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| | SPECIES | SCIENTIFIC NAME | NOTES |
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| 1. | Little Grebe | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i> | Several seen at Carambolim, Batim and Curtorim Lakes. |
| 2. | Indian Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i> | A flock of 25+ roosting at Ciba-Geigy pools was our first sighting and we had sightings on 2 further days. |
| 3. | Little Cormorant | <i>Phalacrocorax niger</i> | Numerous and easily seen. |
| 4. | Oriental Darter | <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i> | First seen at Carambolim Lake, and subsequently on 4 further days. |
| 5. | Grey Heron | <i>Ardea cinerea</i> | Seen on 7 dates. |
| 6. | Purple Heron | <i>Ardea purpurea</i> | At least 6 seen at Carambolim Lake, with another over Baga Fields and also seen on a further 5 dates. |
| 7. | Great Egret | <i>Ardea alba</i> | Useful side-by-side comparisons of this and next species were obtained. |
| 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. | Western Reef-heron | <i>Egretta gularis</i> | A lone bird flying along the beach at Mojem was our first, followed by another on Zuari River. |
| 11. | Indian Pond-heron | <i>Ardeola grayii</i> | Very common and seen every day. |
| 12. | Eastern Cattle Egret | <i>Bubulcus coromandus</i> | A recent split from Western Cattle Egret. Common and seen on all but 2 dates. |
| 13. | Striated Heron | <i>Butorides striatus</i> | A coupe seen at the Marina Dourhada on several dates, plus odd singles elsewhere |
| 14. | Black-crowned Night-heron | <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> | The usual roosting site next to Mojem beach produced an adult, with one or two seen elsewhere. |
| 15. | Asian Openbill | <i>Anastomus oscitans</i> | About 30 seen roosting at Ciba-Geigy Pools and a couple over Curtorim Lake. |
| 16. | Woolly-necked Stork | <i>Ciconia episcopus</i> | Several seen flying into fields on Chorao Island and a pair soaring over hills close to Backwoods Camp. |
| 17. | Lesser Adjutant | <i>Leptopilos javanicus</i> | Pair on 19/11 soaring over some hills at Cotigao. None seen at Ciba-Geigy roost site due to disturbance caused by building work. |

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| 18. | Black-headed Ibis | <i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i> | A couple seen on Chorao Island, as well as a treefull during our bot trip on the Zuari River. |
| 19. | Glossy Ibis | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i> | Over 100 seen in one flock on Chorao Island with further sightings at Curtorim Lake. |
| 20. | Lesser Whistling-duck | <i>Dendrocygna javanica</i> | Common and easily seen at any of the major lakes. |
| 21. | Ruddy Shelduck | <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> | A flock of 10 were noteworthy, and the same flock had increased to 15 at our secret wader spot on 12/11. A good sighting in Goa. |
| 22. | Cotton Teal (Pygmy-Goose) | <i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i> | 5 seen at Carambolim Lake on 7/11, 6+ seen at Batim lake 9/11 and well over 50 at Curtorim Lake on 19/11. |
| 23. | Northern Pintail | <i>Anas acuta</i> | Single seen at batim Lake on 9/11 |
| 24. | Garganey | <i>Anas querquedula</i> | Seen on several dates with the largest flock estimated at over 350 at Batim Lake. |
| 25. | Northern Shoveler | <i>Anas clypeata</i> | Seen at Batim Lake 9/11, |
| 26. | Osprey | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | Seen on 7 dates, usually single birds. |
| 27. | Oriental Honey Buzzard | <i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i> | Singles seen 8/11, 9/11, 14/11, 15/11 and 17/11. |
| 28. | Black Kite | <i>Milvus migrans govinda</i> | A potential future split from nominate <i>migrans</i> . Extremely numerous and easily seen along the coastal regions. |
| | <i>Black-eared Kite</i> | <i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i> | May well gain full species status from nominate <i>migrans</i> in future. First one seen right over our heads at Carambolim Lake on 7/11, with frequent sightings thereafter. |
| 29. | Brahminy Kite | <i>Haliaeetus Indus</i> | Very Common and easily seen. |
| 30. | White-bellied Sea-eagle | <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> | An immature at Mojem Beach on 8/11, with several others seen including a pair nest-building on 9/11 at Arpora Forest. |
| 31. | White-rumped Vulture | <i>Gyps bengalensis</i> | Single seen at Cotigao caused quite a stir when it was found! |
| 32. | Western Marsh Harrier | <i>Circus aeruginosus</i> | Seen on 6 dates. |
| 33. | Pallid Harrier | <i>Circus macrourus</i> | A fine male flying over our roof top vantage point overlooking Ciba- Geigy pools. |
| 34. | Montagu's Harrier | <i>Circus pygargus</i> | A male and imm female seen on 11/11 on Chorao Island. |
| 35. | Crested Goshawk | <i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i> | Our first day at Backwoods paid dividends for this species with prolonged views of a soaring bird. With another scoped on a perch on 15/11 and a distant flight view on 17/11. |
| 36. | Shikra | <i>Accipiter badius</i> | Singles seen on 8 dates. |
| 37. | Besra | <i>Accipiter virgatus</i> | Unforgettable views at the raptor site near Backwoods, with a pair showing incredibly well overhead and also mobbing a Mountain Hawk-eagle! |
| 38. | White-eyed Buzzard | <i>Butastur teesa</i> | Single bird on 19/11 was an early winter record at this time of year. Our first sighting in Goa in 4 tours! |
| 39. | Black Eagle | <i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i> | At least 3 birds seen around Tambdi Surla Temple on 3 dates with another seen on the drive to Cotigao. |
| 40. | Greater Spotted Eagle | <i>Aquila clanga</i> | Seen over Carambolim Wood, and several at the raptor site on Chorao Island giving good comparisons with <i>A hastata</i> and <i>A nipalensis</i> . |

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| 41. | Indian Spotted Eagle | <i>Aquila hastata</i> | A relatively recent split from Lesser Spotted Eagle. A single bird over Saligao on 8/11, with close views of several birds on Chorao Island. |
| 42. | Steppe Eagle | <i>Aquila nipalensis</i> | Single on Chorao Island in company with <i>A clanga</i> and <i>A hastata</i> . |
| 43. | Booted Eagle | <i>Hieraetus pennatus</i> | Single near Backwoods Camp on 13/11, and subsequently seen on a further 4 dates with all but one bird being a pale-phase. |
| 44. | Rufous-bellied Eagle | | An immature over the Temple on 14/11, plus an adult seen by Rod the same day. Also a fine adult seen on 15/11 by everyone. |
| 45. | Crested Hawk-eagle | <i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i> | A recent split from Changeable Hawk-eagle of Himalayas and areas eastwards. Great views of an adult bird at Bondla on 16/11, followed by another 2 birds the following day. |
| 46. | Mountain Hawk-eagle | <i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i> | Superb views of a pair close overhead at the raptor site near Backwoods, with another bird over Tambdi Surla Temple. |
| 47. | Eurasian Kestrel | <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> | Seen on 3 dates. |
| 48. | Amur Falcon | <i>Falco amurensis</i> | 2 birds seen on 12/11 appeared to be part of a small influx of this scarce winter visitor. |
| 49. | Peregrine Falcon | <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | Single seen at Carambolim Lake, Chorao Island and Backwoods. |
| 50. | Barred Buttonquail | <i>Turnix suscitator</i> | At least 4 individuals flushed from Baga Fields on 7/11. |
| 51. | Red Spurfowl | <i>Galloperdix spadicea</i> | Indian endemic. A pair flushed in the Arpora Forest gave very close flight views. |
| 52. | Grey Junglefowl | <i>Gallus sonneratii</i> | Indian endemic. Seen on 2 dates whilst at Backwoods, with another couple crssing the path at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary on 18/11. |
| 53. | Indian Peafowl | <i>Pavo cristatus</i> | After making a special visit to Fort Aguada, seen on 2 further dates near Molem and Cotigao WS. |
| 54. | Slaty-breasted Rail | <i>Gallirallus striatus</i> | Credit to Rod for spotting one on our boat trip along a creek on Zuari River. |
| 55. | White-breasted Waterhen | <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i> | Seen on 5 dates, although not common. |
| 56. | Purple Swamphen | <i>Porphyrio porphyrio poliocephalus</i> | Some authorities treat this race as a full species – Grey-headed Swamphen, but further study is req'd. Very common at Carambolim and Batim Lakes. |
| 57. | Common Moorhen | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i> | Not at all common, but small numbers seen at Carambolim, Batim and Curtorim Lakes. |
| 58. | Common Coot | <i>Fulica atra</i> | Seen on a couple of dates. |
| 59. | Pheasant-tailed Jacana | <i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i> | This and next species seen at Carambolim, Batim, Maem and Curtorim Lakes, |
| 60. | Bronze-winged Jacana | <i>Metopidius indicus</i> | Easily seen at Carombolim and Curtorim Lakes. |
| 61. | Greater Painted Snipe | <i>Rostratula benghalensis</i> | A pair seen at dusk on 10/11 from Beira Mar Hotel. |
| 62. | Black-winged Stilt | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i> | Scarce. Seen from Biera Mar Hotel and a flock of 20+ at Curtorim Lake. |
| 63. | Eurasian Oystercatcher | | A flock of 6 observed at Mojem Beach was a good sighting. |
| 64. | Small Pratincole | <i>Glareola lacteal</i> | Over 500 seen at our secret wader spot and Mojem Beach on 9/11, and 200+ seen on 12/11. |

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| 65. | Yellow-wattled Lapwing | <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i> | Single seen on 9/11 and 12/11. |
| 66. | Red-wattled Lapwing | <i>Vanellus indicus</i> | Very common and easily seen on all but one day of our tour. |
| 67. | Grey-headed Lapwing | <i>Vanellus cinereus</i> | Amazingly we found a pair (again) of this very scarce wintering Himalayan species at Curtorim Lake during our last hours birding of the trip. Unbelievable! |
| 68. | Pacific Golden Plover | <i>Pluvialis fulva</i> | A species that was late arriving this winter, with our only sighting being of 7 seen from the boat on Zuari River on 12/11. |
| 69. | Grey Plover | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i> | Only seen on 2 dates, with 25+ on the Mandovi River at low tide being noteworthy. |
| 70. | Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> | Just a pair seen. |
| 71. | Little Ringed Plover | <i>Charadrius dubius</i> | 2 near Carambolim Lake were our first, with others seen on 2 further dates. |
| 72. | Kentish Plover | <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i> | Easily seen at Mojem Beach. |
| 73. | Lesser Sand Plover | <i>Charadrius mongolus</i> | A large gathering observed at Mojem Beach, with further sightings on 3 dates. |
| 74. | Greater Sand Plover | <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i> | Up to 10 seen in a large roost of the previous species on Mojem Beach. |
| 75. | Pin-tailed Snipe | <i>Gallinago stenura</i> | A couple seen in flight at Baga Fields on 7/11. |
| 76. | Common Snipe | <i>Gallinago gallinago</i> | Several seen at Baga Fields on 7/11. |
| 77. | Eastern Black-tailed Godwit | <i>Limosa limosa</i> | A proposed split from the species which regularly occurs in Europe. Seen on 2 dates. |
| 78. | Whimbrel | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i> | Seen on 3 dates. |
| 79. | Eurasian Curlew | <i>Numenius arquata</i> | Seen on just 2 dates. |
| 80. | Common Redshank | <i>Tringa tetanus</i> | Common and easily seen at most marshes and estuaries, especially around coastal localtions. |
| 81. | Marsh Sandpiper | <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i> | Single seen on 12/11 during our boat trip on the Zuari River. |
| 82. | Common Greenshank | <i>Tringa nebularia</i> | Seen on 8 dates. |
| 83. | Green Sandpiper | <i>Tringa ochropus</i> | Not as common as in previous years, seemed to be late arriving. Seen on 4 dates. |
| 84. | Wood Sandpiper | <i>Tringa glareola</i> | Highest count of 150+ at one small marsh was noteworthy, and also seen on 5 further dates. |
| 85. | Terek Sandpiper | <i>Xenus cinereus</i> | Single seen at Mojem Beach 9/11, 25 seen from Chora Island on 11/11, and 7 seen at our secret wader site on 12/11. |
| 86. | Common Sandpiper | <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i> | Regularly seen. |
| 87. | Little Stint | <i>Calidris minuta</i> | Another wader species late to arrive this year. Seen on just 2 dates. |
| 88. | Temminck's Stint | <i>Calidris temminckii</i> | A couple seen on just 2 dates. |
| 89. | Curlew Sandpiper | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i> | Several seen whilst waiting for the ferry on Chora Island. |
| 90. | Sanderling | <i>Calidris alba</i> | A small flock seen at Mojem Beach on 8/11. |
| 91. | Dunlin | <i>Calidris alpina</i> | Seen on 2 dates. |
| 92. | Ruff | <i>Philomachus pugnax</i> | Single seen 9/11. |
| 93. | Heuglin's Gull | <i>Larus heuglini</i> | Recently given full species status. Several at Mojem Beach on 8/11. |

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| | Steppe Gull | <i>Larus h Barabensis</i> | Seen at Mojem Beach in large gull roost on 8/11. |
| 94. | Brown-headed Gull | <i>Larus brunnicephalus</i> | Common at Mojem Beach with 500+ seen on 8/11. |
| 95. | Black-headed Gull | <i>Larus ridibundus</i> | Seen on 3 dates. |
| 96. | Slender-billed Gull | <i>Larus genei</i> | At least 35 seen in large gull roost at Mojem Beach on 8/11, including several incredibly bright pink chested individuals. |
| 97. | Gull-billed Tern | <i>Sterna nilotica</i> | A few seen flying upriver from Mojem Beach on 8/11, and seen on 3 subsequent days with a flock of 35 on Mandovi River. |
| 98. | Lesser Crested Tern | <i>Sterna bengalensis</i> | Over 30 seen at Mojem Beach in gull roost on 8/11, with several more along the Zuari River |
| 99. | Sandwich Tern | <i>Sterna sandvicensis</i> | Several seen on 8/11 at Mojem Beach. |
| 100. | Great Crested Tern | <i>Sterna bergii</i> | A single bird joined the gull roost at Mojem Beach, plus over 30 on the Zuari River. |
| 101. | Little Tern | <i>Sterna albifrons</i> | At least 4 seen offshore from Mojem Beach on 8/11. |
| 102. | Whiskered Tern | <i>Chlidonias hybridus</i> | A couple seen at Carambolim Lake on 7/11 were our first, followed by sightings on 2 further dates. |
| 103. | White-winged Tern | <i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i> | A rare bird in Goa. Single seen on 9/11 and 12/11 giving close views and usefull side-by-side comparisons with Whiskered Tern. |
| 104. | Rock Dove | <i>Columba livia</i> | Seen on all but one date. |
| 105. | Nilgiri Woodpigeon | <i>Columba elphinstonii</i> | Indian endemic. A perched bird seen on 16/11 on the way to Bondla and another close bird near Tambdi Surla Temple on 18/11. |
| 106. | Spotted Dove | <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i> | Very common and seen everywhere. |
| | Emerald Dove | <i>Chalcophaps indica</i> | Seen by just 1 tour participant at Molem. |
| 107. | Grey-fronted Green-pigeon | <i>Treron pompadora</i> | Indian endemic. 1 of 4 splits from Pompadour Green-pigeon. Best views of a pair in a fruiting tree near Backwoods. |
| 108. | Mountain Imperial Pigeon | <i>Ducula badia</i> | A few flew over near Backwoods Camp on 13/11, 15+ near Tambdi Surla Temple on 14/11 and a couple seen in a fruiting tree on 15/11 and 16/11. |
| 109. | Rose-ringed Parakeet | <i>Psittacula krameri</i> | Seen on 5 dates. |
| 110. | Plum-headed Parakeet | <i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i> | Good views of a small flock at Baga Fields, with sightings on a further 5 dates. |
| 111. | Malabar Parakeet | <i>Psittacula columboides</i> | Indian endemic. Seen at Tambdi Surla Temple on 14/11 and 16/11. |
| 112. | Vernal Hanging-parrot | <i>Loriculus vernalis</i> | Here of the race <i>rubropygius</i> . Our first was seen on the first afternoons birding in the Arpora Forest. Recorded on a further 6 dates, but only 2 seen perched. |
| 113. | Common Hawk-cuckoo | <i>Cuculus varius</i> | Seen on way from Mojem Beach, and on 3 dates at Backwoods. |
| | Common Cuckoo | <i>Cuculus canorus</i> | John saw what was probably this species near Backwoods. |
| 114. | Banded Bay Cuckoo | <i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i> | Very good views at Maem Lake on 11/11. |
| 115. | Fork-tailed Drongo Cuckoo | <i>Surniculus lugubris dicruroides</i> | On 19/11 at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary Rod saw what was probably this species, but everyone had close views of a confiding bird 400 metres further along the same track. |
| 116. | Asian Koel | <i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i> | A female in Arpora Forest was our first sighting, followed by sightings on most days. |

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| 117. | Blue-faced Malkoha | <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i> | Endemic to Peninsular India and Sri Lanka. A confiding pair seen on our first afternoon in Arpora Forest gave superb views. |
| 118. | Greater Coucal | <i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i> | A potential future split with a name change to Southern Coucal <i>Centropus parroti</i> . First seen at Carambolim Lake on 7/11, and recorded on a further 5 dates. |
| 119. | Brown Wood-owl | <i>Strix leptogrammica</i> | Single observed at Saligao on 8/11. |
| 120. | Brown Hawk-owl | <i>Ninox scutulata</i> | Heard at Backwoods Camp. |
| 121. | Jungle Owlet | <i>Glaucidium radiatum</i> | Here of the race <i>malabaricum</i> . A pair in Carambolim Wood were very confiding on 7/11 and heard at Molem on 17/11. |
| 122. | Spotted Owlet | <i>Athene brama</i> | Close views of one bird on 9/11 alongside the Mandovi River, and another at Marina Dourhada on 12/11. |
| 123. | Oriental Scops-owl | <i>Otus sunia</i> | Single seen at Backwoods on 15/11. |
| 124. | Indian Scops-owl | <i>Otus bakkamoena</i> | Single seen at Backwoods on 15/11. |
| 125. | Sri Lanka Frogmouth | <i>Batrachostomus hodgsoni</i> | Pair roosting near Backwoods Camp 14/11, |
| 126. | Jerdon's Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i> | Single seen on 14/11 at Backwoods. |
| 127. | Indian Jungle Nightjar | <i>Caprimulgus indicus</i> | A recent split from Grey Nightjar. 4 seen on 14/11 at a site near Backwoods. |
| 128. | Indian Swiftlet | <i>Aerodramus unicolor</i> | A few seen on 13/11 near Backwoods. |
| 129. | White-rumped Needletail | <i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i> | Seen on 2 dates in the Backwoods area. |
| 130. | Brown-backed Needletail | <i>Hirundapus giganteus</i> | Some distant birds over the hills above Tambdi Surla Temple on 16/11, |
| 131. | Asian Palm-swift | <i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i> | Seen at Marina Dourhada on 7/11 and 8/11, and good views at Cotigao. |
| 132. | Alpine Swift | <i>Tachymarptis melba</i> | Flock of over 30+ seen at Bondla, and a couple seen in a huge flock of hirundines at Cotigao on 19/11. |
| 133. | House Swift | <i>Apus affinis</i> | Very common, often in large flocks in company with other swifts and swallows. |
| 134. | Crested Treeswift | <i>Hemiprocne coronata</i> | Easily seen at several localities in the Backwoods area. |
| 135. | Malabar Trogon | <i>Harpactes fasciatus</i> | Endemic to Peninsular India and Sri Lanka. A few seen in forests around Backwoods Camp, always giving good views. |
| 136. | Common Kingfisher | <i>Alcedo atthis</i> | Very common and seen every day. |
| 137. | Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher | <i>Ceyx erithacus</i> | Seen on 18/11 at Backwoods and on 19/11 at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary. |
| 138. | Stork-billed Kingfisher | <i>Pelargopsis capensis</i> | First seen outside our hotel on 7/11, and seen on a further 7 dates. |
| 139. | White-throated Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i> | Very common and seen every day, even in the forests. |
| 140. | Black-capped Kingfisher | <i>Halcyon pileata</i> | First seen on 9/11, with further sightings on 3 dates. One of the most attractive kingfishers. |
| 141. | Lesser Pied Kingfisher | <i>Ceryle rudis</i> | Seen on 7 dates. |
| 142. | Collared Kingfisher | <i>Todiramphus chloris</i> | A pair were eventually located on 12/11 along the Zuari River. |
| 143. | Blue-bearded Bee-eater | <i>Nyctornis athertoni</i> | Heard at Maem Lake on 11/11, and seen well |

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| | | | alongside the road close to Backwoods Camp. |
| 144. | Green Bee-eater | <i>Merops orientalis</i> | A real stunner and very common. Seen every day. |
| 145. | Blue-tailed Bee-eater | <i>Merops philippinus</i> | Great views of this stunner at Carambolim Lake on 7/11, and seen on several dates at various localities. |
| 146. | Chestnut-headed Bee-eater | <i>Merops leschenaultia</i> | Seen on 12/11 at Maem Lake and on 16/11 at Backwoods. |
| 147. | Indian Roller | <i>Coracias benghalensis</i> | Seen on 7 dates. |
| 148. | European Roller | | A scarce winter visitor. Seen on 18/11 just as we were leaving Backwoods Camp. |
| 149. | Eurasian Hoopoe | <i>Upupa epops</i> | Seen at Dona Paula on 9/11, and seen on a further 2 dates at Backwoods. |
| 150. | Malabar Grey Hornbill | <i>Ocyrceros griseus</i> | Indian endemic. Easily seen at Backwoods and Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary. |
| 151. | Malabar Pied Hornbill | <i>Anthracosceros coronatus</i> | More or less endemic to Peninsular India and Sri Lanka. Seen on 6 dates. |
| 152. | Great Hornbill | <i>Buceros bicornis cavatus</i> | Rod saw one on our first day at Backwoods and Ted a couple of days later. But a pair at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary gave good views on 18/11. |
| | Brown-headed Barbet | <i>Megalaima zeylanica</i> | Heard at Backwoods and Cotigao WS. |
| 153. | White-cheeked Barbet | <i>Megalaima viridis</i> | Indian endemic. Seen on 8 dates at coastal sites and Backwoods. |
| 154. | Malabar Barbet | <i>Megalaima rubricapilla</i> | Indian endemic. 1 of 2 splits from what was formerly called Crimson-fronted Barbet. Easily seen at Backwoods on several dates. |
| 155. | Coppersmith Barbet | <i>Megalaima haemacephala</i> | Several seen on 7/11 in a fruiting tree alongside Carambolim Lake, and at Ciba-Geigy on 11/11. |
| 156. | Indian Pygmy Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos nanus</i> | Formerly called Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker. Seen at Backwoods on 13/11 and 14/11, with another on 19/11 at Cotigao. |
| 157. | Yellow-crowned Woodpecker | <i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i> | Seen at Maem Lake on 11/11. |
| 158. | Rufous Woodpecker | <i>Celeus brachyurus</i> | Pair in Arpora Hills on 9/11, and further sightings on 3 other dates. |
| 159. | White-bellied Woodpecker | <i>Dryocopus javensis</i> | Pair gave very good close views at Backwoods Camp on 13/11 and 14/11. |
| 160. | Black-rumped Flameback | <i>Dinopium benghalense</i> | Seen on 9 dates at various locations. |
| 161. | Common Flameback | <i>Dinopium javanense</i> | Good views of a pair at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary on 19/11. |
| 162. | Greater Flameback | <i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i> | This superspecies now split to include Crimson-backed Flameback in Sri Lanka. Seen on 2 dates around Backwoods Camp. |
| 163. | Heart-spotted Woodpecker | <i>Hemicircus canente</i> | This beautiful woodpecker was seen around Backwoods Camp on several dates and also at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary. |
| 164. | Indian Pitta | <i>Pitta moluccensis brachyura</i> | Superb views of a bird perched 5 feet off the ground at Backwoods on 15/11. |
| 165. | Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark | <i>Eremopterix grisea</i> | At least 4 birds seen at Dona Paula on 9/11. |
| 166. | Greater Short-toed Lark | <i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i> | Several seen on 9/11 at Dona Paula and a flock of over 30 on 11/11 on Chora Island. |
| 167. | Malabar Lark | <i>Galerida malabarica</i> | Indian endemic. Easily seen at numerous sites. |
| 168. | Oriental Skylark | <i>Alauda gulgula</i> | Several seen well at Dona Paula on 9/11. |
| 169. | Sand Martin | <i>Riparia riparia</i> | Single seen on 8/11. |

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| 170. | Dusky Crag Martin | <i>Hirundo concolor</i> | A pair seen on 18/11 at Cotigao WS. |
| 171. | Eurasian Crag Martin | <i>Hirundo rupestris</i> | Single over Arpora Hills on 10/11. |
| 172. | Barn Swallow | <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | Seen on several dates at scattered localities. |
| 173. | Wire-tailed Swallow | <i>Hirundo smithii</i> | Widespread and easily seen. |
| 174. | Red-rumped Swallow | <i>Hirundo daurica</i> | Very common and seen every day. |
| 175. | House Martin | <i>Delichon urbica</i> | Single seen on 13/11 at Backwoods. |
| 176. | Forest Wagtail | <i>Dendronanthus indicus</i> | Couple seen at Molem on 17/11, and a single the next day at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary. |
| 177. | White Wagtail | <i>Motacilla alba</i> | Just a single bird on 8/11, not assigned to race. |
| 178. | White-browed Wagtail | <i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i> | Common and seen most days around the Marina Dourhada, and at Curtorim Lake on 19/11. |
| 179. | Yellow Wagtail | <i>Motacilla flava</i> | Several seen on our last day at Curtorim Lake. All appeared to be of the <i>thunbergi</i> race known as Grey-headed Wagtail. |
| 180. | Grey Wagtail | <i>Motacilla cinerea</i> | Seen on 5 dates at scattered localities. |
| 181. | Tawny Pipit | <i>Anthus campestris</i> | Seen briefly on 7/11 at Baga Fields, with other sightings at Dona Paula and on Chorao Island. |
| 182. | Richard's Pipit | <i>Anthus richardi</i> | Very good views at Baga Fields on 7/11, plus further sightings on Chorao Island. |
| 183. | Paddyfield Pipit | <i>Anthus rufulus</i> | The commonest pipit, seen at Baga Fields, Dona Paula, Mojem beach, Chorao Island, And Fort Aguada. |
| 184. | Blyth's Pipit | <i>Anthus godlewskii</i> | 2 seen on Chorao Island gave great views and useful comparisons with other large pipits. |
| 185. | Tree Pipit | <i>Anthus trivialis</i> | Seen on 5 dates. |
| 186. | Large Cuckoo-shrike | <i>Coracina macei</i> | Pair in Arpora Hills 10/11 and at Maem Lake. |
| 187. | Black-headed Cuckoo-shrike | <i>Coracina melanoptera</i> | Several seen in Arpora Forest, although often proved a little shy. And a brief sighting the next day at Carambolim Lake. |
| 188. | Small Minivet | <i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i> | First observed at Saligao, and seen on a further 4 dates. |
| 189. | Orange Minivet | <i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i> | A recent split from Scarlet Minivet and endemic to Peninsular India and Sri Lanka . A small flock in Arpora Forest was our first sighting on 6/11, and regularly seen at Backwoods and at Cotigao WS. |
| 190. | Pied Flycatcher-shrike | <i>Hemipus picatus</i> | Formerly called Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike. Single bird in Arpora Hills 10/11 followed by one at Cotigao WS. |
| 191. | Grey-headed Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus priocephalus</i> | Indian endemic . Several seen in Arpora Hills on 10/11, followed by sightings at Backwoods and at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary. |
| 192. | Flame-throated Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus gularis</i> | Indian endemic . 1 of 3 splits involving the Black-crested Bulbul complex. This species is very distinct with its reddish throat and slight crest. Seen 14/11, 15/11 and 17/11 near Backwoods Camp, and also at Cotigao WS. |
| 193. | Red-whiskered Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i> | Nice views in Arpora Forest, thereafter ignored as very common! |
| 194. | Red-vented Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i> | Very common as well. |
| 195. | White-browed Bulbul | <i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i> | More or less endemic to Peninsular India and |

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| | | | Sri Lanka. Common in Arpora Forest, and at scattered sites around the coast. |
| 196. | Yellow-browed Bulbul | <i>Iole indica</i> | Endemic to Peninsular India and Sri Lanka. Common around Backwoods and Cotigao WS. |
| 197. | Square-tailed Black Bulbul | <i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i> | Endemic to Peninsular India and Sri Lanka. A recent split from Black Bulbul which now includes the Himalayan species <i>leucocephalus</i> . Several good sightings in the Backwoods area. |
| 198. | Jerdon's Leafbird | <i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i> | A recent split from Blue-winged Leafbird. Seen on 5 dates. |
| 199. | Golden-fronted Leafbird | <i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i> | Single bird giving extremely close views on 10/11 in Arpora Hills was followed by several more good sightings at various sites. |
| 200. | Common Iora | <i>Aegithina tiphia</i> | Common. Seen on 8 dates. |
| 201. | Blue-capped Rock Thrush | <i>Monticola cinclorhynchus</i> | Female seen at Bondla on 16/11. A scarce winter visitor to Goa. |
| 202. | Malabar Whistling Thrush | <i>Myiophonus horsfieldii</i> | Indian endemic. Seen on 5 dates whilst at Backwoods. |
| 203. | Orange-headed Thrush | <i>Zoothera citrina cyanotus</i> | Single bird in Arpora Hills 10/11, and seen every day at Backwoods Camp. Interestingly, we found a bird of the nominate <i>Citrina</i> with an all orange head, which usually only winters far to the north. |
| 204. | Indian Blackbird | <i>Turdus simillimus</i> | A recent and overdue split from Common Blackbird. May yet involve Sri Lanka race gaining full species status in future which would make this race an Indian endemic. Single seen in Arpora Hills 10/11 was our first, and subsequently quite common around Backwoods. |
| 205. | Zitting Cisticola | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i> | Seen at Baga Fields and Chorao Island . |
| 206. | Grey-breasted Prinia | <i>Prinia hodgsonii</i> | Seen in Arpora Forest and Carambolim area. |
| 207. | Ashy Prinia | <i>Prinia socialis</i> | Several near Carambolim lake on 7/11, with several further sightings and seemingly quite common. |
| 208. | Plain Prinia | <i>Prinia inornata</i> | Only seen on a couple dates, but good views were obtained at Baga Fields. |
| 209. | Blyth's Reed-warbler | <i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i> | Seen every day and heard constantly at almost every site. |
| 210. | Common Tailorbird | <i>Orthotomus sutorius</i> | Common and seen most days. |
| 211. | Greenish Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides viridanus</i> | Seen or heard every day. |
| 212. | Bright-green Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i> | A recent split from Greenish Warbler. Sen and heard on several dates. |
| 213. | Large-billed Leaf-warbler | <i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i> | Great views on 14/11 at Tambdi Surla Temple |
| 214. | Western Crowned Warbler | <i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i> | Flock of 8+ at Backwoods on 14/11, and seen frequently thereafter. |
| 215. | Lesser Whitethroat | <i>Sylvia curruca halimodendri</i> | Couple seen near the Temple on 14/11. |
| 216. | Brown-breasted Flycatcher | <i>Muscicapa muttui</i> | Very scarce this year and their arrival possibly delayed by the late monsoon. Just a single bird found near the Temple on our last day at Backwoods. |
| 217. | Red-breasted Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula parva</i> | Seen at Backwoods on 14/11. |
| 218. | Taiga Flycatcher | <i>Ficedula albicilla</i> | A relatively recent split from RB Flycatcher. Seen at Backwoods on 14/11 at edge of same |

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| | | | field as previous species. |
| 219. | Verditer Flycatcher | <i>Eumyias thalassina</i> | Reasonably common at Backwoods. |
| 220. | Grey-headed canary Flycatcher | <i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i> | Pair upstream from Tambdi Surla Temple on 15/11 and 18/11. |
| 221. | Tickell's Blue Flycatcher | <i>Cyornis tickelliae</i> | Common and seen on 7 dates, and heard on 5 dates. |
| 222. | Bluethroat | <i>Luscinia svecica</i> | A single observed in the allotments at Dona Paula on 9/11. |
| 223. | Indian Blue Robin | <i>Luscinia brunnea</i> | Female upstream from the Temple on 15/11 showed very well and 2 others heard on 18/11. |
| 224. | Oriental Magpie-Robin | <i>Copsychus saularis</i> | Common and seen every day. |
| 225. | White-rumped Shama | <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i> | Seen around Backwoods on 3 dates, but quite shy. |
| 226. | Indian Robin | <i>Saxicoloides fulicata</i> | Seen on 4 dates at coastal sites, but not inland. |
| 227. | Common Stonechat | <i>Saxicola torquata</i> | Seen at a few coastal sites. |
| 228. | Pied Bushchat | <i>Saxicola caprata</i> | Common. |
| 229. | White-spotted Fantail | <i>Rhipidura albogularis</i> | Indian endemic. A recent and possibly debatable split from White-throated Fantail. Seen in Arpora Forest on our first afternoon. |
| 230. | Black-naped Monarch | <i>Hypothymis azurea</i> | Great views on 8/11 at Saligao, and several further sightings around Backwoods. |
| 231. | Asian Paradise-flycatcher | <i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i> | Quite common and usually seen around any wooded area or even rural gardens. |
| 232. | Puff-throated Babbler | <i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i> | Couple seen in the camp grounds at Backwoods on 15/11, with another at Bondla the next day. |
| | Indian Scimitar-babbler | <i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps horsfieldii</i> | Indian endemic. Taxonomy in a state of flux with Sri Lanka race elevated to full species status, but may be treated as conspecific with very similar White-browed Scimitar-babbler in future! Only heard distantly at Maem Lake, Bondla and Backwoods. |
| 233. | Tawny-bellied Babbler | <i>Dumetia hyperythra albogularis</i> | Small groups seen on 9/11 and 10/11. |
| 234. | Dark-fronted Babbler | <i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i> | Endemic to Southern India and Sri Lanka. Seen several times around Backwoods and also at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary. |
| 235. | Jungle Babbler | <i>Turdoides striatus</i> | Relatively easy to see and also very noisy. |
| 236. | Brown-cheeked Fulvetta | <i>Alcippe poioicephala</i> | Quite common and seen at several sites. Their distinctive call usually betraying their presence, and common around bamboo stands. |
| 237. | Indian Yellow Tit | <i>Parus aponotus</i> | Indian endemic. Recent split from Black-lored Tit. A couple seen in Arpora Forest were our first and seen at several sites during the tour. |
| 238. | Velvet-fronted Nuthatch | <i>Sitta frontalis</i> | Seen several times around Backwoods and also good views at Cotigao WS on 19/11. |
| 239. | Purple-rumped Sunbird | <i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i> | Common and easily seen during the first week and at Cotigao. |
| 240. | Crimson-backed Sunbird | <i>Leptocoma minima</i> | Indian endemic. Female seen 8/11 at Saligao, then very common around Backwoods. |
| 241. | Purple Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i> | Common, and seen on 9 dates at scattered localities. |
| 242. | Loten's Sunbird | <i>Cinnyris lotenius</i> | Not as common as previous species but several sightings. |
| 243. | Little Spiderhunter | <i>Arachnothera longirostra</i> | Seen well at Maem Lake and also at |

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| | | | Backwoods. |
| 244. | Thick-billed Flowerpecker | <i>Dicaeum agile</i> | Tok us a while but eventually nailed on 17/11 at Backwoods. |
| 245. | Pale-billed Flowerpecker | <i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i> | Good views at Carambolim Lake on 7/11 and frequently heard flying over. |
| 246. | Nilgiri Flowerpecker | <i>Dicaeum concolor</i> | Indian endemic. A recent split from Plain Flowerpecker. Seen 6/11 at Arpora Hills, and on a further 6 dates at various sites. Frequently heard flying over. |
| 247. | Indian Golden Oriole | <i>Oriolus kundoo</i> | A recent split from Eurasian Golden Oriole. First one of trip seen in Arpora Forest on 6/11, subsequently seen on most days. |
| 248. | Black-hooded Oriole | <i>Oriolus xanthornus</i> | Seen on 5 dates. |
| 249. | Black-naped Oriole | <i>Oriolus chinensis</i> | Single near camp on 15/11. |
| 250. | Asian Fairy-Bluebird | <i>Irena puella</i> | Easily seen in and around Backwoods Camp and at Cotigao WS. |
| 251. | Brown Shrike | <i>Lanius cristatus</i> | Just a few sightings around Backwoods. |
| 252. | Long-tailed Shrike | <i>Lanius schach caniceps</i> | Very common and seen every day. |
| 253. | Malabar Woodshrike | <i>Tephrodornis sylvicola</i> | Indian endemic. A recent split from Large Woodshrike. Finally seen on our last day at Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary. |
| 254. | Common Woodshrike | <i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i> | This species has been split to inc Ceylon Woodshrike. A few seen on 3 dates. |
| 255. | Black Drongo | <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i> | Very common in any open areas, fields etc. |
| 256. | Ashy Drongo | <i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i> | Common within forested areas. |
| 257. | White-bellied Drongo | <i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i> | Seen in Arpora Hills, Maem Lake, and around Backwoods. |
| 258. | Bronzed Drongo | <i>Dicrurus aeneus</i> | Seen in Arpora Forest, Maem Lake, Backwoods, Molem and Cotigao WS. |
| 259. | Spangled Drongo | <i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i> | A single bird near Backwoods on 17/11. |
| 260. | Greater Racket-tailed Drongo | <i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i> | This species has been split to include Ceylon Crested Drongo. Common at Backwoods, Bondla, Molem and Cotigao WS. |
| 261. | Ashy Woodswallow | <i>Artamus fuscus</i> | Common and easily seen. |
| 262. | Rufous Treepie | <i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i> | Seen at Maem Lake, Bondla, backwoods and Cotigao WS. |
| 263. | House Crow | <i>Corvus splendens</i> | Common, seen on 12 dates. |
| 264. | Indian Jungle Crow | <i>Corvus culminatus</i> | 1 of 3 recent splits involving Large-billed Crow. Seen on 11 dates, in the more forested areas. |
| 265. | Jungle Myna | <i>Acridotheres fuscus</i> | Seen on 9 dates, and very common at coastal locations. |
| 266. | Common Myna | <i>Acridotheres tristis</i> | Seen on 8 dates. |
| 267. | Grey-headed Starling | <i>Sturnia malabarica</i> | This and next species are recent splits from the superspecies formerly called Chestnut-tailed Starling. This species is a winter visitor to the W Ghats Several seen along the coast at Carambolim Lake and Baga Fields. |
| 268. | Malabar White-headed Starling | <i>Sturnia blythii</i> | Indian endemic. A recent split with the previous name of Chestnut-tailed Starling. This endemic resident species of W Ghats easily seen around Backwoods. |
| 269. | Brahminy Starling | <i>Temenuchus pagodarum</i> | 6+ seen at Baga Fields on 7/11 and a couple at |

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| | | | Dona Paula were the only sightings. |
| 270. | Rosy Starling | <i>Pastor roseus</i> | Several flocks seen around Baga Fields on 7/11, totalling 50-100 birds. |
| 271. | Indian House Sparrow | <i>Passer domesticus indicus</i> | Maybe one day this distinct race will be given full species status. Seen on 6 dates. |
| 272. | Chestnut-shouldered Petronia | <i>Petronia xanthocollis</i> | Easily seen around Backwoods Camp. |
| 273. | Indian Baya Weaver | <i>Ploceus p. philippinus</i> | The peninsular <i>philippinus</i> and NE race <i>burmanicus</i> currently considered conspecific but may involve a future split. Flock of 200+ at Carambolim Lake, and a few at Curtorim lake seen. |
| 274. | White-rumped Munia | <i>Lonchura striata</i> | Common and seen on 11 dates in various habitats. |
| 275. | Black-throated Munia | <i>Lonchura kelaarti jerdoni</i> | Briefly seen on 13/11 at Backwoods. |
| 276. | Scaly-breasted Munia | <i>Lonchura punctulata</i> | First seen 7/11 at Baga Fields, and close views on way to Curtorim Lake. |
| 277. | Grey-necked Bunting | <i>Emberiza buchanani</i> | Just 2 individuals seen at backwoods and the Temple. |
| 278. | Red-headed Bunting | <i>Emberiza bruniceps</i> | Single non-breeding bird at Dona Paula on 9/11 |

OTHER SIGHTINGS

| BUTTERFLIES | | ANIMALS | |
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| 1. | Common Crow | 1. | Grey Mongoose |
| 2. | Lime Swallowtail | 2. | Wild Boar |
| 3. | Daniad Eggfly | 3. | Spotted Deer |
| 4. | Southern Birdwing | 4. | Indian Flying Fox |
| 5. | Plain Tiger | 5. | Three-striped Palm Squirrel |
| 6. | Striped Tiger | 6. | Malabar Giant Squirrel |
| 7. | Common Mormon | 7. | Indian Giant Flying Squirrel |
| 8. | Crimson Rose | 8. | Nilgiri Hare |
| 9. | Peacock Pansy | 9. | Hanuman langur |
| 10. | Grey Pansy | 10. | Bonnet Macacque |
| 11. | Evening Brown | 11. | Indo-pacific Humpback Dolphin |
| 12. | Blue Mormon | 12. | Bottle-nosed Dolphin |
| 13. | Lime Butterfly | 13. | Marsh Mugger |
| 14. | Tamil Lacewing | 14. | Western Ghats Flying Lizard |
| 15. | Common Leopard | 15. | Roux's Forest Lizard |
| 16. | Tyrian Blue | 16. | Garden Lizard |
| 17. | Malabar Peacock | 17. | House Gecko |
| 18. | Common Jezebel | 18. | Brown Tree Frog |
| 19. | Blue Wanderer | 19. | Indian Common Toad |
| 20. | Common Sailor | 20. | Scorpion sp. |
| 21. | Common Albatross | 21. | Fiddler Crab |
| 22. | Grass Yellow | 22. | Giant Wood Spider |
| 23. | Tailed Jay | 23. | Black Wood Spider |
| 24. | Lemon Emigrant | 24. | Indian Rat Snake |
| 25. | Tamil Yeoman | | |

Please note that our checklists do not include species seen by the leaders only. We also do not include single observer sightings or poor views. We do not count heard only or subspecies, although they are noted. This we believe gives us a very honest and accurate group total.

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