

# India - Assam, Darjeeling & Bhutan

Naturetrek Tour Report

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## Day 1

**Sunday 22nd February**

The majority of the group started the tour at London Heathrow Airport with a flight to Kolkata via Dubai. Meanwhile a few members departed from other UK airports and the last member met the group at Kolkata.

## Day 2

**Monday 23rd February**

The first flight arrived on time, however others members had difficulties with their Dubai connections and arrived later. The early group met tour leader Kartikeya at Kolkata airport and were taken to the hotel, arriving around 10am. Following overnight flights, the group spent the day at leisure. The last members of the group arrived at 7pm. With an early start planned for the next day an early night was in order.

## Day 3

**Tuesday 24th February**

We departed for the airport at 5.30am with packed breakfasts. After a cup of coffee at the airport we boarded our flight to Paro. During the flight we had glimpses of Mount Everest and Kanchendzonga.

After landing, we quickly loaded the minibus then took a walk along Paro Chu to look for Ibisbill. We were lucky and found not one but two Ibisbill across the river from our first stop. We also saw White Wagtail, Brown Dipper, Plumbeous Redstart, Russet Sparrow and River Lapwing. Walking along the Willow and Cypress trees we reached Paro Dzong where we saw White-capped Water Redstart. Alpine Chough were everywhere along with Rock Pigeons.

We went to Samden Norzin restaurant to have our lunch which was delicious. We then took a short walk in the town of Paro before going to our hotel, Ravens Nest Resort, and checking-in. It was a beautiful small hotel with luxurious rooms. Around 4.30pm some members of the group decided to go for a walk whilst others visited Phub's house (our driver). Walking outside the resort was good and produced a few more birds including Yellow-billed Blue Magpie, Green-backed Tit, Rufous-fronted Tit, Dark-rumped Rosefinch, Rufous Sibia, Spotted Laughingthrush and Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush. The temperature in Bhutan dropped very suddenly and we all started to feel cold, so we returned to the hotel where we all met for cocktails and discussed plans for the next morning.

## Day 4

## Wednesday 25th February

Today we left early in the morning to search for Himalayan Monal (Pheasant) at Chelela Pass at 3,988 metres above sea level. It was freezing cold however we all were prepared for the low temperature. As it was cloudy we couldn't see the sunrise or the sacred Jomolhari peak, but we did spot some birds. White-browed Rosefinch, Rufous-vented Tit and Rufous-fronted Accentor were the highlights. Later we walked down and saw Spotted Nutcracker and Blue-fronted Redstart. We were pleased to find two females and a male Himalayan Monal, our target bird, however they were very shy and not everyone in the group managed to see them. Whilst driving back towards the pass we saw Blood Pheasant.

We had breakfast at a sunny spot where we had great views of Common Buzzard and White-winged Grosbeak, and our first wild mammal of Bhutan, a Moupins Pika. We were back at the resort by 11.30am and our plan was that after lunch we would hike to Tigers Nest Monastery.

After lunch some of the group decided to stay at the hotel and go birdwatching. The rest of the group set off on the hike. Half way to the monastery we reached a cafeteria where some stopped, but those who made it all the way up to the monastery felt that the hike had been worth it. Whilst going up there was little bird activity due to the number of people, however while coming back they were rewarded by Kalij Pheasant, and some of the other species seen included Rufous-breasted and Alpine Accentors. Overall it had been a great day.

## Day 5

## Thursday 26th February

Today we again left very early in the morning and headed towards Punakha. The day was cloudy and it was cold. At the Dochula Pass there was a new cafeteria where we stopped and were served a sumptuous breakfast. En route we also visited the Royal Botanical Park and birding at the park was very fruitful. Some of the species seen were Darjeeling Woodpecker, Rufous Sibia, Brown Parrotbill, Green-backed Tit, Eurasian Jay, Whiskered Yuhina and White-tailed Nuthatch.

Owing to the ongoing road construction work progress was slow and we reached Punakha at lunch time. Lunch was at the Babeer Restaurant and later we checked into our hotel. After half an hour's break we set off to look for the endangered White-bellied Heron. Along the way we saw Ruddy Shelduck, Great Cormorant, Common Merganser, mynas and kestrels. At the Pochu River we were rewarded with a sighting of White-bellied Heron, albeit with great difficulty. Overall it had been a stunning day and very fruitful.

## Day 6

## Friday 27th February

We had an early breakfast before our excursion to Jigme Dorji National Park. The visit to the park was fruitful as we saw many new species of birds that included Maroon Oriole, White-tailed Robin, Indian Cormorant, Mountain Hawk Eagle, Grey-hooded Warbler and Nepal Fulvetta.

Lunch was a surprise that Jotsho had organised on a riverside inside a pine forest. After lunch Jotsho enlightened us with a visit to beautiful Punakha Dzong. There was a festival going on at the Dzong and people were in their traditional attires.

Back at the hotel we had a little free time to wander around and explore Punakha.

## Day 7

## Saturday 28th February

We had a later start compared to the previous days and left Punakha around 7.30am. We headed towards the Phobjika valley to search for Black-necked Cranes. We stopped for birding at several places on the way and were pleasantly rewarded with some very interesting species like Orange-bellied Leafbird, Yellow-bellied Fantail, Green-backed Tit, Golden-throated Barbet, Great Barbet, Mountain Bulbul, Black Bulbul and Grey-headed Warbler.

We reached Nobding at lunchtime then continued to the Phobjika valley. Upon reaching the valley we set off on a four kilometer trek which pleasantly brought us close to a flock of Black-necked Cranes and we had great views. Other highlights in the valley were Marsh Harrier, Oriental Skylark and Olive-backed Pipit.

Whilst it was cold, back at the hotel it was fabulous as they use wood for heating.

## Day 8

## Sunday 1st March

Today we got up early and took a short walk to see the cranes in the valley for one last time. It was very cold and the temperature must have been around -3 degrees. We saw four or five juvenile cranes and a flock in the distance. Apart from cranes we saw choughs, Oriental Skylark, Green-backed Tit, Coal Tit and Scarlet Minivet.

After breakfast we left for Thimphu. It was a long drive and on the way we saw Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush. We had a tea break at the Dochula Pass and reached Thimphu around 4pm. We went straight to the Thimphu Dzong, and then the group wanted to go to the town so we spent some time looking around and buying postcards and souvenirs. We checked into Khang Residency and made plans to explore Thimphu in the morning before leaving for Phuntshoeling.

## Day 9

## Monday 2nd March

It had snowed overnight and when we got up it was raining. Today we had a relaxed start and first went to the giant statue of Lord Buddha standing on a hill top. It was very cloudy and foggy, so no views of Thimphu city. Then we went to a reserve where we saw Takin, the national animal of Bhutan, together with Serow, Sambar and Muntjac. Later we had a quick stop at the Chohten memorial, and as there was an interest in handmade paper, we went to a handmade paper factory.

We had lunch on the way to Phuntshoeling and we arrived there around 5pm. It was a not a great day for birding as it rained all the way however we did see Upland Buzzard, Yellow-breasted Greenfinch, Grey-winged Blackbird, Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch and Red-whiskered Bulbul. Today was our last night in Bhutan and tomorrow morning we leave for Darjeeling.

## Day 10

### Tuesday 3rd March

In the morning we said “goodbye” to Jotsho and Phub and proceeded to India. After completing formalities at the Indian immigration counter we drove straight to Malbazar where we had tea and coffee. We made a couple of stops on the way and after a 7-hour drive, reached Darjeeling around 2.30pm and checked into hotel Elgin. The rest of the day was spent at leisure. Later we met Suresh, our next local guide and we agreed a time to meet tomorrow morning.

## Day 11

### Wednesday 4th March

It had rained overnight and we were not sure if the day was going to be clear when it became light. We had an early morning wake-up call, left at 4.30am and headed to Tiger hill. When we got there it was freezing cold, mainly because of the wind, and it was crowded as people come to get the views of Kanchenjunga and Everest.

After breakfast we had a walk and saw some interesting species of birds such as Barred Cuckoo Dove, Red-billed Leiothrix, Fire-tailed Sunbird and Green-tailed Sunbird. It was a great walk which ended at the Tibetan refugee centre. Later we went to the museum of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute followed by a visit to Darjeeling Zoo where we saw some rare species of animals and birds.

After lunch Suresh took us to a tea factory and explained the process of tea manufacturing. Unfortunately it was not the tea season so the factory was not functional, however we did get an insight into the process of making tea. Later we came back to the hotel then went for a tea tasting session.

## Day 12

### Thursday 5th March

It was a very foggy morning. We had a walk to Lloyds Botanical Garden and found Red-tailed Minla, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher and several other species of birds. From there we walked to Darjeeling Railway Station where we watched the famous heritage locomotives which have been in service for nearly 100 years. We had a train ride to Ghoom and returned to our hotel for lunch.

After lunch we walked to Observatory Hill. After the visit to the Observatory Hill some of the group decided to go for tea tasting whilst the rest returned to the hotel. Tomorrow we leave for Kaziranga.

## Day 13

### Friday 6th March

Today was a travelling day. We left Darjeeling in the early morning. We had hoped to make some birding stops on the way however owing to the traffic we didn't achieve much birding. We had a lovely Indian lunch at Bagdogra before catching a flight to Guwahati.

At Guwahati we were met by our drivers and we drove straight to Kaziranga.

## Day 14

### Saturday 7th March

Today we had our first safari in the eastern range of Kaziranga National Park. We were extremely lucky to see a big tiger which was a bonus. Other highlights of the morning were Elephant, Rhinoceros, Water Buffalo, Hog

Deer, Wild Boar, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Pallas's Fish Eagle, Dollarbird, Roller, Grey-headed Lapwing, Northern Lapwing, Lesser Adjutant Stork, Pond Heron and Grey Heron. We also saw a family of adult and cub Otters catch a huge Indian Featherback fish and devour it.

In the evening we went to the western range of the park where we saw Rhinoceros, Great Hornbill, Purple Heron, Chestnut-tailed Starling, Bar-headed goose and many more birds. Overall it was a stunning day filled with good sightings.

## Day 15

## Sunday 8th March

An Elephant safari was on the agenda today. It was a beautiful morning and the safari lasted for around an hour. On the back of the elephant we got very close to Rhinoceros, Buffalo, Swamp Deer and Hog Deer - it was a real experience.

After the ride we returned to the lodge for breakfast. Then we went to the central range of the park and had stunning views of the waterfowl which included Bar-headed Geese, Graylag Geese, adjutant storks, cormorants, herons and ducks. We also saw our second Tiger in the grasslands. It was like a scene from the Ghost in The Darkness: we saw stripes moving through grass and later caught a glimpse of the Tiger from behind.

The focus of the evening drive was Greater Adjutant Stork and we managed to find three of them in the eastern range. We also saw many Lesser Adjutant Storks and Green Imperial Pigeons. Group members in one of the jeeps saw a third Tiger but it disappeared in dense grassland before others got there. Overall it had been a great day.

## Day 16

## Monday 9th March

Hoolock Gibbons were high on the priority list today and we went to the Bhurapahar range to look for them. We were extremely lucky and found the Gibbons early in the morning near the main road where they were feeding on ficus fruits on a nearby tree. It was a family group with a male, a female with baby, and two young gibbons. We watched them for over thirty minutes and during that time a pair of Great Hornbills came and landed in the same tree. It was a fabulous sight. We also saw some other interesting birds such as White-winged Myna, Bank Myna, Hill Myna and Blue-bearded Bee-eater. We had our breakfast at the camp and were back at the hotel for lunch.

We returned to the central range of the park for our late safari. Some members of the group were rewarded with the sighting of a Leopard. The light in the evening was stunning and we saw hundreds of Bar-headed Geese together with Elephant and Rhinoceros.

## Day 17

## Tuesday 10th March

In the morning some of us took our last Elephant ride in the central range. The day was clear and we saw a beautiful sunrise. The park was a bit quiet but we spent some quality time on the Elephants and later playing with the Elephant calves. It was such a pleasure to watch and play with the baby Elephants.

After breakfast we left for Jorhat to catch our flight to Kolkata. Whilst the main tour was coming to an end, the entire group were staying on for the Sunderbans extension.

## Sunderbans Extension

### Day 18

**Wednesday 11th March**

We left Kolkata after breakfast and drove to Godkhali where a boat was waiting to take us to Sunderbans Jungle Camp.

We reached Sunderbans at lunch time. After lunch we took a short boat ride to Sojanakheli camp where our permits were done. We did some birdwatching on the way and saw Oriental Honey Buzzard and Peregrine Falcon.

### Day 19

**Thursday 12th March**

Today we left at 6am and spent the entire day with the boat having breakfast and lunch on board. It was a great day that added many more species of birds to our list: Whimbrel, Curlew, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Collared Kingfisher and Black-capped Kingfisher were the highlights of the day. We also had a canopy walk at Deobandi watchtower and were back at camp by 6pm. Overall it was a great way to spending time in Sunderbans and gauge the enormity of the ecosystem.

### Day 20

**Friday 13th March**

Again we left at 6am for our safari. We explored another area of the park looking for more target species and we were successful in finding Brown-winged Kingfisher. We had breakfast on board the boat but came back to the lodge for lunch.

In the evening we found a Salt Water Crocodile and spent some time at Sudhanakhali watchtower where we heard Mangrove Pitta.

### Day 21

**Saturday 14th March**

Today we followed our morning routine but explored other areas of the park where we got some good pictures of kingfishers and other birds.

Later we took two small boats and explored the creeks around the lodge.

In the evening we thoroughly enjoyed a drama performance about the story of the Goddess of Sunderbans, Bonobibi.



## Day 22

**Sunday 15th March**

Today we got up early and had a walk on Bali Island. We had an insight into the lives of local people along with some great birdwatching. Highlights of the walk were Streak-throated Woodpecker, Small Minivet, Scaly-breasted Munia, koels and sunbirds.

After breakfast we did our last check list of the trip and then, as it was our last morning, we had some time to ourselves to pack. After lunch we drove to the international airport at Kolkata where we said goodbye and thank you to Kartikeya and caught our flights from India.

## Day 23

**Monday 16th March**

On our overnight flights we thought about our wonderful trip to north-east India and Bhutan with more than 250 species of birds and some great wildlife seen.

The main flight arrived back at London Heathrow Airport and another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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## Species Lists

Birds (✓ = recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	February/March																			
			24	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>												✓	✓	✓						
2	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>				✓									✓	✓		✓				
3	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓	✓	✓								✓	✓		✓				
4	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
6	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>												✓	✓	✓						
7	White-bellied Heron	<i>Ardea insignis</i>			✓	✓																
8	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>												✓	✓	✓						
9	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
11	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
12	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓								✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>									✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
14	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>																✓	✓			
15	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>																✓				
16	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓					
17	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>												✓	✓	✓						
18	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>												✓	✓	✓						
19	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>												✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
20	Greater Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>													✓							
21	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>												✓	✓	✓						
22	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>													✓	✓						
23	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>												✓								
24	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>												✓	✓	✓						
25	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓						
26	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>					✓							✓	✓	✓						
27	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>												✓	✓	✓						
28	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>												✓	✓	✓						
29	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>					✓							✓	✓	✓						

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			24	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
30	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>					✓							✓	✓						
31	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>												✓	✓	✓					
32	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>			✓		✓														
33	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>											✓								
34	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>															✓		✓		
35	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>							✓	✓						✓					
36	Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>															✓	✓	✓		
37	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>																	✓	✓	
38	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	✓															✓			
39	Pallas' Fish-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>												✓	✓	✓					
40	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>												✓	✓	✓					
41	Slender-billed Vulture	<i>Gyps tenuirostris</i>												✓							
42	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>						✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
43	Griffon vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>													✓						
44	Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>														✓					
45	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>																			✓
46	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>			✓									✓	✓	✓			✓		
47	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus cyaneus</i>						✓													
48	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>										✓									
49	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>												✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
50	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>										✓									
51	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>		✓																	
52	Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>								✓											
53	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>						✓													
54	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>												✓	✓	✓					
55	Changeable Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatu</i>												✓	✓	✓			✓		
56	Mountain Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>					✓														
57	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>			✓	✓	✓								✓						
58	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>										✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
59	Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>													✓	✓					
60	Blood Pheasant	<i>Ithaginis cruentus</i>		✓																	
61	Himalayan Monal	<i>Lophophorus impejanus</i>		✓																	

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			24	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
62	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>												✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
63	Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	✓							
64	Black-necked Crane	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>					✓	✓														
65	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
66	Purple Swamphe	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>													✓							
67	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>																✓				
68	Slaty-breasted Rail	<i>Gallirallus striatus</i>																			✓	
69	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>														✓						
70	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>													✓	✓	✓					
71	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>	✓			✓																
72	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avocetta</i>														✓						
73	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>												✓	✓							
74	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	✓		✓	✓																
75	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>													✓							
76	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
77	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>																✓		✓		
78	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>												✓								
79	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>																	✓			
80	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>												✓	✓	✓						
81	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>																✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>																	✓	✓	✓	
83	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>												✓	✓							
84	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>												✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
85	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>												✓								
86	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>												✓	✓							
87	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>												✓	✓	✓						
88	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
89	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>																	✓			
90	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>																	✓	✓		
91	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>												✓	✓							
92	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
93	Snow Pigeon	<i>Columba leuconota</i>		✓																		

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94	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
95	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>								✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	
96	Red Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>											✓	✓							
97	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
98	Barred Cuckoo-dove	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>									✓										
99	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>													✓						
100	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>											✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
101	Green Imperial-pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>												✓							
102	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>								✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
103	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>												✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
104	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>												✓							
105	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>												✓	✓	✓					
106	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>			✓																
107	Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>																		✓	
108	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>															✓		✓	✓	✓
109	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>													✓						
110	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>												✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
111	Buffy Fish-owl	<i>Ketupa ketupu</i>															✓				
112	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>													✓	✓					
113	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
114	Asian Palm-swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>								✓											
116	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>															✓				
117	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
118	Brown-winged Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis amauropterus</i>																	✓		
119	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>												✓	✓			✓			
120	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>				✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
121	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>															✓	✓	✓		
122	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>															✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
123	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>												✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
124	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>													✓						
125	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>												✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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126	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓				
127	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>								✓			✓	✓	✓	✓					
128	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>																			
129	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>				✓							✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
130	Oriental Pied-hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓					
131	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>											✓	✓	✓						
132	Great Barbet	<i>Megalaima virens</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓										
133	Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>											✓	✓	✓						
134	Golden-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima franklinii</i>			✓		✓		✓				✓	✓							
135	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>													✓	✓					
136	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Megalaima australis</i>											✓		✓						
137	Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>					✓	✓													
138	Grey-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>											✓	✓							
139	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>													✓			✓	✓		
140	Darjeeling Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos darjellensis</i>			✓																
141	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>																✓			
142	Greater Yellownape	<i>Picus flavinucha</i>										✓									
143	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>																		✓	✓
144	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>																✓	✓	✓	
145	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>													✓						
146	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>			✓		✓	✓													
147	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>											✓	✓							
148	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
149	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓					
150	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
151	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>													✓					✓	✓
152	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				✓					✓										
153	Oriental Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>													✓						
154	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>			✓		✓		✓			✓						✓			
155	Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>											✓								
156	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
157	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>															✓		✓	✓	✓

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158	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>				✓																
159	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>						✓	✓		✓			✓		✓						
160	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>							✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
161	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
162	Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mcclllandii</i>					✓															
163	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓										
164	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>												✓			✓					
165	Orange-bellied Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>					✓	✓														
166	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>														✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
167	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	✓			✓																
168	Eurasian Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>						✓														
169	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>		✓																		
170	Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophia</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓														
171	Chestnut-bellied Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>						✓	✓		✓											
172	Blue Whistling-thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓											
173	Plain-backed Thrush	<i>Zoothera mollissima</i>			✓																	
174	White-collared Blackbird	<i>Turdus albocinctus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓														
175	Grey-winged Blackbird	<i>Turdus boulboul</i>							✓													
176	Dark-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus ruficollis</i>		✓																		
177	Brown Bush-warbler	<i>Bradypterus luteoventris</i>													✓							
178	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>																		✓	✓	✓
179	Mountain Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus cuculatus</i>											✓									
180	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
181	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>																	✓	✓	✓	✓
182	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>									✓	✓										
183	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>				✓					✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
184	Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistus</i>				✓	✓				✓	✓										
185	Grey-cheeked Warbler	<i>Seicercus poliogenys</i>									✓											
186	Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>												✓	✓							
187	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophia</i>								✓												
188	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>																	✓		✓	✓
189	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>										✓										



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190	Large Niltava	<i>Niltava grandis</i>										✓										
191	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>									✓	✓										
192	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
193	Hodgson's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus hodgsoni</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓													
194	Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureus</i>				✓	✓															
195	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>			✓		✓										✓	✓	✓	✓		
196	Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>			✓	✓			✓													
197	White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>	✓				✓	✓														
198	Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>	✓			✓		✓														
199	White-tailed Robin	<i>Cinclidium leucurum</i>				✓																
200	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maura</i>			✓									✓	✓	✓	✓					
201	Rufous-breasted Bush-robin	<i>Tarsiger hyperythrus</i>											✓									
202	Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>				✓																
203	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>										✓										
204	White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulus albogularis</i>				✓			✓	✓												
205	Spotted Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax ocellatus</i>	✓	✓																		
206	Streaked Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax lineatus</i>		✓																		
207	Black-faced Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax affinis</i>								✓												
208	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax erythrocephalus</i>	✓	✓			✓															
209	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>																		✓		
210	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>											✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	
211	Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>			✓							✓										
212	White-browed Shrike-babbler	<i>Pteruthius flaviscapis</i>										✓										
213	Rusty-fronted Barwing	<i>Actinodura egertoni</i>				✓																
214	Red-tailed Minla	<i>Minla ignotincta</i>										✓										
215	White-browed Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe vinipectus</i>		✓																		
216	Nepal Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe nipalensis</i>				✓																
217	Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									
218	Whiskered Yuhina	<i>Yuhina flavicollis</i>			✓	✓					✓											
219	Brown Parrotbill	<i>Cholornis unicolor</i>			✓																	
220	Coal Tit	<i>Parus ater</i>		✓																		
221	Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>					✓				✓	✓										

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222	Rufous fronted tit	<i>Aegithalos iouschistos</i>	✓																		
223	Rufous-vented Tit	<i>Periparus rubidiventris</i>		✓																	
224	Grey-crested Tit	<i>Lophophanes dichrous</i>		✓																	
225	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓					
226	Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓								
227	Yellow-cheeked Tit	<i>Parus spilonotus</i>		✓																	
228	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>							✓												
229	White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>			✓			✓				✓									
230	Rusty-flanked Treecreeper	<i>Certhia nipalensis</i>										✓									
231	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>															✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
232	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>																✓		✓	✓
233	Gould's Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae</i>			✓																
234	Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>									✓	✓									
235	Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>			✓	✓															
236	Fire-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga ignicauda</i>									✓										
237	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>			✓	✓															
238	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>											✓				✓				
239	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>				✓	✓						✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		
240	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
241	Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>				✓															
242	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>													✓		✓		✓	✓	
243	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>				✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓						
244	Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>	✓		✓		✓							✓	✓	✓					
245	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>							✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
246	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>																			
247	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>											✓								
248	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>								✓								✓	✓	✓	✓
249	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>					✓														
250	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>													✓	✓					
251	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>			✓																
252	Gold-billed Magpie	<i>Urocissa flavirostris</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓											
253	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>												✓	✓	✓				✓	✓

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254	Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>				✓	✓															
255	Eurasian Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>	✓	✓																		
256	Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	✓	✓			✓	✓														
257	Alpine Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>					✓	✓														
258	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓				
259	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓														
260	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos leuallantii</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
261	Spot-winged Starling	<i>Saroglossa spiloptera</i>															✓					
262	Common Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>												✓		✓						
263	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>									✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		
264	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
265	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
266	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>												✓	✓		✓				✓	✓
267	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
268	Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer rutilans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓															
269	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>			✓						✓	✓		✓								
270	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>													✓							✓
271	Nutmeg Mannikin	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>																				✓
272	Dark-rumped Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus edwardsii</i>	✓																			
273	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>								✓												
274	White-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas carnipes</i>		✓																		
275	White-browed Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus thura</i>		✓																		

## Mammals

1	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>									✓						✓					
2	Western Hoolock Gibbon	<i>Bunopithecus hoolock</i>															✓					
3	Assam Macaque	<i>Macaca assamensis</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓										
4	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>									✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
5	Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>								✓												
6	Capped Langur	<i>Trachypithecus pileatus</i>															✓					
7	Indian Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>												✓	✓							
8	Irrawaddy Dolphin	<i>Orcella brevirostris</i>																		✓		

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9	Asiatic Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>												✓	✓	✓						
10	Greater One-horned Rhino	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓					
11	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>												✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
12	Muntjac (Barking Dear)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>												✓		✓						
13	Spotted Deer (Chital )	<i>Cervus axis</i>															✓	✓	✓			
14	Hog Deer	<i>Cervus porcinus</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓					
15	Swamp Deer	<i>Cervus duvaucelii</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓					
16	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>																✓				
17	Himalayan three-striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops mccllellandii</i>				✓		✓														
18	Hoary-bellied Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
19	Malayan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>														✓						
20	Nubra Ppika	<i>Ochotona nubrica</i>	✓																			
21	Leopard Cat	<i>Prionailurus bengalensis</i>														✓						

## Other Taxa

1	Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>												✓	✓	✓						
2	Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>																	✓	✓		
3	Saltwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>																	✓			
4	Spot-tailed Pit Viper	<i>Trimeresurus erythrurus</i>																			✓	
5	House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus flaviviridis</i>																				
6	Jelly fish sp																				✓	
7	Mudskippers sp																✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Fiddler Crabs sp																		✓	✓		
9	Archer Fish	<i>Toxotes jaculatrix</i>																			✓	