

India - Asiatic Lions, Blackbuck & Wild Asses

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Blackbuck



Asiatic Lions



Crab Plovers



Wild Asses

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Day 1

Sunday 19th February

Flight from the UK to Bhavnagar via Mumbai

Day 2

Monday 20th February

Bhavnagar – Velavadar National Park

The flight to the Airport Ahmedabad was on time and we received our guests. Then we went to the Hotel Sarovar and had time to freshen up. While having our breakfast we had spotted a few birds, which we could see from the breakfast area, including Common Myna, Purple Sunbird, Eurasian Collared Dove, Common Babbler, Green Bee-eater, Red-vented bulbul, Black Kite, House Sparrow's and Common Tailorbird (which was the first sighting for Kit). We also added Five striped Squirrel to our mammal list.

We discussed our trip and I briefed them about the programs. Then we started heading towards Velvadar Black Buck National Park and we had stopped to view many birds like Black shouldered Kite, Rosy Starlings, Common Mynas, Rose ringed Parakeets etc. At one place we saw a pair of Sarus Cranes, a very beautiful bird which we really enjoyed seeing. We also included many water birds on our journey like Cattle Egrets, Black headed Ibis, Indian Pond Heron, Purple Heron, Black winged Stilt etc. We also saw a large flock of Common Cranes which were flying.

We reached Black Buck Lodge and after a quick check-in, we went to the restaurant and had lunch. It was a very comfortable place and we enjoyed a few hours for relaxation. We went for an evening ride and saw many raptors including Short-toed Snake Eagle, Common Kestrel, and Harriers like Eurasian Marsh and Montagu's Harrier. Velavadar is known as a roosting place of harriers and we saw many of them. We also had a sighting of a Jungle Cat which was hiding inside the grasses and trying to capture birds.

We went to a water body in this park and saw many Painted Storks, Spoonbills, and Great Egrets, Intermediate Egret, Little Plovers and Common and Wood Sandpipers. As we watched birds, we saw a pack of Wolves and they were sitting on the other side of the lake. We spent a little time watching these animals and returned back to the guest house. After a quick freshen up, we sat for dinner and added the many birds and mammals we saw today to our check list. After dinner we discussed the next day's program and then retired to bed.

Day 3

Tuesday 21st February

Velavadar Wildlife Sanctuary

We joined early morning at the restaurant and had breakfast. As we entered the park, we saw a large group of Black Bucks and it was nice seeing them in the early morning light. They were busy grazing in a group and the males were chasing each other. We had a good sighting of Nilgais. We also had a great sight of Hyenas mating which is a rare sight. We saw many birds like Stone chat, Desert Wheatear, Rufous tailed Lark, Pallid Harrier, Montagu's Harrier and then returned to the lodge.

We had time to walk around the lodge area and saw a Spotted Owlet resting under shade. Then we walked towards a lake and saw a group of Black Bucks drinking water, and a few birds like Grey Heron, White breasted Kingfisher, Great Egret, White eyed buzzard etc..

When we got back the open jeep was ready by the reception area, and as we drove inside the park we saw a few Blue bulls. We went to a waterbody and found Dalmatian and Great White Pelicans, Little Ringed Plovers, Black winged Stilts and surprisingly a juvenile Flamingo with the Spoonbills. We saw a pack of Wolves – in total 9 of them, including small ones, and as we drove by them they disappeared into the grasses, but we all had a good view of them.

While returning back we saw a Short Eagle Owl, and we enjoyed seeing sunset with the Back Buck in the foreground. We returned to the lodge and all gathered in the dining area and watched a documentary called Desert Lions, which includes Velavadar, Gir, Rann of Kutch etc... We enjoyed seeing it and discussed our day's sightings, added many new birds to our check list and retired to bed.

Day 4

Wednesday 22nd February

Velavadar to Sasangir (Gir National Park)

We had a morning safari and tried different routes today. We noticed something hiding inside the grasses and we could see only a part of it, but after waiting for some time it came out to the open area and it was a Wolf looking for its morning meal. We had a good sighting of raptors basking in the light, the Greater spotted Eagle, Black shouldered Kite, Short toed Snake Eagle, and Pallid and Marsh Harriers. We saw a few male Black Bucks were fighting, which is quite common during their mating season and we observed them for a while and we approached for lovely close up shots.

We left Velavadar and proceeded towards Gir National Park. On our way we saw a small group of Chinkara close to the road, we all had good views of them and Jeremy took a good photograph of them. Then further on we saw a Grey Mongoose crossing the road. We passed through Gir forest on our way to Lion Safari Lodge, and started seeing new mammals on our trip like Grey Langur, Spotted Deer, Peacocks etc. We reached the lodge - a nice place close to the river. In the evening we met at the restaurant and added some animals to our check list. A nice dinner was served. We discussed the program for tomorrow and then went to bed.

Day 5

Thursday 23rd February

Gir National Park

We were the first people that entered the forest today and saw many Spotted Deer and many birds like Short toed Snake Eagle, Tickles Blue Flycatcher, White browed Fantail, Eurasian Thick-knee, and we saw a pride of Asiatic Lions walking and coming towards our vehicle, they just passed our vehicle, and we were all able to capture good pictures of them. It was the right season to see many trees in the forest in bloom like the Flame of the Forest, and we saw many birds in that such as Brahminy Starling, Rose ringed Parakeet, Black Drongo etc. We also saw Honey Buzzard and White eye Buzzard.

After breakfast we went for a walk, and spotted with many birds near the resort like Common Moorhen, Intermediate Egret, Ashy Prinia, Purple Sunbird etc.. On a fruiting tree we saw many birds active like Coppersmith Barbet, Oriental White eye and Common Iora. The local guide took Jeremy and Jill for more birding. I stayed back with Kit and we walked along the river side and saw Magpie Robin, Green Bee-eater, Little Egrets, Pied Kingfisher etc.

We took different routes on the evening safari. We saw many Spotted Deer and Hanuman Langurs. While on our way, we saw an Asiatic Lioness coming onto the road and trying to hunt deer...she was crawling and reached quite close, but they noticed and started giving alarm calls, once again it came onto the road and passed our vehicle close by and went other way. Then we went to the dam side and saw Marsh Muggar Crocodiles basking on the side of the water and saw a pair of terns and many egrets. Then our guide mentioned a place were we could possibly see Mottled Wood Owl but it was not there. While returning back we heard alarm calls and the guide said it could be leopard so we waited few minutes but no luck so we returned to our resort.

Day 6

Friday 24th February

Gir National Park

As usual, our diver was on time at 6:15 am. We stopped for many birds on the way to the forest, including Yellow footed Green Pigeon, Short-toed Snake Eagle, Black Redstart, White eyed Buzzard etc. We saw a pair of Jackals very close to us and we all took photos. We also saw an Asiatic Lioness which was lying down next to a water body.

After breakfast at the resort we went for a small walk by the side of the river and we noticed a sunbird nesting - it was very busy bringing nest materials. We also had a Yellow Bittern flying and we all had good views of it. Then we went to other side of the river, and saw Bee eater, Ashy Prinia, Common Rosefinch, Rose ringed Parakeets, White breasted Waterhen and Pied Kingfishers.

In the evening we went towards the dam, and had a good view of the forest from the watch tower and saw many Crocodiles, as well as a very close sighting of a Crested Serpent Eagle, it was very near to the dam and waiting for any water snakes to come. We saw a single Asiatic Lion which was sleeping and we had a great view of it too.

We stopped near a small river and noticed many bird activities - we saw well a Western Reef-egret and we enjoyed watching Langur babies playing. Then we reached the hotel and sat at the dining area and did our species lists.

Day 7

Saturday 25th February

Gir National Park – Jamnagar

We had one final safari to Gir forest and we tried different routes to try our luck to see a Leopard and our driver took us an area which is good for sightings. We had a long game ride this morning and we stopped at many places. We did not find Leopard, but had a fantastic sighting of a hunting flock of birds which included Black- Rumped Flameback, Jungle Babblers, Tickles Blue Flycatcher and Rufous Treepie.

After breakfast at the lodge we started off towards Jamnagar - around a six hour journey. We stopped for lunch at a small hotel and they had arranged the chairs under trees so we could spot a few birds while having our lunch. These included Red-throated Flycatcher, Long tailed Shrike, Colored Dove and had a nice view of Coppersmith Barbet very clearly. On the drive we spotted many other birds like Shikra, Bay-baked Shrike, Common Cranes, Spot-billed Duck, Black headed Ibis, Black Ibis etc. and reached Jamnagar by evening. We checked in at the President Hotel and we had time for a freshen up. We all met at the restaurant for our dinner and we chatted about our sightings and did our check list and discussed the following day's activities.

Day 8

Sunday 26th February

Marine National Park (Narara Island)

We left early morning towards a marine national park, it was around 60 km to reach there and we saw quite a lot of birds on our way, like Black shouldered Kite, Bee eaters, and huge flocks of Yellow Wagtails, Rosy Starlings etc. As we got to the coast, we started seeing many birds including Dunlins, Common Sandpiper, Little and Greater Sandpipers, Yellow-Legged Gulls, Common Terns, Eurasian Curlew's etc. We were searching for Crab Plovers and still haven't seen them. After that we went to see Demoiselle Cranes and saw large flocks of them. Then we returned back to Marina National Park because Jill really wanted to see the Crab Plover, this time high tide started and Crab Plovers started flying towards our side and we had very good views of them! We also saw many other birds like Eurasian Oystercatcher, Western Reef-egret etc.

After the national park we went to the Dichida birding area and saw many Greater and Lesser Flamingos, Pelicans, Northern Shoveler, Black-Tailed Godwits, Common Sandpipers etc and Kit spotted a pair of Garganey and he was very excited!

Day 9

Monday 27th February

Jamnagar (Khijadia Bird Sanctuary) – Dasada

After an early breakfast we went to the Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary, it's an excellent place for water birds.

We saw thousands of Pelicans flying over and spotted many birds like Eurasian Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Great crested Grebe, Little Grebe etc. As we were watching for birds like Bluethroat, Glossy ibis, Little Cormorant, and Purple Swamphen in a small pond, we suddenly spotted a Jungle Cat drinking water and we had a good view of it, then it moved inside the bushes, and we also noticed a small kitten along with it!

After that we went to a different part to see a group of Pelicans at a close distance and saw a Purple Swamphen which was eating a small water snake. We also had an excellent sighting of Black necked Stork. Further ahead we saw many waders like Black-tailed Godwits, Green Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Eurasian Curlew etc.

We had time to pack up our bags and freshen up before we started our journey to Little Rann of Kutch which is our final destination and a good area for mammals as well as birds. We stopped for lunch in between, and as we got close to Dasada, we saw a group of Wild Asses grazing in farmers fields. We reached Dasada at around 5.30pm. In the evening we gathered for dinner and enjoyed our discussions of the day. The tour leader briefed everyone about next day's program after which we retired to our rooms.

Day 10

Tuesday 28th February

Dasada

Our safari vehicle was ready at 7 am and a local guide/driver accompanied us. It was quite a cold morning and it took around an hour to reach the sanctuary. As we entering the park we started seeing Wild Asses and many raptors like harriers, kestrels etc. The guide Babu mentioned a Desert Fox den and he stopped at a distance and we saw three Desert Fox pups were outside the den. After watching them we went to see Greater Hoopoe Lark which is a rare bird and found in this area. We took quite bit of time to locate it but Babu finally managed to see it, then we went up close and had a good look at it. We found one more den of Desert Foxes and took lots of photos. On our way back we stopped at a few lakes and saw birds like Open billed Stork, Pied Kingfisher, Common Coots, Grey Heron, Pheasant tailed Jacana etc. After lunch we walked around the resort area and saw Small Blue Kingfisher, White breasted Water hen, Pond Heron, Red wattled Lapwing and had a good view of Common Chiffchaff.

We went to a different part of the park in the afternoon. First we searched for Indian Courser and saw five of them. Then we saw a large group of Wild Asses and it was nice watching them. We saw a lot of Common Cranes and Babu showed us a Short eared Owl, which was sitting under a bush and we had a closer view of it. Then we saw an Indian Fox den and saw four pups sleeping. We parked our vehicle at a distance, and they started waking up and playing. We really enjoyed watching them!

Day 11

Wednesday 29th February

Dasada

The morning session was to Nava Talav Lake. It's a big lake and there were a large group of Flamingo's, Pintails, Northern Shoveler's, Black tailed Godwits, Common Coots, Ruddy Shelduck and waders like Common Sandpiper, Common Redshank, Little Plover etc., and we saw raptors like Greater Spotted Eagle, Peregrine Falcon and Marsh Harriers.

Then we started searching for Sandgrouse and managed to locate Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse - around 6 or 7 of them. We also saw a Grey legged Goose and Ruddy Shelduck very close.

This evening we went to find Sociable Lapwing, which is a critically endangered species and Babu located it. We saw a pair of Sarus Cranes feeding on grains with a young one. Then we went to a water body and saw many Woolly necked Storks and Painted Storks. We returned back to the hotel and a few hours later we sat down at the restaurant and shared notes on our day's sightings.

Day 12

Thursday 1st March

Dasada – Ahmedabad airport

This morning we went to a water body and could spot many water birds including Garganey, Northern Pintail, Glossy Ibis, Purple Swamphen, Pallas's Gull, Common Tern, Ruff and Eurasian Curlew - it was a nice morning. We had good views of raptors like Greater Spotted Eagle, Marsh Harrier and Shikra.

After lunch we proceeded to Ahmedabad. On our way we saw a group of Chinkaras and visited a place where we could see vultures - we were able to see Egyptian Vultures and lot of Black Kites. We reached the airport on time. We had a final conversation and it was time to say good-bye. It was an excellent and friendly group, the trip went really well and we had great experiences of different habitats and different species of wildlife.

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Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	February/March											
			20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1	
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>									✓			
3	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>			✓					✓	✓		✓	
4	Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓		✓	
5	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	✓											
6	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>				✓	✓				✓		✓	
8	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
10	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	
12	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Western Reef Egret	<i>Egretta gularis</i>			✓					✓	✓	✓		
14	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓	✓										
17	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>						✓						
18	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	
19	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>										✓		
20	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>											✓	
21	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>										✓		
22	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
23	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓						
24	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
25	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓	✓
26	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>								✓			✓	✓
27	Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus minor</i>		✓						✓			✓	✓
28	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>											✓	
29	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>											✓	✓
30	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>									✓		✓	
31	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>									✓			
32	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
34	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓		✓	✓
35	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>								✓		✓	✓	✓
36	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
37	Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>												
38	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>									✓		✓	
39	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>									✓			
40	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>				✓	✓	✓						
41	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
42	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓					✓						✓
43	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>				✓								
44	Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>												✓
45	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
46	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>				✓	✓							
47	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓	✓

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48	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓		
49	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓		
50	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓			
51	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>								✓			✓		
52	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓								
53	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>		✓	✓								✓	✓	
54	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	✓	✓								✓			
55	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>				✓	✓								
56	Changeable Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatu</i>				✓									
57	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	✓	✓								✓	✓		
58	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>											✓		
59	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
60	Jungle Bush-quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>										✓			
61	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		
62	Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>								✓			✓	✓	
63	Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>	✓										✓		
64	Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓		
65	Brown Crake	<i>Amaurornis akool</i>				✓									
66	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>				✓	✓					✓	✓		
67	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>				✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	
68	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
69	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
70	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>									✓	✓	✓		
71	Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>								✓					
72	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>								✓					
73	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
74	Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>				✓		✓							
75	Great Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i>									✓				
76	Indian Courser	<i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>										✓			
77	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>								✓					
78	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
79	Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>											✓		
80	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>								p					
81	Little Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>			✓						✓		✓	✓	
82	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>		✓						✓					
83	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>								✓					
84	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>								✓					
85	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>		✓	✓								✓		
86	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
87	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>								✓					
88	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>								✓			✓	✓	
89	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓	
90	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		✓	✓					✓			✓		
91	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓			✓	
92	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	✓						✓				✓		
93	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓							✓	✓		✓		
94	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓		✓	✓	
95	Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>								✓					
96	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>											✓	✓	
97	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>								✓	✓				

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98	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>								✓	✓		✓	
99	Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>								✓				
100	Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>												✓
101	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnecephalus</i>								✓				
102	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>						✓						
103	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓			
104	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
105	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>									✓			✓
106	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>								✓	✓			
107	Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>										✓	✓	
108	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓						✓	✓			✓
109	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
110	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	
111	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
112	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>					✓	✓						
113	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
114	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>						✓						
115	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>				✓	✓							
116	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
117	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓				✓		
118	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	✓									✓		
119	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>				✓								
120	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>				✓	✓	✓						
121	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
122	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
123	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	✓			✓	✓				✓			✓
124	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
125	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	✓										✓	✓
126	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓	✓						✓	✓		
127	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>				✓	✓	✓						
128	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>						✓						
129	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓
130	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>	✓	✓	✓									
131	Greater Hoopoe-lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>										✓		
132	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓		
133	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓
134	Dusky Crag-martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓								
135	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
136	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>						✓	✓					
137	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>					✓							
138	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>				✓								
139	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>				✓	✓	✓						
140	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓		✓	
141	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>												
142	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>								✓		✓	✓	
143	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>									✓			
144	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>				✓	✓	✓						
145	White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓
146	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
147	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>				✓	✓							

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148	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>				✓								
149	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>		✓	✓			✓			✓			
150	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>									✓			
151	Clamorous Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>				✓								
152	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓						
153	Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>											✓	
154	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>											✓	
155	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>					✓							
156	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>						✓						
157	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>									✓			
158	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>				✓	✓	✓						
159	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
160	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓	✓		✓			✓	✓		
161	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maura</i>	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓
162	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>				✓				✓	✓		✓	
163	Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>								✓				
164	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓	
165	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>				✓	✓	✓						
166	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>					✓				✓			
167	Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓
168	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
169	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>				✓	✓	✓						
170	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
171	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>				✓	✓							
172	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>								✓				
173	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓				✓	✓
174	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓
175	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>				✓	✓							
176	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
177	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓						
178	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
179	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
180	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
181	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>	✓			✓	✓						✓	✓
182	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
183	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓					✓		✓		
184	Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	✓											
185	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>				✓		✓						
186	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>						✓						
187	Indian Silverbill	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓		
188	Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>											✓	
189	Tickell's blue flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>					✓	✓						
190	Rufous-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>												✓

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Mammals

1	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	✓	✓	✓								
4	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
5	Indian Wolf	<i>Canis lupus pallipes</i>	✓	✓									
6	Jungle cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	✓							✓			
7	Striped Hyena	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>		✓									
8	Chinkara	<i>Gazella bennettii</i>			✓								✓
9	Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes auropunctatus</i>			✓				✓				✓
10	Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓					
11	Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓					
12	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>				✓	✓						
13	Asiatic Lion	<i>Panthera leo persica</i>				✓	✓						
14	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>					✓						
15	Bandicoot rat	<i>Bandicota indica</i>					✓						
16	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>							✓				
17	Asiatic Wild Ass	<i>Egus hemionus</i>								✓	✓	✓	
18	Desert Fox	<i>Vulpes pusilla</i>								✓			
19	Indian Fox	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>								✓			