

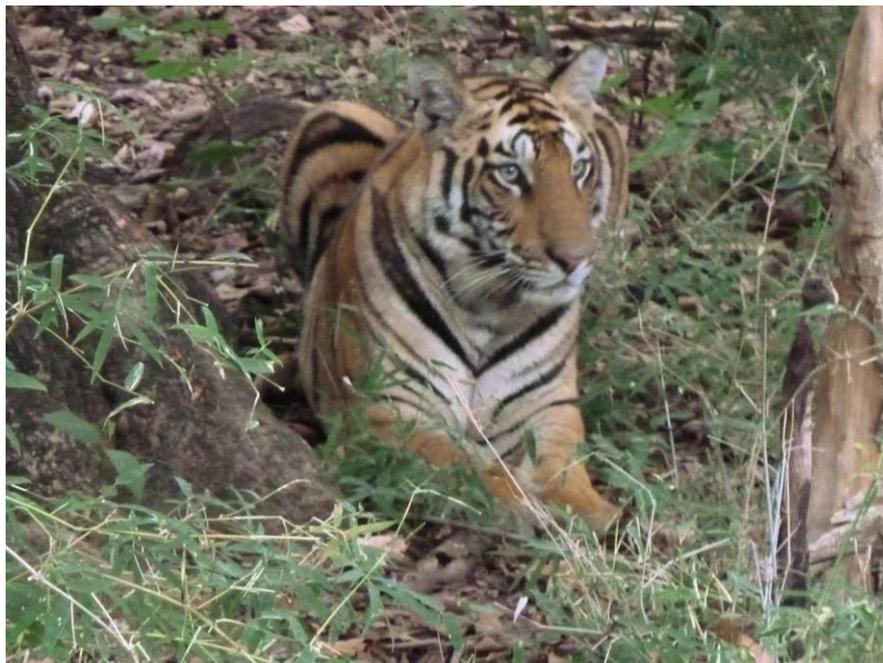
# India – Tiger Marathon

## (plus extension to Ranthambore)

Naturetrek Tour Report

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11-month old male Tiger cub - Bandhavgarh

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## Day 0

Wednesday 3rd November

Travel from the UK

## Day 1

Thursday 4th November

Guests arrived at 5:20pm in Nagpur Airport and all were out in about half an hour. We left at 6pm for Pench and got there at 8:45pm. The roads were crowded but beautifully lit up with lights for the upcoming festival - Diwali. By 9pm we were at the dinner table. We retired after discussing the plans for the next morning.

## Day 2

Friday 5th November

We woke up at 5:00am, met for tea/coffee at 5:30am and left for our morning drive at 6:00am. The park seemed to be teeming with birdlife everywhere and we saw a Jungle Owlet perched on a dead tree as soon as we entered the park. We were in four jeeps and on different routes as per park rules. One of the jeeps got really lucky as they saw a tigress come up onto the road and spray mark her territory. The other three jeeps did some good birding and got back in time for lunch.

Following lunch we got ready for yet another exciting drive into the reserve to see what we could find. We were on different routes again, however none of the jeeps saw any big cats, but we did see some jackals and a few good birds. A pair of Mottled Wood Owls was also seen, roosting on a Terminalia tree.

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Back at the resort after the drive, we took some time out before meeting up for the daily log. Following the log we had a sumptuous meal and retired to the rooms for an early night.

### Day 3

### Saturday 6th November

During this morning's game drive we saw Jackals, Booted Eagle, Pipits, Sparrow larks etc. We had our picnic breakfast hoping that we would hear some news regarding the tiger being tracked by the elephants, but after about fifteen minutes we realized that no tigers had been tracked so we carried on with the drive.

We get back to the lodge and Steve and I looked for the Olivaceous Keel-backed Snake (*Atractum schistosum*) in the water at the resort. We had lunch at 1pm and checked out from here to our next destination, the sal forests of Kanha at 2:15pm. We reached Kanha by 5:15pm and checked into the luxurious rooms and relaxed until 7pm to do the checklist. The resort did a presentation on Kanha NP following which we had dinner.

### Day 4

### Sunday 7th November

We woke up at 5am, had tea/coffee by 5:15am and left for the park at 5:30am. It was very cold and the formalities at the forest gate left us stuck for few minutes before we could get on with our first drive into the park. Once again we saw and heard loads of birds, and two jeeps saw tigers in the meadow area.

We were back at the resort at 12:15pm and lunch was served at 1:30pm and we left at 2pm to be amongst the first few to get into the park. We saw a Ruddy Mongoose, Wild Boar etc. One jeep got lucky again and saw a Leopard dash out from the bushes and kill a Langur and disappear into the bushes again. The rest of the jeeps saw Barasinga along with the normal common prey species.

### Day 5

### Monday 8th November

Today we explored new areas and saw some good birds again. No predators are seen but the park was crowded so we were happy to explore the quieter parts of the park. Yet again one of the jeeps saw two of the sub-adult tiger cubs on their way out of the park. We were back at the lodge at 12 noon and freshened up quick enough to come for lunch at 1:30pm, and left for our afternoon drive by 2:30pm. We saw a bull Gaur and got excellent views of a Paradise Flycatcher. With luck on our side our jeep saw a tigress in the tall grass, a bit obscured but still a good sighting. We were back by 6:30pm.

### Day 6

### Tuesday 9th November

Today was our last drive into this reserve. Luckily, the one jeep which had strangely missed out on the sightings so far saw a big male tiger in the Kisli area. It was definitely a highlight for Sue as it was her birthday treat 😊! We were back at the lodge by 12 noon.

We quickly freshened up and with our packed lunch left the resort at 1:15pm for a long drive to Bandhavgarh. It took us about 7 hrs to reach Bandavgarh Jungle Lodge. We checked into the comfortable cottages and met up for dinner at 8pm and soon got to bed after discussing plans for tomorrow.

## Day 7

Wednesday 10th November

We woke up at 5:30am and gathered for tea/coffee at 5:45am in the dining hall and left at 6am. We entered the park at 6:30am and were on different routes and carried on to the centre point where we had breakfast. We then moved on to the park. Yet again one jeep that was on route B saw a tigress on her kill while the other jeeps got back with no predator sightings. We were back at 11am, freshened up and walked around the camp. Steve found a cobra and later a Bronze-backed Tree Snake.

We gathered for lunch at 1pm and left at 2pm for our afternoon drive. Most of us were on the same route as this morning, and we didn't see much on the drive. At 4:45pm we heard alarm calls as we drove through so we stopped and waited for 10 mins, but the predator decided against making an appearance. We got back at 6pm and we did the checklist at 7pm followed by dinner.

## Day 8

Thursday 11th November

Same routine as yesterday was followed but again one jeep saw the same tigress on her kill. For the afternoon we planned to do a bit more bird watching and as we were on our way back our jeep heard the cubs call out to their mother - we waited here for a good fifteen minutes but had to get back to avoid getting fined. One of the jeeps visited a big cave that is on their route and saw Horseshoe Bats just as they begin their night flight. We all got back at 6pm and the resort has organized a barbeque dinner for us and an informative talk on Indian wildlife and the status of Tigers, by Amit Sankla.

## Day 9

Friday 12th November

We drove into park this morning, and the jeeps were on different routes. Once again we saw loads of birds. One jeep saw a tigress and her cubs on an old kill made a couple of days back – she was still a fair distance away from the main road but it was definitely a memorable sighting. A few minutes drive ahead brought them close to the tigress. The two other jeeps met our jeep at the breakfast point and exchanged the sightings so far. Even as they were eating we pulled up and let them know that another male sub-adult cub was by the side of the road not far from the breakfast point. On hearing this, the jeeps took off while we relaxed and enjoyed our breakfast.

Soon we decided to move on and as we got closer we saw that the male cub had moved into the shade and was resting, picking up his head at times, suggesting that he was checking us out. A surprise awaited us when we saw its sibling lying in the grass metres away from us! We would have missed her had she not moved her tail, which caught my eye. Wow!!!! We carried on towards the exit and quickly scanned the area where one of our other jeeps had seen the tigress and her cubs on the kill but they seemed to have disappeared. I asked the forest guard if he knew where the cubs had moved and unexpectedly he pointed to a tree on the far side and told me that the two cubs and the tigress were resting in the shade of a large fig tree. A quick scan revealed the exact place where this tiger family was resting. We were all in for a very pleasant surprise when the cubs started to walk across the grassland followed shortly by the tigress. Today was extremely memorable as we had seen 5 different tigers in one drive!

We got back to the lodge at 10:45am and left at 12 noon to Panna (5hrs) with a packed lunch. We made many short stops many times en route for birds, making the drive exciting.

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We reached Panna at 6:15pm and went to our villas. We heard a Mottled Wood Owl calling before he took off from his roost. We did the checklist at 7pm followed by dinner and bed.

## Day 10

Saturday 13th November

We woke up at 5:30am and fixed ourselves a hot cup of tea/coffee before we left for the drive. We saw a whole lot of new birds; lark, pipit, minivets, warbler and raptor family. We also saw a crocodile swimming in the Ken River from the jeep. We were on different routes but all the jeeps went to the gorge. The gorge is brilliant and we saw Long-billed Vulture and Chinkara among other common birds and mammals. We were back at lodge by 10:30am and went for a boat ride on the river to see the Eurasian Eagle-owl.

We had lunch at 1:00pm and relaxed until 2:45pm. We start the afternoon game drive at 2:45pm. The jeeps went straight to the boating point where we took a motor boat ride across the Ken River and saw crocodiles and some birds like the Pied Kingfisher amongst others. Following this we then went to watch the sunset and got back to the lodge at 5:45pm. We did the checklist at 7pm followed by dinner and bed.

## Day 11

Sunday 14th November

Last day of the main tour:

We had breakfast at 7am at the lodge and departed to Khajuraho by 8am. We were accompanied by Anurag, our cultural guide who explained the monument in detail. We left the temple at 10:45am and went straight to the Radisson to collect our packed lunch. We soon left for the airport, here we said goodbye to Narendra before we checked in. Our flight took off at 12:50pm and we reached Delhi at 4pm and checked into the hotel. Some of the group returned on the flight back to UK, while others got ready to go on the extension tomorrow.

## Extension to Ranthambore:

## Day 12

Monday 15th November

Eight of us had an extension to Ranthambore so we left the hotel at 6:30am to reach Nizammudin Station at 7:20am. The porters carried our cases to the coach and load them neatly under our seats. The train left at 8am (15mins late) and for the next 5 hours we had a quiet time, some reading while others decided to sleep. We arrived at Sawai Madhopur at 14:35hrs. On arrival at the station we found two jeeps waiting to take us to Pug Mark Resort. We had a very pleasant welcome at the hotel by the manager and staff. We would be staying here for the next couple of nights. We had a quick lunch and relaxed until later in the evening when we met for the checklist and dinner.

## Day 13

Tuesday 16th November

We were up and ready at 6am to go to the park for an early morning safari. We were on two jeeps and on different routes. Soon after entering the park, I heard some alarm calls up at the fort, a closer look at the fort wall through the foliage revealed a Leopard! Apart from this both the jeeps did not see any tigers, just a few prey species like Spotted Deer, Sambar, and Wild Boar. We were back at the resort by 10am, and had breakfast.

Steve and I went out for a walk around the camp looking for snakes and other creepy crawlies but just ended up seeing a small snakeskin and not the snake itself. We had lunch at the resort and proceeded for the afternoon game drive. We went on a different route, a nice road winding through the hill sides and giving us a feel of how different and rugged this national park is. As we reached the rockiest or maybe I should say the bumpiest road we saw some Nilgai and a couple of Chinkara but no sign of any predators. We got back to the resort by 6pm and did the checklist. Following that we had a lovely meal at the resort and got to bed early.

## Day 14

## Wednesday 17th November

Yet again this morning we were on different routes and hoped to find some predators. Just as we get to the stream area on our designated route we heard people call us back and we knew without doubt that there was a tiger. Soon we saw a big male tiger disappear into the undergrowth but we were quite sure he didn't go too far... We then started hearing Sambar Deer alarm calls from further ahead, so we moved up and down the same track trying to spot the elusive cat. Within a short time we got back to the stream and the excitement made my heart beat faster than ever as I saw ripples in the stream knew for a fact that hidden from direct view was a tiger getting into the water for a drink and a quick soak. No sooner than I let the others know what I thought the tiger was doing, we saw some movement in the undergrowth suggesting that it was coming towards us. Soon we saw a female walk straight towards us and walk past scent-marking trees within the territory of a male. The male sensing the presence of the female came out of hiding and decided to follow her but not before he scent marked the same trees that the female scent marked minutes ago. Brilliant, amazing! ...all words too small to express this sighting!

I was only hoping that the other jeep had some good sightings too but that was not to be, as we realized over breakfast. Once at the lodge we decided to visit the fort during midday - the fort is a lovely example of a mixture of cultures, we saw Jain Temples, Hindu Temple and also a Muslim Dargah up on the hills.

The evening brought a bit of disappointment as it started to rain as soon as we got into the reserve meaning that we cut short our drive and retreated to the resort as the rain didn't seem to stop. We were back at the camp by 7pm, did the checklist at 8pm and then had dinner.

## Day 15

## Thursday 18th November

It was our last drive into the park today and we had Route 3, one of my favourites. We saw a tiger come out of the riverbed but just as he got close to cross the road, a jeep with some photographers pulled up in front of all the other jeeps/vehicles which in turn pushed the tiger away from us. We waited at the same place for a while however we decided to retreat as we had to get back and get ready to leave. We had breakfast and carried a packed lunch from the hotel before we left for our uneventful five hour train journey back to Delhi. We get back to Delhi a little after 6pm and bid our final goodbyes to each other.

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## Species Lists

Birds (h = heard only; ✓ = commonly recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	November															
			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
1	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		✓												✓	✓	
2	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>															✓	
3	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>			✓												✓	✓
4	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>			✓				✓		✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
5	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>		✓	✓								✓	✓		✓	✓	
6	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>		✓	✓												✓	✓
7	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>		✓											✓	✓	✓	✓
8	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>		✓													✓	✓
9	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>			✓								✓					✓
10	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			✓											✓		
13	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>																✓
14	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>											✓	✓				
15	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓		✓				✓	
16	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>		✓							✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
17	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
18	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>										✓						✓
19	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>				✓	✓						✓					
20	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>				✓	✓						✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
21	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>											✓					
22	Cotton Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>					✓											
23	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>				✓												
24	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>															✓	✓
25	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>					✓	✓								✓		
26	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓						✓
27	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>			✓			✓		✓			✓	✓				✓
28	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>				✓		✓				✓						
29	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>				✓	✓	✓										

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30	Long-billed Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
31	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
32	Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>			✓													
33	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>		✓	✓	✓	h	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	
34	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>												✓				
35	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>			✓		✓	✓				✓					✓	
36	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>		✓	✓					✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	
37	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>											✓					
38	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>			✓													
39	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>			✓			✓										
40	Changeable Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓					
41	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>									✓		✓	✓		✓		
42	Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>							✓									
43	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓		✓	✓										
44	Painted Francolin	<i>Francolinus pictus</i>											h					
45	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>											✓			✓	✓	✓
46	Jungle Bush-quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>											✓					
47	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>											✓					
48	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
49	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>														✓		
50	Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>												✓				?
51	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>			i											✓		✓
52	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
53	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>						✓										
54	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>			✓			✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Stone-curlew - Eurasian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>		✓														
56	Great Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i>															✓	
57	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>										✓	✓					
58	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>												✓	✓	✓		
60	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>														✓		
61	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓	✓			✓						✓		✓		

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62	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>													✓	✓		
63	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>													✓	✓		
64	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>										✓	✓			✓		
65	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>					✓	✓	✓									
67	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>			✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓				
68	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	
71	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			h	✓	h
72	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
73	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
74	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>											✓					
75	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>		✓		✓			✓				✓					
76	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	Indian Scops-owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓	
78	Mottled Wood-owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>		✓														
79	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓					
80	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>		✓					✓				✓			✓	✓	
81	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>							✓	✓		✓						
82	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	
83	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>										✓						✓
84	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>										✓	✓					
86	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
87	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
88	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>			✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓				✓
89	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyroceros birostris</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
90	Malabar Pied-hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>		✓	✓							✓						
91	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>		✓	✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
92	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>		h			h	h	✓	✓	✓	✓			h			
93	Brown-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis nanus</i>		✓								✓	✓					

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94	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>			✓							✓					
95	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>							✓		h						
96	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			h	✓	✓
97	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>					h	h	h	✓	h	h					✓
98	Indian Lark	<i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>										✓					
99	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>										✓					
100	Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>										✓					
101	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>										✓					
102	Dusky Crag-martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>									✓	✓					✓
103	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓												
104	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>							✓	✓		✓					
105	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>							✓								
106	Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>									✓						
107	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>										✓					
108	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>		✓	✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
109	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>		✓			✓	✓									
110	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓			✓				✓			✓	✓	✓
111	Oriental Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>		✓	✓							✓					
112	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>										✓					
113	Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>				✓						✓					
114	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>								✓		✓					
115	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
116	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>					i	✓	✓	✓		✓					
117	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>						✓									
118	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
119	Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>											✓				
120	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>							✓			✓					
121	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>			✓		✓			✓							
122	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>				✓									✓		
123	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>										✓					
124	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>		✓										✓			
125	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>												✓			

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126	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>		✓														
127	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>			✓	h	h			✓	✓		✓				h	
128	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>			h						✓							
129	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>								h								
130	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>						✓					✓					
131	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓								
132	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>				✓	✓											
133	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>		h		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓						
134	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>		✓							✓	✓					✓	
135	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
136	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>				✓	h	✓		✓								
137	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
138	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochrurus</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓						
139	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓			✓						
140	Indian Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>														✓	✓	
141	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>				h			✓			✓	✓					
142	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>				h	✓	✓										
143	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>									✓							
144	Indian Scimitar-babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>				h	h	h	h									
145	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>													✓			
146	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>							✓			✓	✓			✓		✓
147	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
148	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>				h	h	h					✓					
149	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓	h	✓											✓	✓
150	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>				✓												
151	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>		✓									✓		✓		✓	✓
152	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓		✓					
153	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>		✓						h	✓		✓					
154	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓								
155	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					
156	Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>											✓					
157	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>					✓			✓	h		✓					

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158	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>				✓						✓					
159	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
160	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>										✓					
161	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
162	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>					✓					✓					
163	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
164	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
165	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
166	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
167	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
168	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>			✓							✓		✓			✓
169	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
170	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>			✓							✓					
171	Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>			i✓							✓	✓				
172	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
173	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>								✓	✓	✓					
174	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>				✓	✓	✓									
175	White-throated Munia	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>										✓					
176	Nutmeg Mannikin	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>						✓	✓								
177	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>				✓	✓							✓			
178	House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>		✓	✓				✓			✓		✓			✓
179	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>		✓	h	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h						
180	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓				
181	White-rumped Needletail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>										✓					
182	Asian House Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>										✓					
183	Eurasian Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>										✓					
184	Spotted Creeper	<i>Salpornis spilonotus</i>										✓					
185	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>															✓

## Mammals

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			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>		✓		✓	2	3	✓	✓	5					2	1
2	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>				✓									✓		
3	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus kelaarita or kutas</i>		✓	i												
4	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓			✓			
5	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Common Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>									✓						
7	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		h					
8	Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)	<i>Cuon alpinus dukhunensis</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓									
9	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓									
10	Indian Tree Shrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>				✓	✓		✓								
11	Indian or Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>													✓		
12	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennarum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
13	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Gaur (Indian Bison)	<i>Bos guarus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓									
15	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
16	Barasingha (Swamp Deer)	<i>Cervus duvauceli branderi</i>				✓	✓	✓									
17	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
18	Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>				h	✓		✓		✓						
19	Chousingha (Four-horned Antelope)	<i>Tetracerus quadricornis</i>										✓					
20	Khincara (Indian Gazelle)	<i>Gazella bennetti</i>										✓					
21	Nilgai (Blue Bull)	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>		✓	✓							✓				✓	✓
22	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
23	Domesticated Asiatic Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
24	Horseshoe Bat sp	<i>Rhinolophidae</i>								✓							
25	Tomb Bat sp											✓					

## Other Taxa

1	Indian Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>		✓													
2	Indian Rock Python	<i>Python molurus</i>					✓	✓									
3	Checkered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>		✓	✓						✓				✓	✓	

4	Bronze Backed Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis.</i>							✓								
5	Green Keelback	<i>Macropisthodon plumbicolor</i>				✓											
6	Sand Boa	<i>Gongylophis conicus</i>										✓					
7	Cobra sp	<i>Naja naja</i>							✓								
8	Grass Skink								✓								
9	Skink sp					✓					✓						
10	Marsh Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>										✓			✓	✓	✓
11	Monitor Lizard	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>				✓									✓		
12	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>							✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
13	House Gecko species	<i>Hemidactylus or Gehyra etc sp</i>					✓	✓	✓								
14	Northern House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓								
15	Common Indian Toad	<i>bufo melanostictus</i>													✓		
16	Indian Skitter Frog	<i>Rana cyanophlyctis</i>	✓					✓	✓								
17	Indian Bull Frog	<i>rana tigrina</i>	✓				✓	✓									
18	Tree Frog sp		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓						
19	Giant Wood Spider	<i>Nephila maculata</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓							
20	Black Wood Spider				✓		✓		✓	✓		✓					
21	Wolf Spider sp					✓				✓	✓						
22	Rhinoceres Beetle sp								✓								
23	Indian Field Mouse	<i>Mus booduga</i>	✓	✓													
24	House Shrew															✓	
25	Field Rat															✓	
26	Wood Rat sp												✓				
27	Rat sp					✓											✓

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