

# VELAVADAR SANCTUARY, Gujarat, BHARATPUR, Rajasthan and PANNA, Madhya Pradesh

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An **extension** to a tour of Western Rajasthan/Gujarat 13th-27th January 2012 (see separate report)



The trip was arranged by **Jo Thomas** of **Wild About Travel** (see Contacts on last page) and her Indian ground agent **Indiantryst**. We had previously travelled with **Wild About Travel** and were confident it would be a good trip; we were not disappointed! The main part of the tour was in Western Rajasthan and Gujarat for 15 days / 6 people, focussed on finding the special birds and mammals in the different habitats of that region; it is reported elsewhere (see link at end of this report). Our 13-day extension was to visit Velavadar Blackbuck Sanctuary (Gujarat), Bharatpur (Rajasthan) plus Panna and the Ken river area (Madhya Pradesh); the following report cover the extension only.

It was slower paced than the earlier part of the trip, with no particular target species. We saw 213 bird sp. and 18 mammal sp. which added 35 birds and 5 mammals to the earlier list. We used various modes of transport: small cars, one flight and a couple of train journeys. Food and accommodation were good and everything had been well-planned. Mornings remained cold, including Madhya Pradesh, and we still needed those warm clothes. Temperatures did rise by late morning but it never became hot. It was a surprise to have heavy rain for several hours one night at Panna, accompanied by loud thunder. The rain continued on and off through the morning so the jeep safari was cancelled; we were told the rain had covered much of northern India.

## ITINERARY

28 Jan	Morning drive (5½hrs) from Gir to Velavadar National Park with several short stops on route. Early afternoon lodge grounds before jeep in Park. Overnight: Blackbuck Lodge	<b>Gir - Velavadar</b>
29 Jan	Morning around lodge. Afternoon jeep into Velavadar NP. Overnight: Blackbuck Lodge	<b>Velavadar</b>
30 Jan	Morning jeep into Velavadar NP. Afternoon drive (4hrs) to Ahmedabad for flight to Delhi. Overnight: Hotel Lohmod, Delhi	<b>Velavadar - Ahmedabad - Delhi</b>
31 Jan	06.00 drive to Bharatpur (4hrs). Rest of day hotel garden. Overnight: Hotel Sunbird	<b>Delhi - Bharatpur</b>
1 Feb	Morning and afternoon in Keoladeo Park. Overnight: Hotel Sunbird	<b>Bharatpur</b>
2 Feb	Morning and afternoon in Keoladeo Park. Overnight: Hotel Sunbird	<b>Bharatpur</b>
3 Feb	Morning and afternoon in Keoladeo Park. Overnight: Hotel Sunbird	<b>Bharatpur</b>
4 Feb	Drive (1hr) to Agra station for 08.00 train to Jhansi (2½hrs), then car to Panna (4hrs). Evening around lodge. Overnight: Panna Tiger Resort	<b>Agra - Jhansi - Panna</b>
5 Feb	Morning jeep into Panna National Park. Afternoon drive (20mins) to walk by Pandar Falls. Overnight: Panna Tiger Resort	<b>Panna</b>
6 Feb	Day around lodge, Ken river and surrounding farmland. Overnight: Panna Tiger Resort	<b>Panna</b>
7 Feb	Morning jeep into Panna National Park. Late morning boat along Ken river. Afternoon walking in extensive lodge grounds, surrounding farmland and scrub. Night watch from machan (tree platform) near lodge. Overnight: Ken River Lodge	<b>Panna</b>
8 Feb	Morning around lodge grounds and surrounding scrub. Afternoon boat along Ken river. Overnight: Ken River Lodge	<b>Panna</b>
9 Feb	Morning jeep into Panna NP. Midday drive (4hrs) to Jhansi for train to Delhi (4½hrs). Overnight: Hotel Lohmod	<b>Panna - Jhansi - Delhi</b>
10 Feb	Flight back to London	

## PLACE / SITE NAMES MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT

<b>Blackbuck Sanctuary</b>	Velavadar National Park is also known as Blackbuck Sanctuary.
<b>Velavadar</b>	Refers to the National Park/Sanctuary (not Blackbuck Lodge).
<b>Keoladeo</b>	Keoladeo National Park is more commonly known as Bharatpur (Bird Sanctuary).
<b>Bharatpur</b>	In this report, refers to the Park and not the town.
<b>Panna</b>	In this report, refers to the general area around the NP, the village of Madla and surrounding farmlands, riverside, scrub and dry woodland.
<b>Madla</b>	The small village by Panna National Park (Madla entry gate) in Madhya Pradesh.
<b>Pandar (Pandav) Falls</b>	A 20-minute drive from Madla, this is a picturesque area within the boundary of Panna NP but some distance from the safari areas. Nice for a short walk and general birding. Waterfall (a trickle at this time

of year) with man-made cave dwellings cut into the rocks (rich in Indian mythology; the Pandav brothers were reputed to have lived here during part of their exile).

#### Ken river

Big river running northward from Jabalpur to Panna and on to the Yamuna at Fatehpur (near Agra).

Flows past Ken River Lodge and Panna Tiger Resort into Panna NP. Many rocky and sandy islands.

#### Gir

Gir National Park / surrounding area, southern Gujarat. We travelled from here to Velavadar on 28 January.

### SITES VISITED

#### **VELAVADAR BLACKBUCK NATIONAL PARK**

In south-east Gujarat, this area of semi-arid flat grassland, acacia scrub, tidal mud and saline flats (inundated from the Gulf of Khambat at high tides during the monsoon) covers about 34km<sup>2</sup> and is sanctuary for a number of rare or threatened species, not just Blackbuck. We saw two Wolves and four Jungle Cats but failed to find Striped Hyena. Birding was good and, although the well-known harrier roost is not as impressive as it used to be, a few hundred birds can still be present. Our highest count was 80 but we



left the area too early (the Park closes before dark - but it is possible to stop on the roadside and watch the harriers coming in). The Park is divided into two by a highway, one side being dry grassland with some trees and a couple of small, artificial waterholes, the other having a large wetland, stretches of grassland, trees and the saline and tidal mud flats. There are only a few roads/tracks in the Park.

We stayed at Blackbuck Lodge, which is a few minutes drive from Velavadar park entrance. Beautiful accommodation with attractive, spacious, well-appointed detached chalets set around a reed-fringed lake (Purple heron, White-breasted Kingfisher - and an Indian Eagle Owl perched above it each evening!) The food was excellent with

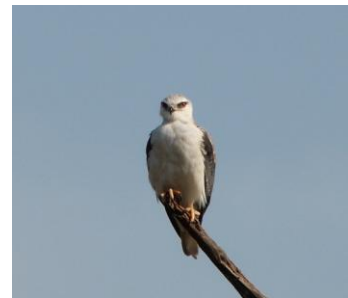
plenty of variety. The grounds have been re-seeded with natural local grasses and many species use the area (Pallid and Montagu's harriers, Black-winged Kite, Siberian Stonechat, White-browed Bushchat, Long-tailed Shrike, Small Indian Mongoose, with Blackbuck and Nilgai always visible around the periphery). The Lodge uses its own jeeps and their drivers know the Park well and have a reasonable knowledge of the species and where to find them. At dusk many raptors were passing over the Lodge heading for the grasslands.

**Species at Blackbuck Lodge and Velavadar Park included:** **BIRDS:** Grey Francolin; Peacock; Ruddy Shelduck; Gadwall; Spot-billed Duck; Shoveler; Pintail; Teal; Little Grebe; Painted Stork; Black-headed and Red-naped Ibis; Spoonbill; Black-crowned Night Heron; Indian Pond, Grey, Purple and Western Reef Herons; Cattle, Little, Intermediate and Great Egrets; Black-winged Kite; Marsh, Pallid and Montagu's Harriers; Shikra; Short-toed, Tawny and Greater Spotted Eagles; Common Kestrel; Coot; Demoiselle Crane; Barred Button-quail; Black-winged Stilt; Red-wattled Lapwing; Little Ringed Plover; Black-tailed Godwit; Redshank; Greenshank; Green, Marsh and Common Sandpipers; Temminck's Stint; Gull-billed and Whiskered Terns; Collared and Laughing Doves; Rose-ringed Parakeet; Greater Coucal; Spotted Owllet; Short-eared and Indian Eagle Owls; Indian Nightjar; White-throated Kingfisher; Green Bee-eater; Hoopoe; Bay-backed and Long-tailed Shrikes; Black Drongo; House and Jungle Crows; Rufous-tailed and Greater Short-toed Larks; White-eared and Red-vented Bulbuls; Grey-throated Martin; Barn Swallow; Zitting Cisticola; Blyth's Reed Warbler; Lesser Whitethroat; Common Babbler; Indian Robin; White-browed Bush Chat; Siberian Stonechat; Tawny Pipit. **MAMMALS:** Blackbuck; Nilgai; Wild Boar; Wolf; Jungle Cat; Small Indian Mongoose. **SIGNS** Fresh prints and droppings of Striped Hyena.

#### **BHARATPUR/ KEOLADEO NATIONAL PARK**

Water, water everywhere! No, it's not yet back to its former glory, but what a HUGE improvement since our previous visit ten months earlier!! Then it was so very dry. We had seen the big pipes and the men working to supposedly bring water from the Chambal river to Bharatpur town, and for some to be piped into the Park. Knowing India as well as we do we couldn't bring ourselves to really believe this would happen, but it has. 2011 produced a reasonable monsoon and this, combined with the piped water, has transformed the place. Birds everywhere; masses of ducks, waders, herons, storks, ibises, coots and accompanying raptors, with plenty of mammals and reptiles too.

One worrying thought, though: what effect will this extraction have on the Chambal river? We spent three days here, being picked up at our hotel by rickshaw and dropped at different parts of the Park each time. The rickshaw would then pick us up at a pre-arranged time and place. This worked well, getting us deep into the Park and being able to walk, often completely alone, for hours and not having to leave the best areas until late in the day. We stayed at Hotel Sunbird, just a few hundred metres from the Park entrance. We had one of the best rooms and it was very good, clean, spacious and comfortable and we relaxed in the garden during the middle of the day. The food was excellent and the hotel staff very attentive, efficient and helpful. The owners, Ranno and Laxman, were more than happy to help with any travel arrangements.



**Species at Bharatpur included:** **BIRDS** Grey Francolin; Peafowl; Lesser Whistling Duck; Greylag and Bar-headed Geese, Knob-billed Duck; Ruddy Shelduck; Cotton Pygmy Goose; Gadwall; Wigeon; Spot-billed Duck; Shoveler; Pintail; Teal; Red-crested and Common Pochard; Ferruginous Duck; Little Grebe; Painted, Woolly-necked and Black-necked Storks; Black-headed and Glossy Ibises; Spoonbill; Pond, Grey and Purple Herons; Cattle, Little, Intermediate and Great Egrets; Little, Indian and Great Cormorants; Oriental Darter; Black-winged Kite; Egyptian and Red-headed Vultures; Crested Serpent, Greater Spotted and Eastern Imperial Eagles; Marsh Harrier; Shikra; Northern Goshawk; White-eyed Buzzard; Kestrel; White-breasted Waterhen; Purple Swampphen; Moorhen; Coot; Sarus Crane; Black-winged Stilt; Red-wattled, White-tailed and Grey-headed Lapwings; Common Snipe; Spotted Redshank; Greenshank; Wood, Green and Marsh Sandpipers; Ruff; Collared and Laughing Doves; Yellow-footed Green Pigeon; Rose-ringed Parakeet; Spotted Owllet; Indian Scops and Brown Hawk Owls; Little Swift; White-throated and Common Kingfishers; Wryneck; Lesser Goldenback Woodpecker; Common Woodshrike; Small Minivet; Isabelline, Bay-backed and Long-tailed Shrikes; Indian Golden Oriole; Black Drongo; White-browed Fantail; Rufous Treepie; House and Jungle Crows; White-eared and Red-vented Bulbuls; Grey-throated

Martin; Barn and Red-rumped Swallows; Chiffchaff; Greenish, Hume's Leaf, Sykes's, Eastern Orphee, Clamorous and Blyth's Reed Warblers; Ashy, Plain (and Jungle?) Prinias; Jungle Babbler; Bank, Common and Pied Mynas; Brahminy and Rosy Starlings; Bluethroat; Indian Robin; Black Redstart; Siberian Stonechat; Pied Bush Chat; Red-breasted Flycatcher; Purple Sunbird; Yellow-throated Sparrow; Indian Silverbill; Yellow, Citrine and White Wagtails. **MAMMALS** Rhesus Macaque; Sambar and Chital deer; Nilgai; Wild Boar; Golden Jackal; Large Grey Mongoose; 5-striped Palm Squirrel. **REPTILES** Indian Rock Python; Indian Softshell Turtle. **BUTTERFLIES** Most obvious were the large numbers of Peacock Pansy.

## PANNA

We stayed in two lodges close to Panna National Park (near the village of Madla), both on the banks of the Ken river. First was the small, comfortable and homely Panna Tiger Resort and then the larger Ken River Lodge.

Panna Tiger Resort is owned by the same people as Hotel Sunbird at Bharatpur. The manager, known as Master-ji, looked after us well. The food was very good, varied and plenty of it, served outdoors overlooking the beautiful Ken river with cormorants and egrets flying in to roost against an impressive sunset. The room was spacious, comfortable and clean. Jeep trips into Panna National Park and other local sites can be arranged (they have their own jeep). We also visited nearby Pandar Falls with Master-ji; it's within the Park boundary but separate from the main safari area and you can walk through open woodland to the falls (just a trickle in February) and down some very steep steps to the man-made caves which have an interesting history.



Ken River Lodge is a very different place, much more expensive with a variety of secluded detached chalets and larger bungalows amongst woodland. A large rustic dining room and lounge area overlook the river. Resident naturalist-guides are helpful, knowledgeable and very professional. We spent time with Trigun vir Singh and Shukra Kumal who were both excellent on all wildlife. Boat trips along the river, walks through the extensive grounds (woodland and scrub) and surrounding farmland, night watches from a tree platform, as well as jeep trips into Panna National Park are all part of the "activities" available.

**Species around the two Lodges, farmland and Madla village included:** **BIRDS** Grey Francolin; Lesser Whistling Duck; Ruddy Shelduck; Spot-billed Duck; Little and Great Crested Grebes; Asian Openbill, Lesser Adjutant, Woolly-necked and Black Storks; Black-headed and Red-naped Ibises; Pond, Grey and Purple Herons; Great, Intermediate and Little Egrets; Little, Indian and Great Cormorants; Oriental Darter; Crested Honey Buzzard; Black-winged Kite; Egyptian and Red-headed Vultures; Crested Serpent and Greater Spotted Eagles; Brown Crake; White-breasted Waterhen; Greater Stone-curlew; River and Red-wattled Lapwings; Little Ringed Plover; Greenshank; Small Pratincole; Brown-headed Gull; Common Pigeon; Collared, Red Collared, Spotted and Laughing Doves; Yellow-footed Green Pigeon; Rose-ringed and Plum-headed Parakeets; Greater Coucal; Common Hawk-cuckoo; Indian Scops-owl (heard only); Indian Eagle Owl; Savanna Nightjar; Little Swift; Crested Treeswift; Indian Roller; Stork-billed, White-throated, Common and Pied Kingfishers; Green Bee-eater; Indian Grey Hornbill; Coppersmith Barbet; Wryneck; Yellow-crowned and Lesser Goldenback Woodpeckers; Common Woodshrike; Common Iora; Large Cuckooshrike; Long-tailed Shrike; Black Drongo; White-browed Fantail; Rufous Treepie; House and Jungle Crows; Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher; Cinereous Tit; Indian Bush Lark; Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark; Red-vented Bulbul; Barn, Red-rumped, Streak-throated and Wire-tailed Swallows; House Martin; Chiffchaff, Sulphur-bellied, Hume's Leaf, Greenish and Blyth's Reed Warblers; Ashy, Jungle and Plain Prinias; Common Tailorbird; Jungle and Yellow-eyed Babblers; Oriental White-eye; Bank, Common and Pied Mynas; Brahminy Starling; Oriental Magpie Robin; Indian Robin; Black Redstart; Pied Bush and Brown Rock Chats; Blue Rock Thrush; Verditer and Ultramarine Flycatchers; Purple Sunbird; House and Yellow-throated Sparrows; White-browed Wagtail; Tree Pipit; Black-headed Bunting. **MAMMALS** Wild Boar; Golden Jackal; Indian Porcupine, 5-striped Palm Squirrel. **REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS** Sand Boa; House Gecko; Indian Tent Turtle; Indian Green Frog. **BUTTERFLIES** Plain and Striped Tigers; Common Rose; Lemon Pansy; Rounded Pierott; Indian Grizzled Skipper; Dark Grass Blue.



**Species in Panna National Park included:** **BIRDS** Painted and Grey Francolins; Painted Spurfowl; Peafowl; Woolly-necked Stork; Grey Heron; Great Egret; Black-winged Kite; Grey-headed Fish Eagle; Indian, Griffon and Red-headed Vultures; Crested Serpent Eagle; Shikra; Eurasian Sparrowhawk; White-eyed Buzzard; Common Kestrel; Peregrine (Shaheen); Barred Buttonquail; River and Red-wattled Lapwings; Greenshank; Green Sandpiper; Painted Sandgrouse; Common Pigeon; Spotted and Laughing Doves; Yellow-footed Green Pigeon; Alexandrine, Rose-ringed and Plum-headed Parakeets; Greater Coucal; Brown Fish Owl; Crested Treeswift; Indian Roller; White-throated Kingfisher; Green Bee-eater; Hoopoe; Indian Grey Hornbill; Yellow-crowned, Lesser Goldenback and White-naped Woodpeckers; Small Minivet; Large Cuckooshrike; Bay-backed and Long-tailed Shrikes; Black, Ashy and White-bellied Drongos; White-browed Fantail; Rufous Treepie; Jungle Crow; Indian Bush and Rufous-tailed Larks; Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark; Red-vented Bulbul; Grey-throated, Dusky Crag and House Martins; Barn and Red-rumped Swallows; Zitting Cisticola; Jungle and Plain Prinias; Common Tailorbird; Common, Jungle, Large Grey and Yellow-eyed Babblers; Common Myna; Oriental Magpie Robin; Indian Robin; Siberian Stonechat; Brown Rock Chat; Orange-headed and Blue Rock Thrushes; Grey and White Wagtails; Tree Pipit. **MAMMALS** Golden Jackal; Common Langur Monkey; Sambar and Chital Deer; Nilgai; Indian Gazelle; Wild Boar; Ruddy Mongoose; Indian Hare; (Leopard very close, heard but not seen). **REPTILES** Mugger Crocodile. **SIGNS** Sloth bear tracks and diggings; Baya Weaver nests.





## **BIRDS**

### **PAINTED FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus pictus*

5+ in Panna Park on 7th

### **GREY FRANCOLIN** *Francolinus pondicerianus*

Common, seen on most days, all areas.

### **PAINTED SPURFOWL** *Galloperdix lunulata*

1 ♂ in Panna NP on 7th

### **INDIAN PEAFOWL** *Pavo cristatus*

2 near Velavadar; common at Bharatpur; only a few seen in Panna area. Often seen on routes between sites.

### **LESSER WHISTLING DUCK** *Dendrocygna javanica*

Flocks of 20-50 around Bharatpur and along Ken River at Panna.

### **GREYLAG GOOSE** *Anser anser*

Common around Bharatpur

### **BAR-HEADED GOOSE** *Anser indicus*

Common at Bharatpur

### **KNOB-BILLED DUCK** *Sarkidiornis melanotos*

Small groups (2-6) frequent around Bharatpur.

### **RUDDY SHELDUCK** *Tadorna ferruginea*

8-10 at Velavadar; small groups (3-5) frequent Bharatpur; 2 over Ken river on 7th and 3 on river 8th

### **COTTON PYGMY GOOSE** *Nettapus coromandelianus*

2 at Bharatpur on 3rd.

### **GADWALL** *Anas strepera*

Small numbers at Velavadar. 50+ at Bharatpur on 2nd only.

### **EURASIAN WIGEON** *Anas penelope*

Pair at Bharatpur on 2nd and 10+ on 3rd

### **INDIAN SPOT-BILLED DUCK** *Anas poecilorhyncha*

Small numbers in wet areas between sites. Small numbers at Velavadar wetland. Common around Bharatpur. 3-4 along Ken River by lodges each day.

### **NORTHERN SHOVELER** *Anas clypeata*

Common in most wet areas including pools/lakes on routes between sites. 50+ at Velavadar and thousands at Bharatpur but none in Panna area

### **NORTHERN PINTAIL** *Anas acuta*

100+ at Velavadar wetland; many thousands at Bharatpur

### **GARGANEY** *Anas querquedula*

Seen at two roadside wet areas along Delhi-Bharatpur route (only males noted, seen from car)

### **EURASIAN TEAL** *Anas crecca*

Common in most wet areas including pools/lakes on routes between sites. Thousands at Bharatpur, numerous at Velavadar but none in Panna area

### **RED-CRESTED POCHARD** *Netta rufina*

20+ at Bharatpur on 3rd

### **COMMON POCHARD** *Aythya ferina*

4 at Bharatpur on 3rd

### **FERRUGINOUS DUCK** *Aythya nyroca*

10 at Bharatpur on 3rd

### **LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

10 + at Velavadar. Abundant at Bharatpur with highest day count c.80 on 2nd. 1 on river by Ken River Lodge on 7th+8th

### **GREAT CRESTED GREBE** *Podiceps cristatus*

1 on Ken river by Panna Tiger Resort on two days

### **PAINTED STORK** *Mycteria leucocephala*

20 + around Velavadar. Good breeding colony at Bharatpur with many fledged/near-fledged young

### **ASIAN OPENBILL STORK** *Anastomas oscitans*

2 on island in Ken river by Panna Tiger Resort on 6th, 1 by Ken River Lodge on 8th and 9th.

### **BLACK STORK** *Ciconia nigra*

1 on island in Ken river on 9th

### **WOOLLY-NECKED STORK** *Ciconia episcopus*

1 at Bharatpur on 2nd, 3 on 4th. 2 by Ken river in Panna NP on 5th + 9th. 1 on river by Ken River Lodge each day

### **BLACK-NECKED STORK** *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*

Single at Bharatpur on 2nd and two pairs on 3rd

**LESSER ADJUTANT** *Leptoptilos javanicus*

1 on island in Ken river on 8th and 9th

**BLACK-HEADED IBIS** *Threskiornis melanocephalus*

15+ at Velavadar. Frequent sightings around Bharatpur, up to 5 together. 3 on island in Ken river on 9th

**RED-NAPED IBIS** *Pseudibis papillosa*

Frequent sightings of 2-4 in Velavadar area. 2 over Panna Tiger Resort on 5th and 5 in village fields on 6th. 2 on island in Ken river on 9th

**GLOSSY IBIS** *Plegadis falcinellus*

3 at Bharatpur on 3rd

**EURASIAN SPOONBILL** *Platalea leucorodia*

Common at Bharatpur, with many recently-fledged young. 30+ at Velavadar wetland.

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON** *Nycticorax nycticorax*

5-6 roosting at Velavadar

**INDIAN POND HERON** *Ardeola grayii*

Common throughout

**EASTERN CATTLE EGRET** *Bubulcus coromandus*

Often seen on routes between sites. Small numbers around Velavadar. Common at Bharatpur. None seen in Panna area.

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

8+ at Velavadar. Common around Bharatpur with several amongst the Painted Stork nests. Singles along Ken river by lodges and in Panna NP each day

**PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea*

1 at Blackbuck Lodge pool on 28th January and 1-2 at Velavadar wetland each visit. Up to 4 at Bharatpur. 1 on island by Ken River Lodge on two days

**GREAT EGRET** *Ardea alba*

15+ at Velavadar. Common around Bharatpur and Panna area and at wet areas on routes between sites.

**INTERMEDIATE EGRET** *Ardea intermedia*

2 at Velavadar. Common at Bharatpur. Singles occasionally seen in Panna area.

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta*

Common at most wet area, often up to 8 together (20 in one small roadside pool on 28th) but only singles around Panna.

**WESTERN REEF HERON** *Egretta gularis*

2 at Velavadar wetland on 29th and 3 there on 30th

**LITTLE CORMORANT** *Microcarbo niger*

Common in most suitable areas but none at Velavadar.

**INDIAN CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*

A few noted at Bharatpur most days (possibly overlooked). 1 on Ken river by Panna Tiger Resort on 5th

**GREAT CORMORANT** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Common at Bharatpur. Large numbers at dusk flying along Ken river - min.400

**ORIENTAL DARTER** *Anhinga melanogaster*

Singles/2s frequent around Bharatpur with a few nesting amongst Painted Storks. 1 on Ken river on 7th, min.3 on 8th+9th

**CRESTED HONEY BUZZARD** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

Singles over Ken River Lodge on 7th and 8th

**BLACK-WINGED KITE** *Elanus caeruleus*

Common. A total of 17 seen along route from Gir to Velavadar on 28th. Frequent sightings each day at Velavadar, Bharatpur and Panna.

**BLACK KITE** *Milvus migrans*

Only seen around larger towns

**GREY-HEADED FISH EAGLE** *Icthyophaga ichthyaetus*

1 on nest with well-grown chick in Panna NP

**EGYPTIAN VULTURE** *Neophron percnopterus*

1 sub-adult at Bharatpur on 2nd. 1 adult between Jhansi and Panna on 4th. 2 adults by Ken River Lodge on 6th and 1 over Ken River on 7th

**INDIAN VULTURE** *Gyps indicus*

Min.45 roosting in rocky gorge at Panna NP (with a few Eurasian Griffons and 1 Red-headed Vulture) including at least two nests with downy chicks - a very encouraging sight

**GRIFFON VULTURE** *Gyps fulvus*

At least 2 with Indian *G.indicus* in rocky gorge at Panna NP

**RED-HEADED VULTURE** *Sarcogyps calvus*

1 at Bharatpur on 2nd. 1 over Panna Tiger Resort on 5th, 1 in Panna NP gorge on 7th and 1 over Ken River Lodge 8th

**SHORT-TOED SNAKE EAGLE** *Circaetus gallicus*

Singles at Velavadar on two days. Two singles on route Velavadar-Ahmedabad on 30th.

**CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE** *Spilornis cheela*

1 at Bharatpur on 2nd. 1 on small rocky island in Ken river by Panna Tiger Resort caught and ate a large snake. 1 in Panna NP on 5th and 5 soaring together, calling loudly, on 9th

**WESTERN MARSH HARRIER** *Circus aeruginosus*

Common at Velavadar. At least 2 females and 1 male around Bharatpur

**PALLID HARRIER** *Circus macrourus*

Very common around Velavadar, we noted more adult males of this sp. than of *C.pygargus*. Our highest count of harriers coming to roost, which included both this sp. and *C.pygargus*, was 80 and no doubt more arrived after we left the site.

**MONTAGU'S HARRIER** *Circus pygargus*

See Pallid, above. We noted fewer adult male *C.pygargus* at Velavadar than *C.macrourus*.

**SHIKRA** *Accipiter badius*

Common throughout

**EURASIAN SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter nisus*

1 in Panna NP on 9th

**NORTHERN GOSHAWK** *Accipiter gentilis*

1 perched, feeding on a Teal, at Bharatpur on 3rd

**WHITE-EYED BUZZARD** *Buteo teesa*

1 at Bharatpur on 1st. 1 juv. on Jhansi-Panna route. Singles in Panna NP on 5th+7th; adult and sub/adult on 9th

**GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE** *Aquila clanga*

Min.4 around Velavadar wetland. Min.4 at Bharatpur on 1st and 3 on 2nd+3rd. 1 at Panna on 5th

**TAWNY EAGLE** *Aquila rapax*

1 at Velavadar on 29th

**EASTERN IMPERIAL EAGLE** *Aquila heliaca*

1 adult at Bharatpur on 3rd

**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

Common at Velavadar. 1-2 at Bharatpur each day. Singles in Panna NP on two days

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*

1 in rocky gorge at Panna NP on two days ("Shaheen" *F.p.peregrinator*)

**BROWN CRAKE** *Amaurornis akool*

1 seen on island in Ken river on 8th (heard only on 7th)

**WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN** *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Common at Bharatpur. Single by Ken River Lodge on 7th

**PURPLE SWAMPHEN** *Porphyrio porphyrio*

15+ at roadside wetland on route Delhi-Bharatpur. Common at Bharatpur

**COMMON MOORHEN** *Gallinula chloropus*

Very common and numerous at Bharatpur

**EURASIAN COOT** *Fulica atra*

1 at Velavadar. Abundant at Bharatpur (thousands)

**SARUS CRANE** *Grus antigone*

2 adults at Bharatpur on 2nd

**DEMOISELLE CRANE** *Grus virgo*

Up to 30 at Velavadar wetland on each visit and occasional small flocks (7-15) over Blackbuck Lodge.

**BARRED BUTTON-QUAIL** *Turnix susciator*

3 in grounds of Blackbuck Lodge Velavadar on 28th and 1 there on 30th. 2 in Panna NP on 9th

**GREAT STONE-CURLEW** *Esacus recurvirostris*

4 on rocky island in Ken river on 7th

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** *Himantopus himantopus*

Frequent sightings along Delhi-Bharatpur route. A few around Velavadar wetland. Very common at Bharatpur.

**RIVER LAPWING** *Vanellus duvaucelii*

Common in small groups (2-4) along Ken river by lodges and in Park

**RED-WATTLED LAPWING** *Vanellus indicus*

Common throughout.

**GREY-HEADED PLOVER** *Vanellus cinereus*

1 at Bharatpur on 3rd

**WHITE-TAILED LAPWING** *Vanellus leucurus*

2 at Bharatpur on 2nd

**LITTLE RINGED PLOVER** *Charadrius dubius*

6 around Velavadar wetland. 1 on Ken river on 7th

**COMMON SNIPE** *Gallinago gallinago*

1 at Bharatpur on 2nd and 2 on 3rd

**BLACK-TAILED GODWIT** *Limosa limosa*

10-15 at Velavadar wetland on each visit.

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

1 at Velavadar on 29th. 1 at Bharatpur on 2nd

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatalis*

2 at Velavadar on 29th. 1 at Bharatpur on 2nd

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia*

Singles at Velavadar wetland each visit. Fairly common at Bharatpur. 1 in Panna NP and 1 by Ken River Lodge on 7th

**GREEN SANDPIPER** *Tringa ochropus*

Several around Velavadar wetland. Very common around Bharatpur (c.100 on 2nd). 1 at roadside pool on Jhansi-Panna route. 1 in Panna NP on 5th

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

Very common around Bharatpur (30 feeding together in one area and "hundreds" elsewhere).

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Actitis hypoleucos*

2 at Velavadar wetland on 30th.

**TEMMINCK'S STINT** *Calidris temminckii*

c.30 around Velavadar wetland on each visit

**RUFF** *Philomachus pugnax*

Very common at Bharatpur - "hundreds"

**SMALL PRATINCOLE** *Glareola lactea*

6+ over Ken river on 8th

**BROWN-HEADED GULL** *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*

1 adult over Ken river on 7th

**GULL-BILLED TERN** *Gelochelidon nilotica*

1 at Velavadar wetland on each visit

**RIVER TERN** *Sterna aurantia*

3 by river on Gir-Velavadar route on 28th

**WHISKERED TERN** *Clidonia hybrida*

5-6 around Velavadar wetland each visit. 3 on Velavadar-Ahmedabad route

**PAINTED SANDGROUSE** *Pterocles indicus*

Pair in Panna NP on 7th and single male there on 9th

**COMMON PIGEON (ROCK DOVE)** *Columba livia*

Common throughout. Flocks of 20+ around rocky gorges in Panna NP

**EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE** *Streptopelia decaocto*

Common everywhere

**RED TURTLE DOVE** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

3 (1 male, 2 females) in grounds of Ken River Lodge on 6th and 1 male on 8th

**SPOTTED DOVE** *Spilopelia chinensis*

Common in Panna area

**LAUGHING DOVE** *Spilopelia senegalensis*

Common throughout

**YELLOW-FOOTED GREEN PIGEON** *Treron phoenicopterus*

Common around Bharatpur, usually 2-15 but one flock of 50+ on 1st. Fairly common around Panna in flocks of 2-18

**ALEXANDRINE PARAKEET** *Psittacula eupatria*

4 on route from Delhi to Bharatpur on 31st Jan. 3 in Panna NP on 9th

**ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET** *Psittacula krameri*

Common throughout (less numerous than Plum-headed *P.cyanocephalus* around Panna)

**PLUM-HEADED PARAKEET** *Psittacula cyanocephala*

Common at Panna in larger numbers than Rose-ringed *P.krameri*. Many feeding in fields on ripening wheat.

**GREATER COUCAL** *Centropus sinensis*

Common throughout

**COMMON HAWK-CUCKOO** *Hierococcyx varius*

1 in grounds of Ken River Lodge

**INDIAN SCOPS OWL** *Otus bakkamoena*  
2 in tree hole at Bharatpur. Heard at Ken River Lodge but not seen

**INDIAN EAGLE-OWL** *Bubo bengalensis*  
1 at Blackbuck Lodge each evening. 1 roosting on island in Ken river

**BROWN FISH OWL** *Ketupa zeylonensis*  
2 singles in Panna NP on 9th

**SPOTTED OWLET** *Athene brama*  
4 roosting in roof at Blackbuck Lodge, 2 in Park buildings at Velavadar. Up to 3 in a tree hole at Bharatpur on each visit

**BROWN HAWK OWL** *Ninox scutulata*  
1 at Bharatpur

**SHORT-EARED OWL** *Asio flammeus*  
2 singles at Velavadar

**INDIAN NIGHTJAR** *Caprimulgus asiaticus*  
1 at Blackbuck Lodge

**SAVANNA NIGHTJAR** *Caprimulgus affinis*  
4 over sandy islands in Ken river by Panna Tiger Resort on 4th

**CRESTED TREESWIFT** *Hemiprocne coronata*  
Up to 12 seen around Panna each day

**LITTLE SWIFT** *Apus affinis*  
One small flock seen on Gir to Velavadar route. 10 over Bharatpur on 2nd. 15+ over Panna on 6th

**INDIAN ROLLER** *Coracias benghalensis*  
Common throughout

**STORK-BILLED KINGFISHER** *Pelargopsis capensis*  
At least 3 along Ken river by lodges.

**WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER** *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
Common throughout.

**COMMON KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*  
1 at Bharatpur. Singles along Ken river on three days

**PIED KINGFISHER** *Ceryle rudis*  
Min.4 along Ken river by lodges

**GREEN BEE-EATER** *Merops orientalis*  
Common around Velavadar and Panna area

**EURASIAN HOOPOE** *Upupa epops*  
1 on route Gir-Velavadar. 2 at Velavadar. 1 on route Delhi-Bharatpur. 1 in Panna NP and singles in Ken River Lodge grounds on two days

**INDIAN GREY HORNBILL** *Ocyrceros birostris*  
Occasional sightings of singles/2s in Panna area

**COPPERSMITH BARBET** *Megalaima haemacephala*  
1 near Ken River Lodge on 5th, another heard in Ken River Lodge grounds but not seen

**EURASIAN WRYNECK** *Jynx torquilla*  
1 at Bharatpur on 1st. Singles in Ken River Lodge grounds on 7th and 8th

**YELLOW-CROWNED WOODPECKER** *Dendrocopos mahrattensis*  
1 in Ken River Lodge grounds on 8th and 2 in Panna NP on 9th

**LESSER GOLDENBACK** *Dinopium benghalense*  
Common at Bharatpur and Panna, with frequent sightings of 1-2 each day

**WHITE-NAPED WOODPECKER** *Chrysocolaptes festivus*  
2 in Panna NP on 7th

**COMMON WOODSHRIKE** *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*  
1 at Bharatpur and 1 in Ken River Lodge grounds

**COMMON IORA** *Aegithina tiphia*  
1 in a flock of White-eyes *Zosterops palpebrosus* in Ken River Lodge grounds on 8th

**LARGE CUCKOOSHRIKE** *Coracina macei*  
1 in Panna NP on 5th and 1 by Panna Tiger Resort on 6th

**SMALL MINIVET** *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*  
Pair at Bharatpur on 1st. 2 in Panna NP on 9th

**ISABELLINE SHRIKE** *Lanius isabellinus*  
Singles at Bharatpur on 1st and 2nd



**BAY-BACKED SHRIKE** *Lanius vittatus*

Fairly common, seen most days.

**LONG-TAILED SHRIKE** *Lanius schach*

Common throughout

**INDIAN GOLDEN ORIOLE** *Oriolus kundoo*

1 male at Bharatpur on 1st, 1 female on 3rd

**BLACK DRONGO** *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Common everywhere. Large number around flooded grassland at Bharatpur, foraging in groups of 4-8

**ASHY DRONGO** *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

4-5 in Panna NP on 7th and 9th

**WHITE-BELLIED DRONGO** *Dicrurus caerulescens*

5 in Panna NP on 5th

**WHITE-BROWED FANTAIL** *Rhipidura aureola*

Common in most wooded areas, although none around Velavadar.

**RUFOUS TREEPIE** *Dendrocitta vagabunda*

Common in wooded areas although none around Velavadar.

**HOUSE CROW** *Corvus splendens*

Common throughout (less numerous than Jungle *C.culminatus* in forested areas)

**INDIAN JUNGLE CROW** *Corvus culminatus*

Common throughout (more numerous than House Crow *C.splendens* in forested areas)

**GREY-HEADED CANARY FLYCATCHER** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

2 singles in Ken River Lodge grounds on 8th

**CINEREOUS (GREY) TIT** *Parus cinereus*

Common in Panna area

**INDIAN BUSH LARK** *Mirafra erythroptera*

Common in Panna area

**RUFOUS-TAILED LARK** *Ammomanes phoenicura*

Small flocks of 4-8 common around Velavadar. Small flocks of 2-7 in dry areas around Panna NP

**GREATER SHORT-TOED LARK** *Calandrella brachydactyla*

Huge flocks along route from Gir, around Velavadar and route to Ahmedabad.

**ASHY-CROWNED SPARROW-LARK** *Eremopterix griseus*

Common around Panna, including flock of c.35 near Ken River Lodge

**WHITE-EARED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus leucotis*

Common at Velavadar, less so at Bharatpur and none in Panna area

**RED-VENTED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus cafer*

Common throughout

**GREY-THROATED MARTIN** *Riparia chinensis*

Occasional sightings along route Gir-Velavadar. Small numbers at Velavadar wetland on 29th and 30th. 10+ around Bharatpur on 2nd. Small flocks frequent around gorges in Panna NP

**BARN SWALLOW** *Hirundo rustica*

Common around Velavadar. Small numbers (2s/4s) at Bharatpur and only 3 at Panna on 8th.

**WIRE-TAILED SWALLOW** *Hirundo smithii*

Occasional sightings of 1-2 along Gir-Velavadar route. 7 over Ken River on 7th and 5 there on 9th

**DUSKY CRAG MARTIN** *Ptyonoprogne concolor*

Large colony in gorge at Panna NP

**COMMON HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon urbicum*

12+ over gorge in Panna NP on 5th and 5 near Ken River Lodge on 6th

**RED-RUMPED SWALLOW** *Cecropis daurica*

Occasional sightings of 2-3 along Gir-Velavadar route. 6 at Bharatpur on 2nd only. 6+ in gorge at Panna NP on 5th+7th with occasional 2s-3s elsewhere around Panna

**STREAK-THROATED SWALLOW** *Petrochelidon fluvicola*

15 over Ken River on 8th

**CHIFFCHAFF** *Phylloscopus collybita*

Occasional sightings around Bharatpur. 2 probables at Panna Tiger Resort.

**SULPHUR-BELLIED WARBLER** *Phylloscopus griseolus*

1 roosting in grounds of Ken River Lodge on 7th

**HUME'S LEAF WARBLER** *Phylloscopus humei*

Common at Bharatpur and Panna

**GREENISH WARBLER** *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

Common around Bharatpur. Very common around Panna, frequently seen and constantly heard

**CLAMOROUS REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus stentoreus*

At least 1 at Bharatpur on 1st and 3-4 on 3rd

**BLYTH'S REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus dumetorum*

1 at Blackbuck Lodge on 28th. At least 1 at Bharatpur on 3rd. Min.2 in grounds of Ken River Lodge on 8th

**SYKES'S WARBLER** *Iduna rama*

2-3 in Bharatpur on 1st, 3 on 2nd

**ZITTING CISTICOLA** *Cisticola juncidis*

1 at Blackbuck Lodge on 28th. 1 in Panna NP on 9th

**JUNGLE PRINIA** *Prinia sylvatica*

Usually not separated from Plain *P.inornata* but at least 2 in Panna NP

**ASHY PRINIA** *Prinia socialis*

1-2 at Bharatpur on 3rd. 2 in grounds of Ken River Lodge on 8th

**PLAIN PRINIA** *Prinia inornata*

Common at Bharatpur, less so around Panna.

**COMMON TAILORBIRD** *Orthotomus sutorius*

Common in Panna areas

**COMMON BABBLER** *Turdoides caudata*

Frequent sightings of small flocks around Velavadar. Two small flocks around Bharatpur. 5 in Panna NP on 7th

**LARGE GREY BABBLER** *Turdoides malcolmi*

Several sightings along route Jhansi to Panna on 4th. Flocks frequent around Panna NP on 6th and 9th

**JUNGLE BABBLER** *Turdoides striata*

Common throughout

**LESSER WHITETHROAT** *Sylvia curruca*

2 at Blackbuck Lodge.

**EASTERN ORPHEAN WARBLER** *Sylvia crassirostris*

Frequently seen and heard around Bharatpur

**YELLOW-EYED BABBLER** *Chrysomma sinense*

Small parties in Panna NP on 7th and 9th. 2 in Ken River Lodge grounds on 8th

**ORIENTAL WHITE-EYE** *Zosterops palpebrosus*

Roving flocks of 10-20 around Panna each day

**BANK MYNA** *Acridotheres ginginianus*

Frequent sightings around villages and towns

**COMMON MYNA** *Acridotheres tristis*

Common and very numerous everywhere

**PIED MYNA** *Gracupica contra*

Common at Bharatpur. Occasional sightings of 2-6 in Panna areas

**BRAHMINY STARLING** *Sturnia pagodarum*

Widespread, usually 2s-4s but flocks up to 30 around Panna

**ROSY STARLING** *Pastor roseus*

Frequent sightings of small and large flocks along Gir-Velavadar route. Several flocks along Delhi-Bharatpur route on 31st. Very large flocks (hundreds) around Bharatpur on 2nd only.

**ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH** *Zoothera citrina*

Singles in Panna NP on 7th and 9th

**BLUETHROAT** *Luscinia svecica*

Common at Bharatpur, often 2-3 together. Highest day count was 35 on 3rd

**ORIENTAL MAGPIE ROBIN** *Copsychus saularis*

Common throughout

**INDIAN ROBIN** *Saxicoloides fulicatus*

Occasional sightings along Gir-Velavadar route. 2 at Blackbuck Lodge. Common at Bharatpur and Panna

**BLACK REDSTART** *Phoenicurus ochruros*

Common at Bharatpur and Panna areas

**WHITE-BROWED (STOLICZKA'S) BUSHCHAT** *Saxicola macrorhynchus*

1 female by chalet at Blackbuck Lodge on 28th and 29th and 1 male in Velavadar Park on 30th. We had not expected this species here.

**SIBERIAN STONECHAT** *Saxicola maurus*

Fairly common around Velavadar. Occasional sightings of 1s-2s at Bharatpur. 5 in Panna NP on 7th, pair on 8th and 9th

**PIED BUSHCHAT** *Saxicola caprata*

1 on Delhi-Bharatpur route on 31st. Occasional sightings around Bharatpur. 2 at Panna on 6th, 1 on 7th

**DESERT WHEATEAR** *Oenanthe deserti*

1 on route Velavadar to Ahmedabad on 30th

**BROWN ROCK CHAT** *Ceromela fusca*

1 on route from Delhi-Bharatpur on 31st. 1 by Panna NP entrance on 3rd and 2 in Madla villa (Panna) on 5th

**BLUE ROCK THRUSH** *Monticola soltarius*

1 at Panna Tiger Resort on 5th, 1 by Ken River on 6th and singles in Panna NP on 7th and 9th.

**RED-BREASTED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula parva*

Common around Bharatpur

**ULTRAMARINE FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula superciliaris*

1 female in grounds of Ken River Lodge on 5th, pair on 8th

**VERDITER FLYCATCHER** *Eumyias thalassinus*

Pair near Panna Tiger Resort on 5th

**PURPLE SUNBIRD** *Cinnyris asiaticus*

Occasional sightings along Gir-Velavadar route. 1 at Sunbird Hotel, Bharatpur on 1st. Common in Panna area

**HOUSE SPARROW** *Passer domesticus*

Common around most villages and towns but none noted around Bharatpur.

**YELLOW-THROATED SPARROW** *Gymnoris xanthocollis*

Occasional sightings along Gir-Velavadar route. Common around Bharatpur and Panna areas

[ **BAYA WEAVER** *Ploceus philippinus* ]

[ Many nests in Panna NP but no birds seen ]

**INDIAN SILVERBILL** *Euodice malabarica*

Common at Bharatpur

**WESTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*

Large mixed flocks of Yellow *M.flava* and Citrine *M.citreola* around Bharatpur each day

**CITRINE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla citreola*

Large mixed flocks of Citrine *M.citreola* and Yellow *M.flava* around Bharatpur each day

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

Just 1 seen, in Panna NP

**WHITE WAGTAIL** *Motacilla alba*

1 on route to Bharatpur on 31st. Small numbers around Bharatpur. 1 in Panna NP

**WHITE-BROWED WAGTAIL** *Motacilla maderaspatensis*

Common along Ken river

**TAWNY PIPIT** *Anthus campestris*

1 by chalet at Blackbuck Lodge

**TREE PIPIT** *Anthus trivialis*

Common around Panna

**BLACK-HEADED BUNTING** *Emberiza melanocephala*

1 male near Ken River Lodge on 6th

**MAMMALS**

**RHESUS MACAQUE** *Macaca mulatta* Common at Bharatpur. Small groups around Madla village, Panna. Occasional roadside sightings on routes between sites.

**COMMON LANGUR (HANUMAN) MONKEY** *Semnopithecus entellus* Common at Panna NP

**SAMBAR DEER** *Cervus unicolor* Common at Bharatpur and Panna NP

**SPOTTED DEER (CHITAL)** *Axis axis* Common at Bharatpur and Panna NP

**NILGAI (BLUE BULL)** *Boselaphus tragocamelus* Common at Velavadar, Bharatpur and Panna NP

**BLACKBUCK** *Antilope cervicapra* Large herds at Velavadar

**INDIAN GAZELLE (CHINKARA)** *Gazella bennettii* Small numbers around Panna NP grasslands

**WILD BOAR** *Sus scrofa* A few around Velavadar. Common at Bharatpur and Panna NP

**GOLDEN JACKAL** *Canis aureus* Common at Bharatpur (at least 8 on one day) and around Panna NP

**WOLF** *Canis lupus pallipes* 2 singles at Velavadar

**JUNGLE CAT** *Felis chaus* 4 singles around Velavadar

**(LARGE) GREY MONGOOSE** *Herpestes edwardsii* 3 (2+1) at Bharatpur

**RUDDY MONGOOSE** *Herpestes smithii* 1 in Panna NP

**SMALL INDIAN MONGOOSE** *Herpestes javanicus* 2 at Blackbuck Lodge, Velavadar

**INDIAN PORCUPINE** *Hystrix indica* 1 seen at night from tree platform by Ken River Lodge

**INDIAN HARE** *Lepus nigricollis* 1 seen at night from tree platform by Ken River Lodge

**5-STRIPED PALM SQUIRREL** *Funambulus pennantii* Common everywhere

**BROWN RAT** *Rattus norvegicus* Only noticed on rail tracks in stations

[ **Leopard** *Panthera pardus* 1 heard in Panna NP, very close, but not seen ]

[ **Sloth Bear** *Ursus ursinus* Many fresh signs (footprints, diggings, scratch-marks on trees), but animal not seen ]

[ **Striped Hyena** *Hyaena hyaena* fresh signs around den at Velavadar ]

### **REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS**

**SAND BOA** *Eryx conicus* 1 at Ken River Lodge

**INDIAN ROCK PYTHON** *Python molurus* 1 juvenile at Bharatpur

**HOUSE GECKO** ? *Hemidactylus flaviviridis* 1 in room at Panna Tiger Resort

**MUGGER CROCODILE** *Crocodylus paluster* 2 on banks of Ken river in Panna NP

**INDIAN TENT TURTLE** *Pangshura tentoria* Frequently seen basking on rocks along Ken river by the lodges

**INDIAN SOFTSHELL TURTLE** *Aspideretes gangeticus* Very common around Bharatpur

**INDIAN GREEN FROG** *Euphlyctis hexadactylus* Common in pools at Panna Tiger Resort and Madla

### **BUTTERFLIES** *Tentative identification only*

**PLAIN TIGER** *Danaus chrysippus*

**STRIPED TIGER** *Danaus genutia*

**COMMON ROSE** *Pachliopta aristolochiae*

**LEMON PANSY** *Precis lemonias*

**PEACOCK PANSY** *Junonia almana*

**ROUNDED PIERROT** *Tarucus extricatus*

**DARK GRASS BLUE** *Zizeeria karsandra*

**INDIAN GRIZZLED SKIPPER** *Spialia galba*

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