

**Trip Report by Mohamad Mahdi to South India (17th April 2013 –
26 April 2013),
with K.V. Eldhose (professional birding guide)**

Introduction:

As a birder who likes to travel and see the wondrous variety of birds around the world, India had always been on my mind, and it was a major gap that I had to “plug” some day. I had both the time and the inclination this year and I decided to go. The birds of India need no introduction from me, so I’ll sidestep that one; suffices to say that there are loads of birds there both in terms of variety and numbers !. I saw 210 bird species (*21 endemics – about half of all Indian endemics*) and got great photos too, and that was not during peak birding season !.

One issue for me was trying to work out where to go in India (it is a subcontinent after all). Firstly, I had the “north” in mind as I am especially interested in cranes, bustards and the like and I thought I’d go to Gujarat. However, I found that really difficult to organize both in terms of finding information and in terms of booking accommodation too. It would appear that the “north” of India gets much more attention on the international birding radar than does the “south”, with the result that most guides/accommodation places are heavily booked and not too bothered with birder inquiries, so I spent (wasted) much time trying to organize a trip to Gujarat and Corbett NP, and at the end got frustrated and abandoned that plan.

I was about to abandon my trip to India altogether when I came across Eldhose’s [birdingsouthindia](#) website. At first it looked too good to be true (both in terms of what birders can expect to see in South India and in terms of the cost of his set trip). Nevertheless, I decided to check it out and am I glad I did !. I contacted Eldhose and he organized everything by email swiftly and seamlessly and finally I was on my way to India.

The Trip:

► *16 April 2013 – 20 April 2013 Maria International Hotel:*

I arrived in Kochi airport late at night on April 16th and was met by Eldhose and his driver who picked me up in his brand new Toyota Innova van and on to Maria International Hotel in Kothamangalam. Great night's sleep at Maria (the best hotel of the whole trip). For the following two days (17th and 18th April) I birded the wonderful Thattekad Bird Sanctuary with Eldhose assisted by two other great guides, Rajeev (who showed me my first Sri Lankan Frogmouth) and Sanu (who showed me Malabar Trogon both male and female). We birded different parts of Thattekad morning, afternoon and sometimes at night too which was wonderful to see some owl and nightjar species. We then visited Munnar on 19th April where we saw some target species including:

1. Nilgiri Pipit
2. Nilgiri Blue Robin
3. Nilgiri Flycatcher
4. Nilgiri Wood pigeon
5. Grey-breasted laughing thrush
6. Broad-tailed grassbird
7. Malabar whistling thrush
8. Small sunbird
9. Nilgiri Flowerpecker
10. Rufous Babbler.

► *20 April 2013 Jungle Homestay Thattekad:*

Birded other sections of Thattekad and was lucky to get very close views of Indian River Tern. They were flying around no more than a couple of meters away. Also, did some really enjoyable evening and night birding where we managed to get fantastic views of an Indian Pitta that came right out in the open albeit at dusk. This really underscored

the legend of Thattekad, as that Pitta sighting was out of season. We also managed to see owls, nightjars amongst plenty of other species.

► ***21 April 2013 On the road to Mudumalai, overnight in Nest Inn Resort:***

Early start (5:00am), and after a quick but tasty breakfast, we said goodbye to Thattekad and set off for Mudumalai. This is a long drive (more than 6 hours) and on reflection, I kind of regret cutting the one night in Trichur out of the original itinerary, which would have been a nice and restful pit stop.

Arrived in Mudumalai in the afternoon, and after checking in, dumping the gear and a quick shower and 30 minute lie down, we headed out birding.

► ***22 - 24 April 2013 Nest Inn Resort:***

For those three days we did much intensive birding morning and afternoon in Mudumalai National Park and one half day trip to some of the higher altitude areas around Ooty. Mudumalai lies in a plateau in the Western Ghats, where the landscape is flat and the vegetation is dominated by scrub and grasslands. It is easy birding and is absolutely full to the brim with an incredible variety of species. It is also very easy birding as the light vegetation works (as cover) to the birder's advantage instead of hiding the birds. Indian Peafowl are common and abundant as well as Grey Junglefowl (especially in the moister areas). Our lead specialist guide here was the pleasant, hard working and highly knowledgeable Siddha (a local tribesman) who showed me great views of Brown Fish Owl on the second afternoon and a leopard (amongst other mammals) on a safari that same night !.

On the accurate and encouraging advice of Eldhose, I also did one afternoon safari in Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Karnataka) which is a continuation of Mudumalai. It was fantastic as I not only managed to get close views of an alpha male tiger, but also got to see and photograph a Changeable Hawk Eagle fighting with a Crested Serpent Eagle, amongst other bird species.

► *25 April 2013 Mysore Sandesh Hotel:*

After breakfast, left Mudumalai and headed out to Mysore in Karnataka. I was delighted with seeing (and photographing) the target Indian Eagle Owl there, where in fact we managed to see three individuals at the site. We also did a boat trip at Ranganathittu Sanctuary where the highlights were Spot-billed Pelican, Great Thick Knee, Painted Storks and nesting Streak-throated Swallows, all of which can be seen close up and photographed from the boat.

► *26 April 2013 Reach Bangalore – end of trip:*

Early start (6:00 am) drove out to Bangalore, and on the way stopped off at the last birding site (Ramanagara) where we observed the critically endangered Long-billed Vulture of which there were 7 individuals at that site.

After that, we drove to Bangalore where the trip ended.

Trip Highlights:

Eight species of owl, three species of nightjar, great views of tiger, leopard, Asian Sloth Bear feeding, long and close views of Indian Pitta, seeing the beautiful White-bellied Minivet and the plentiful Indian Peafowl In Mudumalai.

Logistics:

► *Visa:* India requires all foreign visitors to have a visa. Also note that you can only stay in India for as long as your visa's validity, irrespective of when you enter the country.

► *Accommodation:* All my accommodation was arranged by Eldhose:

9 9 Maria International Hotel – Kothamangalam/Thattekad: This was the best hotel I stayed in during the entire trip. It's very clean, bright, comfortable, quiet, close to amenities, great food and friendly attentive staff. Ironically, it was much cheaper than some of the other hotels on the trip. The room at the back are

nicer as they face a small river and some nice green scenery. No wi-fi but internet shop right outside the hotel.

9 Jungle Bird Homestay Thattekad: This place is right in the middle of Thattekad Bird Sanctuary. It's basic but very clean and the food here is absolutely fantastic (strictly vegetarian). I stayed here just the one night as it was convenient for some night birding and to be able to set off early for Mudumalai next morning. Suddha and her family will make you feel very welcome. No wi-fi.

9 Nest Inn Resort: "Average" to "Poor" would be my rating for this place. It's not really a resort, but a motel style place. It's quiet and convenient for birding and the grounds are reasonably well maintained. However, it is very evident that the stingy owner pays pittance to his overworked staff (who are nonetheless pleasant and try their best), and is not bothered with investing any money to improve the furnishings/fittings of the place. The restaurant is average, but is probably one of the better places to eat in Mudumalai. I didn't like them allowing their "pet" cat to roam around the kitchen, and they did nothing about it when I complained. There is a vegetarian restaurant in the village called Krishna's which serves better food and even though it doesn't look all too clean, I somehow felt more comfortable eating there. Free wi-fi in the reception area.

9 Sandesh Hotel Mysore: This is the old wing of the Sandesh The Prince hotel, so I suppose it can be (and actually should be) called Sandesh The Pauper. This place is really old, and they haven't bothered to maintain any sort of standard. The bedding is old and dirty, the bathrooms/toilets are no better and the lift does a very good impression of a JCB fighting with stubborn concrete. I only stayed there for one night, but it was truly horrible. AVOID AT ALL COST. In fairness to Eldhose, he was trying to minimize costs, and Mysore is a rip off city so there's no obvious solution, except perhaps to plan your itinerary so as to see what you need to see there and drive off to sleep elsewhere.

9 Shreyas Residency Bangalore: I stayed in this place on Eldhose's advice, as I had a couple of days to spend in India before my departure flight. It is near the airport and is about 15 km north of the centre of Bangalore. The furniture and fittings are new and the room I stayed in was at the back so it was quiet too. Free wi-fi in the room.

Note: At Maria and the Jungle Homestay the bedding was clean and literally spotless, so there's absolutely no issues there. Unfortunately, that was not the case in the other places, so in the Nest Inn and Shreyas, where the sheets had bedbug spots on them. I just asked for clean sheets which I got, and then asked them not to change those sheets !. At Sandesh, I had to look at three different sets of bed sheets before getting a clean one !.

► ***Food***

This is a complex, controversial and contentious topic when it comes to India. There's so much variety here and the cost is miniscule compared with other countries, but there's the risk of getting sick. In fact, I did not get sick once in India and I attribute this to following some basic points:

- 1 – Eat where the locals eat. If a place has lots of people, the chances are the food there is freshly cooked.
- 2 – If you can't cook it, peel it or wash it, don't eat it.
- 3 – Stay vegetarian as meat can spoil more easily. I stayed vegetarian 90% of the time, and would have been happy if that was 200% of the time, as Indian vegetarian food is delicious, nutritious and kinder to your system.
- 4 – Avoid ice-cream, salads, undercooked food and seafood.
- 5 – Ask for "No Oil" wherever possible. Indians unfortunately love to smother their dishes in vegetable oil which can give you a stomach ache and also makes the food horrible in my opinion.
- 6 – Only drink bottled water/drinks, and avoid alcohol.

► *Transport*

9 Air: I flew in to Kochi with AirAsia and flew out from Bangalore. South India is well served by major international airlines.

9 Road: We were driven most of the time by the young and extremely professional driver Eldho K In Thatekkad it was in a compact 4x4 jeep, and for the rest of the trip it was in the Toyota Innova. I would highly recommend Eldho K for his polite friendly demeanor and also for his sharp vision – he helped spot wild elephants, a river otter and made the trip truly comfortable and enjoyable.

9 Local: In Mysore and Bangalore, I used the local trishaws which are very cheap and efficient. Just make sure you agree on the fare beforehand.

► *Safaris*

Eldhose arranged the safaris for me, and I was most satisfied both with the standard as well as the results. There are many dodgy operators who have no real wildlife experience, and they just take visitors driving around in a jeep. I went on two safaris, one of which was with Siddha (he drove the jeep himself and had an assistant with a spotlight), and the other was with a very professional operator who found us the tiger and was very careful about not disturbing the wildlife.

List of Birds:

1	Grey Francolin	Francolinus pondicerianus	
2	Grey Junglefowl	Gallus sonneratii	Endemic
3	Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	
4	Spot-billed Duck	Anas poecilorhyncha	
5	Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	

6	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	Near-threatened
7	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	
8	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	Near-threatened
9	Indian Black Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>	
10	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	
11	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
12	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	
13	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
14	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	
15	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	
16	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	
17	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	
18	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	Near-threatened
19	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	
20	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	
21	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	
22	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	
23	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
24	Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	
25	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	
26	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	
27	Indian White-backed Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	Critically endangered
28	Indian Vulture	<i>Gyps indicus</i>	Critically endangered
29	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	
30	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	
31	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	
32	Indian Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>	
33	Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila hastata</i>	
34	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	
35	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>	

36	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	
37	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	
38	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
39	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	
40	Yellow-legged Buttonquail	<i>Turnix tanki</i>	
41	Great Stone Curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	
42	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	
43	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	
44	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	
45	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
46	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	Near-threatened
47	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	
48	Nilgiri Woodpigeon	<i>Columba elphinstonii</i>	Endemic Critically endangered
49	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	
50	Spotted-necked Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	
51	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	
52	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	
53	Yellow-legged Green Pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>	
54	Grey-fronted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron affinis</i>	
55	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	
56	Vernal Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>	
57	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	
58	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	
59	Malabar Parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>	Endemic
60	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	
61	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>	
62	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>	
63	Common Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	
64	Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Rhopodytes viridirostris</i>	
65	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	

66	Collared Scops Owl	Otus bakkamoena	
67	Oriental Scops Owl	Otus sunia	
68	Indian Eagle-Owl	Bubo bengalensis	
69	Brown Fish Owl	Ketupa zeylonensis	
70	Mottled Wood Owl	Strix ocellata	
71	Jungle Owlet	Glaucidium radiatum	
72	Spotted Owlet	Athene brama	
73	Brown Hawk-Owl	Ninox scutulata	
74	Sri Lankan Frogmouth	Batrachostomus moniliger	
75	Grey Nightjar	Caprimulgus indicus	
76	Jerdon's Nightjar	Caprimulgus atripennis	
77	Indian Nightjar	Caprimulgus asiaticus	
78	White-rumped Spinetailed Swift	Zoonavena sylvatica	
79	Asian Palm Swift	Cypsiurus balasiensis	
80	Alpine Swift	Tachymarptis melba	
81	Crested Treeswift	Hemiprocne coronata	
82	Malabar Trogon	Harpactes fasciatus	
83	Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis	
84	Dollarbird	Eurystomus orientalis	
85	Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis	
86	White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	
87	Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	
88	Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis	
89	Common Hoopoe	Upupa epops	
90	Malabar Grey Hornbill	Ocyrceros griseus	Endemic
91	Indian Grey Hornbill	Ocyrceros birostris	
92	White-cheeked Barbet	Megalaima viridis	Endemic
93	Coppersmith Barbet	Megalaima haemacephala	
94	Malabar Barbet	Megalaima malabarica	
95	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos nanus	

96	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	Dendrocopos mahrattensis	
97	Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker	Picus chlorolophus	
98	Streak-throated Woodpecker	Picus xanthopygaeus	
99	Common Flame-backed Woodpecker	Dinopium javanense	
100	Black-rumped Woodpecker	Dinopium benghalense	
101	Greater Flame-backed Woodpecker	Chrysocolaptes lucidus	
102	White-naped Woodpecker	Chrysocolaptes festivus	
103	Heart-spotted Woodpecker	Hemicircus canente	
104	Indian Pitta	Pitta brachyura	
105	Large Woodshrike	Tephrodornis virgatus	
106	Common Woodshrike	Tephrodornis pondicerianus	
107	Ashy Woodswallow	Artamus fuscus	
108	Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia	
109	Large Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina macei	
110	Black-headed Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina melanoptera	
111	Small Minivet	Pericrocotus cinnamomeus	
112	White-bellied Minivet	Pericrocotus erythropygus	
113	Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus flammeus	
114	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Hemipus picatus	
115	Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus	
116	Bay-backed Shrike	Lanius vittatus	
117	Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	
118	Black-naped Oriole	Oriolus chinensis	
119	Black-hooded Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus	
120	Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	
121	Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus	
122	White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens	
123	Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus	
124	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus	

125	White-browed Fantail	Rhipidura aureola	
126	White-spotted Fantail	Rhipidura albogularis	
127	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	Terpsiphone paradisi	
128	Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda	
129	White-bellied Treepie	Dendrocitta leucogastra	Endemic
130	Common Magpie	Pica pica	
131	House Crow	Corvus splendens	
132	Large-billed Crow/Jungle Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	
133	Great Tit	Parus major	
134	Pacific Swallow	Hirundo tahitica	
135	Dusky Crag Martin	Ptyonoprogne concolor	
136	Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica	
137	Streak-throated Swallow	Petrochelidon fluvicola	
138	Singing Bushlark	Mirafra cantillans	
139	Jerdon's Bushlark	Mirafra affinis	
140	Indian Bushlark	Mirafra erythroptera	
141	Malabar Lark	Galerida malabarica	Endemic
142	Sykes's Lark	Galerida deva	Endemic
143	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix griseus	
144	Grey-breasted Prinia	Prinia hodgsonii	
145	Ashy Prinia	Prinia socialis	
146	Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata	
147	Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	
148	Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	
149	Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	
150	Yellow-throated Bulbul	Pycnonotus xantholaemus	Endemic Vulnerable
151	White-browed Bulbul	Pycnonotus luteolus	
152	Yellow-browed Bulbul	Acritillas indica	
153	Square-tailed Black Bulbul	Hypsipetes ganeesa	
154	Flame-throated Bulbul	Pycnonotus gularis	

155	Broad-tailed Warbler	<i>Schoenicola platyurus</i>	Endemic Vulnerable
156	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	
157	Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>	
158	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>	
159	Green Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	
160	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	
161	Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>	
162	Tytler's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus tytleri</i>	Breeding endemic Near-threatened
163	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	
164	Indian Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>	
165	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>	
166	Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>	
167	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>	
168	Large Grey Babbler	<i>Turdoides malcolmi</i>	
169	Rufous Babbler	<i>Turdoides subrufa</i>	Endemic
170	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striata</i>	
171	Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>	
172	Nilgiri Laughing-thrush	<i>Garrulax cachinnans</i>	Endemic
173	Grey-breasted Laughing-thrush	<i>Garrulax jerdoni</i>	Endemic
174	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>	
175	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	
176	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	
177	Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>	
178	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	
179	Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	
180	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	
181	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	
182	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>	
183	Malabar Starling	<i>Sturnia blythii</i>	
184	Malabar Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus horsfieldii</i>	Endemic

185	Orange-headed Thrush	Zoothera citrina	
186	Indian Blackbird	Turdus Simillimus	
187	Eurasian Blackbird	Turdus merula	
188	White-bellied Shortwing	Brachypteryx major	Endemic
189	Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis	
190	White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus	
191	Indian Robin	Saxicoloides fulicatus	
192	Pied Bushchat	Saxicola caprata	
193	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	Muscicapa muttui	
194	Black-and-orange Flycatcher	Ficedula nigrorufa	Endemic Near-threatened
195	Nilgiri Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias albicaudatus	Endemic Near-threatened
196	White-bellied Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis pallipes	Endemic
197	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis tickelliae	
198	Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis	
199	Golden-fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons	
200	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum erythrorhynchos	
201	Nilgiri Flowerpecker	Dicaeum concolor	
202	Purple-rumped Sunbird	Leptocoma zeylonica	
203	Crimson-backed Sunbird	Leptocoma minima	Endemic
204	Purple Sunbird	Cinnyris asiaticus	
205	House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	
206	Yellow-throated Sparrow	Gymnoris xanthocollis	
207	Indian Silverbill	Lonchura malabarica	
208	Black-throated Munia	Lonchura kelaarti	
209	Forest Wagtail	Dendronanthus indicus	
210	White-browed Wagtail	Motacilla maderaspatensis	
211	Nilgiri Pipit	Anthus nilghiriensis	Endemic Vulnerable

Lists of Mammals:

1.Tiger

2. Leopard
3. Sloth Bear
4. Bonnet Macaque
5. Grey Langur
6. Nilgiri Langur
7. Sambar Deer
8. Spotted Deer
9. Barking Deer
10. Common Grey Mongoose
11. Malabar Giant Squirrel
12. Wild Pig
13. Three-Striped Palm Squirrel
14. Wild Elephant
15. Crocodile
16. Nilgiri Tahr

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