

South Goa 4th to 25th April 2010

Another family holiday with a bit of birding thrown in, a report by Colin Manville

The usual February half term trip to Gambia was not considered this year in order to move the “main” holiday from school summer holidays to the Easter period. The intention was to bring into play a different set of destinations. Goa was chosen based on climate, nice pictures in the brochure and the opportunity of a few birds. Out of consideration to the family I chose to stay in the south as the beaches and the accommodation are far better than in the north. We booked with Thomas Cook to stay at the Dona Sylvia hotel at Cavelossim for two weeks on an all inclusive basis and flew with Monarch. I wouldn't normally bother with this bit as you probably couldn't care less who I travelled with and where I stayed but for once it is important. You may have noticed that 21 days is a bit long for a two week holiday, well, we were delayed due to a faint smattering of volcanic ash in the air over the UK. During the delay Thomas Cook maintained our accommodation on an all inclusive basis in the Dona Sylvia. They treated us very well (apart from a total lack of information), indeed they treated their clients far better than other comparable companies. And as for how the smaller cheaper companies treated their clients, I certainly have a long list of companies not to touch with a barge pole. Anyway, the Dona Sylvia was chosen for its good reviews, beach location and large gardens and it didn't disappoint. ☺

I have been to India before and know how good the birding can be. Therefore despite this being a family holiday and birding not being a priority, I took Leica binos, a new Nikon lightweight scope and a Cannon 450D with a 100 – 400 zoom. As I was to be a lone birder I wanted to make sure I got i.d. shots of most species. Field guides used were “A Field guide to the Birds of the Indian Subcontinent” – Krys Kazmierczak and “Birds of Southern India” – Grimmett and Inskipp. By far the best reference material I had at the time was “Birds of Goa” by Heinz Lainer which I have as well. Obviously being a part of a family of five, I had an adequate baggage allowance to lug this lot out there. (I have subsequently obtained “Birds of South Asia The Ripley Guide” which comes in two volumes – What a fantastic book.)

Apart from a single trip report by David Williams, the reports I found are from people who were either based in the north of Goa or dedicated birding holidays. However with those and a copy of “Goa The Independent Birders' Guide” by Peter Harris I felt reasonably prepared. To supplement local patch birding around Cavelossim it was my intention to go out on a few early morning forays to local venues and perhaps a trip up north to Baga/Arpora and Morjim. I only had four target species Greater and Lesser Sand Plover, Pallas and Brown Headed Gulls, all of which could be found at Morjim in the north.

Birding around the Dona Sylvia Hotel was excellent with the verdant well manicured grounds an excellent contrast to the other local habitats attracting many species. Sandy open scrub to the south and open wooded country immediately to the north, through the rice fields and the river Sal to the east. All in all Cavelossim had an excellent variety of habitats in which I noted 67 species. Except for when in the hotel grounds, most birding around Cavelossim was carried out from 06:30 to 08:30.



Blyth's Reed Warbler



Following a day of mooching around the hotel I decided upon an early morning walk south to Mobar as I had read that there may be a Gull roost there. I had a tight time schedule and it was at least a round trip of six miles. Enroute I came across a couple of Kentish Plover and Greenshank, then a couple of summer plumage Pallas Gulls flying south. By the time

I had got to the mouth of the river Sal I had counted 90 Brown headed Gull, mainly summer plumage. They were all heading south down the beach or upriver once I had got to the "point". The beach roost turned out to be a couple of hundred Cattle Egrets, the Gull roost appeared to be upriver and out of reach. Still two targets down and only day two, so, back to the hotel for breakfast stopping to photograph White bellied Sea Eagle.

The following day after birding the grounds intermittently we went on a "Bird watching cruise" on the river Sal. It was booked with "Jacks Cruises" who advertised in the hotel, but there are other operators. The cruise agent duly met us in the lobby at the appointed hour (16:00) and led us off walking! We eventually arrived at the jetty with my expectations very much lowered.



We set off and the boatman immediately surprised me by taking us directly to a pair of Spotted Owlets, followed closely by five Blue tailed Bee Eaters. Clearly he knew where birds were but I am not convinced he knew what they were! Indian Robin followed, then I noticed a group of roosting Sand Plovers, but they were distant I was looking into the sun. The boatman could not hold the boat in a viewing position due to fast flowing water in that particular area, so I banged off a bunch of photos but they are too poor to identify which Sand Plover, but there were 43 of them! After looking at the local Fruit Bats (Giant) and getting some decent photos of White bellied Sea Eagle it was back to the jetty.

Thursday morning and a likely track from the beach behind the "Lonely Place" beach shack was investigated. Indian Peafowl, Blue faced Malkoha, White browed Bulbul and Deccan Babbler (Jungle Babbler race "Somervillei") amongst the better finds. A full list will appear at the end of the report. I was so impressed I returned in the evening, but it was cloudy and the birding was very quiet.



Utorda is about 30 minutes north of Cavelossim but still in the south. I arranged a car for an early morning walk along Utorda beach (ref David Williams report). I headed north on the completely deserted beach and immediately stumbled across a small flock of Lesser Sand Plovers along with a couple of Kentish Plovers and a Sanderling (which behaviourally thought it was a Sand Plover). Continuing north a gull roost was clearly visible at least a mile distant, possibly further. On closer inspection it turned out to be two distinct groups, one on the tide line comprising Brown Headed Gulls and two Lesser crested Terns with the second group on the beach head comprising various aged Brown headed Gulls. Vegetation fringed pools at the top of the beach attracted Common Sandpiper and Common Kingfisher and fortunately a single bush with two red blooms attracted Crimson Sunbird.



On the drive back to Cavelossim my driver was curious as to why I wanted to walk on Utorda beach as it is (superficially) similar to Cavelossim beach. I explained that I was looking at birds. He suggested taking me to Velim Lake in the morning as it has more birds. I had read about Velim in the "Independent Birders Guide" but couldn't find it on Google Earth and foolishly assumed it was no more. I now realise that the satellite image was probably taken at the end of a very long dry season and the lake is difficult to see. Food for thought so I took the driver's business card.

I had a late and lonely breakfast yesterday, so today a gentle walk up the main road to the rice fields



Paddyfield Pipit

and back for breakfast with the family seemed a good idea today. I must be off my trolley! I should have organised a car as the walk to the rice fields was lost birding time. A car would have been pennies and about £1.50 an hour to wait! Anyway, the sports field opposite the rice fields produced Grey headed and Sykes Wagtails. The rice fields themselves are a mixture of sown, unsown and set aside providing diverse bird watching appeal producing a fair daffy of expected species plus Golden Oriole and Black-rumped Flameback.

Another day birding the grounds of the hotel, new birds are becoming harder to connect with. The locals are saying it is unusually hot and humid, a sure sign the monsoon will come early – gulp. Sunbed holidays are ok but boredom is never far away, so I organise a trip to Velim Lake (tank). I connected with the driver who suggested it to me previously. He ignored the ferry as the road via Chinchinum is quicker and more reliable only taking 20 minutes from the hotel.. Not surprisingly there are new birds for the trip. Both Jacanas are abundant as are cotton Pygmy Goose and Lesser Whistling Duck. The track accessing viewing point to the south east was difficult to find and so the watching was confined to the south and west. Not really a problem as although the sun position was inconvenient the lake is relatively small and the birds close enough. On the way back I asked how much a trip to Bondla would be? £30 (1800 rupee) was the answer.

Although I was doing quite well on my own (I had one unidentified species so far) the habitats had been relatively easy and Bondla is a forest. I felt I needed a guide. I called a couple of the guides based in the north. The response was not positive “we only do tours from the north, call me when you get here”. I considered getting a car to Baga, then hiring a car and guide from there. But this was a mad idea as Bondla is only an hour from Cavelossim. Common sense prevailed and I used a local car from Cavelossim arriving at Bondla at about 07:45. We parked in the zoo car park and I birded



the road back to the restaurant. I immediately spotted a Besra which fortunately landed for pictures, then two Rufous Woodpeckers. Birding was a little quiet with Greenish Warbler, Flame throated Bulbul and Racket tailed Drongo keeping things interesting. I arrived at the restaurant and it just went mad, birds everywhere. Indian Golden Oriole, Common Rosefinch, Black naped Monarch, Common lora, Scarlet Minivet, Bar winged Flycatcher, Tickell's blue Flycatcher, White-rumped Shama, Dark fronted Babbler, sunbirds and Black- throated Munia. I was glad when the activity

subsided. It would have been a nightmare without a camera, but I think I either made notes or photographed most of the available birds. I do not take the field guides out with me as they are heavy and I want to look at birds not drawings in a book. Not all of the pictures were good, in fact many are crap, but they all allowed positive identification of just about everything. I walked down a track to the main road proceeded back to the car park. The area around the workers cottages was very productive with Heart spotted Woodpecker, Velvet fronted Nuthatch, Thick billed flowerpecker and Golden fronted Leafbird being the new highlights. I walked around the zoo gardens but, by now there were many school parties noisily running around and things on the bird front were getting quiet, the only bird of note being another Greenish Warbler. The area outside the zoo adjacent to the Warthogs enclosure by the entrance produced a pair of Brown capped Pygmy Woodpeckers and that was about it. Did I need a guide? Well I probably would have seen more species if I knew exactly where to look. Did I care? No I had a great time and was back in Cavelossim for a dip in the pool and lunch.

A family trip to Dudhsagar Falls which is just up the road from Mollem took up most of Thursday 15th. It certainly drove home that a huge area of the south is used for open cast mining of iron ore. Convoys of ore lorries form a continuous queue from the mines to the ore barges on the river making travelling in this area arduous. One Malabar Grey Hornbill, an unidentified Eagle and a dark glossy bird manically flying around in the forest were the only sightings. The pool at the base of the waterfall was refreshingly cold as we briefly enjoyed a dip. When we returned to the hotel, all the kids round the pool we talking about flights being delayed. Surely this could not be right?

Oblivious to events taking shape half a world away, I contacted Allelujah (my driver) to find out if he knew Chandaranath Hill. He did, but he didn't want to take me there – snakes! I promised I wouldn't leave the shrine or the access road and he agreed to take me. Was he concerned about me or the potential derailment of the gravy train? Anyway we went the following morning and it was brilliant, absolutely brilliant.



The birds are very close on the steps to the shrine and easily viewed in the clear area around it. I was very pleased with a poor shot of a "Common" Blackbird of the race Nigropileus just as I was getting out of the car. A few steps later Ashy, Bronzed and White-bellied Drongo gave themselves up easily and Golden fronted Leafbird, Malabar white headed Starling followed in quick succession. Ashy Woodswallow lurked deep in foliage. Golden and Black hooded Orioles frolicked in the large fruit bearing trees by the shrine. Long tailed Shrike and four Pompadour Green Pigeons completed the best of the mornings crop. All in all a very successful 75 minutes birding.



I reluctantly returned to the car to nip back for breakfast feeling that I could have seen more here. I didn't even get to bird the approach road, however, an Orange headed Thrush was noted in the middle of the road on the decent to the plain and a pair of Crested Treeswift at the bottom of the hill improved the day list still further. I was in a particularly joyous mood when I rucked up at the hotel for breakfast, a mood that was soon dispelled with the news that we were almost certain to be delayed in going home.

The rest of the day was meant to be spent around the pool but the reality of the situation was that every excuse possible was made to return to the rooms to look at BBC World News. In a bid to cheer myself up I got reception to call Alelujah for another quick trip to Velim lake in the evening. It transpired that there is a strict rota and Alelujah would not take me and I had to use the next car in turn. The driver could not understand where I wanted to go. I had to ring Alelujah to get him to give directions to my driver. After wasting about an hour we finally set off. A couple of stops for directions and we were there. Apart from one evening early in the holiday when there was light cloud the weather had been perfect – that is if you like it 35-40c, 80% humidity and clear skies. Well by the time I got to the lake the sky was ominously dark. I had a look round with the scope and took a few pictures. It was a bit breezy so I took a few pictures of roosting cormorants. The wind, which was blowing across the lake was very strong and I could see the rain coming. I packed up the gear in a rush and headed for the car. In just a couple of strides I noticed a new wader in the water amid the vegetation. on the tree lined bank below me not 3 metres away. White tailed Lapwing! Despite the winds and dust I tried to retrieve my camera from the rucksack. By the time I got the camera and lens out it was raining very hard and the Lapwing had disappeared from sight. Dead Palm leaves were hitting the ground around me and it seemed prudent to seek the safety of the car. The driver couldn't decide whether to risk the road in what were the first rains of the season or stay put. A palm leaf hitting the top of the car made up his mind for him and we made our way back to the hotel. Each time we passed through an area of palms the car would be hit with debris – my driver was not happy, and without a photo of the Lapwing nor was I.

The news was bad with the flights, not that our travel company told us anything but the jungle telegraph spread the gossip. The sky cleared in the late evening and I organised Alelujah to come pick me up at 06:30. Well it was supposed to be my last day!

As usual the dawn broke clear bright and hot. I had decided overnight to return to Chandaranath Hill as I felt I had unfinished business there. Alelujah was late today which was inconvenient; apparently he had to wash the car after the previous evenings rain. He then had to go out of our way for petrol which gave me the hump still further. Anyway we arrived by 07:15.

My plan today was to lightly bird round the shrine, walk down the 249 steps, then bird the 1st kilometre of road with Alelujah picking me up at 08:45 somewhere on the road.



Ashy Woodswallow hawked the field at the bottom of the hill, but the shrine seemed quiet. Jerdon's Leafbird was first out of the hat. What a cracker! Ashy Drongo watched from the dome of the shrine. The access steps down through the forest held Pompadour Green Pigeon again, 3 Black headed Cuckoo Shrike, Asian Paradise Flycatcher and the Long-tailed Shrike pictured below. A Crested Treeswift hawked overhead, Indian Golden and Black-hooded Oriole brightened the forest

I wanted to walk down the approach road to get a better view of Orange headed Thrush than I had yesterday. So after double checking with Alelujah I set out down the road. Malabar White headed Starling announced themselves and two Greenish Warblers distracted me. Jerdon's Leafbird were abundant this morning calling noisily then an Asian Brown Flycatcher posed quietly on an overhead wire before returning to the trees. A shy Blue throated Flycatcher briefly

put in an appearance as did a Pale-billed Flowerpecker. A commotion down the road in front of me produced a party of Thrushes which landed in a low growing open tree. A quick scan produced 3 of the desired Orange headed Thrush, a Malabar Whistling Thrush (which I suspect was already in the tree) and approx 10 brown thrushes which I was not able to identify as they were quickly gone. Time for breakfast! Alelujah had been following at a discreet distance and a quick wave had the desired response.



Sunday 18th dawned and we knew we were not going home today. The company rep had put a note under the door to say we were being picked up as per schedule etc. Where do they get these people from? The BBC was saying that UK airspace was closed and would be for some time, so we didn't bother to pack. I naturally get up with the bird song, but couldn't be bothered today. At about 07:00 I couldn't stand it any longer so I pulled on some shorts and wandered down the beach. In the distance to the north was the usual pair of Oystercatchers and beyond them a speck that I thought would be a Greenshank. I walked in their direction until I was level with the Oystercatchers (non breeding plumage). The "Greenshank" was a Plover. I had seen this bird earlier in the holiday but marauding dogs flushed it long before I had been close enough to properly identify it.. This time the beach was empty. I quickened my pace and soon closed the gap.



Sure enough, Greater Sand Plover, what a result, I leisurely strolled closer and was comfortably with 10 metres. After looking at it for about 5 minutes I realised I was being a prat. I had no camera. I reckoned that I could run back to the hotel in about 15 minutes. It was a long shot but I had to try. So I started running, then jog trotting, then walking. I burst into our room, my wife gasped, have you fallen in the pool? Yes I was wet but it was all self created. I grabbed my rucksack with camera and scope and dashed back to the beach. I immediately scoped the spot, needless to say the Oystercatchers were there, but the Greater Sand Plover was gone – replaced by a European looking dog

walker. I wandered down to 'graph the Oystercatchers in the hope that I would re-find the bird further down the beach but it wasn't to be. To add to the pain the dog walker said "good morning", I wanted to scream –but it had been a good morning, my final target (I really do set the bar that low on a family holiday). Oh well, back for breakfast and some dry clothes.

The density of birds around the hotel was getting low, so by Tuesday night I had decided to go to Carambolin Lake for the remote possibility of Comb Duck. I set off having agreed that I would be back for lunch. I stopped to photograph a juvenile Booted Eagle in a Palm tree on the outskirts of Margao. Carambolin was much bigger than Velim and the waterfowl were much further away.



A Brahminy Kite was eating breakfast as a small flock of Black headed Ibis flew over. A juvenile Glossy Ibis skulked amongst the Swamphen and Common Snipe lived up to their name. The most interesting new sightings were the passerines. A nice pair of Indian Robin and a family of Streak throated Swallow sat on a wire but by far the best find was a male Long billed (Loten's) Sunbird. The birds were thin on the ground here as well.



I soon moved on to Dona Paula in the hope of connecting with Ashy crowned Sparrow lark. I gave it a go but the map in "The Independent Birder's Guide" was both horribly out of scale and too old. The area is now highly developed so after an hour of trudging around I gave up. We left in the opposite direction to that which I arrived and I did see a likelier habitat but I was too knackered to have another go.

Another couple of days had passed and although UK airspace was open there was no news on a flight. I decided to take the risk and get out of the hotel again. I knew that there was probably not going to be many birds wherever I went but I needed to go somewhere. Earlier in the holiday the Thomas Cook rep quoted £150 for a morning trip to Molem with a guide – no thanks! I really wanted to go to Cotigao Reserve but apparently you need a 4 x4 there. The nearest place to hire one would be Colem, 10 Kms from Molem. It was a no brainer really, Molem it was and Alelujah would charge £25.

We arrived at about 08:00 and a Crimson throated Barbet could be heard but not seen. Tickets were purchased and I was pointed in the direction of the track to Devils Canyon (I think). It was a bit overcast and the birding was slow. A few common species were noted but a lack of bird calls had me concerned. A lone Cattle Egret in the forest had me doubting my sanity. Then in a rising crescendo of sound, a party of Small Minivets appeared. 4 males and 4 females of this attractive species in a single tree and as I scanned a Speckled Piculet came into view. This was more like it! A party of Scarlet Minivet followed with a Grey headed Bulbul. A pair of Asian Brown Flycatcher nest building was next up and reasonably photogenic too. Black hooded Oriole followed by nothing, for at least a kilometre. I decided to turn back, after about a kilometre (funny that) activity restarted. 2 mating Shikra, followed by Heart spotted Woodpecker and Velvet fronted Nuthatch. A party of Scarlet Minivet which I assume was the same flock as earlier and a party of 5 Large Woodshrike. And that was it for that track. I decided to try a track further north along the NH4A road identifiable by a locked entrance gate and shrine just behind. A Greater Spotted Eagle flew over and I immediately found a Black naped Monarch. A Common Hawk-Cuckoo flew in a tree in front of me and posed for pictures. As I moved further down the trail White-rumped Sharma and a party of Brown cheeked Fulvetta showed well. Then a couple of skulkers that eluded identification combined with the heat convinced me that that was it for the morning and indeed the holiday.



I was glad I went to Molem if only for the picture above, but I felt really needed to be there earlier in the year, and with a guide. I will go to Goa again but probably with a fellow birder – just to bird. Unfortunately that will mean basing ourselves in the less than desirable north of Goa, but we all have to make sacrifices. I would thoroughly recommend the south of Goa as a birding destination, as long as you are comfortable doing your own thing. In the final analysis I would probably have seen and identified a bunch of additional birds with a guide, but nothing beats the pleasure of finding and identifying your own birds.

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India 2010 - South Goa

Event period: 04-Apr-2010 to 23-Apr-2010

Cavelossim - Rice Fields (Salcete, Goa, India)

04/04/2010 15:00

32c, 25sw, sunny

Passing on way to Hotel

Cattle Egret [sp] (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>)	Common
Woolly-necked Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>)	2
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

04/04/2010 15:30 to 04/04/2010 18:00

32c, 25SW, sunny

Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	1
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	1
Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	2
House Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus splendens</i>)	c.60
Red-vented Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>)	2
Blyth's Reed Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>)	1
Jungle Myna [sp] (<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>)	4
White-rumped Munia [sp] (<i>Lonchura striata</i>)	2

Cavelossim - Beach (Salcete, Goa, India)

05/04/2010 07:30

38c, 10W, sunny

Indian Pond Heron (<i>Ardeola grayii</i>)	1
Eurasian Oystercatcher [sp] (<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>)	3
Common Greenshank (<i>Tringa nebularia</i>)	2

Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

05/04/2010 08:30 to 05/04/2010 17:00

38c, 10W, sunny

Eastern Cattle Egret (<i>Bubulcus ibis coromandus</i>)	14
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	1
Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	1
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	2
Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	2
Blue-tailed Bee-Eater (<i>Merops philippinus</i>)	2
White-cheeked Barbet (<i>Megalaima viridis</i>)	2
Coppersmith Barbet [sp] (<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>)	1
Red-vented Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>)	4
Red-whiskered Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>)	1
Common Tailorbird [sp] (<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>)	2
Ashy Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia socialis</i>)	4
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	2
Jungle Myna [sp] (<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>)	1
Purple-rumped Sunbird [sp] (<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>)	2
House Sparrow [sp] (<i>Passer domesticus</i>)	c.6

Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

06/04/2010 06:30 to 06/04/2010 17:00

35c, 3W, sunny

Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	1
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

06/04/2010 06:30 to 06/04/2010 17:00

35c, 3W, sunny

Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	8
White-cheeked Barbet (<i>Megalaima viridis</i>)	2
Coppersmith Barbet [sp] (<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>)	2
Indian Golden Oriole (<i>Oriolus oriolus kundoo</i>)	1
Red-vented Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>)	1
Red-whiskered Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>)	1
Common Tailorbird [sp] (<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>)	1
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1
Jungle Myna [sp] (<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>)	2
Purple-rumped Sunbird [sp] (<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>)	5

Cavelossim - Mobor beach (Salcete, Goa, India)

06/04/2010 06:30 to 06/04/2010 08:00

35c, 3W, sunny with clouds

Eastern Cattle Egret (<i>Bubulcus ibis coromandus</i>)	c.200
White-bellied Sea Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>)	2
Kentish Plover [sp] (<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>)	2
Common Greenshank (<i>Tringa nebularia</i>)	3
Brown-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>)	c.90
Pallas's Gull (<i>Ichthyaetus ichthyaeus</i>)	2
Sandwich Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>)	c.10
Lesser Crested Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>)	2

Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

07/04/2010 07:00 to 07/04/2010 10:00

38c, 10W, sunny

Scrub north of DS grounds behind beach shack. Derelict unfinished holiday apartments to the east.

Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	1
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	1
Asian Koel [sp] (<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>)	2
Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	1
Black-rumped Flameback [sp] (<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>)	1
Red-vented Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>)	1
Red-whiskered Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>)	1
White-browed Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>)	1
Blyth's Reed Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>)	1
Ashy Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia socialis</i>)	2
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	3
Jungle Myna [sp] (<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>)	2
White-rumped Munia [sp] (<i>Lonchura striata</i>)	3
Nutmeg Mannikin [sp] (<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>)	7

Cavelossim - River Sal (Salcete, Goa, India)

07/04/2010 16:00 to 07/04/2010 17:30

38c, 10W, sunny

"bird watching" boat trip up river

Little Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>)	4
Purple Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea purpurea</i>)	3
Intermediate Egret [sp] (<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>)	2

Cavelossim - River Sal (Salcete, Goa, India)

07/04/2010 16:00 to 07/04/2010 17:30

38c, 10W, sunny

"bird watching" boat trip up river

Cattle Egret [sp] (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>)	c.200
Striated Heron [sp] (<i>Butorides striata</i>)	1
Black-headed Ibis (<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>)	1
Osprey [sp] (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	1
Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	Very
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	5
White-bellied Sea Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>)	2
Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	3
Common Sandpiper (<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>)	1
Common Redshank [sp] (<i>Tringa totanus</i>)	1
Brown-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>)	27
Asian Koel [sp] (<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>)	1
Spotted Owllet [sp] (<i>Athene brama</i>)	2
Common Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Alcedo atthis</i>)	c.3
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	3
Pied Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Ceryle rudis</i>)	1
Blue-tailed Bee-Eater (<i>Merops philippinus</i>)	5
Black-rumped Flameback [sp] (<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>)	1
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1
Indian Robin [sp] (<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>)	1
Jungle Myna [sp] (<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

07/04/2010 18:00

38c, 10W, sunny

White-bellied Sea Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>)	1
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Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

08/04/2010 06:30

30c, 13SW, sunny

White-breasted Waterhen [sp] (<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>)	1
Blyth's Reed Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>)	1
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Lonely Place (Salcete, Goa, India)

08/04/2010 06:45 to 08/04/2010 08:30

30c, 13SW, sunny

Sandy area with clumps of bushes, thickets and palm stands accessed from track behind "Lonely Place" beach track.

Indian Peafowl (<i>Pavo cristatus</i>)	1
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	1
Rock Dove [sp] (<i>Columba livia</i>)	c.Common
Blue-faced Malkoha (<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>)	2
Greater Coucal [sp] (<i>Centropus sinensis</i>)	1
Asian Palm Swift [sp] (<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>)	1
Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	3
Black-rumped Flameback [sp] (<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>)	1
Long-tailed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius schach</i>)	1
White-browed Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>)	3
Ashy Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia socialis</i>)	1
Deccan Babbler (<i>Turdoides striata somervillei</i>)	c.10
Jungle Myna [sp] (<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Lonely Place (Salcete, Goa, India)

08/04/2010 17:45 to 08/04/2010 18:30

30c, 10W, cloudy

Indian Peafowl (<i>Pavo cristatus</i>)	1
Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	2
Spotted Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>)	1
Asian Koel [sp] (<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>)	1
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	1
Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	3
White-cheeked Barbet (<i>Megalaima viridis</i>)	1
Long-tailed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius schach</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Beach (Salcete, Goa, India)

08/04/2010 18:45

30c, 10W, cloudy

Common Greenshank (<i>Tringa nebularia</i>)	5
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Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

09/04/2010 06:30 to 09/04/2010 08:00

32c, 20W, Sunny with clouds

Most birds found on the sandy and scrub waste immediately south of hotel.

Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	1
White-breasted Waterhen [sp] (<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>)	1
Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	3
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	2
House Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus splendens</i>)	c.100
White-browed Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>)	1
Blyth's Reed Warbler (<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>)	1
Ashy Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia socialis</i>)	3
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	3
Chestnut-shouldered Petronia [sp] (<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>)	3

Utorda Beach (Salcete, Goa, India)

10/04/2010 07:00 to 10/04/2010 09:00

35c, 10W, sunny

Indian Pond Heron (<i>Ardeola grayii</i>)	5
Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	2
Lesser Sand Plover [sp] (<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>)	13
Kentish Plover [sp] (<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>)	2
Common Sandpiper (<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>)	3
Sanderling (<i>Calidris alba</i>)	1
Brown-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>)	c.500
Lesser Crested Tern [sp] (<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>)	2
Common Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Alcedo atthis</i>)	1
Pale Sand Martin [sp] (<i>Riparia diluta</i>)	c.10
Western Crimson Sunbird (<i>Aethopyga vigorsii</i>)	2

Cavelossim - Rice Fields (Salcete, Goa, India)

11/04/2010 07:00 to 11/04/2010 08:00

35c, 15W, sunny

Early morning trip to sportsfield and rice fields.

Little Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>)	1
Cattle Egret [sp] (<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>)	1
Indian Pond Heron (<i>Ardeola grayii</i>)	3
White-breasted Waterhen [sp] (<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>)	3
Ruddy-breasted Crake [sp] (<i>Porzana fusca</i>)	1
Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	1
Common Sandpiper (<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Rice Fields (Salcete, Goa, India)

11/04/2010 07:00 to 11/04/2010 08:00

35c, 15W, sunny

Early morning trip to sportsfield and rice fields.

Common Greenshank (<i>Tringa nebularia</i>)	3
Marsh Sandpiper (<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>)	1
Common Redshank [sp] (<i>Tringa totanus</i>)	c.5
Greater Coucal [sp] (<i>Centropus sinensis</i>)	1
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	1
Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	2
Black-rumped Flameback [sp] (<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>)	1

Indian Golden Oriole (<i>Oriolus oriolus kundoo</i>)	1
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	1
Wire-tailed Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo smithii</i>)	1
Ashy Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia socialis</i>)	2
Grey-headed Wagtail (<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>)	4
Syke's Yellow Wagtail (<i>Motacilla flava beema</i>)	1
White-browed Wagtail (<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>)	1
Paddyfield Pipit [sp] (<i>Anthus rufulus</i>)	2

Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

11/04/2010 10:00 to 11/04/2010 17:00

35c, 15W, sunny

Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	4
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	2
Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	1
White-cheeked Barbet (<i>Megalaima viridis</i>)	2
Coppersmith Barbet [sp] (<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>)	2
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	1
Common Tailorbird [sp] (<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>)	1
Ashy Prinia [sp] (<i>Prinia socialis</i>)	1
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)

12/04/2010 07:00 to 12/04/2010 17:00

35c, 15W, sunny

Early morning ground north of hotel, later around pool

Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	4
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	2
Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	3
Asian Palm Swift [sp] (<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>)	2
Barn Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo rustica</i>)	4
Wire-tailed Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo smithii</i>)	1
White-browed Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>)	3
Jungle Myna [sp] (<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>)	4

Velim Lake (Salcete, Goa, India)

13/04/2010 07:00 to 13/04/2010 08:30

35c, 20N, sunny

Lesser Whistling Duck (<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>)	c.83
Cotton Pygmy Goose [sp] (<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>)	c.20
Little Grebe [sp] (<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>)	c.5
Indian Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>)	2
Darter [sp] (<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>)	1
Grey Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea cinerea</i>)	6
Purple Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea purpurea</i>)	2
Great Egret [sp] (<i>Ardea alba</i>)	Common
Intermediate Egret [sp] (<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>)	Common
Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	1
Purple Swampphen [sp] (<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>)	c.10

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Velim Lake (Salcete, Goa, India)

13/04/2010 07:00 to 13/04/2010 08:30

35c, 20N, sunny

Pheasant-tailed Jacana (<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>)	c.10
Bronze-winged Jacana (<i>Metopidius indicus</i>)	c.30
Common Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Alcedo atthis</i>)	2
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	2
Pied Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Ceryle rudis</i>)	3
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1
White-browed Wagtail (<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Lonely Place (Salcete, Goa, India)

13/04/2010 17:00 to 13/04/2010 18:00

35c, 20N, sunny

Evening walk to the ground north of the hotel accessing from behind Lonely Place shack

Western Reef Egret [sp] (<i>Egretta gularis</i>)	1
White-bellied Sea Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>)	1
Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (<i>Vanellus indicus</i>)	1
Spotted Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>)	2
Blue-faced Malkoha (<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>)	2
Greater Coucal [sp] (<i>Centropus sinensis</i>)	1
Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (<i>Merops orientalis</i>)	1
Red-whiskered Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>)	1
White-browed Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>)	2
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1
Deccan Babbler (<i>Turdoides striata somervillei</i>)	2

Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary (Ponda, Goa, India)

14/04/2010 07:45 to 14/04/2010 11:30

35c, 5W, sunny

Indian Pond Heron (<i>Ardeola grayii</i>)	1
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	1
Crested Serpent Eagle [sp] (<i>Spilornis cheela</i>)	1
Besra [sp] (<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>)	1
Greater Coucal [sp] (<i>Centropus sinensis</i>)	1
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	1
Malabar Grey Hornbill (<i>Ocyroceros griseus</i>)	2
Brown-capped Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Dendrocopos moluccensis</i>)	2
Rufous Woodpecker [sp] (<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>)	2
Heart-spotted Woodpecker (<i>Hemicircus canente</i>)	1
Ashy Woodswallow (<i>Artamus fuscus</i>)	1
Common Iora [sp] (<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>)	1
Scarlet Minivet [sp] (<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>)	1
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike [sp] (<i>Hemipus picatus</i>)	1
Indian Golden Oriole (<i>Oriolus oriolus kundoo</i>)	3
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>)	3

Black-naped Monarch [sp] (<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>)	4
Large-billed Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>)	c.5
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch [sp] (<i>Sitta frontalis</i>)	3
Flame-throated Bulbul (<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus gularis</i>)	1
Red-whiskered Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>)	1
Greenish Warbler [sp] (<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>)	c.5
Common Tailorbird [sp] (<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>)	4
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher [sp] (<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>)	1
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1
White-rumped Shama [sp] (<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>)	1
Dark-fronted Babbler [sp] (<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>)	2
Deccan Babbler (<i>Turdoides striata somervillei</i>)	1
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta [sp] (<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>)	1

Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary (Ponda, Goa, India)

14/04/2010 07:45 to 14/04/2010 11:30

35c, 5W, sunny

Golden-fronted Leafbird [sp] (<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>)	2
Thick-billed Flowerpecker [sp] (<i>Dicaeum agile</i>)	1
Purple-rumped Sunbird [sp] (<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>)	1
Crimson-backed Sunbird (<i>Leptocoma minima</i>)	8
Long-billed Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>)	1
Common Rosefinch [sp] (<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>)	c.9
Black-throated Munia [sp] (<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>)	c.4

Chinchinum (Salcete, Goa, India)

15/04/2010 10:00

35c, 10W, sunny

Family trip to Dudhsagar Falls

Pied Bushchat [sp] (<i>Saxicola caprata</i>)	1
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Panchyat (Salcete, Goa, India)

15/04/2010 10:15

35c, 10W, sunny

Family trip to Dudhsagar Falls

White-bellied Sea Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>)	1
White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>)	1
Pied Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Ceryle rudis</i>)	1

Chandor (Quepem, Goa, India)

15/04/2010 10:45

35c, 10W, sunny

Family trip to Dudhsagar Falls

Painted Stork (<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>)	3
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Chandranath Hill (Salcete, Goa, India)

16/04/2010 07:00 to 16/04/2010 08:15

34c, 20E, sunny

Pompadour Green Pigeon [sp] (<i>Treron pompadora</i>)	4
Crested Treeswift (<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>)	2
White-cheeked Barbet (<i>Megalaima viridis</i>)	2
Ashy Woodswallow (<i>Artamus fuscus</i>)	1
Black-headed Cuckoo-shrike [sp] (<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>)	2
Long-tailed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius schach</i>)	1
Indian Golden Oriole (<i>Oriolus oriolus kundoo</i>)	1
Black-hooded Oriole [sp] (<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>)	6
Ashy Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>)	2
White-bellied Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>)	1
Bronzed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>)	1
Red-whiskered Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>)	6
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1
Orange-headed Thrush [sp] (<i>Zoothera citrina</i>)	1
Common Blackbird [sp] (<i>Turdus merula</i>)	1
Rufous Babbler [sp] (<i>Turdoides subrufa</i>)	1
Deccan Babbler (<i>Turdoides striata somervillei</i>)	c.6
Malabar White-headed Starling (<i>Sturnia malabarica blythii</i>)	2
Golden-fronted Leafbird [sp] (<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>)	2
Purple-rumped Sunbird [sp] (<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>)	2
White-browed Wagtail (<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>)	1
White-rumped Munia [sp] (<i>Lonchura striata</i>)	3

Velim Lake (Salcete, Goa, India)

16/04/2010 17:00 to 16/04/2010 17:30

30c, 20W, cloudy then rain

Rain stopped play

Lesser Whistling Duck (<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>)	c.500
Cotton Pygmy Goose [sp] (<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>)	c.13
Indian Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>)	9
Little Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>)	1
Grey Heron [sp] (<i>Ardea cinerea</i>)	10
Purple Swamphen [sp] (<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>)	c.30
Common Coot [sp] (<i>Fulica atra</i>)	3
White-tailed Lapwing (<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>)	1
Pheasant-tailed Jacana (<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>)	1
Bronze-winged Jacana (<i>Metopidius indicus</i>)	13
Common Kingfisher [sp] (<i>Alcedo atthis</i>)	1
Wire-tailed Swallow [sp] (<i>Hirundo smithii</i>)	2

Cavelossim - Rice Fields (Salcete, Goa, India)

17/04/2010 06:45

35c, 15N, sunny

Woolly-necked Stork [sp] (<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>)	2
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Chandranath Hill (Salcete, Goa, India)

17/04/2010 07:15 to 17/04/2010 08:45

35c, 15N, sunny

Spotted Dove [sp] (<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>)	1
Pompadour Green Pigeon [sp] (<i>Treron pompadora</i>)	1
Crested Treeswift (<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>)	1
Ashy Woodswallow (<i>Artamus fuscus</i>)	1
Common Iora [sp] (<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>)	1
Black-headed Cuckoo-shrike [sp] (<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>)	3
Long-tailed Shrike [sp] (<i>Lanius schach</i>)	1
Indian Golden Oriole (<i>Oriolus oriolus kundoo</i>)	1
Black-hooded Oriole [sp] (<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>)	3
Ashy Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>)	1
Bronzed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>)	1
Asian Paradise-flycatcher [sp] (<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>)	1
Red-vented Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>)	2
Red-whiskered Bulbul [sp] (<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>)	3
Greenish Warbler [sp] (<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>)	2
Asian Brown Flycatcher (<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>)	1
Blue-throated Flycatcher [sp] (<i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i>)	1
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1
Malabar Whistling Thrush (<i>Myophonus horsfieldii</i>)	1
Orange-headed Thrush [sp] (<i>Zoothera citrina</i>)	3
Malabar White-headed Starling (<i>Sturnia malabarica blythii</i>)	2
Jerdon's Leafbird (<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>)	5
Pale-billed Flowerpecker [sp] (<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>)	1
Crimson-backed Sunbird (<i>Leptocoma minima</i>)	2
White-browed Wagtail (<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>)	1

Cavelossim - Beach (Salcete, Goa, India)

18/04/2010 07:00 to 18/04/2010 08:00

34c, 10W, sunny

Very low tide, walking north

Black Kite [sp] (<i>Milvus migrans</i>)	2
Brahminy Kite [sp] (<i>Haliastur indus</i>)	2
Greater Sand Plover [sp] (<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>)	1
Eurasian Oystercatcher [sp] (<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>)	2
Brown-headed Gull (<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>)	10

Cavelossim - Beach (Salcete, Goa, India)

18/04/2010 07:00 to 18/04/2010 08:00

34c, 10W, sunny

Very low tide, walking north

Sandwich Tern [sp] (*Thalasseus sandvicensis*) 2**Cavelossim - Beach north 1km (Salcete, Goa, India)**

19/04/2010 07:00

34c, 25W, sunny

Scrub behind beach nr derelict watchtower

Brahminy Kite [sp] (*Haliastur indus*) 3White-bellied Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*) 1Eurasian Oystercatcher [sp] (*Haematopus ostralegus*) 2Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) 1Brown-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*) 1Lesser Crested Tern [sp] (*Thalasseus bengalensis*) 3Little Swift [sp] (*Apus affinis*) 6Asian Palm Swift [sp] (*Cypsiurus balasiensis*) 1Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (*Merops orientalis*) 1White-browed Bulbul [sp] (*Pycnonotus luteolus*) 2Blyth's Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus dumetorum*) 1Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (*Copsychus saularis*) 1Deccan Babbler (*Turdoides striata somervillei*) 2Jungle Myna [sp] (*Acridotheres fuscus*) 6Purple-rumped Sunbird [sp] (*Leptocoma zeylonica*) 3**Cavelossim - Beach north 1km (Salcete, Goa, India)**

20/04/2010 08:00

34c, 15SE, sunny

Indian Peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*) 3White-breasted Waterhen [sp] (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*) 1**Margao (Salcete, Goa, India)**

21/04/2010 06:45

35c, 20N, sunny

Booted Eagle (*Hieraaetus pennatus*) 1**Carambolin Lake (Tiswadi, Goa, India)**

21/04/2010 07:30 to 21/04/2010 09:30

35c, 20N, sunny

Lesser Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna javanica*) c.400Darter [sp] (*Anhinga melanogaster*) 5Purple Heron [sp] (*Ardea purpurea*) 3Great Egret [sp] (*Ardea alba*) c.20Intermediate Egret [sp] (*Mesophoyx intermedia*) c.10Cattle Egret [sp] (*Bubulcus ibis*) c.50Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) 1Black-headed Ibis (*Threskiornis melanocephalus*) 10Brahminy Kite [sp] (*Haliastur indus*) 1White-breasted Waterhen [sp] (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*) 1Purple Swamphen [sp] (*Porphyrio porphyrio*) c.200Red-wattled Lapwing [sp] (*Vanellus indicus*) 5Bronze-winged Jacana (*Metopidius indicus*) c.25Common Snipe [sp] (*Gallinago gallinago*) 6Oriental Turtle Dove [sp] (*Streptopelia orientalis*) 1Eurasian Collared Dove [sp] (*Streptopelia decaocto*) 4Asian Koel [sp] (*Eudynamis scolopacea*) 1Greater Coucal [sp] (*Centropus sinensis*) 1White-cheeked Barbet (*Megalaima viridis*) 1Indian Golden Oriole (*Oriolus oriolus kundoo*) 2**Carambolin Lake (Tiswadi, Goa, India)**

21/04/2010 07:30 to 21/04/2010 09:30

35c, 20N, sunny

Black-hooded Oriole [sp] (*Oriolus xanthornus*) 1Black Drongo [sp] (*Dicrurus macrocercus*) 4Ashy Drongo [sp] (*Dicrurus leucophaeus*) 1Red-rumped Swallow [sp] (*Cecropis daurica*) 2Streak-throated Swallow (*Petrochelidon fluvicola*) 3Red-vented Bulbul [sp] (*Pycnonotus cafer*) 1Common Tailorbird [sp] (*Orthotomus sutorius*) 1Ashy Prinia [sp] (*Prinia socialis*) 4Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (*Copsychus saularis*) 1Indian Robin [sp] (*Saxicoloides fulvicatus*) 2Jungle Myna [sp] (*Acridotheres fuscus*) c.5Long-billed Sunbird [sp] (*Cinnyris lotenius*) 1Grey-headed Wagtail (*Motacilla flava thunbergi*) 1Paddyfield Pipit [sp] (*Anthus rufulus*) 2House Sparrow [sp] (*Passer domesticus*) c.5White-rumped Munia [sp] (*Lonchura striata*) 15**Dona Paula (Tiswadi, Goa, India)**

21/04/2010 11:00 to 21/04/2010 12:00

35c, 20N, sunny

Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (*Merops orientalis*) 1Red-rumped Swallow [sp] (*Cecropis daurica*) 2Red-vented Bulbul [sp] (*Pycnonotus cafer*) 2Red-whiskered Bulbul [sp] (*Pycnonotus jocosus*) 2Ashy Prinia [sp] (*Prinia socialis*) 1Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (*Copsychus saularis*) 1Indian Robin [sp] (*Saxicoloides fulvicatus*) 1Purple Sunbird [sp] (*Cinnyris asiaticus*) 3**Cavelossim - Beach (Salcete, Goa, India)**

22/04/2010 07:00 to 22/04/2010 08:15

37c, 15N, sunny

White-breasted Waterhen [sp] (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*) 1Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*) 3Brown-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*) 1Lesser Crested Tern [sp] (*Thalasseus bengalensis*) 30Little Green Bee-eater [sp] (*Merops orientalis*) 2**Cavelossim - Dona Sylvia Hotel Grounds (Salcete, Goa, India)**

22/04/2010 10:00 to 22/04/2010 16:00

37c, 15N, sunny

White-throated Kingfisher [sp] (*Halcyon smyrnensis*) 1White-cheeked Barbet (*Megalaima viridis*) 2Coppersmith Barbet [sp] (*Megalaima haemacephala*) 2Common Tailorbird [sp] (*Orthotomus sutorius*) 1Ashy Prinia [sp] (*Prinia socialis*) 1House Sparrow [sp] (*Passer domesticus*) 10**Molem Wildlife Sanctuary (Sanguem, Goa, India)**

23/04/2010 08:00 to 23/04/2010 11:30

32c, 10W, cloudy with sun

Cattle Egret [sp] (*Bubulcus ibis*) 1Shikra [sp] (*Accipiter badius*) 2Greater Spotted Eagle (*Aquila clanga*) 1Spotted Dove [sp] (*Streptopelia chinensis*) 1Common Hawk-cuckoo [sp] (*Cuculus varius*) 1Malabar Grey Hornbill (*Ocyroceros griseus*) 1

Molem Wildlife Sanctuary (Sanguem, Goa, India)

23/04/2010 08:00 to 23/04/2010 11:30

32c, 10W, cloudy with sun

Speckled Piculet [sp] (<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>)	1
Heart-spotted Woodpecker (<i>Hemicircus canente</i>)	1
Large Woodshrike [sp] (<i>Tephrodornis gularis</i>)	5
Small Minivet [sp] (<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>)	8
Scarlet Minivet [sp] (<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>)	6
Black-hooded Oriole [sp] (<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>)	3
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo [sp] (<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>)	4
Black-naped Monarch [sp] (<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>)	1
Large-billed Crow [sp] (<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>)	1
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch [sp] (<i>Sitta frontalis</i>)	4
Grey-headed Bulbul (<i>Pycnonotus priocephalus</i>)	1
Asian Brown Flycatcher (<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>)	2
Oriental Magpie-robin [sp] (<i>Copsychus saularis</i>)	1
White-rumped Shama [sp] (<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>)	1
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta [sp] (<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>)	4
Chestnut-tailed Starling [group] (<i>Sturnia malabarica malabarica/nemoricola</i>)	2
Crimson-backed Sunbird (<i>Leptocoma minima</i>)	1
Purple Sunbird [sp] (<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>)	1