

Discover India: Birding and Tiger Safari 2019

Trip Report

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One of the five tigers we saw in Ranthambore National Park

India's abundant wildlife and beautiful landscapes offer some amazing nature experiences for the intrepid traveler. Throughout our Birding and Tiger Safari tour, we explored dry deciduous forest, riparian and meadow landscapes, and ventured into India's wilderness in search of some of the subcontinent's most unique and iconic wildlife, including one of the world's top predators and its largest cat: the **Bengal Tiger**.

During this tour, not only did we accomplish our main target — seeing **tigers** — but we also saw a wide variety of other mammals including **Wild Dog**, **Jungle Cat** and **Sloth Bear**. We also had the opportunity to observe and photograph a large number of bird species found in Central India.

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Highlights of the trip

1. Seeing 12 **Bengal Tigers**, including some fantastic observations, and being able to enjoy these magnificent cats for extended periods of time, was certainly the number one highlight on this tour.
2. Along with tigers, we saw a whopping 26 species of mammals on this tour, including **Jungle Cat**, **Sloth Bear**, **Striped Hyena** and **Dhole**.
3. Our first day in Sultanpur NP was excellent — getting things off to a great start for our bird list for the trip. Some nice ones were **Sarus Crane**, **Dusky Eagle-Owl**, and **Pheasant-tailed Jacana**.
4. Our morning at Soorwal Lake and its surroundings gave us the chance to see the impressive **Blackbuck**, and some nice birds such as **Indian Courser**, **Indian Skimmer**, and our first looks at **Indian Thick-knee**.
5. While all the parks provided different atmospheres and excellent opportunities for birding and wildlife watching, the last hour during our last afternoon in Tadoba National Park was remarkable, with 1 **Tiger**, 4 **Wild Dogs**, 1 **Sloth Bear**, 1 **Jungle Cat** and 1 **Mottled Wood-Owl** as a bonus.



We saw this handsome young male at Ranthambore National Park at pleasure

Itinerary

Day 1: March 16 — Start of the Tour in New Delhi and Sultanpur National Park



Sultanpur NP was enormously productive and provided a second pair of Sarus Cranes, along with hundreds of waterfowl and the rare Sind Sparrow!

On our first day of the tour we explored Sultanpur National Park and surrounding areas. There we met our local guide for the day, *Sanjey*, an excellent birder and guide who was fundamental for the success on the beginning of the tour. We drove west of Delhi to get to an irrigation canal that ended up being full of birds. Our first target of the morning was the **Dusky Eagle-Owl**. While we searched, we added the first common birds to our list: **Indian Spot-billed Duck**, **Indian Peafowl**, **Yellow-footed Pigeon**, **Greater Coucal**, **Woolly-necked Stork** and **Green Bee-eater**, to name a few. While scanning for the owl, we first heard and then saw a distant **Black Francolin**, and we got to see **Striated Babbler** and **Large Gray Babbler**. We even had quick views of **Sind Sparrow**, which has a restricted range in India and Pakistan. After some time looking, Sanjey found first a **Dusky Eagle-Owl** fledgling, and then an adult! Then, we starting heading to Sultanpur NP, with some brief stops along the road to see **Sarus Crane** and **Bar-headed Goose**. These stops provided also **Egyptian Vulture**, **Short-toed Snake-Eagle**, **Wire-tailed Swallow** and **Citrine Wagtail**.

After a stop for a nice lunch of delicious Indian food, we arrived to Sultanpur National Park. This is a remarkable site, with tremendous numbers of waterfowl, including **Graylag Goose**, **Knob-billed Duck**, **Garganey**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Gadwall**, **Eurasian Wigeon** and **Ferruginous Duck**,

Pheasant-tailed Jacana, another beautiful pair of **Sarus Crane**, and good views of **Sind Sparrow**.

Day 2: March 17 — Drive from New Delhi to Ranthambore National Park and first tiger safari



This beautiful female was the very first tiger we saw on this tour. An amazing observation, we couldn't believe how lucky we were.

We woke up very early in the morning for our long drive from Delhi to Sawai Madhopur, the gate town to Ranthambore National Park. It took approximately 6 hours in a private vehicle by road, which, considering the transfers in and out, takes roughly the same time as by train.

After a quick check-in and lunch, we were ready for our first safari in India, which took us to Zone 2 within the park. Right away we started seeing our first birds: **Painted Spurfowl** and **Gray Francolin**. After driving for about 20 minutes, after a curve and about 200 meters from us we could see a **Bengal Tiger** laying on the ground. We approached and positioned our jeeps to have incredible looks and pictures. After only a couple of minutes, she slowly stood and started walking away from us. We followed her for some distance until she disappeared into the tall grass. We were speechless, just like every time we found ourselves face to face with this top predator.

We kept driving along the same track, to encounter our first **Indian Scops-Owl**, which was pointed out by our driver, and shortly afterwards two **Black Storks**. We headed to a small reservoir where sometimes tigers go to drink or bathe. While we waited we saw our first **Small Minivets** and **Plum-headed Parakeets**. As luck would have it, Donna spotted a second tiger as it lumbered into view from behind the vegetation. It was a bit farther away than our first observation, but we were able to watch it for a bit longer. After inspecting the pictures we had taken of both cats, we confirmed that they were, indeed, the same individual — only this time, one of her teats was very visible. This

could only mean one thing, that she was feeding small cubs and that she did so in between our two sightings! We were very happy with our first safari experience. We left the park satisfied and ready for more the next day.

Day 3: March 18 — Full day in Ranthambore National Park



Indian Peacocks are very common in the wild in India and are certainly spectacular.

In the early morning, two different groups visited Zone 1 and Zone 5, respectively. For the first group the highlight came in the shape of a male **Tiger**. By following the sounds of an alarm call, the guide found the tiger standing along the edge of some brush. The group watched it walk into the forest, then settle down for a long nap. The second group had the chance to see a **Leopard** carrying a fresh kill, a young **Spotted Deer**. Both groups had very similar bird lists for the day and both saw a **Tiger** and a **Sloth Bear** in the afternoon!

Some of the most interesting birds of the day were **Painted Spurfowl**, **Jungle Bush-Quail**, **Greater Painted-Snipe** and **Crested Bunting**.

in the evening we took a short walk and after dinner a night drive. We observed **Painted Sandgrouse** drinking from a pond, **Savanna Nightjar** flying above and calling. We heard **Jungle Nightjar** while driving; and — the highlight — a **Striped Hyena** feeding on carrion!

Day 4: March 19 — Full day in Ranthambore National Park

We were assigned Zone 6 for the morning, which is a bit more open and exposed than the other areas. This ended up being our best morning in Ranthambore, at least from a tiger-watching



The first of the two tigers we observed in Zone 6

perspective. Rather early, we found and observed two magnificent young male **Tigers** that were resting in an open area and allowed us to take hundreds of pictures of them.

Birding-wise, we saw several species, including **Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark**, **Bay-backed Shrike**, **Chestnut-breasted Bunting** and **Indian Silverbill**.

In the afternoon, we revisited Zone 2 and even though we didn't find any tigers, we saw our first **Sulphur-bellied Warbler**, had a brief look at one **Indian Spotted Creeper** and had great looks at another **Sloth Bear**, who was digging and looking for food not far from the road.

Day 5: March 20 — Soorwal Lake

On our last morning in Sawai Madhopur, we visited an area outside of Ranthambore, near Soorwal Lake. We had several targets in mind, starting with the spectacular **Blackbuck**, a medium-sized antelope whose males are adorned with beautiful twisted horns. After finding these beautiful animals within the mustard crops, we went in search of some semidesert specialties. Some birds we got to see included **Indian Courser**, **Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse** and **Yellow-wattled Lapwing**. We also had our first **Indian Bushlarks** and **Tawny Pipits** of the trip. After checking out the arid plains, we headed to the lake. The first birds to greet us were a couple of **Indian Thick-knee**. In and around the lake there was a plethora of birds, although some of them were very distant. We saw **Indian Skimmer**, **Greater Flamingo**, **Small Pratincole**, **River** and **Little Tern**, among others. After a successful morning, we headed back to the hotel to get ready to return to Delhi and begin the second part of the trip.



A male Blackbuck near Soorwal Lake

Day 6: March 21 — Travel to Bandhavgarh and Tala

Today was mostly a traveling day, as we flew from Delhi to Jabalpur and then drove to Tala, the gateway to Bandhavgarh National Park. Even so, we took the time we had available in the afternoon to bird the hotel grounds and surroundings. We had the usual common birds, including **Greater Coucal** and **Oriental Magpie-Robin**, but added some new birds to our list: **Asian Koel**, **Asian Openbill**, **Cinnamon Bittern** and **Brown-headed Barbet**.

Day 7: March 22 — Full day in Bandhavgarh National Park

During our first day in Bandhavgarh we visited Zone 2 of the park. Since we had had such great tiger sightings already, we decided to focus a bit more on the birdlife of the park. We drove slowly while we birded, but of course, kept our ears open for alarm calls in case there were any big predators nearby. We saw our first **Red Junglefowls**, which were heard often, **Lesser Adjutant**, **Brown-capped Woodpecker**, **Crested Treeswift**, **Indian Vulture**, **Indian Golden Oriole**, **Indian Nuthatch** and **Golden-fronted Leafbird**, among others.

Day 8: March 23 — Full day in Bandhavgarh National Park

On our third safari in Bandhavgarh, we went straight to an area where a family of tigers had been seen recently. We spent the first couple of hours in the morning driving and looking for them, to no avail. Here and there we picked up some new birds for the group, which included the **White-**



The Oriental Magpie-Robin is very common throughout India and it can be heard constantly during a safari

rumped Needletail, Crested Hawk-Eagle, Jungle Owlet, Jungle Prinia and Zitting Cisticola. We kept searching and listening for alarm calls the rest of the morning, and scanned the open areas for raptors. At one of the camps where we had breakfast, we saw **Greater Spotted Eagle** and **Red-headed Vulture** soaring high above the forest. At the park's exit we had a second **Crested Hawk-Eagle**, this time a bird with a juvenile plumage, and two **Black-hooded Orioles**.

In the afternoon, we enjoyed our last safari inside the park. After a few hours, we began to hear the distant, but persistent alarm call of the **Spotted Deer**. We immediately followed the sound and ended up near a small grassland. We observed the deer as it alarm-called — a short, whooping call. Its ears were up and it was staring straight ahead! Occasionally it stamped its foot. We knew there was a tiger nearby and were rewarded for our patience. After a while, we caught a glimpse of a large **Tiger** — it had been resting almost just below the Spotted Deer! It lazily stood up and wandered through the grass. Though it was a quick sighting, it was incredible to be able to see some interesting interactions. We also added **Malabar Pied-Hornbill** and **Brown Shrike** to our bird list.

Day 9: March 24 — Early birding around Bandhavgarh National Park and drive to Kanha

On our last morning in Tala, we enjoyed some birding by foot around Bandhavgarh National Park. Here, we had our first good views of **Tailorbird**, as well as **Jerdon's Leafbird**, **Brooks's Leaf Warbler** and **Western Crowned Warbler**.

After packing up our things, we made the drive to Kanha National Park. On our way, we stopped at a lovely little lagoon where we were able to observe **Cotton Pygmy Goose** and **Bronze-tailed Jacana** — both new for our trip. We arrived at our lodge in the evening, with just enough time to do

some light birding on the grounds before dark. We added two new species for our trip — **Rufous-fronted** and **Ashy Prinia**.

Day 10: March 25 — Full day in Kanha National Park



Shikra is a common raptor in India, and Kanha hosts very good densities

Kanha is very different from both Ranthambore and Bandhavgarh. It is hotter and drier, but also has some spectacular forests, open grasslands and a number of small ponds scattered throughout. On our first day in Kanha we added a good number of birds, including **Gray-headed Fish-Eagle**, and **White-naped Woodpecker**. We also had good looks at the endemic subspecies of swamp deer — the **Hard Ground Swamp Deer**, which is only found in Kanha National Park. Other good mammal sightings included close-up views of **Golden Jackal**, and of course, more tigers! We were lucky to observe another beautiful female **Tiger** for a long time. We first spotted her near the road. After a few moments, she began to walk away before settling into the long grass approximately 200 feet from us.

Day 11: March 26 — Full day in Kanha National Park

Today we spent the day in the Mukki Zone, and here we had another great **Tiger** sighting. Very close to the end of the morning safari, a male tiger crossed the road right in between our two jeeps. It entered the forest briefly before walking out onto the road straight toward the lead jeep. It continued to walk for about 5 more minutes before settling comfortably in for a nap right on the side of the road. This was a particularly nice sighting because for the first ten minutes or so, only our



The male Tiger we could observe at pleasure in Kanha National Park

two jeeps were on site, so we had the tiger “all to ourselves.” We were able to get some great photos and had fun watching the tiger so close. In the afternoon we got to see the same male tiger as it headed into the bush.

In addition to the tiger and another couple of golden jackals, we had a good number of birds, including a pair of **Gray-headed Fish-Eagles**, **Crested Hawk-Eagle**, a pair of **Streak-throated Woodpecker**, a good observation of **Tickell’s Leaf Warbler** and **Sulphur-bellied Warbler**, **Taiga Flycatcher** and good numbers of **Oriental Turtle-Dove**, among others.

Day 12: March 27 — Morning birding in the surroundings of Kanha and drive to Tadoba

This morning, we explored a nearby lake. Though the water level had dropped much more than we had expected, and there were fewer birds in the area than we had hoped, we were still able to get a few new birds for the trip including **Red-collared Dove** and **Temminck’s Stint**, among others.

With packed lunches on board, we left Kanha at around 10 a.m. to make our long drive to Tadoba National Park. The drive went by quickly as we enjoyed the beautiful scenery and interesting towns along the way. We also managed to get in some birding — spotting **Indian Cormorant** in the Wainganga River and on our lunch stop a small flock of **Black-headed Bunting** feeding in a field. We arrived to Tadoba just in time to settle in and look for some birds on the lodge grounds before enjoying a tasty dinner.



Indian Nightjar near Tadoba National Park

That evening, we did a short night safari where we were lucky enough to get fantastic looks at two **Indian Nightjars** sitting in the road, as well as a **Small Indian Civet** skulking through the farm fields.

Day 13: March 28 — Full day in Tadoba National Park

Tadoba National Park is the farthest south we would be traveling on this trip. The park is arid and hot, and happens to be one of the best places to see tigers in India. On our first safari of the day, we headed out early and the air was still cool. Quickly, however, temperatures began to rise. The heat actually lures a lot of wildlife, including tigers, to shade and to watering holes. In fact, our first **Tiger** of the day — a large male — had been spotted by another group close to a small pond. We headed toward the pond right away. After not too much time, the Tiger emerged from behind some vegetation and ambled away. We would find him back at the watering hole later in the day, as he slept with his hind legs in the water and the rest of his body in shade. We also spotted an adult and juvenile **Brown Fish-owl** perched in a nearby tree. The two owls remained just long enough for some in our group to get some fabulous close-ups, while two **Orange-headed Thrushes** fed on the ground.

We birded the lodge grounds in between safaris and had some nice looks at **Indian Paradise Flycatcher**, **Spot-breasted Fantail**, **Blyth's Reed Warbler**, and **Purple Sunbird**. We also were treated to a **Short-toed Snake-eagle** soaring above us with a snake. In the afternoon safari, a close up look to a **Savanna Nightjar** was one of the highlights.



Close up of Wild Dog or Dhole at Tadoba National Park

Day 14: March 29 — Full day in Tadoba National Park

Today, we ventured into a new area of the park — one that was lush with a small stream nearby. We were in search of **Wild Dogs (Dhole)**, and our guide had heard reports of recent sightings in the area. Our first stop brought us to a large lake where we were able to spot a number of water birds including **Lesser Whistling-Duck**. The highlight of this stop was when we noticed a **Brown Fish-Owl** perched at the end of bridge above the lake.

Though we didn't see any Wild Dogs in the morning, our afternoon safari would prove to be extremely successful. The first few hours were quite slow, though we were able to enjoy a few nice looks at **Gray Junglefowl** and other species. As we were heading back to the park gate, with only an hour or so left of our safari time, we suddenly spotted a **Mottled Wood Owl** perched in a nearby tree. We watched it for several minutes before another vehicle passed and told us of a Wild Dog sighting further up the road. In true safari fashion, our driver hit the gas and we were off! We were able to enjoy watching two **Wild Dogs** for several minutes as they scent-marked, trotted along the road, and sat in the shadows of a tree. It was amazing. But the excitement didn't end there. We left the Wild Dogs only to come across a **Sloth Bear** who also gave us great, long views as it ambled through the forest, occasionally coming on to the road. At this point, our guides were getting nervous as we had to be out of the park gate before closing — about 20 minutes' time. Our driver hit the gas and we were off. But, the park wasn't ready for us to go just yet. On our way out, we observed a lovely **Jungle Cat** sitting in an open field close to the park exit. It was an amazing afternoon and a great way to finish up our last full day in Tadoba.



We saw several Sloth Bears on this tour, but the best observation was probably the last one at Tadoba

Day 15: March 30 — Early morning safari in Tadoba and flight to New Delhi

Because our flight back to Delhi was at 1:00 p.m., we had to leave Tadoba by 9:00 in order to have time to drive to Nagpur. We had a quick safari (2 hours) that morning, in an area of the park that was new for us. Though we heard several alarm calls and one vehicle reported spotting a tiger crossing the road, we didn't see any on this last safari.

Everything went smoothly on our drive to the airport and our flight back to Delhi was right on time. We enjoyed our final dinner together as a group, finalizing our bird and mammal checklist and reminiscing about some of the tour highlights.

Day 16: March 31 — Departure

Today we said goodbye to the amazing group of people that joined us on this tour and made it such a great experience for everyone!

Thanks!

As always, we want to thank all the participants for being part of this tour. We also thank all the great local guides, park rangers and drivers that have accompanied us — in particular, Sanjay Sharma, Jagat Chaturvedi and Ragu. Our gratitude goes as well to the people on the ground that assisted us with logistics, Abhishek Kumar and Manjeet Sharma, as well as some of the best hosts we've had on any tour!

Wildlife Observation List

Birds

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
1 Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	Good numbers at water bodies in Kanha and Tadoba NP
2 Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>	A few dozens both near Sultanpur NP and at Soorwal Lake
3 Graylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	2 birds at Sultanpur NP
4 Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	1 bird at Sultanpur NP and about 50 at Soorwal Lake. Present in several water bodies while driving between parks
5 Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	8 in Zone 1 at Ranthambore NP and 2 at Soorwal Lake
6 Cotton Pygmy-Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	8 seen at a small water body while driving from Jabalpur to Kanha
7 Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	About 35 birds at Sultanpur NP and surroundings and 4 at Soorwal Lake
8 Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	120+ at Sultanpur NP and surroundings
9 Gadwall	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	200+ at Sultanpur NP and surroundings
10 Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Mareca penelope</i>	Around 15 at Sultanpur NP and 70+ at Soorwal Lake
11 Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	50+ at Sultanpur NP and surroundings
12 Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	20+ at Sultanpur NP and surroundings, 10 at Soorwal Lake
13 Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	75+ at Sultanpur NP and surroundings, 6 at Zone 1 in Ranthambore NP and 12 at Soorwal Lake
14 Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	5 at Sultanpur NP
15 Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	1 female at Sultanpur NP
16 Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	3 at Sultanpur NP and 3 at Soorwal Lake
17 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Common to very common in forested areas and borders
18 Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>	Endemic to India - 1 bird seen in Kanha NP
19 Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>	Endemic to India - 10 birds seen in Ranthambore NP on different days and 6 in Bandhavgarh NP
20 Jungle Bush-Quail	<i>Perdica argoondah</i>	4 seen in Ranthambore NP and 6 in Bandhavgarh NP
21 Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	1 bird heard and seen near Sultanpur NP

Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
22 Gray Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	Common throughout
23 Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Fairly common in Bandhavgarh and Kanha NP
24 Gray Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	Endemic to India - Common in Tadoba NP
25 Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Seen in most water bodies throughout the trip
26 Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1 bird seen at Soorwal Lake
27 Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	50+ at Soorwal Lake
28 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	1 in Bandhavgarh, 2 in Kanha and 3 in Tadoba
29 Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	2 in Ranthambore and 1 in Bandhavgarh NP
30 Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	9 near Sultanpur NP, a total of 3 in Ranthambore and 2 in Bandhavgarh NP
31 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	1 bird seen in Zone 3 at Bandhavgarh NP
32 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	90+ in Sultanpur NP and surroundings, 1 in Ranthambore, 12 at Soorwal Lake, 4 in Bandhavgarh NP
33 Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	Fairly common in and near water
34 Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	1 near Sultanpur and 35 at Soorwal Lake
35 Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	1 bird at Wainganga River, on the way to Tadoba
36 Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	3 in Sultanpur, 1 in Ranthambore, 6 at Soorwal Lake and a total of 6 more in Tadoba NP
37 Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	Only 1 bird seen near the hotel near Bandhavgarh NP
38 Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Uncommon in water bodies
39 Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	7 seen in Sultanpur and surroundings, 1 in Ranthambore, 1 in Soorwal Lake, 1 at water pond on the way to Kanha
40 Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Fairly common near water
41 Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	4 in Sultanpur, 1 in Ranthambore, 1 at Soorwal Lake, 2 in Kanha and 1 in Tadoba NP
42 Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Fairly common near water
43 Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Fairly common in open areas, grassland and near cattle
44 Indian Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Common throughout
45 Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	2 bird seen in Ranthambore NP
46 Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	5 at Sultanpur NP, 6 at Soorwal Lake

Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
47 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	12 in Sultanpur NP and surroundings
48 Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	Seen in low numbers in all the parks we visited
49 Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	40+ at Soorwal Lake
50 Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Several seen in open areas in and outside the parks
51 Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	1 near Sultanpur, 1 in Ranthambore and 2 in Zone 2 in Bandhavgarh
52 Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	Fairly common in all parks visited
53 Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	3 in Bandhavgarh, 1 in Kanha NP
54 Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>	Small numbers seen in Ranthambore, Bandhavgarh and Kanha NP
55 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	Small numbers seen in all parks visited
56 Short-toed Snake-Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	2 near Sultanpur, 2 in Tadoba NP
57 Crested Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	4 birds seen in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh, 1 in Kanha, 1 in Tadoba
58 Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>	1 in Sultanpur and 1 soaring high in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh NP
59 White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>	Few individuals seen in Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Tadoba NP
60 Eurasian Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	2 birds seen in Sultanpur and surroundings
61 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Fairly common and seen in all the parks visited and surroundings
62 Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	60+ near Sultanpur and abundant in and near Delhi
63 Gray-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>	3 different birds seen in Kanha NP
64 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	Fairly common near water
65 Gray-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	60+ seen in Sultanpur and surroundings
66 Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Very common in Sultanpur and common in Ranthambore and Soorwal Lake
67 Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	80+ in Sultanpur NP, 60+ at Soorwal Lake
68 Sarus Crane	<i>Antigone antigone</i>	4 birds in total in Sultanpur and surroundings
69 Indian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>	2 at Sorwaal Lake, at least 6 different birds in Tadoba
70 Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Fairly common near water
71 Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	1 bird at Sorwaal Lake
72 River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvacelli</i>	1 bird at Sorwaal Lake
73 Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	7 at Soorwal Lake, 8 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh, 5 in Kanha NP

Common Name	Scientific Name	Notes
74 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Very common throughout
75 White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	5 at Sultanpur NP
76 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	1 near Sultanpur, 4 in Kanha,
77 Greater Painted-Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	1 at Zone 5 in Ranthambore NP
78 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	1 in Sultanpur, 12 in water pond on the way to Kanha
79 Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	3 in water pond on the way to Kanha, 1 in Tadoba NP
80 Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	1 bird at Sorwaal Lake
81 Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	4 in Zone 1 of Ranthambore NP, 120+ at Soorwal Lake
82 Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>	2 in a small water pond near our hotel in Ranthambore
83 Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	4 at water pond near Kanha NP
84 Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	2 in Ranthambore, 1 at Soorwal Lake, 1 in Kanha NP
85 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	2 at a canal near Sultanpur, 1 in Mukki Zone of Kanha NP
86 Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Commonly seen at water bodies
87 Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	5 in Ranthambore and surroundings, 1 in Tadoba NP
88 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	2 near Sultanpur, 1 at Soorwal Lake, 1 in Tadoba
89 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	1 at lake in Zone 1 of Ranthambore NP
90 Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Small numbers regularly seen near water ponds
91 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	1 seen near Soorwal Lake at a small pond
92 Indian Courser	<i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>	10 near Sorwaal Lake
93 Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>	20+ at small inland in Sorwaal Lake
94 Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	15+ at Sorwaal Lake
95 River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	30+ at Sorwaal Lake
96 Indian Skimmer	<i>Rynchops albicollis</i>	15 at Soorwal Lake
97 Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>	31 near Soorwal Lake
98 Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>	7 drinking from a small pond near Ranthambore, 4 in Tadoba NP
99 Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Feral birds seen in all urban areas and good numbers of phenotypical wild birds in Ranthambore NP

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100 Oriental Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	40+ birds seen in Kanha NP during subsequent visits
101 Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Fairly common everywhere, except in Bandhavgarh and Kanha, where were not seen
102 Red Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	8 birds near Kanha NP
103 Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Common throughout
104 Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	Fairly common in and near Tadoba NP
105 Yellow-footed Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	Fairly common in all forested areas
106 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Common throughout
107 Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>	1 bird in Tadoba NP
108 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	1 bird at the hotel grounds near Bandhavgarh
109 Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hieroccyx varius</i>	Small numbers heard or seen at Sultanpur, Bandhavgarh and Kanha. Only 1 in Tadoba
110 Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	1 bird seen during the day inside a hole of the gate at Zone 6, Ranthambore NP
111 Indian Scops-Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	2 in Zone 2, 1 in Zone 5 of Ranthambore NP
112 Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>	2 birds: 1 adult and 1 juvenile, near Sultanpur NP
113 Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	3 birds in total: 2 birds seen roosting in one area of Tadoba, and a different bird in another area near a reservoir
114 Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	3 different birds in Bandhavgarh, 1 at hotel grounds in Kanha, 3 in Kanha NP and 1 in Tadoba
115 Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	2 in Sultanpur, 1 in Zone 1 of Ranthambore, 1 in farmland near Soorwal Lake, 3 in Bandhavgarh
116 Mottled Wood-Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>	1 seen during the day in a roost at Tadoba NP
117 Jungle Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>	At least 1 bird heard near the border with Ranthambore NP. 1 bird seen during the day at Tadoba NP
118 Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	1 heard and 5 seen during a night drive near Tadoba NP
119 Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>	5+ heard and 2 seen near hotel near Ranthambore, 3 heard during our night drive near Tadoba NP and 1 seen in the NP
120 White-rumped Needletail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>	4 birds flying overhead at the entrance of Zone 3 at Bandhavgarh NP
121 Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	20+ in a flock flying overhead at Bandhavgarh

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122 Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Fairly common near towns, sometimes seen near large bodies of water
123 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	Only 4-6 birds seen at Tadoba NP
124 Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	4 in Zone 2, 5 in Zone 3 of Bandhavgarh NP, 3 in total in Tadoba NP
125 Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	2 at Sultanpur and surroundings, 1 in farmland near Soorwal Lake, a total of 4 different individuals in Bandhavgarh, 3 in Tadoba NP
126 Indian Gray Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>	Fairly common in all forested areas
127 Malabar Pied-Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>	2 seen in Bandhavgarh NP
128 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	A total of 4 birds in Ranthambore NP, 1 at Soorwal Lake, 2 in Bandhavgarh
129 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Common throughout, mostly near water.
130 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	1 near Sultanpur, 2 in Ranthambore, 1 at Soorwal Lake, 1 in Bandhavgarh
131 Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	Common throughout
132 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	Common to very common in open areas near forests and farmland
133 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	Fairly common in all forested areas
134 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	Fairly common in all forested areas
135 Brown-capped Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus nanus</i>	1 in Zone 3, 1 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh NP, 2 separate birds in Kanha NP
136 Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>	2 birds, 1 female and 1 male, in the same tree at Mukki Zone in Kanha NP
137 Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	Commonly seen in forests and woodland throughout
138 Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>	1 bird seen flying over, TL only
139 White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>	2 in Bandhavgarh by part of the group, 2 in Kanha, 2 by a river near Kanha NP
140 Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Only 1 bird seen at Zone 1 in Ranthambore NP
141 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	Fairly common in forests, woodland and occasionally in rural and urban areas
142 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Common to very common throughout
143 Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	Fairly common throughout
144 Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	1-2 birds seen in all parks
145 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	3 in Bandhavgarh, 4 in Tadoba NP
146 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	A total of 8 birds in Ranthambore, 4 in Bandhavgarh and 1 in Kanha
147 Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>	2 birds in Bandhavgarh NP

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148 Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	Small numbers seen in all parks visited
149 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	1 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh, 1 in farmland near Bandhavgarh, 1 in Kanha NP
150 Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>	2 in Zone 6 of Ranthambore, 1 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh, 1 in Tadoba NP
151 Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	Small numbers seen in all parks visited as well as in farmland
152 Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>	1 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh, 2 separate birds in Kanha NP
153 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	Small numbers seen in Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Tadoba NP
154 Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	Seen everyday, common to very common in open areas, including farmland
155 Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	2 in Tadoba NP
156 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	Small numbers seen in Ranthambore, Bandhavgarh and Tadoba
157 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	Fairly common in Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Tadoba NP
158 Spot-breasted Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albogularis</i>	Endemic to India - 2 seen at hotel grounds near Tadoba NP
159 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	Small numbers seen in Ranthambore and Bandhavgarh, 1 in Tadoba
160 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	Total of 4 in Bandhavgarh, 5 in Kanha, 2 in Tadoba NP
161 Indian Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	2 birds in Tadoba NP and 2-3 at our hotel in Tadoba
162 Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	Common to very common in forests and woodland
163 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	Common to very common in urban areas
164 Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	Common in forests and woodland
165 Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>	Endemic to India - 4 in Tadoba NP and 3 on the way to Nagpur
166 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	10+ in Zone 6 of Ranthambore, 4 near Soorwal Lake, 3 in Kanha NP
167 Indian Bushlark	<i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>	5+ near Soorwal Lake
168 Gray-throated Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>	30+ in Sultanpur and surroundings, 5 in Zone 5 of Ranthambore, 30+ at Soorwal Lake
169 Dusky Crag-Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>	Fairly common, seen in cities, towns and near cliffs
170 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	3 in Tadoba NP
171 Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	4 near Sultanpur, 8+ at Soorwal Lake and surroundings, 10+ in Bandhavgarh, 2 in Kanha

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172 Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Fairly common throughout
173 Common House-Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	A flock of 40+ birds flying above a large water pond near Kanha NP
174 Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>	Fairly common in forests and woodland
175 Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>	A total of 6 birds seen in Bandhavgarh, 1 in Kanha NP
176 Indian Spotted Creeper	<i>Salpornis spilonota</i>	1 bird seen at Zone 2 in Ranthambore NP
177 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Common to very common throughout
178 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>	Only 2 birds seen at hotel in Tadoba
179 Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	All birds probably from subspecies tristis
180 Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>	1 at Mukkil Zone in Kanha, 1 at hotel grounds in Tadoba
181 Sulphur-bellied Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus griseolus</i>	1 in Zone 2 at Ranthambore, 1 near Bandhavgarh, 1 at Mukkil zone in Kanha
182 Brooks's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	We missed this wintering bird at Sultanpur but were able to see at least 2 in a tree in the middle of farmland near Bandhavgarh
183 Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	The most abundant <i>Phylloscopus</i> , seen or heard in every park, except in Tadoba
184 Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	3 in Sultanpur, 1 in Kanha, 1 on the way to Tadoba, 1 in Tadoba NP
185 Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>	Only 1 bird seen in the same tree with more <i>Phylloscopus</i> at a farmland area near Bandhavgarh
186 Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	Only heard at Sultanpur NP
187 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	2 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh, 1 in Kanha NP
188 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Heard often during most days, but seen well near Bhandavgarh and in Tadoba NP
189 Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</i>	3 at hotel grounds in Kanha
190 Gray-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	5 in Zone 2 and 8 in Zone 3 of Bandhavgarh, 1 at hotel grounds near Tadoba NP
191 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	4 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh NP
192 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	Small numbers seen in Sultanpur and surroundings, hotel near Kanha, near Tadoba and inside Tadoba NP
193 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	Small numbers near Sultanpur, Ranthambore, Bandhavgarh and Tadoba NP
194 Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	1 bird in Sultanpur NP, 1 at Ranthambore hotel grounds

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195 Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>	2 birds seen briefly in bamboo thickets of hotel grounds at Tadoba
196 Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	Fairly common in forests and woodland
197 Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>	At least 2 birds seen every day at hotel grounds in Tadoba
198 Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	2 birds seen in Bandhavgarh NP by part of the group
199 Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>	Common in Kanha NP
200 Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudata</i>	15+ in farmland near Soorwal Lake
201 Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>	10+ near Sultanpur NP
202 Large Gray Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	Fairly common throughout, but not seen in Kanha NP
203 Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>	Common to very common in forested areas and borders
204 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	Common in open areas and farmland
205 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Common to very common in forested areas and borders
206 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	We were surprised to see only 1 bird at Kanha NP
207 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	A total of 8 birds in Bandhavgarh, 1 in Kanha, 1 in Tadoba and 2 at the hotel near Tadoba
208 Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	1 near Sultanpur NP, 1 in farmland near Soorwal Lake
209 Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	Sometimes inseparable from Red-breasted Flycatcher, we could hear them and see at least 2 distinctive males in Ranthambore and Kanha NP
210 Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Fairly common, mostly heard in woodland, several distinctive males seen in all parks. Certainly more common than Taiga F.
211 Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Small numbers seen in all parks visited except for Kanha NP
212 Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	1 in Zone 5 of Ranthambore, 1 near Soorwal Lake, 2 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh, 2 in Tadoba NP
213 Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	1 at farmland near Soorwal Lake, 1 at hotel near Tadoba NP
214 Indian Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>	2 in Zone 1 of Ranthambore NP
215 Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	1 in Zone 3 of Bandhavgarh, 5+ in Tadoba NP
216 European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Only 1 bird seen near Sultanpur
217 Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	40+ birds in a single flock in Tadoba NP

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218 Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>	Common near towns and farmland areas
219 Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	Fairly common in Ranthambore and Bandhavgarh, 1 in Tadoba NP
220 Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>	At least 2 birds near Sultanpur where it's presumed to be rare, small numbers seen in Bandhavgarh, 5 in Kanha NP
221 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Common to very common in farmland, open woodland, rural and urban areas - seen everyday
222 Bank Myna	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>	2 at Soorwal Lake, 2 in Bandhavgarh NP and also seen while driving along towns and Delhi
223 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>	1 bird near Bandhavgarh
224 Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	1 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh NP, 1 near the park
225 Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>	1 bird seen in Kanha NP
226 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>	At least 2 birds, including a beautiful male at hotel grounds in Tadoba
227 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	The typical sunbird in the region, common to very common in most habitats - seen everyday
228 Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	8 at Soorwal Lake, 20+ at water pond near Kanha, 3 in Tadoba NP
229 Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	A total of 6 in Sultanpur and surroundings, 1 near the hotel at Ranthambore
230 Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Single individuals seen throughout except in Kanha
231 White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	7 near Sultanpur, 2 near the hotel at Ranthambore, 4 in Tadoba NP
232 White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	3 near Sultanpur, 1 in Zone 2 and 3 in Zone 1 of Ranthambore NP
233 Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	10 in Kanha, 6 near Kanha, 1 near hotel in Tadoba, 1 in Tadoba NP
234 Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	7 near Soorwal Lake in semidesertic habitat
235 Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	2 in Ranthambore NP, while drinking and bathing in a small pond
236 Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	4 in Zone 2 of Bandhavgarh, 1 in Kanha NP
237 Crested Bunting	<i>Melophus lathami</i>	1 seen briefly in Zone 2 at Ranthambore NP, and at least 2 more in Zone 5
238 Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	40+ in a flock feeding in a farmland area while driving from Jabalpur to Tadoba
239 Chestnut-breasted Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>	1 in Zone 1 and 8 in Zone 6 of Ranthambore, 1 in Zone 3 of Bandhavgarh NP

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240	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	20+ in Zone 3 of Bandhavgarh NP and 4 near the park, 5 in Kanha NP
241	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Regularly seen in towns and cities
242	Sind Sparrow	<i>Passer pyrrhonotus</i>	5 seen in Sultanpur NP and surroundings
243	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	Common to very common in forests and woodland - seen almost everyday
244	Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	1 seen by part of the group in Ranthambore NP
245	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	2 near Sultanpur NP
246	Tricolored Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	5 near Sultanpur

Mammals

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1	Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	Several seen during the night drive near Ranthambore NP
2	Northern Plains Gray Langur	<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri</i>	Common to very common both inside and outside the parks
3	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macacca mulatta</i>	Fairly common near towns and occasionally inside the parks
4	Northern Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>	Fairly common in Sultanpur, Ranthambore, Bandhavgarh and Kanha
5	Three-striped Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>	Uncommon in Tadoba NP
6	Spotted Deer	<i>Axis axis</i>	Very common, seen in every NP except in Sultanpur
7	Barasingha	<i>Rucervus duvaucelii</i>	Only present in Kanha, where is fairly common
8	Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	Common in all the parks
9	Northern Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus vaginalis</i>	Uncommon, seen in Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Tadoba NP
10	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	Fairly common in Bandhavgarh, Kanha and Tadoba NP
11	Nilgai	<i>Bosephalus tragocamelus</i>	Fairly common, seen in every park except in Kanha NP
12	Indian Gazelle	<i>Gazelle bennettii</i>	Uncommon, only 1 male seen in Zone 6 at Ranthambore NP
13	Blackbuck	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	4 males and 15+ females seen near Soorwal Lake
14	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Fairly common, seen in every NP except in Sultanpur

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15	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	3 separate observations in Ranthambore and 1 in Tadoba NP
16	Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>	1 seen during our night drive in Tadoba
17	Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	2 seen the last night at the hotel grounds in Tadoba
18	Indian Gray Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>	Much less common than the Ruddy Mongoose on this trip, only 1 seen at Bandhavgarh and 1 in Tadoba NP
19	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	Fairly common, seen in every park except Sultanpur
20	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	It took a long time for us to see this cat, until our day before last in Tadoba NP, where we saw 1 laying on the open ground
21	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	1 seen while carrying prey - a young Spotted deer - by part of the group at Zone 1 in Ranthambore NP
22	Bengal Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	We saw 12 tigers in total, in some cases far and with some vegetation in between, but also had some phenomenal observations at a mere few meters from the vehicle and in the open. We saw tigers in all the parks we visited
23	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	1 in Bandhavgarh, 4 in Kanha NP
24	Dhole	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>	4 in the same day (two couples) in Tadoba NP
25	Striped Hyena	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	1 seen during the night drive near Ranthambore NP
26	Madras Treeshrew	<i>Anathana ellioti</i>	1 seen inside Bandhavgarh NP and another seen right at the border with the park