



# Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## North & Western India *The Best of Indian Birds & Mammals*

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*Rockjumper Group & Taj Mahal*

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**Trip Report compiled by Tour Leader David Shackelford**

### **Top 10 List as Voted by Participants:**

1. Indian Bustard
2. Demoiselle Crane
3. Dusky Eagle-Owl
4. Crested Serpent-Eagle
5. Long-billed Thrush
6. Painted Sandgrouse
7. White-crested Laughingthrush
8. Eastern Imperial Eagle
9. Painted Spurfowl
10. Spotted Forktail/Indian Roller

*Nilgai**Dusky Eagle-Owl*

## Tour Summary

Upon our arrival in the bustling capital city of Delhi in northern India we were swept away into the streets and taken aback by the charm of the avenues by night. India is a country that once cradled one of the oldest civilizations in the world within the Indus Valley and is now home to over a billion people from every walk of life. Significantly larger than the United States, India is geographically an incredibly varied country from vast deserts and rolling plains to the high peaks of the Himalayas where fifteen official languages are spoken interpreting between literally dozens of active religions and hundreds of tribes.

We began birding in the city near the sacred Yamuna River, where vast populations congregate to bargain and sell everything imaginable. The slow-moving Yamuna offered a morning literally teeming with birds, in fact, Delhi ranks as the second highest capital city in the world for numbers of bird species after Nairobi. We spent the day optically peeling back layers of waterfowl, waders, storks, raptors, warblers, babblers, wagtails, pipits, and larks with such highlights as the localized White-tailed Stonechat, eye-searing colorful Red Avadavat, Indian Robin, Cotton Pygmy-Goose, several flocks of Streaked Babbler, White-tailed Lapwing, an unexpected Cetti's Bush-Warbler that showed nicely, and the vivid migratory Bluethroat.

Another unique experience in northern India were the trains, and although the space was a bit tight, overall we slept well being lulled to sleep by the rhythmic clicking of metal wheels on the tracks as we headed to our next destination in the foothills of the mighty Himalayan mountains. The tranquil scenery of Ramnagar greeted us in the morning as we drove through stands of teak forest lining the rocky shores of the Kosi River, complete with clear mountain streams and snow-capped mountain peaks in the distance. We explored this natural wonderland from grasslands to temperate forest with memorable sightings such as playful troops of Hanuman Langur and Rhesus Macaque, a cute pair of Collared Scops-Owl on the day roost, Indian Silverbill, noisy Gray and Rufous Treepies, Crimson Sunbird, Slaty-headed and Plum-headed Parakeets among numerous active mixed flocks of babblers, minivets, warblers, flycatchers, and woodpeckers.

We continued north ascending higher into the lofty Himalayas near Nainital. The temperature continued to drop during our ascent and the mountains became increasingly barren until we reached our destination in the quaint mountain village of Nainital. Bundled up in layers of warm clothing to combat the cold morning temperatures, we set off in our open-top jeeps exploring steep mountain valleys and picturesque lakeside woodland. Throughout our explorations we were able to look out over the incredible snow-capped peaks of the lofty Himalayas and into the mountain kingdom of Nepal. A truly inspiring sight, we were able to see some of the highest peaks in the world rising up to almost 8,000 meters above sea level, close to 24,000 feet! Birding this habitat was also a pleasure and we enjoyed incredible sightings of such species as the shy Kalij Pheasant, Scaly-

bellied and outrageous Rufous-bellied Woodpeckers, the erratic Brown Bullfinch, White-capped Bunting, soaring Black Eagle and Lammergeier, a bathing Spotted Forktail, Rufous-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, tremendously singing Great Barbet, the beautiful Black-headed Jay, Chestnut-headed Tesia, both Streaked and Striated Laughingthrush, the gorgeously colourful Red-billed Blue-Magpie, and mind-boggling views of the rare Long-billed Thrush all combined with unbelievably diverse mixed flocks of laughingthrushes, finches, accentors, woodpeckers, tits, creepers, babblers, rosefinches, flycatchers, bulbuls, and minivets. Descending to the scenic lake district of Sattal we continued our active birding streak with cracking scope views of a fantastic Brown Fish-Owl, Greater Flameback, Small Niltava, two tiny Speckled Piculets, Banded Bay Cuckoo, a lingering Dark-sided Flycatcher, and comically outrageous White-crested Laughingthrush.

With the assistance of another overnight train we arrived in short time to the city of Agra, where dawn greeted us at the gates of the glorious Taj Mahal. Built by the former emperor of India in the early 1600s in memory of the love for his wife, this colossal structure took over twenty years to complete and the skilled hands of over twenty thousand men to turn a visionary symbol of his love into a reality. Referred to by poets as 'a resplendent immortal tear drop on the cheek of time,' we were in wonderment walking through the archways of the pale pearl-colored walls of marble almost fading into the morning mist.

After additional sightseeing in Agra at the historic Red Fort, we made our way south to the marvels of Keoladeo National Park, and although impossibly high numbers of waterfowl were slaughtered by dignitaries and kings from around the world as personal guests of the former Maharaja, actions by governmental conservation now preserve this world heritage site as a haven for resident and migratory bird species as well as other wildlife. We found the reserve to be especially dry this year, but with perseverance exploring several sites beyond the bustling market streets of Bharatpur we found an abundance of birds including ducks, storks, geese, herons, and waders. Highlights included a roosting Brown Hawk-Owl, elegant Black-necked Stork pair in full display, Large-tailed Nightjar, scope views of Bay-backed Shrike, a newly arrived group of soaring Common Crane, and Yellow-eyed Babbler as well as excellent mammals such as Golden Jackal and the stately Nilgai commonly known as the Blue Bull of Asia.

Venturing southwest to the famous Ranthambore Nature Reserve, one of the finest locations to find tigers in the world, we spend several days discovering the steep limestone cliffs protruding steeply through open grasslands and dry deciduous forest giving way to riverine broadleaved woodland. Driving along the network of roadways in our open-top safari jeep, our anticipation continued to escalate as we searched for the royal Bengal Tiger, the largest of the world's big cats. Previously we had heard the alarm calls of Spotted Deer and Hanuman Langur reacting to a nearby tiger and we had searched without success. Later while driving the bumpy dirt tracks we found fresh pug marks left in the bare soil and discovered the shredded claw marks left in the bark of a tree, a sure sign of an active territory. Our excitement was relentless as we drove while scanning through an area where tiger had been recently reported - then someone eagerly pointed ahead quietly exclaiming 'tiger!' Peering ahead of us with adrenaline surging, we caught our first glimpse of the distinctive orange and black patterning of a massive male Bengal Tiger that lay in the late afternoon behind a thin layer of grass creating an almost perfect camouflage. Later when we had recovered our sense and continued our game drive did we encounter yet another two incredible tigers, this time two younger males that interacted with gentle head rubbing before laying side by side for the perfect ending to an unbelievable day. The indescribable beauty and natural bliss of witnessing such scenes can hardly be described in words, but these are undoubtedly moments that we will remember in fine detail for the rest of our lives.

We were very successful in our further explorations of Ranthambore Nature Reserve including marvellous bird sightings such as close views of the endemic Painted Spurfowl relinquishing from its cover in dense undergrowth, migrant Orphean Warbler and Rufous-tailed Shrike, Eurasian Thick-knee, localized Rufous-fronted Prinia, an outrageous Dusky Eagle-Owl perched in a clearing, and simply amazing views of the endemic Painted Sandgrouse on the ground. Pockets of water held Great Thick-knee, graceful River Tern, Asian Openbill, and several Black Storks while overhead we were entertained by migratory Short-toed Snake-Eagle, Shikra, a beautiful Crested Serpent-Eagle with a snake clutched tightly in its talons, and Long-billed Vulture nesting in the steep rocky crags. As a finale to our explorations of this splendid reserve by waiting at stream crossings and carefully combing the indistinct forest gaps by jeep we were able to obtain further sightings of magnificent wildlife that included two unbelievable views of Sloth Bear!

Our final route carried us to the extreme west on the border of Pakistan where before concluding our overnight train west we located the attractive Indian Courser, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, bright Red-headed Bunting, and hundreds of migratory Rosy Starling before we settled into our lavish accommodation in Jaisalmer. A fantastic city constructed of almost entirely yellow marble and thriving with Arabian culture, we spent several days exploring the edge of the unending sand dunes of the indomitable Thar Desert. With our tedious but invaluable special permits obtained we ventured into the vast Desert National Park where despite the severely dry conditions we found the desert to be teeming with wildlife. The delicate Indian Gazelle, numerous cute Desert Gerbil, and quick Desert Fox pulled our attention away from an exclamation of larks including Greater Short-toed, Crested, Bimaculated, and Black-crowned Sparrow-Larks. By the coolness of morning we found delights such as wintering Cream-colored Courser, an abundance of Wheatear including Red-tailed, both Gray-necked and House Buntings, tiny Asian Desert Warbler, the stately Laggar Falcon, and an impressive Eastern Imperial Eagle at close distance. Searching especially for a critically endangered and impossibly localized species found in this remote area of Asia, we were ecstatic to locate the dignified Indian Bustard including five gorgeous individuals that posed for outrageous scope views before sauntering away into the hostile desert. We enjoyed touring through the impressive ancient fort built overlooking the city and in the evenings listening to performances of tradition Rajasthan music at dinners hosted under the stars above with the twinkling lights of our surroundings.

We embarked upon our final avian excursion of the tour the last morning arriving in the tiny town of Keechan were no sooner had we opened the vehicle doors that we heard the distinctive calls of migratory Demoiselle Cranes recently arrived from breeding grounds in inner Mongolia. A thrilling spectacle, we enjoyed views of literally hundreds upon hundreds of these majestic cranes foraging on the sand dunes ablaze by the morning sun and flying directly over our heads sometimes only twenty meters away! We concluded the tour with a return voyage to Delhi reflecting upon our amazing journey through the many faces of India, offering lands of enormous contrast. From breathtaking mountain views of the high Himalayas and the unique Rajasthan culture of the barren west to humbly standing before the magnificent Taj Mahal and discovering the royal Bengal Tigers by open safari jeep in Ranthambore, it was an unforgettable adventure.



Demoiselle Crane in Flight

### List of Birds

	<b><u>Grebes Podicipedidae</u></b>
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus nigricollis</i>
	<b><u>Cormorants Phalacrocoracidae</u></b>
Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
	<b><u>Darters Anhingidae</u></b>
Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
	<b><u>Hérons, Egrets &amp; Bitterns Ardeidae</u></b>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Indian Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
Little [Striated] Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
	<b><u>Storks Ciconidae</u></b>
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
	<b><u>Ibises &amp; Spoonbills Threskiornithidae</u></b>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
	<b><u>Flamingoes Phoenicopteridae</u></b>
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>
	<b><u>Ducks, Geese &amp; Swans Anatidae</u></b>
Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
Graylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>

Cotton Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>
Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
	<b><u>Osprey Pandionidae</u></b>
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
	<b><u>Hawks, Eagles &amp; Kites Accipitridae</u></b>
Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Black-shouldered Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>
White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>
Long-billed [Slender-billed] Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus tenuirostris</i>
Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
Eurasian Griffon	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>
Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Common [Steppe] Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>
Upland Buzzard	<i>Buteo hemilasius</i>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>
Lesser [Indian] Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>
Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>
Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>
Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus kieneri</i>
Short-toed Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
Changeable [Crested] Hawk-Eagle (H)	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus lineatus</i>
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>
	<b><u>Falcons &amp; Kestrels Falconidae</u></b>
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Lagger Falcon	<i>Falco jugger</i>
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>
	<b><u>Pheasants and Partridges Phasianidae</u></b>

Gray Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>
Hill Partridge (H)	<i>Arborophila torqueola</i>
Painted Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix lunulata</i>
Koklass Pheasant	<i>Purcrasia macrolopha</i>
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
<b><u>Buttonquails Turnicidae</u></b>	
Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
<b><u>Cranes Gruidae</u></b>	
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>
Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>
<b><u>Rails, Gallinules &amp; Coots Rallidae</u></b>	
Brown Crake	<i>Amaurornis akool</i>
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
Gray-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
<b><u>Jacanas Jacanidae</u></b>	
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
<b><u>Avocets &amp; Stilts Recurvirostridae</u></b>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>
<b><u>Thick-knees Burhinidae</u></b>	
Eurasian [Indian] Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>
Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
<b><u>Coursers &amp; Pratincoles Glareolidae</u></b>	
Indian Courser	<i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>
Cream-colored Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>
<b><u>Plovers &amp; Lapwings Charadriidae</u></b>	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>
<b><u>Sandpipers Scolopacidae</u></b>	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
<b><u>Gulls Laridae</u></b>	
Great Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>
Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>

	<b><u>Terns Sternidae</u></b>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
	<b><u>Bustard Otididae</u></b>
Indian Bustard	<i>Ardeotis nigriceps</i>
Mac Queen's Bustard	<i>Ardeotis undulata</i>
	<b><u>Sandgrouse Pteroclididae</u></b>
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles exustus</i>
Painted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles indicus</i>
	<b><u>Pigeons &amp; Doves Columbidae</u></b>
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
Oriental Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
Red Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>
Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
Yellow-footed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>
	<b><u>Parrots &amp; Allies Psittacidae</u></b>
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
Slaty-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula himalayana</i>
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
	<b><u>Cuckoos &amp; Coucals Cuculidae</u></b>
Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>
Jacobin (Pied) Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
	<b><u>Typical Owls Strigidae</u></b>
Indian Scops-Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
Collared Scops-Owl	<i>Otus lettia</i>
Eurasian (Rock) Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>
Dusky Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo coromandus</i>
Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>
Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
	<b><u>Nightjars Caprimulgidae</u></b>
Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>
	<b><u>Swifts Apodidae</u></b>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
	<b><u>Kingfishers Alcedinidae</u></b>
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
	<b><u>Bee-eaters Meropidae</u></b>
Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>

	<b><u>Rollers Coraciidae</u></b>
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
	<b><u>Hoopoes Upupidae</u></b>
Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
	<b><u>Hornbills Bucerotidae</u></b>
Indian Gray Hornbill	<i>Tockus birostris</i>
	<b><u>Barbets Capitonidae</u></b>
Great Barbet	<i>Megalaima virens</i>
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>
Lineated Barbet	<i>Megalaima lineata</i>
Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima asiatica</i>
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
	<b><u>Wrynecks, Piculets &amp; Woodpeckers Picidae</u></b>
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>
Gray-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos canicapillus</i>
Brown-fronted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos auriceps</i>
Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos macei</i>
Rufous-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos hyperythrus</i>
Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
Greater Yellownape	<i>Picus flavinucha</i>
Scaly-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Picus squamatus</i>
Gray-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>
	<b><u>Larks/Sparrowlarks Alaudidae</u></b>
Indian Bushlark	<i>Mirafra erythroptera</i>
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>
Black-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i>
Greater Hoopoe-lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>
Rufous-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes phoenicurus</i>
Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>
Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>
Syke's Lark	<i>Galerida deva</i>
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
	<b><u>Swallows &amp; Martins Hirundinidae</u></b>
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Plain Martin	<i>Riparia paludicola</i>
Eurasian Crag-Martin	<i>Hirundo rupestris</i>
Dusky Crag-Martin	<i>Hirundo concolor</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>
Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo fluvicola</i>
Asian House Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>
Nepal Martin	<i>Delichon nipalensis</i>
	<b><u>Wagtails &amp; Pipits Motacillidae</u></b>
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatisensis</i>

Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>
Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>
Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>
<b><u>Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae</u></b>	
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
Rosy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
<b><u>Bulbuls Pycnonotidae</u></b>	
Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>
White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>
Himalayan Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucogenys</i>
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus caffer</i>
Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
<b><u>Ioras Aegithinidae</u></b>	
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
<b><u>Dippers Cinclidae</u></b>	
Brown Dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasi</i>
<b><u>Thrushes Turdidae</u></b>	
Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>
Blue Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>
Gray-winged Blackbird	<i>Turdus boulboul</i>
Tickell's Thrush	<i>Turdus unicolor</i>
Long-billed Thrush	<i>Zoothera monticola</i>
<b><u>Cisticolas &amp; Allies Cisticolidae</u></b>	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Rufous-fronted Prinia	<i>Prinia buchanani</i>
Graceful Prinia	<i>Prinia gracilis</i>
Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
<b><u>Old World Warblers Sylviidae</u></b>	
Cetti's Bush-Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
Bristled Grassbird	<i>Chaetornis striata</i>
Sykes's Warbler	<i>Hippolais rama</i>
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
Common [Siberian] Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus tristis</i>
Mountain Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus sindianus</i>
Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>
Smoky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuligiventer</i>
Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>
Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>

Lemon-rumped Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus chloronotus</i>
Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
Blyth's Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>
Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>
Whistler's Warbler	<i>Seicercus whistleri</i>
Gray-hooded Warbler	<i>Seicercus xanthoschistos</i>
Orphean [Eastern] Warbler	<i>Sylvia hortensis</i>
Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia deserti</i>
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>

#### **Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**

Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>
[Red-throated Flycatcher]	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>
Dark-sided Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa sibirica</i>
Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>
Small Niltava	<i>Niltava macgrigoriae</i>
Rufous-bellied Niltava	<i>Niltava sundara</i>
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>
Plumbeous Redstart	<i>Rhyacornis fuliginosus</i>
Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>
Common [Siberian] Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maura</i>
White-tailed Stonechat	<i>Saxicola leucera</i>
Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
Gray Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferrea</i>
Variable Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe picata</i>
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>
Rufous-tailed Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe xanthopyrmyna</i>
Indian [Brown Rock] Chat	<i>Cercomela fusca</i>

#### **Fantails Rhipiduridae**

Yellow-bellied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura hypoxantha</i>
White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>

#### **Babblers Timaliidae**

White-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax albogularis</i>
White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>
Striated Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax striatus</i>
Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax rufogularis</i>
Streaked Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax lineatus</i>
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus erythrogenys</i>
Black-chinned Babbler	<i>Stachyris pyrrhops</i>
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
Common Babbler	<i>Turdoides caudatus</i>
Striated Babbler	<i>Turdoides earlei</i>

Large Gray Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>
Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>
Red-billed Leiothrix	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius flaviscapus</i>
Blue-winged Minla	<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>
Rufous Sibia	<i>Heterophasia capistrata</i>
<b><u>Long-tailed Tits Aegithalidae</u></b>	
Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>
<b><u>Creepers Certhiidae</u></b>	
Bar-tailed Treecreeper	<i>Certhia himalayana</i>
<b><u>Tits &amp; Chickadees Paridae</u></b>	
Rufous-naped Tit	<i>Periparus rufonuchalis</i>
Spot-winged Tit	<i>Periparus melanolophus</i>
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus</i>
Black-lored Tit	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>
White-naped Tit	<i>Parus nuchalis</i>
Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>
<b><u>Nuthatches Sittidae</u></b>	
Chestnut-bellied [Indian] Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>
White-tailed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta himalayensis</i>
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
<b><u>Wallcreeper Tichodromidae</u></b>	
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>
<b><u>Sunbirds &amp; Spiderhunters Nectariniidae</u></b>	
Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>
Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>
Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>
<b><u>Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae</u></b>	
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>
<b><u>White-eyes Zosteropidae</u></b>	
Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
<b><u>Old World Orioles Oriolidae</u></b>	
Eurasian [Indian] Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>
Black-hooded Oriole (H)	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
<b><u>Shrikes Laniidae</u></b>	
Rufous-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatu</i>
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>
Gray-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>
Southern Gray Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>
<b><u>Woodshrikes Prionopidae</u></b>	
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>
<b><u>Drongos Dicruridae</u></b>	
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>
<b><u>Crows, Jays &amp; Magpies Corvidae</u></b>	
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>

<b>Black-headed Jay</b>	<i>Garrulus lanceolatus</i>
<b>Red-billed Blue Magpie</b>	<i>Urocissa erythrorhyncha</i>
<b>Rufous Treepie</b>	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
<b>Gray Treepie</b>	<i>Dendrocitta formosae</i>
<b>House Crow</b>	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
<b>Large-billed [Indian Jungle] Crow</b>	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
<b>Common [Punjab] Raven</b>	<i>Corvus [subcorax] corax</i>

**Starlings Sturnidae**

<b>Common Starling</b>	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>
<b>Brahminy Starling</b>	<i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
<b>Chestnut-tailed Starling</b>	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>
<b>Rosy Starling</b>	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>
<b>Asian Pied Starling</b>	<i>Sturnus contra</i>
<b>Common Myna</b>	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
<b>Bank Myna</b>	<i>Acridotheres ginginianus</i>

**Weavers & Allies Ploceidae**

<b>Baya [Indian] Weaver</b>	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
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**Waxbills & Allies Estrildidae**

<b>Red Avadavat</b>	<i>Amandava amandava</i>
<b>White-throated [Indian] Silverbill</b>	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>
<b>Chestnut [Tri-colored] Munia</b>	<i>Lonchura atricapilla</i>
<b>Nutmeg Mannikin [Scaly-breasted Munia]</b>	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>

**Buntings & Allies Emberizidae**

<b>Rock Bunting</b>	<i>Emberiza cia</i>
<b>White-capped Bunting</b>	<i>Emberiza stewarti</i>
<b>Red-headed Bunting</b>	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>
<b>House (Striolated) Bunting</b>	<i>Emberiza striolata</i>
<b>Gray-necked Bunting</b>	<i>Emberiza buchanani</i>

**True Finches Fringillidae**

<b>Yellow-breasted Greenfinch</b>	<i>Carduelis spinoides</i>
<b>Brown Bullfinch</b>	<i>Pyrrhula nipalensis</i>

**Old World Sparrows Passeridae**

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

**List of Mammals**

<b>Indian Flying Fox</b>	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>
<b>Naked-rumped Tomb-Bat</b>	<i>Taphozous nudiventris</i>
<b>Rhesus Macaque</b>	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>
<b>Hanuman Langur</b>	<i>Presbytes entellus</i>
<b>Golden Jackal</b>	<i>Canis aureus</i>
<b>Desert Fox</b>	<i>Fennecus zerda</i>
<b>Sloth Bear</b>	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>
<b>Small Indian Mongoose</b>	<i>Herpestes auropunctatus</i>
<b>Indian Gray Mongoose</b>	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
<b>Yellow-throated Martin</b>	<i>Martes flavigula</i>
<b>Bengal Tiger</b>	<i>Panthera tigris</i>
<b>Wild Boar</b>	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
<b>Indian Muntjac [Barking Deer]</b>	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>

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Spotted Deer [Chital]	<i>Cervus axis</i>
Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
Nilgai [Blue Bull]	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>
Goral	<i>Naemorhedus goral</i>
Dorcas [Indian] Gazelle	<i>Gazella dorcas</i>
Northern Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>
House Mouse	<i>Mus domesticus</i>
Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>
Indian [Black-naped] Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
Indian Desert Gerbil	<i>Meriones hurrianae</i>

### List of Reptiles

Mugger (Marsh Crocodile)  
Indian Mud Turtle  
Green Forest Lizard  
Tropical House Gecko  
Laungwala Toad-headed Lizard  
Desert Monitor  
Western Long-tailed Lizard

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