

India - A Wildlife Cruise on the Brahmaputra River

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Day 1

Friday 8th March

Fourteen guests arrived in India and then we drove to the Hyatt hotel for some rest. We left at 1.30pm to visit the Botanic Gardens. We travelled through streets of Kolkata and got a glimpse of the busy city, a distant view of the Victoria Memorial, the ace course and the Fort Williams. We reached the gardens and started off with Five-striped Palm Squirrel; Black-rumped Flameback; Coppersmith Barbet; Yellow-footed Green Pigeons, White-throated Kingfishers, Jungle Babblers, Bronze-winged Jacanas and Booted Eagles. We returned at 4.30pm drove to our hotel to catch up on rest after the journey from the UK.

Day 2

Saturday 9th March

Our flight was on time and we arrived at Dibrugarh airport at 2pm. After four hour's drive we reached the banks of the Brahmaputra in the dark. The whole crew helped us to board the country boat and sort out our luggage. We arrived on board and after a 'Brahmaputra Sunset' and a briefing about the ship, we went for dinner.

Day 3

Sunday 10th March

We woke early for the visit to the Gibbon Sanctuary. We arrived after an hour's drive. Our first sighting was of a few Rhesus Macaques close to the forest office. Next we followed the trail and as we trekked along we saw our first pair of Hoolock Gibbons. They sat on top of the canopy and sunned themselves. The female had a tiny baby clinging onto her. We then trekked further on and went off the trail. Here we spotted something climbing the trees in the distance. A large male Pig-tailed Macaque came into sight. This rare and elusive animal tried to devour an ants' nest and in the process was attacked by them. It kept fleeing from the ants, had a good scratch and then again went for another attack. After a while it got fed up and came right up close and started licking gum from a tree stump.

We then turned back for breakfast feeling elated that we had got two primates but soon a troop of Capped Langurs came into view. The troop stayed around for a while until we decided to move on. As we came close to base we were summoned by a forest guard. He pointed at a moving bush and whispered "Stump-tailed Macaque". This animal has eluded us on most tours before. So we stood there looking, when two macaques decided to cross the road and gave us great views. We then went off road and followed the troop. This time this elusive macaque was very tolerant of us and gave us superb views and kept feeding on the ground as they normally do. After a while they disappeared in the thick bamboo grove.

We then headed for the sumptuous breakfast that awaited us at the rest-house area. As we had breakfast, a troop of Capped Langurs fed nearby. As we finished, the troop decided to move and jumped from one tree to another and disappeared. After breakfast we went back to walking on the main trail. Several pretty butterflies kept us all occupied for a while until spotted a few Malayan Giant Squirrels. We finished the walk with a male Kalij Pheasant. At 11am we decided to return by the bus which picked us up at the end of the walk. We then drove back to Neemati. On the way we stopped at the large marsh close to the Ghat. Some of the birds seen at the drying marsh were Spot-billed Ducks, Lesser Adjutants, Spot-billed Pelicans; Glossy Ibis and several Purple Moorhens.

After lunch we took the opportunity of long daylight hours to go for a walk in the village. We were rewarded by Brown Hawk Owl, Asian Barred Owlet and Spotted Owlet. Along with these goodies we also saw Slaty-breasted Rail and Ruddy-breasted Crake. On our return we set sail for Majuli Island. The sailing was not long but we reached it at low light, and as we moored we were greeted by the howls of Jackals. We saw one in the fading light scampering off in the distance.

Day 4

Monday 11th March

In the morning we decided for a short walk in the grassland. We saw Red-wattled Lapwings; Green Bee-eaters; Oriental Skylark and Bengal Bushlarks. After breakfast we all geared up for our morning excursions. We boarded the country boat and sailed to Kamalabari Ghat and were greeted on the sandy banks. After that we boarded the waiting cars and drove through the village roads to reach our first stop at Sakoli Bheel where we checked out the drying lake. Beautiful Pheasant-tailed Jacanas walked through the marsh. Striated Grassbirds; Grey-backed Shrikes; Greylag Geese; Osprey; Lesser Adjutants; Ferruginous Pochards; large flock of Fulvous Whistling Ducks; Red-crested Pochards; Streaked Weavers were all there for us to see.

We moved on to the first Monastery; the elder Monks were still in prayer when we arrived at the Auniati Monastery. We then walked around the Monastery and visited the Monastery's Museum. As we strolled around the campus we saw Stork-billed Kingfisher; a Male Pied Harrier flew by; and we saw a very obliging Crimson Sunbird. This little gem of the forest gave brilliant views before vanishing from view. We then boarded our vehicles and headed for the Uttar Kamalabari Chatra (Monastery). On the way we stopped for a few minutes to see a tree full of roosting Flying Foxes. We arrived at the monastery and were ushered in to the 'namghar' or prayer hall. The 9 young monks were waiting dressed up for the performance. The cymbals; the chanting; the dancing and the drumming kept everybody mesmerised. After we thanked the monks, we headed back to Charaidew.

In the afternoon we sailed towards a Mishing village. There were some prior predictions of some thunderstorms so we started calling up downstream and heard that the storm had hit several places. As we tried to contemplate our next move, we saw this huge wall of sand in the horizon which was approaching us. We immediately sent all guests downstairs and turned Charaidew alongside a sand bank. As the high wall of sand engulfed us, we were hit by strong winds; which brought more sand and later heavy rain. And what a storm it was.... it carried on for almost 2 hours! It caused some minor damage and filled cabins, lounge and dining hall with fine sand. The crew got together to clean up all the sand and so we decided to moor ourselves at the same spot for the night.

Day 5

Tuesday 12th March

We woke up to a great calm and looked at all the damage...but it was all superficial. We then set sail towards the nearest Mishing village of Sadhu Chapori. We could see storm damage to roofs; lost thatch etc. Nevertheless we walked along looking at village life and after we returned we started to sail westwards towards Dhansirimukh towards Kaziranga. But we stopped before we reached Kaziranga. We found a capsized boat and we decided to help salvage the boat. The boat men were on the sand and thankfully nobody was hurt. Meanwhile a barge with winches arrived and after a lot of manoeuvres and manpower, the boat was saved and towed downstream for repairs.

In the late afternoon as we approached the forest areas we spotted a dozen Asian Elephants feeding on the edge of the river. We quickly got on the country boat to have a closer look at the pachyderms. The elephants paid no heed to our approach and kept feeding on the water edge. As we went closer they slowly started to move away. We then spotted a small herd of Sambar deer in the forest's edge. As we watched the animals, a flock of 29 Oriental Pied Hornbills flew past. It was the biggest flock of hornbills I had ever seen! As the light faded we turned the boat to go back to Charaidew but we spotted a huge tusker coming up the banks after a wash in the river. We sailed close to it and got great pictures of this magnificent animal. We closed the day with a flock of Great White Pelicans which landed not far from us, and a few distant Pied Harriers.

Day 6

Wednesday 13th March

We were off after breakfast on the country boat. After sailing upstream for 20 minutes we reached the sand banks where our jeeps were waiting. After driving for fifteen minutes we reached the Park Ranger's office. Paper work was sorted while we waited and looked at some birds. We then had to queue the vehicles, interchanging between the three tour leaders every now and then. We saw our first distant Rhino in a few minutes... We then drove towards the Sohola Bheel (Lake) and meanwhile saw Greater Adjutants, Black-necked Storks, and several raptors like the Grey-headed and Crested Serpent Eagles; as well as several distant Elephants, Buffaloes, Swamp and Hog Deer. As we came down from the watchtower we saw a large flock of Scarlet Minivets and Velvet-fronted Nuthatches. They were later joined by Long-tailed Minivets.

As we drove on we saw a family of Smooth-coated Otters asleep on a sandy island. They gave us great views as they twisted and turned, yawned, stretched and eventually scampered off to catch fish. Next stop was elephants; as we drove on, we saw two females on the side of the road very close and as they showed signs of a charge, our guard fired a warning shot...just to be safe. We then found many more bathing in the canal and many came up on to the road and crossed between our vehicles. We then drove off and spotted our first Brown Fish Owl. We also saw several Rhinos near the drying ponds and also in the forest tracks.

We drove on and spotted a flock of a dozen Great Hornbills, they kept coming into view now and then. We finished off with a large herd of buffaloes crossing the path. We then drove to a convenient spot on the sand bank to board the country boat. We then boarded Charaidew and started to sail.

We settled down for lunch after a great morning. As desserts were being served, a very frantic Babu appeared and shouted "Tiger Tiger". A majestic Tigress was walking along the water on the sandy silt. We made a quick dash on the top deck to get a better view before we thought it would disappear. But the Tigress could not reach the top of the bank as the wall was too steep. Meanwhile Charaidew had turned and we were sailing alongside the Tigress. It was after good 8 minutes she reached a spot from where she jumped up on the top of the bank, paused for a moment, and then disappeared. WOW!!! What a sight; the excitement in the air was palpable. We then returned to our dessert and nobody could believe what we had just seen! We later saw several more Swamp Deer, Hog Deer and Elephants from the boat. Even though we pushed hard we were short of Silghat and had to moor about an hour upstream.

Day 7

Thursday 14th March

We sailed early and reached Silghat at 8 am. We had decided to look for some birds from the highway and do a safari in the afternoon. So we stopped at various places to look at Great Hornbills, Golden-fronted Leafbirds; Green-billed Malkohas; Dollarbirds and Hill Mynas. We also spotted a troop of Assamese Macaques feeding on a very tall tree close to the road. We even saw a few Rhinos and Hog Deer from view point along the highway. As the day warmed up we drove to the beautiful Diploo River Lodge. Here we had a great time scrubbing not one, but two elephants - 'Hunmala' and 'Bhagya'.

After a great lunch and a very obliging and photogenic Oriental Pied Hornbill, we headed to 'Bagori' the western Range. As we drove in, Rhinos were seen in all directions. The sizes ranged from tiny, small, and medium to large. A baby kept us entertained for while bouncing in circles around the mother. We first stopped to see our second Brown Fish Owl and then stopped at the Donga Tower where we spotted a family of a dozen Otters, 38 Rhinos, several Swamp Deer (including a new born bambi!), Hog Deer and several geese and eagles. We then drove on and got great views of more Rhinos, and a very muddy male Buffalo which took long time to get up and thrash its head around and thus gave us great views. We closed the day with a pretty Emerald Dove and many more Rhinos...

Day 8

Friday 15th March

We had an early start and a quick stop to see Muntjacs in a ravine...but the elephant ride was the only thing on our minds. As we reached the gates we were quickly ushered in and drove to the riding towers where the park elephants were all queuing up for us to get on. We rode the awaiting elephants through the newly born green grass. We flushed several Rhinos, and also saw herds of Swamp Deer, Hog Deer and our first Wild Boar at close range, along with Adjutants; Griffons; several Rosy Pipits etc. We spent the rest of the morning looking at beautiful Red-breasted Parakeets, Fish Eagles, Ospreys, Storks; a nesting pair of Great Hornbills and several more Rhinos. We also managed lure out a pretty Chestnut-capped & Slender-billed Babbler.

On the way back as we approached the elephant riding point, we heard alarm calls of Swamp Deer. They were all calling in unison and looking in the direction of a ditch. We knew there was tiger in the vicinity. In a few minutes an egret flew straight up from the ditch followed by a Tiger. It didn't give us great views and it disappeared into a big bushy scrub. We did not see it anymore and then decided to move on. We returned to base for lunch but not before a stop at a Tea Garden retail outlet.

In the late afternoon we took a short walk along the shore in the late afternoon. We spotted a Blue Whistling Thrush, Blue Rock Thrush, and several Dolphins in the river! There was some entertainment in store for us... before dinner a bunch of school kids arrived in traditional Bihu dress and gave a thoroughly entertaining performance of their traditional dance and music.

Day 9

Saturday 16th March

Today was our last safari at Kaziranga. We chose to visit a lesser known part of the park - the 'Burrupahar Range'. We saw a few good birds like Large Cuckoo-shrike, Asian Barred Owlets, Blue-eared and Blue-throated Barbets. Some of us got a glimpse of the Wreathed Hornbills. We also spotted Great Hornbills, Oriental Pied Hornbills, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo and Greater Flamebacks. Large troops of Capped Langurs and Rhesus Macaques put up great show for us jumping from one branch to the other. We later added Short-toed Eagle and several Griffons to our list. We eventually said goodbye to Kaziranga and sailed to Tezpur where many Black-eared Kites and more adventure awaited us!

Day 10

Sunday 17th March

Today we had a different activity in mind. We drove for an hour and a half to the edge of the Jia Boreli River. Our rubber dinghies were waiting for us with their paddlers raring to go. After donning the life jackets we all got onto the dinghies and started floating downstream. Our target bird today was Ibisbill. We saw Pied Kingfishers; River Lapwings; Small Pratincoles; River Terns and Black Storks. We missed the Ibisbills at the regular spot... a tourist boat ahead of us had disturbed it... but soon on the next shingle bed, we found 5 of these enigmatic birds! We had great views as we stopped our dinghies so that everybody could get a good look at them. After about two hours of floating and negotiating some small rapids, we reached the river bank where we got off. We went back to the eco camp for the use of the facilities and went to visit the conservation centre for Pygmy Hogs.

We then drove back to Charaidew and sailed downstream. We moored on a sandy beach where the crew organised a fabulous beach barbeque. Unfortunately the wind picked up and sand started to blow. Even though we had hosed the sand it did play spoilsport. We eventually went back to the dining hall to finish off our dinner!

Day 11

Monday 18th March

Today was our last day of sailing. As we had some time in hand we made a quick dash to nearby village. The Muslim families living there had a beautiful cultivation patch on the silt where they grew wheat, aubergines, chillies, lentils and tomatoes. We walked around and were introduced to the village elders by Niv. We even got a big bag full of aubergines as a gift which made a great moussaka for lunch! We then sailed towards Guwahati. We floated past the vast expanses of sandy beaches of the mighty Brahmaputra.

Before we reached the Peacock Island, at one point Charaidew got grounded. After a bit of engine revving, and bottom wiggling, we managed to free ourselves and started to sail again. As we approached the Peacock Island, we realised the water was too choppy to take the country boat out and instead sailed downstream for the final mooring of Charaidew at Pandu Ghat of Guwahati. The evening ended with the farewell dinner.

Day 12

Tuesday 19th March

A late start today and we had a visit to the most famous temple of Assam, the Kamaksya Temple. We drove to the base and walked up to the door of the temple, and then we walked barefoot on the stone floors amongst a large crowd of devotees. An hour or so was spent at the temple looking at the ancient architecture. We came back to Charaidew and bid adieu to the superb team of the boat which was our home for the last 10 days. We drove to the famous Gorchuk rubbish tip to look for the Greater Adjutant Stork. We stopped on the edge of a lake. There were several Greater Adjutants, and along with them there were thousands of Black Kites, Cattle Egrets and even a few Steppe Eagles. Next we tried our luck at the Deepor Bheel wetland. We saw small flocks of Lesser Whistling Teal, a Marsh Harrier, and a few Ashy Wood-swallows. Finally we carried on to the airport to fly to Kolkata (and on to the UK for those not doing the extension).

Sunderbans extension

Day 13

Wednesday 20th March

Ten of us, Sue; David; Maggie; Sheila; Tony; Joan; Jean; Sandrine; Graham and Penelope left early for the airport. We said our goodbyes and then Bob, Sandra, Pat, Alan and myself left for the Sunderbans adventure. We drove for three hours through the highway of the Sunderbans Biosphere Reserve. The motorized indigenous tricycles, the brick kilns, the fish farms and lush green rice fields kept all glued to the windows. We honked our way through cyclists, goats, cows and even ducks and reached Godkhali Jetty. On the way we saw Black-winged Stilts, and Whiskered Terns. The crew awaited our arrival and we were swiftly escorted to our motor boat 'Joy Ma Kali. An hour's sailing and a few Golden Plovers, and Collared Kingfishers later we reached Bali Island and to our pretty camp 'Sunderban Jungle Camp'. Sitting in an idyllic village the camp was to be our home for the next few days.

After lunch, we visited Sajnekhali, the forest headquarters, to get our paper work done. We looked around the interpretation centre and later decided to visit the Sudhanyakhali watchtower on the way back. We walked up to the tower and saw a dark phase Changeable Hawk Eagle. There was not an animal in sight from the tower...we usually see a few Chital deer and Wild Boars...very soon the cause came into view. He was light yellow in colour and had dark stripes on him!!! The Tiger came out from the forest edge, stopped to look at us and walked like a king across the clearing. We held our breath and he came out again at another clearing and then again at a third one and then disappeared. A smile spread across our faces and we just could not believe our luck.... our 3rd tiger of the trip! On the return journey we saw a few Large-tailed Nightjars with our flash lights.

Day 14

Thursday 21st March

We started early and headed for the Sudhanyakhali tower. We added Chital deer, Rhesus Macaques, Loten's and Purple-rumped Sunbirds; Orange-breasted Green Pigeons; and Chestnut-capped Babblers to our list.

After breakfast the day sailing was very warm and was slow in sightings. We did see several more kingfishers and other waders like Pacific Golden Plover, Common Redshank, Whimbrel and Common Sandpipers. We also saw a large Water Monitor. After a great lunch, at 3.30 pm we decided to call it a day and returned to our camp.

Day 15

Friday 22nd March

Today we broke our journey in two parts. We went out early to the Dobanki canopy walk. On the way we saw a Peregrine Falcon. From the tower we added a Yellow-bellied Prinia, Brahminy Kite and a lone Grey Heron. We also saw a couple of very nervous Wild Pigs and some Spotted Deer coming in for a drink of water. Later in the afternoon we visited the Sudhanyakhali Tower and clocked a few birds like Rufous Woodpecker and Orange-breasted Green Pigeons. On the night sailing we saw a few Large-tailed Nightjars.

Day 16

Saturday 23rd March

Today was our final day of excursions to the reserve. We were a bit low on sightings but we did see a small Saltwater Crocodile; Short-toed Snake and at the end of the day a Water Monitor feeding on a carcass of a cow. We ended the day with the local play of Bonobibi, enacted by the village folks.

Day 17

Sunday 24th March

We had a birding walk in the morning before breakfast and we added an Asian Paradise Flycatcher to our list along with a few regulars like Streak-throated Woodpecker; Black-rumped Flameback; Greater Coucal; a cosy pair of Collared Kingfishers etc. After breakfast Babu led a village walk for the guests, showing them the villagers daily lives. We said goodbye to the camp after an early lunch.

Day 18

Monday 25th March

Our final day in Kolkata was spent looking at the city. We made a visit to the flower market; Jain Temple; Park Street Cemetery; and St John's Church. After we spent the afternoon at leisure we said goodbye to Kolkata and began the journey back to the UK.

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Species List

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

	Common name	Scientific name	March																	
			8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
1	Swamp Francolin	<i>Fraucolinus gularis</i>			H				✓	✓	H									
2	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓				H	✓	✓		
3	Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>			✓															
4	Fulvous Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>				✓														
5	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>				✓					✓			✓						
6	Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>			✓	✓														
7	Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
8	Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
9	Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>							✓	✓			✓	✓						
10	Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
11	Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>							✓	✓	✓			✓						
12	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>			✓		✓	✓		✓										
13	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
14	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>			✓	✓		✓												
15	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				✓														
16	Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓										
17	Red-crested Pochard	<i>Rhodonessa rufina</i>				✓							✓							
18	Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>										✓								
19	Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>				✓						✓		✓						
20	Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>					✓					✓	✓	✓						
21	Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>							✓			✓	✓							
22	Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>							✓											
23	Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>																	✓	
24	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>			✓													✓		
25	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>							✓			✓							✓	✓
26	Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>							✓											
27	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	✓						✓		✓									✓
28	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>			✓				✓	✓		✓								
29	Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	H	✓								

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30	Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>			✓				✓	✓	H	✓								
31	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Megalaima australis</i>			H					H		✓								
32	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	✓		✓															
33	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓								
34	Wreathed Hornbill	<i>Aceros undulatus</i>										✓								
35	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>			✓		✓			✓		✓								
36	Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>		✓		✓			✓		✓	✓		✓				✓		
37	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>			✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
38	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>								✓		✓								
39	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>		✓	✓				✓				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
40	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon capensis</i>		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓								
41	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
42	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>													✓	✓	✓	✓		
43	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhampus chloris</i>													✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
44	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
45	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>			✓															
46	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	
47	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>									✓					✓				
48	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
49	Common Hawk Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>									✓									
50	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	✓										H				✓	✓	✓	
51	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>							✓	✓	✓	✓								
52	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</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	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>							✓	✓										
60	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>			✓				✓	✓		✓								
61	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>			✓						✓									

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62	Brown Hawk Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>			✓															
63	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>													✓		✓			
64	Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>							✓	✓		✓								
65	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
66	Red Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>					✓	✓												
67	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓	✓		
68	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>			✓					✓		✓								
69	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicincta</i>															✓	✓		
70	Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>	✓		✓							✓								✓
71	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>							✓	✓										
72	Slaty-breasted Rail	<i>Gallirallus striatus</i>			✓															
73	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓								✓
74	Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Porzana fusca</i>			✓															
75	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		✓	✓															
76	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	✓		✓	✓														
77	Common Coot	<i>Fulicata atra</i>				✓														
78	Greater Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>								✓	✓									
79	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>				✓					✓	✓								
80	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>					✓											✓	✓	
81	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>														✓	✓	✓	✓	
82	Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>								✓										
83	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>									✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
84	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓
85	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>										✓	✓							
86	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>			✓						✓									
87	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>				✓			✓		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
88	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>				✓			✓				✓	✓						
89	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>			✓	✓														
90	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			✓					
91	Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>							✓											
92	Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>										✓								
93	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>														✓				

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126	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		
127	Little Grebe	<i>Podiceps ruficollis</i>				✓														
128	Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>				✓					✓		✓							
129	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓			
130	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
131	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
132	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		
133	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓			
134	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓						
135	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
136	Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>				✓			✓											
137	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					
138	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
139	Little Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>					✓		✓			✓								
140	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>																		✓
141	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>			✓															
142	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>		✓	✓					✓										
143	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>			✓															
144	Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>					✓	✓												
145	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓									
146	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓					✓	
147	Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>				✓						✓								
148	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>			✓			✓	✓		✓									
149	Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓								
150	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓	
151	Greater Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>						✓						✓						
152	Mangrove Pitta	<i>Pitta megarhyncha</i>															H	H		
153	Blue-winged Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>									✓									
154	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>								✓	✓									
155	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>		✓	✓															
156	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach tricolor</i>						✓												
157	Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								

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158	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	
159	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	✓	✓	✓								✓	✓	✓					
160	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
161	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>							✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	
162	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓		
163	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>							✓		✓						✓	✓	✓	
164	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melaschistos</i>			✓			✓			✓									
165	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	✓																	
166	Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>			✓			✓												
167	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>						✓	✓											
168	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>					✓											H		
169	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
170	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>			✓			✓									✓	✓	✓	
171	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>			✓															
172	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>			✓	✓				✓		✓								
173	Greater Racket Tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>									✓									
174	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>																		✓
175	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>			✓	✓											✓			✓
176	Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>									✓									
177	Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>									✓									
178	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>	✓																	
179	Red-throated Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>								✓		✓				✓				
180	Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>			✓															
181	Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltava sundara</i>										✓								
182	Pale-chinned Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis poliogenys</i>			H															
183	Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓
184	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>							✓											
185	Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>									✓									
186	Daurian Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus aureoreus</i>				✓				✓										
187	Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
188	White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucura</i>					✓		✓											
189	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									✓		✓

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190	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Sturnus contra</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
191	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
192	Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>									✓									
193	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓						
194	White-vented Myna	<i>Acridotheres grandis</i>			✓			✓		✓	✓									
195	Northern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>							✓		✓									
196	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>						✓												
197	Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>		✓		✓	✓	✓												
198	Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓								
199	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓		
200	Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>							✓		✓									
201	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓						✓			
202	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
203	White-throated Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus flaveolus</i>			✓															
204	Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>															H	✓	H	
205	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>								✓										
206	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>					✓			✓			✓							
207	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>					✓									✓	✓	H		
208	Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>								✓										
209	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>								✓						✓				
210	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	H			✓				✓	✓					H		✓	✓	
211	Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>			✓					H										
212	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>				H											✓			
213	Smoky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fulgiventis</i>			✓															
214	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>			✓															
215	Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>			✓															
216	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>				✓											✓	✓	✓	
217	Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicercus burkii</i>					✓													
218	Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>					✓				✓	✓								
219	White-browed Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</i>															H			
220	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>								✓						✓	H			
221	Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>			✓	✓														

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222	Slender-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides longirostris</i>									✓									
223	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	✓													✓	✓	✓	✓	
224	Rufous-winged Bushlark	<i>Mirafra assamica</i>				✓	✓				✓		✓							
225	Sand Lark	<i>Calandrella raytal</i>				✓	✓													
226	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>				✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									
227	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>			✓															
228	Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes singalensis</i>			✓			✓												
229	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia lotenia</i>																	✓	
230	Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>	✓													✓		✓		✓
231	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>																	✓	✓
232	Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>				✓	✓													
233	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
234	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>		✓					✓											
235	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
236	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
237	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>				✓	✓	✓					✓	✓						
238	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>					✓													
239	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>				✓	✓							✓						
240	Rosy Pipit	<i>Anthus roseatus</i>				✓			✓	✓				✓						
241	Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>				✓														
242	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>						✓	✓											

Mammals

1	Hoolock Gibbon	<i>Bunopithecus hoolock</i>			✓															
2	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>		✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
3	Assam Macaque	<i>Macaca assamensis</i>							✓											
4	Pig-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca leonina</i>			✓															
5	Stump-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca arctoides</i>			✓															
7	Capped Langur	<i>Trachypithecus pileatus</i>			✓						✓	✓								
9	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>					✓													
10	Swamp deer	<i>Cervus duvaucelii</i>						✓	✓	✓										
11	Indian Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>								✓		✓								

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5	Great Mormon	<i>Papilio memnon</i>			✓															
6	Small Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema brigitta</i>	✓																	
7	Red spot Jezebel	<i>Delias descombi</i>			✓															
8	Large Oakblue	<i>Arhopala amantes</i>			✓															
9	Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus Chrysippus</i>	✓																	
10	Glassy Tiger	<i>Parantica aglea</i>			✓															
11	Red Lacewing	<i>Cethosia biblis</i>			✓															
12	Leopard Lacewing	<i>Cethosia cyane</i>			✓															
13	Yellow Jack Sailor	<i>Lasippa viraja</i>			✓															
14	Common Sailor	<i>Neptis hylas</i>			✓															
15	Yellow Sailor	<i>Neptis ananta</i>			✓															
16	Grey Pansy	<i>Junonia atlites</i>			✓															
17	Lemon Pansy	<i>Junonia lemonias</i>			✓															
18	Blue Tiger																			
19	Lime Butterfly																			
20	Striped Tiger																			