



**BIRDING TOUR INDIA: THE NORTH - TIGERS AND BIRDS**  
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No doubt, this pair of **Great Hornbills** was one of the highlights of the trip.

## Overview

A new destination for all the participants on the tour, a tour that offers a whole lot more than you would expect, something for everyone! India is a country rich in culture, history, and indeed both fauna and flora. We visited many great destination during the tour, the world-famous national parks such as Corbett, Ranthambhore, and Keoladeo Ghana National Parks and the beautiful Himalayan foothills at both Pangot and Sattal. We also made visits to the truly breathtaking UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Fatehpur Sikri and the Taj Mahal.

The tour connected with so many brilliant birds, such as **Great Slaty Woodpecker**, **Ibisbill**, **Wallcreeper**, **Cheer**, **Koklass**, and **Kalij Pheasants**, **Bearded Vulture**, **Great Hornbill**, **Indian Skimmer**, **Indian Courser**, **Brown Hawk-Owl**, **Tawny Fish Owl**, **Golden Bush Robin**, **Spotted Forktail**, and **Brown Dipper**. A total of 389 bird species were recorded (plus two heard only). We of course also managed to locate and enjoy some exciting mammals, which included the majestic Bengal Tiger, Jungle Cat, Sloth Bear, Collared Hedgehog, Ganges River Dolphin, and Asian Elephant, and a few interesting reptiles, including Common Indian Monitor, and two crocodilians, Mugger and the strange Gharial, were also seen. Species lists are at the end of this report.

## India Pre-Tour:

### **Pre-day, 7<sup>th</sup> January. Sultanpur National Park day trip**

As everybody had arrived in New Delhi a day early, a pre-day trip today went to Sultanpur National Park as well as one or two other local birding sites in the area. Today was definitely a day for all of us to get to know one another and a fantastic introduction to birding in India. We kicked off at a local spot on the way to Sultanpur that is good for **Sind Sparrow** and **Striated Babbler**. We connected with **Striated Babbler** rather quickly, first one individual and then a couple more after that. Other birds in the area alongside a small stream were **Red Avadavat**, many **Citrine Wagtails**, **Bluethroat**, **Red-vented Bulbul**, **Plain Ashy**, and **Graceful Prinias**, and a fly-by **Red-naped Ibis**, as well as a few striking **Pied Mynas**. Our very first **White-throated Kingfisher** of the tour was confiding and perched in cracking morning light. We did then connect with **Sind Sparrow** and a fantastic **Moustached Warbler**. Arriving at Sultanpur we enjoyed our first parakeets and flycatchers in the form of **Rose-ringed Parakeet** and **Red-breasted Flycatcher** (not long after that we also saw the recently split **Taiga Flycatcher**). **Large-grey Babblers** were seen around the entrance. Sultanpur National Park offers some forested areas, scrub, and wetlands, which all make for a great birding destination. The waterfowl were present in high numbers, many **Grey-lag Geese**, **Indian Spot-billed Ducks**, **Northern Pintail**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Garganey**, **Eurasian Teal**, **Grey-headed Swamphen**, and **Common Moorhen**. There were quite a few **Little Cormorants** with a number of **Indian Cormorants** and **Oriental Darters** as well. **Painted Storks** were present in huge numbers (200+), while **Eurasian Spoonbill** and **Grey and Purple Herons** were less than ten each. Some of the highlights of the day for the group were in the scrub alongside the wetland; we had great sightings of a male **Bluethroat**, a few smart **Indian Robins** and **Oriental Magpie-Robins**, a trio of **Spotted Owlets** being mobbed by a few small passerines, and the tricky **Brooks's Leaf-Warbler**.

After lunch we headed over to Basai Wetland, where we spent about two hours. Here we added a number of shorebirds: **Black-winged Stilt**, **White-tailed Lapwing**, **Marsh Sandpiper**,

**Common Redshank**, **Wood Sandpiper**, and a single **Ruff**. This was a great area for waterfowl once again; we recorded many species we had just seen at Sultanpur and added the smart-looking **Bar-headed Goose** and **Ruddy Shelduck**. **Isabelline Shrike** and **Pied Bush Chat** were seen along the path. A single **Streak-throated Swallow** joined hundreds of **Grey-throated Martins** as well as **Barn** and **Wire-tailed Swallows** over the wetland. A fantastic first day had come to an end – all were really happy and enjoyed our introductory day before the main tour would begin tomorrow.



A Spotted Owlet roosting in a palm tree, the most common owl species on the plains

## **Birding Tour India: The North - Tigers and Birds**

### **Day 1, 8<sup>th</sup> January. Okhla Bird Sanctuary**

We had a later start this morning to allow the fog to lift. After arrival at the Okhla Bird Sanctuary we birded along a quiet road with good vegetation on either side, ideal for many smaller passerines. Here we picked up **Plain** and **Ashy Prinias** as well as **Paddyfield Warbler**, **Two-barred** and **Greenish Warblers**, **Dusky Crag Martin**, and our first sunbird, **Purple Sunbird**. The bird sanctuary holds hundreds of waterfowl, many of which were seen yesterday, but some of the better sightings today included **Bar-headed Goose**, **Ruddy Shelduck**, and **Great Cormorant**. Here we also picked up a few gulls and a tern species. **Pallas's Gull**, **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, **Black-headed Gull**, and **Brown-headed Gull** were all on show, and we also saw a few **Whiskered Terns** feeding over the water. The quiet road through the sanctuary gave us many more birding sightings; we enjoyed **Green Bee-eater**, **Brown-headed** and **Coppersmith Barbets**, **Red-breasted Flycatcher**, and many **Common Chiffchaffs**, as well as **Hume's Leaf Warbler**. **Asian Koel** was seen in the trees alongside the shoreline. A family of about ten **Oriental White-eyes** was gleaning the leaves alongside the shoreline as well. Later in the afternoon we headed to some open, grassy scrubland – in this area we were surprised and rather

impressed to find a Jungle Cat having a rest in the reeds. We also found **Pied Bush Chat**, **Siberian Stonechat**, **Indian Robin**, **White-breasted Waterhen**, and **Common Snipe** and had an excellent sighting of **Yellow-bellied Prinia**. Nilgai and Five-striped Palm Squirrel were the only mammals that hung around for some pictures. Indian Grey Mongoose was also briefly seen. Another fantastic day with over 80 species and a few surprise mammal sightings was thoroughly enjoyed. We had some really delicious Indian cuisine and then retreated to get ready for our travel to Ranthambhore National Park in the morning.

### **Day 2, 9<sup>th</sup> January. Travel to Ranthambhore National Park**

Well, today was one of those eventful days that you don't have much control over, a day of many frustrations but ultimately ending in a spectacular way. Not too much birding got done, as we were to take the train from Delhi to Ranthambhore. Our train was unfortunately three hours late – not much we could do but wait and chat about what we may see over the next two days in the national park. Southern Plains Gray Langurs greeted us at the train station on arrival along with **Indian Jungle Crow** and **Common, Pied, and Bank Mynas**. We eventually reached the park entrance with less than an hour of daylight left – we made the most of it and went straight into the park. **Plum-headed** and **Rose-ringed Parakeets** and **Rufous Treepie** seemed to be all over the place, and a large group of **Indian Peafowl** was right alongside the road and in the large fig trees. After a day with lots of waiting and not much excitement we were certainly in the mood for something wonderful to happen... it did! Drivers and guides started exclaiming "Sloth Bear! Sloth Bear!" We were incredibly fortunate to experience a 10-minute sighting of a single Sloth Bear searching for termites about 15-20 meters off the road – a just reward at the end of a hard day's 'toil', some would say. Either way, we loved the sighting and then headed back to the lodge to prepare for a full day in the park tomorrow.

### **Day 3, 10<sup>th</sup> January. Ranthambhore National Park**

There finally started the much anticipated day where we would spend the morning and afternoon taking jeep game drives (they call them safaris here) around the beautiful Ranthambhore National Park! Our vehicle was allocated Route 4. Our first sighting of the morning was a **Common Kestrel** in some early morning light. Then we encountered a party of **Cinereous Tits** flitting back and forth across the road in front of us. Some dry deciduous forest with a few rocky hillsides was the next habitat we passed through; here the highlight was undoubtedly **Painted Spurfowl**, a male as well as a female were seen. Searching for tigers can be rather stressful, wanting to see this animal so badly also makes things nerve-wrecking when the thought of "what if we dip" crosses your mind – luckily we didn't have to have those thoughts for very long. All of a sudden we were looking right at a young female Bengal Tiger, a sight to behold. The tigress hung around long enough for all of the group to get great looks and some pictures; soon thereafter she sauntered back into the thicker vegetation, not to be seen again. We could of course then relax a bit and enjoy some birding. A few new species for our trip thereafter were **Small Minivet**, **Grey-necked Bunting**, **Grey-breasted Prinia**, and the lovely **Common Iora**. A small pond held **Brown Crake**, **White-breasted Waterhen**, **Indian Pond Heron**, **Striated Heron**, **Pied Kingfisher**, and **Little Egret**, as well as both **White-browed** and **Grey Wagtails**. Time ran out before we could say, "where do the leopards hang out", and so we started the journey back to the hotel (finding a **Crested Honey Buzzard** on the way) for a well-deserved, celebratory brunch.





A magnificent animal, the Bengal Tiger!

After brunch we birded the scrub outside the hotel area; some highlights here were **Brahminy Starling**, **Indian Silverbill**, **Bay-backed Shrike**, **Variable Wheatear**, **White-browed Bush Chat**, **Rufous-fronted Prinia**, and the sought-after **Painted Sandgrouse**. We first thought that we had about six sandgrouse around us but soon realized that there were many more – in total between 30 and 40 **Painted Sandgrouse** were seen.

Our afternoon safari was also really enjoyable. We were allocated Route 3 this time. We started with a really nice buzz of activity: Rhesus Macaque and Southern Plains Gray Langur checked in in the mammal department, while a group of about 20 **Jungle Babblers** and a single male **Painted Spurfowl** were searching through the dry leaf litter for any morsels. We drove through much more dry deciduous forest and passed some big bodies of water. We enjoyed watching some aquatic species around the large dams, these included **Purple Heron**, **Indian Pond Heron**, **River Tern**, **Great Egret**, **Great Cormorant**, **Oriental Darter**, and a few **Pied Kingfishers**. A single **Indian Vulture** was seen soaring above us. We came across other species later that afternoon: **White-capped Bunting**, a **Shikra** with a meal, **Tawny Pipit**, and a dapper-looking **White-browed Fantail** behaving like a cattle egret alongside a male Sambar (a deer). The only thing left for the day was a sunset photograph, a drink, and some lovely Indian food.

#### **Day 4, 11<sup>th</sup> January. Ranthambhore area, Soorwal Lake, and travel to Bharatpur**

We took a pre-breakfast walk through some of the scrubby habitat near the entrance to Ranthambhore National Park to look for a few new species. At a little roadside puddle we recorded a host of shorebirds, including **Ruff**, **Spotted** and **Common Redshanks**, **Green**, **Wood**, **Marsh**, and **Common Sandpipers**, **Temminck's Stint**, and a few **Black-winged Stilts**. We also picked up a single **Sulphur-bellied Warbler** and the southern subspecies of **Greater Coucal** here. The scrub was alive with activity; we saw over 50 **Purple Sunbirds** in the two hours of birding as well as three babbler species, **Common**, **Yellow-eyed**, and **Jungle Babblers**.

**Alexandrine Parakeet** was a real treat, a number of them sat high atop a few trees and gave some good fly-bys too. Some other highlights here included a single **Yellow-crowned Woodpecker**, **Spotted Dove**, and **Common Woodshrike**. Two of the best birds of the morning came later on, **Indian Bush Lark** being the first of the two; one bird spotted by Shyam was seen running on the ground between the scrubby acacia and lantana bushes. We also flushed a pair of **Barred Buttonquail** (thanks, Tim!), which we subsequently found again and got better views. On the way to Soorwal Lake we stopped at a field that had 20 plus **Indian Stone-curlews** – a real treat! Soorwal Lake had almost completely dried up, but luckily there was still enough water to attract a host of wetland species. We recorded about 55 species here in two hours, many of which we had already seen good numbers of, but some of the new trip birds were **Asian Openbill**, **Gull-billed Tern**, and **Kentish** and **Little Ringed Plovers**, but the highlight was surely a group of four **Indian Skimmers** – at first they were just sitting on the bank roosting, but later we saw them flying effortlessly and, of course, doing what skimmers do. Then we continued our journey to Bharatpur, where we arrived safely at dusk.



Barred Buttonquail – one of two special birds that we located in some scrubby habitat

#### **Day 5, 12<sup>th</sup> January. Keoladeo Ghana National Park**

Today we spent the full day birding the Keoladeo Ghana National Park, making use of cycle-rickshaws to get around. The park has many different habitats; these include scrub, woodland, lakes, and marshes, and this helped us to record 112 species for the day. The morning and afternoon light was beautiful, and the group thoroughly enjoyed taking pictures at this site. We started in the woodland and scrub habitats and found the likes of **White-eared Bulbul**, **Grey Francolin**, **Indian Peafowl**, **Yellow-footed Green Pigeon** (flocks of up to 50), **Greater Coucal**, **Black Redstart**, **Black-rumped Flameback**, and a shaggy-looking immature **Egyptian Vulture**. Warblers were on show in different forms: **Common Chiffchaff**, **Hume's Leaf Warbler**, **Greenish**, and **Green Warblers**, **Lesser Whitethroat**, and **Eastern Orphean Warbler**, as well as **Blyth's Reed Warbler** and **Paddyfield Warbler**. Waterfowl were

abundant; highlights were **Cotton Pygmy Goose** and **Lesser Whistling** and **Knob-billed Ducks**. As the heat started to increase we started picking up our first eagles. It turned out to be a cracking day for raptors, with seven eagle species in total. These were (in order of record) **Greater Spotted Eagle**, **Tawny Eagle**, **Indian Spotted Eagle**, **Eastern Imperial Eagle**, **Booted Eagle**, **Bonelli's Eagle**, and **Crested Serpent Eagle**. Adding to the raptor numbers were a lovely **Dusky Eagle-Owl** on a nest as well as a pair of grey-phase **Indian Scops Owl**, which was found roosting at close range.

Lunch was both surprising and incredible, surprising as we expected boxed lunches but got a fully catered Indian lunch – pretty spicy, just as the group enjoyed it! After lunch and a rest we carried on in search of anything else we could enjoy. A tree with a large number of Indian Flying Foxes was an absolute treat. We had picked up the awesome **Bronze-tailed Jacana** earlier and then managed to find **Pheasant-tailed Jacana** as well. Other highlight for the day were **Common Kingfisher**, **Black Bittern**, **Black-necked Stork**, **Sarus Crane**, and **Indian Grey Hornbill** within the last 20 minutes of sunlight.



A pair of Black-necked Storks hanging around at Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the female on the left and the male on the right

#### **Day 6, 13 January. Bharatpur area to Chambal Safari Lodge via Fatehpur Sikri**

We spent the morning birding some agricultural lands near Bharatpur, an area called Kumher, where our main target was **Indian Courser**. Even though there has been quite a bit of construction going on at the site where the coursers have been known to occur for the last number of years we managed to find a pair with some ease, thanks to Shyam's eagle eyes. Of course we spent a couple of hours in the area, picking up many other dry land/farmland species. Larks were surprisingly common, we recorded **Greater Short-toed Lark**, over 100 **Bimaculated Larks**, **Indian Bush Lark**, **Crested Lark**, and a displaying **Oriental Skylark**. **Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark** as well as both **Desert** and **Isabelline Wheatears** were also present. As we were walking in the field we flushed a group of five **Yellow-wattled Lapwings**.



A single **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse** was heard and then seen, flying directly over our heads. We soon proceeded to a known site within Bharatpur town, where it took no time at all to track down a few **Greater Painted-snipes**, two females and a male were seen very well there! We headed back to the hotel to grab an early lunch and then start our journey towards Chambal.

We stopped off at Fatehpur Sikri, where we went on a tour of the historical sight. Of course we managed to see a few birds at the site as well, these included **Egyptian Vulture**, **Booted Eagle**, and a few **Brown Rock** (Indian) **Chats**.

**Brown Hawk-Owl** is known to roost at our next accommodation, Chambal Safari Lodge. The owl was indeed around, and we managed to see it just as it was leaving its roosting site that evening. Indian Flying Foxes had just about taken over a whole tree near the spot where we picked up the owl. We had a night walk around the lodge grounds and were not super-successful, just picking up Indian Hare. Later on, though, on the way to the room, I heard a rustle in the leaf litter, and, sure enough, it was the sought-after Collared Hedgehog.

### Day 7, 14<sup>th</sup> January. Chambal River to Delhi via Taj Mahal

We took an early morning drive to the Chambal River, where we enjoyed an awesome boat cruise. It took a little time for the fog to lift, but once it did the sightings came thick and fast. First were sightings of **River Lapwing** and **White-browed Wagtail** walking along the southern bank. **Western Osprey** was the next call, a single bird flew right overhead. As we carried on upstream we heard **Black Francolin** calling and soon after that picked up our first **Black-bellied Tern**, one of the main targets of the trip. We were then treated to views of the rare Ganges River Dolphin – a true highlight! The pinkish wash to this beautiful creature is really noticeable. What an animal!



One of the most unlikely mammals of the tour, the Ganges River Dolphin, a strange, solitary river dolphin, which can be seen (with luck!) on the Chambal River cruise

For some the trip had been made already, but there was still more to come. As we continued, sightings of Mugger and the really awesome Gharial were had – some sightings in the water as



well as a few of these stunning crocodilians sunning themselves on the bank. **Bonelli's Eagles** have been breeding on the cliffs alongside the river for a couple of years – the nest is active at this time of year, and, sure enough, we had really good looks at a male perched up high and a female bird on a nest. We scanned hard and also picked up a male **Blue Rock Thrush** here. Just a little further on a small island there were six **Indian Skimmers** roosting, another highlight of the cruise. The skimmers were accompanied by **River Tern**, **Black-bellied Tern**, **River Lapwing**, **Gharial**, **Mugger** and an out-of-place **Black-winged Stilt**. A few **Egyptian Vultures** put on a show, while **Pallas's Gull**, **Great Stone-curlew**, **Painted Stork**, **Pied Kingfisher**, and **Long-legged Buzzard** were all present at some point during the cruise. We loaded up the van and started the drive back only to come to a grinding halt due to a **Sirkeer Malkoha** practically in the road in front of us! Crippling looks at this fascinating bird were enjoyed by all at close range. We had lunch at Chambal Safari Lodge and checked out – from here we headed to Agra for our Taj Mahal tour.



Majestic, effortless, and elegant – the Indian Skimmer on the Chambal River

What would any northern India tour be without a visit to one of the most iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites of all time? The Taj Mahal directly translates to ‘crown palace’, which is fairly ironic as it is neither a crown nor a palace. To get the full story from the horse's mouth we were joined by an excellent local Indian history tour guide for the afternoon. The Taj Mahal is just as great as it looks in all the pictures! The picture below does it some justice.

Birding around the Taj Mahal can be pretty good; we definitely enjoyed a few species during the tour. These included **Eurasian Hoopoe**, **Egyptian Vulture**, **Gull-billed Tern**, **Ruddy Shelduck**, and **White Wagtail** and the *feldegg* subspecies of **Western Yellow Wagtail**.

After our time at the Taj Mahal we continued our journey northwards to Noida. At this point of the tour we were essentially transitioning from the north-central plains to the Himalayan foothills. We spent a night near Delhi to break the journey and then had a long drive north to Sattal in the morning.



There she is, the Taj Mahal!

#### Day 8, 25<sup>th</sup> January. Drive from Noida to Sattal

Today was essentially a travel day; we traveled all morning from Noida to the Himalayan foothills. The plains had been good to us, but we were very excited to get our first taste of Himalayan species. After arrival and lunch we headed out to do some roadside birding – we picked up **Blue Whistling Thrush** from the vehicle, and the second bird of the afternoon was one of our targets, **Slaty-backed Forktail**! New species came thick and fast with the likes of **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler**, **Black-chinned Babbler**, and **Green-backed** and **Himalayan Black-lored Tits**, as well as **Grey-hooded**, **Lemon-rumped**, and **Buff-barred Warblers** that were all in an active feeding party. A brilliant **Crested Kingfisher** was sitting nicely above the stream for us to admire. The call of “Laughingthrush!” echoed around us as we spotted two **Rufous-chinned Laughingthrushes** moving along the scrub next to a stream – definitely one of the highlights of the short walk this afternoon. Last but not least, just before we lost all our light we found a **Spotted Forktail** – a true stunner of a bird. It was lovely to watch it feeding by flipping leaves over and checking for insects underneath. Other species that we added to our ever-growing trip list were **Black-throated Bushtit**, **White-capped Redstart**, **Plumbeous Water Redstart**, and **Long-billed Thrush**.

#### Day 9, 16<sup>th</sup> January. Sattal to Pangot

A pre-sunrise breakfast (including a quick sighting of **Jungle Owlet**) was the order of the day so that we could make our way to some of the scrub and forest patches on the edge of town early. **Grey-backed Shrike** and **White-capped Redstart** showed immediately, and soon after that we saw our first **Rufous Sibia** and a party of about 10 **Red-billed Leiothrixes**. A surprise **Rufous-breasted Accentor** was fun, and soon after that we managed sightings of a female and a young male **Siberian Rubythroat**. This little hotspot, as Shyam liked to call it, also really produced the goods: **Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush**, **Slaty-blue Flycatcher**, **Grey Treepie**, **Slaty-headed Parakeet**, a beautiful **White-throated Fantail**, and finally a brilliant male **Himalayan Rubythroat**.

Having picked up our main targets here, the rubythroats, we made our way to the main Sattal Park area, where we spent some time walking through mature forest, finding mixed species flocks and feeding parties, and targeting a few skulkers. We stopped with a jolt and with some speed exited the van to get onto a mixed flock moving through. We enjoyed a brief **Lesser Yellownape**, our first nuthatch and tree-creeper in the form of **Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch** and **Bar-tailed Treecreeper**, respectively, a few **Rufous Sibias**, a single **Brown-fronted Woodpecker**, and a large flock (over 30) of **Blue-winged Minlas**. The extravagantly wonderful **Red-billed Blue Magpie** followed the group into view – a small party of about five birds, an absolute treat. Further along the track we enjoyed a male **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Whistler's Warbler**, **Grey-headed Woodpecker**, **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**, **Bronzed Drongo**, **Scaly Thrush**, and **Grey-winged Blackbird**. Sattal was on fire! A small trail led away from the lake; here we targeted **Chestnut-headed Tesia** but sadly only managed to hear one bird calling, no visuals were had. We did get a great consolation with a single **Pygmy Wren-babbler** skulking alongside the track.



One of the rarer and more elusive species that we found on this tour – Pygmy Wren-babbler

**Day 10, 10<sup>th</sup> January. Full day at elevation above Pangot**



A delicious cup of masala chai (spiced milk tea), a few biscuits, packed breakfast on board, and we were ready to go. The winding road to higher elevation took some time and allowed us to look out for birds and mammals en route. We picked up two **Kalij Pheasants** early, both males, roosting in a tree alongside the road. After a few kilometers we arrived at an area known as Cheer Point, aptly named because many birding groups would pick up Cheer Pheasant in this area on a fairly regular basis. This morning, after much scanning, we were not in luck, they were MIA. We did, however, pick up a heap of new species at this site, including great looks at the **Himalayan Vultures** that took to the skies as soon as it warmed up. Here we also found **Green-backed** and **Yellow-browed Tits**, **White-tailed Nuthatch**, a group of 50 plus **Altai Accentors**, **Common Kestrel**, **Steppe Eagle**, and a few **Eurasian Crag Martins**. We spotted a small group of Himalayan Gorals hanging around on the rocky ledges below us. Carrying on along the mountain road we did well to pick up **Himalayan Woodpecker** and even further along a confiding **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker** that we watched move up and down a large tree trunk for quite some time; we left many a photograph later. One of the highlights of the morning came when a secretive **Hill Partridge** was sitting out in the open – hunkered down, trying to conceal itself in the leaf litter.



A Himalayan Vulture checking us out as it gave a fly-by at Cheer Point

The afternoon birding session at lower elevation was brilliant; a male **Golden Bush Robin** was found, and we got some looks as it skulked through the bush. We did well with buntings, finding two species, **Little** and **Chestnut-eared Buntings**. **Pink-browed Rosefinch** was also present at this site – our first rosefinch. A pair of **Black Francolins** were a highlight for the group, having missed them at other known sites. We also recorded **Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush** and **Russet Sparrow**. Last but definitely not least we tried for the threatened (by habitat destruction) **Grey-crowned Prinia** – much to our amazement we found a pair within the 30 minutes of sunlight that we had left. A rare species for any world birder! **Scaly-breasted Munia**, **Oriental Turtle Dove**, and **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler** were great supporting acts.

**Day 11, 18<sup>th</sup> January. Pangot to the Corbett area**

Having dipped on Cheer Pheasant and a few other species, we headed back up to higher elevation (up to 2400m). En route we did well to pick up **Mistle** and **Chestnut Thrushes** perched on top of some tall pine trees. A single **Alpine Thrush** was a great addition, and seeing Yellow-throated Marten left us all stunned – an absolutely amazing mammal to see, a highlight for all. Once again **Altai Accentors** were in action, as too were **Himalayan Vultures**. We did have some early excitement with a brilliant sighting of the huge **Bearded Vulture** (Lammergeier) flying over Cheer Point. We carried on to try for **Koklass Pheasant** again, as our flushed views the morning before were unsatisfactory, and heard an individual calling on a rocky ridge. We followed up on the call (enjoying **White-collared Blackbird** and **Chestnut Thrush** as ‘bycatch’) and soon enough caught some glimpses. With a bit of patience we approached quite close and enjoyed watching a male feeding and moving along the steep slopes.



We all worked really hard and were eventually rewarded with great looks at this classy bird – the Koklass Pheasant.

On the way back to Pangot we tried one last time for Cheer Pheasant, when all of a sudden a screeching noise rang from below us and four **Cheer Pheasants** came into view – we had finally seen them! This endangered wildfowl is a true stunner, but it does blend in well with the straw-colored grassy slopes. We took some time to get really nice scope views before heading back to Pangot and onwards to Corbett National Park. We stopped at a lake to target a few things we had missed previously. Again we could not locate Chestnut-capped Babbler or Dusky Warbler but did manage to see **Great-crested Grebe**, **Red-naped Ibis**, **Red-crested Pochard**, a few **Richard's Pipits**, and a surprise **Large-tailed Nightjar** that was roosting in the reeds nearby. We headed on towards Corbett (Tiger Camp would be our accommodation for the next three nights), stopping in town for necessary supplies.

### Day 12, 19<sup>th</sup> January. Full day Corbett National Park

Well, we were finally in Corbett National Park, a place that we had heard a lot about and thus was much anticipated! We were to have two safaris today and two again the following day – this would give us fantastic opportunities to not only pick up a good portion of the bird species

present but also a good chance at seeing tiger or leopard. We kicked things off nicely with a pair of Golden Jackals right near the gate and shortly thereafter picked up both **Blue-throated Barbet** and **Coppersmith Barbet** as well as a flyby **Greater Flameback**. A dream come true for some of the group was seeing the gigantic **Great Hornbill**; a pair sat up high in a dead tree in the early morning light, a special sighting indeed! One of the best mixed feeding flocks of the trip came shortly after that; **Scarlet** and **Short-billed Minivets** stood out like sore thumbs in the green foliage (males and females), while movement of all sorts of passerines seemed to be all around us. We stayed at that site for almost half an hour watching a flock of 20 plus species! Some highlights were **Greater** and **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongos**, **White-throated** and **White-browed Fantails**, **Black-hooded Oriole**, **Maroon Oriole**, **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher**, **Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher**, **Lesser Yellownappe**, and **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**. We eventually moved away from this area and continued along some of the tracks within our zone. A stream held a few species, including **White-browed Wagtail**, **Green Sandpiper**, and **White-throated Kingfisher**. We started our journey back to the lodge for a well-earned brunch, but not before we had excellent visuals of two species of woodpeckers at the gate. We picked up on a **Black-rumped Flameback** moving around from dead tree to dead tree, and then soon thereafter a female **Streak-throated Woodpecker** showed well. Last but not least for the morning was a sighting of **Lineated Barbet**.



A favorite of the tour, Black-rumped Flameback, working its way up and down a dead tree

We enjoyed brunch and then headed out to a section of the Kosi River with one target in mind, the incredible Ibisbill. As soon as we had arrived we picked up a female **Little Pied Flycatcher**. The river area immediately produced **Plumbeous Water Redstart**, **River Lapwing**, and **Crested Kingfisher**. We hadn't spent too much time scanning when we were alerted to two **Ibisbills** flying past us upstream. Luckily they landed about 200 meters upriver and allowed us to enjoy amazing visuals of them feeding in the rocky stream. We spent about 30 minutes watching



them and approached slowly for even better looks. Here we also picked up **Crested Serpent Eagle**, **White-capped Redstart**, and **Nepal Gray Langur**.



Ibisbill – while it is wintering in the Kosi River of India, one has a really good chance of seeing this special species on this tour.

Our afternoon safari was also one to remember; however, it was delayed due to a stunning male **Crimson Sunbird** with incredible colors seen in the parking lot of the hotel. **Jungle Owlet** was one of the first birds we spotted once we were through the gate. Here we also picked up **Crested Treeswift** and **White-rumped Spinetail** (later on they were joined by **Nepal House Martin**). The habitat was beautiful, large stands of deciduous forest with many small rocky streams running through the forest. Shyam somehow spotted a **Collared Falconet** from miles away – as we got closer we got some nice looks at a single bird sitting on a dead tree. We loved seeing **Great Hornbill** again and also picked up **Stork-billed Kingfisher** across one of the rivers. A male **Little Pied Flycatcher** showed beautifully, while **Lineated Barbet** was feeding on some fruit. A little further on we found **Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch**, **Two-barred** and **Greenish Warblers**, **Grey-hooded Warbler**, and **Cinereous Tit**. **Jungle Prinia** was a nice surprise, while **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** and **Red-headed Vulture** were both perched up in dead trees near the road. One of the best days of the trip came to an end with a sighting of **Black-winged Kite** with prey.

### Day 13, 20<sup>th</sup> January. Full Day Corbett National Park

Our second full day in Corbett National Park started where the last one had left off, the Bijrani zone. We spent some time in the morning trying to track some tigers that had been seen in the area the previous day, but with no luck. Birding started with the likes of **Long-tailed Shrike**, **Black-winged Kite**, **Streak-throated Woodpecker**, **White-capped Redstart** along the river, and a few **Grey Bush Chats**. We continued searching and did find a small feeding party, which included the likes of **Brown-fronted Woodpecker**, **Lesser Yellownappe**, **Black-rumped Flameback**, **Grey-hooded Warbler**, **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher**, **Black-chinned Babbler**, and **Blue-winged Minla**. A absolutely stunning **Rufous-bellied Niltava** was sitting out

in the open above the road for us to admire – a true gem of India! Other than yielding a brilliant family group of **Kalij Pheasants** feeding in the road and our first sighting of Asian Elephant (two females feeding in a large open grass field) the morning was rather quiet.

The late-morning birding session, after a hearty brunch, was back at the same area that we had visited the day before where we had connected with a pair of Ibisbills. This area is also well known for Wallcreeper. Well, it seemed that luck was on our side again, as it only took us a matter of seconds to pick up a single **Wallcreeper** on the concrete walls alongside the banks of the Kosi River. What was even more amazing is that the **Ibisbills** were again present, and at one stage we had both species in our binocular view at the same time. That's two monotypic family species in one view – it doesn't get much better than that!

Our afternoon safari was at a different section in Corbett NP called Jhirna. The Jhirna zone is more open savanna and woodland and does produce different species. We started with a small herd of Asian Elephants, three adults with three youngsters. The first new bird for the trip was **Blue-throated Barbet**, a single bird, sedentary in the top of a large tree. We made sure that we were keeping our eyes open for another green species with a blue throat, Blue-bearded Bee-eater. But first we spotted two vulture species overhead, both **White-rumped** and **Griffon Vultures** were catching some thermals above the forest. Another green species caught our attention, this time it was our first leafbird in the form of **Golden-fronted Leafbird**, what a fantastic species! Finally we did spot our target, first just a single bird but later three more **Blue-bearded Bee-eaters**, one for the highlights package for sure! **Peregrine Falcon** and a gigantic **Cinereous Vulture** were present at a dry river crossing, while a **Stork-billed Kingfisher** caught our attention and posed for some photos in cracking light. A bit further on we enjoyed three **Ashy Bulbuls** and a single **Hair-crested Drongo**. The call of **Common Green Magpie** was frustratingly close to the road, but the bird didn't show before we needed to move on. Some others that we picked up as the sun was getting closer and closer to the horizon included **Collared Falconet**, **Black Francolin**, **Indian Peafowl**, **Oriental Pied Hornbill**, and a lovely juvenile **Besra**. A beautiful Jungle Cat sighting was a fitting end to our safaris at the famous Corbett National Park.

#### **Day 14, 21<sup>st</sup> January. Morning birding Kosi River then travel back to New Delhi**

We enjoyed another really nice breakfast before heading out to a hotspot along the Kosi River called Kumerya. The first part of the area is beautiful, mature deciduous forest on the mountainous slopes down to the river. Here, ready as can be for our last birding session, we picked up a huge flock of **Red-breasted Parakeets**. A little further along the trail we heard the call of the huge **Great Slaty Woodpecker**. It took some time, but we managed to locate at least three birds moving about above us on the taller trees of the forest. This was a special and unexpected sighting. A pair of **White-crested Laughingthrushes** entertained us for a while, until the excitement of a **Tawny Fish Owl** stole the show; amazing sightings of this species in the open were had. Arriving at the river we found **Grey** and **White-browed Wagtails** and **Plumbeous Water Redstart** and **White-capped Redstarts** as well as a dapper-looking **Spotted Forktail**. The highlight and main target of this area was **Brown Dipper**, which we found shortly after picking up the forktail. Really nice views of a pair that seemed to be courting were had here.



A magnificent Tawny Fish Owl, perched out in the sunlight for the group, was a fitting end to a phenomenal tour of northern India.

From here we headed back to the lodge, checked out, and started our journey back to Delhi, where we arrived in the late afternoon.



Celebrating with three “Cheers” after seeing the endangered Cheer Pheasant in the Pangot area – with a beautiful view of the Uttarakhand Himalayas.



Northern India Bird List, January 2018		
<b>Bold = country endemic</b> <b>Status: NT = Near-threatened, VU = Vulnerable, EN = Endangered, CR = Critically Endangered</b>		
Common Name IOC 7.3	Scientific Name IOC 7.3	Trip
	<b>ANSERIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Ducks, Geese and Swans</u></b>	<b><u>Anatidae</u></b>	
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	1
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>	1
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	1
Knob-billed Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	1
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	1
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	1
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	1
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	1
Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	1
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	1
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	1
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	1
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	1
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	1
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	1
Common Pochard - VU	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	1
Ferruginous Duck - NT	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	1
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	1
	<b>GALLIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Pheasants and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Phasianidae</u></b>	
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	1
Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	1
Hill Partridge	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>	1
<b>Painted Spurfowl</b>	<b><i>Galloperdix lunulata</i></b>	1
Koklass Pheasant	<i>Pucrasia macrolopha</i>	1
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	1
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	1
Cheer Pheasant - VU	<i>Catreus wallichii</i>	1
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	1
	<b>PODICIPEDIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Grebes</u></b>	<b><u>Podicipedidae</u></b>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	1

Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1
	<b>PHOENICOPTERIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Flamingos</u></b>	<b><u>Phoenicopteridae</u></b>	
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopeterus roseus</i>	1
	<b>CICONIIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Storks</u></b>	<b><u>Ciconiidae</u></b>	
Painted Stork - NT	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	1
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	1
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1
Black-necked Stork - NT	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	1
	<b>PELECANIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Ibises, Spoonbills</u></b>	<b><u>Threskiornithidae</u></b>	
Black-headed Ibis - NT	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	1
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	1
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	1
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	1
<b><u>Hérons, Bitterns</u></b>	<b><u>Ardeidae</u></b>	
Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>	1
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	1
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	1
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	1
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	1
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	1
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	1
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	1
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	1
	<b>SULIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Cormorants, Shags</u></b>	<b><u>Phalacrocoracidae</u></b>	
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	1
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	1
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1
<b><u>Anhingas, Darters</u></b>	<b><u>Anhingidae</u></b>	
Oriental Darter - NT	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	1
	<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Ospreys</u></b>	<b><u>Pandionidae</u></b>	
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1
<b><u>Kites, Hawks and Eagles</u></b>	<b><u>Accipitridae</u></b>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	1
Bearded Vulture - NT	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	1

Egyptian Vulture - EN	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	1
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	1
White-rumped Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	1
Indian Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps indicus</i>	1
Himalayan Vulture - NT	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	1
Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	1
Red-headed Vulture - CR	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	1
Cinereous Vulture - NT	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	1
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	1
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	1
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>	1
Indian Spotted Eagle - VU	<i>Clanga hastata</i>	1
Greater Spotted Eagle - VU	<i>Clanga clanga</i>	1
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	1
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	1
Steppe Eagle - EN	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	1
Eastern Imperial Eagle - VU	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	1
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	1
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	1
Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	1
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	1
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	1
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	1
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	1
<b>GRUIFORMES</b>		
<b><u>Rails, Crakes and Coots</u></b>	<b><u>Rallidae</u></b>	
Brown Crake	<i>Amaurornis akool</i>	1
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	1
Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	1
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	1
<b><u>Cranes</u></b>	<b><u>Gruidae</u></b>	
Sarus Crane - VU	<i>Antigone antigone</i>	1
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	1
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES</b>		
<b><u>Buttonquail</u></b>	<b><u>Turnicidae</u></b>	
Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>	1
<b><u>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees</u></b>	<b><u>Burhinidae</u></b>	
Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>	1



Great Stone-curlew - NT	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	1
<b><u>Ibisbill</u></b>	<b><u>Ibidorhynchidae</u></b>	
Ibisbill	<i>Ibidorhyncha struthersii</i>	1
<b><u>Stilts, Avocets</u></b>	<b><u>Recurvirostridae</u></b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	1
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	1
<b><u>Plovers</u></b>	<b><u>Charadriidae</u></b>	
River Lapwing - NT	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	1
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	1
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	1
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	1
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	1
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	1
<b><u>Painted-snipes</u></b>	<b><u>Rostratulidae</u></b>	
Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	1
<b><u>Jacanas</u></b>	<b><u>Jacaniidae</u></b>	
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	1
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	1
<b><u>Sandpipers, Snipes</u></b>	<b><u>Scolopacidae</u></b>	
Eurasian Curlew - NT	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	1
Black-tailed Godwit - NT	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	1
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	1
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	1
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	1
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	1
Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>	1
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	1
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	1
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	1
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	1
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	1
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	1
<b><u>Courasers, Pratincoles</u></b>	<b><u>Glareolidae</u></b>	
Indian Courser	<i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>	1
<b><u>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers</u></b>	<b><u>Laridae</u></b>	
Indian Skimmer - VU	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>	1
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>	1
Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	1

Pallas's Gull	<i>Ichthyaelus ichthaelus</i>	1
Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	1
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	1
River Tern - NT	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	1
Black-bellied Tern - EN	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>	1
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	1
	<b>PTEROCLIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Sandgrouse</u></b>	<b><u>Pteroclididae</u></b>	
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	1
Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>	1
	<b>COLUMBIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Pigeons, Doves</u></b>	<b><u>Columbidae</u></b>	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	1
Oriental Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	1
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	1
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	1
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>	1
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	1
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	1
	<b>CUCULIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Cuckoos</u></b>	<b><u>Cuculidae</u></b>	
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	1
Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>	1
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	1
	<b>STRIGIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Owls</u></b>	<b><u>Strigidae</u></b>	
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	1
Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>	1
Tawny Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa flavipes</i>	1
Collared Owlet	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>	1
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	1
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	1
Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	1
	<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Nightjars</u></b>	<b><u>Caprimulgidae</u></b>	
Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	1
	<b>APODIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Treeswifts</u></b>	<b><u>Hemiprocidae</u></b>	
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	1
<b><u>Swifts</u></b>	<b><u>Apodidae</u></b>	

White-rumped Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>	1
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	1
Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>	1
	<b>CORACIIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Rollers</u></b>	<b><u>Coraciidae</u></b>	
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	1
<b><u>Kingfishers</u></b>	<b><u>Alcedinidae</u></b>	
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	1
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	1
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1
Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>	1
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1
<b><u>Bee-eaters</u></b>	<b><u>Meropidae</u></b>	
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>	1
Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	1
	<b>BUCEROTIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Hoopoes</u></b>	<b><u>Upupidae</u></b>	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	1
<b><u>Hornbills</u></b>	<b><u>Bucerotidae</u></b>	
Great Hornbill - NT	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	1
Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>	1
Indian Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	1
	<b>PICIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Asian Barbets</u></b>	<b><u>Megalaimidae</u></b>	
Great Barbet	<i>Psilopogon virens</i>	1
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	1
Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>	1
Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i>	1
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	1
<b><u>Woodpeckers</u></b>	<b><u>Picidae</u></b>	
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	1
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>	1
Brown-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocoptes auriceps</i>	1
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>	1
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>	1
Himalayan Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos himalayensis</i>	1
Greater Yellownape	<i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>	1
Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	1
Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>	1
Scaly-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Picus squamatus</i>	1



Grey-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	1
Himalayan Flameback	<i>Dinopium shorii</i>	1
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	1
Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>	1
White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>	1
Great Slaty Woodpecker - VU	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>	1
	<b>FALCONIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Caracaras, Falcons</u></b>	<b><u>Falconidae</u></b>	
Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>	1
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1
	<b>PSITTACIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Old World Parrots</u></b>	<b><u>Psittaculidae</u></b>	
Slaty-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>	1
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	1
Red-breasted Parakeet - NT	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	1
Alexandrine Parakeet - NT	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	1
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	1
	<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>	
<b><u>Woodshrikes and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Tephrodornithidae</u></b>	
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	1
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	1
<b><u>Ioras</u></b>	<b><u>Aegithinidae</u></b>	
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	1
<b><u>Cuckooshrikes</u></b>	<b><u>Campephagidae</u></b>	
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	1
Short-billed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>	1
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>	1
<b><u>Shrikes</u></b>	<b><u>Laniidae</u></b>	
Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	1
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>	1
Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>	1
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	1
Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	1
<b><u>Figbirds, Orioles</u></b>	<b><u>Oriolidae</u></b>	
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	1
Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>	1
<b><u>Drongos</u></b>	<b><u>Dicruridae</u></b>	
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	1
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	1

White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	1
Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	1
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>	1
Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	1
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	1
<b><u>Fantails</u></b>	<b><u>Rhipiduridae</u></b>	
White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	1
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	1
<b><u>Crows, Jays</u></b>	<b><u>Corvidae</u></b>	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	1
Black-headed Jay	<i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>	1
Red-billed Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa erythroryncha</i>	1
Common Green Magpie	<i>Cissa chinensis</i>	H
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	1
Grey Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>	1
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	1
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	1
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	1
<b><u>Fairy Flycatchers</u></b>	<b><u>Stenostiridae</u></b>	
Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus</i>	1
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	1
<b><u>Tits, Chickadees</u></b>	<b><u>Paridae</u></b>	
Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>	1
Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater</i>	1
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>	1
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>	1
Himalayan Black-lored Tit	<i>Machlolophus xanthogenys</i>	1
<b><u>Larks</u></b>	<b><u>Alaudidae</u></b>	
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	1
Indian Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>	1
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	1
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	1
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	1
Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>	1
<b><u>Bulbuls</u></b>	<b><u>Pycnonotidae</u></b>	
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	1
Himalayan Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>	1
White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	1
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	1
Ashy Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flava</i>	1

Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	1
<b><u>Swallows, Martins</u></b>	<b><u>Hirundinidae</u></b>	
Grey-throated Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>	1
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	1
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	1
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	1
Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	1
Nepal House Martin	<i>Delichon nipalense</i>	1
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	1
Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>	1
<b><u>Wren-babblers</u></b>	<b><u>Pnoepygidae</u></b>	
Scaly-breasted Wren-babbler	<i>Pnoepyga albiventer</i>	1
Pygmy Wren-babbler	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>	1
<b><u>Cettia Bush Warblers and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Cettiidae</u></b>	
Aberrant Bush Warbler	<i>Horornis flavolivaceus</i>	1
Grey-sided Bush Warbler	<i>Cettia brunnifrons</i>	1
Chestnut-headed Tesia	<i>Cettia castaneocoronata</i>	H
<b><u>Bushtits</u></b>	<b><u>Aegithalidae</u></b>	
Black-throated Bushtit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>	1
<b><u>Leaf Warblers and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Phylloscopidae</u></b>	
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	1
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>	1
Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>	1
Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>	1
Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>	1
Brooks's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i>	1
Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	1
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	1
Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	1
Two-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus</i>	1
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	1
Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>	1
Grey-hooded Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus xanthoschistos</i>	1
Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>	1
<b><u>Reed Warblers and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Acrocephalidae</u></b>	
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	1
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	1
Paddyfield Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus agricola</i>	1
Syke's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>	1
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	1



Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>	1
<b><u>Cisticolas and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Cisticolidae</u></b>	
Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	1
Striated Prinia	<i>Prinia crinigera</i>	1
Grey-crowned Prinia - VU	<i>Prinia cinereocapilla</i>	1
Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</i>	1
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	1
Graceful Prinia	<i>Prinia gracilis</i>	1
Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	1
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	1
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	1
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	1
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	1
<b><u>Babblers</u></b>	<b><u>Timaliidae</u></b>	
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i>	1
Black-chinned Babbler	<i>Stachyridopsis pyrrhops</i>	1
<b><u>Fulvettas, Ground Babblers</u></b>	<b><u>Pellorneidae</u></b>	
Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	1
<b><u>Laughingthrushes</u></b>	<b><u>Leiothrichidae</u></b>	
Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudata</i>	1
Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>	1
Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	1
Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>	1
White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>	1
Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax rufogularis</i>	1
White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>	1
Streaked Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron lineatum</i>	1
Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax striatus</i>	1
Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron erythrocephalum</i>	1
Blue-winged Minla	<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>	1
Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>	1
Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>	1
<b><u>Sylviid Babblers</u></b>	<b><u>Sylviidae</u></b>	
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	1
Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia crassirostris</i>	1
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>	1
<b><u>White-eyes</u></b>	<b><u>Zosteropidae</u></b>	
Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	1
<b><u>Nuthatches</u></b>	<b><u>Sittidae</u></b>	
Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta cinnamoventris</i>	1

White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>	1
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	1
<b><u>Wallcreeper</u></b>	<b><u>Tichodromidae</u></b>	
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	1
<b><u>Treecreepers</u></b>	<b><u>Certhiidae</u></b>	
Bar-tailed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia himalayana</i>	1
<b><u>Starlings, Rhabdornis</u></b>	<b><u>Sturnidae</u></b>	
Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	1
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	1
Pied Myna	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	1
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	1
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	1
<b><u>Thrushes</u></b>	<b><u>Turdidae</u></b>	
Alpine Thrush	<i>Zoothera mollissima</i>	1
Scaly Thrush	<i>Zoothera dauma</i>	1
Long-billed Thrush	<i>Zoothera monticola</i>	1
White-collared Blackbird	<i>Turdus albocinctus</i>	1
Grey-winged Blackbird	<i>Turdus boulboul</i>	1
Chestnut Thrush	<i>Turdus rubrocanus</i>	1
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	1
<b><u>Chats, Old World Flycatchers</u></b>	<b><u>Muscicapidae</u></b>	
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	1
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	1
Dark-sided Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa sibirica</i>	1
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	1
Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltava sundara</i>	1
Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>	1
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	1
Himalayan Rubythroat	<i>Calliope pectoralis</i>	1
Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Calliope calliope</i>	1
Himalayan Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>	1
Golden Bush Robin	<i>Tarsiger chrysaeus</i>	1
Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>	1
Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>	1
Blue Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	1
Rusty-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula ruficauda</i>	1
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophliata</i>	1
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	1
Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	1
Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>	1

Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>	1
Blue-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus coeruleocephala</i>	1
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	1
Blue-fronted Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus frontalis</i>	1
Plumbeous Water Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus fuliginosus</i>	1
White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>	1
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	1
White-browed Bush Chat - VU	<i>Saxicola macrorhynchus</i>	1
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	1
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	1
Grey Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>	1
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	1
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	1
Brown Rock Chat	<i>Oenanthe fusca</i>	1
Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>	1
<b><u>Dippers</u></b>	<b><u>Cinclidae</u></b>	
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>	1
<b><u>Leafbirds</u></b>	<b><u>Chloropseidae</u></b>	
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	1
Orange-bellied Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>	1
<b><u>Sunbirds</u></b>	<b><u>Nectariniidae</u></b>	
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	1
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>	1
Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>	1
<b><u>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches</u></b>	<b><u>Passeridae</u></b>	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	1
Sind Sparrow	<i>Passer pyrrhonotus</i>	1
Russet Sparrow	<i>Passer rutilans</i>	1
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	1
<b><u>Weavers, Widowbirds</u></b>	<b><u>Ploceidae</u></b>	
Black-breasted Weaver	<i>Ploceus benghalensis</i>	1
<b><u>Waxbills, Munias and allies</u></b>	<b><u>Estrildidae</u></b>	
Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	1
Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	1
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	1
<b><u>Accentors</u></b>	<b><u>Prunellidae</u></b>	
Altai Accentor	<i>Prunella himalayana</i>	1
Rufous-breasted Accentor	<i>Prunella strophiatea</i>	1
<b><u>Wagtails, Pipits</u></b>	<b><u>Motacillidae</u></b>	



Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	1
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	1
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	1
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	1
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>	1
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	1
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	1
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	1
<b><u>Finches</u></b>	<b><u>Fringillidae</u></b>	
Spot-winged Grosbeak	<i>Mycerobas melanozanthos</i>	1
Pink-browed Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus rodochroa</i>	1
Yellow-breasted Greenfinch	<i>Chloris spinoides</i>	1
<b><u>Buntings, New World Sparrows</u></b>	<b><u>Emberizidae</u></b>	
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	1
White-capped Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>	1
Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buehanani</i>	1
Chestnut-eared Bunting	<i>Emberiza fucata</i>	1
Little Bunting	<i>Emberiza pusilla</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>389</b>

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	<b>PRIMATES</b>	
	<b>Cercopithecidae</b>	
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	1
Southern Plains Gray Langur	<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri</i>	1
Nepal Gray Langur	<i>Semnopithecus schistaceus</i>	1
	<b>CETARTIODACTYLA</b>	
	<b>Cervidae</b>	
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	1
Northern Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>	1
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>	1
	<b>Bovidae</b>	
Nilgai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	1
Himalayan Goral	<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>	1
	<b>Suidae</b>	
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	1

	<b>Platanistidae</b>	
Ganges River Dolphin	<i>Platanista gangetica gangetica</i>	1
	<b>PROBOSCIDEA</b>	
	<b>Elephantidae</b>	
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	1
	<b>CARNIVORA</b>	
	<b>Canidae</b>	
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	1
	<b>Felidae</b>	
Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris tigris</i>	1
Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	1
	<b>Ursidae</b>	
Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	1
	<b>Herpestidae</b>	
Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>	1
	<b>Mustelidae</b>	
Yellow-throated Marten	<i>Martes flavigula</i>	1
	<b>LAGOMORPHA</b>	
	<b>Leporidae</b>	
Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	1
	<b>RODENTIA</b>	
	<b>Sciuridae</b>	
Five-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>	1
	<b>EULIPOTYPHLA</b>	
	<b>Erinaceidae</b>	
Collared Hedgehog	<i>Hemiechinus collaris</i>	1
	<b>CHIROPTERA</b>	
	<b>Pteropodidae</b>	
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21</b>

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Trip
	<b>CROCODYLIA</b>	
	<b>Crocodylidae</b>	
Mugger	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>	1
	<b>Gavialidae</b>	
Gharial	<i>Gavialis gangeticus</i>	1

	<b>SQUAMATA</b>	
	<b>Colubridae</b>	
Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>	1
	<b>Gekkonidae</b>	
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>	1
	<b>Varanidae</b>	
Common Indian Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	1
	<b>TESTUDINES</b>	
	<b>Geoemydidae</b>	
Red-crowned Roofed Turtle	<i>Batagur kachuga</i>	1
Indian Tent Turtle	<i>Pangshura tentoria</i>	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7</b>