

# Sri Lanka - Wildlife & History

Including Blue Whale extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

4 – 23 November 2017



Lesser Adjutant



Ruwanweli Maha Seya



Spotted Deer



Mugger Crocodile

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## Highlights

A total of 200 species of birds, 22 mammal species and 16 species of reptiles and amphibians were seen throughout the tour, including the extension. A very close encounter with a Leopard, Blue Whales, and Spinner Dolphins were highlights of the extension.

### Day 1

**Saturday 4th November**

The tour started with an overnight flight from the UK to Sri Lanka.

### Day 2

**Sunday 5th November**

#### Anuradhapura

The flight landed at 12.35pm and after meeting the leaders, we left the airport at 1.45pm. It was a cloudy day and on the way to Anawilundawa wetlands we encountered Little Grebe, Indian Pond Heron, Purple Heron, Spot-billed Pelican, White-breasted Waterhen and Pheasant-tailed Jacana. We had tea and biscuits before entering the sanctuary. At the wetlands, sightings included Indian Peafowl, Little Cormorant, Crested Serpent Eagle, Red-wattled Lapwing, Whiskered Tern, Asian Koel, White-throated Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Black-hooded Oriole, Common Tailorbird, Common Myna, Asian Brown Flycatcher and Purple-rumped Sunbird.

We reached our hotel at 7.30pm and had dinner followed by our first checklist and a briefing about the next day.

### Day 3

**Monday 6th November**

#### Anuradhapura

We started the day with a pre-breakfast birding session and encountered Asian Openbill, Grey Heron, Oriental Darter, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Common Iora, Spotted Dove, Green Imperial Pigeon, Black-winged Stilt, Brahminy Kite, Plain Prinia, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Zitting Cisticola, Oriental White-eye, Jerdon's Leafbird and Scaly-breasted Munia.

We returned to the hotel for breakfast at 7.30am and then left for Anuradhapura to visit the ancient site. We visited the Shri Mahabodi sacred tree, Ruwanweli Seya, Twin Ponds, Chetawanaramaya, The Moon Stones and the Guard Stones. During our visit to Anuradhapura, bird sightings included Indian Roller, Coppersmith Barbet, Brown-headed Barbet, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Black-rumped Flameback, Black Drongo, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot and Sri Lanka Woodshrike. Grizzled Giant Squirrel and Deraniyagala's Geckos were also seen. We returned to the hotel at 1.30pm, had lunch and relaxed until 3pm.

Our next visit was to the Mihintale Temple where we saw the different ruins and scaled the rock to see the stupa. In the evening we did the checklist at 7.15pm, followed by dinner and a briefing for the next day.

## Day 4

Tuesday 7th November

### Sigiriya

We did a pre-breakfast birding session around the lake once again and encountered many of the birds seen the previous day. Sightings included Eastern Cattle Egret, Intermediate Egret, Great Egret, Shikra, Grey-headed Swamphen, Greater Coucal, White-bellied Drongo, White-Browed Bulbul and Large Cuckooshrike.

We had breakfast and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am. En route to Sigiriya we visited the Avukana Rock Statue Temple where we did some more birding and encountered Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, White-browed Bulbul and Indian Robin. On the way to Sigiriya the group had a chance to taste Mango. We reached Hotel Sigiriya in time for lunch and enjoyed a nice hot meal in the dining room which was open to the hotel garden.

At 3.30pm we drove to a patch of forest behind the Sigiriya rock and encountered Yellow-billed Babbler, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, White-rumped Sharma, Brown Shrike and Purple-rumped Sunbird, along with many other birds seen before. Water Monitor, Bengal Land Monitor, Grey Mongoose, Grey Langur, Torque Macaque and Indian Palm Squirrel were also seen here.

We returned to the hotel and did our checklist followed by a briefing and dinner before calling it a night.

## Day 5

Wednesday 8th November

### Sigiriya

On a pre-breakfast birding session we encountered Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Brown-capped Babbler, Indian Pitta, Indian Cuckoo and Grey-breasted Prinia.

Today a few of the group climbed the Sigiriya rock, while others did a morning bird walk at the base of the rock fortress encountering Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Common Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Orange Minivet, Small Minivet, Loten's Sunbird, Black-capped Bulbul and Crested Serpent Eagle.

After lunch, some of us visited the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. We started with a brief tour in the museum. We then proceeded to the ruins of the palace complex, followed by a visit to the Kumara ponds and the King's Audience Chamber. Our next visit was to the Watadage Shrine complex and the surrounding monuments which included Gal Potha (or stone book inscription) and the Hatadage building, which once housed the Buddha's tooth relic. On the way back we saw a herd of Asian Elephants beside Minneriya National Park.

We returned to the hotel at 7.30pm and at 8pm had dinner, followed by the briefing for the next day.

## Day 6

Thursday 9th November

### Kandy

We had a pre-breakfast birding session and then, after breakfast, checked out of the hotel to proceed to Kandy. En route we visited authentic Sri Lankan food stalls and experienced many Sri Lankan sweets. Then we visited

the Dambulla Economic Centre for a brief visit to see some Sri Lankan vegetables and fruits. Next we visited the UNESCO World Heritage site, Dambulla Rock Cave Temple.

We stopped at a Spice Garden in Matale for lunch, before reaching Kandy at 3.30pm. Later we went to see a traditional cultural dance program, afterwards returning to the hotel. At 7pm we did the checklist and briefing, followed by dinner.

## Day 7

Friday 10th November

### Kandy

After breakfast we visited Udawattakele forest where bird sightings included Yellow-fronted Barbet, Black-naped Monarch, Square-tailed Bulbul and White-bellied Sea Eagle. We also encountered many Muntjac and Wild Boar, along with Indian Palm Squirrel, Torque Macaque and Hard-shelled Terrapin. We also came across Asian Water Monitor. We then returned to the hotel and enjoyed the hotel facilities.

After lunch we visited Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens and saw many exotic plants and trees. We went to the Orchid House containing many types of orchids, and saw the unique double coconut palm trees with their massive fruits. There were many birds which we had seen already, and Indian Flying Foxes were seen during our walk. After visiting the Botanical Garden, we visited the Temple of the Tooth.

We returned to the hotel at 7pm and followed the routine of checklist, briefing and dinner before going to bed.

## Day 8

Saturday 11th November

### Nuwara Eliya

We had a pre-breakfast birding session at Hantana mountain area and encountered Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Cinereous Tit, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and Tawny-bellied Babbler. After breakfast we checked out of the hotel and proceeded to Nuwara Eliya. En route we visited a tea factory and its plantation, and enjoyed a selection of their best teas. We passed many scenic settings before entering the colourful town of Nuwara Eliya. A hot lunch awaited us at Hotel Heaven Seven.

After lunch we visited Victoria Park and encountered Forest Wagtail, Grey Wagtail, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Kashmir Flycatcher, House Sparrow and Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler. We returned to the hotel at 6pm and had our briefing about our next day's programme, followed by dinner, before retiring for the night.

## Day 9

Sunday 12th November

### Nuwara Eliya

We started the day at 4.45am with tea/coffee and then set out to Horton Plains. By 6am we were near the main gate and searched for the elusive Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, but we were not in luck. Inside the park our bird sightings included Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Hill Swallow, Large-billed Crow, Sri Lanka White-Eye, Dark-fronted Babbler, Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Dull-blue Flycatcher, Himalayan Buzzard, Black Eagle, Booted Eagle, Crested Honey Buzzard and Indian Blue Robin. We also saw Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Sambar Deer, Black-lipped Lizard and Green Forest Lizard.

After lunch we visited Hakgala Botanical Gardens and encountered Grey Wagtail, Red-vented Bulbul, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, White-rumped Munia and Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike. Also Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys were seen. After our walk in the gardens we visited the Seetha Eliya area, again in search of Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, and this time we were lucky to see this elusive bird. We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did the checklist followed by the next day's briefing and dinner.

## Day 10

Monday 13th November

### Tissamaharama

We had breakfast at 8am and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am. En route to Tissamaharama we visited the Surrey Estate Bird Sanctuary and encountered Alexandrine Parakeet, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher and Black-hooded Oriole amongst many other birds seen before. Whilst exploring the sanctuary, we discovered the roosting site of the resident Brown Wood Owls and were delighted to see two of them roosting together.

We continued to Ella, and at Ella Motel restaurant saw Southern Hill Myna along with a Stripe-necked Mongoose.

We saw many waterfalls on the way to Tissamaharama and enjoyed some fresh fruits from wayside stalls before arriving at Debara Wewa tank, where we saw Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Yellow Bitten, Black Bittern, Grey-headed Swamphen and Stork-billed Kingfisher. We then proceeded to Tissa tank which is right in front of the Rain Tree Hotel, and witnessed a large colony of Indian Flying Foxes roosting on the Rain Trees in the tank.

We checked in to the hotel at 6.30pm and did the checklist at 7pm. After a briefing for the next day, we had dinner and then retired to our rooms.

## Day 11

Tuesday 14th November

### Lunugamwehera

We had early tea/coffee and checked out of the hotel at 5.15am with a picnic breakfast, and headed to Lunugamwehera National Park. On the way we encountered Golden Jackal playing on the side of the road. Inside the park we saw Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Plum-headed Parakeet, Barred Buttonquail, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Common Hoopoe, Crimson-backed Flameback and Yellow-wattled Lapwing.

We reached Cinnamon Wild Yala at 1.30pm and enjoyed a nice meal. At 4pm we did a little birding around the hotel garden. In addition to the many bird species seen already, we encountered Indian Silverbill, Little Stint, Eurasian Spoonbill, Common Redshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Kentish Plover and Muggier Crocodiles.

In the evening we met at 7pm for our usual routine of checklist, briefing and dinner.

## Day 12

Wednesday 15th November

### Yala

We started the day at 5.15am with tea/coffee, and then set out to Yala National Park for our first safari, taking with us a picnic breakfast. We encountered many birds including Crested Treeswift, Sirkeer Malkoha, Blue-faced Malkoha, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker and White-rumped Shama. Mammal sightings included Asian Elephant, Spotted Deer, Wild Boar, Water Buffalo, Ruddy Mongoose, Indian Hare, Toque Macaque and Grey Langur. Many Mugger Crocodiles and Land Monitors were seen on the rocks, basking in the sun. Our sighting of a Leopard was too close for comfort for some, as we saw a young female Leopard crossing the road just a few feet away from our jeep! The rest of the safari yielded more sightings of big Elephants, along with a young Tusker, before the jeeps left the park.

A few members of the group decided to stay inside the park for a full day and encountered another Leopard, along with Barred Buttonquail, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater and Jerdon's Bush Lark. Those who returned earlier to the hotel did a bird walk around the hotel grounds before we all met up at 7.30pm to do the checklist, followed by dinner.

## Day 13

Thursday 16th November

### Embilipitiya

We had early tea/coffee, checked out of the hotel at 5.15am and proceeded to Embilipitiya. En route we stopped at Bundala National Park and saw many bird species we had seen already and some new additions to our list, such as Red-necked Phalarope, Common Greenshank, Curlew Sandpiper, Little Ringed Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Little Tern, Caspian Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Greater Crested Tern and Ruddy Turnstone.

We checked in at hotel Centauria, where we were able to see the resident pair of Indian Scops Owls. After lunch we went on a city tour and enjoyed a cup of tea/coffee from a typical tea shop. We returned to the hotel around 6.30pm, and met up at 7pm for the checklist before dinner.

## Day 14

Friday 17th November

### Sinharaja

After breakfast at 7.30am we checked out from the hotel. En route our next hotel we visited Udawalawe National Park. Inside the park we encountered Tricolored Munia, Ashy Prinia, Grey-breasted Prinia, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Woolly-necked Stork, Black-winged Kite, Rosy Starling and Western Yellow Wagtail, together with many other birds we had already seen. A few Asian Elephants and Spotted Deer were also seen during the safari.

Continuing the journey, we had lunch in a restaurant on the way and reached Blue Magpie Lodge around 4pm. After a rest we did a bird walk around the hotel premises and spotted Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Yellow-fronted Barbet and Black Bulbul. We also saw the rare endemic amphibian Ceylon Caecilian. As it was dark, we returned the hotel at around 6pm.

We did our checklist in the hotel restaurant and called it a night after dinner, as we had a very early start the next day to go into the rainforest.

## Day 15

Saturday 18th November

### Sinharaja

We had a very early breakfast at the hotel before leaving for the Sinharaja Rainforest. En route to the entrance we encountered Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Spot-winged Thrush, Purple-faced Leaf Monkey and Black-headed Cuckooshrike. During our walk through the forest, sightings included Common Emerald Dove, Sri Lanka Drongo, Malabar Trogon, Red-faced Malkoha, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, White-faced Starling, Giant Millipede, Common Garden Lizard, Green Garden Lizard and Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard.

After lunch we started birding again inside the rainforest and it was well worth it, as a mixed flock of birds was found and we watched Red-faced Malkoha, Malabar Trogon, Sri Lanka Drongo, Black-naped Monarch, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Large-billed Leaf Warbler, Orange-billed Babbler, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush and White-faced Starling. After enjoying these beautiful birds, we said goodbye to the rainforest and returned to the hotel at 4.30pm. Later we had our usual evening routine of checklist, dinner and briefing.

## Day 16

Sunday 19th November

### Katunayake

We had early tea/coffee and set out for pre-breakfast birding at the Sinharaja buffer zone called Ketalapatala. By 6.20am we saw the elusive Sri Lanka Spurfowl as it appeared behind a local villager's house. We also saw Slaty-legged Crake at the same location. We returned to the hotel by 8.45am for breakfast and then relaxed until lunchtime.

After lunch the group split in two: the Main Tour group going to Katunayake for their last night, whilst the Blue Whale Extension group headed to Weligama. En route Weligama a few Indian Peafowl were seen before reaching the Fisherman's Bay Resort at 5.30pm.

## Main Tour Day 17; Extension Day 1

Monday 20th November

### Main Tour - in flight; Blue Whale Extension - Weligama

After breakfast, those in the Main Tour group left for the airport to catch their flight back to the UK, where the main tour ended.

The Blue Whale Extension group left their hotel with a picnic breakfast at 6.15am. Spotted Dove, Common Myna and House Crow were seen while driving to pier. Our boat trip started at 7.15am, and by 8am we had seen a pod of Spinner Dolphins, and then by 9.30am we were watching our first Blue Whale. We stayed with the Blue Whale and were able to see it surface and dive many times before we turned back to shore. We arrived back at the pier at 12.45pm and went straight to the hotel for lunch.

Our afternoon plan was to visit Galle to see the fort. Since it was raining very heavily, we did the Galle Fort tour in the minibus, getting out at a few places to explore.

After returning to the hotel, we did our checklist at 7pm and finished the day with dinner and a briefing about the next day.

## Extension Day 2

Tuesday 21st November

### Weligama

Again, we started at 6.15am after a cup of tea/coffee. We left the pier at 7.20am and in less than an hour we saw our first Blue Whale for the day. We also had very good views of 40-60 Spinner Dolphins swimming along with our boat, and then close views of a Blue Whale. We enjoyed good sightings of two Blue Whales which stayed close to our boat for a long time. After a very successful whale-watching excursion, we returned to the hotel at 11.45am and had our lunch.

After lunch, we went to Kira Kele forest reserve at 4pm for some birding. Here sightings included Lesser Whistling Duck, Asian Openbill, Indian Pond Heron, Little Cormorant, Oriental Darter, White-throated Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Brown-headed Barbet, White-bellied Drongo, Indian Paradise Flycatcher and Purple-rumped Sunbird. We returned to the hotel by 6.30pm, and then met up at 7.30pm to do the checklist, followed by dinner.

## Extension Day 3

Wednesday 22nd November

### Katunayake

We birded pre-breakfast around the hotel premises from 6.30am to 7.30am. We were lucky to get some good views of Black-rumped Flameback and many common birds such as White-browed Fantail, Common Iora, White-rumped Munia and Brown-headed Barbet. After breakfast, we relaxed at the hotel until lunch.

After lunch, we checked out of the hotel at 1.30pm. En route to Katunayake we visited Colombo and did a city tour, visiting many important monuments and buildings. We reached Katunayake by 6pm and completed the checklist before our last dinner.

## Extension Day 4

Thursday 23rd November

After breakfast we left for the airport to catch our flight back to the UK, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.



## Species Lists:

Birds (endemic or near endemic in bold; some previous names in brackets)

Common name	Scientific name
1 Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2 <b>Sri Lanka Spurfowl</b>	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
3 <b>Sri Lanka Junglefowl</b>	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
4 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
5 Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
6 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
7 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
8 Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
9 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
10 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
11 Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
12 Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
13 Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>
14 Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
15 Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
16 Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
17 Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
18 Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
19 Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
20 Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
21 Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
22 Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
23 Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
24 Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
25 Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
26 Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
27 Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental Honey-buzzard)	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
28 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
29 Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
30 Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
31 Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
32 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
33 Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliaeetus indus</i>
34 White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
35 Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichhyaetus</i>
36 Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
37 Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo burmanicus</i>
38 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
39 Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Porzana fusca</i>
40 Grey-headed Swamphen (Purple Swamphen)	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
41 Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
42 Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
43 Great Stone-curlew (Great Thick Knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
44 Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
45 Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
46 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
47 Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
48 Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
49 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
50 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
51 Lesser Sand Plover (Mongolian Plover)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
52 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
53 Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
54 Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
55 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
56 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
57 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
58 Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
59 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
60 Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
61 Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
62 Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
63 Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
64 Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
65 Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
66 Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
67 Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
68 Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
69 Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
70 Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>
71 Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
72 Common Emerald Dove (Emerald Dove)	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
73 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
74 <b>Sri Lanka Green Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
75 Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
76 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
77 Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
78 <b>Red-faced Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
79 Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
80 Jacobin Cuckoo (Pied Cuckoo)	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
81 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
82 Grey-bellied Cuckoo (Plaintive Cuckoo)	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
83 Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
84 Indian Scops Owl (Collared Scops Owl)	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
85 Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
86 Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>
87 Crested Treeswift (Gray-rumped Treeswift)	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
88 Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
89 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
90 Little Swift (House Swift)	<i>Apus affinis</i>
91 Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
92 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
93 Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
94 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
95 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
96 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
97 Green Bee-eater (Little Green Bee-eater)	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
98 Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
99 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
100 Eurasian Hoopoe (Common Hoopoe)	<i>Upupa epops</i>
101 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoseros coronatus</i>
102 <b>Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill</b>	<i>Ocyeros gingalensis</i>
103 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
104 <b>Yellow-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
105 <b>Crimson-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
106 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
107 Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>
108 Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Goldenback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
109 <b>Crimson-backed Flameback (Goldenback)</b>	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
110 Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
111 Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
112 <b>Layard's Parakeet</b>	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
113 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
114 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
115 <b>Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot</b>	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
116 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
117 Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
118 <b>Sri Lanka Woodshrike</b>	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
119 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
120 Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
121 Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
122 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
123 Orange Minivet (Scarlet/Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
124 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
125 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
126 Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
127 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
128 <b>Sri Lanka Drongo (Sri Lanka Crested Drongo)</b>	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
129 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
130 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
131 Indian Paradise Flycatcher (Asian Paradise Flycatcher)	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
132 <b>Sri Lanka Blue Magpie</b>	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
133 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
134 Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed Crow)	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
135 Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
136 Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
137 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
138 Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
139 <b>Black-capped Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
140 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
141 <b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
142 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
143 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
144 <b>Square-tailed Bulbul</b>	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa humii</i>
145 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
146 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
147 <b>Sri Lanka Swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
148 Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
149 Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
150 <b>Sri Lanka Bush Warbler</b>	<i>Elaphornis palliseri</i>
151 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
152 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
153 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
154 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
155 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
156 <b>Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>

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157 Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
158 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
159 <b>Brown-capped Babbler</b>	<i>Pellorneum fuscocapillus</i>
160 <b>Orange-billed Babbler</b>	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
161 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
162 <b>Ashy-headed Laughingthrush</b>	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
163 Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
164 Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
165 <b>Sri Lanka White-Eye</b>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
166 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
167 <b>Sri Lanka Hill Myna (Sri Lanka Myna)</b>	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
168 Southern Hill Myna (Lesser Hill Myna)	<i>Gracula indica</i>
169 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
170 <b>White-faced Starling</b>	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
171 Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
172 <b>Spot-winged Thrush</b>	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
173 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
174 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
175 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
176 Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
177 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
178 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
179 <b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
180 Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora brunnea</i>
181 <b>Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush</b>	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
182 Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
183 Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
184 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
185 <b>Legge's Flowerpecker (White-throated Flowerpecker)</b>	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
186 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
187 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
188 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
189 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
190 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
191 Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
192 Indian Silverbill (White-throated Silverbill)	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
193 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
194 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
195 Tricolored Munia (Black-headed Munia)	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
196 Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
197 Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
198 Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
199 Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
200 Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>

## Mammals:

Common name	Scientific name
1 Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
2 Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>
3 Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus vetulus</i>
4 Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
5 Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>

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6 Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
7 Stripe-necked Mongoose	<i>Herpestes vitticollis</i>
8 Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
9 Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
10 Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
11 Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
12 Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
13 Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
14 Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
15 Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
16 Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
17 Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
18 Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
19 Indian Hare(Black-naped Hare)	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
20 Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantea</i>
21 Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>
22 Spinner Dolphin	<i>Stenella mulla</i>

### Reptiles & Amphibians:

Common name	Scientific name
1 Hump-nosed Viper	<i>Hypnale hypnale</i>
2 Common Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosus maximus</i>
3 Bengal (Land) Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
4 Asian Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>
5 Oriental (Common) Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
6 Green Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes calotes</i>
7 Black-cheek Lizard	<i>Calotes nigrilabris</i>
8 Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
9 Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
10 Soft-shelled Terrapin	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
11 Hard-shelled Terrapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
12 Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
13 Deraniyagala's Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis podihuna</i>
14 Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
15 Common Skink	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>
16 Ceylon Caecilian	<i>Ichthyophis glutinosus</i>

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