

A Note on a Checklist of Indian Mammals, revised and updated, 2008

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Since the publication of the previous "Checklist on Indian Mammals", (Nameer, 2000), there has been considerable changes in the nomenclature as well as taxonomy of the mammals of the world. This has necessitated the updating of the Indian Mammal list, and thus the present checklist. This list has been compiled primarily from Wilson and Reeder (2005), which has been later updated using the various recent and relevant publications since 2005.

Present list consists of **417** species of Indian Mammals in **48** families, as against 410 species in 45 families as per Nameer, 2000.

The following are the major difference s between the Nameer (2000) and the present checklist.

- a. The taxonomic arrangement of the species has been changed
- b. The present list does not include the domestic animals that were included in the previous checklist
- c. The common langur *Semnopithecus entellus* has been split into seven distinct species
- d. There are quite a few changes in the generic names of many of the species. To cite a few examples,
 - i. *Hemitragus hylocrius* is now known as *Nilgiritragus hylocrius* – Nilgiri Tahr
 - ii. *Cervus unicolor* is now known as *Rusa unicolor* – Sambar
 - iii. *Cervus eldi* is now called as *Rucervus eldii* – Eld's Deer
 - iv. *Pipistrellus affinis* is now called as *Falsistrellus affinis* - Chocolate Pipistrelle
- e. Couple of new species has been discovered from India. They are,
 - Muntiacus putaoensis* Amato, Egan and Rabinowitz, 1999 Leaf Deer
 - Macaca munzala* Sinha, Datta, Madhusudan and Mishra, 2005 Arunachal Macaque

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