

# Sri Lanka – Wildlife & History

Naturetrek Tour Report

28th January – 16th February 2023

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Leopard



Sigiriya



Dambulla Cave Temple



Indian Pitta

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## Highlights

The first part of this tour focused on Sri Lanka's ancient history spanning over 2,000 years and we had a glimpse of the era gone by with our visits to Anuradhapura Ancient City which showcases the skill of craftsman when it comes to stone work and urban planning. We visited the sacred Bodhi Tree which is the oldest documented plant in the world and observed rituals and watched devotees offering flowers, incense and lamps. The visit to the Sigiriya Lion Rock Fortress was enjoyed by everyone as the wildlife presented itself in the vicinity. We had very good sightings of a Leopard during our safari to Yala; a male and female walking along the path and the male decided to take a rest in an open plain exciting the viewers.

On the Blue Whales extension, we had very close encounters with a Killer Whale and saw three Blue Whales.

A total of 230 bird species, 27 mammal species and 19 reptiles and amphibian species were seen throughout the tour, including the extension. Overall, the tour recorded 30 endemic bird species of 34.

## Day 1

**Saturday 28th January**

The group met at the airport and boarded the flight to Sri Lanka for their 16-day Wildlife and History Tour.

## Day 2

**Sunday 29th January**

### Anuradhapura

The group arrived at the airport by 01.30pm and we started our journey to Anuradhapura by 2.30pm. En-route we visited the Anawilundawa RAMSAR wetlands and encountered Lesser Whistling Duck, Indian Peafowl, Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Indian Pond Heron, Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Intermediate Egret, Spot-billed Pelican, Little Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Darter, Brahminy Kite, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, White-breasted Waterhen, Red-wattled Lapwing, Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern, Common Pigeon, Spotted Dove, Asian Koel, Asian Palm Swift, White-throated Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Brown-headed Barbet, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Black-hooded Oriole, White-bellied Drongo, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, House Crow, Red-vented Bulbul, Barn Swallow, Yellow-billed Babbler, Common Myna, Oriental Magpie Robin, Jerdon's Leafbird, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Purple Sunbird, Toque Macaque & Grizzled Giant Squirrel.

We had a quick tea break at a local restaurant and reached the Rajarata hotel by 7.30pm. We met for dinner at 8.30pm and called it a night.

## Day 3

**Monday 30th January**

### Anuradhapura

At 6.30am, we set out of the hotel for a pre-breakfast birding session around the hotel. Our first sighting was of an Indian Scops Owl which was roosting in a tree within the hotel premises. Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Green Imperial Pigeon, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Common Tailorbird, Oriental White-eye, Pale-billed Flowerpecker,

White-rumped Munia and Purple Swamphen were also sighted on our walk. We returned to the hotel for breakfast at 7.30 am and then set out to visit the Anuradhapura Ancient City at 8.30am.

We visited the Sri Mahabodi sacred fig tree and the Ruvanveli Maha Seya Stupa, Thuparamaya Stupa, Abhayagiriya Stupa, Lankarama Stupa, Moonstone, Twin Ponds, Guard Stone and many other locations.

We returned to the hotel at 1.00pm for lunch and relaxed until 3.00pm after which we set out to visit the Mihintale temple. We climbed to the summit and enjoyed the views here.

Our wildlife sightings for the day included Painted Stork, Great Egret, Little Egret, Indian Cormorant, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Crested Serpent Eagle, Shikra, Black-winged Stilt, Malabar-pied Hornbill, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Coppersmith Barbet, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Ashy Woodswallow, Common Iora, Black Drongo, Sri Lanka Swallow, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Grey Langur, Indian Palm Squirrel, Land Monitor, Soft-shelled Terapin, Hard-shelled Terapin, and Spotted-head Shelled Terapin.

We returned to the hotel and did the checklist at 7.00pm followed by dinner and the briefing for the next day.

## Day 4

**Tuesday 31st January**

### Sigiriya

We did another pre-breakfast birding walk around the hotel and had our breakfast at 7.30am. After breakfast we checked out of the hotel at 9.00am and proceeded to Sigiriya en-route visiting the famous Aukana standing Buddha statue and the temple. We encountered Woolly-necked Stork, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill and a Grey Mongoose during our drive.

We reached Hotel Sigiriya at 2.30pm, had our lunch and relaxed until 4.00 pm. We later visited the Sigiriya sanctuary for birding in the afternoon. We encountered Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Indian Swiftlet, Alexandrine Parakeet, Small Minivet, Large-billed Crow, White-browed Bulbul, Grey-breasted Prinia, Indian Robin, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Baya Weaver, Purple-faced Leaf Monkey and Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bat. We saw a Common House Gecko as well at the hotel premises.

We did the checklist at 7.30pm and then had our dinner before returning to our rooms.

## Day 5

**Wednesday 1st February**

### Sigiriya

We had an early breakfast at 7.30am and set off to climb the famous Sigiriya Lion Rock fortress. It was a rainy morning but despite the weather we were able to complete the journey to the summit and return to the hotel by 11.00am for lunch. We saw the resident Peregrine Falcon, Crested Hawk Eagle, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Indian Cuckoo and a Water Monitor along with many other species seen before.

After lunch three clients visited the Polonnaruwa Ancient City whilst the rest of the group enjoyed the hotel facilities until 3.00pm. Our visit to the Sigiriya sanctuary later on yielded sightings of Green Bee-eater, Sri Lanka

Red-backed Woodpecker, Indian Pitta, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Scarlet Minivet, Brown Shrike, Black-naped Monarch, Black-capped Bulbul, Brown-capped Babbler, Orange-headed Thrush, White-rumped Shama, Loten's Sunbird and Paddyfield Pipit.

We met for the checklist at 7.00pm and then had our dinner. At 9.30pm we did a night drive around the Sigiriya village and sanctuary and saw Asian Elephant, Black-naped Hare, Common Palm Civet, Jungle Cat, Wild Boar, Spotted Deer and Jerdon's Nightjar. We returned to the hotel at 12.00am.

## Day 6

## Thursday 2nd February

### Kandy

We had breakfast at 8.00 am and checked out of the hotel to proceed to Kandy. En route we visited the Dambulla Golden Rock Cave temple and witnessed the intricate paintings on the cave walls and the well sculpted statues of the Buddha and a few Kings and gods.

We enjoyed our lunch at a Spice Garden in Matale and explored the spice gardens learning about the herbal values of different spices. We proceeded to Kandy and few guests went for the cultural dance show and we all met up at the Temple of the tooth thereafter to explore the building and witness the evening ceremony.

Back at the hotel we met for dinner at 8.15pm and returned to our rooms for the night.

Our sightings for the day included Black-crowned Night Heron, Pied Cuckoo, Chestnut-headed Bee Eater, White-browed Fantail and House Sparrow amongst many other birds seen before.

## Day 7

## Friday 3rd February

### Kandy

After an early breakfast, we visited the Udawattakele sanctuary. This sanctuary was once the royal gardens of the Kandyan kingdom and served as an escape route and hunting grounds for royalty. We had sightings of Yellow-fronted Barbet, Spot-winged Thrush, and Crimson-backed Goldenback, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike, Muntjac and a Common Rat Snake.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed until 2.30pm before setting off to visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. We saw Cinereous Tit, Lesser Hill Myna, Common Hawk Cuckoo, Brown-breasted Flycatcher and many other species seen before. We returned to the hotel and did the checklist at 7.00pm and had our dinner before calling it a night.

## Day 8

## Saturday 4th February

### Nuwara Eliya

We drove up to the Hantane mountain range at 6.30am for a pre-breakfast birding session and encountered Layard's Parakeet and Ashy Prinia amongst many birds seen before. We returned to the hotel at 7.30am and after having our breakfast, we checked out of the hotel 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. A couple of Hill Swallows were seen around the tea factory. We reached the next hotel Heaven Seven at 1.45pm and had our lunch.

In the afternoon, we visited the Hakgala Botanical Gardens and encountered Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Sri Lanka White Eye, Dull-blue Flycatcher, and Green Garden Lizard.

We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did our checklist followed by the next day's briefing and dinner.

## Day 9

## Sunday 5th February

### Nuwara Eliya

With a hot cup of tea, we started our day at 4.45am and set out to Horton Plains National Park. By the time we reached the entrance of the park the whole area was covered in a thick mist and despite our many efforts to see the calling Whistling Thrush, the weather was not merciful to us at all. Just as we were deciding to return to the hotel, miraculously the sun beams shot through the mist and the whole area cleared up in a matter of a few minutes. We were very lucky to get to the Chimney Pool, World's End scenery and the Bakers Falls waterfall and have good views of it.

We enjoyed the sightings of Sambar Deer, Dusky-striped Squirrel, Brown Mongoose, Black-cheek Lizard and a very rare Rough-sided Snake. Black-winged Kite, Black Eagle, Besra, Long-legged Buzzard, Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Greater Coucal, Green Warbler, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Dark-fronted Babbler, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Indian Blackbird, Indian Blue Robin, Pied Bushchat and Grey Wagtail.

We returned to the hotel for lunch, and at 3pm we visited the Victoria Park and saw Common Sandpiper, Pied Thrush, Kashmir Flycatcher and Forest Wagtail. We also visited the Old Post Office in the center of the town before returning to the hotel for the checklist and dinner.

## Day 10

## Monday 6th February

### Tissamaharama

We had breakfast at 7.30am and checked out of the hotel at 9.00am. On our way, we stopped at the Sri Muttumari Amman Hindu temple which is a beautiful temple which is considered as a sacred temple for the Hindus. En-route to Tissamaharama we visited the Surrey Estate Bird sanctuary and encountered a Brown Wood Owls along with other birds. We had our lunch at the picturesque Ella town and continued our journey into the plains below. The journey through the paddy fields brought us close to many bird species including Yellow Bittern, Common Moorhen and Emerald Dove. Before reaching our hotel, we visited a local's house which is a roosting site of a Jungle Owlet and had very good views. The homeowners offered us fresh King Coconut juice plucked from the trees as we enjoyed the bird sightings around the area.

We reached the Kithala Resort at 6.30pm and few of the guests went for a swim and enjoyed sightings of Giant Flying Fox flying over them as they were in the pool.

We met for the checklist and briefing at 7.15pm and retired to our rooms after dinner.

## Day 11

**Tuesday 7th February**

### Yala

We checked out of the hotel at 5.00am with picnic breakfast and lunch and proceeded to Lunugamwehera National Park. We arrived at the park by 6.15am and started our safari. Our sightings for the day included Lesser Adjutant, Great Thick Knee, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Little Ringed Plover, Pin-tailed Snipe, Wood Sandpiper, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Crested Tree Swift, House Swift, Indian Roller, Pied Kingfisher, Plum-headed Parakeet, Marshall's Iora, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Jerdon's Bushlark, Jungle Prinia, Plain Prinia, Yellow Wagtail, Golden Jackal, Ruddy Mongoose, Stripe-necked Mongoose, Sri Lanka Spotted Chevrotain, Water Buffalo, Oriental Garden Lizard, Mugger Crocodile, Bark Gecko and Common Skink along with many other species seen before.

We reached Cinnamon Wild Yala at 7.30pm went for dinner directly and retired to our rooms for the night.

## Day 12

**Wednesday 8th February**

### Yala

We left the hotel at 5.30am with our packed breakfast and entered the Yala National Park by 6.15 am. Our sightings included Garganey, the elusive Black-necked Stork, Eurasian Spoonbill, Pacific Golden Plover, Kentish Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Common Redshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Sanderling, Little Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, Brown-headed Gull, Caspian Tern, Greater Crested Tern, Little Tern, Blue-faced Malkoha, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark, Oriental Skylark, Brahminy Starling, Streaked Weaver and Black-headed Munia amongst other species already seen.

Towards 10.30 am we had our sightings of a big male Leopard that was resting under a small bush. We manage to get very good views of it and returned to the hotel by 1.00pm.

At 4.00pm a nice walk around the hotel garden and enjoyed views of Mugger Crocodile in the lagoon and the Grey Langurs jumping from branch to branch as they got ready for their night sleep.

We did our checklist at 7.30pm and enjoyed a very nice meal before calling it a day.

## Day 13

**Thursday 9th February**

### Bundala National Park / Udawalawe

We checked out of the hotel at 6.00am with our packed breakfast and proceeded to the Bundala National Park. Our sightings included Glossy Ibis, Striated Heron, Osprey, Watercock, Grey Plover, Greater Painted Snipe, Bar-tailed Godwit, Black-tailed Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Ruff, Red-necked Phalarope, Eurasian Collared Dove, Clamorous Reed Warbler, and Sand Martin.

After the safari, we reached hotel Centauria Wild at 12.30 pm and had our lunch. In the evening we did a walk around the reservoir and saw Thick-billed Flowerpecker along with other birds seen before. We later went in search of a Brown Fish Owl which was roosting in the village area and got some very clear views of it.

After returning to the hotel, we met up at 7.15pm and had dinner which followed with the briefing and the checklist.

## Day 14

**Friday 10th February**

### Udawalawe National Park / Sinharaja

With packed breakfast we left for Udawalawe National Park for another jeep safari. We saw many Elephants foraging and playing with their young during the safari. New bird sightings for today included Booted Eagle, Indian Thick Knee, Green Sandpiper, Sirkeer Malkoha, Black Bulbul, Tawny-bellied Bulbul, Yellow-eyed Babbler and Rosy Starling.

After having our lunch in the hotel, we checked out and proceeded to Sinharaja. We reached the Blue Magpie Lodge by around 5.30pm. Since it was raining, we didn't do an evening walk around the village. We met for our checklist at 7.00pm and called it a night after dinner.

## Day 15

**Saturday 11th February**

### Sinharaja

We had our breakfast at 5.30am and set off in a jeep with our packed lunch to Sinharaja Rainforest. We encountered Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Red-faced Malkoha, Lesser Yellownappe, Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Orange-billed Babbler, Ashy-headed Laughing Thrush, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, White Faced Starling, Layard's Striped Squirrel, Green Vine Snake and Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard.

At around 2.30pm we returned to the hotel and relaxed until 4.30pm. During our evening walk we were able to see the Serendib Scops Owl in a roost very close to the Sinharaja village.

We met for the checklist at 7.00pm and enjoyed a delicious dinner before calling it a night.

## Day 16

**Sunday 12th February**

### Katunayake

After an early tea/coffee we set out to the Sinharaja buffer zone and visited a local's garden where we saw Sri Lanka Frog Mouth and Green-billed Coucal amongst many other species seen before.

After lunch the group split in two with a few going on the Whale watching extension and the rest going to the last hotel near the airport before their flight back home.

The main 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 Koggala Beach Hotel at 4.45pm and did their checklist for the day.

## Day 17

**Monday 13th February**

### Katunayake

After breakfast we left for the airport to catch our flight back to the UK.

## Blue Whale Extension

## Day 1

**Monday 13th February**

### Mirissa

We left the hotel with picnic breakfast at 6.00 am and reached the Mirissa harbour by 6.45am. We had very good sightings of an Orca the whole morning, but its presence had scared off many of the other marine mammals and we came back to the hotel by noon. On the return to the hotel, we saw a Whimbrel.

After lunch we visited the Kirala kele sanctuary and had good sightings of Black Bittern and Cinnamon Bittern.

We returned to the hotel at 1.00pm and had our lunch and relaxed in the hotel enjoying the facilities. At 4.00pm we visited a Turtle hatchery where we saw rescued injured turtles been cared for and learned about their life.

We proceeded to the Galle Dutch Fort which is a UNESCO World heritage site and enjoyed sights of the Lighthouse, Dutch Church and the bastions. A walk along the ramparts gave us an overall view of the fort and we ended our tour at the Clock tower which was built by the British during their occupation.

On our return to the hotel, we witnessed thousands of Indian Flying Fox leaving their roosts to forage in the nearby forests and it was a spectacular sight.

Our usual evening routine followed with the checklist and dinner before calling it a night.

## Day 2

**Tuesday 14th February**

### Mirissa

Once again we left the hotel with picnic breakfast at 6.00 am after having a cup of tea/coffee. Although the sea was a bit choppy today, we were met by a very early sighting of three Blue Whales and had very close views of them. We also saw two Green Turtle during our time at sea.

We met for dinner at 7.00pm which followed by the checklist and the next day's briefing.



## Day 3

**Wednesday 15th February**

### Weligama

After breakfast, we relaxed in the hotel and enjoyed a final lunch before checking out and heading towards Katunayake for our last night stay.

Upon arriving at the hotel, we went in search of the Brown Hawk Owl and had very good views of it.

We did the checklist at 7.30pm and had our dinner thereafter.

## Day 4

**Thursday 16th February**

### Katunayake

After breakfast the group left for the airport to catch their flight back to the UK.

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## Species lists

Birds (H = Heard only, Bold = endemic)

Common name	Scientific name
1 Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2 Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>
3 <b>Sri Lanka Spurfowl</b>	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
4 <b>Sri Lanka Junglefowl</b>	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
5 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
6 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
7 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
8 Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
9 Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
10 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
11 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
12 Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
13 Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
14 Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
15 Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
16 Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>
17 Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
18 Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
19 Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
20 Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
21 Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
22 Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
23 Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
24 Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
25 Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
26 Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
27 Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
28 Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
29 Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
30 Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
31 Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
32 Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
33 Crested Honey Buzzard, Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
34 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
35 Crested Hawk Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
36 Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
37 Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
38 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
39 Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
40 Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
41 White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
42 Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaeus</i>
43 Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>
44 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
45 Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>
46 Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
47 Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
48 Indian Thick Knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>
49 Great Thick Knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
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 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
56 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
57 Lesser sand Plover, Mongolian Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
58 Greater Painted-Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
59 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
60 Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
61 Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
62 Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
63 Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
64 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
65 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
66 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
67 Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
68 Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
69 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
70 Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
71 Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
72 Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
73 Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>

Common name	Scientific name
74 Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
75 Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
76 Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>
77 Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
78 Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
79 Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
80 Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
81 Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
82 Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
83 <b>Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon</b>	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
84 Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
85 Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
86 Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
87 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
88 <b>Sri Lanka Green Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
89 Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
90 <b>Green-billed Coucal</b>	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>
91 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
92 Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
93 <b>Red-faced Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
94 Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
95 Jacobin Cuckoo, Pied Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
96 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
97 Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
98 Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
99 Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
100 <b>Serendib Scops Owl</b>	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
101 Collared Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
102 Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
103 Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
104 Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
105 Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
106 Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
107 Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
108 Crested Treeswift , Gray-rumped Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
109 Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
110 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
111 House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
112 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
113 Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
114 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
115 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
116 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
117 Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
118 Blue-tailed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
119 Chestnut-headed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
120 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>
121 <b>Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill</b>	<i>Ocyceros gingalensis</i>
122 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
123 <b>Yellow-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
124 <b>Crimson-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
125 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
126 Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>
127 Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
128 <b>Sri Lanka Red-backed Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dinopium psarodes</i>
129 <b>Crimson-backed Goldenback</b>	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
130 Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
131 Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
132 <b>Layard's Parakeet</b>	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
133 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
134 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
135 <b>Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot</b>	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
136 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
137 Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
138 <b>Sri Lanka Woodshrike</b>	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
139 Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
140 Common lora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
141 Marshall's lora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
142 Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
143 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
144 Orange Minivet, Scarlet Minivet, Flame Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
145 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
146 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
147 Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
148 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
149 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>

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150 <b>Sri Lanka Drongo</b>	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
151 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
152 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
153 Asian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
154 <b>Sri Lanka Blue Magpie</b>	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
155 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
156 Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
157 Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
158 Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
159 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
160 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
161 Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
162 <b>Black-capped Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
163 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
164 <b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
165 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
166 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
167 Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
168 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
169 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
170 <b>Sri Lanka Swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
171 Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
172 Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
173 <b>Sri Lanka Bush Warbler</b>	<i>Elaphromis palliseri</i>
174 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
175 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
176 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
177 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
178 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
179 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
180 <b>Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
181 Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
182 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
183 <b>Brown-capped Babbler</b>	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
184 <b>Orange-billed Babbler</b>	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
185 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
186 <b>Ashy-headed Laughingthrush</b>	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
187 Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>

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188 Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
189 <b>Sri Lanka White-Eye</b>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
190 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
191 <b>Sri Lanka Hill Myna</b>	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
192 Lesser Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
193 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
194 Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
195 <b>White-faced Starling</b>	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
196 Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
197 Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
198 Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>
199 <b>Spot-winged Thrush</b>	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
200 Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
201 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
202 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
203 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
204 Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
205 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
206 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
207 <b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
208 Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larivora brunnea</i>
209 <b>Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush</b>	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
210 Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
211 Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
212 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
213 Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
214 Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>
215 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
216 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
217 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
218 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
219 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
220 Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>
221 Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
222 Indian Silverbill, White-throated Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
223 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
224 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
225 Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>

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226	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
227	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
228	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
229	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
230	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</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	Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroitus</i>
6	Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
8	Stripe-necked Mongoose	<i>Herpestes vitticollis</i>
9	Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
10	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>
11	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
12	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
13	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
14	Sri Lanka Spotted Chevrotain	<i>Moschiola meminna</i>
15	Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
16	Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
17	Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>
18	Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
19	Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
20	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
21	Layard's Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>
22	Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
23	Indian Hare- Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
24	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantea</i>
25	Schneiders Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Hipposideros speoris</i>
26	Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>
27	Orca ( Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>



## Reptiles & Others

Common name	Scientific name
1 Green Vine Snake	<i>Ahaetulla nasuta</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 Terapin	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
11 Hard Shelled Terapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
12 Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
13 Olive Ridley Sea Turtle	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>
14 Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
15 Bark Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus leschenaultii</i>
16 Common Skink	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>
17 Giant Millipede	<i>Spirostreptus centrurus</i>
18 Spotted-head Shelled Terrapin	
19 Common Rough-sided Snake	<i>Aspidura trachyprocta</i>