

Bird notes from Goa India

13th – 27th December 2006

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Introduction

From 12th until 27th December 2006 Stig Jensen and Peter Hansen (my 9 year old son) made a trip to Goa. We decided to go to Goa about two weeks earlier, triggered by a very cheap offer from Scanway/Tyrkiet Eksperten. This trip was a combined family holiday and birding trip. My son is not a birdwatcher - therefore most of the birdwatching was done in the early morning hours. This was my first trip to India, but I know the region's birds from visits to Pakistan, Nepal, China, Thailand, The Philippines, Vietnam and Madagascar. The aim birdingwise was to see as much as possible within the above limitations.

In order to optimize the birding I downloaded dozens of bird reports with lots of useful information. From the reports I found out that Santosh Redkar is the best guide/taxi driver in Goa. So Santosh was contacted by email (goabirdingsantosh@hotmail.com – only in use from October to March). Another pre-departure contact was made to the Backwoods camp in order to secure a three days/two nights stay there (backwoodsgoa@hotmail.com).

Because so much has already been written about birds/birding in Goa this report will mainly focus on issues around bird guides, this season, literature, our itinerary, the bird list and a list of our sightings of animals.

Bird guide/taxi driver

Santosh was our guide throughout the tour, apart from our trip to Backwoods. Santosh is an excellent driver, extremely flexible and with ideas how to please Peter's non-birding wishes. Santosh knowledge about birding in Goa is great. He has an outstanding ability to find hard birds such as owls and nightjars etc. Santosh does have his limitations; do not expect him to be able to discuss identification issues in relation to difficult hippolais or acrocephalus warblers. Another of Santosh's qualities is that you do not need to negotiate prices with him. Santosh's rates are the standard rates (or cheaper) and he is very honest. Santosh prefer to be contacted by phone: 9881180424 and you can sms him. There are a number of other taxi drivers/bird guides but we only used Santosh. At Backwoods Leio was our guide and he knows his area very well.

This season

This season is greener than usually. Goa received lots of rain this year and, very unusually, also some rain as late as November. Therefore birds were not as concentrated as in some years. I had luck with some species, such as three species of buntings. Also Great Pied Hornbill was easy, even seen at Maem Lake. Spot-bellied/Forest Eagle Owl is breeding this year in Backwoods and therefore quite easy. Other species such as Pallas' Gull, Brown Fish-owl, and Indian Pitta were very hard to see. Of these species only Indian Pitta was seen (at Santosh's secret place). Most of the birders missed out on the Pitta. Brown Wood-owl is often seen quite easily at Saligao Zor, but not this year. We found Brown Wood-owl in another place near Saligao. A good owl place this season

is the Abalone Resort (where we stayed) where four species were registered in one morning: Barn Owl breeding with young ones and Brown Hawk-owl, Spotted Owlet and Indian Scops-owl – all heard calling.

There is a lot of development activities going on in Goa. In Dona Paula there are lots of human activities going on, possibly new constructions. Part of Baga Hills is closed because of construction activities. In Arpora Woods part of the area is now private property. Last season's Great Thick-knee place (near Parshem Mudflats) has been destroyed because the mangrove has been cut. There is lot of tourist development at Morjim, but it is still a great place. So is Carambolim Lake and Bondla. In Backwoods there is selective logging in forested areas along the river.

Literature:

As mentioned above there are lots of high quality bird reports about Goa on the internet. I also recommend Peter Harris 1996: *Goa – The Independent Birders' guide*. The guide is old but still very useful for information about localities and bird status in Goa. For bird identification two books were used.

Richard Grimmett & Tim Inskipp 2005: *Birds of Southern India*. Christopher Helm, A & C Black, London.

Pamela C. Rasmussen & John C. Anderton 2005: *Birds of South Asia – The Ripley Guide*. Vols. 1 and 2. Smithsonian Institution and Lynx Edicions, Washington D. C. and Barcelona.

Our itinerary:

- 12th Dec.: Dep. Copenhagen (15:30) – with a stopover at Ras Al Khaimah International Airport (UAE) –
- 13th Dec.: Arrived in Dabolim Airport (Goa) at 06:30, bus transfer to Abalone Resort, Arpora. Afternoon: Beira Mar Hotel, Baga.
- 14th Dec.: Carambolim Lake area, Old Goa, Sahakari Spice Farm.
- 15th Dec.: Dona Paula, Santa Cruz, Coco Beach (dolphin boat trip).
- 16th Dec.: Morjim Beach
- 17th Dec.: River boat trip (crocodile-spotting trip with “Jake-the-snake”)
- 18th Dec.: Maem Lake, Tikhanen Marsh
- 19th Dec.: Saligao Zor area
- 20th Dec.: Arpora (05:15) – Backwoods
- 21st Dec.: Backwoods
- 22nd Dec.: Backwoods (14:00) – Arpora
- 23rd Dec.: Batim Lake (morning). Divar Island (afternoon)
- 24th Dec.: Carambolim Lake area.
- 25th Dec.: Bondla area. Beira Mar Hotel (afternoon).
- 26th Dec.: Arpora Woods (morning). Maem Lake (afternoon until dusk)
- 27th Dec.: Abalone Resort (03:30) – Dabolim Airport dep. 07:30 - stopover at Ras Al Khaimah International Airport (UAE) - Arrival in Copenhagen 15:30.

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BIRDLIST FOR GOA: 13th December – 27th December 2006

Names used in the bird-list is from: Pamela C. Rasmussen & John C. Anderton 2005: *Birds of South Asia – The Ripley Guide*. Vols. 1 and 2. Smithsonian Institution and Lynx Edicions, Washington D. C. and Barcelona.

	SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NOTES
1.	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Common, several seen at Carambolim and other lakes.
2.	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	A few seen in several places.
3.	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	Numerous and easily seen.
4.	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	First seen at Carambolim Lake, and later seen in several places.
5.	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Not uncommon.
6.	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Common in wetland areas.
7.	Great Egret	<i>Egretta alba</i>	Numerous and easily seen.
8.	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	Numerous and easily seen.
9.	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Numerous and easily seen at most wetlands.
10.	Pacific (Western) Reef-heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	Seen in several places.
11.	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Very common and seen every day.
12.	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	Very common.
13.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striatus</i>	A few seen in different places.
14.	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	A few at Morjim beach. Several on boat trip.
15.	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	Seen in several places.
16.	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	3 seen outside Baga.
17.	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptopilos javanicus</i>	1 seen at low tide at river Mandovi (Chorao Island).
18.	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	Seen in several places in low numbers.
19.	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Large flocks seen in several places.
20.	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	Common and easily seen at any wetland.
21.	Cotton Teal (Pygmy-Goose)	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	Seen at most lakes.
22.	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Good numbers seen.
23.	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Very numerous at several lakes.
24.	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Seen in low numbers.
25.	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Seen in several places.
26.	Oriental Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	A few seen in several places
27.	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans govinda</i>	Extremely numerous and easily seen in the coastal regions.
	<i>Black-eared Kite</i>	<i>Milvus (migrans) lineatus</i>	Seen in several places.
28.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur Indus</i>	Very common and easily seen.
29.	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Seen in several places, mainly in coastal areas.
30.	(Western) Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Common. 30+ on Divar Island
31.	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Few. 5+ on Divar Island.

32.	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Seen in several places 5+ on Divar Island.
33.	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	Singles seen several times.
34.	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	Seen at Abalone resort and Bondla.
35.	Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>	One seen in the Baga area.
36.	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>	At least 2 birds seen at and around Backwoods.
37.	Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	Seen in several places.
38.	Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila hastata</i>	Common.
39.	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	One bird seen on the way back from Bondla.
40.	Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Single on the way back from Bondla.
41.	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	Singles around Baga and Arpora.
42.	Crested Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>	Great views of two adult birds at Maem Lake. One immature seen near Maem Lake.
43.	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Single birds seen in several places.
44.	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	Several heard in Bondla.
45.	Ruddy-breasted Rail	<i>Porzana fusca</i>	Seen at Beira Mar Hotel.
46.	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	Common.
47.	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio (porphyrio) poliocephalus</i>	Seen in several places. 500+ at Carambolim Lake.
48.	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Seen in several places.
49.	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Seen in several places.
50.	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	Seen in several wetlands. 50+ at Carambolim Lake,
51.	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	Common. 100+ at Carombolim Lake.
52.	Greater Painted Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	6 seen at dusk from Beira Mar Hotel.
53.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Only seen at Carambolim Lake.
54.	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lacteal</i>	Seen in several places. Most at Santa Cruz with 100+.
55.	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	Singles seen in several places. Two pairs at Dona Paula.
56.	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Very common.
57.	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Seen in several places.
58.	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Few seen.
59.	Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Few seen.
60.	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Seen in several places.
61.	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Common at Morjim Beach.
62.	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Common at Morjim Beach, with further sightings on 3 dates.
63.	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Seen at Morjim Beach.
64.	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>	Seen in several places.
65.	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Only seen in Backwoods.
66.	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Seen at Mandovi river.
67.	Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Seen in several places.
68.	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>	Common.
69.	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Seen in several places. Most at Carambolim Lake.
70.	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Common.
71.	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Seen in several places.

72.	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Common.
73.	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Single seen at Mojrim Beach and on boat trip.
74.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Common.
75.	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Common.
76.	Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Only seen at Santa Cruz.
77.	Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	A few seen in several places.
78.	Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Seen at Morjim Beach.
79.	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	A few.
80.	Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Only seen at Santa Cruz.
81.	Heuglin's Gull	<i>Larus heuglini</i>	Several at Morjim Beach.
	Steppe Gull	<i>Larus h Barabensis</i>	Seen at Morjim Beach.
82.	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnecephalus</i>	Common at Morjim Beach. A few seen in other places.
83.	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>	Common. Most common gull at Morjim Beach.
84.	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>	30+ at Morjim Beach.
85.	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	Common.
86.	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandwicensis</i>	Several at Morjim Beach.
87.	Great Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	Few a Morjim Beach.
88.	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	A couple seen at Carambolim Lake.
89.	Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Common.
90.	Nilgiri Woodpigeon	<i>Columba elphinstonii</i>	A perched bird seen near Tambdi Surla Temple, Backwoods.
91.	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Very common.
92.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Seen in the Saligao area, at Backwoods and Bondla.
93.	Orange-breasted Green-pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>	5+ seen at Maem Lake.
94.	Grey-fronted Green-pigeon	<i>Treron affinis</i>	Seen in several places
95.	Mountain Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>	Common at Backwoods.
96.	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Common in the Baga area.
97.	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	Seen in several places.
98.	Malabar Parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>	Backwoods, around Tambdi Surla Temple.
99.	Vernal Hanging-parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>	Common at Backwoods and Bondla.
100.	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>	Maem Lake.
101.	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>	Very common.
102.	Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>	Seen in Arpora Woods.
103.	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus (sinensis) parroti</i>	Common.
104.	Common Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	One breeding pair at Abalone Resort.
105.	Forest Eagle-owl	<i>Bubo nipalensis</i>	One seen at Backwoods
106.	Brown Wood-owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>	A single observed in the Saligao area.
107.	Brown Hawk-owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	Seen at Carambolin village. Heard at Abalone Resort.
108.	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	One at Carambolim village.
109.	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	Several. Carambolin village, Divar Island and Abalone Resort.
110.	Indian Scops-owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	Single heard at Abalone Resort.
111.	Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus hodgsoni</i>	A pair near Backwoods Camp.
112.	Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>	Single seen at Backwoods.
113.	Indian Jungle Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>	4 seen at a day roost near Maem Lake.

114.	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>	A few seen at Backwoods.
115.	Indian White-rumped Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>	A few seen in the Backwoods area.
116.	Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>	Two seen at Backwoods.
117.	Asian Palm-swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	Several.
118.	House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Very common.
119.	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	Seen in the Backwoods area.
120.	Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>	A pair seen at Backwoods. Heard at Bondla.
121.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Very common.
122.	Blue-eared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo meninting</i>	One at Backwoods.
123.	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	A few at several localities.
124.	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Very common.
125.	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>	A few at several localities.
126.	Lesser Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	A few at several localities.
127.	Little Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	Very common.
128.	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	Seen at several localities.
129.	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaultia</i>	Common at Bondla and Backwoods.
130.	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	Common.
131.	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Seen at Backwoods.
132.	Malabar Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyeros griseus</i>	Common at Backwoods.
133.	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>	Seen at Maem and Backwoods.
134.	Great Pied Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	Pairs seen at Backwoods and Maem Lake.
135.	White-cheeked Barbet	<i>Megalaima viridis</i>	Seen in several places.
136.	Malabar Barbet	<i>Megalaima rubricapilla</i>	Common at Backwoods also seen at Bondla.
137.	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	Common.
138.	Indian Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>	Seen at Saligao, Bondla and Backwoods.
139.	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>	Seen at Saligao and Backwoods.
140.	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>	Seen in several places.
141.	White-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>	Heard several times at Backwoods.
142.	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	Very common.
143.	White-naped Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>	One in the Backwoods area.
144.	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>	A pair at Bondla.
145.	Heart-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Hemicircus canente</i>	Common at Backwoods.
146.	Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>	Superb views of one bird at Santosh's secret place!
147.	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>	At least 10 birds seen at Dona Paula.
148.	Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Common. Large flocks 200+ on Divar Island.
149.	Malabar Lark	<i>Galerida malabarica</i>	Seen in several places.
150.	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	Several seen at Dona Paula and Divar Island.
151.	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Several seen at different localities.
152.	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Widespread.
153.	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	Very common.
154.	Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo fluvicola</i>	Singles seen at several localities. Very common at Backwoods.
155.	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Just a single bird seen near Tikhanen.
156.	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>	Common.
157.	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Common.

158.	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Seen at different localities. 20+ near Tikhanen.
159.	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Seen at Dona Paula.
160.	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	Common.
161.	Large Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	Seen at Arpora Woods
162.	Black-headed Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	Seen at several localities.
163.	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	Seen at several localities
164.	Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	Common in wooded areas
165.	Pied Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	Seen at Bondla.
166.	Grey-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus priocephalus</i>	Seen at Arpora Woods, Bondla nad Backwoods.
167.	Flame-throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus gularis</i>	Common at Backwoods and Bondla.
168.	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	Very common.
169.	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Common.
170.	White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>	Common in woodlands.
171.	Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Iole indica</i>	Common at Backwoods also seen in Bondla.
172.	Square-tailed Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>	Seen at Backwoods and Bondla.
173.	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>	Seen at Arpora Woods.
174.	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	Common in wooded areas
175.	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	Common.
176.	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	Common at Backwoods also seen in Bondla.
177.	Malabar Whistling Thrush	<i>Myiophonus horsfieldii</i>	Seen (or heard) at several localities.
178.	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>	Common.
179.	Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>	Single seen at Arpora Woods.
180.	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Common.
181.	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	Seen in several places.
182.	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	Common.
183.	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	A few seen at several localities.
184.	Blyth's Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	Common.
185.	Indian Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus (stentoreus) brunnescens</i>	Seen at Beira Mar Hotel.
186.	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Common.
187.	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus</i>	Common.
188.	Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>	Common at Backwoods also seen at Bondla.
189.	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>	2 at Backwoods and 1 at Bondla..
190.	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassina</i>	Common at Backwoods also seen at Bondla.
191.	White-bellied Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis pallipes</i>	A pair at Backwoods. One at Bondla.
192.	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	Common at wooded areas.
193.	Indian Blue Robin	<i>Luscinia brunnea</i>	A pair upstream from Tambdi Surla Temple, Backwoods.
194.	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Common.
195.	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	Seen at several localities.
196.	Indian Black Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i>	Common.
197.	Common Stonechat	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Very common.
198.	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	Common.
199.	White-spotted Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albogularis</i>	Seen in several places.
200.	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	Common in wooded areas.
201.	Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	Quite common.

202.	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	Common in wooded areas.
203.	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>	Three seen at Arpora Woods.
204.	Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>	Common in wooded areas.
205.	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>	Common.
206.	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>	Common in wooded areas.
207.	Indian Yellow Tit	<i>Parus aplonotus</i>	Seen at Maem Lake.
208.	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	Seen at Backwoods and Bondla.
209.	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>	Common.
210.	Crimson-backed Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma minima</i>	Very common around Backwoods. Also seen at Bondla.
211.	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	Common.
212.	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>	Seen at Arpora Woods.
213.	Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>	Seen at Backwoods.
214.	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>	Seen at Backwoods.
215.	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>	Seen in several places.
216.	Nilgiri Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>	Seen at several localities.
217.	Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>	Very common.
218.	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	Seen at several localities.
219.	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	One seen at Backwoods.
220.	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach caniceps</i>	Very common.
221.	Malabar Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis sylvicola</i>	Seen at Backwoods.
222.	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	Seen at Backwoods and Bondla.
223.	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	Very common.
224.	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	Common within forested areas.
225.	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	Seen at Arpora Woods, Maem Lake, Bondla and Backwoods.
226.	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	Seen in several places.
227.	Spangled Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	Seen at Backwoods.
228.	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	Common at Backwoods, Bondla. Also seen at Arpora, Maem and even at Abalone Resort!
229.	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	Common.
230.	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	Seen at several localities.
231.	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	Common.
232.	Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	Common in wooded areas.
233.	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	Very common at coastal locations.
234.	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Common.
235.	Grey-headed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>	Seen at several localities.
236.	Malabar White-headed Starling	<i>Sturnia blythii</i>	Seen at Backwoods.
237.	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	Very common at Baga. Also seen in small numbers at other localities.
238.	(Indian) House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus indicus</i>	Mainly seen around the hotels.
239.	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	Common around Backwoods Camp. Also seen at Bondla.
240.	Indian Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus p. philippinus</i>	Common around wetlands.
241.	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	Common .
242.	Black-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>	Seen at Backwoods.
243.	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	Seen from the Beira Mar Hotel.
244.	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani</i>	One seen at Backwoods near the Temple.

245.	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	One male seen at Santa Cruz
246.	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>	One male at Dona Paula.

OTHER SIGHTINGS

ANIMALS	
1.	Wild Boar, One at Bondla
2.	Spotted Deer, Several at Bondla
3.	Indian Flying Fox, Seen on boat trip plus on the way to Maem Lake
4.	Three-striped Palm Squirrel, Common
5.	Malabar Giant Squirrel, Common in Backwoods and Bondla
6.	Indian Hare, One seen at Arpora Woods
7.	Hanuman langur, Common.
8.	Indo-pacific Humpback Dolphin, Several at boat trip from Coco Beach.
9.	Marsh Mugger, Six seen on boat (river) trip.
10.	Western Ghats Flying Lizard, One at Backwoods.
11.	House Gecko, Several seen.
12.	Brown Tree Frog, Seen at Backwoods.
13.	Skink sp., Seen at Bondla.
14.	“Black Giant” Wood Spider. Several seen in wooded areas.
15.	Water Snake, Three seen at Backwoods.
	Butterflies, many species