

## Trip report India: Gujarat, Madja Pradesh

**26 March 2016 – 16 April 2016**

This trip was done as a travel trip specially for Big Cats. There where to regions visited: Gujarat for lions and central India for Tiger.

**Central India:** Tadoba NP, Satpura NP, Bandhavgarh NP, Kanha NP, Pench NP

**Gujarat:** Velavadar/Blackbuck NP, Gir sanctuary, Little rann of Kutch

Since photography is my passion I always try as best to make a good picture of any mammal I see during the trip.

This tour is more or less the same as my previous tour in 2014 (dec) so I will show here only the photographic results and the trip list.

I want to thank [www.mammalwatching.com](http://www.mammalwatching.com) for presenting such worth full trip reports. For me it is always of great use and guidance and more or less I follow advice from previous trip reports.

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**Fabulous sighting of Indian wolf (Canis Lupis) in Velavadar**



**Blackbuck in Velavadar**



**Nilgai, Blue Bull) Velavadar**



**Nijlgau, Blue Bull females and young in Velavadar**



**Blackbuck in Velavadar**



**Beautiful Jungle cat in Velavadar**



**Indian Fox in Velavadar**



**India wolf, superb sighting**





Wolf hunting a young black buck, very rare sighting according to local guide



Wolf on the hunt



**Ruddy mongoose (GIR)**



**(Hanuman langur)**



**Three striped Palm squirrel**



**Nilgai bulls in Rann of Kutch**



**More wolf in Velavadar**





**Leopard in Gir**

**spotted deer, very common**





**Asiatic lion family in GIR**





**lioness**



**sambar deer GIR**



**common jackal, seen in most parks.**



**Desert fox in Rann of Kutch (beneath young desert fox)**





**Asiatic wild Ass in Rann of Kutch**



**Wild boar in Rann of Kutch**



**fourhorned antelope (Satpura)**



**Muntjac, barking deer in Satpura**



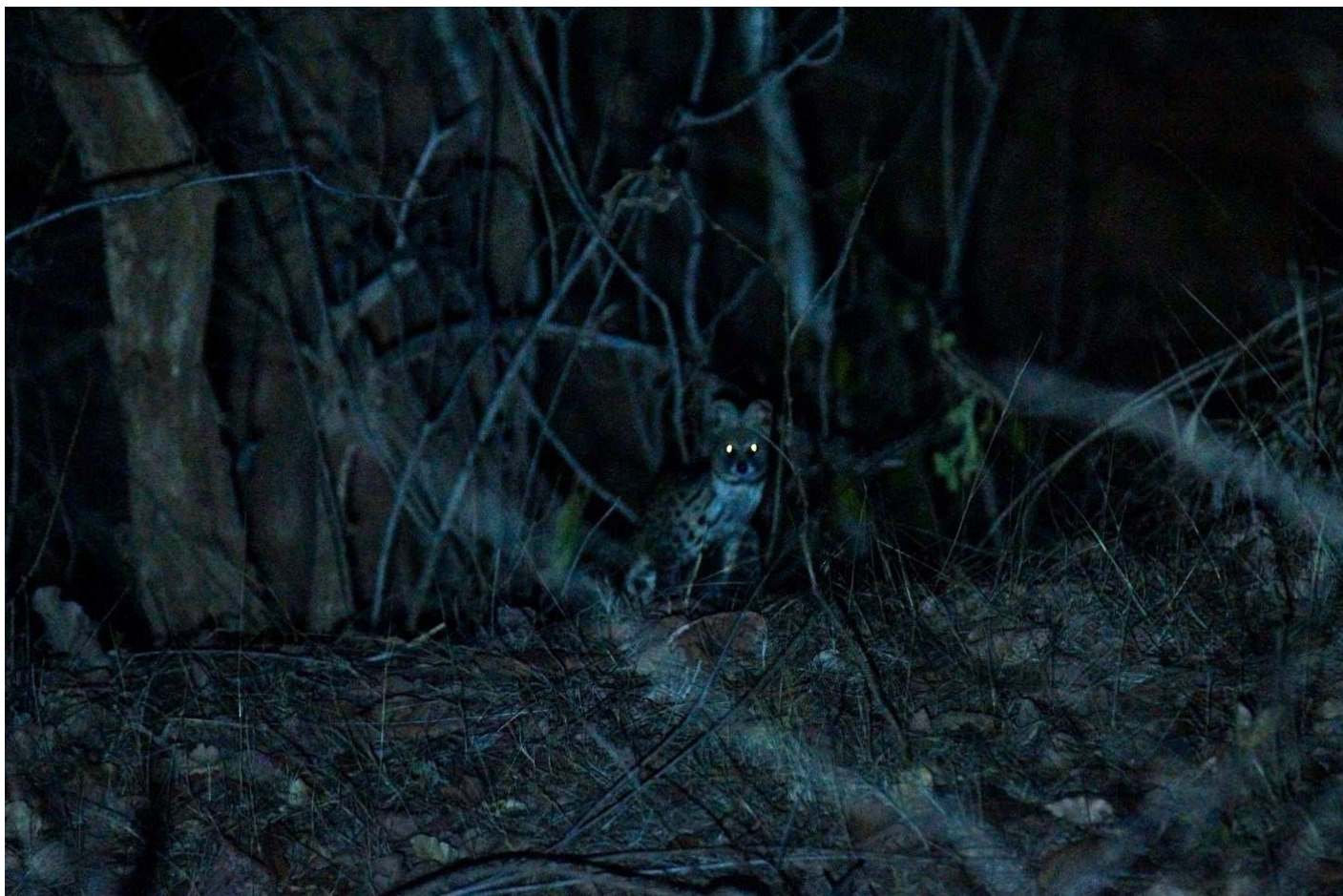
**fourhorned antelope (Satpura)**



**Malabar giant squirrel Satpura**



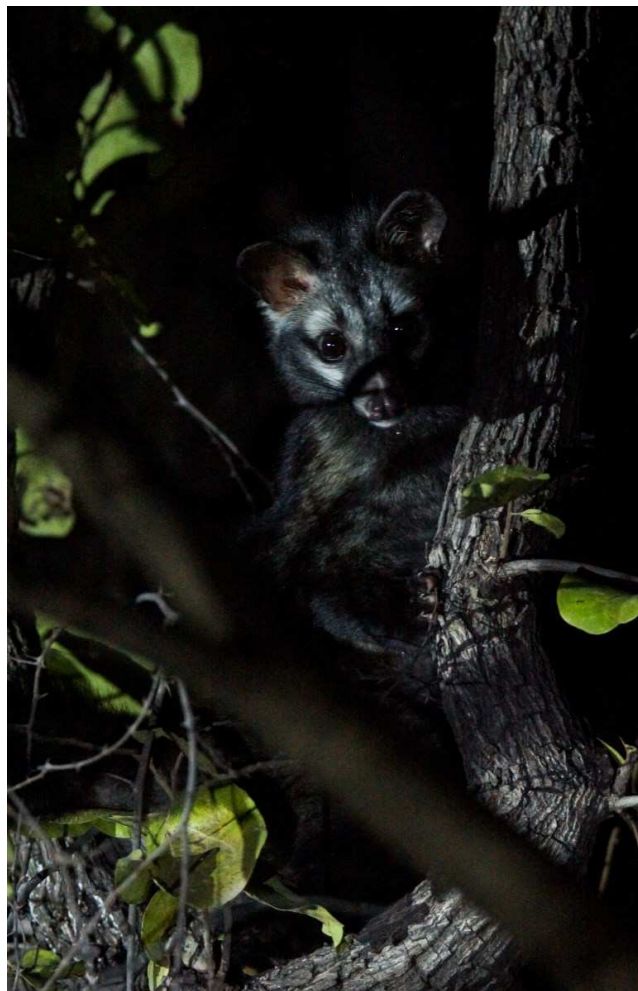
**Slothbear bufferzone Satpura**



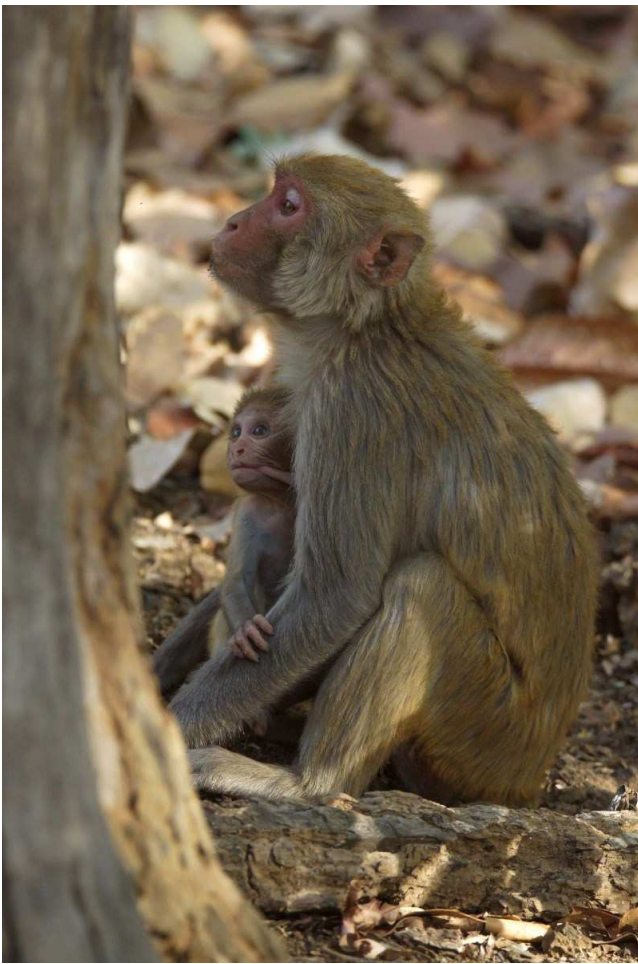
**small Indian civet in bufferzone Satpura**



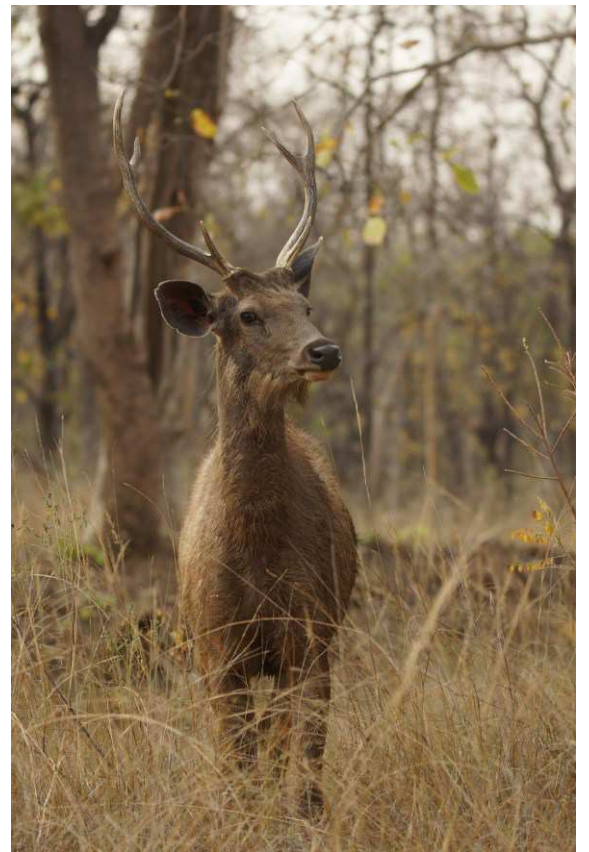
**flying fox**



**Indian Palm civet in bufferzone Satpura**



**rhesus macaque**



**Sambar, young male**



**Spotted deer**



**Dholes seen in Pench & Tadoba (under at a spotting deer kill)**





**Gaur**



**Indian hare in Tadoba**



**Spotted deer in Kanha**



**Wild boar in Tadoba**



**Common Jackal in Pench**



**Barasinga or swamp deer (Kanha)**



**Tiger Bandhavgar**



Indian giant flying squirrel Pench





Young jackals in garden lodge Pench



**gaur**



**Sambar deer**



**Tiger Bandhavgar**



**Tiger Tadoba**



**Tiger Bandhavgar**





**Young Tiger in buffer zone Tadoba, under Bandhavgar**



## **TRIPLIST & Notes on the mammal sightings**

Tad = Tadoba NP

Sat = Satpura NP

Pe = Pench NP

VE = Velavadar/Blackbuck NP

GI = Gir sanctuary

LRK = Little rann of Kutch

BH = Bandhavgarh NP

Kan = Kanha NP

**Rhesus macaque:** BH) at the park borders, SAT) in the forest around lodge along roadside during transfers in forest areas, (TAD) and (KAN) **# easy to see**

**Indian hare:** GIR, LRK) and SAT) during night safari (TAD) in daytime during safari **# possible to see**

**Blackbuck:** VE) many **# easy to see in VE**

**Gaur:** TAD, a group of females and calves inside parks near grass field. A male bull crossing forest road. Sat) in forest on road a herd of 5 (KAN) and (BH) **# possible to see**

**Sambar:** GIR), BH), Tad), Sat), Kan), (Pe) several individuals in all parks **# good possibilities to see**

**Spotted deer:** GIR), BH), Tad), Sat), Kan), (Pe) everywhere seen easily **# good possibilities to see**

**Barasingha:** Kan), different groups **# good possibilities to see**

**Wild boar:** VE), GIR), LRK) BH), Tad), Sat), Kan), (Pe) everywhere seen sometimes not easily **# good possibilities to see**

**Barking deer:** Sat) a couple male and female seen quite well, further a short glimpse in (Tad) and (Kan) **# not easy to see**

**Jackal:** RoK, SAT Tad, Pe, BH, Tad **# possible to see**

**Asiatic Lion:** GI) We managed to see 14 different Lions in a total of four jeep safaris. But in our opinion it was not easy to see, But with park rangers 'arranging' a sighting you will get them **# possible to see**

**Leopard:** GI) one individual resting on a side road, Sat 3 at night drive and 1 male walking on road, and two subadult cubs in high grassland running into jungle **# difficult to see**

**Tiger:** We managed to see tiger in all four tiger reserves we visited. Pe) three tiger, Tad) 8 tiger, Kan) one male, Bh) 5 tiger **# possible to see**

**Jungle Cat:** VE) two seen, one very well laying under a bus. Sat) 3, Tad) 1 **# possible to see, not easy**

**Asiatic Wild Ass:** LRK) many seen. **# easy to see**

**Hanuman langur:** GIR) many seen but not very common, SAT) common, Pe) common, Ka) common, BH) common, Tad) common **# easy to see**

**Malabar Giant squirrel:** SAT) three individuals seen **# difficult to see**

**Five striped squirrel:** everywhere seen near lodges **# easy to see**

**Three striped squirrel:** difficult to see the difference with 5 **# possible to see (probably also easy)**

**Desert fox:** LRK) two, one adult and one young near the den. **# possible to see (depend on guide)**

**Indian fox:** Ve) one seen late safari. **# difficult to see**

**Flying fox:** *Seen during transfers in roosting tree and flying around near a lake.* **# easy to see**

**Small Indian Civet:** GIR) one seen spotlighting and one spotlighting Sat). **# difficult to see (night)**

**Sloth bear:** Tad) three seen from distance and in thick bush, Sat) mother with cubs from distance and 5 during nightsafari. **# possible to see**

**Dhole:** Tad) a small family in the roadside, Pe) two groups one near kill. **# difficult to see**

**Common mongoose:** GIR), **# possible to see**

**Ruddy mongoose:** GIR), two together roadside in forest, Ba) one on rocks. **# difficult to see**

**Indian Gerbil:** Sat) running over the road at night, burrows on roadsides **# possible to see**

**Pigmy gerbil:** 1 during night safari in Rann of Kutch

**House shrew** 1 in Tadoba garden of lodge

**Other small bats:** undefined (GIR, Tad, BH, KNH)

In Satpura we saw a possible *rusty spotted cat* during nightdrive, but the pictures I took showed it looked more like a *small indian civet* (pictures are very unclear but silhouette shows civet shape), so I could not report this as a sighting.