

# Sri Lanka – by Night

## with Blue Whales Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Common Palm Civet



Giant Flying Squirrel



Jungle Cat



Red Slender Loris

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## Highlights

The days leading up to this tour were rather dry and rains had not set in for over three months in most of the locations that we had planned to visit in search of our nocturnal inhabitants. But location and timing were near perfect so that, on our first night out, we were met with a Grey Slender Loris mother with her baby clutching on to her stomach mere inches above our head. Our nights spent in Anamaduwa and Wilpattu yielded some super and near sightings of Indian Crested Porcupine, White-spotted Chevrotain and Jungle Cat. Our three nights at Sigiriya gave us good sightings of Golden Jackal, Common Palm Civet, Small Indian Civet, and finally, a very good view of a Fishing Cat that had come to a pool of water. We had nearly five minutes with this Fishing Cat as it slowly disappeared into the nearby forest. Despite me (Mukesh) having two confirmed sightings of a Rusty-spotted Cat, it didn't stay put long enough for the clients to get a look. We had some very good views of Rufous Horseshoe Bat and Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bat in their roosts and, during our afternoon walks, we came across many Toque Macaques, Grey Langurs and Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys. Indian Elephants were plentiful in Minneriya, with over 300 counted during our evening safari.

As we made our way up into the hills we made acquaintance with the nocturnal Giant Flying Squirrel, Yellow-striped Chevrotain and Muntjac all within reach of each other. Dusky Squirrel, Sambar Deer, Brown Mongoose along with the highland race of Toque Macaque and Purple-faced Leaf Monkey were all encountered during our day-time activities in the hill town of Nuwara Eliya.

Making our way to the southern plains, we enjoyed two safaris and two night-drives that yielded some of the best sightings of Leopards, Jungle Cat and Sloth Bear in the area. To finish off a successful journey, our visit to Kanneliya brought us so close to the rare and elusive Red Slender Loris that we were stunned to see it clinging on to bare vine with absolutely nothing blocking its view from us.

A total of 35 species of mammals, 127 species of birds and 16 species of reptiles and amphibians were seen throughout the tour.

## Blue Whale Extension Day 1

Wednesday 27th March

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

## Extension Day 2

Thursday 28th March

### Weligama

The flight arrived at 12.45pm with one client who was on the pre-tour whale-watching extension. Upon meeting the client, we proceeded to Weligama, en route stopping at the expressway service area for a hot cup of tea. We reached the Fisherman's Bay hotel at 4.30pm and after checking in to the hotel, we met at the restaurant for dinner and the briefing for the next day.

## Extension Day 3

Friday 29th March

### Weligama

With a packed breakfast, we set off to Mirissa for our first whale-watching excursion. Before long, we were staring at a pod of Spinner Dolphins which displayed their acrobatic spins as a few rode the bow wave, giving us clear views as they swam close to the surface. A few minutes further on, we encountered a Bryde's Whale and had some clear views of this rather timid whale which doesn't stay around for too long. Today it did for over five minutes, and we were able to see the clear features which distinguish it from the other whales, mainly the almost hook-like dorsal fin and smaller size.

A distant upward pillar of water quickly stole our attention and we changed course to search for our star marine mammal, the Blue Whale. Initially, it was just one Blue Whale which didn't give us good views as it was surfacing at irregular intervals, but soon we were joined by three more Blues, out of which two synchronized their movements, giving us many fluke-up dives for the next hour. Our avian sightings included Greater Crested Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Pomarine Skua, Bridled Tern, Gull-billed Tern and Whiskered Tern.

We returned to the hotel at 11.30am and met for lunch at 12.30pm. Later in the afternoon we set off to visit the Galle Fort. Before reaching the fort, we stopped at a Turtle Conservation Centre and observed the effort put in to the rescue and rehabilitation of the five species of Turtles which live in our waters, whilst also learning about the turtle's lifestyle. Green, Olive Ridley, Hawksbill and Loggerhead Turtle were cared for during our visit.

We reached the Galle Fort at 5.15pm and explored the old city and enjoyed the sunset from the rampart walls. On our return to the hotel we witnessed thousands of Indian Flying Fox leaving their roosts. We arrived at the hotel at 7.15pm and did the checklist and had our dinner before calling it a night.

## Extension Day 4 and Main Tour Day 1

Saturday 30th March

Another morning whale-watching excursion to Mirissa yielded sightings of more Blue Whales and Spinner Dolphins. On satisfying our marine objectives, we returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed until 4pm. We set off to Kirala Kele sanctuary where sightings included Eastern Cattle, Little and Great Egrets, Whiskered Tern, Indian Pond Heron, Purple Heron, Yellow-billed Babbler, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Asian Openbill, Indian Peafowl, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Little Cormorant, Wood Sandpiper, Sri Lanka Red-backed Woodpecker, Sri Lanka Swallow, White-breasted Waterhen, Black-hooded Oriole, White-bellied Drongo, Red-vented Bulbul, White-browed Bulbul, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Pied Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, House Crow, Large-billed Crow, Painted Stork, White-throated Kingfisher, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Brahminy Kite, Common Myna, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon and Palm Squirrel.

We returned to the hotel and later met for the checklist which followed by dinner.

## Main tour

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

## Extension Day 5 and Main Tour Day 2

Sunday 31st March

### Weligama / Katunayake / Chilaw

We had breakfast at 8.30 am and with a packed lunch we set off to Katunayake to meet the rest of the group arriving today for the main tour. En route we stopped at the Weligama village where we had good views of the Brown Mongoose and a troop of Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys.

We reached the Katunayake Airport and picked up three clients and proceeded to Chilaw. En route we saw Indian Palm Squirrel, Common Tern, Sandwich Tern, Gull-billed Tern, Whimbrel and Little Stint. We checked in to the hotel at 4pm and relaxed until 7.30pm, before having dinner. At 9pm we set off to the Anawilundawa sanctuary and had a good sighting of a female Grey Slender Loris which had her baby clinging on to her stomach as she slowly moved from branch to branch. A few Spiny Tree Mice were also sighted during our walk here.

We returned to the hotel at 1am for a good night's sleep.

## Day 3

Monday 1st April

### Nikaweratiya / Anamaduwa

We met for breakfast at 10am and thereafter checked out and proceeded to Nikaweratiya. We reached the hotel at 1pm and had our lunch. At 5pm we did a bird walk around the Magolla tank and encountered Indian Peafowl, Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Indian Pond Heron, Great Egret, Little Egret, Spot-billed Pelican, Little Cormorant, Darter, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Grey-headed Swamphen (a split from Purple Swamphen), Red-wattled Lapwing, Gull-billed Tern, Rose-ringed Parakeet, White-throated Kingfisher, Brown-headed Barbet, Black-hooded Oriole, Large-billed Crow and Yellow-billed Babbler.

After dinner we set off to Anamaduwa where we hopped in to our safari jeeps and rode off to the night. Our night encounters included great views of Indian Crested Porcupine, Sri Lanka Spotted Chevrotain, Wild Boar, Grey Loris, Fulvous Fruit Bat, Indian Hare and Indian Gerbil. Although there were a few hits on Jungle Cat, the clients didn't get a good view of it to count it as a sighting. We also encountered Jerdon's Nightjar and a Brown Hawk-Owl.

We returned to the hotel at 4am after a successful night out.

## Day 4

Tuesday 2nd April

### Wilpattu

The group met for lunch at 1pm and, after doing the checklist, we discussed the programme for the evening. We had an early dinner at 6.30pm and proceeded to the Wilpattu village instead of Anamaduwa. We had fantastic sightings of Grey Loris and also a Jungle Cat which was spotted in a rice field no less than 10 metres from our jeep, giving the group a very good view. We also saw an Indian Elephant coming in to Guava plantation amidst the shouts of the farmers. Muggier Crocodile and a Brown Fish Owl shared the same area near a waterhole whilst a Forest Eagle-Owl was heard in the vicinity, but it didn't show itself. We returned to the hotel at 2am for another good night's sleep.

## Day 5

Wednesday 3rd April

### Sigiriya

We had breakfast and checked out of the hotel at 10am. We enjoyed good views of a Pheasant-tailed Jacana very close to the roadside on our drive. By 1pm we reached the beautiful Ehalagala Lake Resort which is tastefully set facing the Sigiriya Lion Rock and Pidurangala Monastery, but most importantly, close to the Sigiriya forest. We enjoyed a nice meal and then went to our rooms for a small nap.

At 5 pm we set off for some birding around the Sigiriya rock and encountered Woolly-necked Stork, Black-crowned Night Heron, Shikra, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Crested Serpent Eagle, Alexandrine Parakeet, House Swift, Crested Treeswift, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Sri Lanka Swallow, Red-vented Bulbul, White-browed Fantail, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher and Grizzled Giant Squirrel.

Later we visited the Pidurangala monastery complex and identified Rufous Horseshoe Bat and Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bat. We returned to the hotel for dinner and at 10pm set off on our night drive. We had a good sighting of the Golden Jackal, Indian Flying Fox and Grey Loris. A resting Rusty Spotted Cat spotted by me didn't stay for long enough for the clients to see it and, despite our efforts to lure it out, it was not seen again.

We returned to the hotel at 3am and called it a night.

## Day 6

Thursday 4th April

### Sigiriya

The group met for lunch after at 12.30pm and after doing our checklist we set off to Minneriya National Park for a safari.

Our sightings included Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Painted Stork, Grey Heron, Intermediate Egret, Black-winged Stilt, Kentish Plover, Wood Sandpiper, Green Bee-eater, Small Minivet, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Barn Swallow, Paddyfield Pipit, Oriental Skylark and Land Monitor. We enjoyed some very good interactions of the many hundred Indian Elephants that dotted the area including two males who battled it out in the presence of a herd with a few prospective females who were in season. The triumphant bull later strode close up to our jeep making sure we knew who the boss was. Two Golden Jackals scattered through the tall grass, occasionally coming on to the main path as we drove along. Grey Langurs peered down from the safety of their trees as the safari came to an end.

On our return to the hotel we did a small spotlighting session near the Sigiriya and Dambulla forest but didn't have much luck. We arrived at the hotel at 7.30pm and had our dinner. At 10pm we set off for our night drive with cats on our mind. We had a good start with a Common Palm Civet which stayed on its perch transfixed to our light. Later we had good views of a Small Indian Civet which also stayed at its point which is rather unusual of this shy mammal. Next a Yellow-striped Chevrotain graced our presence, although initially it was a difficult spot, it slowly showed itself; enough to be identified. This species initially thought to be restricted in the wet zone of the island has now made its way further north, with more and more sightings coming from the area. At 1.30am we were searching very close to the Sigiriya Rock and I managed to catch the eye shine of a Fishing Cat as it just looked up after a drink. In our excitement to get a better view we temporarily lost it, but it re-appeared

on the slope of the hill it was climbing. It was quite a large cat than the usually smaller sized once seen in the area. Fishing cats have the ability to adapt to almost any environment and changed their diets from fish to poultry and thereby vary in size. It was a great sighting for us before we called it a night. On our way to the hotel we saw Golden Jackal and a few Spotted Deer.

## Day 7

Friday 5th April

### Sigiriya

The group came together for lunch again at 12.30pm and did the checklist thereafter. At 4pm we did a small walk around the Sigiriya rock base and saw Greater Coucal, Crimson-fronted Barbet, White-bellied Drongo and Loten's Sunbird along with Malabar Pied Hornbill and Crested Serpent Eagle. We also saw a troupe of Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys preparing for the night as they climbed higher into the trees. Just as we were turning back to the hotel it started to rain, which was a relief to the villages as it had been three months since the last rains.

We enjoyed our dinner at the open terrace of the hotel as the rains came to an end and decided to do another night drive. We had good sightings of a Small Indian Civet and a Forest Scorpion. We returned to the hotel by 12 midnight as we had to check out the next morning to set off to Kandy.

## Day 8

Saturday 6th April

### Kandy

We had breakfast at 8.30am and said goodbye to the staff of the beautiful Ehalagala Lake Resort before setting off to Kandy. En route to Kandy, we visited the Dambulla dedicated economic centre and saw the many different fruits and vegetables that are consumed in the island. We reached the Tree of Life Hotel in Kandy at 1.30pm and had our lunch. At 3.30pm we did a small walk around the hotel garden and encountered Bark Gecko, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Scarlet Minivet, Lesser Hill Myna, Oriental White-eye and Cinereous Tit. We had a spectacular sighting of a Brown Fish Owl chick which kept peeping out of its tree hole as its mother kept a watchful eye on both us and her chick.

We continued our walk as the light faded away and before long, we came across our first Giant Flying Squirrel which is perched on a Jack tree. It later moved about giving us 360° view of it, but it was not in the mood to move any further from where it was, denying us a sight of it gliding. We later came across a Yellow-striped Chevrotain and a Muntjac. After dinner we did another walk and once again came across a Flying Squirrel along with an Indian Flying Fox.

We returned to our rooms at 11pm and called it a night.

## Day 9

Sunday 7th April

### Nuwara Eliya

We enjoyed our breakfast at 8.30am and checked out from the hotel at 9.30am. En route to Nuwara Eliya we visited a working tea factory where we learnt about the process of tea making and enjoyed some of their finest teas. We reached the Heaven Seven hotel by 1pm and enjoyed a nice hot meal.

At 4pm we visited the Hakgala Botanic Gardens and enjoyed sightings of the highland race of Toque Macaque and the handsome Purple-faced Leaf Monkey. We also came across the Dusky Striped Squirrel. We also saw Crimson-backed Goldenback, Grey Wagtail, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Black Bulbul, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Dull-blue Flycatcher, Sri Lanka White-eye, House Sparrow and the rare Chestnut-backed Owlet.

We returned to the hotel at 6.45pm and, after an early dinner, we called it a night.

## Day 10

Monday 8th April

### Horton Plains / Kataragama

With packed breakfast, we set off at 4.30am to visit the Horton Plains National Park. On our drive we encountered many Sambar Deer cloaked by the heavy mist. We enjoyed a hot cup of coffee as we waited for the ticket counters to open and scanned the area for any sign of the elusive Leopards that live at the pinnacle of this mountain. After purchasing our tickets, we visited some Leopard hotspots and waited until the mist cleared, but despite hearing many alarm calls by the Sambar Deer, we didn't come across our feline. We had more sightings of the Purple-faced Leaf Monkey along with Rock Dove, Common Kingfisher, Hill Swallow, Blyth's Pipit, Zitting Cisticola, Green Warbler, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler and Pied Bushchat. On our return we came across Common Rough-sided Snake, Green Forest Lizard, Brown Mongoose and a very rare sighting of a Golden Jackal.

We were back at the hotel at 11.15am and after having our lunch we set off to Kataragama. We traversed through many scenic mountains and waterfalls and witnessed the change in the surrounding as we went further south.

We reached the Grand Tamarind Lake Hotel in Kataragama at 5.30pm and met for dinner at 7.30pm. At 10pm we once again set out for our night-time prowl. We once again came across Small Indian Civet and a few Wild Boar. Nothing else was sighted as most of the rice fields were being prepared for the next harvest, leaving them completely underwater.

## Day 11

Tuesday 9th April

### Lunugamwehera National Park

We had breakfast at 9am and set off to Lunugamwehera with our packed lunch. Before long we were less than three metres away from two Leopard cubs and we enjoyed their company for almost three hours, only joined by another jeep for around 15 minutes. We left the cubs and then wandered off to our picnic spot situated in the middle of a river and enjoyed our delicious chicken fried rice. After relaxing until 2pm, we once again set off in search of more mammals. We were abruptly stopped by the alarm calls of some Grey Langurs which revealed a Leopard just under a tree, not more than two metres away from our jeep. It was one of the cubs we had seen before. It seemed to be resting in the same spot after a heavy meal as its stomach was rather big. We spent another hour here with it and watched it react to heavy thunder just before the rains came down. We covered up and set off to a shaded place until the rains passed by.

It was 4pm when we set off again and, as we were nearing the entrance, we saw a Sloth Bear hurriedly crossing our path and managed to stop just in time to see it look at us and continue its journey. We stayed by the gate for a few minutes as we heard alarm calls of the Spotted Deer and Grey Langur. We journeyed once again inside were met by Wild Boar, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Green Imperial Pigeon, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Pied Kingfisher, Common Hoopoe, Coppersmith Barbet, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Jerdon's Bushlark, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, White-rumped Shama, Indian Robin and Purple-rumped Sunbird. On our drive back to the hotel we encountered two very large male Elephants on the main road.

We reached the hotel at 6.30pm and had our dinner at 7.30pm. Our night drive yielded some fabulous sightings of Jungle Cat as it stalked its prey in a rice field occasionally getting ready for the pounce. Many Indian Hare and Indian Gerbil were also sighted.

## Day 12

Wednesday 10th April

Lunugamwehera / Udawalawe

We had our breakfast at 8.30am and set off for another morning safari in Lunugamwehera National Park. We had good sightings of Ruddy Mongoose, Golden Jackal, Indian Elephant, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Blue-faced Malkoha, Indian Swiftlet, Common Iora and Greater Racket-tailed Drongo. We returned to the hotel at 11.30am and after having our lunch we set off to Udawalawe.

The rest of the evening was at leisure and we met at 7.30pm for dinner and the checklist.

## Day 13

Thursday 11th April

Udawalawe National Park / Udugama

With packed breakfast we set off at 6.30am to Udawalawe National Park. We came across many Indian Elephants and also had good sightings of a Ruddy Mongoose which came very near our jeep. We also saw a heavily pregnant Golden Jackal, along with Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Little Ringed Plover, Sirkeer Malkoha, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Brown Shrike and Marshall's Iora.

We returned to the hotel for lunch at subsequently set off to Udugama. We reached our hotel at 5.30pm and had an early dinner at 6.45pm. By 7.15pm we were on our way to Kanneliya. We were able to record three Red Slender Loris with one giving us spectacular views by staying on a vine in an open area no less than a metre away from us. We returned to the hotel at 12 midnight and called it a night.

## Day 14

Friday 12th April

Kanneliya Rainforest / Katunayake

We had breakfast at 8am and set off to the Kanneliya Rainforest. Inside we saw Lesser Woolly Horseshoe Bat, Lesser False Vampire Bat, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Malabar Trogon, Green-billed Coucal, Sri Lanka Drongo, White-rumped Munia, Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, Giant Millipede, Green Pit Viper and Black-spined Snake.



We returned to the hotel at 12 noon and after lunch we checked out and proceeded to the Gateway Airport Garden Hotel.

We reached the hotel at 5pm and once again met at 6.45pm for a walk in the hotel garden. During our walk we encountered an Indian Scops Owl. We later did the checklist and had our dinner at 7.30pm

## Day 15

Saturday 13th April

### Departure

After breakfast we set off to the airport in time to catch our flight back to the UK, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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## Species Lists

### Mammals

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
1	Red Slender Loris	<i>Loris tardigradus</i>
2	Grey Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>
3	Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
4	Grey Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>
5	Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Presbytis vetulus</i>
6	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
7	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>
8	Small Indian Civet	<i>Vevevricula indica</i>
9	Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroitus</i>
10	Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
11	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
12	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>
13	Fishing Cat	<i>Felis viverrina</i>
14	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
15	Indian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
16	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
17	Sri Lanka Spotted Chevrotain	<i>Moschiola meminna</i>
18	Yellow-striped Chevrotain	<i>Moschiola kathygre</i>
19	Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
20	Spotted Deer (Chital)	<i>Cervus axis</i>
21	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
22	Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
23	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
24	Dusky Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
25	Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>
26	Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
27	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantea</i>
28	Fulvous Fruit Bat	<i>Rousettus leschenaultia</i>
29	Rufous Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus rouxii</i>
30	Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Hipposideros speoris</i>
31	Lesser Woolly Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus beddomei</i>
32	Lesser False Vampire Bat	<i>Megaderma spasma</i>
33	Indian Crested Porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>
34	Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>
35	Spiny Tree Mouse	<i>Platacanthomys lasiurus</i>

**Birds** Key: bold = endemic; some previous/alternative names in brackets

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
1	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
2	<b>Sri Lanka Junglefowl</b>	<i>Gallus lafayetii</i>
3	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
4	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
5	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
6	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
7	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
8	Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>
9	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
10	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
11	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
12	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
13	Eastern Cattle Egret (split)	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
14	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
15	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
16	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
17	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
18	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
19	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
20	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
21	White-bellied Sea Eagle (White-bellied Fish Eagle)	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
22	Gray-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>
23	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
24	Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental Honey-buzzard)	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
25	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
26	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
27	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
28	Grey-headed Swampphen (split from Purple)	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
29	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
30	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
31	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
32	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
33	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
34	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
35	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
36	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
37	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
38	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
39	Sandwich Tern	<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>
40	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirunda</i>
41	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
42	Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>
43	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
44	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
45	Sri Lanka Green Pigeon	<i>Treron (Pompadora) pompadora</i>
46	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
47	<b>Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot</b>	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
48	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
49	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
50	Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Rhopodytes viridirostris</i>
51	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
52	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
53	<b>Green-billed Coucal</b>	<i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i>
54	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
55	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
56	<b>Chestnut-backed Owlet</b>	<i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>
57	Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
58	Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
59	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
60	Little Swift (House Swift)	<i>Apus affinis</i>
61	Crested Treeswift (Gray-rumped Treeswift)	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
62	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
63	Green Bee-eater, (Little Green Bee-eater)	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
64	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
65	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
66	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>

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67	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
68	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
69	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
70	Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
71	Eurasian Hoopoe (Common Hoopoe),	<i>Upupa epops</i>
72	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
73	<b>Yellow-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
74	<b>Crimson-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
75	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
76	<b>Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill</b>	<i>Ocyroceros gingalensis</i>
77	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoseros coronatus</i>
78	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>
79	Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Goldenback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
80	Crimson-backed Goldenback (Crimson-back Woodpecker)	<i>Chrysocolaptes (lucidus) stricklandi</i>
81	Sri Lanka Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
82	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage melanoptera</i>
83	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
84	Scarlet Minivet (Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
85	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
86	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
87	Marshall's Iora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
88	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
89	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
90	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
91	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
92	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
93	Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo (tahitica) domicola</i>
94	Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis (daurica) hyperythra</i>
95	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
96	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
97	Sri Lanka Drongo, (Sri Lanka Crested Drongo)	<i>Dicrurus (paradiseus) lophorhinus</i>
98	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
99	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
100	Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>
101	Jerdon's Bushlark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
102	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
103	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
104	<b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
105	Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
106	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
107	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
108	Green Warbler, (Bright-green Warbler)	<i>Phylloscopus (trochiloides) nitidus</i>
109	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
110	Indian (Asian) Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
111	<b>Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
112	Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
113	Lesser Hill Myna	<i>Gracula (religiosa) indica</i>
114	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
115	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
116	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
117	Indian Robin, (Black-backed Robin)	<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>
118	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
119	<b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
120	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>

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121	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
122	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
123	Loten's Sunbird, (Long-billed Sunbird)	<i>Nectarinia lotenia</i>
124	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
125	<b>Sri Lanka White-eye</b>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
126	Cinereous Tit (split from Great Tit)	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
127	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
128	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>

## Reptiles & Amphibians

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
1	Land Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
2	Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
3	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
4	Green Forest Lizard	<i>Calotes calotes</i>
5	Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
6	Hard Shelled Terrapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
7	Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
8	Bark Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus leschenaultii</i>
9	Forest Scorpion	<i>Heterometrus swammerdami titanicus</i>
10	Indian Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>
11	Common Skink	<i>Lampropholis guichenoti</i>
12	Giant Millipede	<i>Spirostreptus centrurus</i>
13	Green Pit Viper	<i>Trimeresurus trigonocephalus</i>
14	Common Rough-sided Snake	<i>Aspidura trachyprocta</i>
15	Bronze-back Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>
16	Black-spined Snake	<i>Haplocercus ceylonensis</i>