



# Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## Northern India, Southern India & Sri Lanka

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*Malabar Whistling Thrush by Keith Valentine*

### **Trip Report compiled by Tour Leader Keith Valentine**

#### **Top 5 Birds in North India:**

Sarus Crane  
Lesser Adjutant  
Northern Wryneck  
Spotted Creeper  
Painted Stork, Orange-headed Thrush, Brown Crake

#### **Top 5 Birds in South India:**

Sri Lanka Frogmouth  
Indian Pitta  
Malabar Trogon  
Great Hornbill  
Heart-spotted Woodpecker

**Top 5 Birds in Sri Lanka:**

Slaty-legged Crake  
 Kashmir Flycatcher  
 Malabar Pied Hornbill  
 Pheasant-tailed Jacana  
 Stork-billed Kingfisher

**Top 5 Mammals:**

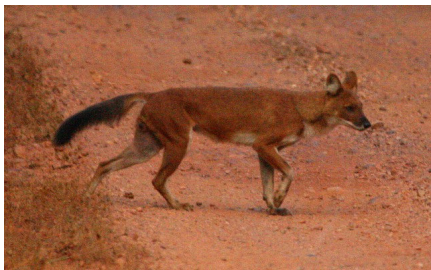
Bengal Tiger  
 Nilgiri Tahr  
 Leopard  
 Indian Elephant  
 Jungle Cat

## Tour Summary

A brilliant and unforgettable trip in so many ways! From the everlasting beauty of the Taj Mahal to the majestic Tigers of Khana National Park not to mention the many other wonders to be found in this enthralling land, India has very few rivals. Travelling and experiencing a country for close to a month is something really amazing and this unique exploration combining some of the most precious cultural sites and mind blowing nature reserves was very special indeed.

The lovely Claridges Hotel in the capital of Delhi was our base for exploring the wonderful Sultanpur Jheel, a large wetland (jheel) surrounded by acacia dominated woodland, to the west of Delhi. The jheel was found to be home to numerous ducks and other waterfowl and with Bharatpur being dry the numbers here were definitely boosted. Special wetland birds were Painted and Black-necked Stork, Eurasian Spoonbill, Graylag and Bar-headed Goose, Gadwall, Mallard, Eurasian Widgeon (Tom's 3000<sup>th</sup> world bird), Spot-billed Duck, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail and Eurasian Teal, White-tailed Lapwing, Green Sandpiper and Citrine Wagtail. The surrounding woodland was teeming with species and we easily found Greater Spotted Eagle, Shikra, Gray Francolin, Spotted Owlet, scarce Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Ashy and Plain Prinia, the uncommon Brook's Leaf-Warbler, Red-breasted Flycatcher, Bluethroat, Black Redstart, Large Gray Babbler, Bay-backed Shrike, Red Avadavat, and Indian Silverbill. The more open areas outside the reserve held Crested Lark, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Desert and Variable Wheatear, Indian Robin and Brahminy Starling.

This morning we were up early for our flight south to the large city of Nagpur in province. Arriving in Nagpur mid morning we immediately began the drive to the brilliant Khana National Park where we settled into our lovely accommodations at the edge of the park. The afternoon and the next two days were spent exploring the wonders of Khana NP. The Bengal Tiger was on every persons mind as we entered Khana NP and it did not take very long to secure a sighting. By mid



morning we had heard about a Tiger sighting deep into the park, we hot footed it to the site and were blown away by two young male Bengal Tigers that were watched and photographed from elephant back, the perfect start. Khana National Park has a wonderful diversity of habitat that includes vast open plains, dense bamboo thickets, wetlands and magnificent sal forests. The variety of habitat results in an impressive avifauna which we really got to grips with. The wetlands held Black Stork, threatened Lesser Adjutant, Red-naped Ibis, Lesser Whistling Duck, Pintail Snipe and Spotted Redshank. The woodlands and sal forests were extensively explored and we came up trumps with numerous specials that included the shy Red Spurfowl, Changeable Hawk Eagle, Common Hawk Cuckoo, scarce Sirkeer Malkoha, Collared Scops Owl, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Large Cuckooshrike, Golden-fronted Leafbird, White-rumped Shama, Black-naped Monarch, Indian Scimitar-Babbler, Puff-throated Babbler and Velvet-fronted Nuthatch. Other woodland species included Crested Serpent Eagle, Red Junglefowl, Oriental Turtle Dove, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Jungle Owlet, Common Kingfisher, Indian Gray Hornbill, Brown-headed Barbet, Black-rumped Flameback, Paddyfield and Tree Pipit, Common Iora, Jungle Prinia, Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Brown-cheeked Fulvetta, White-

bellied and Greater Racket-tailed Drongo and Asian Paradise Flycatcher. The mammals in Khana were another huge draw card and we were blown away with crippling views of Dhole (Indian Wild Dog) on our first morning inside the park. We also enjoyed amazing close up views of the huge Gaur (Indian Bison) and no less than four sightings of Jungle Cat! A night drive outside the reserve provided us with a mega in the form of a Rusty-spotted Cat that was seen at close range! Other more widespread species that were found included Wild Boar, Rhesus Macaque, Hanuman Langur, Chital (Spotted Deer), Sambar, Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer), Indian Hare and the highly localized Barasinga (Swamp Deer).

Pench Tiger Reserve was our next destination and provided us with a change in scenery. The reserve is dominated by deciduous forest and a feature of the reserve is the Pench River and Pench Reservoir which attract a large variety of birds and mammals. We spent a very productive day and a half driving the network of roads and enjoyed sightings of Woolly-necked Stork, Osprey, White-eyed Buzzard, Eurasian Thick-knee, gorgeous Alexandrine and Plum-headed Parakeet, Brown-capped Pygmy-Woodpecker, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark, stunning Scarlet and Small Minivet, Gray-breasted Prinia, White-browed fantail, Black-hooded Oriole, Nutmeg Mannikin and a whole host of birds already mentioned for Khana NP. Our tented accommodations, situated outside the reserve were very comfortable and we were captivated by Ultramarine Flycatcher, Common Woodshrike, Verditer Flycatcher and Pale-billed Flowerpecker in camp. The mammals seen were similar to those found in Khana however additional species included Golden Jackal and Nilgai.



We arrived back in Delhi on a mid morning flight and spent the afternoon at the Yamuna River and surrounds. As usual the area was teeming with birds and we quickly added Black-headed Ibis, Greater Flamingo, Ruddy Shelduck, Common Pochard, Tufted Duck, Black-tailed Godwit, Brown-headed and Black-headed Gull, Streak-throated Swallow, Graceful and Yellow-bellied Prinia, Striated Grassbird and Striated Babbler.

Our drive to the Taj Mahal was interrupted on a couple of occasions as we had a few roadside stops for Egyptian Vulture and the stately Sarus Crane. Our sunset and sunrise visits to the Taj Mahal were unforgettable as we were overwhelmed, spell bound by its beauty. While in Agra we also visited the Agra Fort and a museum/jeweller in town that's unique collection of art was very impressive indeed. A single Booted Eagle was sighted flying above the Agra Fort and we enjoyed Common Redshank and River Lapwing along the river behind the Taj Mahal.

The magnificent ancient city of Fatehpur Sikri was next on the agenda before we moved on to the fabulous Keoladeo National Park and Bund Baretha. Even though Keoladeo was dry the general woodland birding was not affected at all as we drummed up a great selection of specials in our single day spent in the area that included the now rare Marshall's Iora, Red-headed Vulture, Pallid Harrier, Common Crane, Indian Courser, Olive-backed Pipit, White-eared Bulbul, shy Orange-headed and Tickell's Thrush, very uncommon Spotted Creeper and Isabelline Shrike. We also managed to find an amazing selection of night birds during the day that included Indian and Oriental Scops-Owl, Dusky Eagle-Owl, Brown Hawk-Owl, Large-tailed and Jungle Nightjar. A few marshy areas were located outside the reserve and these gave us tremendous views of the secretive Black Bittern, Brown Crake, Bronze-winged Jacana and Common Snipe. Red Collared Dove and Eurasian Wryneck were also found outside the reserve. A day spent at the nearby wetland and dry scrub area of Bund Baretha was very interesting and highly rewarding as we got to grips with the endemic Rufous-tailed Lark and added a few more high quality birds to the ever growing trip list

such as Great Crested Grebe, Asian Openbill, Comb Duck, Cotton Pygmy-Goose, Red-crested and Ferruginous Pochard, the now extremely rare Long-billed Vulture at their nesting cliffs, Western Marsh Harrier, Imperial Eagle, Barred Buttonquail, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, River Tern, highly sought after Indian Skimmer, Indian Bushlark, Orphean Warbler, Yellow-eyed and Common Babbler, Southern Gray Shrike, Baya and Black-breasted Weaver and Red-headed and Rock Bunting. We also managed to locate a couple of rarities while birding the area, these being a single Moustached Warbler at a small marshy area near to the main dam and a single Reed Bunting in a dry, scrubby area near the dam edge.

The incredible city of Jaipur or 'Pink City' was next on the agenda and is famed for its precious and semi precious stones and the spectacular forts and palaces. Our two night stay at the Jai Mahal Palace was amazing and was a great base from which to explore the city. On the first afternoon we visited the City Palace, where the current Maharaja lives, and observatory which is located within the city itself. The two huge forts known as Amber and Jagarh were visited the following day and it was here that we learned much about the regions long history. The Nahargarh Botanical Reserve was also visited and apart from providing us with many good views of species that we had already encountered we managed to find White-capped Bunting before returning to Delhi.

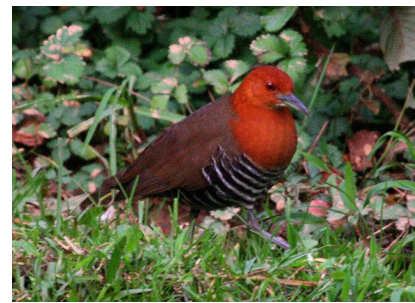
Today we left the cool of the north and caught a flight to Kochi in the southern part of India. A stop at Allepey to catch a house boat cruise to our accommodations was very special and we spent an entire afternoon exploring the vast channels and waterways around Allepey. Interesting birds included Indian Cormorant, Brahminy Kite, Gull-billed Tern, Asian Palm Swift and Blue-tailed Bee-eater. Once arriving at our accommodation a small stroll produced Purple-rumped Sunbird, White-cheeked Barbet and Asian Brown Flycatcher.



Leaving Allepey we struck out for Periyar Tiger Reserve but our journey was soon halted when a magnificent Black Eagle came cruising right over the car and was then watched for at least 10 minutes. Periyar is a fantastic reserve and offers excellent habitat for a number of very special and highly localized South Indian endemics. We had great success here and while birding the forests we enjoyed spectacular sightings of Pompadour Green-Pigeon, Malabar Parakeet, cracking Malabar Trogon, Malabar Gray Hornbill, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Lesser Yellownappe, Greater Flameback, delightful Heart-spotted Woodpecker, Indian Pitta, White-browed and Forest Wagtail, Black-crested and Yellow-browed Bulbul, breath-taking Malabar Whistling-Thrush, scarce Rusty-tailed Flycatcher, White-bellied and Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher, Asian Fairy-bluebird, crippling White-bellied Treepie,

Chestnut-tailed Starling and Southern Hill and Jungle Myna. The afternoon boat cruise on Lake Periyar produced White-rumped Needletail, Crested Treeswift, the regal Great Hornbill, Ashy Woodswallow and Asian Elephant and Smooth-coated Otter.

The cardamom hills around the picturesque city of Munnar greeted us with fine weather. Staying at the Tall Trees Resort set us in prime habitat for good birds and an afternoon foray produced Crested Goshawk, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Vernal Hanging-Parrot, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Nilgiri Flycatcher, Indian Blue Robin, Dark-fronted Babbler, Black-lored Tit, Crimson-backed Sunbird and Large Woodshrike. Our morning in the scenic Erivakulam National Park quickly produced the goods when we located Hill Swallow, Nilgiri Pipit, Blue-capped Rock-Thrush, Tickell's Leaf-Warbler, secretive White-bellied



Shortwing and Gray-breasted Laughingthrush. The morning was topped off by a brilliant pair of Bonelli's Eagle cruising above the town. On our drive to the Bodi Ghat we had a large group of swifts that included Alpine and the large Brown-backed Needletail. Arriving at the Bodi Ghat we immediately had the main target, the highly localized Yellow-throated Bulbul. White-browed Bulbul and Blue Rock-Thrush was also found in the area.

Today we travelled back to Kochi in preparation for our onward flight to Sri Lanka however a stop at the Thattekad Bird Sanctuary, famous for its Sri Lanka Frogmouth, was a highly enjoyable break to the journey. The Frogmouth showed incredibly well and we also enjoyed Brown Fish-Owl, Common Flameback, Brown-breasted Flycatcher and Black-naped Oriole.

Our onward flight to Colombo, Sri Lanka went without a hitch and on arrival we immediately transferred to our wonderful accommodations on the outskirts of the city. Our view of the Talangama wetland provided us with many birding highlights and a stroll around the area in the afternoon produced Yellow and Black Bittern, Garganey, point blank views of Jack Snipe, Watercock, Sri Lanka Small (Crimson-fronted) Barbet, Sri Lanka (Red-rumped) Swallow, Yellow-billed Babbler and Long-billed Sunbird.

Today we moved east to the fabulous Yala National Park and spent the morning at the Galle Fort, en route finding a beautiful Black-capped Kingfisher. Rosy Starling and Small Minivet were enjoyed on the drive. In the afternoon and morning we explored the nearby Tissa wetland and surrounding woodland which produced a number of brilliant birds in the form of Spot-billed Pelican, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Blue-faced Malkoha, Jerdon's Leafbird, Clamorous Reed-Warbler, Sri Lanka Woodshrike and Chestnut Munia. A full day was spent inside Yala National Park driving the extensive network of roads. The varied habitat of dense woodland and more open areas with pans provided a number of interesting birds and we enjoyed spectacular views of Black-necked Stork, Lesser Adjutant, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, uncommon Gray-headed Fish-Eagle, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Great Thick-knee, Pacific Golden Plover, Sri Lanka Pompadour Green-Pigeon, Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon, Green Imperial-Pigeon, Pied Cuckoo, Indian Nightjar, Malabar Pied Hornbill and Rufous-winged Bushlark. Yala also provided us with a brilliant encounter with a Leopard at close range. We also enjoyed Asian Elephant and Ruddy Mongoose together with the usual deer and boar.



The Sri Lanka highlands were next on the agenda and we based ourselves in Nuwara Eliya from where we could easily reach the Horton Plains National Park. The Park protects a large tract of upland forest and grassland that hold a number of key endemics to Sri Lanka. Specials and highland endemics that we located included the very scarce Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, skulky Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, stunning Yellow-eared Bulbul, Dull-blue Flycatcher, Besra, Sri Lanka White-eye, Sri Lanka Wood-Pigeon and Sri Lanka Scimitar-babbler. Our hotel gardens were amazing as they provided us with unreal views of Slaty-legged Crake and the superb male Kashmir Flycatcher. We drove to Colombo today via Kandy for a visit to the famous Temple of the Sacred Tooth.

India and Sri Lanka will stay with us forever and after this incredible one month exploration, there is no doubt as to why the Indian sub-continent is one of my favourite destinations in the world. The combination of near perfect weather conditions, sumptuous food, comfortable accommodations and outstanding bird and game viewing make this a fabulous experience.

**Photographs:** Dhole, Ultramarine Flycatcher, Malabar Trogon, Slaty-legged Crake and Kashmir Flycatcher: By Keith Valentine



Royal Bengal Tiger & Taj Mahal: Keith Valentine

## BIRD SPECIES LIST

E = Endemic, SE = Sub-continent endemic

### Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe (Dabchick)

*Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Great Crested Grebe

*Podiceps cristatus*

### Pelicans Pelecanidae

Spot-billed Pelican

*Pelecanus phillipensis*

### Cormorants & Shags Phalacrocoracidae

Indian Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*

Great Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax carbo*

Little Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax niger*

### Anhinga & Darter Anhingidae

(Oriental) Darter

*Anhinga melanogaster*

### Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae

Gray Heron

*Ardea cinerea*

Purple Heron

*Ardea purpurea*

Great (White) Egret

*Ardea alba*

Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret

*Egretta intermedia*

Little Egret

*Egretta garzetta*

Indian Pond Heron

*Ardeola grayii*

Cattle Egret

*Bubulcus ibis*

Black-crowned Night-Heron

*Nycticorax nycticorax*

Yellow Bittern

*Ixobrychus sinensis*

Black Bittern

*Dupetor flavicollis*

### Storks Ciconiidae

Asian Openbill

*Anastomus oscitans*

Painted Stork

*Mycteria leucocephala*

Black Stork

*Ciconia nigra*

Woolly-necked Stork

*Ciconia episcopus*

Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>

### Ibises & Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>

### Flamingos Phoenicopteridae

Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
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### Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae

Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>
Bar-headed Goose	<i>Anser indicus</i>
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
Cotton Pygmy-Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya farina</i>
Ferruginous Pochard	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>

### Osprey Pandionidae

Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
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### Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures Accipitridae

Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Black-shouldered (-winged) Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus [migrans] lineatus</i>
[Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus lineatus</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Heliaetus leucogaster</i>
Gray-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthaetus</i>
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>
Long-billed Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>
Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>
Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>

Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
White-eyed Buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>
Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>
Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus [cirrhatus] linnaeetus</i>
[Crested Hawk-Eagle]	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>

### Falcons & Caracaras Falconidae

Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
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### Pheasants & Partridges Phasianidae

Gray Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>
Sri Lanka Junglefowl (E)	<i>Gallus lafayetti</i>
Gray Junglefowl (E)	<i>Gallus sonneratti</i>
Red Spurfowl (E)	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>
Sri Lanka Spurfowl (E)	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
Indian Peafowl (SE)	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>

### Buttonquails Turnicidae

Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
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### Cranes Gruidae

Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>

### Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae

Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina aquaticus</i>
Brown Crake	<i>Amaurornis akool</i>
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
Gray-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio [Porphyrio] poliocephalus</i>
Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>

### Jacanas Jacanidae

Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>

### Stilts & Avocets Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>

### Thick-knees Burhinidae

Eurasian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus oedipnemus</i>
Great Thick-knee	<i>Escacus recurvirostris</i>

**Courser & Pratincoles Glareolidae**

Indian Courser

*Cursorius coromandelicus***Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae**

Pacific Golden Plover

*Pluvialis fulva*

Greater Sand Plover

*Charadrius mongolus*

Snowy Plover

*Charadrius alexandrinus*

River Lapwing

*Vanellus duvaucelii*

Yellow-wattled Lapwing (SE)

*Vanellus malabaricus*

Red-wattled Lapwing

*Vanellus indicus*

White-tailed Lapwing

*Vanellus leucurus***Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae**

Jack Snipe

*Lymnocyptes minimus*

Pintail Snipe

*Gallinago stenura*

Common Snipe

*Gallinago gallinago*

Black-tailed Godwit

*Limosa limosa*

Eurasian Curlew

*Numenius arquata*

Spotted Redshank

*Tringa erythropus*

Common Redshank

*Tringa tetanus*

Marsh Sandpiper

*Tringa stagnatilis*

Common Greenshank

*Tringa nebularia*

Green Sandpiper

*Tringa ochropus*

Wood Sandpiper

*Tringa glareola*

Common Sandpiper

*Actitis hypoleucos*

Ruddy Turnstone

*Areneria interpres*

Sanderling

*Calidris alba*

Little Stint

*Calidris minuta*

Temminck's Stint

*Calidris temminckii*

Curlew Sandpiper

*Calidris ferruginea*

Ruff

*Philomachus pugnax***Gulls Laridae**

Brown-headed Gull

*Larus brunnicephalus*

Black-headed Gull

*Larus ridibundus***Terns Sternidae**

Gull-billed Tern

*Gelochelidon nilotica*

Little Tern

*Sterna albifrons*

River Tern

*Sterna aurantia*

White-winged Tern

*Chlidonias leucopterus*

Whiskered Tern

*Chlidonias hybridus***Skimmers Rynchopidae**

Indian Skimmer

*Rynchops albicollis***Doves & Pigeons Columbidae**

Rock Pigeon

*Columba livia*

Sri Lanka Wood-Pigeon (E)

*Columba torringtoni*

Oriental Turtle-Dove

*Streptopelia orientalis*

<b>Eurasian Collared Dove</b>	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
<b>Red Collared Dove</b>	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>
<b>Spotted Dove</b>	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
<b>Laughing (Palm) Dove</b>	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
<b>Emerald Dove</b>	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
<b>Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron bincincta</i>
<b>Pompadour Green-Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron pompadora (affinis)</i>
<b>[Sri Lanka Pompadour Green-Pigeon] (E)</b>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
<b>Yellow-footed Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>
<b>Green Imperial-Pigeon</b>	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
<b>Mountain Imperial-Pigeon</b>	<i>Ducula badia</i>

### **Parrots & Allies Psittacidae**

<b>Alexandrine Parakeet</b>	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
<b>Rose-ringed Parakeet</b>	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
<b>Malabar Parakeet (E)</b>	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>
<b>Plum-headed Parakeet (SE)</b>	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
<b>Vernal Hanging-Parrot</b>	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>

### **Cuckoos Cuculidae**

<b>Pied Cuckoo</b>	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
<b>Common Hawk-Cuckoo</b>	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
<b>Blue-faced Malkoha (SE)</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
<b>Sirkeer Malkoha (SE)</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>
<b>Asian Koel</b>	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>

### **Coucals Centropodidae**

<b>Greater Coucal</b>	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
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### **Typical Owls Strigidae**

<b>Indian Scops-Owl</b>	<i>Otus indicus</i>
<b>Oriental Scops-Owl</b>	<i>Otus sunia</i>
<b>Dusky Eagle-Owl</b>	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>
<b>Brown Fish-Owl</b>	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
<b>Jungle Owlet</b>	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
<b>Spotted Owlet</b>	<i>Athene brama</i>
<b>Brown Hawk-Owl</b>	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>

### **Frogmouths Podargidae**

<b>Sri Lanka Frogmouth (SE)</b>	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
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### **Nightjars Caprimulgidae**

<b>Large-tailed Nightjar</b>	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>
<b>Jungle Nightjar</b>	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>
<b>Indian Nightjar</b>	<i>Caprimulgus asiticus</i>

### **Swifts Apodidae**

<b>White-rumped Needletail</b>	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>
<b>Brown-backed Needletail</b>	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>
<b>Asian Palm-Swift</b>	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>

Alpine Swift *Tachymarptis melba*  
 Little Swift *Apus affinis*

**Crested Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae**

Crested Treeswift *Hemiproctne coronata*

**Trogons Trogonidae**

Malabar Trogon (SE) *Harpactes fasciatus*

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*  
 White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
 Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*  
 Crested Kingfisher *Megaceryle lugubris*  
 Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

**Bee-eaters Meropidae**

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*  
 Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops phillipinus*  
 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

**Rollers Coraciidae**

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*

**Hoopoes Upupidae**

Eurasian (African) Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

**Hornbills Bucerotidae**

Indian Gray Hornbill (SE) *Tockus birostris*  
 Malabar Gray Hornbill (E) *Ocyrceros griseus*  
 Malabar Pied Hornbill (SE) *Anthracoceros coronatus*  
 Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis*

**Barbets Capitonidae**

Brown-headed Barbet (SE) *Megalaima zeylanica*  
 White-cheeked Barbet (E) *Megalaima viridis*  
 Crimson-fronted Barbet (E) *Megalaima rubricapilla (malabarica)*  
 [Sri Lanka Small Barbet] (E) *Megalaima rubricapilla*  
 Coppermith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

**Woodpeckers & Allies Picidae**

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*  
 Brown-capped Pygmy-Woodpecker (SE) *Dendrocopos nanus*  
 Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Dendrocopos mahrattensis*  
 Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*  
 Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus*  
 Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*  
 Black-rumped Flameback *Dinopium benghalense*  
 Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*  
 Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente*

**Pittas Pittidae**

Indian Pitta

*Pitta Brachyura***Larks Alaudidae**

Indian Bushlark (SE)

*Mirafra erythroptera*

Rufous-winged Bushlark (SE)

*Mirafra assamica*

Ashy-crowned Sparrowlark (SE)

*Eremopterix grisea*

Rufous-tailed Lark (E)

*Ammomanes phoenicurus*

Crested Lark

*Galerida cristata*

Oriental Skylark

*Alauda gulgula***Swallows Hirundinidae**

Plain (Brown-throated) Martin

*Riparia paludicola*

Dusky Crag Martin

*Hirundo concolor*

Barn Swallow

*Hirundo rustica*

Hill Swallow (SE)

*Hirundo domicola*

Wire-tailed Swallow

*Hirundo [smithi] filifera*

Red-rumped Swallow

*Hirundo daurica*

[Sri Lanka Swallow] (E)

*Hirundo hyperythra*

Streak-throated Swallow

*Hirundo fluvicola***Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae**

White Wagtail

*Motacilla alba*

White-browed Wagtail (SE)

*Motacilla madaraspatensis*

Citrine Wagtail

*Motacilla citreola*

Yellow Wagtail

*Motacilla flava*

Gray Wagtail

*Motacilla cinerea*

Forest Wagtail

*Dendronanthus indicus*

Oriental (Paddyfield) Pipit

*Anthus rufulus*

Tree Pipit

*Anthus trivialis*

Olive-backed Pipit

*Anthus hodgsoni*

Nilgiri Pipit (E)

*Anthus nilghiriensis***Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**

Large Cuckooshrike

*Coracina macei*

Small Minivet

*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*

Scarlet Minivet

*Pericrocotus flammeus*

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

*Hemipus picatus***Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**

Black-crested Bulbul

*Pycnonotus melaniterus*

Yellow-eared Bulbul (E)

*Pycnonotus penicillatus*

Red-whiskered Bulbul

*Pycnonotus jocosus*

White-eared Bulbul

*Pycnonotus leucotis*

Red-vented Bulbul

*Pycnonotus cafer*

White-browed Bulbul (SE)

*Pycnonotus luteolus*

Yellow-throated Bulbul (E)

*Pycnonotus xantholaemus*

Yellow-browed Bulbul (SE)

*Iole indica*

Black Bulbul

*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

**Leafbirds Chloropseidae**

Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis (chochinensis) jerdoni</i>
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>

**Ioras Aegithinidae**

Marshall's Iora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>

**Thrushes & Allies Turdidae**

Blue-capped Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i>
Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
Sri Lanka Whistling-Thrush (E)	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
Malabar Whistling-Thrush (E)	<i>Myophonus horsfieldi</i>
Spot-winged Thrush (E)	<i>Zoothera spiloptera</i>
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>
Eurasian (Indian) Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>
Tickell's Thrush	<i>Turdus unicolor</i>

**Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae**

Zitting (Fan-tailed) Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Graceful Prinia	<i>Prinia gracilis</i>
Gray-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
Jungle Prinia (SE)	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>
Ashy Prinia (SE)	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>

**Old World Warblers Sylviidae**

Sri Lanka Bush-Warbler (E)	<i>Bradypterus palliseri</i>
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais rama</i>
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>
Brook's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus subviridis</i>
Inornate (Hume's) Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus [inornatus] humei</i>
Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
Large-billed Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>
Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>

**Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**

Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
Rusty-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa ruficauda</i>
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>
Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrura</i>

Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>
Nilgiri Flycatcher (E)	<i>Eumyias albicaudata</i>
Dull-blue Flycatcher (E)	<i>Eumyias sordida</i>
Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>
White-bellied Blue-Flycatcher (E)	<i>Cyornis pallipes</i>
Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
Indian Blue Robin	<i>Luscinia brunnea</i>
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
White-bellied Shortwing (E)	<i>Brachypteryx major</i>
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
Indian Robin (SE)	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maura</i>
Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>
Indian (Brown Rock) Chat (SE)	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>

### Fantails Rhipiduridae

White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
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### Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
Asian Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>

### Babblers Timaliidae

Gray-breasted Laughingthrush (E)	<i>Garrulax jerdoni</i>
[Ceylon Scimitar-Babbler] (E)	<i>Pomatorhinus (horsfieldi) melanurus</i>
Indian Scimitar-Babbler (SE)	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldi</i>
Dark-fronted Babbler (SE)	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
Tawny-bellied Babbler (SE)	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>
Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>
Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>
Large Gray Babbler (SE)	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>
Jungle Babbler (SE)	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>
Yellow-billed Babbler (SE)	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>

### Tits Paridae

Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Black-lored Tit (SE)	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>

### Nuthatches Sittidae

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
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### Creepers Certhiidae

Spotted Creeper

*Salpornis spilonotus***Sunbirds & Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**

Purple Sunbird

*Cinnyris asiatica*

Purple-rumped Sunbird

*Nectarinia zeylonica*

Crimson-backed Sunbird (E)

*Nectarinia minima*

Long-billed (Loten's) Sunbird (SE)

*Cinnyris lotenius***Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae**

Pale-billed Flowerpecker

*Dicaeum erythrorhynchus*

Plain Flowerpecker

*Dicaeum concolor***White-eyes Zosteropidae**

Oriental White-eye

*Zosterops palpebrosus*

Sri Lanka White-eye (E)

*Zosterops ceylonensis***Old World Orioles Oriolidae**

Eurasian (Indian) Golden Oriole

*Oriolus oriolus*

Black-naped Oriole

*Oriolus chinensis*

Black-hooded Oriole

*Oriolus xanthornus***Shrikes Laniidae**

Isabelline Shrike

*Lanius isabellinus*

Brown Shrike

*Lanius cristatus*

Bay-backed Shrike

*Lanius vittatus*

Long-tailed Shrike

*Lanius schach*

Southern Gray Shrike

*Lanius meridionalis***Helmetshrikes & Allies Prionopidae**

Large Woodshrike

*Tephrodornis gularis*

Common Woodshrike

*Tephrodornis pondicerianus*

[Ceylon Woodshrike]

*Tephrodornis affinis***Drongos Dicruridae**

Black Drongo

*Dicrurus macrocercus*

Ashy Drongo

*Dicrurus leucophaeus*

White-bellied Drongo (SE)

*Dicrurus caerulescens*

Bronzed Drongo

*Dicrurus aeneus*

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

*Dicrurus paradiseus***Woodswallows Artamidae**

Ashy Woodswallow

*Artamus fuscus***Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae**

Rufous Treepie

*Dendrocitta vagabunda*

White-bellied Treepie (E)

*Dendrocitta leucogastra*

House Crow

*Corvus splendens*

Large-billed Crow

*Corvus macrorhynchus***Starlings Sturnidae**

Bank Myna (SE)	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>
Common (Indian) Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Southern Hill Myna (SE)	<i>Gracula indica</i>
Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>
Asian Pied Starling	<i>Gracupica contra</i>
Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>
Rosy Starling	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>
Brahminy Starling	<i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i>

### Old World Sparrows Passeridae

House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>

### Weavers & Allies Ploceidae

Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus phillipinus</i>
Bengal (Black-breasted) Weaver (SE)	<i>Ploceus benghalensis</i>

### Waxbills & Allies Estrildidae

Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>
White-throated Munia (Indian Silverbill)	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
Chestnut (Tri-colored) Munia	<i>Lonchura (atricapilla) malacca</i>

### Siskins, Crossbills & Allies Fringillidae

Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
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### Buntings Emberizidae

Chestnut-breasted (White-capped) Bunting	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>
Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>
Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus pallidior</i>
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia par</i>

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### Fruit Bats Pteropodidae

Common Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>
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### Cheek-Pouch Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Bonnet Macaque	<i>Macaca radiata</i>
Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>
Hanuman Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>
Nilgiri Langur	<i>Presbytis johnii</i>
Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus vetulus</i>

### Hares & Rabbits Leporidae

Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
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### Otters Mustelidae

Smooth-Coated Otter

*Lutrogale perspicillata***Squirrels Sciuridae**

Northern Palm Squirrel

*Funambulus pennantii*

Indian Palm Squirrel

*Funambulus palmarum*

Dusky Striped Squirrel

*Funambulus sublineatus*

Indian Giant Squirrel

*Ratufa indica*

Layard's Striped Squirrel

*Funambulus layardi***Mongoose Herpestidae**

Ruddy Mongoose

*Herpestes smithii***Dogs & Allies Canidae**

Golden Jackal

*Canis aureus*

Dhole

*Cuon alpinus***Cats Felidae**

Leopard

*Panthera pardus*

Bengal Tiger

*Panthera tigris*

Jungle Cat

*Felis chaus*

Rusty-spotted Cat

*Prionailurus rubiginosus***Elephants Elephantidae**

Indian Elephant

*Elephas maximus***Pigs Suidae**

Wild Boar

*Sus scrofa***Deer Cervidae**

Barking Deer (Indian Muntjac)

*Muntiacus muntjak*

Spotted Deer (Chital)

*Cervus axis*

Sambar

*Cervus unicolor*

Swamp Deer (Barasinga)

*Cervus duvaucelii***Bovids Bovidae**

Nilgai

*Bosephalus tragocamelus*

Gaur (Indian Bison)

*Bos gaurus*

Nilgiri Tahr

*Hemitragus hyllocrius*

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