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with Blue Whales Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Velvet-fronted Nuthatch



Streak-throated Woodpecker



Leopard



Asian Elephant

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Summary

A total of 240 bird species, 23 species of mammals and 16 species of reptiles and amphibians were seen throughout the tour and extension. Our two-day safari in Yala yielded some good sightings of Leopards. Many Elephants were counted at Udawalawe National Park, whilst Blue Whales dazzled us with their sightings. We were able to observe at close hand and enjoy many fluke dives performed by this magnificent mammal. Spinner Dolphins also obliged by giving us good views. The historic ruins of the Anuradhapura and Pollonaruwa kingdoms with their skilful city planning and workmanship perplexed the mind of the visitors. The beautiful damsels adorning the Sigiriya Rock face frescoes were enjoyed by everyone during their ascent to the Sigiriya Rock summit. On the birding front, we had good views of two very rare birds, the Black-capped Kingfisher and the Streak-throated Woodpecker, making this an all-round successful tour.

Day 1

Thursday 21st February

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

Day 2

Friday 22nd February

Anuradhapura

The flight arrived in Colombo at 12.25pm and we left the airport at 1.50pm. We had a quick stop for tea and later visited the Anawilundawa RAMSAR wetland sanctuary. Sightings here included Indian Peafowl, Lesser Whistling Duck, Jungle Fowl, Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Eurasian Spoonbill, Indian Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Great Egret, Spot-billed Pelican, Little Cormorant, Indian Cormorant, Oriental Darter, Black-winged Kite, Grey-headed Swamphen (now a separate species from Purple Swamphen), Eurasian Coot, Black-winged stilt, Red-wattled Lapwing, Peasant-tailed Jacana, Whiskered Tern, Rock Dove, Spotted Dove, Green Imperial Pigeon, Asian Palm Swift, Indian Roller, White-throated Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Black-headed Oriole, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, House Crow, Red-vented Bulbul, Common Tailorbird, Yellow-billed Babbler, Common Myna, Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Purple Sunbird, Grey Langur, Golden Jackal and Indian Palm Squirrel. Whilst we were at this site, we were met by many school children who had come on their school visit and the group exchanged pleasantries with the children. We reached The Rajarata Hotel, Anuradhapura by 8.15pm and after dinner we had a briefing about the next few days' programme before calling it a night.

Day 3

Saturday 23rd February

Anuradhapura

We started the day with a pre-breakfast birding session at 6.30am and walked around the hotel and the nearby lake. We encountered Woolly-necked Stork, Black-crowned Night Heron, Intermediate Egret, Crested Serpent Eagle, Shikra, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Common Moorhen, Greater Coucal, Little Swift, Common Kingfisher, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Brown-headed Barbet, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Ashy Woodswallow, Jerdon's Leafbird and Scaly-breasted Munia. After an hour of birding we headed back to the hotel & had breakfast.

We then visited the Sri Mahabodi Sacred Tree (*Ficus religiosa*), Ruvanveli Maha Seya Stupa, Twin Ponds, Elephant pond, Guard Stone and many other monuments in the first ancient capital of Sri Lanka.

We returned to the hotel around 12.30pm for lunch and relaxed until 3.30pm. We then set out to visit the Mihintale temple where we climbed to the summit and enjoyed the views. We saw Long-legged Buzzard, Coppersmith Barbet, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Common Kestrel, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Common Iora, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Small Minivet, White-bellied Drongo, Barn Swallow, Indian Robin, Oriental Magpie-Robin and Toque Macaque, Grey Mongoose, Spotted Deer, Grizzled Giant Squirrel, Common Rat Snake, Bengal Land Monitor, Oriental Garden Lizard and Deraniyagala's Gecko during our visit to Mihintale. We returned to the hotel and did the checklist after dinner, followed by the briefing for the next day.

Day 4

Sunday 24th February

Sigiriya

During our pre-breakfast bird walk and saw Greenish Warbler, Ashy Prinia, Plain Prinia, Zitting Cisticola, and White-rumped Munia. After breakfast we checked out of the hotel and proceeded to Sigiriya via Avukana where we saw the famous Buddha Statue. En route we saw Changeable Hawk-Eagle (also known as Crested Hawk-Eagle), Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Marsh Sandpiper, Emerald Dove, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon and Sri Lanka Swallow.

We reached Hotel Sigiriya at 1.30pm, had lunch and relaxed until 4pm. We later visited the Sigiriya sanctuary and did a bird-watching walk. While walking we encountered Orange-headed Thrush, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Asian Koel, Little Swift, Green Bee-eater, Indian Pitta, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, White-browed Bulbul, Indian Robin and Brown Shrike. After a successful bird-walk we all came back to the hotel and relaxed till dinner which followed by the briefing for the next day.

Day 5

Monday 25th February

Sigiriya

We had an early start to explore the Sigiriya Lion Rock. The weather was fine and comfortable. While walking towards the rock, we saw Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Loten's Sunbird, Stork-billed Kingfisher and Black-capped Bulbul. By the time we reached the summit, we enjoyed the gentle breeze and the breath-taking panoramic view, with a Peregrine Falcon and Little Swift in the background. We all returned to the hotel for breakfast and relaxed till lunch.

After lunch some of the group went on the Polonnaruwa ancient city excursion and enjoyed the old ruins of the once self-sufficient kingdom of Sri Lanka which was brought to its heights by King Parakramabahu. We visited the Watadage, Image House, Nissanka Latha Mandapaya and the famed Gal Viharaya. We saw Malabar Pied Hornbill, Alexandrine Parakeet, Jungle Prinia, Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys and Spotted Deer at the ancient city. The last visit to the Lotus pond was in the dusk, but it was made very special because we saw a Brown Fish Owl and a Jerdon's Nightjar. Then we started our journey back to hotel.

We reached the hotel by 8pm and joined the rest of the group for dinner which followed the checklist and briefing for the next day.

Day 6

Tuesday 26th February

Kandy

We had breakfast at 7.30am, then checked out of the hotel and proceeded to Kandy. En route we visited the Dedicated Economic Centre where we had an opportunity to see Sri Lankan vegetables and fruits, and busy local people whilst enjoying a Sri Lankan cup of ginger tea. Then we visited the Dambulla cave temple which was the fourth UNESCO World Heritage Site in the tour.

During our journey to Kandy we saw Brown-capped Babbler, House Sparrow and Common House Gecko. We stopped at a spice garden in Matale for lunch. Afterwards we enjoyed a tour of the spice garden and received a massage from the Ayurvedic masseurs. We reached the Thilanka Hotel in Kandy at 5.30pm and met for dinner at 7pm, which was followed by the checklist and the next day's briefing.

Day 7

Wednesday 27th February

Kandy

We had an early start with packed breakfast at 5.30 am and set off to visit the Udawattakele sanctuary. We saw Black-crowned Night Heron and Little Egret on the way to the sanctuary, on the banks of the Kandy Lake. This sanctuary was once the royal gardens of the Kandyan kingdom and served as an escape route and hunting grounds for the royalty. We met Southern Hill Myna, Spot-winged Thrush, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Square-tailed Bulbul, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Oriental White-eye, Chestnut-backed Owlet, White-rumped Shama and Layard's Parakeet, along with Muntjac, Wild Boar, Green Garden Lizard, Asian Common Toad and Soft-shelled Terrapin.

After our walk in the sanctuary we set off for the next activity, a visit to the Botanic Garden in Peradeniya. Among the many different trees and plants, we saw a colony of Flying Foxes, Jungle Crow, Common Hawk-Cuckoo, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Golden-fronted Leafbird and Crimson-backed Flameback. After visiting the Botanic Garden, we all came back to hotel and sat down to lunch. Heavy rains followed soon after. At 4.30pm some of us set off to enjoy the traditional dance show and after that, we went to the Temple of the Tooth, which holds the left canine tooth of Lord Buddha. We were very lucky to see the golden casket where the Tooth relic was enshrined though it was very busy with lots of devotees and tourists. We returned to the hotel at 8pm for dinner.

Day 8

Thursday 28th February

Nuwara Eliya

We did a pre-breakfast birding session in the Hantane mountain range and encountered Great Cormorant, Tawny-bellied Babbler, Cinereous Tit, Besra and some other birds. We returned to the hotel at 7.45am since there was a lot of traffic, and after breakfast at 9am checked out and set off to Nuwara Eliya.

En route we visited a working tea factory and witnessed the process of tea manufacturing. After our tea training we enjoyed a variety of teas. We reached the next hotel, Heaven Seven, at 2pm and had lunch.

At 4.30pm we set off to visit the Hakgala Botanic Gardens in slight drizzle. We encountered Yellow-eared Bulbul, Grey Wagtail, Sri Lanka White-eye and Chestnut-backed Owlet. We returned to the hotel at 6.45pm and did the checklist, followed by the next day's briefing and dinner.

Day 9

Friday 1st March

Nuwara Eliya

We started the day at 4.45am with tea/coffee and set out to Horton Plains. It was a very cold but sunny morning and we were able to enter the park on the first ticket. We stopped at a pond inside the park and saw the elusive Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush. Other sightings included Black-cheeked Lizard, Sambar Deer, Brown Mongoose, Dusky-striped Squirrel, Indian Blue Robin, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Zitting Cisticola, Pied Bush Chat, Hill Swallow, Sri Lanka White-eye and Black-throated Munia. A very rare sighting of a Streak-throated Woodpecker was a delightful experience for all. Adding to the list, we saw Crested Honey Buzzard, Black Eagle, Booted Eagle, Himalayan Buzzard, Dull-blue flycatcher, Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon and Paddyfield Pipit.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and then at 4.30pm visited Victoria Park, and encountered Kashmir Flycatcher, Pied Thrush, Indian Blackbird, Tricoloured Munia and many other birds. We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did our checklist followed by the next day's briefing, before enjoying dinner.

Day 10

Saturday 2nd March

Tissamaharama

We had breakfast at 7.30am and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am. Before setting off to Tissamaharama we paid a visit to the oldest post offices in the country. Another stop at the Surrey Estate Bird Sanctuary ensured us sightings of Brown Wood Owl, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher and Black-naped Monarch, along with other birds seen before.

For lunch we stopped at Bandarawela Hotel, which is a colonial hotel with a history of over 150 years. We reached the Rain Tree Hotel by 4pm and did an evening bird walk around Debara Wewa tank where we encountered Jungle Owlet, Cinnamon Bittern, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater and many more birds.

We did the checklist before dinner at 8pm and after the briefing for the next day, retired to our rooms.

Day 11

Sunday 3rd March

Yala

We had an early check-out at 5.15am and left with picnic breakfast and lunch for Yala National Park. We arrived at the park by 6.30am and started the safari. Once inside the park sightings included Painted Stork, Black-necked Stork, Barred Buttonquail, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Jacobin Cuckoo, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Grey-headed

Fish Eagle, Little Ringed Plover, Kentish Plover, Pin-tailed Snipe, Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Common Redshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper, Little Stint, Gull-billed Tern, Blue-faced Malkoha, Sirkeer Malkoha, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Crested Treeswift, Brown-capped Pigmy Woodpecker, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Eurasian Hoopoe, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Common Iora, White-browed Fantail, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark, Rosy Starling, Indian Silverbill and Tricoloured Munia. We had our lunch at a very calm quiet part of the park close to the river Manik which flows through the park. Though the monkeys gave some trouble, we enjoyed being there and a rested for a little while. Mammals seen today included Spotted Deer, Wild Boar, Water Buffalo, Ruddy Mongoose, Grey Mongoose, Asian Elephant and finally, a Leopard.

We left the park at 6pm and reached Cinnamon Wild Yala at 7.30pm. Our evening routine of checklist and briefing began at 8.30pm. When we were returning to the rooms, we saw a Streaked Kukri Snake slithering away from the walking path.

Day 12

Monday 4th March

Yala

We started another day at 5.15am after a cup of tea with some cake, before boarding the jeeps to see more wildlife in the Yala National Park. Despite it being a busy day at the park we had some fantastic sightings of a Leopard. We also saw the Golden Jackal running on a grassy plain.

Among the many birds we had already seen, Grey-breasted Prinia, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Lesser Adjutant, Great Stone-curlew, Ruddy Turnstone, Marshall's Iora and Pacific Golden Plover were new additions to the list.

We returned to the hotel by 12.20pm and had lunch thereafter. At 4.30pm we did a bird-walk outside the hotel and encountered Kentish Plover, Common Ringed Plover, Caspian Tern, Pied Kingfisher, and Yellow Wagtail. At 7.30pm we met in the restaurant for the checklist and for the briefing for the next day, before having our dinner.

Day 13

Tuesday 5th March

Embilipitiya

We had an early start with a packed breakfast and checked out at 5.25am. Our next destination was Embilipitiya and we proceeded to Hotel Centauria. En route we had a morning jeep safari at Bundala National Park where we encountered many birds including Yellow Bittern, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Western Marsh Harrier, Caspian Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Greater Crested Tern, Grey Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Curlew Sandpiper, Watercock, Red-necked Phalarope, Blythe's Reed Warbler, Streaked Weaver, Eurasian Collared Dove, Small Pratincole, Little Tern, Collared Scops Owl, Pied Kingfisher and White-winged Tern. To everyone's surprise we came across the rare Black-capped Kingfisher perched on a tree and we had plenty of time to enjoy a great view.

After the safari, we reached Hotel Centauria at 12.20 pm. and had lunch and relaxed a bit. During our jeep safari in Udawalawa National Park, we came across Asian Elephants, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Plum-headed Parakeet, Rosy Starling and Oriental Skylark. At 8pm we sat for the briefing which was followed by dinner.

Day 14**Wednesday 6th March****Sinharaja**

After breakfast we set off to Sinharaja Rainforest. We reached the Blue Magpie Lodge around 5.30pm and enjoyed a delicious glass of wood apple juice. We had to stay in our rooms as the rains came down heavily. On the way to Sinharaja we saw Indian Swiftlet.

Later in the evening we did our checklist which followed by the briefing and the dinner.

Day 15**Thursday 7th March****Sinharaja**

We had a cup of tea/coffee at 5.45am and set off in jeeps after an early breakfast for the Sinharaja Rainforest. Once there we encountered Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Red-faced Malkoha, Serendib Scops Owl, Black-naped Monarch, Squared-tailed Bulbul, Dark-fronted Babbler, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, Legge's Flowerpecker, Brown-backed Needletail, Lesser Yellow-nape, Malabar Trogon and Ashy-headed Laughingthrush. In addition to the birds, Layard's Striped Squirrel and a Green Garden Lizard were also seen.

We returned to the hotel in the afternoon for late lunch. We did the checklist after dinner and said goodnight to each other.

Day 16**Friday 8th March****Katunayake**

We had early tea/coffee and set out again to Sinharaja where we encountered the White-faced Starling and Green-billed Coucal, along with many other birds seen before. On our way back we encountered Purple-faced Leaf Monkey.

After lunch the group split, with most going to Katunayake for the last night of the main tour whilst four continued on the Blue Whales extension.

The 'main tour' group reached the Airport Garden Hotel at 6.30pm and checked in for their overnight stay in Colombo. The Blue Whale extension group reached the Fisherman's Bay Resort at 5.30pm, had dinner at 7.30pm and did the briefing for the next day before calling it a night.

Main Tour Day 17; Blue Whale Extension Day 1**Saturday 9th March**

After breakfast the main tour group left the hotel for the airport and caught their flight back to the UK, where the main tour ended.

Meanwhile, those on the extension left the hotel with a picnic breakfast at 6.15am for a boat trip. We had to ride very long distance before we encountered Spinner Dolphins, and our first Blue Whales. We had an interesting

sighting of Short-finned Pilot Whales as well. We returned to the harbour at 2.30pm since we had sailed out far and quickly made our way to the hotel for our lunch.

After lunch we paid a visit to the Galle Dutch Fort and enjoyed the architecture and lifestyle of the residence within its walls. We returned to the hotel by 8.30pm and after a quick briefing about the next day we had dinner and called it a day.

Extension Day 2

Sunday 10th March

Weligama

Once again, after a cup of tea/coffee, we left the hotel with a picnic breakfast at 6.15am for another boat trip. We had a very early sighting of Spinner Dolphins and Blue Whales. Unfortunately, our boat experienced some technical problems and we had to be towed to shore. We returned to the harbour safe and sound after being towed for 15 minutes. At sea we encountered Sooty Tern, Bridled Tern and Common Tern.

In the evening we visited the Kiralakele Sanctuary and encountered Marsh Harrier, Ashy Drongo, Garganey, Scaly-breasted Munia, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Rosy Starling and Stork-billed Kingfisher. We returned to the hotel at 7.15pm and continued our routine of checklist and dinner.

Extension Day 3

Monday 11th March

Weligama

After breakfast around 10.30 we set off to Colombo with packed lunch. Upon arrival in Colombo we enjoyed a city tour and had our packed lunch.

We reached Katunayake by 4.30pm and enjoyed a walk in the hotel garden where we encountered Black Bittern, Yellow Bittern and Forest Wagtail. We had our dinner at 7pm and called it a night.

Extension Day 4

Tuesday 12th March

After breakfast we went to the airport and caught our flight back to the UK, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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Species Lists

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

Common name	Scientific name
1 Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2 Garganey	<i>Mareca querquedula</i>
3 Sri Lanka Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
4 Sri Lanka Junglefowl	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
5 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
6 Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
7 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
8 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
9 Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
10 Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
11 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
12 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
13 Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
14 Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
15 Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>
16 Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
17 Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
18 Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
19 Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
20 Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
21 Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
22 Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
23 Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
24 Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
25 Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
26 Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
27 Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
28 Oriental Darter, Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
29 Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
30 Crested Honey Buzzard, Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
31 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
32 Changeable Hawk Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatu</i>
33 Legge's Hawk-Eagle, Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus kelaarti</i>
34 Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
35 Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
36 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
37 Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
38 Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
39 Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
40 White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
41 Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>
42 Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo burmanicus</i>
43 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>
44 Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>
45 Grey-headed Swampfen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
46 Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
47 Eurasian Coot - Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
48 Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
49 Great Stone-Curlew, Great Thick Knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>

Common name	Scientific name
50 Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
51 Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
52 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
53 Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
54 Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
55 Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
56 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
57 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
58 Lesser Sand Plover, Mongolian Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
59 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
60 Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
61 Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
62 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
63 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
64 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
65 Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
66 Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
67 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
68 Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
69 Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
70 Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
71 Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
72 Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>
73 Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
74 Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
75 Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
76 Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
77 Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
78 Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>
79 Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>
80 Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
81 Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
82 White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
83 Rock Dove, Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
84 Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
85 Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
86 Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
87 Common Emerald Dove, Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
88 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
89 Sri Lanka Green Pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
90 Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
91 Green-billed Coucal	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>
92 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
93 Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
94 Red-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
95 Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
96 Jacobin Cuckoo, Pied Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
97 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
98 Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
99 Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
100 Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
101 Serendib Scops Owl	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
102 Indian Scops Owl, Collared Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>

Common name	Scientific name
103 Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
104 Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
105 Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
106 Chestnut backed Owlet	<i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>
107 Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
108 Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
109 Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>
110 Crested Treeswift, Gray-rumped Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
111 Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
112 Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>
113 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
114 Little Swift, House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
115 Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
116 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
117 Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
118 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
119 Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>
120 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
121 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
122 Green Bee-eater, Little Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
123 Blue-tailed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
124 Chestnut-headed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
125 Eurasian Hoopoe, Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
126 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
127 Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
128 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
129 Yellow-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
130 Crimson-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
131 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
132 Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>
133 Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>
134 Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
135 Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>
136 Black-rumped Flameback, Lesser Goldenback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
137 Crimson-backed Flameback, Crimson-backed Goldenback	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
138 Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
139 Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
140 Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
141 Layard's Parakeet	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
142 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
143 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
144 Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
145 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
146 Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
147 Sri Lanka Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
148 Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
149 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
150 Marshall's Iora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
151 Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
152 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
153 Orange Minivet, Scarlet Minivet, Flame Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
154 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
155 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>

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156 Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
157 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
158 Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
159 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
160 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
161 Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Asian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
162 Sri Lanka Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
163 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
164 Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed), Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
165 Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
166 Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
167 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
168 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafr affinis</i>
169 Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
170 Black-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
171 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
172 Yellow-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
173 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
174 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
175 Square-tailed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa humii</i>
176 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
177 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
178 Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
179 Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
180 Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
181 Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
182 Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
183 Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>
184 Sri Lanka Bush Warbler	<i>Elaphornis palliseri</i>
185 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
186 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
187 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
188 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
189 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
190 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
191 Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
192 Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
193 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
194 Brown-capped Babbler	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
195 Orange-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
196 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
197 Ashy-headed Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
198 Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
199 Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
200 Sri Lanka White-eye	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
201 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
202 Sri Lanka Hill Myna, Sri Lanka Myna	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
203 Southern Hill Myna, Lesser Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
204 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
205 Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
206 White-faced Starling	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
207 Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
208 Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>

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209	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>
210	Spot-winged Thrush	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
211	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
212	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
213	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
214	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
215	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
216	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
217	Dull-blue Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
218	Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora brunnea</i>
219	Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
220	Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
221	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
222	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
223	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
224	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>
225	Legge's Flowerpecker, White-throated Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
226	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
227	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
228	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
229	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
230	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
231	Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>
232	Indian Silverbill, White-throated Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
233	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
234	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
235	Black-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>
236	Tricolored Munia - Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
237	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
238	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
239	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
240	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>

Mammals

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
2	Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus (Presbytis) entellus</i>
3	Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus (Presbytis) vetulus</i>
4	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
5	Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
6	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
7	Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
8	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
9	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
10	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
11	Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
12	Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
13	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
14	Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
15	Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
16	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
17	Layard's Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>

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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>
23 Short-finned Pilot Whale	<i>Globicephala macrorhynchus</i>

Reptiles

1 Common Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosus maximus</i>
2 Streaked Kukri Snake	<i>Oligodon taeniolatus</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 Estuarine Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>
10 Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
11 Soft-shelled Terrapin	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
12 Hard-shelled Terrapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
13 Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
14 Deraniyagala's Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis podihuna</i>
15 Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
16 Common Skink	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>

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