

**Family: Pieridae**



**Common Name:** Mottled Emigrant (*Catopsilia pyranthe*)  
**Wingspan:** 50-70mm  
**Habitat:** Forests and common visitor to garden and damp patches  
**Distribution:** Common through India and Indian subcontinents  
Seen in hills Up to 2,700m  
**Noteworthy:** Known to migrate in large swarms



**Common Name:** Common Emigrant (*Catopsilia pamona*)  
**Wingspan:** 55-80mm  
**Habitat:** Forests and common species of city and garden areas  
**Distribution:** Common throughout India



**Common Name:** Pioneer (*Belenois aurota*)  
**Wingspan:** 40-55mm  
**Habitat:** Grasslands, scrubland and forests clearings  
**Distribution:** Throughout India except Northeast  
**Noteworthy:** Hockey stick-shaped black mark at cell-end on both sides of forewing



**Common Name:** Common Gull (*Cepora nerissa*)  
**Wingspan:** 40-65mm  
**Habitat:** Grasslands, scrub and forests edges.  
**Distribution:** Common throughout India including Andaman & Nicobar islands. Flies up to 1200m in Himalayas, up to 2450m in hills of South India



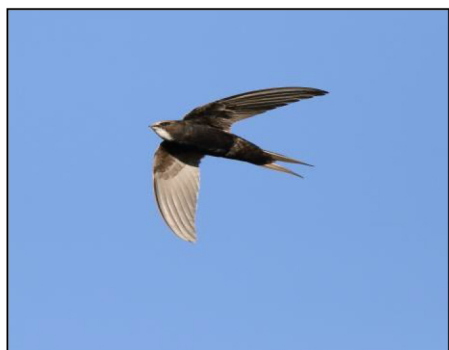
**Common Name:** Lesser Gull (*Cepora nadina*)\*  
**Wingspan:** 55-65mm  
**Habitat:** Forests  
**Distribution:** Western Ghats (Maharashtra to Kerala), Sikkim to Arunachal Pradesh

**Family: Alcedinidae**



**Common name:** White-breasted Kingfisher (*Halcyon myrnesis*)  
**Distribution:** Resident to most of India; except upper J&K  
**Habitat:** Cultivation, forest edges, freshwater and coastal wetlands  
**Food:** Fishes, insects, reptiles, earthworms etc

**Family: Apodidae**



**Common name:** Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)  
**Distribution:** Most of India except J&K and upper Himalayas  
**Habitat:** Neighborhood of towns, cliffs, ruins, etc.  
**Food:** Insects  
**Noteworthy:** Catches flies and insects mid-air with acrobatic flight

**Family: Ardeidae**



**Common name:** Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)  
**Distribution:** Widespread all over India except J&K and north Himalayas  
**Habitat:** Agriculture fields, grasslands, banks of tanks, canals, lakes  
**Food:** Insects and flies  
**Noteworthy:** Can be observed on cattle's back, picking parasitic insects and flies from their hides.



**Common name:** Pond Heron (*Ardeola grayii*)  
**Distribution:** Widespread all over India except J&K, north Himalayas and North east.  
**Habitat:** Wetlands, marshes, creeks, mudflats (remove both large and small)  
**Food:** Insects, fish etc.  
**Noteworthy:** Roosts communally



**Common Name:** Asiatic Blood-Tail (*Lathrecista asiatica*)

**Distribution:** Oriental region

**Habitat:** Ponds, tanks, marshes, etc.

**Breeding area:** Breeds in marshes associated with ponds and tanks

**Noteworthy:** When disturbed, it flies very rapidly



**Common Name:** Fulvous Forest Skimmer (*Neurothemis fulvia*)

**Distribution:** Forested areas of oriental region

**Habitat:** Wet forests, shrubs, canopy gaps and forest edges

**Breeding area:** Breeds in marshes associated with ponds, rivers and streams

**Noteworthy:** During wet seasons they move in non-forested areas

## Family: Aeshnidae



**Common Name:** Parakeet Darner (*Gynacantha bayadera*)

**Distribution:** Oriental region

**Habitat:** Frequents reed covered ponds and tanks. A crepuscular insect, often visiting light immediately after the rains

**Breeding area:** Breeds in reed covered ponds and tanks



**Common Name:** Brown Spreadwing (*Lestes umbrinus*)

**Distribution:** All throughout India

**Habitat:** Commonly found near grasslands, scrub and around water bodies, mostly in dry areas

**Breeding area:** Marshes and well vegetated ponds



**Common Name:** Aurora Bluetail/Golden Dartlet (*Ischnura aurora*)

**Distribution:** Oriental region

**Habitat:** Vegetation along banks of ponds, river, canals and estuaries

**Breeding area:** Among marshes on the banks of ponds, rivers, canals

**Noteworthy:** The females are less bright coloured than males



**Family: Panorpidae**



**Common Name:** Scorpion Fly (*Neopanorpa furcata*)

**Habitat:** Woodlands with plentiful damp leaf litter & moist habitat.

**Noteworthy:** Although fully winged, the adults rarely fly very far and spend much of their time crawling on vegetation in damp, shaded places near water and along hedgerows.

**Family: Tipulidae.**



**Common Name:** Crane Fly

**Habitat:** Damp, shaded places near water

**Noteworthy:** Larva are aquatic, commonly known as leatherjackets. Larvae and adults are valuable prey for insects, spiders, fish, amphibians, birds and mammals.

**Family Bibionidae**



**Common Name:** March Fly

**Habitat:** Grassy areas, shaded places near water

**Noteworthy:** Larva feed on vegetative matter. Short life span as adult which tends to be 3 to 4 days on an average.

**Family Calliphoridae**



**Common Name:** Blue Bottle Fly

**Habitat:** Near organic matter, human settlements

**Noteworthy:** Adults are pollinators to some flowers.



**Family: Scuridae**



**Common Name:** Three-striped Palm Squirrel  
(*Funambulus palmarum*)

**Behavior:** Diurnal, semi-arboreal and adapted to being close to human settlements. Solitary or pairs; larger feeding congregations.

**Distribution:** Southern India, south to Vindhya mountains.

**Habitat:** Forests, scrub, grasslands, rural and urban habitation.

**Food:** Seeds, vegetation, nuts, insects.

**Family: Hystricidae**



**Common Name:** Indian Crested Porcupine (*Hystrix indica*)

**Behavior:** Nocturnal. If senses danger, erects the quills on the back and rattles its tail quills menacingly. Solitary or group of 2-4

**Distribution:** Throughout India

**Habitat:** Rocky hillsides, open countryside, deciduous forests, thick bush and tall grass

**Food:** Roots, grains, fruits, insects & small vertebrates

**Family: Suidae**



**Common Name:** Indian Wild Pig (*Sus scrofa*)

**Behavior:** Gregarious, forming herds or 'sounders' of varying size

**Distribution:** Throughout India

**Habitat:** All habitats including scrub, grassland, mixed deciduous forests. Found in agricultural fields along forest fringes throughout its range

**Food:** Omnivorous, principally fruits, seeds, roots and tubers

**Noteworthy:** Important seed dispersal agents

**Family: Herpessidae**



**Common Name:** Indian Grey Mongoose (*Herpestes edwardsii*)

**Behavior:** diurnal solitary hunters, combats snakes

**Distribution:** Throughout India except high Himalayas.

**Habitat:** Scrub, cultivated land, rocky patches, grasslands

**Food:** Omnivore, rodents, reptiles, insects, birds & their eggs