



## Totally Tigers 2011 Trip Report

Dates: 23rd April - 1st May 2011  
Sites covered: Bandhavgarh and Kanha National Parks  
Leader: Aniket Sardana  
Participants: 5

A total of 3 nights was spent in each park, with 6 drives in Bandhavgarh (4 in the Tala zone and one in each of Magdhi and Khitauli), and 5 drives in Kanha, all in the Kisli area.

Weather was generally fine and dry, with the temperature approaching 40°C by midday.

### Sightings

#### MAMMALS

##### Bengal Tiger (*Panthera tigris tigris*)

A total of 12 different individuals seen. Further details are given below.

##### Jackal (*Canis aureus indicus*)

Seen once in Khitauli and once driving to celebration resort in Kanha.

##### Indian Bison (*Bos gaurus gaurus*)

Seen many times in Kanha.

##### Indian gazelle (*Gazella bennettii*)

A small group comprising a male and 2 females was seen briefly in Khitauli.

##### Hard-ground swamp deer (*Rucervus duvaucelii branderi*)

Seen several times on Kanha meadow (the last stronghold of this subspecies).

##### Sambar (*Rusa unicolor unicolor*)

Seen several times in both parks.

##### Spotted deer (*Axis axis axis*)

Common in both parks.

##### Barking deer (*Muntiacus muntjak aureus*)

Seen briefly twice in Bandhavgarh.

Southern plains gray langur (*Semnopithecus dussumieri*)

Common in both parks and surrounds.

Rhesus macaque (*Macaca mulatta mulatta*)

Common in both parks and surrounds.

Wild boar (*Sus scrofa cristatus*)

Common in both parks. Large herd seen crossing the road en route to Tala.

Indian gray mongoose (*Herpestes edwardsi*)

Seen once, very briefly in Kanha.

Three-striped palm squirrel (*Funambulus palmarum*)

Common in both parks.

Five-striped palm squirrel (*Funambulus pennanti*)

Common in both parks and in Delhi.



*Above: Southern plains gray langur with youngster*

## TIGERS

### **24/04/11 - Bandhavgarh**

*Afternoon drive - route B-D*

‘Kankati’, 3-year old daughter of the late Jhurjhura tigress and Bokha was spotted snoozing by a stream, soon after entering the Tala zone. Her mate, the Bamera male was nearby but not seen.

‘B2’ was seen a little later, sleeping in the undergrowth.

Two of the 3 subadult cubs of the Mirchani tigress (B2’s mate) were seen well in a road side meadow (the female and one of the males).

### **25/04/11**

*Morning drive - route A-C*

‘Bokha’, was seen by the Magdhi-Tala link road panting in the late morning heat.

*Afternoon drive - Magdhi*

Tigress seen in the undergrowth on the Tala-Umaria road, beside a livestock kill.

**26/04/11**

*Morning drive - route A-C*

2 of the 3 subadult cubs of the Mirchani tigress were seen again (this time the 2 males), from elephant back. Both sleeping off the heat under a tree.

**28/04/11 - Kanha**

*Morning drive - Indri road*

2 tigers seen walking through the long grass in the distance at Kanha meadow. This was likely a tigress with a subadult female cub (one of 2 or 3).

**29/04/11**

*Morning drive*

3 year old male subadult seen from elephant - a part of the family seen the previous morning.

*Afternoon drive*

A tigress seen standing in the grass approx 300 yards away. She hid as a bison approached but she let it pass. This was almost certainly the same tigress as was seen yesterday morning.

**30/04/11**

8 year old male 'Munna' seen from elephant. Could be the father of above subadults.



*Above: cubs of the Mirchani tigress, Tala zone*

## BIRDS

1. Large-billed crow
2. House crow
3. Greater coucal
4. Lesser coucal
5. Rufous treepie
6. Sirkeer malkoha
7. Jungle mynah
8. Common mynah
9. Bank mynah
10. Black drongo
11. Indian roller
12. Spotted owlet
13. Brown fish-owl
14. Shikra (mating pair)
15. Black-shouldered kite
16. Black kite
17. Long-billed vulture
18. Red-headed vulture
19. Egyptian vulture
20. White-rumped vulture
21. Honey buzzard
22. White-eyed buzzard
23. Crested serpent eagle
24. Grey-headed fish eagle
25. Changeable hawk-eagle
26. Bonelli's eagle
27. Little cormorant
28. Indian cormorant
29. Cattle egret
30. Great white egret
31. Indian pond heron
32. Lesser adjutant stork
33. Black ibis
34. Woolly-necked stork
35. Lesser whistling duck
36. Common coot
37. Red-wattled lapwing
38. Eurasian thick-knee
39. Red junglefowl
40. Peafowl
41. Painted spurfowl
42. Jungle bush quail
43. Common hawk-cuckoo
44. Large cuckoo-shrike
45. Long-tailed shrike
46. Yellow-footed green pigeon
47. Spotted dove
48. Oriental turtle dove
49. Rock pigeon
50. Common hoopoe
51. White-browed fantail
52. Jungle babbler
53. Rose-ringed parakeet
54. Alexandrine parakeet
55. Plum-headed parakeet
56. House sparrow
57. Oriental magpie robin
58. Chestnut-shouldered petronia
59. Red-vented bulbul
60. Golden-fronted leafbird (heard only)
61. Purple sunbird
62. Crested treeswift
63. Dusky crag martin
64. Black-headed munia
65. Green bee-eater
66. Blue-bearded bee-eater

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| 67. Stork-billed kingfisher      | 72. Tickell's blue flycatcher |
| 68. White-throated kingfisher    | 73. Orange-headed thrush      |
| 69. Black-rumped flameback       | 74. Indian robin              |
| 70. Greater racket-tailed drongo | 75. Scarlet minivet           |
| 71. White-bellied drongo         | 76. Tree pipit                |



*Above: Rutting spotted deer stags, Kanha meadow*

*Below: A displaying peacock, Kanha meadow*



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