

Northern India & the Himalayan Foothills

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Summary

'Northern India and Himalayan foothills' is a Naturetrek tour that focuses on the rich avifauna of the famous north Indian birding destinations of Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary, Keoladeo National Park known as Bharatpur bird sanctuary, Corbett National Park and Nainital. There are visits to the cultural attractions of Fatehpur Sikri, Agra Fort and the Taj Mahal. Highlights of the trip included some great species of the birds, such as Siberian Rubythroat, Black Bittern, Indian Spotted Eagle, Large-tailed Nightjar, Brown Hawk-Owl, Little Forktail, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Golden Bush Robin, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Orange-headed Thrush, Wallcreeper and Ibisbill. Among the mammals, highlights seen on the tour were Asiatic Golden Jackal, Indian Grey and Ruddy Mongoose, Jungle Cat, Indian Flying Fox, three species of deer and a Royal Bengal Tiger.

Weather

Overall the weather remained cold in the morning, with bright and sunny afternoons and pleasant evenings; temperatures ranged from 2°C to 20°C. Bharatpur was misty, cloudy and sunny, and at Corbett National Park it was very cold in the morning while the rest of the day remained clear and sunny. It was misty in the mornings at Dhikala and occasionally windy, with a minimum temperature of 6°C. Nainital was cold but mostly sunny, and temperatures ranged from 5 to 20°C

Day 1

Friday 15th January

Travelled from the UK

Day 2

Saturday 16th January

New Delhi, Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary

The international flight from London arrived on time at Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. The group met the Tour leader in the lobby area, and we drove for six minutes to the Holiday Inn hotel. After lunch, we drove for an hour and 20 minutes to the Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary. Birding at the Sultanpur for three hours proved very fruitful. We had a chance to get familiar with the birds of the northern India. Some of the highlights were Little and Great Cormorants, Grey and Purple Heron, Painted Stork, Eurasian Hoopoe, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Glossy Ibis, Bar-headed Goose and Greater Flamingo. White-throated Kingfishers and Ashy Prinias were seen, and Five-striped Palm Squirrels were seen in good numbers. Our overnight stay was at the Holiday Inn.

Day 3

Sunday 17th January

Drive to Bharatpur and Keoladeo National Park

We left the hotel after breakfast and drove for five to six hours to Bharatpur. We stopped at the Yamuna bridge for some birding and got to see Green and Wood Sandpipers, Ruff, Pied Avocet etc. In Bharatpur we stayed very close to the park; our hotel was called The Birder's Inn. Later in the afternoon we did some bird watching at Keoladeo National Park. The adjacent woodlands held masses of squawking Rose-ringed Parakeets, Black-

rumped Flameback, Black Drongo, Long-tailed Shrikes, Oriental Magpie-Robin and Indian Robins. With them were the commoner winter visitors, most prominent of which were Hume's Leaf Warblers and Red-breasted Flycatchers. Among other interesting birds found here were: Brahminy Starling, White-eared Bulbul, Magpie-Robin, and Black Redstart. Rhesus Macaque, Asiatic Golden Jackal, Spotted Deer and Nilgai (Bluebull) were among the mammals seen today. All too soon, the sun was setting and we returned to our hotel, ready for an early night. We stayed overnight at our hotel, the Birder's Inn.

Day 4

Monday 18th January

Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur

After an early breakfast, we made both morning and afternoon excursions into the park by cycle rickshaw. It was a little foggy in the morning. Among other interesting birds found here were: Spotted Owlet, Black Bittern, Imperial Eagle, Bronze-winged Jacana, Brown Hawk-Owl, Orange-headed Thrush and Sarus Crane. Sambar and Indian Wild Boar were the new mammals. We stayed overnight at The Birder's Inn.

Day 5

Tuesday 19th January

Keoladeo National Park

Today, in the morning there was very thick fog, so we decided to go to the park again instead of visiting Bund Baretha. We found a broad collection of waders including Wood, Green, Marsh Sandpipers and Greenshank. The main event of the day was the boat ride, and we had great views of Grey Nightjar and Dusky Eagle-Owl. With cars banned, these rickshaws provide the most popular means of getting to the heart of the park. We spent another night at The Birder's Inn, Bharatpur.

Day 6

Wednesday 20th January

Bayana and Bund Baratha

Today we left with a packed lunch for a full day's excursion to Bund Baratha (a reservoir which gets its name from the nearby village of Baratha). Situated at a distance of 40 km from the Bharatpur, one reaches the Bund by driving through the remote north Indian rural landscape. En route we stopped at the ancient small town called Bayana to look at the nesting site of the endangered Indian Vulture, which was quite a wonderful experience, the sight of the Vulture flying over the cliff was mesmerizing and a few were seen perched on a cliff face. Other birds seen here included Grey-breasted Prinia, Plum-headed Parakeet, Blue Rock Thrush, Common Kestrel, Short-toed Eagle etc. Later a stop for the lunch at the irrigation department inspection bungalow was an opportunity to see the resident colony of Indian Flying Foxes that roosts in the Mango and *Ficus* trees. Thereafter, we drove up to the dam. Lots more was expected there but due to the high water level and less bird migration, we could see fewer waders at the dam but we managed to see a Brown Crake. Overnight was at our hotel Birder's Inn

Day 7

Thursday 21st January

Bharatpur, Agra and Delhi

After an early breakfast we drove for 30 minutes to the ruined city of Fatehpur Sikri for sightseeing. After spending an hour and half looking at the magnificent buildings of the ruined city, we drove for another hour and half to see the Taj Mahal - India's (possibly the world's) most beautiful building. We spent a couple of hours at the great monument and some time looking for birds in the gardens of Taj Mahal and on the River Yamuna behind the monument. A new addition today was Asian Koel. We made a quick visit for lunch at a restaurant, and then went to see the grand Red Fort of Agra. After sightseeing at Agra, we drove for about three to four hours to Delhi. We stayed at the hotel Holiday Inn on the way to Corbett.

Day 8

Friday 22nd January

Delhi to Corbett

After having early breakfast, we drove from Delhi for about six to seven hours before reaching the Hotel Tiger Camp. We stopped at the holy river Ganga or Ganges bridge for about 30 minutes' birding and to look the spiritual things. River Lapwing were seen here. After reaching the lodge, we had an hour and a half birding near the lodge and we took a trail to the Kosi River below the lodge. The day's birding included: Asian Openbill, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Spotted Dove, Grey Bush Chat, White-throated Fantail and Black-throated Sunbird. Overnight stay at the Tiger Camp.

Day 9

Saturday 23rd January

Corbett National Park

This morning we started at 6:45 am in the morning and we drove straight to the Gargia temple at the Kosi river. Our prime target was to look the Ibisbill before the local people come to the river to bathe. We were lucky there as we spotted the Ibisbill a great bird for the tour amongst the other good birds as Collared Falconet, Grey-breasted Prinia, Lineated Barbet, Himalayan Flameback and Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker.

After having hot breakfast and with packed lunch boxes, we started again in open jeeps for Mohan and Kumaria. Birds included Small Niltava, Whistler's Warblers, Jungle Owlet, Crested Treeswift, Brown-fronted Woodpecker, Lesser and Greater Yellownape, Little and Spotted Forktail, Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch, and Wallcreeper. Indian Muntjac was a new mammal recorded for the trip today. Overnight stay at our hotel, the Tiger Camp.

Day 10

Sunday 24th January

Corbett National park

Today we had early wake up calls and having tea/coffee in the restaurant, we started our first game drive in open jeeps to Bijrani area of the Corbett National park. Two jeeps were booked for the group. We drove through the Sal forest to the sounds of many species of the birds such as drongos, warblers, babblers, thrushes and flycatchers. The highlight of the day was certainly the Royal Bengal Tiger which was seen in the morning game drive. Amongst the birds were Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Red Junglefowl, Sociable Lapwing, Crested Kingfisher and Great Hornbill.

Day 11

Monday 25th January

Corbett National Park

We had wake up calls again at 5.15 am. After having tea/coffee, and with packed breakfast, we drove about 40 minutes to Lohachaud or Durgadevi gate of the park. After few minutes of driving inside the park we heard some warning calls of barking deer and saw very fresh pugmark of a Leopard on the road. But nobody saw him. In the afternoon, we did game drive in Bijrani area. Species recorded today included: Red headed Vulture, Red Junglefowl, Red-breasted Parakeet, Brown Fish Owl and Blue-bearded Bee-eater. We stayed the night at Tiger Camp.

Day 12

Tuesday 26th January

Corbett to Nainital

We did the morning birdwatching around the lodge and near the Kosi river, before starting our journey towards Nainital, situated at an elevation of 2000m. We did birding near Garjia Temple, Kosi barrage and near Mangoli Valley. We arrived at Nainital at dusk. We stayed overnight at Vikram Vintage Inn, Nainital.

Day 13

Wednesday 27th January

Nainital, Mangoli Valley and High Fields

Today we dropped below Nainital to spend the morning in the delightful Mongoli Valley. Here we left the coach and walked. Working our way slowly along the broad trail through dense oak and rhododendron forest, birds seemed to be everywhere. Mixed flocks moved through, often at eye level which allowed everyone to finally catch up with Lemon-rumped Warblers. Movements in the undergrowth proved to be a party of laughingthrushes....most were Streaked, but four Chestnut-crowned showed nicely, as did a couple of Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babblers. Next came a pair of Greater Yellownape, Bar-tailed Treecreeper, Bronzed Drongo, Eurasian Jay and Black-headed Jay.

In the afternoon, we visited the High Fields where a couple of Rufous-breasted Accentors were behaving in a furtive manner. Much of the afternoon was spent at the High Fields Overnight at Vikram Vintage Inn

Day 14

Thursday 28th January

Sattal

We spent the entire day birding along the quiet Chaapi and Sattal road. During the morning hours we did Chaapi; it's a wonderful road along a stream and full of Himalayan colourful birds. Many of the birds we encountered here were new for us, although some familiar favourites including Yellow-bellied Fantails remained. Other species included Chestnut-headed Tesia, Small Niltava, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Spotted Forktail, Brown Dipper and Red-billed Blue Magpie. Our packed lunch boxes were eaten near the stream in an open countryside area.

After lunch, we drove towards Sattal. In this beautiful forest near a small lake, many good birds were seen, such as Oriental White-eyes, numerous Phylloscopus warblers, Blue Whistling Thrushes, a gorgeous male Rufous-bellied Niltava, Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler. We spent the night at Vikram Vintage Inn.

Day 15

Friday 29th January

Snow-view Ridge, Pangot, Vinayak

For our final morning we took the Kilbury Road to the Snow View Lookout and beyond, through Pangot for 17km to Vinayak, through pristine mixed forest with distant views of the snow-capped peaks of the mighty Himalaya set against a backdrop of forest-clad slopes. In the early morning sunlight, there can be few finer sights on earth. Birding along this quiet road was quite different to the lower elevations, with many species appearing for the first time, making for yet another exciting day. As always, Grey-hooded Warblers, Yellow-browed Tits and Oriental White-eyes dominated, but by diligently searching through these flocks, we also found a party of delightful Black-faced Warblers, Lemon-rumped and Buff-barred Warblers; a couple of Himalayan (White-browed) Shrike-babblers showed well, raucous parties of Rufous Sibias were numerous, and Pink-browed Rosefinch eventually showed well. Streaked Laughingthrushes were common in the undergrowth, a flock of Black-headed Jays held at least two Eurasian Jays, looking quite different to their European counterparts, and a couple of male Blue-capped Redstarts ducked and weaved around a bare stump.

As the sun warmed the morning air, large raptors began to appear along the ridges. Along with the now-familiar Steppe Eagles, we finally, after much searching, picked up a couple of adult Himalayan Vultures and a darker youngster. Usually Himalayan is much the commoner of the two Griffons here, certainly later in the winter, so perhaps they were only starting to arrive. We spent the night at Vikram Vintage Inn, Nainital.

Day 16

Saturday 30th January

Drive to New Delhi

Today we bid farewell to Nainital and began the long drive back to Delhi. It was a travelling day and, with busy traffic, so the time available for birding this route was short. We eventually reached Delhi shortly after dusk where a warm shower and farewell dinner awaited before our early morning flight to London.

Day 17

Sunday 31st January

Return travel to the UK

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Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted)

	Common name	Scientific name	January														
			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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>Microcarbo niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓
5	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓										✓
6	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
7	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	✓		✓	✓											
8	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓								✓
9	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
10	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓				✓
11	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓				✓
12	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
13	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>					✓			✓							
14	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>			✓	✓											
15	Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>			✓												
16	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
17	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>					✓		✓								✓
18	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>			✓	✓											
19	Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>		✓													
20	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											✓
21	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>			✓	✓	✓										✓
22	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓									
23	Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	✓														
24	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>			✓	✓											
25	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	✓		✓	✓											
26	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>	✓		✓	✓											
27	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓				✓
28	Knob-billed (Comb) Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>			✓	✓											

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
29	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>				✓	✓										
30	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓											
31	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
32	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
33	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		✓													
34	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
35	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
36	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>			✓												
37	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
38	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>				✓											
39	Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	✓	✓			✓										
40	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>		✓													
41	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>				✓											
42	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>		✓			✓	✓		✓		✓					✓
43	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
44	Pallas's Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>									✓						
45	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>							✓								
46	Indian (Long-billed) Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>					✓										
47	Himalayan Vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>												✓		✓	
48	Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>											✓		✓		
49	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>										✓					
50	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>					✓										
51	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>				✓			✓		✓	✓				✓	
52	Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>		✓	✓	✓											
53	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>															✓
54	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>				✓		✓	✓								
55	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>					✓										
56	White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>					✓										
57	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>							✓				✓				
58	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>							✓								✓
59	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>															✓
60	Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga hastata</i>			✓												

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
61	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>			✓	✓											
62	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>													✓	✓	
63	Eastern Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>			✓												
64	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>					✓										
65	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>			✓	✓		✓									
66	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>										✓	✓	✓			
67	Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>									✓						
68	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>					✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	
69	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>									✓			✓			
70	Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>											✓				
71	Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
72	Rufous-throated Partridge	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>												✓			
73	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>										✓	✓	✓			
74	Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>									✓			✓	✓	✓	
75	Cheer Pheasant	<i>Catreus wallichii</i>												✓			
76	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
77	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>				✓											
78	Jungle Bush Quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>					✓										
79	Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>		✓	✓												
80	Brown Crake	<i>Amauornis akool</i>					✓										
81	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓										
82	Grey-headed (Indian) Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus (poliocephalus)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
83	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
84	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
85	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>			✓												
86	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>		✓	✓		✓										
87	Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>					✓										
88	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>									✓			✓			
89	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓							✓
90	Eurasian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>				✓											
91	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
92	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓

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			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
93	Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>											✓					
94	White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	✓															
95	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>					✓											
96	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>								✓								
97	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	✓	✓					✓	✓								
98	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>		✓														
99	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				✓			✓	✓								✓
100	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓
101	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓								
102	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			✓		✓	✓			✓							
103	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>								✓								
104	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>		✓					✓	✓								
105	Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus</i>							✓	✓								
106	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>							✓									
107	Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>							✓									
108	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
109	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
110	Red Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>				✓												
111	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>								✓	✓							
112	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
113	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>			✓	✓												
114	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>								✓								
115	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
116	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>					✓					✓	✓					
117	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>									✓		✓					
118	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>				✓												
119	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>							✓									
120	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>					✓											
121	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>			✓	✓	✓											
122	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>				✓				✓				✓				
123	Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>				✓		✓										
124	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>									✓		✓					

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125	Tawny Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa flavipes</i>										✓					
126	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>										✓					
127	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓		
128	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>			✓	✓											
129	Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>			✓												
130	Grey Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus jotaka (split)</i>				✓											
131	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>				✓											
132	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>						✓	✓			✓					
133	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>									✓		✓				
134	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>				✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		✓		
135	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>										✓	✓				
136	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
137	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>				✓	✓				✓						
138	Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓			
139	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>										✓	✓				
140	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>		✓			✓										
141	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>		✓		✓	✓										✓
142	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓										
143	Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>				✓	✓										
144	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>										✓					
145	Great Barbet	<i>Psilopogon virens</i>												✓		✓	
146	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>			✓												
147	Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>									✓		✓				
148	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i>										✓					
149	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>		✓		✓						✓					
150	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>									✓		✓				
151	Brown-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes auriceps</i>									✓			✓	✓		
152	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>										✓					
153	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>														✓	
154	Lesser Yellownappe	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>									✓						
155	Greater Yellownappe	<i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>									✓			✓		✓	
156	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>											✓				

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157	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>										✓	✓	✓		✓		
158	Himalayan Flameback	<i>Dinopium shorii</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓			
159	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓	✓	✓							✓		✓				
160	Great Slaty Woodpecker	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>												✓				
161	Indian Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>						✓										
162	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>						✓										
163	Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>						✓										
164	Plain Martin (now Grey-throated)	<i>Riparia paludicola (now R. chinensis)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓		✓			✓
165	Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>														✓		
166	Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>						✓										
167	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓	✓				✓		✓		✓		✓		
168	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>												✓				
169	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>		✓														
170	Asian House Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>													✓			
171	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>		✓				✓	✓	✓					✓			
172	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓			
173	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>		✓				✓		✓	✓			✓				
174	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>		✓		✓												
175	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
176	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>		✓						✓	✓	✓		✓				
177	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>								✓								
178	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>												✓				
179	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>			✓													
180	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>												✓	✓	✓		
181	Short-billed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>														✓		
182	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>										✓	✓					
183	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>											✓			✓		
184	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>											✓					
185	Himalayan (White-eared) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>		✓	✓	✓												
186	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
187	Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mcclllandii</i>														✓		
188	Ashy Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flava</i>											✓					

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189	Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>														✓	
190	Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophciata</i>														✓	
191	Black-throated Accentor	<i>Prunella atrogularis</i>															✓
192	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>						✓							✓		
193	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
194	Scaly Thrush	<i>Zoothera dauma</i>											✓				
195	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>				✓	✓	✓									
196	Tickell's Thrush	<i>Turdus unicolor</i>					✓										
197	Grey-winged Blackbird	<i>Turdus boulboul</i>												✓			
198	Striated Prinia	<i>Prinia crinigera</i>													✓		
199	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>						✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			
200	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓									
201	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	✓				✓										
202	Black-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus schisticeps</i>															✓
203	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>						✓									
204	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>				✓											
205	Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>						✓									
206	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			
207	Siberian Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita tristis</i>					✓	✓									
208	Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>						✓									
209	Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>												✓		✓	✓
210	Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>														✓	✓
211	Lemon-rumped Warbler (Pale-r)	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>														✓	✓
212	Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
213	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>			✓	✓											
214	Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>	✓									✓					
215	Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistus</i>										✓			✓		✓
216	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
217	Chestnut-headed Tesia	<i>Cettia castaneocoronata</i>															✓
218	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophciata</i>															✓
219	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
220	Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>													✓		

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221	Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>										✓					✓		
222	Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltava sundara</i>															✓		
223	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>			✓	✓	✓					✓							
224	Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Calliope calliope</i>			✓														
225	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓												
226	Red-flanked Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>															✓	✓	
227	Golden Bush Robin	<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>															✓		
228	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓				
229	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>											✓						
230	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓					
231	Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus caeruleocephala</i>												✓	✓			✓	
232	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓						
233	Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>															✓		
234	White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
235	Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>										✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
236	Little Forktail	<i>Enicurus scouleri</i>										✓		✓					
237	Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>										✓					✓		
238	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquatus (split??)</i>		✓				✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
239	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>						✓					✓						
240	Grey Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
241	Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus</i>										✓		✓			✓		
242	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
243	White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>																✓	
244	Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax rufogularis</i>															✓		
245	White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>											✓						
246	Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax striatus</i>															✓	✓	
247	Streaked Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron lineatum</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
248	Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron erythrocephalum</i>														✓			
249	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>											✓	✓					
250	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogeus</i>														✓	✓		
251	Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler	<i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i>															✓		
252	Black-chinned Babbler	<i>Stachyris pyrrhops</i>											✓				✓		

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253	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>			✓		✓										
254	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	✓	✓			✓										✓
255	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
256	Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>													✓		
257	Himalayan (White-browed) Shrike-babbler	<i>Pteruthius ripleyi (split)</i>															✓
258	Green Shrike-babbler	<i>Pteruthius xanthochlorus</i>															✓
259	Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>															✓
260	Black-throated Bushtit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>										✓		✓		✓	
261	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
262	Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>												✓	✓	✓	
263	Himalayan Black-lored Tit	<i>Machlolophus xanthogenys</i>												✓	✓		
264	Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>															✓
265	Black-crested (Spot-winged) Tit	<i>Periparus ater melanolophus</i>															✓
266	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>									✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
267	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>									✓		✓				
268	Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>									✓		✓				✓
269	Bar-tailed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia himalayana</i>									✓			✓	✓	✓	
270	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓									
271	Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>								✓							
272	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>											✓				
273	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>				✓					✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
274	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>										✓	✓				
275	Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>															✓
276	Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>						✓									
277	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
278	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	✓		✓												
279	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
280	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>				✓										✓	
281	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>										✓					
282	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>									✓		✓		✓	✓	
283	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>									✓						
284	Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>									✓						

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285	Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>													✓		✓	
286	Black-headed Jay	<i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>													✓		✓	
287	Red-billed Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa erythroryncha</i>													✓		✓	✓
288	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓		✓				✓
289	Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>															✓	
290	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			
291	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
292	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
293	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
294	Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling)	<i>Gracupica contra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓											✓
295	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>											✓					
296	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓											✓
297	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>		✓														
298	Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>				✓												
299	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
300	Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer rutilans</i>																✓
301	Yellow-throated S. (Chestnut-shouldered Petronia)	<i>Gymnoris (Petronia) xanthocollis</i>		✓														
302	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	✓		✓		✓											
303	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>												✓	✓	✓		
304	Pink-browed Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rodochroa</i>																✓
305	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	<i>Chloris spinoides</i>														✓	✓	
306	White-capped bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>						✓										

Mammals

Scientific names

1	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>					✓											
2	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Common Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>					✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Asiatic Golden Jackal	<i>Canis lupus</i>		✓	✓						✓							
5	Yellow-throated Marten	<i>Martes flavigula</i>															✓	
6	Small Indian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes auropunctatus</i>					✓											
7	Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsi</i>	✓															
8	Ruddy or Black-tailed Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>					✓											

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9	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>											✓				
10	Royal Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>											✓				
11	Indian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa cristatus</i>			✓	✓											
12	Barking Deer (Indian Muntjac)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>									✓	✓	✓			✓	
13	Chital (Spotted Deer)	<i>Cervus axis</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓				
14	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>			✓	✓					✓	✓	✓				
15	Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓							
16	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
17	Asiatic Long-tailed Climbing Mouse	<i>Vandeleuria oleracea</i>					✓										

Reptiles

1	Indian Soft-shell Turtle	<i>Nilssonina gangetica</i>				✓											
2	Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>								✓			✓				
3	Checkered Keelback (Asiatic Watersnake)	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>								✓			✓				
4	Bengal Monitor Lizard	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	✓										✓				