Naturetrek Tour Report

9 - 25 November 2018



White-browed Rosefinch



White-throated Kingfisher



Asian Elephant



Wallcreeper

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Summary

This year the November Naturetrek tour to Northern India and the Himalayan Foothills was a great success, with 320 species of birds and 19 species of mammals seen. We followed a wonderful itinerary that took us to a wide variety of habitats, from rich wetlands to dry savanna woodlands and semi-scrub to the bird-filled forested slopes of the Himalayan Foothills. This Naturetrek tour has many specialities and Indian subcontinent endemics, and among the many highlights were two pairs of Greater Painted-snipe, several Indian Coursers, three different Wallcreepers, Long-billed Thrush, Golden Bush Robin, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Oriental Pied and Great Hornbills, Black Bittern, a magnificent pair of Sarus Crane, the critically endangered Indian Vulture, Red-headed and Rock Buntings, Brown Dipper, Slaty-backed and Spotted Forktails, superb views of the Rufous-breasted Accentor, Indian Spotted and Greater Spotted Eagles, Booted and Imperial Eagles, Lesser Fish Eagle, a Collared Owlet, Dusky Eagle Owl, Brown Fish and Tawny Fish Owls, amongst many Flycatchers, Warblers and Redstarts, plus many Asiatic species.

In addition to the birds, we had brilliant encounters with Asiatic Wild Elephants, superb views of the Golden Jackal, some species of the Mongoose, Deer and Monkeys, delicious food, great countryside and Himalayan scenery; a visit to the world-famous monument, The Taj Mahal and perfect sunny weather throughout the tour made this holiday such a wonderful and memorable trip.

Day 1

Friday 9th November

In flight overnight from the UK.

Day 2

Saturday 10th November

The British Airways flight arrived on time at 8.55am at Indra Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi and we began the tour with early check-in to the Holiday Inn hotel with enough time for a wash and change and for hot lunch, before we drove about an hour to Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary in the Haryana District.

This year having good monsoon, the Sultanpur wetlands were full of birds and is great place to start any birding tour in Delhi. As we arrived there, we saw several Painted Stork and spoonbills flying overhead and little ahead a female Purple Sunbird feeding on a tree. In the wetland area, we had some great birds, including Red-naped Ibis, a mixed heronry, a mixed flock of Eurasian Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Common Pochard, Tufted Duck and Ferruginous Duck, Little Grebe, a nesting pair of Black-necked Stork and a White-tailed Lapwing. Other good birds in and around the wetlands were Red-breasted Flycatcher, Red Avadavat, Grey Francolin, Rufous Treepie, Asian Pied Starling, Ashy and Plain Prinias, Black-shouldered Kite and a Greater Spotted Eagle. After a great time birding, we returned to the hotel.

Day 3/4

Sunday 11th/Monday 12th November

Next day we drove for five to six hours to Bharatpur, with some good birding stops en route, when we encountered a huge flock of Black-breasted Weavers feeding on the tall reeds and there were several Indian

Silverbills in the mixed flock. Several new birds seen perched on the electric wires included Long-tailed shrike, Black-winged Kite, White-throated Kingfisher, Large Grey Babblers, Eurasian Collared and Laughing Doves, Black Drongos and Asian Pied Starlings.

After three hours' drive, we had a break for tea/coffee; there we saw a White Wagtail a pair of Indian Grey Hornbill. Later on, we had superb sighting of a family Indian Sarus Crane and Grey-headed Swamphen. We arrived in hotel Birders Inn Bharatpur, at lunch time and settled our home for the next four nights. We had delicious lunch with masala chai before going to bird sanctuary, officially known as Keoladeo National Park, a World Heritage Natural Site and former hunting ground for the maharajas of Bharatpur and their royal guests, with an area of just 29km2 of the mixed type of habitats.

We spent the first entire afternoon and the next full day in this famous wetlands, travelling in the bicycle rickshaws and walking on the trails, covering different habitats until sunset. We had brilliant birding and saw several of interesting bird species, including a pair of Dusky Eagle-Owl, Tickell's Thrush, Black Bittern, Yellow Bittern, Bluethroat, Indian and Greater Spotted Eagles, Imperial Eagle, Bronzed-winged Jacana, Striated Heron, Hume's Leaf and Greenish Warblers, Indian Reed Warbler, and many ducks, herons, egrets and waders.

Day 5

Tuesday 13th November

Next day we drove to the place called Bayana and Bund Baretha, a vast agricultural and hilly area outside the park, looking for the countryside birds. On our way to Bayana, we saw a good number of Red-headed Buntings and Yellow-throated Sparrows, Indian Silverbill and a flock of Rosy Starlings. Then we visited the breeding cliffs of critically endangered Indian Vultures. Some of them were sitting on the cliffs and others were flying quite low over the cliffs. Then we also saw Dusky Crag Martins, a distant Blue Rock Thrush, Common Kestrel, Green Sandpiper and a Citrine Wagtail. Next, we headed to the Bund Baretha. In the dry fields we had seven Yellow-wattled Lapwings.

While we were having lunch at the Irrigation Department office, we saw a roosting colony of Indian Flying Foxes, a Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Ashy Drongo, Oriental White-eye, Brown-headed Barbet and a Redbreasted Flycatcher. After a good picnic lunch, we drove to beyond Bund Baretha to a small dam, where we had good number of birds including Common and Spotted Redshank, Little Ringed and Kentish Plover, Marsh, Green and Wood Sandpipers, Ruff, a good number of Black-tailed Godwit, Indian River Tern, Woolly-necked Stork and Pied Kingfisher. After a great day birding, we returned to hotel before dark and had plenty of time for hot shower before updating checklist and having dinner.

Day 6

Wednesday 14th November

The next entire morning we spent in Keoladeo, searching for wetland and woodland rarities. We walked on a mixed-habitat woodland track and some good birds seen here included Yellow Bittern, Tickell's Thrush, three different pairs of Spotted Owlet, Bluethroat, great views of the Black Bittern, Indian Scops Owl, Imperial Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle and many other Asian species of birds.

After a great morning, we returned to the hotel for a hot lunch. In the afternoon, we drove less than an hour to our target place for the Indian Courser, another rarity of the countryside birds. On the way, we saw a pair of

Greater Painted Snipe and Little Stint etc. As we arrived there, we scanned the mustard and the dry fields and were lucky enough to see about seven different Indian Coursers from a distance. A number of other good birds seen here included the Indian Bush Lark, Desert Wheatear, Tawny Pipit, Common Stonechat, Bay-backed Shrike and an unexpected Greater Painted Snipe. Overall, we had great birding in Bharatpur.

Day 7

Thursday 15th November

Next day, in the bright sun, we drove to Agra. En route, we visited the monument of Fatehpur Sikri, a red stone building built by Akbar in the 17th century. Several Indian Chat, Little Swifts and Black Kites were seen here. Then we headed to the Taj Mahal, which was, as always, very impressive. Around the Taj Mahal, particularly in the river Yamuna, some good birds seen, including our first River Lapwing, Ruddy Shelduck, Common Greenshank, Common and Green Sandpipers, Black-winged Stilt, Several Egyptian Vultures and Great Cormorants. After a hot lunch in a local restaurant, we spent some time visiting the magnificent Agra Fort before we headed to Delhi, and the comfortable Holiday Inn hotel for the night.

Day 8

Friday 16th November

Next morning began with a small flock of Scally-breasted Munias sun-bathing in the hotel garden. Today, we drove about seven hours to Ramnagar, by the Corbett National Park. En route, our first stop was at the Ganges River. This is one of the holiest rivers for Hindu pilgrims who come to take a holy bath in the Ganges, and this site has been declared a wildlife-protected area of India as many species of birds gather here in the winter. Some of the birds seen included a Brown-headed Gull, Black-headed Gull, good number of Red-naped Ibis, Asian Openbill and Ruddy Shelduck.

We made a stop for a hot lunch in a local restaurant; the food was delicious, not forgetting to mention the masala chai. In the evening, we reached Ramnagar, Corbett and spent some time at the Kosi Barrage looking for Himalayan-foothill species. We had superb views of Stork-billed Kingfisher, River Lapwing, Plumbeous Water Redstart, Streak-throated Swallows, good number of Ruddy Shelduck, Gadwall and a pair of Red-crested Pochard. Golden Mahseer fish were seen in the river before we headed to our destination hotel, Tiger Camp, for the next four nights.

Day 9

Saturday 17th November

Next morning began with a regular site of Ibisbill at the Kosi River. We scanned the river, but could not find any Ibisbill, as there was no information about this bird being seen here recently, probably due to the late migration. However, we enjoyed a few hours of great birding along the Kosi River. Our target bird, undoubtedly, was a Wallcreeper feeding on the river boulders. We also found many other good birds including Crested Kingfisher, White-capped and Plumbeous Water Redstart, White-browed Wagtails, Blue Rock Thrush, Blue Whistling Thrush, Long-billed Pipit, White-capped Bunting among other Himalayan species. Later on.

We returned to the hotel for a hot breakfast. Then the rest of the day we spent towards Kumaria and Mohan in open jeeps. Today we saw some great birds including Jungle Owlet being mobbed by a mixed flock of birds, Yellow-bellied Fantail, Lemon-rumped Warbler, Grey-hooded warbler, Chestnut-bellied and Velvet-fronted Nuthatches, Himalayan Woodpecker, Red-billed Leiothrix, Common Green Magpie, Green-backed Tit, Grey-

bellied Tesia, Brown Dipper, Lesser Fish Eagle and cracking views of Tawny Fish Owl. After a great birding day, we returned to our hotel.

Day 10

Sunday 18th November

Next day, in the morning and afternoon, we took our official game drives in Corbett NP, which took us to the Sal forest and savanna grassland habitats. Here we encountered several mixed flock of birds including Maroon and Black-hooded Oriole, Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Blue-bearded Bee-eaters, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Grey-capped Woodpecker, Common Woodshrike, Long-tailed Minivet and a pair of Oriental Pied Hornbill. Some other good birds seen today included Black Stork, Grey-breasted Prinia, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Himalayan Vulture, Steppe Eagle and a male Hen Harrier.

Day 11

Monday 19th November

Next day we continued, morning and afternoon drives in some different areas of Corbett NP. We had number of new birds today, including very attractive Plum-headed Parakeets, Spangled Drongo, Zitting Cisticola, Grey Francolin, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Lineated and Blue-throated Barbet and a pair of Great Hornbill. On the mammal side, the highlight was seeing a herd of wild Asian Elephant; an enormous male 'tusker' Elephant crossed the road in front of the jeeps, hardly thirty yards from us.

In the afternoon we heard a male Tiger growling and followed him for the next 30 minutes; we heard lots of warning calls from monkeys and deer but unfortunately, except for the tour leader, none of the group saw this majestic cat for more than a few seconds only, as he was in the distance and well hidden behind the tall dry grass. He never came out in the open but overall, it was another great day spent in Corbett NP.

Day 12

Tuesday 20th November

During our final morning, we spent quite a time in Buffer Zone chasing some target species, including Long-billed Thrush, Kalij Pheasant, White-crested Laughingthrush, Alexendrine Parakeet, Bronzed Drongo, Brown Fish Owl and Tawny Fish Owl again, which was seen in the Valley.

After a hot lunch, we packed and said good bye to the hotel staff of Tiger Camp and headed towards Nainital. Our first stop at the Kosi Barrage again, and we had a short visit to the Jim Corbett museum before climbing the road into the Himalayas of Nainital, situated at the height of 2000 metres above sea level. We had enough time for en-route birding in the Mangoli Valley, where we saw some great birds of high altitude, including our first Streaked Laughingthrush, Black-headed Jay, Grey Treepie, Russet Sparrow, and a superb sighting of a Collared Owlet. We reached Nainital before dark, arriving at the hotel Vikram Vintage which was our home for the next four nights.

Day 13

Wednesday 21st November

Next morning, we drove towards Mangoli Valley and en route we saw few pairs of Kalij Pheasant feeding near the roadside, several Blue Whistling Thrush, Himalayan Bulbul, Red-billed Leiothrix and a Golden Bush Robin. We walked on a track for few hours in the Mangoli Valley which was full of mixed flocks of birds, including over a hundred White-throated Laughingthrush, Red-billed Blue Magpie, White-throated Fantail, Speckled Piculet, Black-chinned Babbler, Ashy-throated Warbler, and a Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler. As we walked along the stream, we spotted Slaty-backed and Spotted Forktails.

We returned to the hotel for a hot lunch, and in the afternoon, we had a spectacular short visit of the Himalayan viewpoint before birding in the high fields close to Nainital. We had some great birds including Rufous-breasted Accentor, Nepal House Martin and a White-browed Rosefinch.

Day 14

Thursday 22nd November

Next day, we drove downhill in the bright morning sunshine, and along the cool river valley. Here we found a mixed flock of Long-tailed and Scarlet Minivets, a good number of Slaty-headed Parakeets, Great Barbet, Spotbreasted Scimitar Babbler, Grey-headed Woodpecker, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush, and Striated Laughingthrush. We also had spectacular views of Wallcreeper feeding along the roadside small-rocky slopes, Striated Prinia, and Himalayan Vultures were flying over the hills. Later on, we followed a stream flowing in the valley and found some great birds, including Rufous-bellied Niltava, Whiskered Yuhina, Bar-tailed Treecreeper, Whistler's Warbler, Lesser Yellownape, Brown-fronted Woodpecker, and a pair of Black Francolin.

After a picnic lunch, we headed to small lakes at Sat Tal, where we spent rest of the afternoon.

Day 15

Friday 23rd November

The next morning, after a hot breakfast and with a packed lunch, we headed to the Pangot and Vinayak road to look for the forest species of higher altitude. We saw number of new ones, including Grey-backed Shrike, Eurasian Jay, Black-throated Tit, Rufous Sibia, Red-flanked Bluetail, Rufous-bellied Woodpecker and a pair of Grey-winged Blackbird. We birded along the roadside beyond Vinayak and had two small flocks of Altai Accentor, Mountain Hawk-Eagles giving eye-level views, Common Kestrel, Himalayan Vultures, and a big flock of Eurasian Crag Martins.

At midday, we had our picnic lunch and we ordered hot masala chai in a local restaurant. After lunch, we spent a lot of time birding along the forested roads and saw the number of good birds including Blue-capped Redstart, four Rock Buntings, another huge flock of White-throated Laughingthrush, and Yellow-breasted Greenfinch. Today, we had again spectacular views of the Himalayan peaks including the highest ones in the area: Trisul (7,120 metres) and the Nanda Devi (at 7,816 metres the second highest mountain in India). We returned to the hotel on time, after another splendid day's birding.

Day 16

Saturday 24th November

After a great time in Nainital, we drove down to the Kaladungi. En route we saw some good birds including few pairs of Kalij Pheasant, Great Barbet, Grey-hooded Warbler, Green-backed Tit, Bar-tailed Treecreeper, Grey Bush Chat, and Velvet-fronted Nuthatch. Back in the lowlands, our last birding stop was at the Ganges bridge, where we had some good species of birds including a huge flock of Red-naped Ibis, Asian Openbill, Common Greenshank, Green Sandpiper, Black Kites, Black-headed Gull and several River Lapwings.

We reached Delhi in rush hour but had little time sightseeing in New Delhi from the coach; we saw the government buildings, India Gate, Parliament of India and The President House. We arrived at the hotel Holiday Inn and did the check-in formalities. Then it was time to say our good-byes and to thank everyone for their great company, which together, with all the excellent birds and mammals made this such a wonderful and memorable trip.

Day 17

Sunday 25th November

The group were in flight back to the UK.

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Spotted Owlet

Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted)

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	Common name	Scientific name	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				
2	Dalmatian Pelican	Pelecanus crispus			✓			✓									
3	Indian Cormorant	Phalacrocorax fuscicollis		✓	✓	✓	✓										
4	Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				
5	Little Cormorant	Microcarbo niger	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
6	Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
7	Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
8	Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	✓	✓	✓		✓										
9	Great Egret	Ardea alba	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
10	Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
11	Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
12	Indian Pond Heron	Ardeola grayii	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓
13	Eastern Cattle Egret	Bubulcus coromandus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓					✓
14	Striated Heron	Butorides striata			✓	✓	✓										
15	Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax		✓	✓		✓										
16	Yellow Bittern	Ixobrychus sinensis					✓										
17	Black Bittern	Dupetor Flavicollis			✓		✓										
18	Painted Stork	Mycteria leucocephala	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
19	Asian Openbill	Anastomus oscitans		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								✓
20	Black Stork	Ciconia nigra								✓	✓	✓	✓				
21	Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus		✓	✓				✓								
22	Black-necked Stork	Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus	✓		✓	✓											
23	Red-naped Ibis	Pseudibis papillosa	✓						✓								✓
24	Glossy Ibis	Plegadis falcinellus			✓		✓										
25	Black-headed Ibis	Pseudibis papillosa	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
26	Eurasian Spoonbill	Platalea leucorodia		✓	✓	✓	✓										
27	Lesser Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna javanica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
28	Bar-headed Goose	Anser indicus	✓				✓										
29	Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea				✓		✓	✓				✓				

	Common name	Scientific name	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
30	Knob-billed (Comb) Duck	Sarkidiornis melanotos			✓	✓	✓										
31	Cotton Pygmy Goose	Nettapus coromandelianus	✓														
32	Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca penelope	✓		✓												
33	Gadwall	Mareca strepera	✓		✓				✓				✓				
34	Common Teal	Anas crecca	✓			✓											
35	Indian Spot-billed Duck	Anas poecilorhyncha	✓		✓												
36	Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	✓		✓												
37	Garganey	Spatula querquedula			✓												
38	Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	✓	✓	✓												
39	Red-crested Pochard	Netta rufina											✓				
40	Common Pochard	Aythya ferina	✓		✓												
41	Ferruginous Duck	Aythya nyroca	✓		✓												
42	Tufted Duck	Aythya fuligula			✓												
43	Black-eared Kite	Milvus lineatus									✓						
44	Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard	Pernis ptilorhynchus			✓					✓							
45	Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓
46	Black Kite	Milvus migrans	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Lesser Fish Eagle	Icthyophaga humilis								✓							
48	White-rumped Vulture	Gyps bengalensis									✓						
49	Indian Vulture	Gyps indicus				✓											
50	Himalayan Vulture	Gyps himalayensis									✓	✓	✓			✓	
51	Griffon Vulture	Gyps fulvus														✓	
52	Cinereous Vulture	Aegypius monachus										✓					
53	Egyptian Vulture	Neophron Percnopterus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
54	Red-headed Vulture	Sarcogyps calvus									✓	✓					
55	Short-toed Eagle	Circaetus gallicus								✓							
56	Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis cheela					✓			✓			✓				
57	Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus		✓	✓		✓										
58	Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus									✓						
59	Shikra	Accipiter badius	✓	✓	✓												
60	Besra	Accipiter virgatus														✓	
61	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Accipiter nisus				✓											

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62	White-eyed Buzzard	Butastur teesa		✓													
63	Black Eagle	Ictinaetus malaiensis														✓	
64	Indian Spotted Eagle	Clanga hastata		✓	✓												
65	Greater Spotted Eagle	Clanga clanga	✓		✓												
66	Steppe Eagle	Aquila nipalensis		✓			✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
67	Imperial Eagle	Aquila heliaca					✓										
68	Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus				✓											
69	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus cirrhatus								✓	✓	✓					
70	Mountain Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus nipalensis										✓				✓	
71	Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus				✓	✓			✓							
72	Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo			✓		✓										
73	Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus								✓					✓		
74	Black Francolin	Francolinus francolinus													✓		
75	Grey Francolin	Francolinus pondicerianus	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓				
76	Common Quail	Coturnix coturnix															
77	Red Junglefowl	Gallus gallus									✓	✓			✓		
78	Kalij Pheasant	Lophura leucomelanos									✓			✓			✓
79	Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
80	Barred Buttonquail	Turnix suscitator				✓											
81	Jungle Bush Quail	Perdicula asiatica										✓					
82	Sarus Crane	Grus antigone		✓			✓										
83	White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
84	Grey-headed (Indian) Swamphen	Porphyrio poliocephalus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
85	Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
86	Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓
87	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	Hydrophasianus chirurgus				✓	✓										
88	Bronze-winged Jacana	Metopidius indicus		✓	✓	✓	✓										
89	Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis					✓										
90	Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				✓
91	Indian Stone-curlew (Thick-knee)	Burhinus indicus					✓										
92	Indian Courser	Cursorius coromandelicus					✓										
93	River Lapwing	Vanellus duvaucelii						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

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94	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus malabaricus				✓											
95	Red-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus indicus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓
96	White-tailed Lapwing	Vanellus leucurus		✓													
97	Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius				✓											
98	Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus				✓											
99	Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago					✓										
100	Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa limosa				✓											
101	Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus					✓		✓								
102	Common Redshank	Tringa totanus		✓		✓			✓								✓
103	Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis				✓											
104	Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓				✓
105	Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓
106	Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola					✓		✓								
107	Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓				
108	Little Stint	Calidris minuta				✓											
109	Temminck's Stint	Calidris temminckii					✓		✓								
110	Ruff	Philomachus pugnax				✓		✓	✓								
111	Brown-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus							✓								
112	Black-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus ridibundus							✓				✓				✓
113	River Tern	Sterna aurantia				✓											
114	Rock Dove	Columba livia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
115	Oriental Turtle Dove	Streptopelia orientalis											✓	✓			✓
116	Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
117	Spotted Dove	Spilopelia chinensis									✓		✓				
118	Laughing Dove	Spilopelia senegalensis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								✓
119	Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica								✓							
120	Yellow-footed Pigeon	Treron phoenicopterus		✓	✓		✓				✓	✓					
121	Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	Treron apicauda									✓						
122	Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria	✓										✓				
123	Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula krameri	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
124	Plum-headed Parakeet	Psittacula cyanocephala									✓	✓					
125	Slaty-headed Parakeet	Psittacula himalayana													✓		

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126	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	Hierococcyx varius		✓	✓		✓										
127	Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus			✓	✓											
128	Southern (Greater) Coucal	Centropus sinensis parroti	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
129	Indian Scops Owl	Otus bakkamoena					✓										
130	Dusky Eagle-Owl	Bubu coromandus			✓												
131	Brown Fish Owl	Ketupa zeylonensis											✓				
132	Tawny Fish Owl	Ketupa flavipes								✓			✓				
133	Asian Barred Owlet	Glaucidium cuculoides								✓							
134	Collared Owlet	Glaucidium brodiei											✓				
135	Jungle Owlet	Glaucidium radiatum										✓	✓				
136	Spotted Owlet	Athene brama		✓	✓		✓					✓					
137	Little Swift	Apus affinis				✓		✓									
138	Crested Treeswift	Hemiprocne coronata									✓	✓					
139	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis			✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		✓		
140	Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis							✓								
141	White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
142	Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓		✓				
143	Crested Kingfisher	Megaceryle lugubris								✓			✓				
144	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis athertoni									✓	✓					
145	Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis		✓	✓	✓	✓										✓
146	Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis		✓	✓	✓					✓						
147	Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓		
148	Indian Grey Hornbill	Ocyceros birostris			✓	✓	✓										✓
149	Oriental Pied Hornbill	Anthracoceros albirostris									✓						
150	Great Hornbill	Buceros bicornis										✓					
151	Great Barbet	Psilopogon virens														✓	✓
152	Brown-headed Barbet	Psilopogon zeylanicus				✓						✓					
153	Lineated Barbet	Psilopogon lineatus									✓	✓					
154	Blue-throated Barbet	Psilopogon asiaticus									✓	✓					
155	Coppersmith Barbet	Psilopogon haemacephalus			✓							✓					
156	Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla								✓			✓				
157	Speckled Piculet	Picumnus innominatus													✓		

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158	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Yungipicus canicapillus								✓	✓	✓			✓		
159	Brown-fronted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos auriceps												✓	✓	✓	
160	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos macei								✓	✓	✓					
161	Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	Dendrocopos hyperythrus														✓	
162	Lesser Yellownape	Picus chlorolophus												✓			
163	Greater Yellownape	Chrysophlegma flavinucha									✓						
164	Streak-throated Woodpecker	Picus xanthopygaeus								✓		✓					
165	Scaly-bellied Woodpecker	Picus squamatus									✓						
166	Grey-headed Woodpecker	Picus canus									✓	✓	✓			✓	
167	Himalayan Flameback	Dinopium shorii								✓		✓					
168	Black-rumped Flameback	Dinopium benghalense			✓		✓				✓	✓					
169	Indian Bush Lark	Mirafra erythroptera					✓										
170	Sand Martin	Riparia riparia								✓	✓	✓					
171	Grey-throated Martin (was Plain Martin)	Riparia chinensis (was R. paludicola)								✓							✓
172	Eurasian Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne rupestris														✓	
173	Dusky Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne concolor				✓											
174	Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	✓	✓						✓		✓	✓				✓
175	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica		✓					✓	✓			✓				
176	Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
177	Streak-throated Swallow	Hirundo fluvicola				✓			✓								
178	Asian House Martin	Delichon dasypus												✓			
179	Nepal House Martin	Delichon nipalensis												✓			
180	White Wagtail	Motacilla alba		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
181	White-browed Wagtail	Motacilla madaraspatensis							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
182	Citrine Wagtail	Motacilla citreola			✓	✓	✓		✓								
183	Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla flava		✓					✓	✓							
184	Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
185	Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus				✓											
186	Long-billed Pipit	Anthus similis								✓		✓					
187	Tawny Pipit	Anthus campestris								✓		✓	✓				
188	Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis								✓			✓				
189	Large Cuckooshrike	Coracina macei									✓						

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190	Small Minivet	Pericrocotus cinnamomeus										✓					
191	Long-tailed Minivet	Pericrocotus ethologus								✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
192	Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus flammeus													✓		
193	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Hemipus picatus								✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
194	Black-crested Bulbul	Pycnonotus melanicterus									✓						
195	Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus								✓	✓	✓	✓				
196	White-eared Bulbul	Pycnonotus leucogenys		✓	✓		✓	✓									
197	Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
198	Himalayan Bulbul	Pycnonoyus leucogenys								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
199	Ashy Bulbul	Hemixos flavala								✓	✓						
200	Black Bulbul	Hypsipetes leucocephalus								✓				✓			
201	Golden-fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons									✓						
202	Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia									✓						
203	Brown Dipper	Cinclus pallasii								✓	✓		✓				
204	Altai Accentor	Prunella himalayana														✓	
205	Rufous-breasted Accentor	Prunella strophiata												✓			
206	Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	Monticola rufiventris													✓		
207	Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius				✓				✓							
208	Blue Whistling Thrush	Myophonus caeruleus								✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
209	Long-billed Thrush	Zoothera monticola											✓				
210	Tickell's Thrush	Turdus unicolor					✓										
211	Grey-winged Blackbird	Turdus boulboul														✓	
212	Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis								✓	✓	✓					
213	Striated Prinia	Prinia crinigera													✓		
214	Grey-breasted Prinia	Prinia hodgsonii								✓	✓	✓	✓				
215	Ashy Prinia	Prinia socialis	✓		✓		✓				✓						
216	Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓					
217	Paddyfield Warbler	Acrocephalus agricola			✓												
218	Blyth's Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus dumetorum			✓												
219	Clamorous Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus stentoreus			✓												
220	Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	✓			✓	✓			✓			✓		✓		
221	Siberian Chiffchaff	Phylloscopus collybita tristis			✓	✓				✓		✓					

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222	Ashy-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus maculipennis												✓			
223	Lemon-rumped Warbler	Phylloscopus chloronotus								✓					✓	✓	
224	Hume's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus humei			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
225	Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides					✓			✓	✓						
226	Green warbler	Phylloscopus nitidus												✓			
227	Whistler's Warbler	Seicercus whistleri													✓		
228	Grey-hooded Warbler	Seicercus xanthoschistus								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
229	Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓							
230	Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	Ficedula strophiata										✓					
231	Red-breasted Flycatcher	Ficedula parva	✓		✓		✓										
232	Rufous-bellied Niltava	Niltava sundara						✓							✓		
233	Blue-throated Flycatcher	Cyornis rubeculoides														✓	
234	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				
235	Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica			✓	✓	✓										
236	Red-flanked Bluetail	Tarsiger cyanurus														✓	
237	Golden Bush Robin	Tarsiger chrysaeus												✓			
238	Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis		✓	✓		✓	✓									✓
239	Indian Robin	Saxicoloides fulicata		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				
240	Blue-capped Redstart	Phoenicurus caeruleocephala											✓	✓	✓	✓	
241	Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros			✓		✓										
242	White-capped Redstart	Phoenicurus leucocephalus							✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
243	Plumbeous Redstart	Phoenicurus fuliginosus								✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
244	Slaty-backed Forktail	Enicurus schistaceus												✓			
245	Spotted Forktail	Enicurus maculatus												✓	✓	✓	
246	Siberian Stonechat	Saxicola maurus									✓	✓			✓		
247	Brown Rock Chat	Oenanthe fusca				✓		✓		✓							
248	Stejneger's Stonechat (split from Comm.)	Saxicola stejnegeri (torquatus)				✓	✓										
249	Pied Bush Chat	Saxicola caprata		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					✓
250	Grey Bush Chat	Saxicola ferreus					✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
251	Yellow-bellied Fantail	Chelidorhynx hypoxanthus													✓	✓	
252	White-throated Fantail	Rhipidura albicollis								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
253	White-throated Laughingthrush	Garrulax albogularis												✓		✓	

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254	White-crested Laughingthrush	Garrulax leucolophus												✓			
255	Striated Laughingthrush	Garrulax striatus												✓	✓	✓	
256	Streaked Laughingthrush	Garrulax lineatus											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
257	Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus erythrogenys												✓			
258	Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis													✓		
259	Black-chinned Babbler	Stachyris pyrrhops									✓		✓		✓		
260	Yellow-eyed Babbler	Chrysomma sinense										✓					
261	Large Grey Babbler	Turdoides malcolmi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓							✓
262	Common Babbler	Turdoides caudata		✓	✓	✓											
263	Jungle Babbler	Turdoides striatus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
264	Red-billed Leiothrix	Leiothrix lutea												✓	✓		
265	Rufous Sibia	Heterophasia capistrata														✓	
266	Whiskered Yuhina	Yuhina flavicollis													✓		
267	Black-throated Tit	Aegithalos concinnus												✓	✓	✓	
268	Great Tit	Parus major								✓	✓						
269	Green-backed Tit	Parus monticolus												✓	✓	✓	✓
270	Himalayan Black-lored Tit	Machlolophus xanthogenys													✓	✓	
271	Black-crested (Spot-winged) Tit	Periparus ater melanolophus														✓	
272	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	Sitta cinnamoventris													✓		
273	Indian Nuthatch	Sitta castanea								✓	✓					✓	
274	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Sitta frontalis								✓	✓	✓					✓
275	Wallcreeper	Tichodroma muraria								✓			✓		✓		
276	Bar-tailed Treecreeper	Certhia himalayana											✓	✓	✓		✓
277	Purple Sunbird	Cinnyris asiaticus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓					
278	Black-throated Sunbird	Aethopyga saturata								✓							
279	Oriental White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus	✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
280	Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus		✓													
281	Black-hooded Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus									✓	✓	✓				
282	Maroon Oriole	Oriolus traillii									✓	✓					
283	Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus		✓			✓										
284	Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
285	Grey-backed Shrike	Lanius tephronotus														✓	

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286	Bay-backed shrike	Lanius vittatus			✓												
287	Common Woodshrike	Tephrodornis pondicerianus			✓						✓	✓					
288	Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				✓
289	Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus				✓	✓				✓	✓					
290	White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens										✓					
291	Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus								✓					✓		
292	Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus										✓					
293	Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius														✓	
294	Black-headed Jay	Garrulus lanceolatus												✓	✓	✓	
295	Common Green Magpie	Cissa chinensis								✓	✓						
296	Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
297	Grey Treepie	Dendrocitta formosae												✓	✓		
298	Red-billed Blue Magpie	Urocussa erythrorhyncha											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
299	House Crow	Corvus splendens	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
300	Indian Jungle Crow	Corvus culminatus			✓		✓		✓								
301	Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos													✓		✓
302	Bank Myna	Acridotheres ginginianus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓
303	Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
304	Asian Pied Starling	Gracupica contra		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓
305	Brahminy Starling	Temenuchus pagodarum		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓
306	Rosy Starling	Pastor roseus				✓											
307	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
308	Russet Sparrow	Passer rutilans											✓	✓	✓	✓	
309	Yellow-throated S. (Chestnut-shouldered P.)	Gymnoris (Petronia) xanthocollis			✓			✓			✓						
310	Black-breasted Weaver	Ploceus benghalensis		✓													
311	Red Avadavat	Amandava amandava	✓	✓	✓	✓											
312	Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulata			✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓				
313	Indian Silverbill	Euodice malabarica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
314	Common Rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus				✓	✓										
315	White-browed Rosefinch	Carpodacus thura												✓			
316	Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	Chloris spinoides														✓	
317	Grey-bellied Tesia	Tesia cyaniventer								✓							

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318	White-capped Bunting	Emberiza stewarti								✓			✓				
319	Red-headed Bunting	Emberiza bruniceps				✓											
320	Rock Bunting	Emberiza cia									✓					✓	

Mammals

1	Indian Flying Fox	Pteropus ggigianteus					✓	✓									
2	Rhesus Macaque	Macaca mulatta	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Northern Plains Gray Langur	Semnopithecus entellus				✓				✓	✓	✓					
4	Tarai Gray Langur	Semnopithecus hector								✓	✓	✓	✓				
5	Nepal Gray Langur	Semnopithecus schistaceus											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Asiatic Golden Jackal	Canis lupus		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓					
7	Small Indian Mongoose	Herpestes auropunctatus				✓											
8	Indian Grey Mongoose	Herpestes edwardsi					✓										
9	Jungle Cat	Felis chaus									✓						
10	Asian Elephant	Elephas maximus										✓					
11	Wild Boar	Sus scrofa			✓		✓				✓						
12	Barking Deer	Muntiacus muntjak								✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		
13	Chital (Spotted Deer)	Cervus axis		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓				
14	Sambar	Cervus unicolor								✓	✓	✓	✓				
15	Nilgai	Boselaphus tragocamelus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
16	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	Funambulus pennanti	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓					✓
17	Indian Hare	Lepus nigricollis					✓										
18	Short-nosed Bat	Cynopterus sphinx			✓		✓										
19	Common Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pipistrellus			✓		✓	✓									

Reptiles

1	Garden Lizard	Calotus versicolor	✓			✓					
2	Bengal Monitor Lizard	Varanus bengalensis		✓							
3	Indian Soft-shell Turtle	Nilssonia gangetica		✓	✓						
4	Checkered Keelback Water Snake	Xenochrophis piscator	✓			✓					

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Butterflies

1	Plain Tiger	Danaus chrysippus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
2	Striped Tiger	Danaus genutia			✓								
3	Blue Tiger	Tirumala limniace				✓							
4	Danaid Eggfly	Hypolimnas misippus			✓								
5	Common Gull	Cepora nerissa		✓	✓		✓						
6	White Orange Tip	Ixias marianne		✓	✓		✓	✓					
7	Yellow Orange Tip	Ixias pyrene		✓	✓		✓						
8	Blue Pansy	Junonina orithya					✓	✓					
9	Common Crow	Euploea core				✓	✓						
10	Psyche	Leptosia nina				✓	✓						
11	Common Rose	Pachliopta aristolochiae		✓	✓	✓							
12	Common Grass Yellow	Eurema hecabe		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				

Dragonflies

1	Common Green Marsh Hawk	Orthetrum sabina	✓							
2	Eastern Scarlet	Crocothemis servilla		✓						



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