

India - Kerala's National Parks & Backwaters

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Day 1

Sunday 11th March

It was approximately 9.30am when the group was met by me, all except Angela who had arrived a day earlier. Having finished up with customs and encashment at the airport we immediately proceeded to the hotel to meet up with Angela to have breakfast, and a quick change if it was required. At around 10.15am we headed towards the south of Cochin to Kumarakom. The weather was excellent - bright and sunny.

While on the drive we sighted some interesting birds - the Black Drongo, Cattle Egret, Red-wattled Lapwing, and White-throated Kingfisher were most interesting, while Red-rumped Swallow, Whiskered Terns, Bronze-winged Jacana and Lesser Whistling Duck and Blake Kites were plentiful.

It was around 1.15pm when we reached Kumarakom and boarded a vessel which would take us to the hotel down a canal-way of the Vemhernad Lake. The Coconut Lagoon hotel is situated in the backwaters of Kerala and has a reputation of being one of the best hotels in Kerala - it adjoins the Kumarakom Bird sanctuary - a well known site to birders. Here an Oriental Magpie-Robin was singing loud to welcome us, and a Stork-billed Kingfisher perched above the reception area giving most of us exceptional views of it.

Having had lunch we boarded the vessel to venture into the Bird Sanctuary. On the opposite side of the entrance to the sanctuary was an Indian Roller on a lamp post which gave good views. At the same location was an exposed muddy area where we noticed a number of waders - most were Wood Sandpipers, and Little Ringed Plovers but one was a Terre Sandpiper. While watching these birds an Osprey circled above, and there were also Brahmini Kite's too. The most numerous species were the Indian Cormorants, Little Cormorants, Great Intermediate and Great Egrets, Indian Darters Grey Herons and Purple Herons. The Grey Count Butterfly was a good sighting as we did not see it after that. While at the site we approached a Bat roost and found many Flying Foxes there and had excellent views of them through scopes.

Day 2

Monday 12th March

I arranged for packed breakfast from the hotel so that we could have more time birding on the way to Periyar Tiger Reserve - on our way we had a couple of stops by rice fields and marshland where we had some interesting birds - Plain Prinia, Zitting Cisticola, Purple Swamphen, Bronzed winged Jacana, Ashy Woodswallow, Common, Green and Wood Sandpipers, Yellow Wagtail, Black-rumped Flameback, Black hooded Oriole and a flock of Pacific Swifts numbering about 150 to 200 birds - confirmation of these birds over-wintering here.

We stopped up at a regular tea kiosk where all had some refreshments and Shibu, our driver, was given a pair of binoculars by Rob who had brought an extra pair that he was not using! It was a great gesture by him - Shibu was startled by this and it was greatly appreciated - I later taught him how to use it...

We proceeded to Periyar - while on the drive we witnessed bush fires, which was the reason why the department had closed the parks in some areas. It was around 1.00pm or so when we reached Aranya Nivas and checked in.

After lunch it was decided that we would bird-watch around the hotel until it was time for the boat ride into the Periyar Lake. Rob and Angela decided to join me - the rest stayed back until it was time for the boat ride. The forest adjoining the hotel was excellent, a Brown-cheeked Fulvetta and a pair of White-bellied Treepie's gave excellent views. Three Rufous Woodpeckers and a Malabar Parakeet were very close and gave excellent views, and then a Tickell's Blue Flycatcher which was feeding came very close and Angela managed to photograph it well. Other birds seen in the garden were Jungle Myna and Jungle Babblers.

We boarded the vessel Jala Raja for that evenings' last boat ride scheduled for 4.30pm and saw Woolly-necked Stork's, Red-rumped Swallow, Ashy Drongo, Southern Hill Myna, White-throated, Common and Pied Kingfishers. Apart from the birds, herds of Gaur or Indian Bison, Elephants, Wild Boar, Nilgiri Langur and Sambar Deer were seen on this cruise on the Periyar Lake. Apparently it was Hilary's first sighting of Asiatic Elephants and she was thrilled. On our return from the boat yard we paused to observe a Malabar Whistling Thrush in the hotel garden.

That evening we gathered for the usual beer and did the list of the day, and subsequently had dinner. Later, while in the hotel garden, we saw massive bush fires in the distant hills adjacent to the park.

Day 3

Tuesday 13th March

Breakfast was early and, before the local guides joined us, we inspected the garden again we saw a Whistling Thrush before heading on the trek into the park. The reservoir was dry and so there was no crossing in bamboo rafts as usual. The morning was a little misty but eventually cleared up to make a perfect day. Woolly-necked Storks, Little Egrets and Intermediate Egrets, along with the three Kingfisher species were seen. The morning was so beautiful that Angela thought that it was one of the best she had ever witnessed, to which all agreed.

The bird calls from the forest were just tremendous and at moments we would stop just to listen - the local tracker alerted us and pointed at a couple of Red-wattled Lapwings with chicks only a couple of days old - it was a wonderful sight to see the alerted parents and the chicks running helter skelter. Then suddenly one of the group called out and pointed to a bird flying overhead - I was not prompt enough to see the bird well but further along I heard the familiar call, it was that elusive White-bellied Woodpecker. We spent a while observing it through scopes.

We walked another 500 yards and heard calls of an Acrocephalus Warbler but not the usual Blythe's Reed - once again field skills came in handy and the bird show itself well - it was a Thick-billed Warbler. Here we took the walk at a slow pace so that Hilary could see more Elephants - the plan worked and there was a solitary elephant drinking at a water hole - we expected to see a larger herd since we had seen three elephants on the previous day, but this is what nature is all about!

We then headed towards the forest. The scenario changed dramatically - Indian Giant Squirrels, Nilgiri Langurs and loads of butterflies captivated us there. The numerous butterfly species included Evening Browns, Glad eye Bush Brown's, Rustic, Common Rose, Crimson Rose, Common Bush Browns. Chocolate Pansy's were everywhere too - it was just the right time of the day for these beautiful creatures. Some of the birds to enthral us included the Malabar Trogon and the Black Baza - others were Rufous-bellied Eagle, Grey Jungle fowl, Malabar Grey Hornbill, White-cheeked Barbet, Crimson-fronted Barbet (Malabar Barbet), Small Minivet, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and Common Woodshrike.

It was getting hot when we got back to the hotel and some of us decided to head to town for a stroll and do some shopping - Rob joined me at the book shop opposite the tourist shop. Hilary and Rob bought some stamps from the post office and just adjacent was a vender selling his fruits along with some vegetables, we inspected some of the fruits and tried some as well. We headed back for lunch. After lunch once again we decided to bird watch round the hotel before the evening boat ride. Nothing significant was spotted that evening while on the boat ride except for a pair of Spot-billed Ducks.

Day 4

Wednesday 14th March

A male Pompadour Green Pigeon was seen by Rob this morning after breakfast. We left around 8.00am in a northerly direction towards Munnar, a little known hill station. Mid way a raptor perched high up prompted me to stop the vehicle - we all got off the bus and had excellent views of an Oriental Honey Buzzard through scopes. Then a flight of Brown-backed Needletails circled us above, and some Vernal Hanging Parrot's perched on an exposed branch and each of us had it in our scopes.

The drive took us through Cardamom plantations. I kept a look out for any good birds and when I heard some calls of Indian Rufous Babblers, Krishna slowed the van, I got off and the rest of the group followed and we added another tic to the list of that day.

After lunch we were to gather at the restaurant area and Rob, along with Angela and me, observed a Shikra juvenile feed on a lizard through our scopes. After the rest joined us we began the pleasant evening walk down the track below the hotel. One of the birds to enthral us was the Nilgiri Flycatcher. There were hundreds of Southern Hill Mynas shrieking about us and it was wonderful. Other noteworthy birds were the Grey-breasted Laughingthrush, Besra, Black Eagle, Grey Wagtail, Grey-breasted Flycatcher and Scarlet Minivet.

Dinner that evening was a gala one with a bonfire which the chief steward had to rekindle every 15 minutes which was hilarious - particularly funny were some of the comments made by Shirley and Doreen.

Day 5

Thursday 15th March

That morning we had breakfast and headed in the direction of Munnar. As the Eravikulam National Park was closed due to the dry weather we had no other option but to tour the Top Station area which is also a very scenic drive and takes you through the finest Tea plantations of southern India. On this drive we stopped for several photo opportunities which no one wanted to ignore. The reservoir was most overwhelming as we skirted it.

We stopped at several wayside gullies which were excellent habitats for birds - at one stop we observed a pair of Indian Giant Squirrels and a very vocal flock of Grey-breasted Laughingthrush's along with Oriental White-eye, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Red-vented Bulbul and black Bulbul, and we heard a White-bellied Short-wing (Bush Robin). On this drive some interesting sightings were Common Buzzard, Mountain Hawk Eagle, Eurasian Hoopoe, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Hill Swallow, Common Blackbird and Thick-billed Warbler again.

After about 2 hours of driving, we reached Top Station. Here we had to walk on a mountain ridge in order to reach the vantage point to get the best views of the eastern slopes of the Western Ghats. We did see some Brown-backed Needletails again and some Alpine Swifts too.

We returned at approximately at 2.30pm and had lunch - the group relaxed for the afternoon and we then decided to take the road leading to Munnar as it was a relaxing walk to do. Krishna met up with us at 5.45pm so that we would be picked up and brought back to the hotel, relieving us of the walk back! Dinner that day was a buffet and we retired hoping for a relaxing journey tomorrow and the much awaited House Boat cruise down the Vemhernad Lake.

Day 6

Friday 16th March

We left our hotel around 8.30am and stopped the vehicle to see tea pluckers - Angela was keen to take some photos of them. Here we noticed a Long-tailed Shrike feeding, and a Booted Eagle - while we were observing this bird Doreen was leisurely walking down the road photographing the Jacaranda flowers in bloom. We had another stop for some excellent sightings of Greater Flamebacks - we had both male and female showing themselves well. On the drive further down was a Black Kite and Black-headed Ibis.

We eventually reached the landing sight and unloaded the bags and boarded the rice boats - everyone seemed to admire the intricate craftsmanship of the boats. Having boarded the crew introduced themselves. The bags were taken to the allocated rooms and within minutes everyone seemed in a totally relaxed mood. We were on the lake for about an hour or so while lunch was in preparation. We docked at a selected spot, the boats were tethered to a couple of Coconut trees when a Stork-billed Kingfisher perched on a tree close by - having inspected the bird we settled down for lunch. The rural lifestyle of these people seemed very interesting commuting in these canoes while attending to their daily chores.

The extent of rice paddy cultivation was astounding, the rice fields extending as far as the eye can see. Further more the wetlands at certain points revealed some waders. There were rafts of Water Hyacinth harbouring Cormorants, Jacanas, Herons, Whiskered Terns and Common Coot galore.

That evening the craft docked for the night at a suitable spot, it was around 5.30pm. Angela, Rob, Hilary and I were engrossed - Eurasian Marsh Harrier, Common Moorhen, Wood Sandpiper, Plain Prinia, Baya Weaver, Ruddy-breasted Crake, and Watercock were seen by us that evening. Subsequently we retired to the boats which were a few metres away, to refresh ourselves and gather for dinner. There were loads of jokes and humour galore, this was probably one of the most enjoyable tours as far as I could remember, every moment was hilarious - thanks to the excellent bonding of the group, most of it was more or less like a family outing!

Day 7

Saturday 17th March

Next morning we tracked back to the same spot where we bird-watched the previous evening - there were hoards of Large and Intermediate Egrets feeding with a solitary Openbill. A lone Black-headed Ibis, a few Yellow Wagtails and two Indian or Clamorous Reed-Warblers exhibited themselves well for our inspection, occasionally dipping into the rice paddy. A Yellow Bittern dipped into a spot but did not show up again which was disappointing.

We back tracked to the boat in order to have breakfast and proceed onto the next leg of the trip. We then reached the same landing site where we had boarded the boats last evening. Krishna was there to greet us and help with the loading up of the luggage back onto the mini bus - we said farewell to the boat crew and headed to Cochin. We reached our hotel around lunch time.

That afternoon was a city tour of old Cochin. Here, at the site where the Chinese Fishing nets were, we observed a few Brown-Headed Gulls and an Eastern Reef-Heron. Having finished with the city tour every one decided to head back to the hotel. The Grand Finale to this wonderful tour was the impressive dinner at a sea food restaurant. The sizzling Jumbo prawns served that night, as well as the humour shared by us, are memories that will last a long time.

Day 8

Sunday 18th March

After an early breakfast we proceeded to the Cochin International Airport in time for the flight. Krishna and I bade farewell to this wonderful group of people. I'm grateful to all of you who bonded so well, and for the lively conversations and humour which made this tour such a successful one.

Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name	March						
			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>			√	√	√	√	
2	Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>		√				√	√
3	Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>			√				
4	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>		√					
5	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>		√					
6	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>		√					
7	White-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>			√				
8	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>		√	√				
9	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>					√		
10	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>		√	√				
11	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>						√	
12	White-cheeked Barbet	<i>Megalaima viridis</i>		√	√	√	√	√	
13	Crimson-throated Barbet	<i>Megalaima rubricapilla</i>			√	√		√	
14	Malabar Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros griseus</i>			√				
15	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>					√		
16	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	√						
17	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	√	√	√			√	√
18	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	√		√			√	√
19	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	√	√	√			√	√
20	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>		√	√	√		√	
21	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops (supercilius) philippinus</i>	√						√
22	Vernal Hanging-parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>			√	√			
23	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>						√	
24	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>							
25	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>							
26	Malabar Parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>			√	√		√	
27	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>				√	√	√	√
28	White-rumped Spinetail	<i>Zonavena sylvatica</i>				√			
29	Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>				√			
30	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>					√		
31	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>		√					
32	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne (longipennis) coronata</i>		√	√				
33	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	√	√	√	√		√	
34	Pompadour Green-pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>				√			
35	Mountain Imperial-pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>			√				
36	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>				√		√	
37	Ruddy-breasted Crane	<i>Porzana fusca</i>						√	√
38	Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>						√	
39	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>		√				√	√
40	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>						√	
41	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>						√	
42	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	√					√	√
43	Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>							
44	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	√	√	√			√	√
45	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>		√					
46	Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>		√				√	
47	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	√	√	√				

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
48	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	√						
49	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>							√
50	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	√	√				√	√
51	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	√	√	√				
52	Black Baza	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>			√				
53	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis (apivorus) ptilorhynchus</i>			√	√	√		
54	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	√					√	
55	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	√	√	√	√		√	
56	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>		√					
57	Eurasian Marsh-harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>						√	
58	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>				√			
59	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>				√			
60	Eurasian Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>				√	√		
61	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>				√		√	
62	Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennatus</i>		√				√	
63	Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Aquila kienerii</i>		√	√				
64	Mountain Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>					√		
65	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>		√				√	√
66	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	√	√	√			√	
67	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	√	√					
68	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>		√	√				
69	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	√	√	√			√	√
70	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	√	√					√
71	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	√	√	√				√
72	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	√	√	√				√
73	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	√	√	√	√			√
74	Western Reef Egret	<i>Egretta gularis</i>							√
75	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus grayii</i>	√	√				√	
76	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	√	√	√	√		√	√
77	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>						√	
78	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>						√	√
79	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>						√	√
80	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>		√	√				
81	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>		√					
82	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>			√	√		√	
83	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>			√				
84	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>					√	√	
85	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	√						
86	White-bellied Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta leucogastra</i>			√				
87	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	√	√				√	√
88	Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
89	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>		√	√				
90	Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>		√	√			√	
91	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>			√				
92	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>				√		√	
93	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	√	√				√	√
94	Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>		√	√	√	√	√	
95	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	√	√	√	√	√	√	
96	Bronzed Drongo			√					
97	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>			√				
98	Malabar Whistling-thrush	<i>Myiophonus horsfieldii</i>		√	√				

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			11	12	13	14	15	16	17
99	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>					√		
100	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>		√					
101	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>				√			
102	Nilgiri Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias albicaudata</i>				√	√		
103	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>			√				
104	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>					√		
105	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	√		√			√	
106	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>				√	√	√	
107	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	√					√	√
108	Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula (religiosa) indica</i>		√	√	√	√	√	
109	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>		√	√	√	√		
110	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>			√	√	√	√	
111	Black-lored Tit	<i>Parus xanthogenys</i>		√		√			
112	Dusky Crag-martin	<i>Hirundo concolor</i>		√		√			
113	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	√		√			√	√
114	Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>				√	√	√	
115	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	√			√	√	√	
116	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>		√	√	√	√	√	
117	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>		√			√	√	√
118	Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Iole indica</i>			√				
119	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>				√	√		
120	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>		√					
121	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>		√				√	√
122	Plain Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>					√		
123	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>				√	√	√	
124	Blyth's Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>			√	√	√	√	√
125	Clamorous Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>							√
126	Thick-billed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus aedon</i>			√	√	√		
127	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>			√	√			
128	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>		√	√	√	√		
129	Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides nitidus</i>		√	√				
130	Grey-breasted Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax jerdoni</i>				√	√		
131	Rufous Babbler	<i>Turdoides subrufus</i>				√			
132	Jungle Babbler	<i>Turdoides striatus</i>		√	√				
133	Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>		√					
134	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>		√					√
135	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>			√				
136	Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>			√		√		
137	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>			√				
138	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>			√				
139	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	√	√					√
140	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>				√	√		√
141	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus fufulus</i>			√		√		
142	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>						√	√
143	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>				√	√	√	

Butterflies

Grey Count	Common Bush-brown
Tamil Yeoman	Common Birdwing
Red Helen	Great Orangetip
Common Jezebel	Banded Peacock
Grey Pansy	Angled Perrot
Peacock Pansy	Common Perrot
Chocolate Pansy	Red Perrot
Common Evening brown	Nilgiri Tiger
Common Sailor	Psyche
Palmfly	Lesser Albatross
Common Grass Yellow	Crimson Rose
Common Four-ring	Tailedjay
Common Emigrant	Common Laskar
Common Mormon	Malabar Rose
Blue Mormon	Paris Peacock
Glad eye Bushbrown	Blue Tiger
Nigger	Common Bluebottle