

BIRD TREKS

ONE-WEEK EXTENSION TO CENTRAL INDIA

19 - 26 February 2011

DAY AGENDA

1 Feb 19 Delhi, Overnight in Delhi hotel

2 Feb 20 Delhi, Overnight train to Jabalpur

AM, We will check out of the hotel after having breakfast, then drive to **Okhala River Dam** for birding. After that we will transfer to the train station to catch the **Gondwana Express** at 3:30 PM, arriving at Jabalpur at 6:55 AM.

3 Feb 21 Jabalpur - Kanaha

AM, Transfer to Kanaha National Park (about three hours drive by car) and check in to the **Celebration Van Vilas Resort**. PM, Excursion to the Park by open jeep.

4 Feb 22 Kanaha: AM + PM, Early excursion to the Park by jeep

The Park has a great variety of birds and it is a rich habitat for wild animals. Kanaha's Jewel: The Tiger, Swamp Deer, Chousingha (one of only four horned antelope in the world), Gaur and Wild Dogs (Dhol) are also seen. Our target birds will be Pied Harrier, Malabar Hornbill, Red and Painted Spurfowl, Greater Rocket-tailed Drongo, Painted Francolin, and Lanner Falcon.

5 Feb 23 Kanaha - Bandhav Garh

AM, Drive to Bandhav Garh National Park by car (about 5-6 hours), check in to **Bandhav Vilas Resort** or possibly **Nature Heritage Resort**. PM, Game viewing in the Park by jeep.

6 Feb 24 Bandhav Garh: AM + PM: Early excursions to the Park by open jeep.

The Bandhav Garh National Park is justifiably famous for its **Tigers**, but it has a wide range of other game too. Here our target birds will be Blue Rock Thrush, Orange-headed Thrush, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Gold-fronted and Orange-bellied Leafbird, Paradise Flycatcher, Lesser Adjutant Stork, and Mottled Wood Owl.

7 Feb 25 Bandhav Garh—Khajuraho

AM, Visit the Park again by jeep. Later drive to Khajuraho by car (about five hours drive). Check in to hotel **Radisson** or possibly the **Taj Chandela** (both are five star hotels).

8 Feb 26 Khajuraho—Delhi

AM, Visit the most famous **Hindu Temples** of India with local guide. Later catch the Jet Air flight to **Delhi** at 1:25 PM, arrive in Delhi at 3.55 PM, then transfer to our hotel. A room will be provided for you wash up and change. We will have our farewell dinner, then transfer to Delhi International Airport to catch the return flights to US.



You are likely to see **TIGERS** and many other forms of wildlife at Bandhav Garh National Park.

- - *Paul Ippolito*

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Leader Bird Treks Extension to CENTRAL INDIA will be led by **Om Prakash Mudgal**. Here is what OP (his nickname) says about himself: “I am from a farmer’s family, 53 years old, based in Bharatpur, and have more than 20 years of birding experience in India, especially in the northwest. I worked as a nature guide in Keola Deo National Park, Bharatpur from 1987 to 1999. Now I am leading and organizing birding trips to India since 2000.” **Bob Schutsky** will be the Bird Treks escort and co-leader. Bob has been leading tours around the world for more than 15 years.

Price \$1795 from New Delhi, based upon double occupancy and a minimum of four participants. Single accommodations can be arranged for an extra fee of \$355.

Includes Expert guide service, all train and boat fares, all transportation within India including jeep drives, all entrance fees, all meals and lodging for the entire tour. Also included are transfers to and from the airport, local guides in the parks and Khajuraho, and still camera (but not video camera) fees.

Does not include the cost of alcoholic beverages and hot and cold beverages during meals, drinking water, items of a personal nature, phone calls, video camera fees in the parks and monuments, or international air transportation to New Delhi and airport departure tax. The cost of the tiger show, by elephant, is not included. As opposed to most Bird Treks tours, tips are not included in the tour fee. These include tips to porters, jeep drivers, local guides, hotel staff, and whoever else deserves a tip. Also not included is any kind of insurance within India.

Extra Services We offer the services of our exclusive Bird Treks travel agent, **Lori Heathcote**, in arranging your air travel. Lori has 25 years of experience in the travel industry and is a veteran birder. Contact her through Bailey Travel at **1-800-224-5399**, or you can e-mail her directly at **lori@baileytravel.com**. By dealing with Lori you have the security of a 24-hour toll-free telephone number in case of any travel emergency. She can also assist you with all pre- and post-tour travel plans. There may be a fee for these services.

Deposit A \$400 deposit will assure your reservation on the tour. The balance of the fee is due 19 November 2010. Send your deposit **SOON** so that we can secure the least expensive air fare to New Delhi and reserve your spot on this exciting, exotic tour.

Refund & Cancellation Policy With written notice more than 90 days prior to the first day of the tour, 100% of your deposit will be refunded, minus a \$100 service fee. With 30-90 days notice, you will receive a 50% refund of the full cost of the tour. No refund can be made with less than 30 days notice. You will receive a full refund if you provide a replacement for your spot on the tour. No partial refund can be given once a tour begins. We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect your investment. Contact Access America at **1-800-284-8300** and mention BIRD TREKS (ACCAM #F021096). You can apply by phone or via the Internet at www.accessamerica.com.

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