

# Biodiverse Bhutan: Birds, Mammals & Beyond Species List | November 5-20, 2025

## Pre-extension: Panna Tiger Reserve Oct 31-Nov 4, 2025

### With Naturalist Journeys



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Bird and nature enthusiasts from Alaska, California, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Washington, traveled to the Kingdom of Bhutan to experience the incredible landscapes, the culture and the birds and other wildlife that live there. The group started in the western part of the country at Paro and worked its way east to the Phrumsengla National Park with several stops in between, including visits to the Punakha Dzong, Jigme Dorji National Park and the Phobjika Valley and the Black-necked Crane Festival. Most of the group also signed on for the pre-extension to the Panna Tiger Reserve in India, which was a great addition to the tour. Details of what was encountered during the tour and where are listed below.

BIRDS - 314 species were recorded of which 15 were heard only and only one was introduced.

The eBird links below detail the 314 species of birds our group observed during the pre-extension portion of the tour and the main tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Below is a list of the mammals, reptiles and amphibians we were fortunate to observe during the trip as well.

**Family or Species Common Name Scientific Name:**

#### **MAMMALS: — (B=Bhutan, I=India) (24)**

**Assam Macaque** *Macaca assamensis* — (B) Seen on the 6th, 7th and 8th while traveling on the Wangdue-Tsirang Highway and the Punakha-Gasa Highway and again on the 15th while traveling in the Yongkola area.

**Rhesus Macaque** *Macaca mulatta* — (I) Seen in the Panna Tiger Reserve on the 3rd and 4th.

**Northern Plains Gray Langur** *Semnopithecus entellus* — (I) Seen in or near the Panna Tiger Reserve on each day.

**Capped Lutung (Langur)** *Trachypithecus pileatus* — (B) Seen on the 14th and 15th in the Yongkola area.

**Himalayan Gray Langur** *Semnopithecus schistaceus* — (B) Seen on the 6th along the Wangdue-Tsirang Highway on the way to Damphu and on the 9th between Punakha and the Phobjika Valley.

**Pika species** — (B) Seen while walking the Old Pelela Road on the 10th and on the hike to the Tiger's Nest on the 19th.

**Five-striped Palm Squirrel** *Funambulus pennantii* — (I) Seen on the first three days in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Himalayan Striped Squirrel** *Tamias mccllellandii* — (B) Seen on multiple days at multiple locations.

**Irrawaddy Squirrel** *Callosciurus pygerythrus* — (B) Seen in Jigme Dorji National Park, the Phobjika Valley, along the road to the Tharpaling Monastery and on the hike to the Tiger's Nest.

**Bhutan Giant Flying Squirrel** *Petaurista nobilis* — (B) One was seen on the 15th after sunset in the Phrumsengla National Park while searching for nocturnal critters.

**Wild Boar** *Sus scrofa* — (I) Seen on our first three days in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Indian Flying Fox** *Pteropus medius* — (I) Seen after sunset each day while returning to our lodging at Sarai at Toria.

**Madras Treeshrew** *Ananthana ellioti* — (I) Seen once in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Northern Red Muntjac (Barking Deer)** *Muntiacus vaginalis* — (B) Heard at the Gangtey Luxury Tented Camp on the 10th and two were seen together on the 15th along the highway while searching for nocturnal critters in Phrumsengla National Park.

**Chital (Indian Spotted Deer)** *Axis axis* — (I) Seen each day in good numbers in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Sambar** *Rusa unicolor* — (I,B) Seen each day in the Panna Tiger Reserve and a single male was seen on the 16th after sunset along the road near the Trogon Villa Lodge.

**Nilgai** *Boselaphus tragocamelus* — (I) Seen each day in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Himalayan (Mainland) Serow** *Capricornis sumatraensis* — (B) One was seen on the morning of the 13th on a ridge above the Tharpaling Monastery.

**Ruddy Mongoose** *Urva smithii* — (I) Seen each day in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Sloth Bear** *Melursus ursinus* — (I) One was seen briefly on our last morning in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Red Panda** *Ailurus fulgens* — (B) Two were seen briefly while birding along the highway in the Phrumsengla National Park on the 14th and one was seen near the same area on the 17th running on the highway.

**Yellow-throated Martin** *Martes flavigula* — (B) Three were seen crossing the highway shortly after leaving the Phobjika Valley on the morning of the 12th and individuals were seen in the Phrumsengla National Park on the 15th and 16th.

**Bengal Tiger** *Panthera tigris* — (I) A family of three consisting of a tigris and two almost fully grown cubs were seen at close range near a kill on the morning of the 3rd and a single individual was seen cooling off in the Ken River later that morning. Return visits later in the day and on the morning of the 4th allowed us to enjoy these beautiful creatures a little longer.

**Golden Jackal** *Canis aureus* — (I) One was seen on the morning of the 3rd in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

#### **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS: — (I=India) (8)**

**Asian (Indian) Common Toad** *Duttaphrynus melanostictus* — (I) Seen multiple days at the Sarai at Toria Lodge.

**Chunam (Indian) Tree Frog** *Polypedates maculatus* — (I) Seen at the Sarai at Toria Lodge.

**Mugger Crocodile** *Crocodylus palustris* — (I) At least three different individuals were seen in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Oriental Garden Lizard** *Calotes versicolor* — (I) Seen at the Sarai at Toria Lodge.

**Bengal Monitor** *Varanus bengalensis* — (I) One was seen on the 3rd in the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Asian House Gecko** *Hemidactylus frenatus* — (I) Present at the Sarai at Toria Lodge.

**Russell's Viper** *Daboia russelii* — (I) A rather sizable critter found its way into the souvenir center near the entry gate into the Panna Tiger Reserve.

**Indian Flapshell Turtle** *Lissemys punctata* — (I) Two were seen basking in the morning sun on the 2nd on the edge of a river bank.