Northern India.

Visiting Sultanpur, Chambal, Bharatpur, and Ranthambhore.

7 – 16 October 2010

Early October is not the best time to visit the Northern part of India as winter migrant are only just beginning to arrive. But as the primary focus of this visit was for some coaching at the Commonwealth Games I was tied to this period. But going that far, I just had to fit some birding into the trip. Bharatpur and Ranthambhore are two reserves I've long wished to visit so it seemed logical to try to visit these two reserves on my first visit to the sub-continent. As well as being early in the "birding season" it didn't help matters that the monsoons in the region were the heaviest and longest for over 30 years which meant there was plenty of water in Bharatpur, and everywhere else, so waterbirds were much more widely dispersed – for example at Okhla the only ducks seen were 3 Indian Spot-billed Ducks. The vegetation was also thick and luxuriant, which made the birding hard work at times. That said, a trip total of some 211 species, of which 105 (+ 3 or 4, depending upon current taxonomic status) were lifers, was a decent total for the 8 days birding.

Flights were booked direct with Air India and all arrangements, including the driver and local guides, in India were managed by the very helpful team at Junglelore Birding.

The accommodation was great throughout.

Delhi – Hotel, Sunstar Grand.

Chambal – Chambal Safari Lodge

Bharatpur – Hotel Sunbird

Ranthambhore - Hotel Safari Lodge

I had no problem with the food – and managed to miss the dreaded Delhi belly.

Day 1 (7 Oct)

Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary.

After a slightly delayed arrival in Delhi (arrived about 8:30am – was scheduled to arrive at 7:50), I was whisked straight off to the nearby reserve of Sultanpur, for an introduction to Indian birding. Lunch was taken in the local area, followed by exploring the surrounding farmland looking for Sandgrouse, Coursers and Painted Snipe. A total of 110 species were seen, the highlights of the visit to the reserve included the awesome spectacle of the mixed breeding heronry consisting of Painted Stork; Asian Openbill; Grey; Purple; Black-crowned Night; and, Indian Pond Herons; Great White; Intermediate; Little; and, Cattle Egrets; Great; Indian; and, Little Cormorants; Oriental Darter; Eurasian Spoonbill; and Black-necked Ibis; a fly over Indian Spotted Eagle; and Grey-bellied Cuckoo. Highlight of the afternoon session was undoubtedly the party of 10 Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse first seen in flight but later found on the ground and a flushed pair of Barred Buttonquail.

Day 2 and 3 (8 and 9 Oct)

Non birding days in Delhi at the Commonwealth Games. Commonest birds in Delhi appear to be either House Crows, Rose-ringed Parakeets or Black Kites!

Day 4 (10 Oct)

National Chambal Sanctuary

An early start heading south to Chambal, stopping off on route to visit the Taj Mahal – which included a juv Egyptian Vulture soaring over the Mausoleum with the more numerous Black Kites. Arrived at Chambal lodge after lunch and was taken birding around the lodge area by the resident guide. Highlights included Crested Honey-buzzard; Pied Cuckoo; a migrating flock of around 60 Redheaded Buntings, Plum-headed Parakeet and a pair of Bronze-winged Jacana (a much better bird in real life compared to the pic in Grimmett). At least two newly arrived Greenish Warblers flitted around the lodge gardens.

Day 5 (11 Oct)

Chambal – Bharatpur (Keoladoe NP)

Morning cruise on the Chambal river to look for Gangetic Dolphin, and waterbirds. Highlights included Little Particle; Black Ibis; River lapwing and Brown Fish Owl. Unfortunately no Dolphin, and I was too early for the Indian Skimmers (which tend to arrive in November). Back at the Lodge a Brown Hawk owl was located – a winter visitor which had arrived overnight.

After checking into my hotel at Bharatpur, I met up with my guide for the next couple of days, Mr Rattan Singh. Rattan took my round the farmland near his home looking for Yellow-wattled Lapwing, and Bar-tailed Lark. While 3 of the former were found only one, a brief and unsatisfactory flight view, of the latter could be located. A female Bluethroat and Blyth's Reed Warbler were other highlights.

Day 6 (12 Oct)

Bharatpur

Like many birders, Bharatpur is one of those places which I just had to visit at some point, and here was my chance. Unfortunately a male Tiger had appeared on the reserve a few days earlier and, as the reserve is closed to motorised transport, the authorities had closed most of the reserve worried that the Tiger would attack a visitor. As such we were restricted to the central road as far as the Temple. That coupled with the fact the winter visitors had only just started to arrive meant that birds where thin on the ground but some good birding was still to be had. I think Rattan found the restrictions more frustrating than myself and he worked hard to try to get as many of the key species as possible. Highlights included Sarus Crane; a copulating pair of Black-necked Storks with a Dusky Eagle-Owl in the same tree; Sykes's and Booted Warbler, Hume's Whitethroat; Red-breasted and Taiga Flycatchers; Collared Scops Owl; and a Spotted Eagle. Unfortunately no nightjars could be found in their usual haunts.

In the late afternoon we headed into the town of Bharatpur looking for Painted Snipe. After visiting a number of sewage filled ditches and pools – many, teeming with waders, with Temminck's Stint, Wood Sandpiper and Black-winged Stilt's and the ubiquitous Red-wattled Lapwings being the most numerous - we struck lucky with a pair of these enigmatic waders from a bridge over a refuse filled stream/ditch. And better still, the female was displaying towards the dowdier male. I managed to grab one half decent record shot as dusk fell.

Day 7 (13 Oct)

Bund Bertha

The reservoir was very full and very few birds could be seen on the lake. We explored the woods/scrub from the embankment before driving part way towards the Palace and exploring the farmland. Highlights included Black Bittern; Brook's Leaf Warbler; Hume's Leaf Warbler; Greyheaded Canary Flycatcher; Yellow-legged Buttonquail (which walked across the path in front of me) and Tickell's Leaf Warbler.

Back to Bharatpur in the afternoon to look for Coursers. This looked to be drawing a blank when just as we were about to leave 19 Indian Courses appeared in a field in which we had been watching an Isabelline Wheatear only minutes before. The other highlight was a pair of Sarus Cranes with a less than week old chick.

Day 8 (14 Oct)

Transfer to Ranthambhore

An early start for the journey South to Ranthambhore. Generally uneventful, but a stop about 40 minutes short of our destination, to check out the River Banas, just south of Malarna Doongar, saw me pick up my only River Terns and Streak-throated Swallows. A short distance further down the road a quick stop was called in order as a large raptor was spotted – a Red-headed Vulture – my first "Indian" vulture of the trip.

Tiger safari in Ranthambhore

Not great birding from the Canter, but did manage great views of a Collared Scops Owl. Fresh Tiger tracks were found, but no sign of the cat itself. Other highlights included Long Billed Vulture and White-eyed Buzzard.

Day 9 (15 Oct)

Ranthambhore

2 Tiger safaris today with a spot of birding around the hotel before the morning trip and during lunch. Better birding in the park today. Highlights in the park included Brown Crake; Jungle Prinia; and White-browed Fantail. Away from the park, highlights included 2 Long-tailed Nightjars (my only id'd nightjar of the trip), Tawny Pipit; Lesser Short -toed Lark; and White-bellied Drongo. It was dusk as we left the park and numerous Nightjars could be see hawking overhead but from the moving truck getting a positive id was impossible.

Day 10 (16 Oct)

Return to Delhi - Okhla

On the early morning train to Delhi – unfortunately no window seat. Afternoon at Okhla before heading to the airport to return to the UK. Highlights of a bird depleted Okhla were great, prolonged views of a group of 8 or 9 Striated Babblers with which was an unstreaked brown Babbler. The nearest I could find to this in Grimmett is the Rufous Babbler, but that's a range restricted species from a relatively narrow coastal strip in South West India – a long way from Delhi.

Martin Bell

Birds

Sp	ecies list (based on the IOC list, v 2	.6, O	ct 201	10) 11	12	13	14	15	16
Grey Francolin	Francolinus pondicerianus	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
•	common								
Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	Common in wooded areas but	also s	een i	n far	mlan	d			
Lesser Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna javanica		Х		X			Х	
	A pair on a pool close to the lo- numbers also al Bharatpur and							Sma	II
Comb Duck	Sarkidiornis melantos	Х			Х	Х			
	Small numbers at Sultanpur an	d Bha	ıratpı	ır					
Cotton Pygmy Goose	Nettapus coromandelianus					Χ			
	6 females on a pond close to th	ie bai	rage	at Bu	ınd B	ertha	9		
Gadwall	Anas strepera	Х							
	A number within a mixed flock and out in agricultural land nea				main	jhee	l at S	ultan	pur
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Х							
	A number within a mixed flock and out in agricultural land nea				main	jhee	l at S	ultan	pur
Indian Spot-billed Duck	Anas poecilorhyncha	Х				х			Х
	Small numbers at Sultanpur, Bo at Okhla - the only ducks seen			and	Okhl	a (foi	exa	mple	3
Northern Shoveller	Anas Clypeata	Х							
	A number within a mixed flock and out in agricultural land nea				main	jhee	l at S	ultan	pur
Eurasian Teal	Anas crecca	Х							
	A number within a mixed flock and out in agricultural land nea				main	jhee	l at S	ultan	pur
Garganey	Anas querquedula	Х							
	A number within a mixed flock and out in agricultural land nea				main	jhee	l at S	ultan	pur
Common Pochard	Aythya ferina	х							
	2 were scoped in the main duc	k floc	k on t	the n	nain j	heel	at Su	ltanp	ur
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis								
	Common, found on most pools								
Painted Stork	Mycteria leucocephala	х			Х	Х			Х
	Common in suitable habitat								
Asian Openbill	Anastomus oscitans	Х				X			
	Small groups seen at Sultanpur	and	Bund	Bert	ha				
Woolly-necked Stork	Ciconia episcopus	Х			Х				X
	not numerous but easy to see i	n sui	table	habit	tat				
Black-necked Stork	Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus				X				

	One of the highlights of the trip at Bharatpur	- a n	natir	ng pai	ir jus	t off t	the m	nain p	ath
Black-headed Ibis	Threskiornis melenocephalus Common in suitable habitat	X			Х				
Red-naped Ibis	Pseudibis papillosa Only one seen, during the river o	cruis	e at	x Chan	nbal				
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platea leucordia</i> Breeding birds at Sultanpur and	x Bha	ratp	ur	Х				
Black Bittern	Dupetor flavicollis One flushed, but seen well in flig Bertha	ght,	by th	ne pic	nic a	x rea b	elow	Bund	d
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax Common in suitable habitat	x			Х				
Striated Heron	Butorides striatus Common in suitable habitat, tho at Sultanpur	ugh	l wa	x ıs sur	x prise	x d not	to fi	x nd or	ne
Indian Pond Heron	Ardeola grayii Common, found on most pools	x	х	х	Х	Х	х	x	
Eastern Cattle Egret	Bubulcus coromandus Common found everywhere	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea Common in suitable habitat	Х		X	Х	Х	X	х	Х
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea Apart from a fly past individual a Sultanpur, where it was commo		ınd E	Berth	a, on	x ly see	en at		
Eastern Great Egret	Ardea modesta common in suitable habitat	х			X			Х	
Intermediate Egret	Egretta intermedia The only positively identified incomixed heronry at Sultanpur.	x divid	uals	of th	is spe	ecies	were	in th	e
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta common in suitable habitat	Х		X	Х				Х
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i> Breeding birds at Sultanpur and	x Bha	ratp	ur	Х				
Indian Cormorant	Phalacrocorax fuscicollis found in low numbers	Х			Х			x	
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo Only seen at Sultanpur	Х							
Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster common in suitable habitat	Х			Х	х	х	x	
Western Osprey	Pandion haliaetus Individuals seen on 3 days			x		Х		x	
Crested Honey Buzzard	Pernis Ptilorhyncus one in the Chambal lodge groun Ranthambhore	ds a	x nd a	noth	er jus	t out	x side		
Black-winged Kite	Elanus Caeruleus	х	x	X	x	х	х		

	Not as common as I expected, b	ut w	as se	en n	nost (davs			
Black Kite	Milvus migrans	x	x	х		,			x
	Commonest bird in built up areas?								
Egyptian Vulture	Neophron percnopterus		х	х	Х	Х	Х		
5/1	The first was a Juv over the Taj I	Maha	al. Af	ter tl	hat se	een r	egula	arly	
Indian Vulture	Gyps indicus						Х	X	
	8 birds soaring over Ranthambh colony cliff	ore,	as w	ell as	s sing	gle bii	rds o	n the	
Red-headed Vulture	Sarcogyps calvus						х		
	1 circling low	near	Ran	tham	bhor	e			
Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis cheela			. 5		X	Х		
	one perched bird seen well fron flight at Ranthambhore	n the	dan	n at B	Bund	Berti	na, ar	nothe	er in
Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus	Х			Х	Χ			
	surprising scarce								
Shikra	Accipiter badius Common	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
White-eyed Buzzard	Butastur teesa	х					х		
willte-eyeu buzzalu	2 brief fly over's at Sultanpur an		ntha	mbh	ore		^		
Indian Spotted Eagle	Aquila hastata	х							
, ,	one over Sultanpur								
Greater Spotted Eagle	Aquila clanga				Х				
	one over Bharatpur								
Tawny Eagle	Aquila rapax			Х					
	along the R Chambal								
Bonelli's Eagle	Aquila fasciatus along the R Chambal			Х					
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus			х					
Common Restret	2 hunting along R Chambal			^					
Eurasian Hobby	Falco subbuteo					Х		Х	
	1 or 2 over Bharatpur and at lea	st tw	vo ov	er la	kes a	it Rar	nthan	nbho	re
	Falco peregrinus			Х			Х	Х	
Peregrine Falcon (Shaheen)	peregrinator	امامم	horo						
Brown Crake	singles at R Chambal and Rantha Amaurornis akool	ambi	nore					х	
DIOWII CIARE	one showed briefly at one of Ra	ntha	mbh	ore's	lake	!S		^	
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	common								
	Porphyrio porhyrio			х	х			х	
Indian Swamp-hen	poliocephalus			^	^			^	
Common Manulos	surprisingly scare	.,		.,	.,	.,	.,	.,	.,
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus common in suitable habitat	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Common Coot	Fulica atra				х				
23/11/10/1 2000	small numbers at Bharatpur				^				
Sarus Crane	Grus antigone				х	х			

wet farmland North of Bharatpur town Yellow-legged Buttonquail Turnix tanki one walked across path in front of me at Bund Bertha Barred Buttonguail Turnix suscitator a pair flushed whilst looking for Painted Snipe in farmland just south of the Sultanpur sanctuary Bruhinus indicus Indian Stone-Curlew Χ A pair found at Sultanpur Great Thick-knee Esacus recurvirostris Х Х Common along R Chambal, also seen from the bridge crossing R **Black-winged Stilt** Himantopus himantopus Common in suitable habitat Pied Avocet Recurvirostra avosetta the only ones seen were on a pool on farmland North of Sultanpur sanctuary **River Lapwing** Vanellus duvaucelii Х Common along R Chambal Vanellus malarbaricus Yellow Wattled Lapwing 3 on Mr Rattan Singh's farmland and two on farmland North of Bharatpur Vanellus indicus X X X **Red Wattled Lapwing** Very Common Charadrius hiaticule **Ringed Plover** Х One amongst a mixed wader flock while searching for Painted Snipe in Bharatpur town Charadrius dubius Little Ringed Plover Х Х common in suitable habitat Kentish Plover Charadrius alexandrinus Х numerous on R Chambal Rostratula benghalensis **Greater Painted Snipe** A pair found on a ditch running through the town of Bharatpur Metopidus indicus Bronze-winged Jacana A pair found on a pond just outside the Chambal Safari Lodge grounds Gallinago gallinago Common Snipe Х two were flushed from damp grassland when looking for Coursers Tringa erythropus **Spotted Redshank** x several at Sultanpur Common Redshank Tringa totanus Х small numbers Tringa nebularia Greenshank Х 3 on R Chambal Tringa ochropus **Green Sandpiper** X X Х Х

Common in suitable habitat

a pair at Bharatpur, a n other pair with less than week old chick in

Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola Very common - most pools and often more	x dam	x p are	x ea's h	x ield a	x t leas	x st one	x e and	х
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos small numbers	X		х					
Little Stint	Calidris minuta small numbers	X		Х					
Temminck's Stint	Calidris temminckii Common	X		Х	X	x			
Dunlin	Calidris alpina One amongst the stints at R Cha	mba	al	х					
Ruff	Philomachus pugnax in ones or two's	X		Х	Х	X			
Indian Courser	Cursornis coromandelicus 19 just appeared in a field we'd I before - North of Bharatpur	oeer	n wat	tchin	x g less	than	a mi	inute	
Small Pratincole	Glareola lactea common along R Chambal			Х					
Black-bellied Tern	Sterna acuticauda several along R Chambal, R Bana Ranthambhore	s aı	nd or	x ne ov	er or	ie of t	x the la	x akes a	at
River Tern	Sterna aurantia several with Black-bellied spp on	RB	Sanas	;		х			
Whiskered Tern	Childonias hybridus A juv flew past our boat while cr	uisiı	ng R	x Chan	nbal				
Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	Pterocles exustus 10 in farmland North of Sultanpu	x ır sa	ınctu	ary					
Common Pigeon (Rock dove)	Columba livia Common	X	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	X	Х
Eurasian Collared Dove	Streptopelia decaocto	Х	x		v	.,			
	common		^	Х	^	Х	X	Х	Х
Red Turtle Dove	common Streptopelia tranquebarica uncommon but seen most days	x	r	x	X	x	x x	x x	х
Red Turtle Dove Spotted Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica		x					x x	x
	Streptopelia tranquebarica uncommon but seen most days Streptopelia chinensis	x			х	x	x		x x
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica uncommon but seen most days Streptopelia chinensis common Streptopelia senegalensis	x x	x	x	x x	x x	x x	х	
Spotted Dove Laughing Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica uncommon but seen most days Streptopelia chinensis common Streptopelia senegalensis common Treron phoenicoptera	x x	x	x x	x x x	x x x	x x x	x x	
Spotted Dove Laughing Dove Yellow-footed Green Pigeon	Streptopelia tranquebarica uncommon but seen most days Streptopelia chinensis common Streptopelia senegalensis common Treron phoenicoptera common in suitable areas Psittacula krameri	x x x	x x x	x x x	x x x x	x	x x x	x x x	х
Spotted Dove Laughing Dove Yellow-footed Green Pigeon Rose-ringed Parakeet	Streptopelia tranquebarica uncommon but seen most days Streptopelia chinensis common Streptopelia senegalensis common Treron phoenicoptera common in suitable areas Psittacula krameri Very Common Psittacula cyanocephala	x x x	x x x	x x x	x x x x	x	x x x	x x x	х

common

Clamator jocobinus Jacobin (Pied) Cuckoo Х Adult at Chambal lodge and Juv at Bharatpur Cacomantis passerinus **Grey-bellied Cuckoo** 1 seen well at Sultanpur Common Hawk Cuckoo Hierococcyx sparverioides X X two along the approach road to Bund Bertha, otherwise singles Cuculus canorus Common Cuckoo one along the approach road to Bund Bertha Otus bakkamoena Collared Scops Owl Х Х one was eventually found by Rattan along the main path at Bharatpur and another was seen very well at Ranthambhore Bubo coromandus **Dusky Eagle Owl** A calling male was located in the same tree as a pair of Black-necked Storks were nesting Brown Fish Owl Ketupa zeylonensis A recently arrived winter visitor was scoped at it's roost along R Chambal Athene brama х х **Spotted Owlett** X х Common Ninox scutulata Brown Hawk Owl one winter visitor which arrived overnight was found roosting close to the Chambal lodge Caprimulgus macrurus Large-tailed Nightjar Х two flew over the Hotel Gardens just as it was getting light Nightjar spp A number of Nightjars were seen hawking quite high over the approach road to Ranthambhore as we left the park at dusk. Unfortunately the Canter would not stop to allow them to be identified to spp level Apus affinis Little Swift Х X X Х Х common Coracias benghalensis Indian Roller common Coracias garrulus European Roller One at Sultanpur Halcyon smymensis White-throated Kingfisher Х X X Х Х Х Х common Alcedo atthis Common Kingfisher Х Х relatively common Ceryle rudis **Pied Kingfisher** Х Х surprisingly scare Merops orientalis Х Green Bee-eater X X Х Х Х Х Х common Upupa epops Eurasian Hoopoe Х Х х х Х х common Ocyceros birostris **Indian Grey Hornbill**

common

	common								
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima virens</i> One seen well at Sultanpur	X		х	X				
Coppersmith Barbet	Megalaima haemacephala							х	
	a pair nesting in tree just outside	ho	tel ir	n Ran	tham	bhor	e		
Wryneck	Jynx torquilla					х			
,	2 individuals heard but neither consumer Bund Bertha area	ould	d be	found	d, in s	scrub	/farn	nland	in
Black-rumped Flameback	Dinopium benghalense				Х				
	One seen well along the main tra	ack a	at Bh	arat					
Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia								Х
	the only one was seen by the ter	nple	e at C	Okhla	l				
Large Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina macei Chambal lodge		X						
Red-backed Shrike	Lanius collurio	х							
ned backed 5mme	Sultanpur								
Bay-backed Shrike	Lanius vittatus	х		х	х	х	Х		
bay-backed Sillike	common	^		Λ.	^	Λ.	Λ.		
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	
Long-taned Sinke	common	^	^	^	۸	۸	۸	^	
Southern Grey Shrike	Lanius meridionalis common	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Eurasian Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	Х			х				
	brief views on two dates								
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	
Sider Sterilge	very common								
White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens							х	
Willie Bellied Brongo	a single feeding in hotel garden v	whil	e Lat	te lur	nch			^	
White-browed Fantail	Rhipidura aureola	•	c i u	cc rai	1011			Х	
Wille-blowed Falitali	Kinpidara dareoid							^	
Asian Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone paradisi	Х	х	Х	х			Х	
Asian Faradise Frycatcher	rerpsiphone paradisi	^	^	^	^			^	
Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda common	x	X	X	X	X	X	х	х
House Crow	Corvus splendens	х	х	Х	х	Х	Х	х	х
riouse erow	very common	^	^	^	^	Λ.	,	^	^
Indian Lungla Craw	Corvus culminatus		х	v	Х	v	v	Х	v
Indian Jungle Crow			^	Х	^	Х	Х	^	Х
Cray boaded Capary	common								
Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis				Х				
Indian Bushlark	Mirafra erythroptera	x						х	
Bar-tailed Lark	Ammomanes cincturus			Х					
Dai tanca Laik	one flushed for farmland near Bh	nara	tnur						
Greater Short-toed Lark	Calanderella brachydactyla	Х	rpui						
Greater Short-toed Lark	Calaliaerella bractiyaactyla	^							

	a flack of 401 in farmland court	o of C	ultai	anur.	canct	11251			
Lesser short-toed Lark	a flock of 40+ in farmland south	1013	uitai	ipur	Sanci	uary		v	
Lesser short-toed Lark	Calanderella rufescens a single in farmland outside Ra	nthai	mhh	oro				Х	
Crested Lark	Galerida cristata	riuiai X	х	х	х	х	х	х	
Cresteu Lark	common	^	^	^	^	^	^	^	
Oriental Skylark	Alauda gulgula	Х							
Offerital Skylark	a flock of about 20 in farmland North of Sultanpur								
Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark	Eremopterix grisea	Х	х	X	х	Х	х	х	х
rising showned oparion bank	common								
White-eared Bulbul	Pycnonotus leucotis			х					
Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	Х	Х	Х	х	Χ	Х	Х	х
	common								
Brown-throated Martin	Riparia paludicola		Х	Х	Х	Х	х		Х
	common								
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia			Х					
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Х
	common								
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii	Х	Χ	Χ	X	X	Х	Χ	Х
	common								
Dusky Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne concolor							Χ	Х
D	Constant to the								
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica					Х			
Chungly throughout Countless	Datrachalidan fluviaala						.,		
Streak-throated Swallow	Petrochelidon fluvicola numerous by the bridge over R	Rana					Х		
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus affinis	Danie	13				х		
rickell's Leaf Warblet	r nynoscopus ujjinis						^		
Brook's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus subviridis						Х		
brook 3 Lear Warbier	. nynescopus suzvinais						^		
Hume's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus humei						х		
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Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochhiloides		Х	х	х	Х			
	,								
Clamorous Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus stentoreus	х			х	Χ			
Blyth's Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus dumetorum			Х	х	Χ			
Paddyfield Warbler	Acrocephalus agricola					Χ			
Booted Warbler	Hippolais caligata		Х		Χ				
Sykes's Warbler	Hippolais rama				Χ				
	one identified along the main r	oad a	at Bh	aratp	our				
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis							Х	

Jungle Prinia	Prinia sylvatica						х	x	
Ashy Prinia	Prinia socialis	х	х	Х	Х	X	Х	х	x
Plain Prinia	common Prinia inornata	х	х	х	x	x	х	x	х
Common Tailorbird	common Orthotomus sutorius common				x	X	x	х	х
Common Babbler	Turdoides caudatus common		х	X	X	X	х	X	х
Striated Babbler	Turdoides earli up to 8 seen well at Okhla								х
Large Grey Babbler	Turdoides malcolmi very common	Х	Х	Х	Х	x	Х	Х	Х
Jungle Babbler	Turtoides striatus common		Х	Х	Х	x	Х	Х	х
Lesser Whitethroat	Sylvia curruca one or two individuals most day	х /	Х	Х	Х	x	Х		Х
Hume's Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia althaea</i> One in farmland near Bund Bert	tha				x			
Desert Whitethroat	Sylvia minula one found in farmland near Ran	ıthan	nbhc	ore				X	
Eastern Orphean Warbler	Sylvia hortensis a single at Bharatpur and a pair	at Bı	und I	x Berth	ıa	x			
Oriental White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus a pair feeding in tree just outside hotel in Ranthambhore							X	
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis Common	Х	X	Х	Х	X	Х	х	Х
Bank Myna	Acridotheres ginginianus Common	Х	Х	Х	X	x	Х	Х	Х
Asian Pied Starling	Gracupica contra common	Х	Х	Х	Х	x	Х		
Brahminy Starling	Sturnia pagodarum common		Х	X	х	X	Х	Х	Х
Rose-coloured Starling	Sturnus roseus several large migrating flocks fe	edin	x g on	x riper	x ning l	x Millet	X		
Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica two singles		X		х				
Oriental Magpie Robin	Copsychus saularis common	Х	X	X	X	х	Х	X	Х
Indian Robin	Saxicoloides fulicata common	Х	Х	х	X	x	х	X	х
Black Redstart	Phoenicurus ochruros phoenicuriodes common	х	х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	x

European Stonechat	Saxicola rubicola	х	x	x	x	х	Х	x	
Pied Bush Chat	common Saxicola caprata	x	x	х	х	х			х
	common								
Isaballine Wheatear	Oenanthe isabellina					Χ			
	single in farmland North of Bhai	atpu	ır						
Brown Rock Chat	Cercomela fusca	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	
	common								
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius			Χ	Х				
	two singles								
Red-breasted Flycatcher	Ficedula parva	Х	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	
	almost daily, in small numbers								
Taiga Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla			X					
	a female identified along the ma				-				
Purple Sunbird	Nectarinia asiatica	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	common								
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Х	Х	Х					Х
Chestnut-shouldered									
Petronia	Petronia xanthocollis	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	X	Х
	common								
Black-breasted Weaver	Ploceus benghalensis			Х	Х	Х			
Streaked Weaver	Ploceus manyar		х						
	one showed well in Millet field close to Chambal Lodge								
	one showed well in Millet field	close	to C	ham	bal L	odge			
Baya Weaver	one showed well in Millet field of Ploceus phillippinus	close x	to C	ham x	bal L	odge x			
Baya Weaver						_			
Baya Weaver Red Avadavat	Ploceus phillippinus					_			x
Red Avadavat	Ploceus phillippinus common Amandava amandava	x	x x	х	х	x		×	x
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Red Avadavat	Ploceus phillippinus common Amandava amandava Lochura malabarica	x x x	x x	x x	x x	x		x	x x
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2 found in farmland outside Ranthambhore

Anthus trivialis Tree pipit Х

Emberiza stewarti White-capped Bunting

2 seen briefly along track to R Chambal

Emberiza bruniceps **Red-headed Bunting**

A passage flock of in excess of 60 birds was feeding on Millet on

farmland around Chambal lodge

Mammals

Rhesus Macaque Macaca mulatta Common

Hanuman Langur Presbytis entellus Common at Ranthambhore

Golden Jackal Canis aereus Several seen in and around Bharatpur

Sambar Cervus unicolor Common at Ranthambhore

Spotted Deer Common at Ranthambhore Axis axis

Nilgai Boselaphus tragocamelus Common

Common Palm Civet Paradoxurus Several, including Kits, seen around the

> hermaphroditus Lodge at Chambal

Indian Grey Mongoose Herpestres edwardsii 1 seen at Bharatpur

Small Indian Mongoose Herpestres javanicus Common in Delhi

Five-striped (Northern)

Palm Squirrel

Fanabulus palmarum

Common

Colony at the Lodge at Chambal **Indian Flying Fox** Pteropus giganteus

Reptiles

Marsh Mugger	Crocodylus palustris	R. Chambal
Gharial	Gaviallis gangeticus	R. Chambal
Bengal Monitor	Varanus	Bharatpur
	bengalensis	

Indian Garden Calotes versicolor **Bharatpur**

Lizard

Ranthambhore Indian Rock Python Python molurus Flap-shell Turtle Trionyx gangeticus R. Chambal Indian Tent turtle R. Chambal Kachuga tentoria

Butterflies

Common

Pareronia valeria

Wandered

Crimson Rose Pachliopta hector
Common Crow Eupluea core

Plain Tiger Danus chrystippus
Common Leopard Attella phalanta