

Tigers and Taj Mahal

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Trip Report



Tiger by Ansar Khan

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Tour Summary

The tour began at a comfortable hotel in New Delhi, close to the airport but secluded from the hustle and bustle of everyday life on the streets of one of the world's largest cities. Most of us arrived a bit early and had ample time to bird the grounds of the hotel, where numerous species were to be found, and included colourful Rose-ringed Parakeets, Brahminy Starlings and noisy Jungle Babbler. A flowering

silk cotton tree was particularly productive for the birds. We even got our first mammal of the trip with a Five-striped Palm Squirrel. This common and confiding species would in fact be seen on every single day of the tour!

Early the next morning, we headed through the crowded streets of Delhi to the train station. Our train was a bit delayed, but while we waited a Rhesus Macaque entertained us with its antics. In India, humans and wildlife live alongside in a way that is not often seen in many countries! Not much later, we were boarding our train and heading south and west from the capital and into the state of



Tiger Cub by Ansar Khan

Rajasthan. As we watched the fascinating countryside go by, we got brief views of Nilgai, or Blue Bull, from the train, along with a couple of pairs of Sarus Cranes. Eventually, the wheat fields gave way to more arid country and, in the early afternoon, we arrived in the small city of Sawai Madhopur, where we disembarked the train. Just a short drive later, we were entering the legendary Ranthambore National Park in our open truck with great expectations. Just inside the gate, we learned of a Tigress sleeping nearby with her two very young cubs. Although hidden from view, we found a good position and waited



Chital and Northern Plains Langur by Ansar Khan

for the two youngsters. Soon they emerged, just three months old and incredibly cute, and made a couple of tentative forays into the open. Gaining their confidence, they started to play around, giving us excellent viewing. Eventually, the mother decided it was time to wake up and joined them. Right in front of us there was a small stream over which the two youngsters had to make a big leap, while behind them the beautiful Tigress crossed without any trouble. The trio melded into the forest, leaving us pinching ourselves at having had such an incredible sighting so soon upon arrival. Wow!

While nothing was going to top that for the afternoon, we set about on an exciting drive. In a very unusual turn of events, we had actually seen a Tiger (three in fact!) before seeing their prey base. Now we had time to stop and enjoy the scattered herds of the ungulates that make up the bulk of their diet. Sambar Deer grazed in small groups or were bedded down in the shade of the dhonk forest. Larger herds of smaller but stately Chital, or Spotted Deer, were commonly encountered. Here and there a Wild Boar joined the herds and often the groups would be accompanied by Northern Plains Langur, a bold and often

comical monkey. These prey species are almost always associated with each other. In Tiger territory, there can never be too many eyes on the lookout! We continued to drive around the tracks in our designated zone of the park, stopping at various waterbodies to enjoy multitudes of water birds, including various ducks, shorebirds, cormorants, storks, ibises, herons and rallids. Here and there, a Mugger Crocodile would be seen lounging on the banks or sticking its snout just out of the water as it lazily cruised around. On one of the banks, several enormous Indian Flapshell Turtles were watched as they

sunned themselves. A couple of nocturnal Indian Stone Curlews were found roosting under a bush and we stopped to enjoy good viewing of Grey Francolin. Majestic Indian Peafowl were astonishingly common and, today and throughout the course of the tour, we would regularly enjoy their outrageous display, which is surely amongst the highlights of the birding world. Yet another avian highlight was a pair of Spotted Owlet found in some open woodland and enjoyed at length. We also stopped at a camp of Indian Flying Foxes. These strikingly coloured fruit bats are the largest bats in the country, and gave excellent views.



Northern Plains Langur by Ansar Khan

All too soon, the time to leave the park for the afternoon had come, so we headed out along the main road, stopping to enjoy a colourful Ruddy Mongoose. Before we made it out of the park, we encountered another Tiger – this was a more typical sighting, as we watched a large female lazing under a tree, occasionally lifting her head to stare at us with her yellow eyes. Magnificent!

Up early the next morning, we headed into a different sector of the park. The morning's mammal sightings consisted of a couple of Ruddy Mongoose, along with the abundant game animals such as Chital and Sambar. Birding was again good, with some highlights including Great Stone Curlew, River



Sambar by Ansar Khan

Tern, colourful Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, stunning Indian Rollers, White-throated Kingfisher, Green Bee-eater, Black-rumped Flameback, Plum-headed Parakeet, and some amazingly tame Rufous Treepies. Any time we stopped the vehicles, these corvids would fly in and normally land on the vehicle, no doubt looking for a handout! The hilly nature of this part of Ranthambore allowed for numerous stunning vistas and commanding views of Ranthambore Fort.

Back at our comfortable lodge and after a cup of chai masala tea, we went for a walk around the scrubby fields nearby, adding some new

bird species to our list. Following a tasty lunch, we were back into the park, this time visiting yet another sector, this one being more open. The different terrain did indeed hold different wildlife, and here we had numerous sightings of the Chinkara, or Indian Gazelle, along with herds of Nilgai. Rounding off the

day perfectly, in a lusher riparian area, we came across a male Tiger. This male was noticeably less heavily striped than the other Tigers we had seen, and we enjoyed watching it emerge from the river it had just taken a bath in. It casually walked up the riverbank, scent marking as it went, before lying down. An exceptional day in the field came to a close!

We had another full day to explore Ranthambore. Quite satisfied with our Tiger sightings, we decided to concentrate on some of the less visited parts of the park today, on the off chance we might be able to find

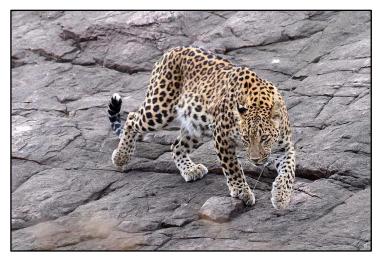
a Leopard. The morning's mammal sightings consisted of what were by now the usual suspects, although we did enjoy some of our best birding to date, seeing such birds as Brown Crake, an Indian Scops Owl roosting in a tree hole, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark doing its superb display flight as it whistled away, and a stunning Ultramarine Flycatcher.

Over the midday break, we had the chance to visit a local market and then headed back into the park. Things started off strong, as we finally had a sighting of Indian Vultures, this species is now Critically Endangered. Until recently, an almost constant presence in the



Leopard by Ansar Khan

skies has now tragically become a rare sight, along with all the other vultures. We were equally thrilled to see a couple of Checkered Keelbacks swimming in the water and sticking their heads up to telescope around. Then things got a little quiet, until a tip-off from another driver sent us driving rather promptly to an area where that vehicle had just spotted a Leopard. We scanned around but there was nothing to be seen until Ken exclaimed "I've got it" and, sure enough, there it was sitting up in a tree. It took a bit of explaining before everyone could get on it, as it was rather thick foliage, but soon enough we could all enjoy it with its legs dangling over a branch and its long tail sticking down.



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We were revelling in the sighting when, suddenly, another exclamation went up: "There's another one!". And, sure enough, there was... A second Leopard was sitting on the top of the rocky wall face. It was completely in the open but, somehow, it was still camouflaged well enough that you could be staring straight at it and not see it. Absorbing the views of two of these secretive animals for several minutes, we were counting our lucky stars. But the show was just getting started!! Eventually, the animal in the tree, a female, got restless and started to move around. Ultimately, she ran down the tree where the second Leopard, a male,

suddenly got very alert. The male then sprang up, crouched down and stalked the female. With a growl, he lunged at the female and chased her over the ridge. A few seconds later, the big male came running right down to the road and crossed behind us while the female re-emerged. But she was not alone, and it

was a large cub that now joined her. Shockingly, the cub came walking down right up to our vehicle and we hardly dared breathe as we drank in the point-blank views of this amazing animal. Eventually, the cub caught back up to her waiting mother, and then was joined by a second cub. Was this really happening!?! We continued to watch until the late afternoon and then left them in peace, having spent nearly two hours watching this once in a lifetime interaction of FOUR Leopards!

We returned to our lodge, but this magical day was not yet over. At dusk, a patient wait at a water hole gave us point blank views of Painted Sandgrouse coming in to drink for the evening; while overhead flew Javan Pipistrelles and Greater Short-nosed Bats. After dinner, we were able to go for a night drive around the outskirts of the national park. To our great thrill and, right in and amongst a village, a pair of Striped Hyaenas emerged. With good positioning of the vehicle, they walked straight up to us, giving Amazing!! Driving point-blank views. around a bit more, we spotted what was probably an Asiatic Wild Cat; although, to be



Striped Hyaena by Ansar Khan

honest, rampant hybridisation with domestic cats does make it hard to know what you are looking at. We also saw numerous Indian Hares, as well as several Savanna Nightjars making their weird calls. A final late-night stroll around the lodge grounds revealed both Fulvous Fruit Bats and Greater Short-nosed Bats feeding on fruiting trees. What an absolutely amazing day!

We had a final morning drive in Ranthambore, which gave us time to leisurely enjoy views of the many mammals and birds that we had now become quite familiar with, before having a final tasty lunch at our lodge and heading to the train station. A fairly short afternoon train ride saw us arriving at the city of Bharatpur in time for a bit of exploration of this small but famous national park. A huge flock of Egyptian Vultures was a nice sight at the entrance gate and were joined by a pair of Booted Eagle. We then strolled along the main road for an introduction to this wonderful park. We visited a python burrow, but the huge snakes were hiding somewhere out of sight deep insider their burrow. Instead, we enjoyed watching



Yellow-wattled Lapwing by Ansar Khan

several stately Blue Bulls and a nice variety of birds, and then at sunset made our way to our various spacious hotel grounds for the evening. After a tasty dinner, we made our way into a purposebuilt nocturnal hide on the hotel grounds. Things were pretty quiet at the hide tonight, but those that stayed up late enough were rewarded with amazing views of a Golden Jackal!

We now headed back to Bharatpur and, by means of rickshaw, made it deeper into the reserve and into the main wetland area. The water bird concentrations here are absolutely incredible, especially at this time of year when the vast numbers of breeding birds are augmented by northern migrants. We saw nearly a hundred species this morning, and tens of thousands of individuals. Amongst a huge list of highlights, some notables included Bar-headed Geese (famous for their high-flying migration over the Himalayas), Painted Stork, Greater Flamingo, Black Bittern, Great

White Pelican and endangered Dalmatian Pelicans at very close range, Greater Spotted Eagle, White-tailed Lapwing, Bronze-winged Jacanas seemingly walking on water and no less than 5 Dusky Eagle-Owls. It was quite the morning! Back at our hotel, we added a few more interesting sightings, including a Small Grey Mongoose, a Garden Lizard and a Eurasian Hoopoe. Later in the afternoon, we drove on to the famous city of Agra and checked in for the night.

Sunrise saw us at the Taj Mahal, the iconic symbol of India. Built by the Moghul emperor Shah Jahan in the 1600s, this is one of the most well-known and heavily visited



Taj Mahal by Rae Kingdon

sites anywhere in the world. Along with a cultural guide to interpret the site, we enjoyed seeing from a distance and then inside, as well as learning about the history and significance. Of course, being a wildlife tour, we couldn't help but check out the Yamuna River at the back of the Taj, where large numbers of birds were concentrating, including Bar-headed Geese, Ruddy Shelducks, Woolly-necked Storks and River Lapwings. After lunch, we visited the Agra Fort and had an interesting time walking the grounds and learning of the history. Again, we couldn't help but check out the wildlife, which included large



Chital by Ansar Khan

numbers of Naked-rumped Tomb Bats roosting inside one of the buildings! We also made a return visit to the Taj towards sunset, and then after dinner boarded an overnight sleeper train to Jabalpur, which was an interesting experience, and we actually all got quite a good night's rest.

We had breakfast in Jabalpur and then headed off on the drive through the Madhya Pradesh countryside dotted with flame of the forest trees. One sighting of note was a large mixed flock of kettling Indian and White-rumped Vultures. Such a sight in rural India is now almost unheard of, particularly of the latter

species. Eventually, we arrived at Bandhavgarh National Park, where we checked into our very comfortable accommodations and then set about on an exploration of the outskirts of the national park. We walked around a couple of areas and enjoyed sighting some interesting bird species like Red-naped Ibis, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Alexandrine Parakeet, Common Iora, Small Minivet and Chestnuttailed Starling. We then entered the national park for a late afternoon drive through the Sal forests that cover this park. We were struck by the large numbers of Chital, Sambar and Grey Langurs which sustain

one of the highest densities of Tiger anywhere in the world. We also saw a couple of smaller Indian Red Muntjac, or Barking Deer. But the absolute highlight was a magnificent male Gaur happily feeding away

in a meadow, and we were happy to spend quite some time watching this huge bovid. Back at the lodge, we had our first very tasty dinner there, and then after dinner there was a huge bonfire to start the Hindu festival of Holi. We ran a circle around the hot fire and threw a handful of flour into the flames for good luck.

The next morning, we went on a birding walk in the surrounds of our lodge. It was very productive, and we saw a lot of neat birds including Jungle Owlet, Indian Nuthatch, Black-hooded Oriole, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher and Jerdon's Leafbird. After breakfast, the Holi celebrations swung into high gear and we got involved in the thick of it, emerging a couple of hours later coated in various colours and soaking wet. I think Helen's hair might still be purple!!

In the afternoon, we were treated to a great sight of a pair of scarce Mottled Wood Owls at their day roost and then returned to Bandhavgarh for more wildlife watching. Quietly cruising up and down the road, we heard a distant roar and after a patient wait we spotted a Tiger in the distance but walking towards us. With bated breath, we waited, and the enormous male Tiger, by far the largest we had seen, emerged from the forest and casually sauntered across the road, paying us not the slightest heed! As it walked off, it gave a few loud roars. What an absolutely amazing and spinetingling experience!



Mottled Wood Owl by Ansar Khan

On a huge high, we returned to the lodge for dinner and then headed back out again for a night drive outside of the park. After a bit of checking around, we found a very curious Bengal Fox which gave us quite the performance walking right up to our vehicle! We also saw Golden Jackal, Indian Hare and



Leopard by Ansar Khan

Chinkara, and were more than pleased with our efforts. Just as we were wrapping up the drive, a pair of glowing eyes revealed a Leopard resting under a tree, and we were able to make a closer approach allowing a great view of this elusive predator for a spectacular finish to one of our best days of the trip!

We were out the next morning for a full morning drive through Bandhavgarh. We were happy to find a pair of young Tiger cubs sleeping near the road, allowing a very close view as they occasionally raised their heads to look at us, but with more and more jeeps

arriving on the scene, we decided to move on and explore some of the remoter tracks of the park. It was a very enjoyable morning driving through the Sal and bamboo forest, and we stopped regularly to admire

the abundant wildlife that inhabits this forest. We were thrilled to come upon a rather large herd of Gaur that were stripping the bamboo. Another highlight mammal was a pair of Southern Treeshrews playing around with a group of Jungle Babblers. Additional highlights were Jungle Bush Quail, Painted Spurfowl,

Red Junglefowl (the ancestor of the domestic chicken), an impressive Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Yellow-wattled Lapwing and an impressive Bengal Monitor up in a tree.

After lunch and a siesta back at the lodge, we headed out again in the afternoon to a different sector of the park. Highlights from this afternoon included an "ugly" Lesser Adjutant, Crested Serpent Eagle, raptor-like Common Hawk-Cuckoo, Jungle Owlet and the impressive songster White-rumped Shama. We also saw the footprints and dung piles of Asian Elephant – although we never saw the animals themselves, this is quite a



Young Tigers by Ansar Khan

remarkable story as a large herd of wild elephants had recently arrived in the park having walked through human occupied villages and agricultural land from at least several hundred kilometres away and, according to locals, this is the first time in living memory that wild elephants had entered the park!! In the dwindling late afternoon light, we admired a displaying peafowl and then had one last Tiger sighting for the tour as a young male crossed the road ahead of us.

For a final morning in Bandhavgarh, we decided to drive through the rarely visited buffer zone. Here, we enjoyed good sightings of Golden Jackal, Chinkara and Southern Treeshrew amongst the more common mammals. There was also a wide selection of birds, including Streak-throated Woodpecker and Greater



Lesser Adjutant by Ansar Khan

Racket-tailed Drongo, and we had our most unexpected bird sighting of the trip when we found 2 Himalayan Griffons near a carcass, a very long way from their normal haunts! Probably the favourite sighting of the morning was a very large Dhaman snake, which stuck his head high in the air to check us out before slithering into the bushes.

It was time to say our farewells to Bandhavgarh and head into the final leg of the tour. We drove on to Panna Tiger Reserve, where we embarked on our final game drive of the tour. Here, along the Panna River, were large concentrations of Chital, Sambar and Wild Boar. The dry teak forests and open grasslands had fewer animals but great scenery, and we saw a few more Blue Bull and Chinkara in these habitats. Avian highlights were a wonderfully camouflaged Savanna Nightjar roosting on the ground, and a huge flock of several hundred Streak-throated Swallows. We very much enjoyed our final drive in this infrequently visited tiger reserve and then, after sunrise, made our way the short distance to our hotel in Khajuraho.

For our final morning, we visited the thousand-year-old Hindu

temples at Khajuraho. The temples themselves were visually stunning, and our visit here was a highlight of the trip. A cultural guide pointed out the deeper meanings of the various Hindu carvings, as well as

the erotic carvings for which this site is very well-known. Of course, we couldn't help but notice the Lesser Mouse-tailed Bats inside the main temple!

Unfortunately, our flight to Delhi had been cancelled, and so we had to take a fast train back to the city. However, this was no hardship at all as the train was very comfortable and gave us a last chance to admire the countryside passing us by as we reflected on so many great experiences over the past 12 days. And then, all too soon, we had returned to the hustle and bustle of Delhi where the tour came to an end.



Bengal Fox by Ansar Khan

Thanks to everyone in the group who made this trip a great success and so very enjoyable. And, of course, also thanks to the various local guides and friendly people along the way who added so much to the experience and, in particular, to Ansar for all of his hard work and friendly nature.



The group at Khajuraho by Rae Kingdon

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded. List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Mammals (29 in total: 29 seen)

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

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Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Tree Shrews Tupaiidae

Southern Treeshrew

Anathana ellioti

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Old World monkeys Cercopithecidae

Rhesus Monkey

Macaca mulatta

(8) New Delhi 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Northern Plains Gray Langur

Semnopithecus entellus

(9) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Rabbits, Hares Leporidae

Indian Hare

Lepus nigricollis

(2) Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

True Mice and Rats, Gerbils, Spiny Mice, Crested Rat Muridae

House Rat

Rattus rattus

(1) Agra 20.3.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Five-striped Palm Squirrel

Funambulus pennantii

(11) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Cats Felidae

Asiatic Wild Cat

Felis silvestris ornata

(1) 1 Ranthambore NP 17.3.

Leopard

Panthera pardus fusca

(2) 4 Ranthambore NP 17.3 and 1 Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Tiger

Panthera tigris tigris

(4) 4 Ranthambore NP 15.3, 1 Ranthambore NP 16.3, 1 Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and 3 Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Mongooses Herpestidae

Small Indian Mongoose

Herpestes auropunctatus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Indian Grey Mongoose

Herpestes edwardsii

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Ruddy Mongoose

Herpestes smithii

(2) Ranthambore NP 15.3 and Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Hyaenas, Aardwolf Hyaenidae

Striped Hyaena

Hyaena hyaena

(1) Ranthambore NP 17.3.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals Canidae

Golden Jackal

Canis aureus

(3) Bharatpur 18.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Bengal Fox

Vulpes bengalensis

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Pigs Suidae

Wild Boar

Sus scrofa

(8) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 22-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Deer Cervidae

Chital

Axis axis

(9) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Northern Red Muntjac

Muntiacus vaginalis

(3) Observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-23.3.

Sambar

Rusa unicolor

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 23.3, Bandhavgarh NP 24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae

Gaur

Bos gaurus

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Nilgai

Boselaphus tragocamelus

(7) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Chinkara

Gazella bennettii

(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3, Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Sac-winged or Sheath-tailed Bats Emballonuridae

Naked-rumped Tomb Bat

Taphozous nudiventris

(1) Agra 20.3.

Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bat

Cynopterus sphinx

(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Indian Flying Fox

Pteropus giganteus

(3) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Leschenault's Rousette

Rousettus leschenaultii

(1) Ranthambore NP 17.3.

Mouse-tailed Bats Rhinopomatidae

Lesser Mouse-tailed Bat

Rhinopoma hardwickii

(1) Agra 20.3.

Common Bats Vespertilionidae

Indian Pipistrelle

Pipistrellus coromandra

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Javan Pipistrelle

Pipistrellus javanicus

(1) Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Birds (196 in total: 196 seen)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2018. IOC World Bird List (v 8.1).

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Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

Lesser Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna javanica

(1) Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Bar-headed Goose

Anser indicus

(2) Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Knob-billed Duck

Sarkidiornis melanotos

(1) Agra 20.3.

Ruddy Shelduck

Tadorna ferruginea

(3) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Garganey

Spatula querquedula

(3) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Northern Shoveler

Spatula clypeata

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Gadwall

Mareca strepera strepera

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Eurasian Wigeon

Mareca penelope

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Indian Spot-billed Duck

Anas poecilorhyncha

(2) Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Eurasian Teal

Anas crecca

(3) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

Grey Francolin

Francolinus pondicerianus

 $(8) \ Observed \ Ranthambore \ NP\ 15\text{-}18.3, \ Bharatpur\ 18.3, \ Bharatpur\ 19.3, \ Bandhavgarh \ NP\ 21.3,$

Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Jungle Bush Quail

Perdicula asiatica

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Painted Spurfowl Galloperdix lunulata

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Red JunglefowlGallus gallus murghi

(4) Observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

Indian Peafowl Pavo cristatus

(10) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe Tachybaptus ruficollis albescens

(1) Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Greater FlamingoPhoenicopterus roseus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Storks Ciconiidae

Painted Stork (NT) Mycteria leucocephala

(5) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Asian Openbill Anastomus oscitans

(2) Ranthambore NP 15.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Black Stork Ciconia nigra

(2) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Woolly-necked Stork (VU) Ciconia episcopus episcopus

(5) Agra 20.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Black-necked Stork (NT) Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus asiaticus

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Lesser Adjutant (VU)Leptoptilos javanicus

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Black-headed Ibis (NT)

Threskiornis melanocephalus

(4) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Red-naped IbisPseudibis papillosa

(5) Observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

Glossy Ibis Plegadis falcinellus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Eurasian Spoonbill Platalea leucorodia leucorodia

(2) Ranthambore NP 15.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae

Black Bittern Dupetor flavicollis flavicollis

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Black-crowned Night HeronNycticorax nycticorax nycticorax

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Striated Heron Butorides striata

(1) Ranthambore NP 17.3.

Indian Pond Heron Ardeola grayii

(8) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 22-24.3.

Eastern Cattle Egret

Bubulcus coromandus

(7) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea cinerea

(4) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

(4) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Great Egret

Ardea alba

(4) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Intermediate Egret

Ardea intermedia intermedia

(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta garzetta

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Pelicans Pelecanidae

Great White Pelican

Pelecanus onocrotalus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Dalmatian Pelican (VU)

Pelecanus crispus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Little Cormorant

Microcarbo niger

(9) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

Indian Cormorant

Phalacrocorax fuscicollis

(2) Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Great Cormorant

Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis

(4) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Anhingas Anhingidae

Oriental Darter (NT)

Anhinga melanogaster

(5) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Osprey Pandionidae

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus haliaetus

(2) Ranthambore NP 15.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite

Elanus caeruleus vociferus

(3) Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Egyptian Vulture (EN)

Neophron percnopterus

(4) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Crested Honey Buzzard

Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 16-18.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 22-24.3.

White-rumped Vulture (CR)

Gyps bengalensis

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 21.3.

Indian Vulture (CR)

Gyps indicus

(5) Ranthambore NP 17.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

Himalayan Vulture (NT) *Gyps himalayensis*

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Red-headed Vulture (CR)Sarcogyps calvus

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Crested Serpent Eagle Spilornis cheela

(3) Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bandhavgarh NP 23.3, Bandhavgarh NP 24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle
Nisaetus cirrhatus

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Greater Spotted Eagle (VU) Clanga clanga

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Booted Eagle Hieraaetus pennatus

(1) Bharatpur 18.3.

Steppe Eagle Aquila nipalensis nipalensis

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Shikra Accipiter badius

(7) New Delhi 14.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3,

Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk Accipiter nisus

(1) Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Western Marsh Harrier Circus aeruginosus aeruginosus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Black Kite
Milvus migrans
(4) New Delhi 15.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.
White-eved Buzzard
Butastur teesa

(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

Brown CrakeAmaurornis akool akool

(1) Ranthambore NP 17.3.

White-breasted Waterhen Amaurornis phoenicurus

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Grey-headed SwamphenPorphyrio poliocephalus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Common MoorhenGallinula chloropus

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP

22.3.

Eurasian Coot Fulica atra atra

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Cranes Gruidae

Sarus Crane (VU)

Antigone antigone

Observed 1 day(s) in total.

Thick-knees Burhinidae

Indian Stone-curlewBurhinus indicus

(2) Ranthambore NP 15.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Great Stone-curlew (NT)

Esacus recurvirostris

(3) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus himantopus

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae

River Lapwing (NT)

Vanellus duvaucelii

(1) Agra 20.3.

Yellow-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus malabaricus

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

(11) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed

Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

White-tailed Lapwing

Vanellus leucurus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

(1) Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Jacanas Jacanidae

Bronze-winged Jacana

Metopidius indicus

(3) Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

Black-tailed Godwit (NT)

Limosa limosa

Calidris pugnax

(2) Ranthambore NP 15.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Ruff

(2) Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Agra 20.3.

Temminck's Stint

Calidris temminckii

(2) Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Common Snipe

Gallinago gallinago gallinago

(3) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

(3) Ranthambore NP 18.3, Agra 20.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Green Sandpiper

Tringa ochropus

(4) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Common Redshank

Tringa totanus

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Marsh Sandpiper

Tringa stagnatilis

(2) Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Wood Sandpiper

Tringa glareola

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Spotted Redshank

Tringa erythropus

(1) Agra 20.3.

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

(5) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Pratincoles and Coursers *Glareolidae*

Indian Courser

Cursorius coromandelicus

(1) Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

River Tern (NT)

Sterna aurantia

(2) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Sandgrouse Pteroclidae

Painted Sandgrouse

Pterocles indicus

(2) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Ranthambore NP 17.3.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove

Columba livia

(9) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Oriental Turtle Dove

Streptopelia orientalis

(1) Ranthambore NP 15.3.

Eurasian Collared Dove

Streptopelia decaocto decaocto

(3) Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Red Turtle Dove

Streptopelia tranquebarica

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Spotted Dove

Spilopelia chinensis

(7) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Laughing Dove

Spilopelia senegalensis cambayensis

(5) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Yellow-footed Green Pigeon

Treron phoenicopterus

(8) Observed Ranthambore NP 16-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Greater Coucal

Centropus sinensis

(7) Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

Asian Koel

Eudynamys scolopaceus

(5) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Common Hawk-Cuckoo

Hierococcyx varius varius

(4) Observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

Owls Strigidae

Indian Scops Owl

Otus bakkamoena

(2) Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Dusky Eagle-Owl

Bubo coromandus coromandus

(2) Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Mottled Wood Owl

Strix ocellata

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Jungle Owlet

Glaucidium radiatum

(3) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3, Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Spotted Owlet

Athene brama

(6) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae

Indian Nightjar

Caprimulgus asiaticus

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Savanna Nightjar

Caprimulgus affinis

(2) Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Crested Treeswift

Hemiprocne coronata

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Swifts Apodidae

Little Swift

Apus affinis

(6) Ranthambore NP 17.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Agra 20.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Rollers Coraciidae

Indian Roller

Coracias benghalensis

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 16-18.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

White-throated Kingfisher

Halcyon smyrnensis

(10) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Common Kingfisher

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(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Pied Kingfisher

Ceryle rudis

(1) Ranthambore NP 17.3.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Green Bee-eater

Merops orientalis

(9) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Hoopoes Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe

Upupa epops

(3) Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Indian Grey Hornbill

Ocyceros birostris

(8) New Delhi 14.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

Asian Barbets Megalaimidae

Brown-headed Barbet

Psilopogon zeylanicus

(4) Agra 20.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 22-24.3.

Coppersmith Barbet

Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus

(5) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker

Yungipicus nanus

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker

Leiopicus mahrattensis

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 21.3.

Streak-throated Woodpecker

Picus xanthopygaeus

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Black-rumped Flameback

Dinopium benghalense

(9) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

White-naped Woodpecker

Chrysocolaptes festivus festivus

(2) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Common Kestrel

Falco tinnunculus

(2) Bharatpur 18.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 21.3.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

Plum-headed Parakeet

Psittacula cyanocephala

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3, Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Alexandrine Parakeet (NT)

Psittacula eupatria

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Rose-ringed Parakeet

Psittacula krameri

(11) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae

Common Woodshrike

Tephrodornis pondicerianus

(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Ioras Aegithinidae

Common Iora

Aegithina tiphia

(3) Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae

Large Cuckooshrike

Coracina macei

(4) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-23.3.

Small Minivet

Pericrocotus cinnamomeus

(2) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 21.3.

Shrikes Laniidae

Bay-backed Shrike

Lanius vittatus

(1) Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius schach

(6) Observed Ranthambore NP 16-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3, Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

Black-hooded Oriole

Oriolus xanthornus

(3) Observed Bandhavgarh NP 22-24.3.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Black Drongo

Dicrurus macrocercus

(11) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

White-bellied Drongo

Dicrurus caerulescens caerulescens

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-17.3, Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus paradiseus

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Fantails Rhipiduridae

White-browed Fantail

Rhipidura aureola

(4) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-17.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

Rufous Treepie

Dendrocitta vagabunda

(9) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, Bandhavgarh NP 23.3, Bandhavgarh NP 24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

House Crow

Corvus splendens

(5) New Delhi 14.3, New Delhi 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Indian Jungle Crow

Corvus culminatus

(9) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3.

Tits, Chickadees Paridae

Cinereous Tit

Parus cinereus

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 16-18.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Larks Alaudidae

Rufous-tailed Lark

Ammomanes phoenicura

(2) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark

Eremopterix griseus

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Indian Bush Lark

Mirafra erythroptera

(1) Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

White-eared Bulbul

Pycnonotus leucotis leucotis

(2) Bharatpur 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Red-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus cafer

(10) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Grey-throated Martin

Riparia chinensis chinensis

(4) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Agra 20.3.

Wire-tailed Swallow

Hirundo smithii filifera

(3) Observed Bandhavgarh NP 22-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Dusky Crag Martin

Ptyonoprogne concolor concolor

(1) Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Red-rumped Swallow

Cecropis daurica

(5) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Streak-throated Swallow

Petrochelidon fluvicola

(1) Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Leaf warblers and allies Phylloscopidae

Sulphur-bellied Warbler

Phylloscopus griseolus

(1) Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Hume's Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus humei

(5) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3 and observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-23.3.

Greenish Warbler

Phylloscopus trochiloides

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Reed warblers and allies Acrocephalidae

Clamorous Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus stentoreus

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Cisticolas and allies Cisticolidae

Grey-breasted Prinia

Prinia hodgsonii

(2) Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Ashy Prinia

Prinia socialis

(2) Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Common Tailorbird

Orthotomus sutorius

(6) New Delhi 14.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Babblers *Timaliidae*

Tawny-bellied Babbler

Dumetia hyperythra

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae

Common Babbler

Turdoides caudata

(2) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Large Grey Babbler

Turdoides malcolmi

(4) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bharatpur 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

Jungle Babbler

Turdoides striata

(11) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae

Yellow-eved Babbler

Chrysomma sinense

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Oriental White-eye

Zosterops palpebrosus

(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Nuthatches Sittidae

Indian Nuthatch

Sitta castanea

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Starlings Sturnidae

Common Myna

Acridotheres tristis tristis

(9) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3,

Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Pied Myna

Gracupica contra

(3) Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Chestnut-tailed Starling

Sturnia malabarica

(3) Observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-23.3.

Brahminy Starling

Sturnia pagodarum

(6) Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae

Orange-headed Thrush

Geokichla citrina

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Indian Robin

Copsychus fulicatus

(7) Observed Ranthambore NP 16-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 22-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Oriental Magpie-Robin

Copsychus saularis

(8) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

White-rumped Shama

Copsychus malabaricus

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis tickelliae tickelliae

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Red-breasted Flycatcher

Ficedula parva

(2) Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 21.3.

Ultramarine Flycatcher

Ficedula superciliaris

(1) Ranthambore NP 17.3.

Black Redstart

Phoenicurus ochruros

(5) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3, Bandhavgarh NP 21.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3, Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Siberian Stonechat

Saxicola maurus

(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Ranthambore NP 18.3, Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Pied Bush Chat

Saxicola caprata

(1) Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Brown Rock Chat

Oenanthe fusca

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Leafbirds Chloropseidae

Jerdon's Leafbird

Chloropsis jerdoni

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Golden-fronted Leafbird

Chloropsis aurifrons

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

Purple Sunbird

Cinnyris asiaticus

(11) New Delhi 14.3, observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, Agra 20.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 21-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

(3) Bharatpur 19.3, Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Yellow-throated Sparrow

Gymnoris xanthocollis

(8) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3, Bharatpur 19.3, observed Bandhavgarh NP 22-24.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Waxbills, Munias and allies Estrildidae

Indian Silverbill

Euodice malabarica

(3) Ranthambore NP 16.3, Bharatpur 18.3 and Bharatpur 19.3.

White-rumped Munia

Lonchura striata

(1) Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Wagtails, Pipits Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava

(1) Agra 20.3.

Citrine Wagtail

Motacilla citreola

(1) Agra 20.3.

Grey Wagtail

Motacilla cinerea cinerea

(2) Ranthambore NP 15.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

White Wagtail

Motacilla alba

(2) Ranthambore NP 16.3 and Agra 20.3.

White-browed Wagtail

Motacilla maderaspatensis

(3) Ranthambore NP 15.3, Ranthambore NP 17.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Paddyfield Pipit

Anthus rufulus

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 22.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Tawny Pipit

Anthus campestris

(1) Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Tree Pipit

Anthus trivialis

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 21.3 and Bandhavgarh NP 22.3.

Reptiles (9 in total: 9 seen)

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

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Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Softshell Turtles Trionychidae

Indian Flapshell Turtle

Lissemys punctata

(2) Ranthambore NP 15.3 and Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Agamas Agamidae

Eastern Garden Lizard

Calotes versicolor

(1) Bharatpur 19.3.

Geckos Gekkonidae

Yellow-bellied Gecko

Hemidactylus flaviviridis

(3) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-17.3.

Bark Gecko

Hemidactylus leschenaultii

(1) Ranthambore NP 16.3.

Skinks Scincidae

Keeled Indian Skink

Eutropis carinata

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Monitor Lizards Varanidae

Bengal Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3.

Colubrid snakes Colubridae

Dhaman Rat-snake

Ptyas mucosa

(1) Bandhavgarh NP 24.3.

Checkered Keelback

Xenochrophis piscator

(1) Ranthambore NP 17.3.

Crocodiles and relatives *Crocodylidae*

Mugger Crocodile

Crocodylus palustris

(5) Observed Ranthambore NP 15-18.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Amphibians (3 in total: 3 seen)

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the

Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

True frogs Ranidae

Indian Skipper Frog

Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis

(2) Bandhavgarh NP 23.3 and Panna Tiger Reserve 24.3.

Indian Bull Frog

(1) Ranthambore NP 18.3.

Hoplobatrachus tigerinus

Moss frogs Rhacophoridae

Chunam Tree Frog

(1) Bharatpur 18.3.

Polypedates maculatus

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