



Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Northern India: Birds, Tigers & Taj Mahal

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Rufous-bellied Niltava, Corbett NP, N India

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Royal Bengal Tiger, Bandhavgarh NP and Taj Mahal



White-throated Kingfisher Bharatpur;



Brown Fish Owl, Bandhavgarh NP



Himalayan views, Nainital;



Kaleej Pheasant, Corbett NP

Bird Species:

- Little Grebe –*Okla Island in Yamuna River in Delhi (ca. 10); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha Reservoir*
 Great Crested Grebe –*Bund Baretha Reservoir (a dozen)*
 Eared Grebe –*Okla Island (1)*
 Great White Pelican –*Fatehpur Sikri; Bharatpur (especially a flock of 100+)*
 Dalmatian Pelican –*Bharatpur (about 20)*
 Indian Cormorant –*Okla Island (5); Bharatpur (we even saw its turquoise eye)*
 Great Cormorant –*Okla Island (20); Dhikala; Ramnagar; Tughluqabad; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha (including 5 or 6 in breeding plumage)*
 Little Cormorant –*Okla Island (50); Lohdi Garden; Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 “Oriental” Darter –*Bharatpur (many, including one trying to position a fish for swallowing); Bund Baretha*
 Gray Heron –*Okla Island (2-3); Corbett on the Kosi River; Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Purple Heron –*Okla Island (2); Bharatpur (fairly common)*
 Great Egret –*Corbett National Park (at Dhikala); Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Intermediate Egret –*Okla Island (4); Bandhavgarh (1); Bharatpur (in nuptial plumage)*
 Little Egret –*Okla Island (4-5); Corbett; Ramnagar; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Indian Pond-Heron –*Okla Island (5); Dhikala; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur (common in wetlands throughout)*
 Cattle Egret –*Okla Island (10); Delhi; Taj Mahal; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Striated Heron –*Ramnagar (1 at the dam initially misidentified as a Black-crowned Night-Heron); Bharatpur*
 Black-crowned Night-Heron –*Bharatpur (a dozen or so, especially well-seen with the Dalmatian Pelicans our final morning)*
 Black Bittern –*Bharatpur (1, eventually even scoped for everyone)*
 Painted Stork –*Okla Island (2-3); Fatehpur Sikri; Bharatpur (approximately 700 nesting pairs)*
 Asian Openbill –*Bund Baretha (2 fly-overs and a third posing for the scopes)*
 Black Stork –*Dhikala (about a dozen inside Corbett Nat’l Park); Bandhavgarh (2 immatures)*
 Woolly-necked Stork –*Dhikala (several along the river below hotel); Bandhavgarh (handful); Bharatpur (1)*
 Black-necked Stork –*Dhikala (1 along the river below our hotel inside of Corbett NP); Bharatpur (a handful)*
 Lesser Adjutant –*Bandhavgarh (several seen every day, possibly 4-5 total)*
 Black-headed Ibis –*Bharatpur (2-3 dozen)*
 Red-naped (Black) Ibis –*Bandhavgarh (about 5 altogether)*
 Glossy Ibis –*Bharatpur (ca. 50)*
 Eurasian Spoonbill –*Okla Island (30); Bharatpur (common)*
 Greater Flamingo –*Okla Island (25, plus or minus)*

Lesser Whistling-Duck –*Bund Baretha Reservoir (8-10)*
 Greylag Goose –*Okla Island (about 800); Bharatpur*
 Bar-headed Goose –*Okla Island (about 200); Bharatpur (memorably providing a foreground for golden sunset)*
 Ruddy Shelduck –*Okla Island (30); Ramnagar; Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Common Shelduck –*Okla Island (15)*
 Comb Duck –*Okla Island (1 female); Bharatpur (1 female); Bund Baretha (10)*
 Cotton Pygmy-goose –*Bund Baretha (ca. 15)*
 Eurasian Wigeon –*Okla Island (4-5); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Gadwall –*Okla Island (100); Bharatpur*
 Eurasian (Common) Teal –*Okla Island (200); Corbett; Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Mallard –*Dhikala (200); Sattal (lone male just before we saw the first leopard); Bund Baretha*
 “Burmese” Spot-billed Duck –*Okla Island (25); Bharatpur (25); Bund Baretha*
 Northern Pintail –*Okla Island (100); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Garganey –*Bharatpur (2 females at separate locations, both scoped even though nearby)*
 Northern Shoveler –*Okla Island (about 500); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Red-crested Pochard –*Bund Baretha Reservoir (ca. 10)*
 Common Pochard –*Okla Island (200); Bund Baretha*
 Ferruginous Pochard –*Bund Baretha Reservoir (1)*
 Tufted Duck –*Okla Island (10); Bund Baretha*
 Common Merganser –*Corbett (8 on the River Kosi downstream from the Quality Inn)*
 Osprey –*Dhikala (several)*
 Oriental Honey-buzzard –*Bharatpur (1 soaring over our 1st afternoon at the pond below the Bagh hotel)*
 Black-shouldered Kite –*Okla Island (2); Dhikala; Bandhavgarh*
 Black Kite –*Okla Island (100); Lohdi Garden (on nest); Ramnagar*
 “Black-eared Kite” –*Okla Island (1000); Tughluqabad; Ramnagar; Nainital; Taj Mahal; Fort Agra; Fatehpur Sikri; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Pallas’s Fish-Eagle –*Dhikala (seen well on multiple occasions)*
 Lesser Fish-Eagle –*Corbett (3); Dhikala*
 Lammergeier –*Nainital (saturation studies of pair after lunch above the little settlement off Mongoli Valley)*
 Egyptian Vulture –*Ramnagar; Taj Mahal; Bandhavgarh; Fatehpur Sikri; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 White-rumped Vulture –*Ramnagar (5-6); Bandhavgarh (2); Bharatpur (2 on ground at a carcass)*
 Indian (Long-billed) Vulture –*Bandhavgarh (fairly common)*
 Slender-billed Vulture –*Corbett; Ramnagar*
 Himalayan Griffon –*Nainital (fairly common throughout area, always soaring); Sattal*
 Eurasian Griffon –*Corbett; Dhikala (our best views here of an adult & immature on ground); Ramnagar*
 Cinereous Vulture –*Corbett; Dhikala (our best view here of bird on ground in the road); Ramnagar*
 Red-headed Vulture –*Corbett; Dhikala (our best views here of adult perched on ground & in a tree); Ramnagar; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur (1 of these rarities on ground at a carcass)*
 Short-toed (Snake-) Eagle –*Dhikala (1 seen on our afternoon elephant ride)*
 Crested Serpent-Eagle –*Corbett; Dhikala; Ramnagar; Bandhavgarh*
 Western Marsh-Harrier –*Okla Island (4); Bharatpur (several)*
 Northern (Hen) Harrier –*Dhikala (several)*
 Shikra –*Delhi (male); Corbett; Bandhavgarh*
 Besra –*Bandhavgarh (2)*
 Eurasian Sparrowhawk –*Ramnagar; Nainital; Fatehpur Sikri; Bharatpur*
 Northern Goshawk –*Nainital (a soaring male in upper Pangot Valley)*
 White-eyed Buzzard –*Bandhavgarh (2)*
 Eurasian (Common) Buzzard –*Nainital (a couple)*
 Long-legged Buzzard –*Corbett (1)*

Upland Buzzard –Nainital (1 in upper Mongoli Valley on walk)
 Black Eagle –Corbett Falls (1 soaring bird seen from the highway just before lunch)
 Indian Spotted Eagle –Bharatpur (1)
 Greater Spotted Eagle –Corbett (1 on night drive from the Quality Inn); Bharatpur (most common eagle here)
 Tawny Eagle –Nainital (perched, on our descent to Sattal)
 Steppe Eagle –Ramnagar; Nainital (most common eagle species here); Sattal
 Imperial Eagle –Sattal (1, probably 2); Bharatpur (2-3)
 Golden Eagle –Nainital (3); Sattal (1)
 Bonelli's Eagle –Corbett (pair on River Kosi between the Quality Inn & the park entrance); Nainital
 Booted Eagle –Ramnagar (2); Fatehpur Sikri (1 light morph bird soaring over the ruins); Bharatpur
 Changeable Hawk-Eagle –Dhikala (very dark morph)
 "Crested Hawk-Eagle" –Bandhavgarh (both a light morph and a dark morph, & both birds perched)
 Mountain Hawk-Eagle –Corbett (2)
 Collared Falconet –Dhikala (1)
 Eurasian (Common) Kestrel –Okla Island (1 female); Bandhavgarh (on same perches every visit); Bharatpur
 Peregrine Falcon –Corbett; Ramnagar; Nainital (pair harassing Lammergeiers); Bandhavgarh
 Black Francolin –Dhikala (several); Nainital
 Gray Francolin –Bharatpur (1 at town pond near our hotel, dozens in Park); Bund Baretha
 Jungle Bush-Quail –Bund Baretha (about a dozen flushed from a thicket just before lunch)
 Hill Partridge –Nainital (pair on Snowview Ridge just above the town)
 Koklass Pheasant –Nainital (male for Adam, female for Hermann & Rick); Vinayak Road (pair seen well by all)
 Red Junglefowl –Corbett (3); Dhikala; Corbett; Bandhavgarh
 Kalij Pheasant –Corbett (several, excellent views); Nainital (scoped a couple of times in the Mongoli Valley)
 Indian Peafowl –Corbett (3 males at River Kosi); Dhikala; Bandhavgarh (common, 1 even in display)
 Sarus Crane –Bharatpur (2 males, possibly the world's tallest flying bird); drive into Delhi (2)
 Common Crane –Bharatpur (ca. 50 altogether)
 Brown Crake –Bund Baretha (1 in a water hyacinth-choked canal from a small bridge en route to the mosque)
 White-breasted Waterhen –Corbett (2 on River Kosi); Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 "Gray-headed" Purple Swamphen –Okla Island (50-100); Bharatpur (1); Bund Baretha; flocks along road on
 drive back to Delhi
 Common Moorhen –Okla Island (1); Bharatpur (common); Bund Baretha
 Eurasian (Common) Coot –Okla Island (100); Bharatpur (flocks of 100s); Bund Baretha
 Pheasant-tailed Jacana –Bharatpur (ca. 10)
 Bronze-winged Jacana –Bharatpur (an handful, including 1 adult in iridescent breeding plumage); Bund
 Baretha
 Greater Painted-Snipe –Bharatpur (2 males and a female scoped our 1st morning in Keoladeo NP)
 Black-winged Stilt –Okla Island (100); Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Pied Avocet –Okla Island (12); Bharatpur (1)
 Eurasian Thick-knee –Bharatpur (1 our final morning)
 Great Thick-knee –Dhikala; Bund Baretha (a handful at dawn)
 Indian Courser –Bharatpur (15-20 in one field our first afternoon and 10-12 in another field our final morning)
 River Lapwing –Okla Island (2); Corbett (2 pairs); Dhikala; Ramnagar; Taj Mahal
 Yellow-wattled Lapwing –Bharatpur (1 at town pond, 2 in Park)
 Red-wattled Lapwing –Okla Island (ca. 100); Tughluqabad; Dhikala; Ramnagar; Taj Mahal; Bandhavgarh;
 Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 White-tailed Lapwing –Okla Island (5); Bharatpur (fairly common)
 Little Ringed Plover –Okla Island (1); Dhikala; Bharatpur
 Jack Snipe –Okla Island (1)
 Common Snipe –Okla Island (6); Dhikala; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha

Black-tailed Godwit –Okla Island (approximately 100); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Eurasian Curlew –Bund Baretha Reservoir (scope view of 2)
 Spotted Redshank –Okla Island (1); Bharatpur (fairly common)
 Common Redshank –Okla Island (1); Bharatpur (a handful)
 Marsh Sandpiper –Okla Island (5); Bharatpur (a few)
 Common Greenshank –Corbett; Dhikala; Ramnagar; Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Green Sandpiper –Okla Island (1); Corbett; Ramnagar; Sattal; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Wood Sandpiper –Okla Island (several); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Common Sandpiper –Okla Island (5); Corbett; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Little Stint –Okla Island (3); Bharatpur
 Temminck’s Stint –Okla Island (4); Bharatpur (1 at town pond , plus more in Keoladeo National Park)
 Ruff –Okla Island (3); Taj Mahal (ca. 25); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 “Steppe” Heuglin’s Gull –Okla Island (several)
 Great Black-headed (Pallas’s) Gull –Okla Island (several)
 Brown-headed Gull –Okla Island (100s); Bund Baretha (10 on a distant island)
 Black-headed Gull –Okla Island (at least 100)
 Gull-billed Tern –Bund Baretha (5-6 on a distant island)
 River Tern –Dhikala (1); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Whiskered Tern –Bund Baretha (ca. 5)
 Rock Pigeon (Dove) –Delhi; Corbett; Ramnagar; Nainital; Agra; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha (on cliffs in natural habitat within range)
 Oriental Turtle-Dove –Dhikala; Nainital; Bandhavgarh
 Eurasian Collared-Dove –Okla Island (5); Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Nainital; Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Red Collared-Dove –Taj Mahal (3)
 Spotted Dove –Dhikala (a few at a waterhole we visited on elephantback); Bandhavgarh
 Laughing Dove –Okla Island (5); Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
 Emerald Dove –Dhikala (1 flushed off the park road)
 Yellow-footed (Green) Pigeon –Delhi; Lohdi Garden; Taj Mahal; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur (fairly common)
 Alexandrine Parakeet –Okla Island (2); Lohdi Garden (a few pairs); on bus ride to Bharatpur
 Rose-ringed Parakeet –Delhi; Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Corbett; Taj Mahal; Fort Agra; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha (nesting; this was the common parakeet species in the lowlands)
 Slaty-headed Parakeet –Dhikala; Nainital; Sattal ; (this was the common parakeet species in the lowlands)
 Plum-headed Parakeet –Dhikala; Ramnagar; Bandhavgarh (common here); Bund Baretha
 Red-breasted Parakeet –Corbett National Park (flocks seen along the paved boundary road near the Quality Inn)
 Common Hawk-Cuckoo –Sattal; Bandhavgarh; Bund Baretha mosque (all singles)
 Plaintive Cuckoo –Bandhavgarh (a fly-over for the first van only)
 Asian Koel –Taj Mahal (heard only); Bandhavgarh (seen final p.m.); Bharatpur (at our hotel); Bund Baretha
 Greater Coucal –Okla Island (1); Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha (fairly common in wet lowlands)
 Lesser Coucal –Dhikala (2 in the grasslands near the hotel)
 Indian Scops-Owl –Bandhavgarh (pair on a day roost near our hotel)
 Collared Scops-Owl –Ramnagar (pair on a day roost in upper branches of a big flowering bougainvillea plant)
 Dusky Eagle-Owl –Taj Mahal (pair with fluffy white chick in the nest); Bharatpur (both a nest with 1 young and an adult pair at another location)
 Brown Fish-Owl –Corbett (pair up the side canyon); Dhikala (at the beginning of our elephant ride); Bandhavgarh (on a day roost near the entrance gate)
 Tawny Fish-Owl –Corbett (a pair seen near the first bridge by the Quality Inn on two different days)
 Mottled Wood-Owl –Bandhavgarh (pair scoped our final morning at the third and final stake-out)

Collared Owlet –*Nainital*: (2 seen on Kilbury Road & 2 seen on Vinayak Road; others heard in same area)
 Asian Barred-Owlet –*Dhikala* (1 with spider in its talons seen inside the hotel compound)
 Jungle Owlet –*Bandhavgarh* (seen on our final evening drive into the park)
 Spotted Owlet –*Tughluqabad*; *Taj Mahal* (7 in a row on a leafy day roost); *Bandhavgarh* (at entrance our 1st a.m. & in tree cavity); *Bund Baretha* (adult with fledgling being mobbed by Rose-ringed Parakeets)
 Brown Hawk-Owl –*Bharatpur* (1 scoped in the old Nursery garden. We saw 11 owls altogether, all in daytime)
 Large-tailed Nightjar –*Bharatpur* (wonderful scope view of 1 on a ground day roost in the old Nursery)
 Himalayan Swiftlet –*Corbett* (over River Kosi); *Ramnagar*
 White-rumped Needletail –*Corbett* (small flocks seen several times)
 Brown-backed Needletail –*Fatehpur Sikri* (3)
 Little (House) Swift –*Lohdi Gardens*; *Taj Mahal*; *Bund Baretha*
 Crested Treeswift –*Corbett* (about 75 near the Quality Inn, plus more inside the park near Dhikala)
 Common Kingfisher –*Corbett*; *Dhikala*; *Bandhavgarh*; *Bharatpur*
 White-throated Kingfisher –*Okla Island* (10); *Lohdi Garden*; *Dhikala*; *Sattal*; *Taj Mahal*; *Bandhavgarh*; *Bharatpur* (this was the most widespread and common kingfisher species in Northern India)
 Crested Kingfisher –*Corbett* (several on River Kosi near the Quality Inn); *Dhikala*
 Pied Kingfisher –*Ramnagar* (several); *Taj Mahal*; *Bandhavgarh* (our first evening walk); *Bharatpur*; *Bund Baretha*
 Blue-bearded Bee-eater –*Corbett* (1 near Park entrance)
 Green Bee-eater –*Okla Island* (5); *Tughluqabad*; *Bandhavgarh*
 Indian Roller –*Corbett* (pair); *Bandhavgarh* (fairly common here); *Bharatpur*; *Bund Baretha*
 (Eurasian or Common) Hoopoe –*Okla Island* (2); *Tughluqabad*; *Taj Mahal*; *Fort Agra*; *Bandhavgarh*; *Bharatpur* (many wonderful views of this charismatic species)
 Indian Gray Hornbill –*Taj Mahal*; *Bandhavgarh*; *Bharatpur*; *Bund Baretha*; *Delhi*
 Malabar Pied-Hornbill –*Bandhavgarh* (4, two pairs perched in a dead treetop not long before our 1st tiger)
 Great Barbet –*Corbett*; *Nainital* (heard or seen at all locations); *Sattal* (this species was surprisingly common)
 Brown-headed Barbet –*Lohdi Garden* (2-3); *Taj Mahal*; *Bharatpur*; *Bund Baretha*
 Lineated Barbet –*Corbett* (fairly common); *Dhikala*
 Blue-throated Barbet –*Corbett* (seen twice); *Nainital* (scoped in Mongoli Valley)
 Coppersmith Barbet –*Tughluqabad*; *Corbett* (fairly common); *Bandhavgarh*; *Bharatpur*
 Brown-capped (Pygmy-) Woodpecker –*Bandhavgarh* (at our lodge)
 Gray-capped (Pygmy-) Woodpecker –*Dhikala*
 Brown-fronted Woodpecker –*Nainital*: males on Mallital Trail & Mongoli Valley and pair of males sparring on *Vinayak Road*
 Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker –*Corbett*; *Dhikala* (about a half dozen altogether)
 Yellow-crowned Woodpecker –*Bandhavgarh* (including 1 at lodge); *Bharatpur*
 Rufous-bellied Woodpecker –*Nainital* (multiple views of a gorgeous male on *Vinayak Road*)
 Himalayan Woodpecker –*Nainital* (2, 1 on *Kilbury Road* & 1 on *Vinayak Road*)
 Lesser Yellownappe –*Corbett*; *Dhikala*; *Nainital*; *Sattal*
 Greater Yellownappe –*Corbett* (several); *Nainital* (1 on *Snowview Ridge*)
 Streak-throated Woodpecker –*Corbett* (1 just after we began the elephant ride)
 Gray-faced (-headed) Woodpecker –*Corbett* (5-6); *Ramnagar*; *Corbett Falls*
 Himalayan Fireback –*Corbett*; *Dhikala*
 Black-rumped Flameback –*Tughluqabad*; *Lohdi Garden*; *Bandhavgarh* (most common woodpecker species); *Bharatpur*
 Greater Flameback –*Corbett* (1 near the Quality Inn)
 Great Slaty Woodpecker –*Corbett* (5 flying overhead)
 Indian (Indochinese) Bushlark –*Tughluqabad* (2, 1 seen at close range)
 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark –*Bund Baretha* (a handful in the dry river bed we crossed en route to reservoir)

Rufous-tailed Lark –*Bharatpur (4-5 our final morning)*
 Crested Lark –*Bharatpur (1, great scope view of a singing bird)*
 Plain Martin –*Okla Island (100); Corbett; Ramnagar; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Eurasian Crag-Martin –*Nainital (especially well seen on Vinayak Road and road to Sattal); Bund Baretha*
 Dusky Crag-Martin –*Ramnagar; Bund Baretha*
 Barn Swallow –*Okla Island (5); Nainital (as we left town en route to Sattal); Sattal*
 Wire-tailed Swallow –*Bandhavgarh (2 on first evening walk); Bund Baretha (even perched on wires over canal)*
 Nepal (House-) Martin –*Corbett*
 White Wagtail –*Ramnagar (2 races); Corbett Falls; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 White-browed Wagtail –*Corbett (on River Kosi near Quality Inn); Ramnagar; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Citrine Wagtail –*Okla Island (ca. 10); Bharatpur (100s in flight in afternoon); Bund Baretha*
 Eastern Yellow Wagtail –*Okla Island (1)*
 Gray Wagtail –*Corbett (2); Corbett Falls; Sattal; Bandhavgarh*
 Oriental (Paddyfield) Pipit –*Okla Island (3); Bharatpur*
 Richard's Pipit –*Bandhavgarh (2 on our first afternoon walk)*
 Long-billed Pipit –*Dhikala (1); Bandhavgarh (1)*
 Tree Pipit –*Bandhavgarh (fairly common)*
 Olive-backed Pipit –*Corbett (several small flocks); Sattal; Bharatpur*
 Rosy Pipit –*Bharatpur (4-5)*
 Large Cuckoo-shrike –*Bandhavgarh (3)*
 Small Minivet –*Bandhavgarh (pair at our lodge and more in Park); Bund Baretha*
 Long-tailed Minivet –*Corbett; Dhikala; Nainital*
 Scarlet Minivet –*Corbett (near Park entrance)*
 Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike –*Corbett; Dhikala; Nainital (always seen in small flocks)*
 Red-whiskered Bulbul –*Tughluqabad; Corbett; Ramnagar*
 White-eared Bulbul –*Tughluqabad; Bharatpur*
 White-cheeked (Himalayan) Bulbul –*Corbett; Dhikala; Ramnagar; Corbett Falls; Nainital; Sattal (the most common bulbul species at high elevation)*
 Red-vented Bulbul –*Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Corbett; Ramnagar; Nainital; Sattal; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur (the most common bulbul species at lower elevations)*
 Ashy Bulbul –*Corbett; Sattal*
 Black Bulbul –*Nainital (large flock of ca. 40 up the mountain above Corbett Falls en route to Nainital)*
 Blue-winged Leafbird –*Bandhavgarh ("Jerdon's" form)*
 Common Iora –*Dhikala; Corbett; Bandhavgarh*
 Brown Dipper –*Corbett (pair with nesting material on River Kosi below the Quality Inn)*
 Himalayan Accentor –*Nainital (40-50 on Vinayak Road)*
 Rufous-breasted Accentor –*Nainital (pair--wonderful views of male on drive up from Corbett Falls); Sattal*
 Black-throated Accentor –*Sattal (just before the wild and hairy ride to the Lalkuan Train Station)*
 Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush –*Nainital (2-3 males, especially good views of 1 on Mallital Trail)*
 Blue Rock-Thrush –*Tughluqabad (male); Corbett*
 Blue Whistling-Thrush –*Corbett; Dhikala; Ramnagar; Nainital; Sattal (common in the highlands)*
 Orange-headed Thrush –*Bandhavgarh (white-throated form, 3 singles on our final afternoon drive), Bund Baretha (2 of the entirely orange-headed Himalayan race at the mosque)*
 Plain-backed Thrush –*Nainital (scope views of 1 on Vinayak Road on our return drive)*
 Long-tailed Thrush –*Nainital (in a steep ravine on Kilbury Road our first morning)*
 Scaly Thrush –*Sattal (1 behind our lunch restaurant)*
 Long-billed Thrush –*Corbett Falls (seen by everyone, but only after Adam waded into the river! We had a record 5 species of notoriously difficult Zoothera thrushes seen during the trip)*
 Tickell's Thrush –*Sattal (a pair, finally, behind the lunch restaurant); Bund Baretha (1 at mosque)*

Gray-winged Blackbird –*Nainital (female on Snowview Ridge); Sattal (males and females behind lunch restaurant)*

Dark-throated Thrush –*Corbett; Ramnagar; Nainital; Sattal (“dark-throated” form at all locations)*

Zitting Cisticola –*Okla Island (1)*

Golden-headed (Bright-headed) Cisticola –*Dhikala (1 we stopped for, probably many flushed on elephant ride)*

Striated Prinia –*Nainital (several)*

Rufous-fronted Prinia –*Bund Baretha (1 while we chased the Jungle Bush-Quail)*

Gray-breasted Prinia –*Nainital*

Graceful Prinia –*Okla Island*

Yellow-bellied Prinia –*Okla Island*

Ashy Prinia –*Okla Island (courting); Tughluqabad; Ramnagar; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*

Plain Prinia –*Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Corbett; Ramnagar*

Chestnut-headed Tesia –*Corbett; Sattal (excellent views of this pint-sized beauty at both locales)*

Aberrant Bush-Warbler –*Nainital (with patience, seen well near the stream at the Lammergeier site after lunch in Mongoli Valley)*

Blyth’s Reed-Warbler –*Bharatpur (1 heard and 1 seen our final morning in the Park)*

“Indian” Clamorous Reed-Warbler –*Bharatpur (1)*

Sykes’s (Booted) Warbler –*Bandhavgarh (2)*

Common Tailorbird –*Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Bandhavgarh; Bund Baretha*

Siberian (Common) Chiffchaff –*Okla Island (several small flocks); Ramnagar; Nainital; Sattal; Bandhavgarh*

Dusky Warbler –*Tughluqabad*

Sulphur-bellied Warbler –*Bandhavgarh (1)*

Buff-barred Warbler –*Nainital (fairly common)*

Ashy-throated Warbler –*Nainital (on upper Mongoli Valley walk); Sattal*

Lemon-rumped (Pale-rumped) Warbler –*Corbett; Nainital; Sattal*

Brook’s Leaf-Warbler –*Bharatpur*

Hume’s Warbler –*Corbett; Dhikala; Nainital*

Greenish Warbler –*Okla Island (1); Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Bandhavgarh*

Whistler’s Warbler –*Corbett; Corbett Falls; Sattal*

Gray-hooded Warbler –*Corbett; Corbett Falls; Nainital; Sattal*

Black-faced Warbler –*Nainital (“white-bellied” form)*

Striated Grassbird –*Okla Island (1 near the funeral pyre)*

Lesser (Small) Whitethroat –*Okla Island (12); Tughluqabad; Ramnagar; Corbett Falls; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*

Eastern Orphea Warbler –*Bharatpur (1)*

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher –*Corbett; Corbett Falls; Nainital; Sattal*

Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatcher –*Bandhavgarh (females)*

Red-breasted Flycatcher –*Okla Island (including a male with red breast); Tughluqabad; Sattal; Bund Baretha*

Ultramarine Flycatcher –*Bandhavgarh (1, just minutes before our first tigers)*

Slaty-blue Flycatcher –*Corbett; Dhikala; Sattal*

Small Niltava –*Corbett (female); Sattal (male)*

Rufous-bellied Niltava –*Corbett (a male at the Quality Inn); Sattal (male)*

Tickell’s Blue-Flycatcher –*Bandhavgarh (male at the boggy area on the fenceline at our lodge)*

Gray-headed Canary-flycatcher –*Corbett; Corbett Falls; Bund Baretha*

Siberian Rubythroat –*Bharatpur (1 on our final morning at the picnic site)*

“Himalayan” White-tailed Rubythroat –*Corbett (several, including 1 at the little house near Quality Inn); Sattal*

Bluethroat –*Okla Island (a half dozen); Tughluqabad; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*

Red-flanked Bluetail (Orange-flanked Bush-Robin) –*Nainital (3 males, 2 females altogether, with a wonderful prolonged view of a male at the shrines on the Mallital Trail); Sattal*

- Golden Bush-Robin –*Sattal (a molten male in the brush piles behind our lunch restaurant)*
- Oriental Magpie-Robin –*Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Sattal; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
- White-rumped Shama –*Corbett; Dhikala*
- Indian Robin –*Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Ramnagar; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
- Blue-capped Redstart –*Nainital (fairly common); Sattal*
- Black Redstart –*Okla Island (female); Bandhavgarh (males); Bharatpur (male); Bund Baretha (female)*
- Blue-fronted Redstart –*Nainital (female in Upper Mongoli Valley)*
- White-capped (Water) Redstart –*Corbett; Dhikala; Nainital; Sattal*
- Plumbeous (Water) Redstart –*Corbett (females on streams; males on River Kosi); Dhikala*
- Little Forktail –*Corbett (2 on River Kosi near the Quality Inn)*
- Slaty-backed Forktail –*Corbett Falls (1)*
- Spotted Forktail –*Sattal (1 on the tiny stream that fed the pond where we saw the Leopards)*
- Siberian (Common) Stonechat –*Corbett; Dhikala; Nainital; Sattal; Bandhavgarh*
- White-tailed Stonechat –*Okla Island (pair)*
- Pied Bushchat –*Okla Island (male); Bharatpur (a half dozen); Bund Baretha*
- Gray Bushchat –*Corbett; Dhikala; Nainital; Sattal*
- Northern Wheatear –*Bharatpur (female)*
- Desert Wheatear –*Bharatpur (male)*
- Indian (Brown Rock-) Chat –*Tughluqabad; Ramnagar; Agra Fort; Fatehpur Sikri; Bund Baretha*
- Yellow-bellied Fantail –*Corbett (1 at hotel our 1st morning); Sattal*
- White-throated Fantail –*Corbett; Corbett Falls; Nainital; Sattal*
- White-browed Fantail –*Bandhavgarh (5-6)*
- White-throated Laughingthrush –*Nainital (flock of about 25 at Snowview Ridge and a flock on Pangot Valley); Sattal*
- White-crested Laughingthrush –*Corbett (fairly common, always in small flocks)*
- Striated Laughingthrush –*Nainital (2 on Mallital Trail near the shrines)*
- Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush –*Sattal (2 pairs)*
- Streaked Laughingthrush –*Nainital (common)*
- Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush –*Nainital (1 down by the stream, 1st spotted by Ramani)*
- Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler –*Dhikala (heard only); Nainital (1 on Pangot Road); Sattal (heard only)*
- Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler –*Nainital (1 on Mallital Trail near the shrines); Sattal*
- Black-chinned Babbler –*Corbett (especially the large flock at the entrance gate); Dhikala; Nainital*
- Yellow-eyed Babbler –*Okla Island; Dhikala (with red eyes at both locales)*
- Common Babbler –*Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Bund Baretha*
- Striated Babbler –*Okla Island (1 in plain view)*
- Large Gray Babbler –*Bharatpur (flock of 10 or 12); Bund Baretha (seen as we were en route to the reservoir)*
- Jungle Babbler –*Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Corbett; Nainital; Sattal; Agra; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur (by far the most common babbler spp. below 6,000' and always in flocks)*
- Red-billed Leiothrix –*Corbett (especially several at a small yard near the Quality Inn); Sattal (especially along the small stream to the small pond where we saw the leopards)*
- White-browed Shrike-Babbler –*Nainital (male on Kilbury Road)*
- Green Shrike-Babbler –*Nainital (female on Kilbury Road)*
- Blue-winged Minla –*Corbett; Nainital (excellent views at both sites)*
- Rufous Sibia –*Nainital; Sattal (common in highlands)*
- White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina) –*Sattal (2)*
- Black-throated Tit –*Nainital; Sattal (many flocks of this stunning little beauty)*
- “Rufous-naped” Black-breasted Tit –*Nainital (2)*
- Black-crested (Spot-winged) Tit –*Nainital; Sattal (fairly common in the highlands)*

- Great Tit –Corbett; Dhikala; Ramnagar; Bandhavgarh (2, rare here)
- Green-backed Tit –Nainital; Sattal (common in the highlands)
- Black-lored Tit –Corbett (a handful); Nainital
- Yellow-browed Tit –Nainital (a handful)
- Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch –Corbett (northern form with white spots on undertail coverts)
- “Indian Nuthatch” –Bandhavgarh (pair at our lodge, southern form—or possibly species—with gray spots on undertail coverts)
- White-tailed Nuthatch –Dhikala (Van only); Corbett; Nainital
- Velvet-fronted Nuthatch –Corbett (fairly common)
- Wallcreeper –Ramnagar (2 at Kosi River viewpoint); Nainital (great views of nearby bird for Adam’s vehicle)
- Bar-tailed Treecreeper –Corbett; Nainital; Sattal (fairly common)
- Purple Sunbird –Tughluqabad; Bandhavgarh (fairly common); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
- Green-tailed Sunbird –Nainital (2 females plus a pair on Pangot Valley Road); Sattal (adult male)
- Crimson Sunbird –Corbett (glimpsed by Adam and 1 or 2 others)
- Thick-billed Flowerpecker –Bandhavgarh (a couple at the hotel & a few in Park)
- Pale-billed Flowerpecker –Bandhavgarh (2-3 in the big trees at the entrance to our hotel)
- Oriental White-eye –Tughluqabad; Corbett; Corbett Falls; Nainital; Sattal; Bandhavgarh
- Black-hooded Oriole –Dhikala (1); Bandhavgarh (1)
- Brown Shrike –Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur
- Bay-backed Shrike –Bandhavgarh (1 on our first afternoon walk from the hotel); Bharatpur (1)
- Long-tailed Shrike –Okla Island (several of the gray-headed form); Tughluqabad; Dhikala; Nainital; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
- Southern Gray Shrike –Bharatpur (1 our 1st day & 1 our 3rd day here); Bund Baretha (1)
- Common Woodshrike –Tughluqabad; Dhikala; Bandhavgarh (1 bird at each site)
- Black Drongo –Tughluqabad; Corbett; Taj Mahal; Bandhavgarh (even riding on the back of Wild Boars); Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
- Ashy Drongo –Corbett (a few); Nainital (a handful here)
- White-bellied Drongo –Dhikala (1 inside the compound); Bandhavgarh (1)
- Bronzed Drongo –Corbett; Sattal (just a few altogether)
- Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo –Corbett; Corbett Falls (fairly common)
- Greater Racket-tailed Drongo –Bandhavgarh (5 or 6 pairs)
- Eurasian Jay –Nainital (1 on Snowview Ridge and 3 on Kilbury Road)
- Black-headed Jay –Nainital (great scope views)
- (Red-billed) Blue Magpie –Nainital (many fabulous views in all areas); Sattal (even at the lunch restaurant)
- Green Magpie –Dhikala (several were a welcome surprise near the river overlook)
- Rufous Treepie –Tughluqabad; Corbett; Taj Mahal; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
- Gray Treepie –Nainital (prolonged scope views in Mongoli Valley near house with round concrete water tank)
- House Crow –Delhi; Agra; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha (a flock shared our picnic lunch with us)
- Large-billed Crow –Lohdi Garden; Corbett; Ramnagar; Nainital; Sattal; Bandhavgarh
- Jungle Myna –Nainital (1 scoped in Mongoli Valley near house with round concrete water tank)
- Bank Myna –Okla Island; Agra; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
- Common Myna –Okla Island; Delhi; Lohdi Garden; Nainital; Sattal; Agra; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
- Asian Pied Starling –Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Taj Mahal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha
- Brahminy Starling –Ramnagar (1); Taj Mahal (a handful walking on lawns); Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur (singing)
- Baya Weaver –Dhikala (just beyond the first herd of Asian Elephants for Adam’s van)
- Red Avadavat –Okla Island; Bund Baretha (in the fields en route to the reservoir with males in white-spotted red breeding plumage)
- White-throated Munia (Indian Silverbill) –Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Bharatpur

White-rumped Munia –*Bandhavgarh (including 1 with nesting material)*
 Nutmeg Mannikin (Scaly-breasted Munia) –*Ramnagar (several immatures)*
 Pine Bunting –*Nainital (on Pangot Valley Road)*
 Rock Bunting –*Nainital (common along the trail in the upper Mongoli Valley)*
 Chestnut-breasted (White-capped) Bunting –*Sattal (2 juveniles scoped); Bund Baretha (several females scoped)*
 Chestnut-eared Bunting –*Dhikala (just beyond the 1st elephant herd for Adam's vehicle); Nainital (1)*
 Common Rosefinch –*Tughluqabad (female scoped); Nainital (several females and 1 male); Sattal; Bandhavgarh; Bund Baretha*
 Pink-browed Rosefinch –*Nainital (3 males, 2 females and more on Mallital walk and on Pangot Road)*
 Yellow-breasted Greenfinch –*Corbett; Nainital (on Mongoli walk)*
 Black-and-yellow Grosbeak –*Nainital (immature male on Pangot Road)*
 House Sparrow –*Delhi; Tughluqabad; Corbett; Nainital; Sattal; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Russet Sparrow –*Nainital (especially common along the trail in the upper Mongoli Valley); Sattal*
 Chestnut-shouldered Petronia –*Bandhavgarh (common)*
Total: 398 species (+ 3 additional subspecies or 401 species using most recent taxonomy)

Mammal List:

Horseshoe Bat –*Bandhavgarh (100s in the carved sandstone chambers)*
 Naked-rumped Tomb Bat –*Agra Fort (several on the ceiling)*
 Lesser Mouse-tailed Bat –*Tughluqabad (1 scoped on the ceiling of the tomb)*
 Indian Flying Fox –*Bund Baretha Mosque (100s in the trees)*
 Rhesus Macaque –*Tughluqabad; Corbett; Nainital; Sattal; Bandhavgarh; Bharatpur*
 Hanuman Langur –*Corbett; Nainital; Sattal; Bandhavgarh*
 Indian Fox –*Bandhavgarh (for Rick's vehicle near the far entrance)*
 Golden Jackal –*Dhikala; Bandhavgarh*
 Striped Hyena –*Bandhavgarh (for Van, Hermann, & Steve as we were driving in from the Umaria Train Station)*
 Eurasian Otter –*Dhikala (a couple sleeping on an island in the reservoir)*
 Yellow-throated Marten –*Sattal (leisurely bounding across the nearby hillside and in view for 10 minutes)*
 Small Indian Mongoose –*Taj Mahal (motionless on buttress roots of a tree for several minutes); Bandhavgarh*
 Indian Gray Mongoose –*Bharatpur*
 Ruddy Mongoose –*Dhikala; Bandhavgarh*
 Jungle Cat –*Bandhavgarh (2, 1 by daylight in the marsh, 1 at night near the far entrance)*
 Leopard –*Sattal (2 on the hill above the little pond); Bandhavgarh (for Adam's vehicle near the far entrance)*
 Tiger –*Bandhavgarh (6, including the 1st chasing a Spotted Deer & coming as close as 20'!)*
 Asian (Indian) Elephant –*Dhikala (3 herds en route back to the Quality Inn, 25-30 altogether)*
 Wild Boar –*Dhikala; Bandhavgarh*
 Indian Muntjac –*Dhikala; Sattal; Bandhavgarh*
 Hog Deer –*Dhikala (in the river flood plain below the compound)*
 Spotted Deer –*Corbett; Dhikala; Bandhavgarh (quite common; in fact, all tiger kills were this species)*
 Sambar Deer –*Corbett (ca. 10 altogether); Bandhavgarh (fairly common); Bharatpur (several)*
 Nilgai –*Corbett (1 tame animal at entrance gate); Bharatpur (including bulls chasing each other on final a.m.)*
 Northern Palm Squirrel –*Okla Island; Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; Agra; Bharatpur; Bund Baretha*
 Southern Palm Squirrel –*Bandhavgarh*
 Black Rat –*Ramnagar; Agra*
 House Mouse –*Nainital; train from Agra to Umaria*

Indian Crested Porcupine –*Corbett (1 on our night drive from the Quality Inn)*

Black-necked Hare –*Corbett (seen both by daylight & on the night drive from the Quality Inn)*

Total: 30 species

Reptile List:

Tropical House Gecko –*Bharatpur*

Indian House Gecko –*Bharatpur*

Striped Skink –*Bandhavgarh*

Rock Lizard Spp.–*Nainital (slipping into a crevice on Vinayak Road)*

Bengal Monitor Lizard –*Dhikala (sliding into a burrow near the compound entrance)*

Mugger (Marsh) Crocodile –*Dhikala (a few, all adults, including 1 sharing same pool with 6-8 Gharials)*

Gharial –*Dhikala (about 10 altogether, in all sizes, ages, and both sexes)*

Olive Keel-backed Snake –*Bharatpur (a pair wrapped together in connubial bliss our first afternoon)*

Indian Rock Python –*Bharatpur (1 on our final morning)*

Indian Mud Turtle –*Dhikala*

Soft-shelled Turtle –*Bharatpur*

Total: 11 species

Itinerary 2006:

Jan. 23: Delhi: Okla Island, Yamuaa River

Jan. 24 Delhi: Tughluqabad; Lohdi Garden; night train to Ramnagar

Jan. 25: Ramnagar; Corbett National Park at Quality Inn on edge of River Kosi

Jan. 26: Corbett to Park Headquarters at Dhikala

Jan. 27: Dhikala to Corbett and Quality Inn

Jan. 28: Corbett; River Kosi; Corbett Falls; Ramnagar; Nainital

Jan. 29: Nainital: Snowview Ridge and Kilbury Road; Mallital Trail to the shrines & marketplace

Jan. 30: Nainital: Mongoli Valley, including our walk down the trail in the upper valley

Jan. 31: Nainital: Kilbury Road, Vinayak Road, and Pangot Valley

Feb. 1: Sattal; Himalaya “Grand Prix” Traverse; board train at Lalkuan

Feb. 2: Agra: Taj Mahal; Agra Fort; Train to Umaria

Feb. 3: Umaria; Bandhavgarh National Park – Tigers #1 & #2!

Feb. 4: Bandhavgarh National Park – Tigers #3 & #4!

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- Feb. 5: Bandhavgarh National Park – Tigers #5 & #6!; train from Umaria
- Feb. 6: Agra; Fatehpur Sikri; Bharatpur town
- Feb. 7: Bharatpur: Keoladeo National Park
- Feb. 8: Bund Baretha Mosque & Reservoir
- Feb. 9: Bharatpur: Keoladeo National Park; Highway to Delhi; transfer to airport for departure

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