

Tour Report India's Big Cats 1 – 21 February 2023

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Day 1: Delhi to Pullman Hotel**Wednesday 1 February 2023**

We met the guests and transferred them to the Pullman Hotel.

Day 2: Delhi to Leh, Grand Dragon Hotel**Thursday 2 February 2023**

We had an early morning start from the hotel in Delhi, as we had to reach the airport three hours before our flight to Leh. It was just an hour's flight to Leh and a 20-minute drive from there to the Grand Dragon Hotel. We rested for a while before heading out for the evening to visit Leh Palace, the market and the local area.

Day 3: Leh and drive to Indus for birdwatching along the river**Friday 3 February 2023**

We had breakfast, but our day program was slightly delayed by the weather. After lunch conditions were better, so we set out along the Indus river with our naturalist guide for an excellent afternoon of birding.

Day 4: Drive to Snow Leopard Lodge, Ulley**Saturday 3 February 2023**

We set out from Leh towards Ulley, a three-hour drive, taking time to observe a stunning array of landscapes, animals and birds on the way. We stopped at the Indus-Zaskar confluence after sighting a urial herd in the snow. We reached the Snow Leopard Lodge, at Ulley, by lunchtime. For the rest of the day we took things slow, watching the wildlife and birds around the lodge.

Day 5: Snow Leopard Lodge, Ulley**Sunday 4 February 2023**

In the morning, we had our breakfast and then headed out to the nearest scanning point to discover what the scanners had found for us. We had regular wildlife sightings throughout the day, including ibex, urial, yak and red fox. There was also an abundance of birdlife, such as chukar partridge, robin accentor, and golden eagle.

Day 6: Snow Leopard Lodge, Ulley**Monday 5 February 2023**

The temperature on Monday was close to -22°C, though this is quite normal for the location. It was snowing a bit in the morning, so the animal movement was quite slow, but we did have further sightings of ibex, urial and yak.

Day 7: Ulley to Mangyu**Tuesday 6 February 2023**

We received news from the spotters that snow leopards had been seen in the Zaskar range, an area almost two hours from Ulley. After breakfast, we drove towards a beautiful village called Mangyu, located across the Indus River. By the time we reached the location, it was almost 11.00 am and a crowd had gathered hoping for a feline sighting. In a matter of minutes we had set our viewing scopes and our spotters had located the snow leopards on a mountainside. They were far away, but still visible using the scope, and once we got our eyes tuned, we could see them through the camera too.

There were two snow leopards on the mountain and we were told that they were siblings having a squabble! We witnessed them sitting on the rock, moving around, and at one point we saw them together, but they moved away from one another soon enough.

The snow leopard sightings lasted almost the entire day, so we planned an outside lunch. We were served a hot lunch on the cold mountainside while watching the snow leopards, which was quite an experience for us all.

Along with the snow leopards, we also had our first sightings of blue sheep, which were grazing on the opposite mountain slope, totally oblivious to the leopards' presence. We spent almost the entire day in Mangyu watching the leopards and blue sheep, before returning to Ulley late in the evening.

Day 8: Ulley

Wednesday 7 February 2023

After an eventful Tuesday, we were excited to see what Wednesday would bring. Early in the morning, we got news of a pack of wolves, seen just behind Spango Valley, towards a village called Hemis Shukpachan. We quickly finished our breakfast and started towards the location.

Just before the village, our spotters spotted the wolves sleeping on the lower end of the mountain slope. Initially, we could see four of them, but later when they started moving we could count seven in total. We spent a good two hours with the wolves, watching them sleep and move around their habitat. Since we were there for almost two hours, we decided the civilised thing to do would be to have a cup of tea, so we set up our tea station in the middle of the snow-covered road. Sitting on our camping chairs, we all enjoyed a hot cuppa as we watched the wolves vanish into the rocky mountain slope.

We headed back to Ulley for lunch. After our meal, we waited for an update from our spotters. We heard the walkie-talkies blasting on about something in the local Ladkahi language, but all I could pick up was something about Spango Valley. Putting two and two together, I worked out that someone had seen a snow leopard in Spango Valley, so feeling excited we got ready to head out.

In the meantime, our main spotter Agang Norbu informed us that the wolf pack from earlier that morning had been seen heading towards Spango Valley. Since we were already ready, we just jumped into our cars and made straight for the spot. On arrival, we immediately saw a spotter pointing towards something up on the mountain.

We got out of the cars and set up our cameras and scopes, just in time to see a beautiful snow leopard perching on top of the mountain, not very far from us. We could clearly see the animal even without a pair of binoculars or a scope. Excited, we all watched the animal as it slowly make its way down the slope of the mountain. The snow leopard was heading towards a herd of ibex, which were peacefully grazing. It slunk between big boulders of rock, trying to get closer, but at this moment some yelled 'wolf.' Now things were getting interesting. The leopard crossed a big patch of snow and walked towards the ridge, before vanishing on the other side. We were very excited to see all this action but wondered why the leopard had left when it had been trying so hard to get close to the ibex.

A few minutes later, the pack of wolves we had seen in the morning came down from the rocks and started hunting the ibex. The chase had begun, and the ibex were now running uphill at full speed. They were on the big boulders in no time, where the wolves couldn't get to them. The young were higher on the bigger rocks and the adults were just below them, watching the wolves jumping around hopelessly. In the meantime, we were jumping around in excitement at seeing snow leopards and wolves hunting ibex on the same mountain at the same time! It was such an extraordinary scene we had witnessed, and that evening we were all delighted with the day's events.

Day 9: Ulley to Leh

Thursday 8 February 2023

This was our last day at the Ulley Snow Leopard Lodge. After saying our goodbyes to the staff, we headed back to Leh. On our way, we saw some ibex and urials. We reached Leh by lunchtime and rested for the day.

Day 10: Leh to Delhi, Hotel Pullman**Friday 9 February 2023**

The next morning we had an early flight out of Leh, so we headed to the airport in plenty of time, only to be informed that many of the flights had been delayed or cancelled. Eventually, a break in the bad weather gave us a chance to fly out, and we were feeling elated by the time we reached Dehli.

Day 11: Delhi to Rajkot, Gir National Park**Saturday 10 February 2023**

We flew from Delhi to Rajkot, the westernmost city in the state of Gujarat, on our way to Sasan Gir. Unfortunately, a flat tire, combined with our delayed flight, meant we were unable to go on our first evening drive in the park, so instead we did a birding walk in the warm evening air. Walking through Gir, we saw a lot of interesting birds.

Day 12: Gir National Park**Sunday 11 February 2023**

On Sunday morning we had our first drive in the park, where we saw a lot of birds, spotted deer, and langur, but initially, there was no sign of any big cats. We were just about to give up hope when we heard the unmistakable roar of a male lion. There he was, walking towards us in the beautiful morning light. He was marking his territory while walking, and as he passed us he was barely two to four feet away. What a morning it had turned out to be.

Day 13: Gir National Park**Monday 12 February 2023**

We arrived at the park bright and early, and within 20 mins we saw a female lioness sleeping on the road, yawning and rolling around for some time. We also heard roaring from the bushes to our left, from which another lioness emerged onto the road in full view of our group. Moments after this, we saw six young cubs of varying ages, moving cautiously nearby.

All of a sudden there was a very loud roar. The cubs ran as though their lives depended on it, while the two females rushed to inspect the cause of the commotion. The second female ran onto the road ahead of us. At this point, all the jeeps had cleared the area, and we were waiting for the drama to unfold.

It was a big male lion, probably a young contender who was targeting the cubs in order to get to the females. Soon we caught sight of two lions running towards us – the young male, sporting a freshly bleeding forehead, followed by a fierce female. It was possible that the mother of the cubs had fought off the male, and was now hot on his heels, chasing him away.

Both of them ran past us, while all of us just froze for a few moments. The lions then started fighting, barely 40 metres from our jeep! At this point, we had to move a little further away, as were in an open car. We watched as the lions fought until finally the male was chased away. The females were successful in protecting their cubs. This was a hair-raising experience for all of us, and all before breakfast! We headed back to the lodge to enjoy our first meal of the day.

Our evening drive yielded further wildlife sightings, including a variety of birds, langurs, spotted deer, sambar, and nilghai.

Day 14: Gir National Park**Tuesday 13 February 2023**

We entered the park early for our morning drive, taking a new route in the hope of seeing more big cats. In the morning we spotted a male lion walking through the woods, which crossed the path directly in front of us. It was a brief sighting, but a good one, and we could see him in full view.

Moving on from the lion, we came across a pair of jackals giving out alarm calls, which meant only one thing, cats, but which ones? We scanned the area, quickly spotting a beautiful leopard, our third big cat, crouching in the grass on our left. The leopard was watching us, and in the gorgeous morning light, we could see her beautiful green eyes. Later, she moved from her position and walked away into the thick bush, but we could still see bits and pieces of her before she vanished. Another beautiful morning.

On our evening drive, we explored an area with lots of water. While driving around we did a spot of birding, noting alpine swifts, herons, and egrets. Then our driver spotted a lioness on the water's edge, so we quickly drove towards a pride of lions we hadn't seen before. This pride had sub-adult cubs, and the entire family had come together by the water for a drink. After a while, the lions retreated to the shade under the bushes for a rest. We spent a good hour or more with this pride of lions before we had to make our way back.

Day 15: Gir National Park

Wednesday 14 February 2023

Following another early start, we searched the park for more lions. We thought we might find a different pride in a certain corner of the park, and sure enough, as we approached, we could hear the alarm calls of spotted deer and langur. However, the big cats eluded us this time, so after waiting for a long time, we drove back. While we were in the park we saw a lot of spotted deer, sambar, nilghai and blue bull.

It was still hot when we reentered the park for our evening drive. We saw a pair of blossom-headed parakeets courting, so we spent almost an hour so with them. It was an amazing moment to watch. Moving ahead, we saw a line of cars watching something in the bushes on our right. We parked and were told that a leopard was sleeping under the bushes in the shade. Realizing it could be worth waiting, we parked away from the crowds, but in a spot where we would still be able to see the leopard.

We waited until all the other cars had left. If the leopard decided to move then we would be the only ones to see it! However, the leopard had other plans and didn't stir from his sleep. After a long wait, we had to move on, as it was getting late and we needed to do our full loops before heading out. With the leopard sighting rounding off our last drive in Gir, we headed back to the lodge.

Day 16: Rajkot to Bangalore, Taj, Yeshwanthpur

Thursday 15 February 2023

After breakfast, we left the lodge and headed to Rajkot for our flight to Bangalore. We arrived in the evening and headed straight to the hotel for the night.

Day 17: Bangalore to Kabini

Friday 16 February 2023

We drove the five-hour journey to Kabini, arriving in time for our evening wildlife drive. On reaching Kabini, the guests were briefed about the lodge, the drives, and the meal timings. On our evening drive, we encountered langur, spotted deer, sambar deer, elephant and wild boar. We also saw a nesting Malabar parakeet nesting, Indian rollers, woodpeckers and other fascinating birdlife.

Day 18: Nagarhole National Park

Saturday 17 February 2023

The morning drive was fruitful. We were in Zone A and the first thing we did was to do a loop of the panther's territory. By doing so, we stumbled upon a male tiger, our fourth cat, as he walked head-on in the misty morning light. We reversed for a while, watching the tiger before he veered off the main track and headed back into the forest.

We still had time on our hands, so we kept looking for more big cats. We listened keenly for alarm calls as we navigated the park. At a waterhole, we heard constant alarm calls from a spotted deer. We were soon to discover that a leopard was on the prowl, hardly 30 metres from us. The leopard moved into full view from

behind a fallen log. It was a great evening with two big cats! In addition, we saw langurs, gaur, sambar, spotted deer and plenty of birds.

Later that evening, we stumbled upon a sub-adult tiger who was sitting behind a bamboo clump in the backwaters. We waited a long time for him to come into full view, and after almost an hour, he moved and walked onto the road in front of us. We watched him laze around, sleep, and rollover. It was so much fun to observe his behaviour. We also saw langur, elephants, sambar and wild boar, along with many species of birds.

Day 19: Nagarhole National Park

Sunday 18 February 2023

We were in the right place, at the right time, immediately spotting a tiger as it moved from one patch of the forest to another. We were in Zone B for the morning, and as we saw three boats lining up, we knew what was happening. We positioned ourselves for the sighting but quickly learned that the big cat had moved in from the bank, so there was no need for us to track it using alarm calls coming from the woods.

After repositioning ourselves, we caught a glimpse of the tiger moving through the bushes. It wasn't a great view, so we waited until it was heading straight for us. At this moment, a bus drove towards us and the tiger retreated.

We gave the tiger a lot of space, as he was a new male and wasn't habituated. Half an hour later, we heard more alarm calls and knew which direction he was heading in. He came into full view as he walked from the patch of woods next to the backwaters and moved along the banks, before vanishing again. On this drive, we also spotted langur, sambar deer, spotted deer, and wild boar, along with a variety of birds.

The evening drive was a little quieter, but we saw langur, spotted deer, sambar, gaur, elephant, and barking deer.

Day 20: Nagarhole National Park

Monday 19 February 2023

We had a lovely sighting of a beautiful tigress, reaching the spot in a rush after seeing her walk on the road towards us and then cross into the other side of the forest before vanishing into the bushes. Sambar, gaur, wild boar and langurs were also seen.

The evening drive was very fruitful again, with a tiger coming to the water to drink at a waterhole. Later, we caught sight of a leopard sleeping in a tamarind tree. We also saw herds of elephants moving towards the backwaters, as well as gaur, langur and sambar deer.

Day 21: Nagarhole National Park

Tuesday 20 February 2023

On our last drive of the tour, we saw a lot of langurs, gaur, sambar deer, spotted deer, and wild boar, along with many different species of birds.

After our wildlife drive, we had to get ready to check out and head to our hotel in Bangalore - a drive of four to five hours. Early the next morning we would catch our flights home.

Checklist



	Common Name	Scientific Name
	BIRDS	<i>AVES</i>
1	Grey partridge	<i>Perdix perdix</i>
2	Grey jungle fowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>
3	Red spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>
4	Indian peafowl	<i>Indian peafowl</i>
5	Lesser whistling duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
6	Cotton pygmy goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
7	Spot billed duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
8	Common teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>
9	Little grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
10	Painted stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
11	Woollynecked stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
12	Open billed stork	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
13	Black stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>
14	Black headed ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
15	Red naped ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>
16	Glossy ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
17	Eurasian spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
18	Indian pond heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
19	Grey heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
20	Purple heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
21	Cattle egret	<i>Bubulcus ibi</i>
22	Great egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
23	Intermediate egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>



24	Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
25	Darter	<i>anhinga</i>
26	Little cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
27	Indian cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
28	Great cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
29	Black kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
30	Brahminy kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
31	Black-winged kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
32	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
33	Grey-headed fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>
34	Oriental honey buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
35	Indian vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>
36	White-rumped vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>
37	Crested serpent eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
38	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
39	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
40	White-eyed buzzard	<i>Butastur teesa</i>
41	Indian spotted eagle	<i>Clanga hastata</i>
42	Crested hawk-eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
43	White-breasted water hen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
44	Purple swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
45	Common moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
46	Bronze-winged jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>
47	Black-winged stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
48	Red-wattled lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
49	Yellow-wattled lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
50	Little winged plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
51	Green sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
52	Wood sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>

53	Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
54	Small pranticole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>
55	River tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>
56	Little tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
57	Whiskered tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
58	Common pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
59	Green imperial pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
60	Oriental turtle dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
61	Eurasian collared dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
62	Spotted dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
63	Yellow-footed green pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicoptera</i>
64	Alexandreen parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
65	Rose-ringed parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
66	Plum-headed parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
67	Malabar parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>
68	Common haw- cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
69	Indian cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
70	Asian koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
71	Blue-faced malkhoa	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
72	Greater coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
73	Brown fish owl	<i>Bubo zeylonensis</i>
74	Jungle owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
75	Mottled wood owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>
76	Crested treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
77	Alpine swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
78	Little swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
79	Hoopoe	<i>Upupidae</i>
80	Indian roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
81	White-throated kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>

82	Common kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
83	Green bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
84	Chestnut-headed bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
85	Indian grey hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros birostris</i>
86	Oriental pied hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>
87	White-cheeked barbet	<i>Megalaima viridis</i>
88	Coppersmith barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
89	Rufous woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>
90	White-bellied woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>
91	Streak-throated woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>
92	Lesser golden-backed woodpecker	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
93	Greater golden-backed woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>
94	Malabar woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis sylvicola</i>
95	Ashy woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
96	Large cuckoo shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
97	Common iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
98	Small minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
99	Orange minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
100	Long-tailed shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>
101	Brown shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
102	Greater racket-tailed drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
103	Black drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
104	Bronze drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>
105	Indian golden oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>
106	Asian paradise flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
107	White-browed fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
108	Black-naped monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
109	Rufous treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
110	House crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>

111	Indian jungle crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos culminatus</i>
112	Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>
113	Dusky crag martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>
114	Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
115	Red-rumped swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
116	Jerdon's bush lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
117	Oriental skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
118	Red-whiskered bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>
119	Red-vented bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
120	Jungle babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>
121	Oriental white eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
122	Indian nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>
123	Lesser hill myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>
124	Common myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
125	Jungle myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>
126	Chestnut-tailed starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>
127	Blyth's starling	<i>Sturnia blythii</i>
128	Brahminy starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
129	Orange-headed thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>
130	Indian blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
131	White-rumped shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
132	Oriental magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
133	Asian brown-flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa latirostris</i>
134	Tickell's blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
135	Jeron's leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
136	House sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
137	White rumped munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
138	Yellow wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
139	Grey wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>

140	Forest wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
141	White-browed wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>
142	White-capped redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>
143	Brown dipper	<i>Cinclus pallasii</i>
144	Eurasian jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
145	Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
146	Himalayan griffon vulture	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>
147	Bearded vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>
148	Himalayan snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus himalayensis</i>
149	Chuckar partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>
150	Goosegander (Merganser)	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
151	Common kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
152	Peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
153	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
154	Spot-billed pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
155	Lesser fish-eagle	<i>Icthyophaga humilis</i>
156	Black eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
157	Red-headed vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>
158	Crested goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
159	Greater spotted eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>
160	Indian thick-knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>
161	Common greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
162	Southern coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
163	Indian scops owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
164	Spotted owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>
165	Pied kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
166	Blue-bearded bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>
167	Yellow-crowned woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>
168	Common woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>

169	Ashy drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
170	Wire-tailed swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
171	Horned lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>
172	Yellow-browed bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
173	Grey-breasted prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
174	Common tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
175	Clamorous reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
176	Black redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
177	Robin accentor	<i>Prunella rubeculoides</i>
178	Brown accentor	<i>Prunella fulvescens</i>
179	Citrine wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>
180	Alpine chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>
181	Carrion crow	<i>Corvus corone</i>
182	Black throated thrush	<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>
183	Blue whistling thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>
184	Snow pigeon	<i>Columba leuconota</i>
185	Solitary snipe	<i>Gallinago solitaria</i>
186	Red-throated flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>
	MAMMALS	MAMMALIA
1	Snow leopard	<i>Panthera uncia</i>
2	Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>
3	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
4	Tiger	<i>Panthera tigris</i>
5	Sloth bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>
6	Wild dog	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>
7	Himalayan wolf	<i>Canis himalayensis</i>
8	Golden jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
9	Red fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>
10	Indian fox	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>

11	Ibex	<i>Capra ibex</i>
12	Blue sheep	<i>Pseudois nayaur</i>
13	Red sheep	<i>Ovis aries</i>
14	Nilghai	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>
15	Spotted deer	<i>Axis axis</i>
16	Sambar deer	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>
17	Barking deer	<i>Muntiacus</i>
18	Elephant	<i>Loxodonta</i>
19	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>
20	Wild boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
21	Northern plains langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>
22	Black footed langur	<i>Semnopithecus hypoleucos</i>
23	Bonnet macaque	<i>Macaca radiata</i>
24	Rhesus macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>
25	Malabar giant squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>
26	Three striped palm squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
27	Five striped squirrel	<i>Funambulus pennantii</i>
28	Ruddy mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
29	Striped mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>
30	Yak	<i>Bos grunniens</i>
31	Black naped hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
	REPTILES	REPTILIA
1	Mugger crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
2	Peninsular pond terrapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga</i>
3	Softshell turtle	<i>Trionychidae</i>
4	Garden lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>