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India Photo Tour

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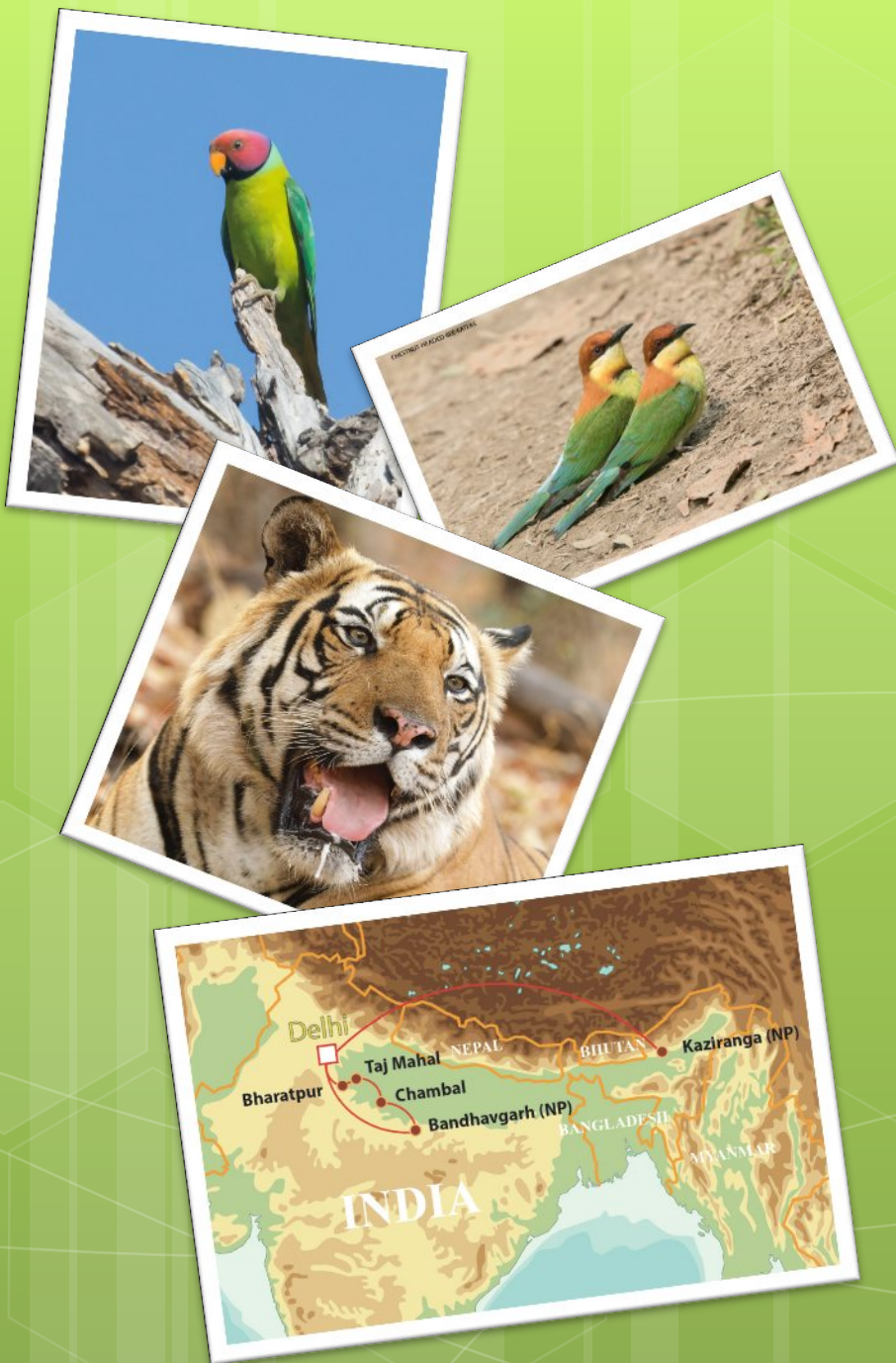
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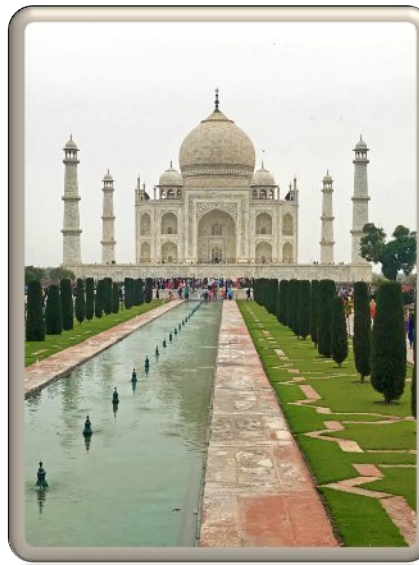
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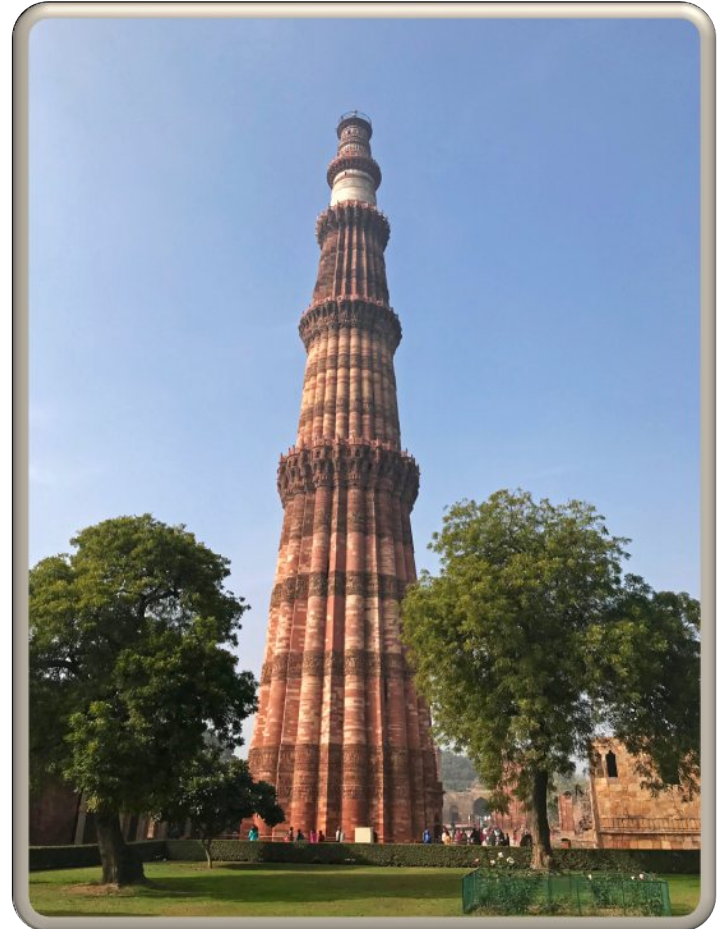


- This Photo Tour focused not only on birds. During these 18 days, we had a variety of photographic opportunities. It was a great combination of birds, mammals, culture, and more!





- Our tour started and finished in New Delhi. Some people stay an extra day or two at the start or end to enjoy cultural attractions like the Qutab Minar minaret, Humayun's Tomb, Lotus Temple, and the Red Fort.



Qutab Minar

- **Days 1-2:** After arriving in New Delhi and spending the night, we headed out to Chambal Safari Lodge. We spent the afternoon photographing around the lodge, which was superb and we got shots of birds like Indian Peafowl, Verditer Flycatcher, Indian Thick-knee, Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon, Orange-headed Thrush.



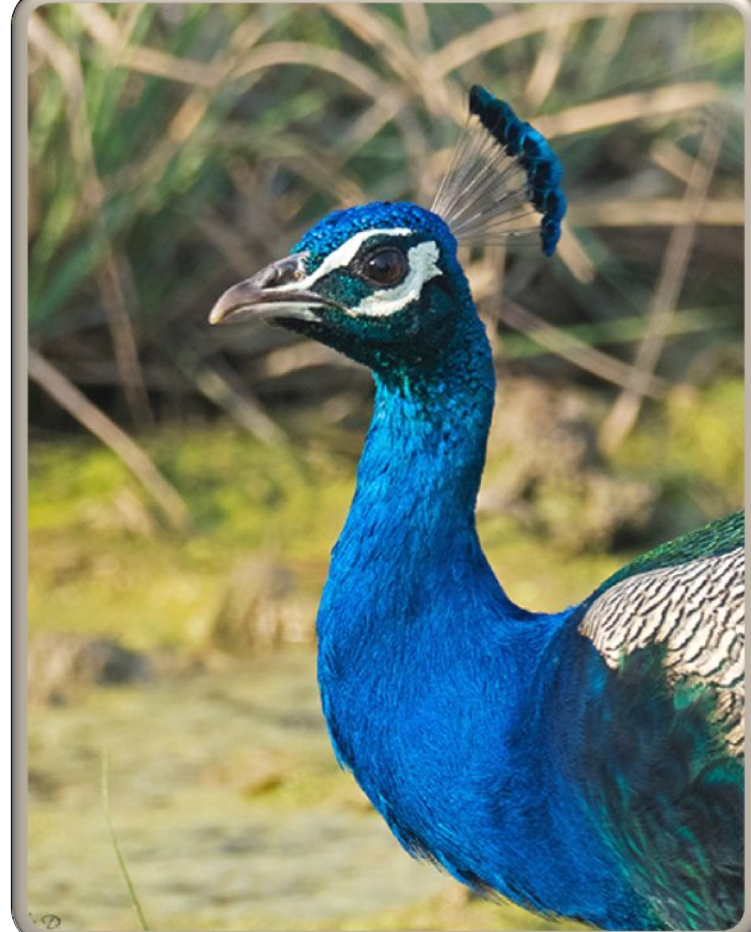
Orange-headed Thrush (PC)



Verditer Flycatcher (SMc)



Indian Thick-knee (PC)



Indian Peafowl (PC)

- **Day 3:** After a great traditional Indian breakfast, we went directly to the Chambal River, which is home to many kind of birds like Bar-headed Goose, Indian Cormorant, River Lapwing, Wire-tailed Swallow, Black-bellied Tern, along with mammals like Jungle Cat and Indian Jackal, and lots of crocs. In the afternoon, we headed to Bharatpur.



Bar-headed Goose (PC)



Photography from the boat (PC)



Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse (PC)

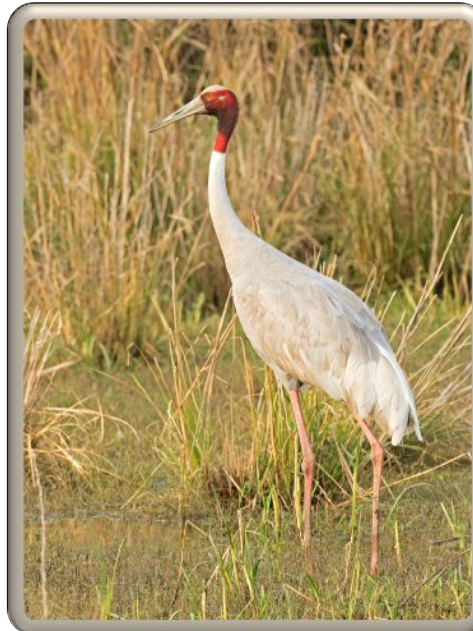


Great Thick-knee (JH)

- **Days 4-5:** Bharatpur is one of the important places in India for wildlife photographers. It's famous wetlands are a vital sanctuary for countless species like Sarus Crane, Painted Stork, Eastern and Indian Spot-billed Ducks, Rose-ringed Parakeet, kingfishers, Indian Gray Mongoose, Sambar and Spotted Deer, and many more.



Common Kingfisher (MM)



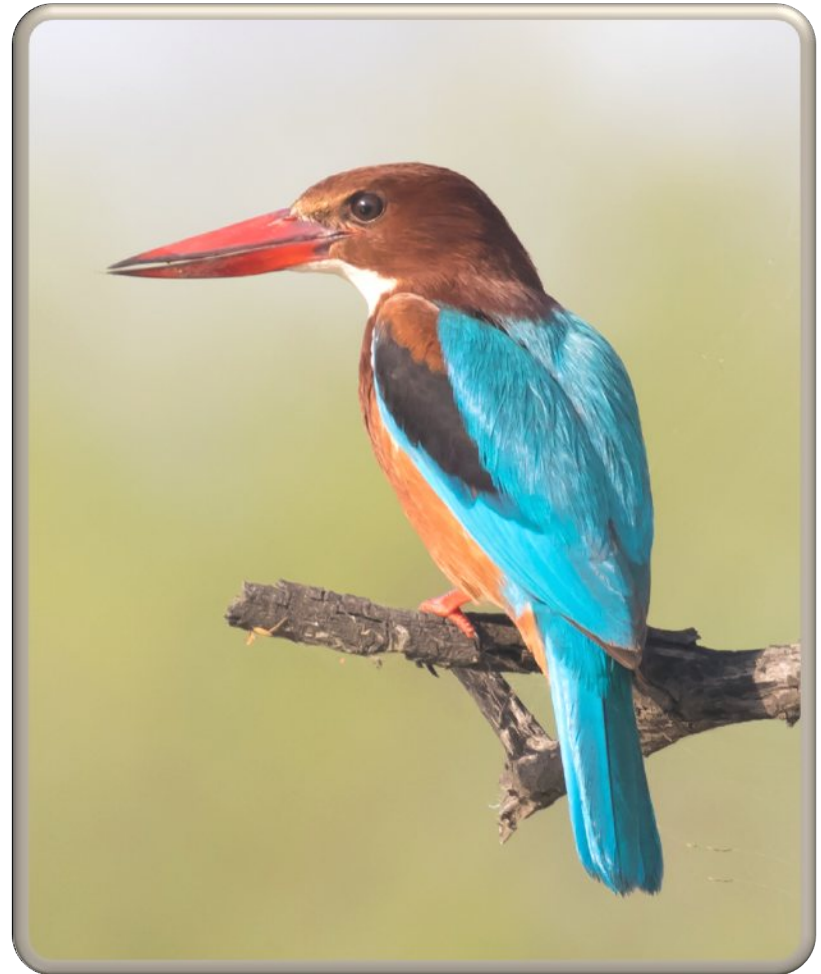
Sarus Crane (PC)



Bluethroat (PC)

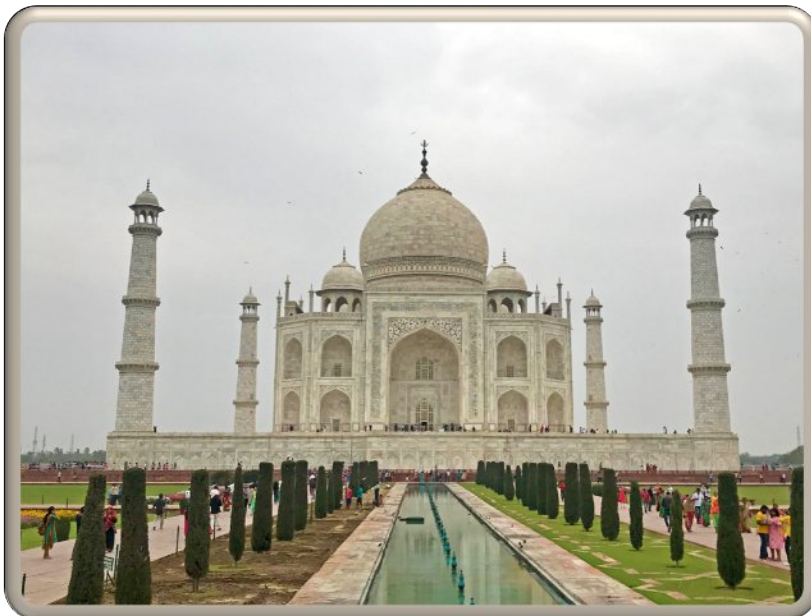


Painted Stork (JH)

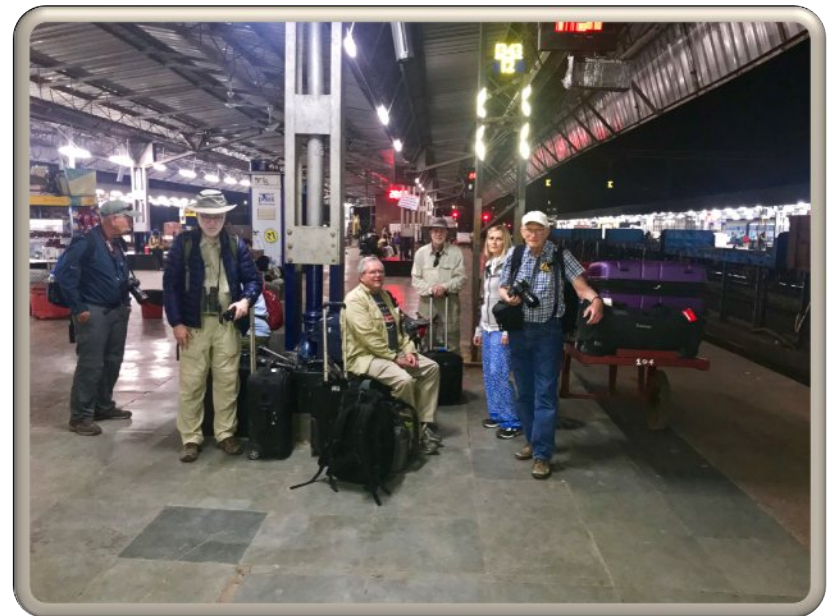


White-throated Kingfisher (JH)

- **Day 6:** After the obligatory visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra, we headed to the train station and traveled to Katni, and then drove to Bandhavgarh National Park, our base for the next 6 days.



Taj Mahal (PC)



Train Station – Agra (PC)

- **Days 7-12:** During these 6 days, we were chasing Tigers. Bandhavgarh National Park has one of the highest concentrations of these pretty cats. There was still time to spend on the birds too, like Green Bee-eater, Painted Spurfowl, Indian Peafowl, Oriental Honey-Buzzard, Indian Roller, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, and many more.



Tiger (PC)



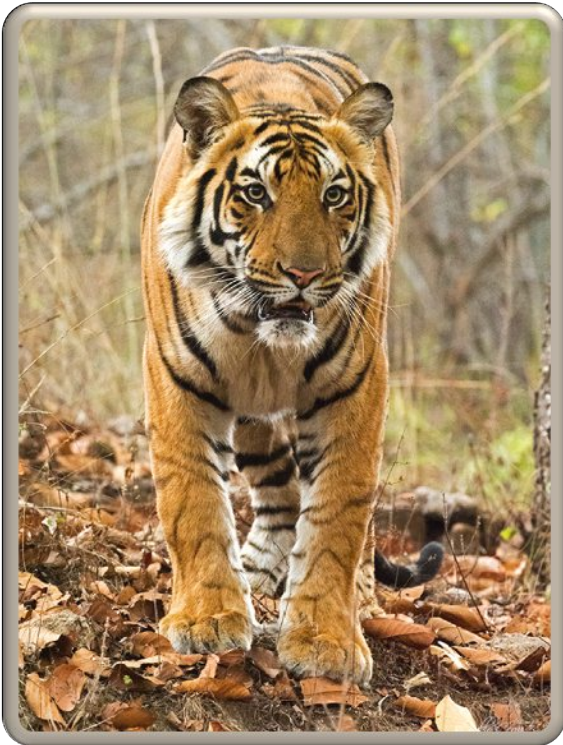


Chestnut-tailed Starling (JH)



Plum-headed Parakeet (JH)

- **Day 13:** It was time to say goodbye to the Tigers. After breakfast, we had a long drive from Bandhavgarh to Jabalpur and caught a plane back to New Delhi.



Tiger (PC)

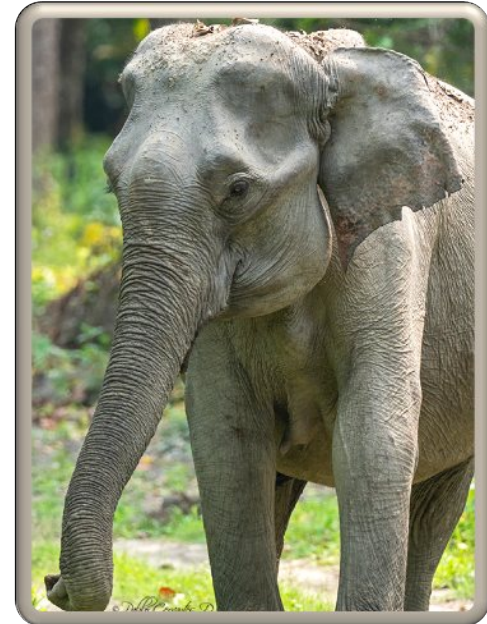


Tiger (PC)

- **Days 14-16:** After a flight to Guwahati in Assam, we headed to Kaziranga National Park. Indian Rhinoceros, Asian Elephant, Water Buffalo, Gray-headed Fish Eagle, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Red Junglefowl, Black-necked Stork, Crested Serpent-Eagle, and Bronze-winged Jacana were some of the great animals that we photographed there.



Indian Rhinoceros (PC)



Asian Elephant (PC)

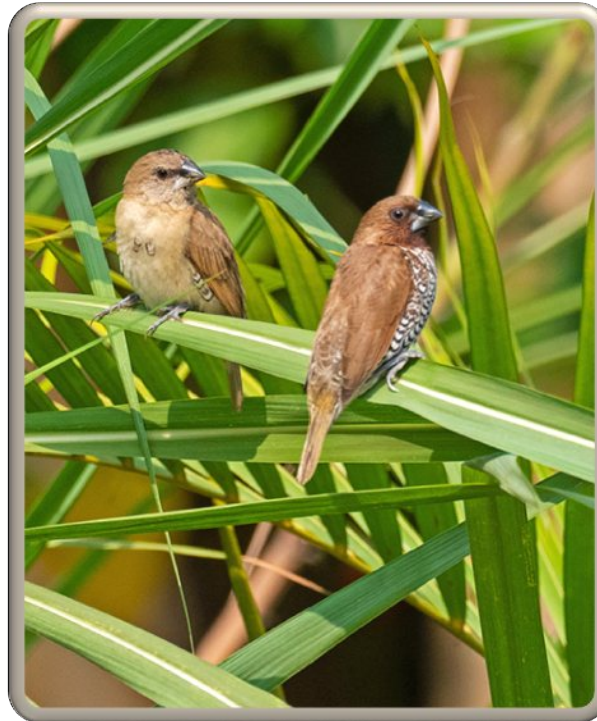


Brown Fish Owl (MM)



Black-necked Stork (JH)

- **Day 17:** We spent the last morning around our lodge shooting munias, leafbirds, sunbirds and others. In the afternoon, we flew back to New Delhi where the tour ended.

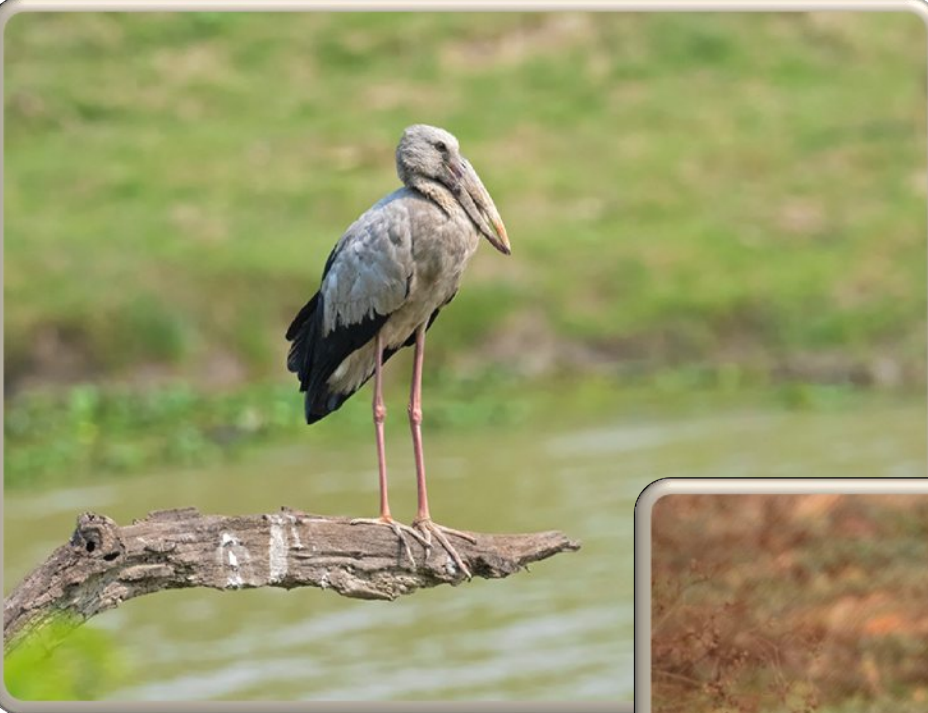


Scaly-breasted Munia (PC)

OUR GROUP



- The rest of the report is a selection of some of the best and most interesting photos from the trip.



Asian Openbill (PC)

Red-wattled Lapwing (JH)

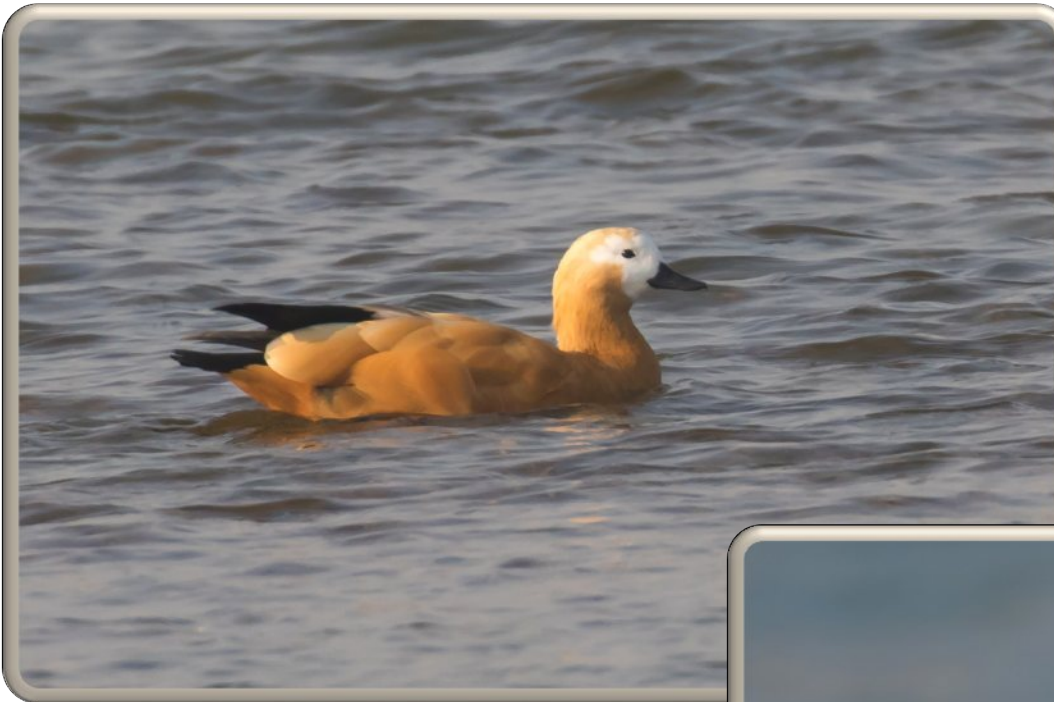




Gharial (JH)



Indian Spot-billed Duck (JH)



Ruddy Shelduck (JH)



Small Pratincole (JH)

Spotted Owlet (MM)



Ruddy Shelduck (JH)

Tiger (MM)



Rhesus Macaque (MM)

Greater Coucal (MM)



Pied Kingfisher (MM)



CHESTNUT-HEADED BEE-EATERS

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater(RF)



**ROSE-RINGED PARAKEETS
FEMALE & MALE**



Rose-ringed Parakeet(RF)

Bar-headed Goose (SMc)



Bar-headed Geese Keoladeo National Park Bharatpur India 3/12/19

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Asian elephants Kaziranga National Park India 3/23/19

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Asian Elephant (SMc)



Rough-legged Buzzard National Chambal Sanctuary India 3/10/19

Long-legged Buzzard (SMc)



Long-tailed Shrike Bandhavgarh National Park India 3/15/19

Long-tailed Shrike (SMc)



Bar-headed Goose (PC)



Black-bellied Tern (PC)

Black-crowned Night-Heron (PC)



Bronze-winged Jacana (PC)



Robb Combs D.

Common Myna (PC)

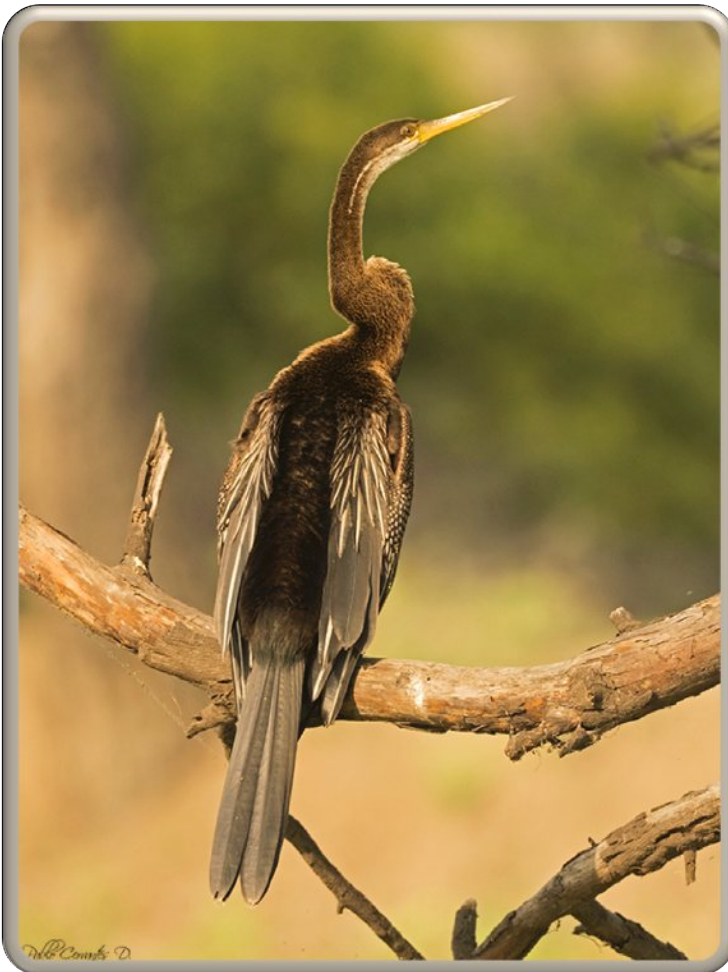


Chestnut-headed Bee-eater (PC)

Crested Serpent-eagle (PC)



Changeable Hawk-Eagle (PC)



Oriental Darter(PC)

Dalmatian Pelican (PC)





Eurasian Coot (PC)

Asian Emerald Dove (PC)





Eurasian Spoonbill (PC)

Glossy Ibis (PC)





Gray Langur (PC)



Great Hornbill (PC)



Cinereous (Great) Tit (PC)



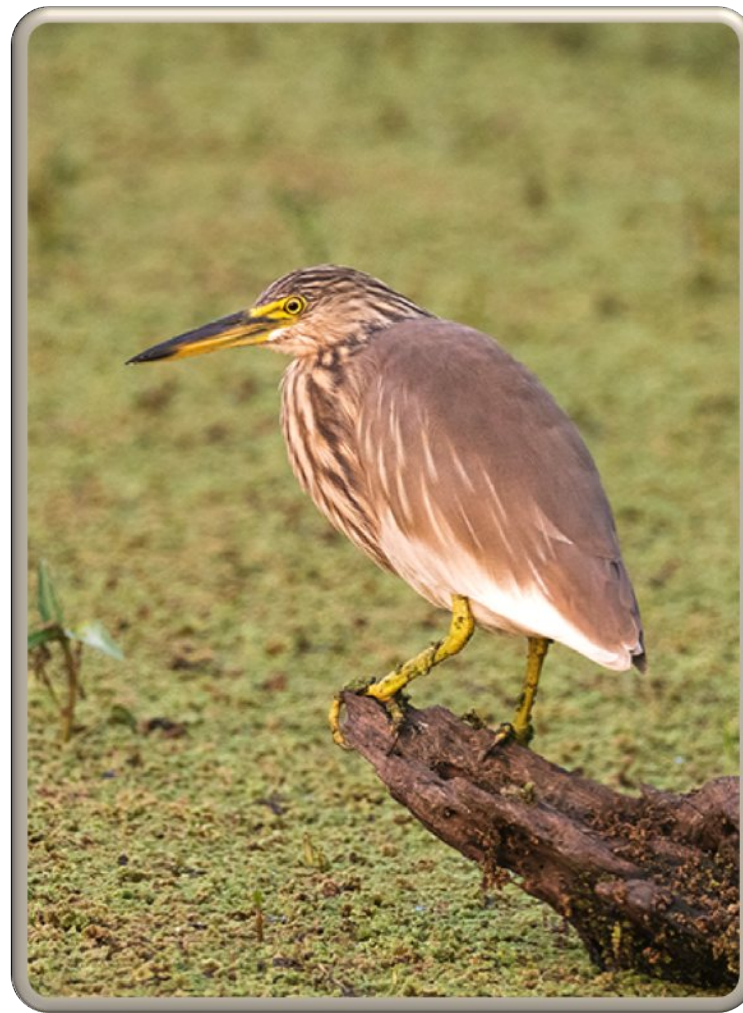
Green Bee-eater (PC)



Indian Gray Mongoose (PC)



Indian Roller (PC)



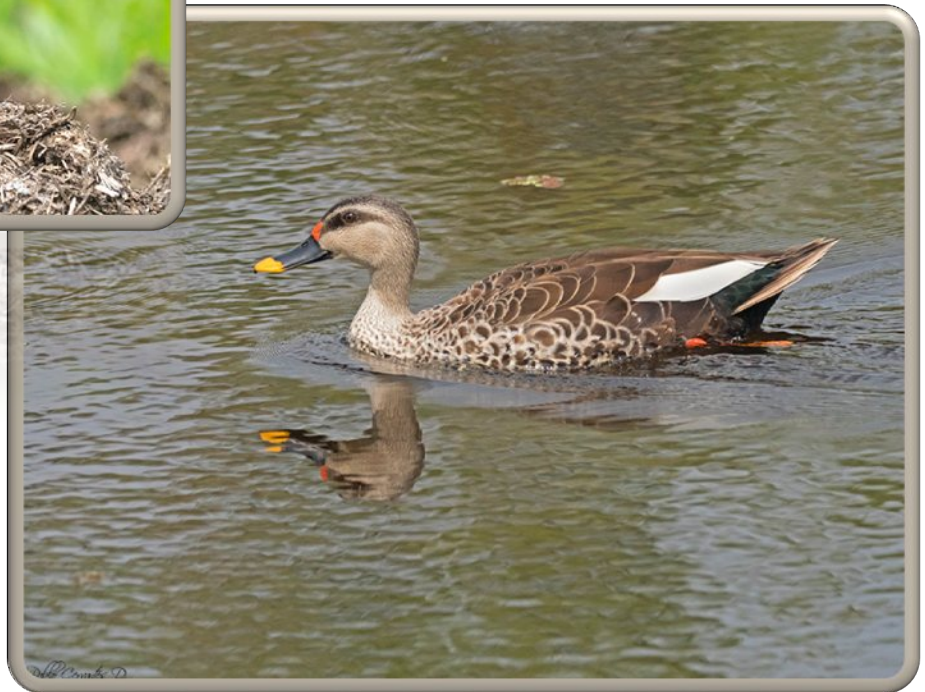
Indian Pond Heron (PC)



Indian Peafowl (PC)



Jungle Myna (PC)



Indian Spot-billed Duck (PC)

Little Cormorant (PC)



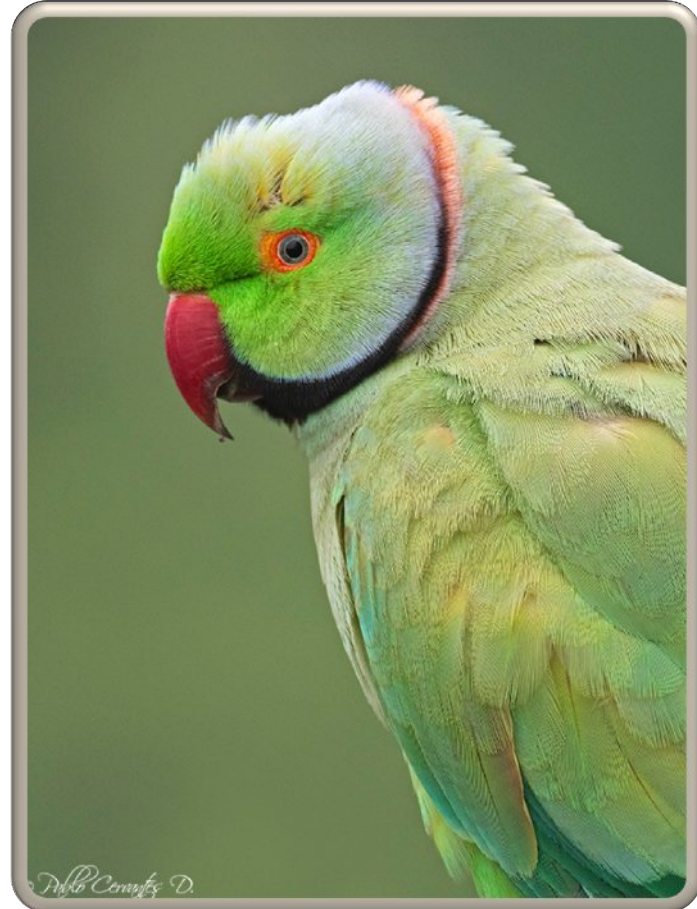
Lesser Adjutant (PC)

Red Junglefowl (PC)



Red-breasted Flycatcher (PC)

Rhesus Macaque (PC)



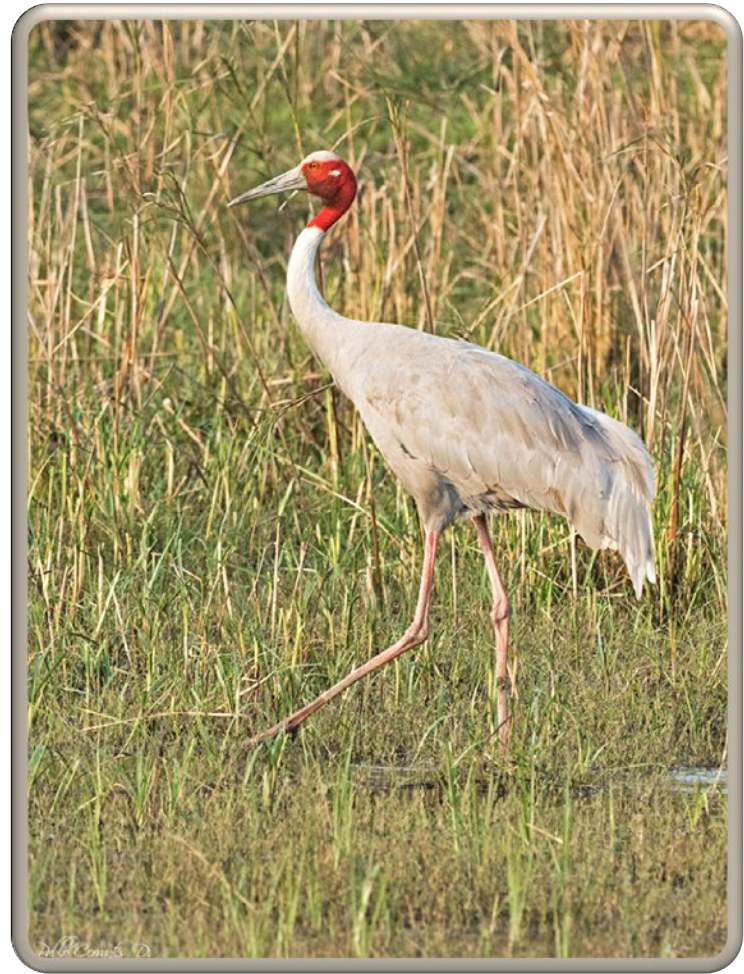
Rose-ringed Parakeet (PC)

Red-naped Ibis (PC)



Red-wattled Lapwing (PC)

Spotted Owlet (PC)



Sarus Crane (PC)



Tiger (PC)

List of Birds, Mammal and Reptiles photographed on this tour



ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

1	Lesser Whistling-Duck
2	Graylag Goose
3	Bar-headed Goose
4	Comb Duck
5	Ruddy Shelduck
6	Gadwall
7	Eurasian Wigeon
8	Mallard
9	Indian Spot-billed Duck
10	Eastern Spot-billed Duck
11	Northern Shoveler
12	Northern Pintail
13	Garganey
14	Green-winged Teal
15	Ferruginous Duck (Pochard)

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

16	Gray Francolin
17	Jungle Bush-Quail
18	Painted Spurfowl
19	Red Junglefowl
20	Indian Peafowl

PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae

21	Little Grebe
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CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae

22	Asian Openbill
23	Woolly-necked Stork
24	Black-necked Stork
25	Lesser Adjutant
26	Painted Stork

SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

27	Indian Cormorant
28	Great Cormorant
29	Little Cormorant

SULIFORMES: Anhingidae

30	Oriental Darter
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PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae

31	Great White Pelican
32	Dalmatian Pelican
33	Spotted Billed Pelican

PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

34	Black Bittern
35	Gray Heron
36	Purple Heron
37	Great Egret
38	Intermediate Egret
39	Little Egret
40	Cattle Egret
41	Indian Pond-Heron
42	Striated Heron
43	Black-crowned Night-Heron

PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

44	Glossy Ibis
45	Black-headed Ibis
46	Red-naped Ibis
47	Eurasian Spoonbill

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae

48	Osprey
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ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae

49	Black-shouldered Kite
50	Egyptian Vulture
51	Oriental Honey-buzzard
52	Crested Serpent-Eagle
53	Crested Hawk-Eagle
54	Indian Spotted Eagle
55	Steppe Eagle
56	White-eyed Buzzard
57	Eurasian Marsh-Harrier
58	Pallas's Fish-Eagle
59	Gray-headed Fish-Eagle

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

60	Brown Crake
61	White-breasted Waterhen
62	Purple Swampphen
63	Eurasian Moorhen
64	Eurasian Coot

GRUIFORMES: Gruidae

65 Sarus Crane

CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae

66 Indian Thick-knee

67 Great Thick-knee

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae

68 Black-winged Stilt

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

69 River Lapwing

70 Yellow-wattled Lapwing

71 Red-wattled Lapwing

72 White-tailed Lapwing

73 Little Ringed Plover

74 Gray-headed Lapwing

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae

75 Pheasant-tailed Jacana

76 Bronze-winged Jacana

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

77 Green Sandpiper

78 Common Greenshank

79 Wood Sandpiper

80 Common Snipe

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

81 Black-bellied Tern

82 Indian Skimmer

PTEROCLIFORMES: Pteroclididae

83 Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

84 Rock Pigeon

85 Oriental Turtle-Dove

86 Eurasian Collared-Dove

87 Spotted Dove

88 Laughing Dove

89 Emerald Dove

90 Yellow-footed Pigeon

91 Green-imperial Dove

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

92 Sirkeer Malkoha

93 Greater Coucal

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

94 Indian Scops-Owl

95 Dusky Eagle-Owl

96 Brown Fish-Owl

97 Asian Barred Owlet

98 Jungle Owlet

99 Spotted Owlet

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

100	Common Kingfisher
101	Stork-billed Kingfisher
102	White-throated Kingfisher
103	Pied Kingfisher

CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae

104	Green Bee-eater
105	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae

106	Indian Roller
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CORACIIFORMES: Upupidae

107	Eurasian Hoopoe
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CORACIIFORMES: Bucerotidae

108	Indian Gray Hornbill
109	Oriental Pied-Hornbill
110	Great Hornbill

PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae

111	Brown-headed Barbet
112	Coppersmith Barbet

PICIFORMES: Picidae

113	Brown-capped Woodpecker
114	Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Golden-backed)

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae

115	Eurasian Kestrel
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PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae

116	Alexandrine Parakeet
117	Rose-ringed Parakeet
118	Plum-headed Parakeet
119	Red-breasted Parakeet

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae

120	Isabelline Shrike
121	Brown Shrike
122	Bay-backed Shrike
123	Long-tailed Shrike
124	Gray-backed Shrike
125	Southern Gray Shrike

PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae

126	Black-hooded Oriole
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PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae

127	Black Drongo
128	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo
129	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae

130	White-browed Fantail
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PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

- 131 Rufous Treepie
- 132 House Crow
- 133 "Indian Jungle" Large-billed Crow

PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae

- 134 Crested Lark

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae

- 135 Wire-tailed Swallow

PASSERIFORMES: Paridae

- 136 Cinereous (Great) Tit

PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae

- 137 Red-vented Bulbul
- 138 Red-whiskered Bulbul
- 139 White-eared Bulbul

PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae

- 140 Common Chiffchaff
- 141 Green Warbler

PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae

- 142 Clamorous Reed-Warbler

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae

- 143 Common Tailorbird
- 144 Ashy Prinia

PASSERIFORMES: Paradoxornithidae

- 145 Yellow-eyed Babbler

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae

- 146 Oriental White-eye

PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae

- 147 Large Gray Babbler
- 148 Jungle Babbler

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae

- 149 Indian Robin
- 150 Oriental Magpie-Robin
- 151 White-rumped Shama
- 152 Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher
- 153 Verditer Flycatcher
- 154 Bluethroat
- 155 Siberian Rubythroat
- 156 Red-breasted Flycatcher
- 157 Black Redstart
- 158 Blue Rock-Thrush
- 159 Siberian Stonechat
- 160 Pied Bushchat

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

- 161 Orange-headed Thrush

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae

162 Jungle Myna

163 Common Myna

164 Asian Pied Starling

165 Brahminy Starling

PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae

166 Golden-fronted Leafbird

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae

167 Purple Sunbird

PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae

168 Gray Wagtail

169 White Wagtail

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae

170 Black-faced Bunting

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae

171 House Sparrow

PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae

172 Tricolored Munia

173 Scaly-breasted Munia

MAMMALS

1	Rhesus Macaque
2	Tarai Gray Langur
3	Sambar Deer
4	Blue Sheep (Bharal)
5	Spotted Deer (Chital)
6	Wild Boar
7	Indian Hare
8	Asian Elephant
9	Golden Jackal
10	Smooth-coated Otter
11	Tiger
12	Jungle Cat
13	Indian Grey Mongoose
14	Northern Palm Squirrel
15	Black Rat
16	Indian Flying Fox
17	Sloth Bear
18	Water Buffalo
19	Hoary-bellied Squirrel

REPTILES

1	Gharial
2	Marsh (Mugger) Crocodile
3	Bengal Monitor
4	Indian Turtle

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