: Thursday 12 December 2019

After some refreshments, we left for another morning drive in Tadoba. The jungle was very active and we saw a lot of spotted deer, sambar and bluebull. At waterbodies birds such as lesser whistling duck, red-naped ibis, scaly-breasted munia and yellow-footed green pigeons were photographed in good light. We checked a lot of areas for big cat signs but there were none to be found. At one spot we came across a few jeeps watching something. As we went closer we spotted a leopard sitting in the bushes. Not long after we'd seen it the handsome cat stood up and, to our great surprise, started walking in the open. Leopards in India are mostly shy and like to remain hidden. This one obviously was much bolder and had different plans. After taking a few steps towards a big tamarind tree it walked towards our jeep giving us some of the best photo opportunities of the trip. He then crossed the road behind us, just like a tiger would. We spent more than an hour with the leopard in the morning. While we watched the leopard, other jeeps had seen a male tiger near a waterhole. Based on the directions provided, we went off to see if we could find the male tiger. With all the incredible luck that we had on our side, we spotted another tigress sleeping next to the road. After some shots, we left here for the male and found him sitting in the grass next to the waterhole. It was an exciting morning packed with big cats.

After a sumptuous lunch, we returned for another drive in the park and this time we headed straight to the waterhole where we had left the male. He was sleeping out in the open and we spent another 40 minutes watching him flip sides and looking up occasionally to check us out. He finally woke up and walked next to our jeep. Later we also saw the female sitting on the road. Again we got some fabulous shots as she stood up and walked head-on towards us for more than a kilometre. On the way out of the park we bumped into another sloth bear foraging near the road.

Day 16: Friday 13 December 2019

Today after breakfast we thanked the team at Svasara and left for Nagpur airport. Upon arrival we found that the flight was delayed by an hour and thirty minutes. We reached Delhi around 3.30pm and were assisted by the local representative and transferred to our airport hotel, the Pullman Aerocity.

Day 17: Saturday 14 December 2019

In the morning we were again assisted by the local representative and transferred to the Delhi International Airport. We said goodbye to the team. It was a memorable and a very productive trip indeed. Another Travelling Naturalist adventure had come to an end.

Checklist

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	Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15
	BIRDS	AVES															
1	Lesser whistling duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓
2	Bar-headed goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>	✓			✓			✓		✓						
3	Greylag goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓	✓													
4	Comb duck	<i>Sarkidiornis sylvicola</i>	✓					✓									
5	Ruddy shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓						✓		
6	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	✓	✓													
7	Northern shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	✓	✓													
8	Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	✓	✓													
9	Eurasian wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	✓	✓													
10	Indian spot-billed duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓			✓			
11	Northern pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓	✓	✓												
12	Eurasian teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓									
13	Common pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	✓	✓	✓												
14	Grey francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓				✓				✓	
15	Common quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	✓				✓						✓				

16	Red spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>	✓												✓		
17	Red junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	✓												✓		
18	Grey junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	✓										✓				
19	Indian peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓						✓			
21	Great crested grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	✓			✓											
22	Painted stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓	
23	Asian openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓							✓	✓
24	Black stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	✓												✓		
25	Woolly-necked stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	✓					✓			✓						
26	Black-necked stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓									
27	Black-headed ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓									✓
28	Red-naped ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	✓			✓	✓					✓				✓	✓
29	Glossy ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓	✓												
30	Eurasian spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓	✓													
31	Black-crowned night heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓					✓									
32	Indian pond heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Western cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
35	Purple heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓									
36	Great egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	✓

37	Intermediate egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓			✓	✓		
38	Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
39	Little cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
40	Indian cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓✓			✓						✓
41	Great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓		✓	✓					✓						✓
42	Oriental darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓				✓		✓
43	Western osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	✓				✓						✓				
44	Black-winged kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓			✓	
45	Egyptian vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓									
46	Crested honey buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	✓				✓						✓			✓	✓
47	White-rumped vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	✓									✓					
48	Indian vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>	✓								✓	✓			✓		
49	Crested serpent eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	✓		✓								✓	✓	✓		✓
50	Short-toed snake eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	✓														✓
51	Changeable hawk-eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	✓											✓			
52	Indian spotted eagle	<i>Clanga hastata</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓									
53	Greater spotted eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>	✓	✓				✓									
54	Steppe eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	✓					✓									
55	Bonelli's eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	✓			✓	✓										
56	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓	✓													
57	Western marsh harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓									

58	Pallid harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	✓					✓									
59	Black kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
60	Grey-headed fish eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaeus</i>	✓											✓	✓		✓
61	White-eyed buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	✓									✓		✓		✓	✓
62	Long-legged buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	✓				✓	✓									
63	White-breasted waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓		✓			✓	✓
64	Western swampen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓									
65	Common moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
66	Eurasian coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
67	Sarus crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓									
68	Eurasian stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	✓												✓		
69	Great stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	✓			✓	✓										
70	Black-winged stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	
71	Pied avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	✓						✓								
72	River lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	✓			✓	✓						✓				
73	Yellow-wattled lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	✓				✓	✓									
74	Red-wattled lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	White-tailed lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	✓	✓				✓									
76	Little ringed plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	✓			✓											
77	Kentish plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	✓			✓	✓										
78	Greater painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	✓														✓

79	Bronze-winged jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓		✓			✓									
80	Temminck's stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓									
81	Common snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	✓	✓													
82	Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓						✓		
83	Green sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓	✓			✓										✓
84	Common redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓					✓									
85	Marsh sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	✓		✓												
86	Wood sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓		✓			✓									
87	Spotted redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	✓					✓									
88	Common greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓									
89	Black-headed gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	✓			✓											
90	River tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	✓			✓					✓		✓			✓	
91	Black-bellied tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>	✓			✓	✓				✓						
92	Painted sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>	✓						✓	✓							
93	Rock dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
94	Oriental turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	✓					✓									
95	Eurasian collared dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓
96	Spotted dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	✓								✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
97	Laughing dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓									
98	Yellow-footed green pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	✓		✓			✓					✓		✓		✓
99	Greater coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		✓			✓	

100	Jacobin cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	✓								✓						
101	Asian koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	✓						✓								
102	Indian scops owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	✓		✓			✓							✓		
103	Dusky eagle-owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>	✓		✓												
104	Brown fish owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	✓								✓						
105	Mottled wood owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	✓												✓		
106	Jungle owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	✓			✓								✓			
107	Spotted owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	✓		✓			✓									
108	Brown hawk-owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	✓				✓										
109	Savanna nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>	✓									✓					
110	Crested treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	✓								✓		✓				
111	Little swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓								✓					✓	
112	Indian roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
113	Stork-billed kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>				✓											
114	White-throated kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Common kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	✓		✓	✓					✓						
116	Pied kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓						
117	Blue-bearded bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>				✓											
118	Green bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓				✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Eurasian hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓				✓	✓	
120	Indian grey hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	✓					✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

121	Brown-headed barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	✓		✓			✓									
122	Coppersmith barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	✓		✓												
123	Eurasian wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	✓				✓										
124	Brown-capped pygmy woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>	✓									✓					
125	Black-rumped flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
126	Rufous woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>				✓											
127	Common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓				✓								✓		
128	Eurasian hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	✓		✓												
129	Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	✓								✓						
130	Plum-headed parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	✓		✓		✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
131	Alexandrine parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	✓			✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
132	Rose-ringed parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
133	Common woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	✓									✓					
134	Small minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	✓									✓					
135	Scarlet minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>	✓							✓							
136	Large cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	✓							✓		✓					
137	Brown shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	✓														✓
138	Isabelline shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	✓					✓									
139	Bay-backed shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>	✓				✓	✓									
140	Long-tailed shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
141	Black-hooded oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	✓								✓			✓			✓

142	Black drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
143	White-bellied drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>	✓										✓		✓		✓
144	Greater racket-tailed drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	✓								✓		✓		✓		
145	White-spotted fantail	<i>Rhipidura albogularis</i>	✓								✓						
146	White-browed fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	✓								✓		✓				✓
147	Black-naped monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	✓													✓	
148	Indian paradise flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	✓			✓							✓				
149	Rufous treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
150	House crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					
151	Indian jungle crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
152	Grey-headed canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	✓					✓			✓		✓				
153	Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓								✓		✓				✓
154	Rufous-tailed lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicura</i>	✓													✓	✓
155	Ashy-crowned sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	✓				✓										
156	Indian bush lark	<i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>	✓				✓										
157	Oriental skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	✓			✓		✓									
158	Crested lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	✓			✓		✓									
159	Greater short-toed lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	✓														
160	Bimaculated lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>				✓											
161	Sand lark	<i>Alaudala raytal</i>	✓														
162	Red-whiskered bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	✓										✓				

163	White-eared bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓										
164	Red-vented bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
165	Brown-throated martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>				✓											
166	Sand martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	✓	✓													
167	Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓				✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
168	Wire-tailed swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	✓								✓						
169	Eurasian crag martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	✓									✓					
170	Dusky crag martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓				
171	Red-rumped swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	✓												✓	✓	
172	Hume's leaf warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	✓										✓				
173	Common chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	✓				✓					✓					
174	Whistler's warbler	<i>Phylloscopus whistleri</i>				✓											
175	Greenish warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	✓		✓						✓	✓	✓				✓
176	Paddyfield warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	✓				✓										
177	Blyth's reed warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	✓	✓													
178	Zitting cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	✓					✓									
179	Grey-breasted prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	✓								✓				✓		
180	Jungle prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	✓								✓						
181	Ashy prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓									
182	Plain prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓					✓
183	Common tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓				✓	✓				✓					✓

184	Puff-throated babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>				✓											
185	Large grey babbler	<i>Argya malcolmi</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓									
186	Common babbler	<i>Argya caudata</i>	✓			✓	✓										
187	Jungle babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
188	Yellow-eyed babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>				✓											
189	Indian white-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	✓		✓												
190	Jungle myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>				✓											
191	Bank myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
192	Common myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
193	Pied myna	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓				
194	Brahminy starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	✓		✓		✓					✓	✓				✓
195	Orange-headed thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	✓	✓							✓						
196	Indian robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		
197	Oriental magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓✓	✓
198	Verditer flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>	✓				✓										
199	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	✓				✓	✓									
200	Red-breasted flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	✓		✓			✓			✓	✓					
201	Black redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓		✓	✓						✓	✓	✓		✓	
202	Blue rock thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	✓														
203	Pied bush chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓							✓	✓	✓
204	Isabelline wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>				✓											

205	Desert wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	✓			✓											
206	Brown rock chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>	✓				✓						✓				
207	Purple sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓		✓		✓										
208	House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓				✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	
209	Black-breasted weaver	<i>Ploceus benghalensis</i>	✓				✓	✓									
210	Baya weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>	✓				✓										
211	Red avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	✓					✓									✓
212	Indian silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	✓														✓
213	Scaly-breasted munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	✓				✓										✓
214	Tricolored munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	✓														✓
215	Western yellow wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	✓					✓									
216	Grey wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓		✓		
217	White wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓			✓	✓		✓								
218	White-browed wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	✓				✓				✓				✓		
219	Paddyfield pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	✓					✓					✓				✓
220	Tawny pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	✓				✓										
221	Tree pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	✓				✓										
222	Olive-backed pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	✓					✓									
223	Rosy pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>	✓					✓									
224	Red-headed bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>	✓				✓	✓									

	MAMMALS	MAMMALIA															
1	Royal Bengal tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>												✓	✓		✓
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>				✓					✓				✓		✓
3	Jungle cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>				✓		✓		✓							
4	Rhesus macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	'Northern Plains' grey langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Common mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>			✓		✓										
7	Ruddy mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>														✓	✓
8	Golden jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>			✓		✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	
9	Dhole (Asiatic wild dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>									✓						
10	Sloth bear	<i>Merursus ursinus</i>														✓	✓
11	Smooth-coated otter	<i>Lutra perspicillata</i>				✓											
12	Indian flying fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>					✓	✓				✓		✓	✓		
13	Indian tree shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>										✓					
14	Indian or black-naped hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>						✓							✓		
15	Indian porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>				✓											
16	Three-striped palm squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓			
17	Five-striped palm squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>									✓	✓			✓		
18	Indian giant squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>				✓					✓		✓				
19	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>			✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
20	Chital (spotted deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>			✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

21	Indian muntjac (barking deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>											✓				
22	Black buck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>					✓										
23	Chousingha (four-horned antelope)	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>									✓						
24	Khincara (Indian gazelle)	<i>Gazella bennetti</i>				✓						✓					
25	Nilgai (bluebull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>		✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
26	Wild boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>				✓							✓		✓		✓
28	Asian palm civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>								✓							
	OTHER FAUNA																
1	Indian flap-shell turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>				✓											
2	Indian tent turtle	<i>Pangshura tentoria</i>				✓	✓										
3	Indian soft-shelled turtle	<i>Nilssonina gangetica</i>					✓										
4	Indian rock python	<i>Python molurus</i>				✓											
5	Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>					✓										
6	Gangetic river dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>				✓											
7	Marsh mugger crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>					✓				✓		✓			✓	✓
8	Common garden lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>				✓	✓										
9	House gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus/Gehyra etc sp</i>					✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				
10	Monitor lizard	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>					✓								✓		
11	Fan-throated lizard	<i>Sitana ponticeriana</i>										✓			✓		

