

India BIRDING TRIP REPORT
April 20th – May 5th, 2019
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Itinerary

April 20: Arrival in Delhi International Airport. Overnight Radisson Blu Hotel.

April 21: From Delhi drove to Agra. Buffet lunch and dinner at Jaypee Palace; afterwards walk to river opposite Taj Mahal. Overnight Jaypee Palace.

April 22: All morning visiting Taj Mahal then Marble Works; buffet lunch at Jaypee Palace then late afternoon visit to Red Fort. Dinner restaurant in Agra. Took overnight sleeper train to Katni.

April 23: From Katni drove to Monsoon Forest Lodge arriving at 09:15. Evening Game drive Bandhavgarh NP 16:30 - 19:30. Overnight at Monsoon Forest Lodge.

April 24: Up at 04:30 with morning game drive 05:30 to 10:30 rest of the day at camp (no game drives on Wednesdays) with evening guided bird walk at 16:30 from lodge. Overnight at Monsoon Forest Lodge.



Tiger, Bandhavgarh NP

Photo: Thomas Plath

April 25: Up at 04:30 with morning game drive 05:30 to 10:30 and evening game drive Bandhavgarh NP 16:30 -19:30. Overnight at Monsoon Forest Lodge.

April 26: Up at 04:30 with morning game drive 05:30 to 10:30 and evening game drive at Bandhavgarh NP 16:30 - 19:30. Entertained by local villagers with music and dancing at dinner. Overnight at Monsoon Forest Lodge.

April 27: Left Monsoon Forest Lodge at 12:30 and arrived at Jabalpur airport at 18:30. Flight to Delhi delayed by two hours so arrived at Radisson Blu Hotel in Delhi at 02:00.

April 28: Left Delhi at 08:00 and drove to Bhimtal arriving at Tag Resort 17:30. Overnight Bhimatal Tag Resort

April 29: Visited a fantastic bird hide near Bhimtal in the morning, followed by a walk through adjacent forest. Afternoon guided walk along the river from 16:00 to 19:00. Overnight Bhimatal Tag Resort

April 30: From Bhimtal drove to Jungle Lore Lodge, Pangot arriving for lunch. Afternoon walk at “woodpecker point” then birded agricultural areas further down the road at a lower elevation. Overnight at Jungle Lore Lodge

May 1: Left Jungle Lore Birding Lodge at 05:15 with packed breakfast then headed for higher elevation looking for pheasants. Breakfast at “Cheer point”. Drove down and birded at lower elevation in afternoon. Overnight at Jungle Lore Lodge

May 2: Pre-breakfast at Jungle Lore bird hide, then following breakfast drove to Tiger Camp near Corbett NP, stopping briefly en route at the falls. Birded along the Kosi River in the evening. Overnight at Tiger Camp.

May 3: Coffee and cookies at 05:00 then game drive at Corbett NP 05:30-09:30. Back for breakfast at 10:00 then afternoon game drive 15:30-19:00. Overnight at Tiger Camp.

May 4: Coffee and cookies at 05:00 then game drive at Corbett NP 05:30-09:30. Back for breakfast at 10:00 then afternoon game drive 15:30-19:00. Overnight at Tiger Camp.

May 5: Following breakfast left Tiger Camp at 09:10 and drove to Radisson Blu Hotel in Delhi arriving at 16:15. Derek’s 60th Birthday Party and Shyam’s Thank You.

Highlights: 222 species - Black Francolin, Cheer Pheasant, Crested Treeswift, Sarus Crane, Red-naped Ibis, Red-headed and Indian Vulture, White-eyed Buzzard, Brown Fish-Owl, Brown Wood-Owl, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Brown-fronted and Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-crowned and White-naped Woodpecker, Himalayan Flameback, Greater Yellownape, Gray-backed Shrike, White-bellied and Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Indian Nuthatch, Black-headed Jay, Spotted and Slaty-backed Forktail, Long-billed Thrush, Indian (Brown Rock) Chat, Crimson Sunbird, Upland Pipit, Crested Bunting

Mammals: Himalayan and Northern Plains Langur, Asiatic Elephant, Barking Deer (Muntjac), Nilgai, Sambar, Indian Gazelle, **Tiger**, Golden Jackal, Indian Grey and Ruddy Mongoose, Indian Hare

Annotated Bird and Mammal Trip List

This trip list follows the taxonomic order and nomenclature Clements 6th Edition (updated 2018). The status of the threatened bird species is taken from Birdlife International (Threatened Species).

NP – National Park

GR – Game Reserve

* - Heard only birds

Lesser Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna javanica*): A flock of about 20 at a pond was observed from a distance, Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 26th.

***Hill Partridge** (*Arborophila torqueola*): One heard in the Pangot area Apr 30th.

Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*): Over 10 observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd and 24th, 15+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 20+ Apr 26th, 35+ estimated at Corbett NP May 3rd, 20 May 4th.

Red Spurfowl (*Galloperdix spadicea*): A pair seen by the roadside at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th.

Black Francolin (*Francolinus francolinus*): One heard in the Pangot area Apr 30th, one seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation than Pangot May 1st, a pair observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd, three seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, one heard May 4th.



Black Francolin, Bhimtal Bird Hide

Photo: Thomas Plath

Red Junglefowl (*Gallus gallus*): Six observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, and eight on the 24th, 15+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 10+ Apr 26th, five seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, six on May 4th.

Cheer Pheasant (*Catreus wallichii*): A pair observed far below the road on a grass gully at “Cheer point” 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Kalij Pheasant (*Lophura leucomelanos*): A pair observed on the road en route to “Cheer point” 11 km from Pangot May 1st, a pair observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd, and a male at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*): Two at seen at a pond in Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th.

Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*): Common and widespread in Delhi and larger towns, many seen in Agra Apr 22nd, 10+ daily at Bhimtal Apr 28th and Apr 29th, 15+ in the Pangot area Apr 30th to May 2nd.

Oriental Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*): Widespread but most common at higher elevations. Four at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th, several seen at Bhimtal bird hide Apr 29th, several seen at Junglelore Lodge Apr 30th, 10+ in Pangot area May 1st, six observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd, and five observed at Tiger Camp adjacent Corbett NP May 2nd.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*): Several seen en route to Agra Apr 21st, a few seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, one at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th, two seen at Bhimtal bird hide Apr 29th, 20+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, five on May 4th.

Red Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia tranquebarica*): One attending a waterhole at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*): Two seen in Agra Apr 22nd, five observed during the afternoon game drive Banhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, six observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, five at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 20+ Apr 26th, two observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd, two observed at Tiger Camp adjacent Corbett NP May 2nd, 30+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, many on May 4th.

Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*): A few seen en route to Agra Apr 21st, two seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th.

Asian Emerald Dove (*Chalcophaps*): Perhaps thr prettiest dove: Great views of one at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, and another at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Yellow-footed Pigeon (*Treron phoenicopterus*): One heard at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, one at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and six Apr 26th, one seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Wedge-tailed Pigeon (*Treron sphenurus*): One seen at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th.

Greater Coucal (*Centropus sinensis*): One seen at a pond during a rest stop en route to Agra Apr 21st, two at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd. **Southern Coucal** (*Centropus (sinensis) parroti*): Clements considers this a form of Greater Coucal. Two during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, one heard at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and a single Apr 26th, one during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd,

Asian Koel (*Eudynamis scolopaceus*): Two were along the river opposite the Taj Mahal on evening of Apr 21st, two seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, and one heard at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo (*Surniculus dicruroides*): One heard and seen in overflight at Corbett NP May 3rd.

***Large Hawk-Cuckoo** (*Hierococcyx sparverioides*): One heard at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th, heard at Jungle Lore Birding Lodge, Pangot May 1st and 2nd, heard Tiger Camp on May 4th.

Common Hawk-Cuckoo (*Hierococcyx varius*): Two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, three at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and a single Apr 26th.

***Indian Cuckoo** (*Cuculus micropterus*): One heard at Tger Camp May 5th.

***Common Cuckoo** (*Cuculus canorus*): Heard at Jungle Lore birding Lodge May 2nd.



Indian Nightjar with chicks, Bandhavgarh NP

Photo: Thomas Plath

Indian Nightjar (*Caprimulgus asiaticus*): Excellent looks were had of an adult with two chicks beside the road during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, two were seen flycatching at Jabalpur airport Apr 27th.

White-rumped (Spinetail) Needletail (*Zoonavena sylvatica*): Three seen foraging low over the canopy at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

Little Swift (*Apus affinus*): Over 30 were flying around the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, and 200+ over Taj Mahal and Red Fort on Apr 22nd, eight seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Crested Treeswift (*Hemiprocne coronata*): Two observed in flight during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP on Apr 24th, three at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, and two seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and on May 4th.

White-breasted Waterhen (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*): One seen at a pond during a rest stop en route to Agra Apr 21st, a single at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, and at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th.

Sarus Crane (*Antigone antigone*): A group of four and then two birds were observed along the roadside en route to Agra Apr 21st.

Indian Thick-knee (*Burhinus indicus*): Two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, a pair defending the nest at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and a single Apr 26th.

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*): Five seen at a pond during a rest stop en route to Agra Apr 21st, 15 at the river by Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd, and 100+ in fields en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th.

River Lapwing (*Vanellus duvaucelii*): Two were along the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, two at the river on Apr 22nd, and a single observed at Tiger Camp adjacent Corbett NP May 2nd.

Yellow-wattled Lapwing (*Vanellus malabaricus*): Two observed frequenting at waterholes during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, and five at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th.



Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Bandhavgarh NP

Photo: Thomas Plath

Red-wattled Lapwing (*Vanellus indicus*): Common widespread and conspicuous: Many seen along the roadside especially near water en route to Agra Apr 21st, 10+ at the river by Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd, 10+ observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd and four on Apr 24th, two during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, 10+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, 10+ in fields en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th, one observed at Tiger Camp adjacent Corbett NP May 2nd, and five on May 4th.

Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*): One seen at a pond during a rest stop en route to Agra Apr 21st, another along the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st.

Asian Openbill (*Anastomus oscitans*): Two seen in fields en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th.

Black Stork (*Ciconia nigra*): One observed in flight at Corbett NP on May 4th.

Woolly-necked Stork (*Ciconia episcopus*): One observed along the roadside en route to Agra Apr 21st, two observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd and two on Apr 25th.

Painted Stork (*Mycteria leucocephala*): Two were along the roadside en route to Agra Apr 21st, three were along the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, and eight at the river by Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd.

Lesser Adjutant (*Leptoptilos javanicus*): Two observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd and a single Apr 26th

Little Cormorant (*Microcarbo niger*): One observed along a roadside pond en route to Agra Apr 21st, one observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, two en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th, and five observed at Tiger Camp adjacent Corbett NP May 2nd.

Indian Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*): Two observed in overflight during the evening Kosi River walk May 2nd.

Gray Heron (*Ardea cinerea*): One observed en route to Agra Apr 21st.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*): A few observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, two at the river by Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd, one at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and two Apr 26th.

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*): Many observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, many at the river by Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd,

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*): Many observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, many at the river by Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, and two observed at Tiger Camp adjacent Corbett NP May 2nd.

Indian Pond-Heron (*Ardeola grayii*): One seen at a pond during a rest stop en route to Agra Apr 21st, a single observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, many in fields en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th, and one at the lake at Bhimtal Apr 28th.

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*): Two seen in flight over the lake at Bhimtal Apr 28th.

Black-headed Ibis (*Threskiornis melanocephalus*): About 10 observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, and two in fields en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th.

Red-naped Ibis (*Pseudibis melanocephalus*): Two observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, one observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, and a single en route to Jabalpur airport Apr 27th.

Eurasian Spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*): One observed with storks at the river by Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd.

Black-winged Kite (*Elanus caeruleus*): A single observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd.

Egyptian Vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*): Over 20 observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, two at the river by Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd, one observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, and two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th.

Oriental Honey-buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*): One observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, one at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and two Apr 26th, singles seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

Red-headed Vulture (*Sarcogyps calvus*): One observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, three at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th, and a single at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Indian Vulture (*Gyps indicus*): Over 40 observed near a waterhole during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th.

Himalayan (Vulture) Griffon (*Gyps himalayensis*): One with Indian Vultures at a waterhole during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, and another observed in overflight at "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Crested Serpent-Eagle (*Spilornis cheela*): One at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th, one during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, two seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, and a single on May 4th.

Brown Fish-Owl (*Ketupa zeylonensis*): One observed at the roost site at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

***Jungle Owlet** (*Glaucidium radiatum*): Heard during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th and at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, heard at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th. One seen in Bandhavgarh

Spotted Owlet (*Athene brama*): One observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd.

Brown Wood-Owl (*Strix leptogrammica*): A pair seen roosting together in the deciduous forest near Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*): One seen near Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th.

Great Hornbill (*Buceros bicornis*): One observed twice in flight at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Indian Gray Hornbill (*Ocyrceros birostris*): One at the Raddisson Hotel grounds and two observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, one at Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd, two observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, two observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, three observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, two during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, four at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and a single Apr 26th, four seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*): Two seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, one during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, and a single at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Stork-billed Kingfisher (*Pelargopsis capensis*): One observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, and on Apr 26th.

White-throated Kingfisher (*Halycon smyrnensis*): Two observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, one at Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd, one during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, three at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and two Apr 26th, one en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th, one seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, four seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Crested Kingfisher (*Megaceryle lugubris*): One seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, one during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, and another at Corbett NP May 4th.

Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*): Four seen during the afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater (*Nyctyornis athertoni*): Singles were observed perched near waterholes at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th.

Green Bee-eater (*Merops orientalis*): Many were seen en route to Agra Apr 21st, one was along the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, two observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, two observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, eight during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, 20+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 15 Apr 26th, 20+ en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th, 25+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, and 20+ at Corbett NP May 3rd.



Green-Bee-eater, Corbett NP

Photo: Thomas Plath

Blue-tailed Bee-eater (*Merops philippinus*): Two seen perched on telephone wires en route to Corbett NP May 3rd.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater (*Merops leschenaulti*): Three during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, and three seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Indian Roller (*Coracias benghalensis*): Widespread and conspicuous. Two observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, five observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, and three during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, two during an afternoon guided walk from Monsoon Lodge Apr 24th, 10+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and three Apr 26th.

Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*): One seen perched in the open high in the forest canopy at Corbett NP May 3rd

Coppersmith Barbet (*Psilopogon haemacephalus*): Two were bringing food to a nest at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, one observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, heard at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th, and heard at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

Great Barbet (*Psilopogon virens*): Two seen and a few heard at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th, one seen and a few heard during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, and a few heard in the Pangot area Apr 30th.

***Lineated Barbet** (*Psilopogon lineatus*): Heard at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

Brown-headed Barbet (*Psilopogon zeylanicus*): Two were seen along the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, two were seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, and heard at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.



Brown-headed Barbet, Jaypee Palace grounds

Photo: Thomas Plath

***Blue-throated Barbet** (*Psilopogon asiaticus*): Heard at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Gray-capped Woodpecker (*Yungipicus canicapillus*): One seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and another May 4th.

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker (*Leiopicus mahrattensis*): Two were observed at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and a single Apr 26th.

Brown-fronted Woodpecker (*Dendrocoptes auriceps*): Two seen at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, and at "woodpecker point" near Pangot Apr 30th, another observed during afternoon the walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st.



Brown-fronted Woodpecker, Bhimtal Bird Hide

Photo: Thomas Plath

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos hyperythrus*): One seen at “woodpecker point” near Pangot Apr 30th.

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos macei*): One seen briefly at Corbett NP May 4th.

White-naped Woodpecker (*Chrysocolptes festivus*): A pair seen during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, and one at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

Rufous Woodpecker (*Micropternus brachyurus*): One seen foraging on a snag at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Himalayan Flameback (*Dinopium shorii*): A pair seen in flight then on a snag at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th.

Black-rumped (Lesser) Flameback (*Dinopium benghalense*): One was along the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, one was at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, three at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and two Apr 26th, one seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, and two at Corbett NP May 4th.

Gray-headed Woodpecker (*Picus canus*): Stunning views of at least two were had at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th.

Greater Yellownape (*Chrysophlegma flavinucha*): Stunning views of at least two were had at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th.



Greater Yellow-nape, Bhimtal Bird Hide

Photo: Thomas Plath

Eurasian Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*): One observed in flight during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, and another at “Cheer Point” Bhimtal Apr 30th.

Eurasian Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*): One seen as a fly by over the lake at Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*): One seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st.

Alexandrine Parakeet (*Psittacula eupatria*): Two observed in overflight along the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, and 20+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

Rose-ringed Parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*): Many observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, many were seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, five during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, several at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, 30 seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, 40+ at Corbett NP May 4th.

Slaty-headed Parakeet (*Psittacula himalayana*): Five seen at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th, five seen in the Pangot area Apr 30th, 10 seen at Junglelore Lodge Apr 30th, 10 seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st, 20 observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd, and 10 during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

Plum-headed Parakeet (*Psittacula cyanocephalus*): Two observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, four observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, four during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 10+ Apr 26th, 25 seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, 10 at Corbett NP May 4th.

Red-breasted Parakeet (*Psittacula alexandri*): Seven seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, and four on May 4th.

Common Woodshrike (*Tephrodornis pondicerianus*): One during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, eight at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and three Apr 26th.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike (*Hemipus picatus*): One seen perched and flycatching at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Common Iora (*Aegithina tiphia*): Brief views of one high in a tree were had at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Long-tailed Minivet (*Pericrocotus ethologus*): Two seen from the Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th.

Large Cuckooshrike (*Coracina macei*): Two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, one at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and two on Apr 26th.

Bay-backed Shrike (*Lanius vittatus*): One seen at a distance in a field en route to Corbett NP May 3rd.

Long-tailed Shrike (*Lanius schach*): Two seen en route to Corbett NP May 3rd.

***Himalayan Shrike-Babbler** (*Pteruthius ripleyi*): One heard at "woodpecker point" near Pangot Apr 30th.

Indian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus kundoo*): One seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, three at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

Black-hooded Oriole (*Oriolus xanthornus*): One observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, one seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd and 24th, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th, and heard at Corbett NP May 3rd.

***Maroon Oriole** (*Oriolus trailii*): One heard in the Pangot area Apr 30th.

Black Drongo (*Dicrurus macrocercus*): The common drongo of open country. Five observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, two observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, four observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, two during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and five Apr 26th, five seen at Bhimtal bird-hide and area Apr 29th, five during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, 10+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd,

Ashy Drongo (*Dicrurus leucophaeus*): Two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 10+ Apr 26th, eight seen in the Pangot area Apr 30th, 10+ observed at en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st, 10 seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st.

White-bellied Drongo (*Dicrurus caerulescens*): Three observed at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th.

Bronzed Drongo (*Dicrurus aeneus*): Five seen at Bhimtal bird-hide and area Apr 29th,

Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo (*Dicrurus hottentottus*): Two seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus paradiseus*): Four of this crazy looking drongo observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, one at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and two Apr 26th.

White-throated Fantail (*Rhipidura albicollis*): One seen at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th.

White-browed Fantail (*Rhipidura aureola*): One seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th and two Apr 25th, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and a single Apr 26th.

Indian Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone paradisi*): One at Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and a four Apr 26th, four seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, and two May 4th.

Black-naped Monarch (*Hypothymis azurea*): One observed at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and four on Apr 26th.

Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*): One seen at “woodpecker point” near Pangot Apr 30th, one observed at en route to “Cheer point” 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Black-headed Jay (*Garrulus lanceolatus*): Over 10 seen at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, two seen at Junglere Lodge, Pangot Apr 30th and May 1st, two observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd.

Red-billed Blue-Magpie (*Urocissa erythroryncha*): One at Bhimtal Apr 28th, five seen at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th, one seen at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, two at Jungle Lore Birding Lodge, Pangot May 1st, two observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd.



Red-billed Blue-Magpie, Jungle Lore Birding Lodge

Photo: Thomas Plath

Rufous Treepie (*Dendrocitta vagabunda*): Two were seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, one seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, two observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, four at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and eight Apr 26th, one seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Gray Treepie (*Dendrocitta formosae*): About 10 seen at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th.

House Crow (*Corvus splendens*): Many observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, and at Agra on Apr 22nd.

Large-billed Crow (*Corvus macrorhynchus*): Two seen at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, six observed at en route to “Cheer point” 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Indian Jungle Crow (*Corvus (macrorhynchus) culminatus*): Clements includes the this crow of low elevations with Large-billed Crow. Many observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, five seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, four observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, five observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, five seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, 10+ at Bandhavgarh NP

Apr 25th and 26th, heard at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th, 10+ during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, 25+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, 20+ Corbett NP May 4th.

(Plain) Gray-throated Martin (*Riparia chinensis*): One seen foraging during the afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, and three seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Dusky Crag-Martin (*Ptyonoprogne concolor*): A few seen from the Raddisson Blu in Delhi on Apr 20th, and May 6th.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*): One seen at a pond during a rest stop en route to Agra Apr 21st, one observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, and a single Apr 26th, two seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, 10 seen at Junglelore Lodge Apr 30th, 20+ at Jungle Lore Birding Lodge, Pangot May 1st, and five during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*): One observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, two seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, 10 seen at Junglelore Lodge Apr 30th, 20+ at Jungle Lore Birding Lodge, Pangot May 1st, and five May 2nd.

Streak-throated Swallow (*Petrochelidon fluvicola*): Five at a bridge crossing outside of Delhi en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th.

Green-backed Tit (*Parus monticolus*): One seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, and another en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Cinereous (Great) Tit (*Parus cinereus*): One seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, and another at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th.

Himalayan Black-lored Tit (*Machlolophus xanthogenys*): One seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Black-throated Tit (*Aegithalos concinnus*): Two seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, and three observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd.

Indian Nuthatch (*Sitta castanea*): Two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th.

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch (*Sitta cinnamoventris*): Two seen at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th.

White-tailed Nuthatch (*Sitta himalayensis*): Two seen at "woodpecker point" near Pangot Apr 30th, and another observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (*Sitta frontalis*): Good look of one was had at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Brown Dipper (*Cinclus pallasii*): A juvenile was seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Bar-tailed Treecreeper (*Certhia himalyana*): One in a bird flock seen at "woodpecker point" near Pangot Apr 30th.

Red-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cafer*): Six observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, five were seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, many observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, 10+ seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, 20+ observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd and 24th, 30+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, two seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th,

five seen at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, 5 at Jungle Lore Birding Lodge, Pangot May 1st, several observed at Tiger Camp adjacent Corbett NP May 2nd, 30+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

Red-whiskered Bulbul (*Pycnonotus jocosus*): A few observed at Tiger Camp adjacent Corbett NP May 2nd, 15+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, and 20+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

Himalayan Bulbul (*Pycnonotus leucogenys*): Two at Bhimtal Apr 28th, about five seen at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th, and at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, five during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st, four at Corbett NP May 3rd, and a single May 4th.

Black Bulbul (*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*): Three seen at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th.

Tickell's Leaf Warbler (*Phylloscopus affinus*): One seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st,

Greenish Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochiloides*): One seen in the Pangot area Apr 30th, one observed at "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st, and one observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd.

Gray-hooded Warbler (*Phylloscopus xanthoschistos*): Five seen in the Pangot area Apr 30th, one observed at "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Blyth's Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus dumetorum*): One seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th and 25th, two observed on Apr 26th, one seen in the Pangot area Apr 30th, and two observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Common Tailorbird (*Orthotomus sutorius*): One seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th.

Striated Prinia (*Prinia crinigera*): One heard in the Pangot area Apr 30th, one observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st, and three during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st.

Gray-breasted Prinia (*Prinia hodgsonii*): One at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th, one during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, at Corbett NP May 4th.

Ashy Prinia (*Prinia socialis*): One was seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, one at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, two seen at Corbett NP May 3rd,

Plain Prinia (*Prinia inornata*): Two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, and singles Apr 25th and 26th,

Yellow-eyed Babbler (*Chrysomma sinense*): Good looks were had of two seen in edge habitat outside Corbett NP in the evening of May 3rd.

Oriental White-eye (*Zosterops palpebrosus*): One was seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, three seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th and 25th, five at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 15+ Apr 26th, five seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, 10 seen in the Pangot area Apr 30th, several seen at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, five seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st, four at Corbett NP May 4th.

Tawny-bellied Babbler (*Dumetia hyperythra*): Two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd and 24th, and four Apr 25th.

***Indian Scimitar-Babbler** (*Pomatorhinus horsfieldii*): Heard at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

***Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler** (*Pomatorhinus erythrognys*): Heard from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd.

Large Gray Babbler (*Turdoides malcolmi*): Good looks were had of a few foraging in the gardens along the river opposite the Taj Mahal the evening of Apr 21st.

Jungle Babbler (*Turdoides striata*): Common, noisy, conspicuous and widespread. Many family flocks were seen daily even active in the heat of day: Six were seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, five observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, five seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, 20+ observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, 10+ observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, 10+ on the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, 25+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, two seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st, three during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, 40+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, at 20+ Corbett NP May 4th.

White-crested Laughingthrush (*Garrulax leucolophus*): John's favourite bird! Three of these birds "with character" were watched at close quarters at the Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th.

Rufous-chinned Laughingthrush (*Ianthocincla rufogularis*): Excellent views of at least two were had at the Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th.

Striated Laughingthrush (*Trochalopteron lineatum*): Great looks of one had during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, one seen at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, and another from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd.

White-throated Laughingthrush (*Ianthocincla albogularis*): Over 20 estimated at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, two seen at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, and two observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Streaked Laughingthrush (*Trochalopteron lineatum*): More than five estimated at the Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, six seen at Junglere Lodge, Pangot Apr 30th, five on May 1st, and seven at Jungle Lore May 2nd.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush (*Trochalopteron erythrocephalum*): One seen at "woodpecker point" near Pangot Apr 30th, and another en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st. Both birds were difficult to see remaining in cover most of the time, coming out into the open briefly.

Rufous Sibia (*Heterophasia capistrata*): One seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, one seen at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th and May 1st, two observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*): Small flocks would appear to feed briefly at the Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th. Approximately eight seen.



Red-billed Leiothrix, Bhimtal Bird Hide, ThomasPlath

Blue-winged Minla (*Actinodura cyanouroptera*): This is one of the first birds to appear at the excellent bird-hide near Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Indian Robin (*Copsychus fulicatus*): Four seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, three seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th and 25th, three on Apr 26th, and one during the afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

Oriental Magpie-Robin (*Copsychus saularis*): Common and conspicuous. A pair was seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, four observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, 15+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 20+ Apr 26th, four seen at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, 12+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

White-rumped Shama (*Copsychus malabaricus*): One observed at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th, and two seen and heard at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (*Cyornis tickelliae*): One seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th and 25th, and at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

Small Niltava (*Niltava macgrigoriae*): A pair seen along the river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Verditer Flycatcher (*Eumyias thalassinus*): Two seen at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th, four seen in the Pangot area Apr 30th, and four observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Blue Whistling-Thrush (*Myophonus caeruleus*): Two seen at close range at the Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, two seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, three seen in the Pangot area Apr 30th, another at "woodpecker point" near Pangot Apr 30th, and three observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Spotted Forktail (*Enicurus maculatus*): An amazing bird! Good looks of one were had of one walking about a drying river at Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Slaty-backed Forktail (*Enicurus schistaceus*): Unfortunately though foraging in the open this forktail was seen at a distance during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Black Redstart (*Phoenicurus ochrurus*): Good looks of a female were seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Blue-capped Rock-Thrush (*Monticola cinclorhyncha*): Scope views were had of one perched on a snag at “Cheer point” 11 km from Pangot May 1st, a female seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st.

Siberian (White-tailed) Stonechat (*Saxicola maurus*): One brief view en route to “Cheer point” 11 km from Pangot May 1st, and another at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Pied Bushchat (*Saxicola caprata*): One during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, six seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and four May 4th including some very confiding birds.

Gray Bushchat (*Saxicola ferreus*): One at Bhimtal Apr 28th, five seen around Tag Resort, Bhimtal Apr 29th, two seen at Junglelore Lodge Apr 30th, and six seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st.

Indian (Brown Rock) Chat (*Cercomela fusca*): Three individuals were perched on the rock walls near the entrance of Taj Mahal on Apr 22nd.

Long-billed Thrush (*Zoothera monticola*): One seen foraging on a path at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th.

Orange-headed Thrush (*Geokichla citrina*): Four of the white-faced *G. c. cyanotus* race were seen at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and five Apr 26th, stunning views of at least three of the nominate race were had at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th.



Orange-headed Thrush, Bhimtal Bird Hide

Photo: Thomas Plath

Gray-winged Blackbird (*Turdus boulboul*): At least four seen at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, one seen at “woodpecker point” near Pangot Apr 30th, 10+ observed en route to “Cheer point” 11 km from Pangot May 1st, and a single observed from the Jungle Lore bird hide May 2nd.

Gray-winged Blackbird, Bhimtal Bird Hide
Photo: Thomas Plath





Tickell's Thrush (*Turdus unicolor*): Great views of at least four (male and female) seen at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, and one observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Tickell's Thrush, Bhimtal Bird Hide

Photo: Thomas Plath

Asian Pied Starling (*Gracupica contra*): One was along the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, and another at Jaypee Place grounds Apr 22nd.

Brahminy Starling (*Sturnia pagodarum*): Two were seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, six

seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, two observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge grounds Apr 24th, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and four Apr 26th, six during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

Chestnut-tailed Starling (*Sturnia malabarica*): Two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th, great views of a pair bathing at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, a flock of 20 seen during the afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, and four at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*): Many observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, many were seen at Jaypee Palace grounds, Agra on Apr 22nd, four at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and five Apr 26th, many en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th, five seen at Bhimtal Bird Sanctuary Apr 29th, several seen at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, five seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st, 20 during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, 40+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, many at Corbett NP May 4th.



Purple Sunbird, Monsoon Forest Lodge

Photo: Thomas Plath

Crimson Sunbird (*Aethopyga siparaja*): One of this striking sunbird was seen along the river during the afternoon walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th.

Gray Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*): One flushed bird in flight was observed in flight during the afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

White-browed Wagtail (*Motacilla maderaspatensis*): One seen during the

afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, six during afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd, and five seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*): One of the “white-faced” *M. a. personata* race was seen during the late afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

Paddyfield Pipit (*Anthus rufulus*): Two watched foraging on the lawn at Tiger Camp May 2nd, three seen at Corbett NP May 3rd including a couple perched on a beside the road wire.

Upland Pipit (*Anthus sylvanus*): Scope views were had of one perched on a rock and singing at “Cheer point” 11 km from Pangot May 1st.

Common Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*): Three seen at Tag Resort, Bhimtal Apr 29th, four seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st.

Crested Bunting (*Emberiza lathami*): One female watched feeding in an open area then perched during the afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*): Two observed en route to Agra Apr 21st, 20+ at Bhimtal Apr 28th and 29th, five at Jungle Lore Birding Lodge, Pangot May 1st, five seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st, and five during the afternoon Kosi River walk May 2nd.

Russet Sparrow (*Passer cinnamomeus*): Three seen at Tag Resort, Bhimtal Apr 28th, 10+ seen at Bhimtal bird-hide Apr 29th, a few along the river during the afternoon walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th four seen during afternoon walk at lower elevation from Pangot May 1st, and two observed at Jungle Lore May 2nd.

Chestnut-shouldered Petronia (*Gymnornis xanthocollis*): Two seen at the Monsoon Forest Lodge Apr 23rd, six observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, 10+ observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, eight during an afternoon guided walk from the lodge Apr 24th, 20+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, and 25+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Indian Silverbill (*Euodice malabarica*): One at Taj Mahal and Red Fort on Apr 22nd,

White-rumped Munia (*Lonchura striata*): One observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th,

Mammals

Primates - Primates

Rhesus Macaque (*Macaca mulata*): Two seen en route to the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, five seen at Red Fort on Apr 22nd, one observed with langurs during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, 10 at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th, 30+ en route to Bhimtal Apr 28th, two in front of Tag Resort, Bhimtal Apr 28th, 10 en route to Kosi River walk May 2nd, 30+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, 40+ at Corbett NP May 4th.

Northern Plains Langur (*Semnopithicus entellus*): One seen en route to the river opposite the Taj Mahal evening of Apr 21st, 60+ observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, 80+ estimated during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, 60+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, 15 en route to Kosi River walk May 2nd, 60+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, and 70+ estimated at Corbett NP May 4th.



Northern Plains Langur, Bandhavgarh NP
Plath

Photo: Thomas

Himalayan Langur (*Semnopithicus schistaceus*): Five seen at “woodpecker point” near Pangot Apr 30th, 20+ observed en route to Tiger Camp, Corbett NP May 2nd,

Elephant -

Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*): Seven seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and eight at Corbett NP May 4th.

Ruminants - Ruminantia

Indian (Red) Muntjac (*Muntiacus muntjak*): One observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, one heard at Junglere Lodge Apr 30th, five observed en route to "Cheer point" 11 km from Pangot May 1st, eight seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, 11 at Corbett NP May 4th.

Sambar (*Rusa unicolor*): Two observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, one observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, 15 at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th, eight seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, 14 at Corbett NP May 4th.

Spotted Deer (*Axis axis*): Over 60 observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, 80+ was estimated during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, 80+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and 50+ Apr 26th, 50+ seen at Corbett NP May 3rd, 65 at Corbett NP May 4th.

Gaur (*Bos gaurus*): Five seen at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th.

Nilgai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*): Five en route (including two bulls) to Agra Apr 22nd, and eight females at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

Indian Gazelle (*Gazella bennettii*): One brief view bounding away at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

Indian (Eurasian) Wild Pig (*Sus scrofa*): About 15 observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, 10+ at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and Apr 26th, and two seen at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Tiger (*Panthera tigris*): Amazing close views of a female observed during the morning game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 24th, a female with two cubs and another female at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 25th and a single on Apr 26th.



Tiger, Bandhavgarh NP
Plath

Photo: Thomas

***Jungle Cat** (*Felis chaus*):

Indian Grey Mongoose (*Herpestes edwardsii*): One observed en route to Bandhavgarh NP from Katni Apr 23rd, one observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd,

Ruddy Mongoose (*Herpestes smithii*): Two observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd,

Golden Jackal (*Canis aureus*): One seen at Corbett NP May 3rd and May 4th.

Sloth Bear (*Melursus ursinus*): One seen in Bandhavgarh

Yellow-throated Marten (*Martes flavigula*): One in the Himalayan foothills

Indian Hare (*Lepus nigricolis*): One observed briefly along the river opposite Taj Mahal evening of Apr 22nd.

Five-striped Palm Squirrel (*Funambulus pennanti*): Widespread active squirrel with a bird-like call. Two seen in Delhi Apr 21st, and several in the gardens of Jaypee Palace Apr 22nd, two during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, two on Apr 25th, and a single Apr 26th.



Five-striped Palm Squirrel, Jaypee Palace
Plath

Photo: Thomas

Indian Pipistrelle (*Pipistrelle sp*): A few pipistrelles were observed during the afternoon game drive Bandhavgarh NP Apr 23rd, two at Bandhavgarh NP Apr 26th.

Others:

Common (Indian) Rat Snake (*Ptyas mucosa*): One seen during the afternoon river walk at Bhimtal Apr 29th, and another at Corbett NP May 3rd.

Common Indian (Bengal) Monitor (*Varanus bengalensis*): Two seen at Corbett NP May 4th.

Thanks to Thomas for writing this very comprehensive report.
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