

# Brahmaputra Cruise & Sunderbans Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

8 - 24 April 2011



Crested Serpent Eagle



Great Hornbill



Golden Langur Monkeys



Hoolock Gibbon



Greater One-horned Rhinos



Asian Elephant herd

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## Day 0

Thursday 7th April

Travel from the UK

## Day 1

Friday 8th April

It was quite a shock when we tracked some of the clients down to Dubai where the plane had arrived late and missed the connection to Kolkata. We were assured that they would be arriving by the evening flight at 1915hrs. So 6 of us visited the famed Indian Botanic Gardens at Howrah in the afternoon. The short one hour walk produced a few goodies like; Booted Eagle, Black-naped Oriole, Ashy Drongo (*salangensis* spp), Stork-billed Kingfisher, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon and even Jackal. On our return to the hotel, briefing was done and the group dispersed. I waited at the hotel to receive the news of the group's arrival at the airport, only to find out that the flight had arrived an hour early and the guests had left the airport! As the conversation was going on I saw two white cabs arrive at the hotel and six people who might fit the description getting off. What a relief! That was Liz, Mary, Jill, Jeff, Peter and Margaret; all arriving in good humour.

## Day 2

Saturday 9th April

We had a late breakfast and went off to the airport for a flight to Dibrugarh - India's easternmost airport. We had a smooth arrival and were received by our ever-smiling Imran, Babu and Niv; garlanded with gamchas and handed lunch boxes. While on the game drive we saw our first Greater Adjutant Stork and then a few more on a tree near Sibsagar. We saw an Indian Flying Fox, few Jacanas, egrets and moorhen as we drove on. Some of us also saw a bird in the grass which could have been anything from a Prinia to a weaver or a cisticola or anything else. The debate went on for the next few days!

We arrived in the fading light at Neemati Ghat where our Charidew Crew and Captain Prateek was waiting patiently for us. We boarded our country boat (and were introduced to our orange life jackets) to reach the Charaidew, our home for the next 11 days.

## Day 3

Sunday 10th April

We had an early start today and then an hour's drive through the countryside. We reached the Gibbon Sanctuary, but it was the Capped Langurs who were very obliging today. They put up a great show the moment we arrived and stayed around for all to have a good look. We then went for a Gibbon hunt. But to our dismay, we saw no gibbons before breakfast. We did have great views of Malayan Giant Squirrels, Rufous Piculet, and White-throated Bulbuls instead. A great buffet breakfast was laid out by the hardworking crew at the base. Some of us managed to have a good view of the ever elusive Blue-eared Barbet.

After breakfast we went on another round of a Gibbon hunt. After walking for a kilometre (meanwhile we had seen Red throated Flycatcher, Drongo Cuckoo, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Black-winged Cuckoo Shrike) we got information about a Gibbon family moving through the foliage. We crashed through the foliage and got good views of three Gibbons swinging through the canopy. As we drove back we spotted a few more gibbons very close to the road. The two males and one female put up great show of acrobatics for all of us. As we were driving up to the main road, we saw a crowd had gathered in front of a tree and everybody was curiously looking towards a hole in the trunk. A very large King Cobra had stuck its head out of the tree hole and glaring down at us all. It was an absolute bonus.

We then stopped on the way at two drying wetlands for a few new birds like Lesser Whistling Duck, Glossy Ibis, White vented Myna, and Purple Heron etc. We sailed soon after we reached the jetty. We saw our first Pied Harrier and Himalayan Griffons on the sand banks. It was a short sail to Majuli Island. We went for a walk in the grassland outside the village; Striated Babblers, Blue-tailed & Green Bee-eaters, Paddyfield Pipits, Oriental Skylarks were easily seen by us. We even flushed an Indian Hare, which bolted from beneath the bushes. We returned to Charaidew in the glowing red sunset over the sand banks and Brahmaputra.

## Day 4

Monday 11th April

After a leisurely start, we boarded the country boat to reach the get off point where we met Apurba our guide for Majuli. We first arrived at Sakoli Bheel; a large lake with rice cultivation around the edges. Pheasant-tailed and Bronze-winged Jacanas, Ferruginous Pochards; Pond Herons; Lesser Adjutants etc were dotted all over the lake. While we were looking at these, a majestic Peregrine Falcon appeared over us. It patrolled the sky above us for a long time and brought out many gasps from the crowd below.

We next visited the ancient monastery of Auniati Satra and explored the day-to-day lives of the four hundred Vaishnavite monks who live here. Binoculars were still busy looking at Asian Barred Owlets, Spotted Owlets, Grey-backed Shrike, Night Herons etc, while Apurba gave us our monastic education. Our next port of call was the world-renowned Uttar Kamalabari Monastery where flying foxes reside and monks dance and drum in an age-old tradition in honour of Vishnu. A very powerful performance moved all of us. Back on board Charaidew we sailed in the afternoon for our next stop, the Sohaguri village of the Mishing tribe. Tonight for dinner a barbeque awaited us on the beach.

## Day 5

Tuesday 12th April

After a lazy start we took our country boat to the banks of Sohaguri village. We walked around this village untouched by much modern amenities, and we went about looking at the unique ways of living and the village boys tilling the land with their buffaloes. The Citrine Wagtails in their full breeding colours chased the tillers hogging insects. The girls in their white and blue school dresses crowded around us as we photographed them. We then were greeted by the teachers. The school was celebrating their annual day accompanied by a lot of music and loudspeakers and our presence added to the chaos that was already ensuing! As the sun started beating down on us we retreated to Charaidew and then sailed for Kaziranga.

We reached the 'Dhansirimukh', the river mouth, and moored ourselves. There was still a lot of light so we decided impromptu to take a ride on the country boat. We saw a few a good birds like Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Osprey, Little Heron etc. As light faded, we headed back, and a Gangetic Dolphin showed off its swimming skills in front of the country boat.

## Day 6

Wednesday 13th April

We left on our country boat for the Dhansirimukh. We managed to ground on the shallow parts of the channel, but after some pushing and shoving we got ourselves unstuck. We reached the shore and were welcomed by our waiting safari jeeps. Our safari started off with a pair of cute Spotted Owlets and a large herd of buffaloes. The driver took us to a spot where we had a stake out for a Brown Fish-owl. As we all got off to get a good view of this majestic bird, a rhino popped out of the bush behind us. Instruction went out for all to board the jeeps quickly, but the poor thing ran for its life. Next we finished off our trip close to the channel. We had arranged for a pick up by our country boat. While we waited, a pair of dolphins put up a great show very close to shore. We had a long sail to Silghat today (our next stop); we sailed hard to reach the destination and finished off the day with a pair of Oriental Pied Hornbills fleeing about in the nearby hills.

## Day 7

Thursday 14th April

We readied ourselves for another safari and took our buses to Baguri Range (western). This range comprises of vast open grassland and is a great place for large mammals. Large numbers of Rhinos were seen from the watchtower from a distance, while Indian Flat Fishes caused envy amongst the anglers. After several more rhinos, some elephants and several species of birds we exited the reserve.

Our next stop was at the beautiful Diphlu River Lodge for some lunch. Here the elephant Manjulal waited for us. As we reached him he slowly lumbered into the muddy pond and lowered himself into the water. I led the washing brigade followed by Liz and Margaret. We gave him a good scrub. He was in great mood today and mischievously blew water at all of us.

After a sumptuous lunch we headed back to Silghat. Today the Assamese people celebrated their new year. In that honour a fair was held on the sand bank of Silghat. We decided to make use of this rare opportunity and visited the fairground. Rain kept coming in bouts but it did not dampen our spirits. Our whole crew went on a buying spree from fried sweets to hair bands. Before dinner we were in for a treat, a group of kids presented a superb performance of traditional Bihu dance. This was definitely one of the highlights of the trip, where the dance, drums, the flute, the cymbals, and the tempo, got us all foot tapping and finally on the floor.

## Day 8

Friday 15th April

Our final day at Kaziranga and also our only chance for the elephant ride. On arrival we were ushered on to the elephants by Imran. On the elephants we all felt like the Kings of Kaziranga. We swayed through the short grass coming very close to rhinos with newborn calves, large herds of Swamp deer, Hog Deer and Wild Pigs. We even witnessed the short temper of a mother rhino trying to protect her calf from an inquisitive female rhino. We missed out on the Bengal Florican and headed back to the disembarking point.

We headed for a local lodge for breakfast and after which went back on another safari in the Central (Kohora) Range. Our first stop was for a unique sight of a mating rhino. Next we stopped on a wooded bridge for a great view of a Great Pied Hornbill sitting on top of a bare tree, its ivory bill glistening in the sun. Our next treat was a herd of elephants which could not decide whether to cross the road or not. After keeping us waiting for a quite some time, they finally decided to cross, keeping the little calves away from view, giving us great photo ops.

At noon we turned back and exited Kaziranga for the last time. After a short stop at a tea shop we headed back to 'Charaidew'. Our treats were not over; we stopped on the highway and got great views of a family of Gibbons feeding from a fruiting tree, quite oblivious to the noisy trucks driving below them. On return to Silghat we sailed for Tezpur.

## Day 9

Saturday 16th April

We started early and as we approached the Nameri eco camp some heavy clouds started to accumulate and few drops of rain started to land on our windscreen. Most of us were geared up for rain and we got a few spare umbrellas and some very large funny bamboo hats. We were lucky even though it was overcast we did not encounter any rain while on the raft (i guess the funny hats kept the rain Gods in good humour). After breakfast at eco camp we drove another 30 minutes to the banks of the beautiful 'Jia Bhoreli River'. Our 'Bodo' boatmen were waiting for us with lifejackets and the rubber dinghies. As we floated down stream through the surreal landscape many special birds were seen from the raft; Great Thickknees, River Lapwings, large flocks of the beautiful Small Pratincoles preparing to nest on the shingle beds, a fast flying Crested Kingfisher, several family groups of the majestic Wreathed Hornbills, and Pallas' Fish Eagles.

After 2 hours we reached our base, where Imran waited with our buses. We returned to eco-camp for a cup of 'chai'. A troop of Capped Langurs appeared on a nearby tree giving us some good photo ops. We then visited the Pygmy Hog rehabilitation centre and thereafter returned to Charaidew, with a short stop at a village weekly market. We then sailed on towards Orang Wildlife Sanctuary. At sundown we reached a large inhabited sandy island. As we prepared to moor, a Short-eared Owl flew off from below short shrub. We all quickly scrambled off the ship and started scouring the sand bank. Short-eared Owls started flying from below every scrub. A total of 6 birds were seen giving us splendid views. Citrine Wagtails in superb breeding plumage with bright lemon yellow heads ran around on the sand picking up insects.

## Day 10

Sunday 17th April

After an early breakfast we took our country boat for 45 minutes to the beautiful Orang Wildlife Sanctuary. First we drove to the grassland to try for the rare and elusive Bengal Florican (that we had missed in Kaziranga).

We saw one fly up from below our noses and sail over the grassland and disappear in the distance. This spectacular park was low on mammals but produced some gem birds. A Chestnut-headed Babbler was coaxed in view after some call playback. Several Raptors were seen in this grassland - Osprey from the country boat; the beautiful Black Baza; Oriental Honey-Buzzards; Black-shouldered Kite; Grey-headed Fish Eagle; Crested Serpent Eagle; Hen Harriers; Black Eagle, which shows its not safe to be a rodent in this park! Other specialities seen were Speckled Piculets; Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker and Crimson Sunbirds.

We then returned to the bank to our waiting country boats. Here we said goodbye to our jeep drivers for the final time and also to Imran. We then set sail for Kurua a village near Guwahati. We reached Kurua in the late afternoon and we promptly went out for short birding walk. Blue-tailed Bee-eaters were breeding close by and sallied over us catching insects while Black-eared Kites came to roost on the Silk Cotton trees on the river edge.

## Day 11

Monday 18th April

Today we again went for an hour's walk to a scrub patch of Kurua. The smattering of rain had cleared the air and cooled the morning. Spotted Owlets and Yellow-footed Green Pigeons were on the cards. We dipped on a skittish Grey Mongoose which made an appearance briefly in front of the tour leader and then vanished. No amount of persuading could bring it out.

We then sailed for an hour to Umanada. After a brief visit to this Shiva Temple, we went around the back to look for Golden Langurs...the beautiful creatures were basking on a tamarind tree. They needed little coaxing to come down to the toast Babu had carried for them. After a wonderful photo op, we headed back to Charaidew for our last sail to Pandu Ghat.

After an early lunch we made a trip to the old Kamakshya Temple on the Neelachal Hills. As we walked up the steps, many goats were going up and down the steps and trying to nibble at people's clothes. We went past shops selling religious memorabilia up to the main temple. Niv took us around giving us detailed description of the history.

## Day 12

Tuesday 19th April

After breakfast, we took our buses to the infamous rubbish tip. We weaved our way on to the highway and arrived at the Gorchuk tip, where the 450+ Greater Adjutant Storks awaited fresh deliveries from Guwahati. The stench did not deter us from going as close as possible to these rare, but not so pretty, storks. Cattle egrets, Citrine Wagtails, the migratory Black-eared Kites and Paddyfield Pipits were also present at the tip in very large numbers.

We then decided to do a little detour via Deepor Bheel. This vast wetland was full of lotus and water hyacinth plants. Hundreds of Whiskered Terns fluttered over the fish traps to gorge on the small fish before they migrated north to breed. Several Lesser Whistling Ducks and Asian Openbills were seen too.

We then returned to Charaidew. After an early lunch and a group photo shoot, we said good bye to the fabulous crew of Charaidew and headed for the Guwahati airport and the end of the main tour...

## Day 13

Wednesday 20th April

### Sunderbans Extension

After seeing off half the group at the airport some of us set on another adventure. We drove hard through the narrow and busy road to the Sunderbans. We passed vegetable gardens, brick kilns, fish farms and rice fields. We stopped at a bazaar to buy some fruits and sweets. We reached Godkhali jetty after three hours and boarded our boat 'Sundari'. We sailed along Durga Duani for Bali Island. Pacific Golden Plovers in breeding colours and Collared Kingfishers welcomed us from the mangroves. We reached Sunderbans Jungle Camp, our home for the next few days.

After lunch we headed for Sajnekhali; headquarters of the Tiger Reserve. We climbed the watchtower while our permits were sorted. Bronze Drongos and Sunbirds flitted around while one of us spotted a very rare Brown-winged Kingfisher. That made our day and we decided to return to base thereafter.

## Day 14

Thursday 21st April

We left early before the heat of the day got us and headed for the Sudhanyakhali watchtower. The tower which had never failed us in the past produced a Rufous Woodpecker which responded well to playback; Purple-rumped Sunbirds came by to suck nectar from a flowering tree, along with them came another rarity the Loten's Sunbird with his long curved beak; Collared Kingfishers and Orange-breasted Green Pigeons called and crooned while sitting on trees around the water. A couple of Water Monitor lizards also made their way to the pond looking for fish. We then set sail through the creeks of the vast mangroves of Sunderbans. Breakfast was served on board by our crew. As the tide came up sightings became less and we headed back to camp.

We again hit the watchtower after lunch Chital Deer grazed along the water's edge peacefully (which dashed our hopes of seeing a tiger). As light faded, Red Junglefowl, Greater Coucals and Bronze Drongos came for a drink. A Black-naped Monarch came around several times splashing into the water and preening itself in a nearby tree.

## Day 15

Friday 22nd April

Today we planned a full day out. There was good cloud cover which gave us some respite from the heat. We first travelled south to visit two watchtowers Dobanki Canopy Walk and Netidhopani. As we approached Dobanki we came up to this huge saltwater crocodile basking on the mud bank close to the tower. We stopped at the Dobanki canopy walk - a raised walkway overlooking the mangrove. Here we saw flocks of Striated Babbler; Sunbirds and Oriental White-eyes. Collared Kingfishers were everywhere, calling loudly to make their presence known. Our next stop was Netidhopani. Here several Orange-breasted Green Pigeons were seen at a very close distance, along with a pair of Streak-breasted Woodpeckers which landed on a tamarind.

We then backtracked our way north and came back to Sudhanyakhali. As we walked up the tower we saw a few other guests intently watching at a bird hopping on the ground in the distance. At first what looked like a Mangrove Pitta with washed out colours turned out to be an Indian Pitta. The bird made several rounds of the pond until we decided to head back home.



## Day 16

Saturday 23rd April

In anticipation of seeing the elusive Mangrove Pitta, we made a morning visit to Sudkhanyakhali tower again. I played the calls for a response. The bird was very close and while our boat crew kept watch on movement from the tower we tried to check it out from the ground. On cue we climbed the tower and saw a brilliant blue Mangrove Pitta fly into a wooded patch. It was later followed by a second bird; then from the other end came out the Indian Pitta with the Mangrove Pitta in hot pursuit; success finally! We hit the creeks again and had great views of the Brahminy Kites and the majestic White-bellied Sea Eagle, the masters of the Sunderbans. Evening entertainment comprised of a folk play acted out at our dining hall by the villagers with lot of music and colour.

## Day 17

Sunday 24th April

Today was our last day in the Sunderbans, so we decided to go for a village walk. We walked through this pretty village, dotted with mud huts with thatched roofs and green paddy fields. A Barn Owl was staked out in a villager's back yard and brought delight to the guests. Small Minivets flitted close to us looking for insects from under the tree bark. Purple and Purple-rumped sunbirds kept calling out from treetops announcing their territory. The omnipresent Tailorbirds hopped in bushes along the village path completely oblivious to our presence. The village kids followed us around and were being thoroughly photographed by the guests. We returned to camp for a late breakfast and after bidding adieu to our camp crew we boarded 'Sundari' for the last time. The whole trip was an overall success with 246 species of birds seen and heard, 22 species of mammals seen, and 6 species of reptiles including a King Cobra.

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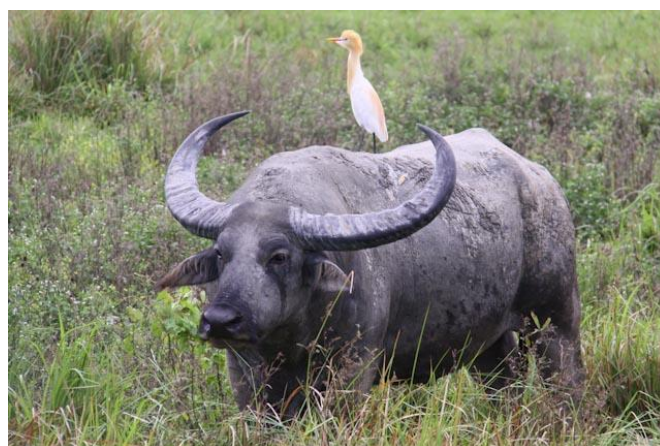
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King Cobra



Asiatic Wild Buffalo



## Species Lists

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

	Common name	Scientific name	April																	
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	Black francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>											h							
2	Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>			h					✓										
3	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>					h	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓		
4	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓			✓						
5	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			✓															
6	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
7	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>										✓								
8	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>			✓	✓		✓				✓								
9	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓		✓									
10	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>								✓										
11	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
12	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>						✓		✓										
13	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>						✓												
14	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>						✓	✓	✓										
15	Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>			✓			✓												
16	White-browed Piculet	<i>Sasia ochracea</i>			✓															
17	Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>										✓								
18	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>						✓												
19	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>						✓				✓	✓					✓	✓	
20	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>														✓				
21	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>			✓															
22	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>							✓			✓			✓	✓	✓			
23	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓							✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
24	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>			✓				✓			✓						✓		
25	Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
26	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓
27	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Megalaima australis</i>			✓															
28	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>						✓	✓											
29	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>						✓		✓	✓									

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30	Wreathed Hornbill	<i>Aceros undulatus</i>									✓									
31	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>			✓				✓	✓										
32	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>							✓		✓	✓								
33	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓						
34	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>									✓				✓	✓		✓	✓	
35	Brown-winged Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon amauropterus</i>												✓						
36	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon capensis</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓												
37	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	
38	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>															✓			
39	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhampus chloris</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
40	Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>									✓									
41	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		
42	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
43	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>			✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
44	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓						
45	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>							✓	✓	✓									
46	Drongo Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>			✓															
47	Common Hawk Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>										✓	h					✓		
48	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>							✓	h	h		✓	✓						
49	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	✓		h	h	h	✓	✓	✓	h	h	h							
50	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>							✓				✓					✓		
51	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	✓		h		h	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
52	Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>									✓	✓								
53	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>							✓	✓										
54	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
55	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>							✓	✓										
56	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
57	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	✓			✓					✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	
58	House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	✓								✓									
59	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>																	✓	
60	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>							✓											
61	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>									✓									

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62	Asian Barred Owllet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>			h	✓		✓	✓		✓									
63	Spotted Owllet	<i>Athene brama</i>				✓		✓				✓	✓							
64	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>																		
65	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓								
66	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
68	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				✓	✓					✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
69	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>										✓								
70	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicincta</i>														✓	✓		✓	
71	Pompadour Green Pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>										✓								
72	Thick-billed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron curvirostra</i>							✓											
73	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
74	Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron apicauda</i>									✓									
75	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>					✓	✓	✓		✓									
76	Bengal Florican	<i>Houbaropsis bengalensis</i>										✓								
77	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	
78	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		✓	✓	✓														
79	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>			✓	✓		✓												
80	Common Coot	<i>Fulicata atra</i>				✓														
81	Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>								✓										
82	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				✓														
83	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>												✓	✓	✓	✓			
84	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>						✓	✓											
85	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓											
86	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓								
87	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>				✓		✓					✓							
88	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>			✓	✓		✓				✓								
89	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓									
90	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
91	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>			✓															
92	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>							✓	✓		✓								
93	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>				✓		✓												

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94	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
95	Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>									✓									
96	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>					✓								✓	✓	✓			
97	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>									✓		✓							
98	Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>							✓											
99	River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>									✓									
100	Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>						✓		✓										
101	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
102	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>					✓		✓		✓	✓								
103	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>				✓														
104	Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>					✓	✓			✓	✓								
105	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>									✓	✓								
106	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>						✓												
107	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>							✓	✓	✓									
108	Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>							✓											
109	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>												✓						
110	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓								
111	Black Baza	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>							✓	✓		✓								
112	Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>							✓			✓								
113	Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓								
114	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
115	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>																✓	✓	
116	Pallas's Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>							✓	✓	✓									
117	White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>																	✓	
118	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
119	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	✓																	
120	Slenderbilled Vulture	<i>Gyps tenuirostris</i>							✓											
121	Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>			✓				✓	✓										
122	Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>														✓				
123	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>			h			✓	✓	✓		✓								
124	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>								✓										
125	Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>										✓								

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126	Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>			✓		✓	✓												
127	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>					✓		✓	✓	✓							✓		
128	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>									✓									
129	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>										✓								
130	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	✓																	
131	Changeable Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>								✓								✓	✓	
132	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓											
133	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>					✓	✓												
134	Little Grebe	<i>Podiceps ruficollis</i>					✓													
135	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓		
136	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
137	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>																		✓
138	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓									
139	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
140	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
141	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓								
142	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
143	Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>		✓	✓	✓					✓								✓	
144	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
145	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
146	Little Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓							✓	
147	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	✓			✓			✓											✓
148	Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>				✓														
149	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>			✓			✓												
150	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			✓															
151	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓		✓								
152	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓					✓
153	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>									✓									
154	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>					✓	✓	✓											
155	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓										
156	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
157	Greater Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>		✓				✓	✓				✓	✓						

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158	Mangrove Pitta	<i>Pitta megarhyncha</i>															h	✓		
159	Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>															✓	✓		
160	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>			✓									✓						
161	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>															✓	✓	✓	
162	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach tricolor</i>				✓										✓				
163	Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								
164	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓	
165	Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>						✓												
166	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓		✓					✓	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓
167	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
168	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>						✓		✓							✓			
169	Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>	✓																	
170	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	
171	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>			✓			✓		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓		
172	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>			✓															
173	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>															✓	h		
174	Rosy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus roseus</i>						✓												
175	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>							✓			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
176	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>			✓															
177	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>														h		✓		
178	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
179	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	✓																	
180	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>			✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
181	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓	✓							
182	Greater Racket Tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>			✓															
183	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>			✓											✓	✓	✓		
184	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>												✓						✓
185	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>										✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
186	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>							✓			✓								
187	Red-throated Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>			✓	✓						✓								
188	White-tailed Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia pectoralis</i>							h											
189	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>										✓								



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190	Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
191	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>			✓				h	✓										
192	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
193	White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucura</i>								✓	✓									
194	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
195	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Sturnus contra</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
196	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
197	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>										✓								
198	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
199	White-vented Myna	<i>Acridotheres grandis</i>			✓			✓	✓			✓	✓							
200	Northern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>			✓				✓		✓									
201	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>						✓												
202	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓			
203	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
204	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
205	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	
206	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
207	White-throated Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus flaveolus</i>			✓															
208	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>							✓											
209	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>								✓										
210	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>										✓								
211	Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>								h										
212	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>								h										
213	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>												✓	✓	✓				
214	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>										✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		
215	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>				✓							✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
216	Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>			✓															
217	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>				✓														
218	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>										✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
219	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>																✓	✓	
220	Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>			✓															
221	Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>							✓		✓	✓		✓						

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222	Abbott's Babbler	<i>Malacocincla abbotti</i>			✓														
223	Striped Tit-Babbler	<i>Macronous gularis</i>			h														
224	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>										✓							
225	Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>			✓							✓		✓		✓	✓		
226	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓									✓	✓			✓		✓	✓
227	Rufous-winged Bushlark	<i>Mirafra assamica</i>								✓	✓	✓	✓						
228	Sand Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>								✓	✓								
229	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>			✓			✓		h									
230	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>	✓																✓
231	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>										✓				✓		✓	
232	Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes singalensis</i>			✓			✓											
233	Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>				✓			✓			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
234	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>														✓		✓	✓
235	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia lotenia</i>														✓		✓	
236	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>								✓	✓		✓						
237	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
238	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>					✓	✓		✓	✓		✓						
239	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>														✓	✓		
240	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓					✓					
241	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
242	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓		
243	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓						
244	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>								✓		✓							
245	Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>			✓			✓		✓				✓					
246	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>					✓	✓	✓										

## Mammals

1	Hoolock Gibbon	<i>Bunopithecus hoolock</i>			✓					✓									
2	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Golden Langur	<i>Trachypithecus geei</i>											✓						
4	Capped Langur	<i>Trachypithecus pileatus</i>			✓						✓								
5	Swamp deer	<i>Cervus duvaucelii</i>						✓	✓	✓									

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6	Hog Deer	<i>Axis porcinus</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓								
7	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>													✓	✓	✓	✓		
8	Asiatic Wild Buffalo	<i>Bubalus arnee</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓										
9	Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓				✓				
10	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>						✓	✓	✓										
11	Greater One-horned Rhinoceros	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>						✓	✓	✓		✓								
12	Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	✓																	
13	Smooth-coated Otter	<i>Lutrogale perspicillata</i>								✓										
14	Small Indian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes javanicus</i>				✓														
15	Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>			✓															
16	Malayan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>			✓				✓	✓										
17	Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennanti</i>	✓																	
18	Orange-bellied Himalayan Squirrel	<i>Dremomys lokriah</i>			✓															
19	Hoary- bellied Himalayan Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus pygerythrus</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
20	Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>			✓	✓														
21	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>		✓		✓				✓										
22	Gangetic River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓						

## Reptiles &amp; Amphibians

1	King Cobra	<i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>			✓															
2	Assamese Roof Turtle	<i>Pangshura sylhetensis</i>				✓														
3	Land Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>							✓	✓		✓								
4	Indian Flat Fish	<i>Psettodes erumei</i>							✓											
5	Water Monitor	<i>Varanus mertensi</i>											✓		✓		✓			
6	Salt Water Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>														✓				
7	Chequered Keelback	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>																✓		