

# Sri Lanka – Wildlife & History

Naturetrek Tour Report

27th January – 15th February 2024

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Yellow-eared Bulbul



Dambulla Cave Temple



Toque Macaque



Asian Elephant

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## Highlights

We had a great start with visits to the iconic historical sites of Sri Lanka, including Anuradhapura Ancient City where we explored the ruins of temples, monasteries and irrigation systems. Aukana temple demonstrated the skill of ancient stone craftsmen in the magnificent standing Buddha statue, while Sigiriya mesmerized us with its incredible planning and architectural skills along with tales of old that shaped the island's culture and ways.

Morning walks and forest treks gave us wonderful sightings of roosting owls, such as Brown Wood Owl, Indian Scops Owl, Brown Hawk Owl and Serendib Scops Owl. A delightful sighting of the Sri Lanka Blue Magpie at the Hakgala Botanical gardens was rewarding.

Two sightings of Leopards at Lunugamwehera and Yala National Park was welcoming, as many Elephants, Jackals and primates filled our mammal list. The elusive nocturnal Grey Slender Loris and Common Palm Civet didn't disappoint us on our night drive.

On the Blue Whales extension, we had sightings of Spinner Dolphins, Bottlenose Dolphins and a Fin Whale.

A total of 219 bird species, 30 mammal species and 20 reptiles and amphibian species were seen throughout the tour, including the extension. Overall the tour recorded 29 of the 34 endemic bird species.

## Day 1

**Saturday 27th 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 28th January**

### Anuradhapura

A few of the group members arrived on earlier flights and were picked up before proceeding to the Airport for the group arrival. The flight arrived at around 1.15pm and we left the Airport at around 2.15pm. En-route to Anawilundawa sanctuary we were met by a funeral procession for a state Minister which resulted in us having to skip this site. Our detour took us through lush paddy fields and coconut estates where we were able to see Indian Peafowl, Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Indian Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Little Egret, Spot-billed Pelican, Little Cormorant, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Red-wattled Lapwing, Common Pigeon, Spotted Dove, Asian Palm Swift, White-throated Kingfisher, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Black-hooded Oriole, Black Drongo, and White-bellied Drongo. House Crow, Plain Prinia and Common Myna. We also saw a few Indian Palm Squirrel and a House Gecko. We had a small tea stop at a restaurant overlooking a beautiful paddy field and stretched our limbs a bit before continuing our journey.

We reached the Rajarata hotel by 8.30pm and went directly for dinner. After briefing the group on the next day's programme we called it a night.

## Day 3

Monday 29th January

### Anuradhapura

We started the day with a pre-breakfast around the Nuwara Lake at 6.15am and saw Darter, Booted Eagle, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, White-breasted Waterhen, Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern, Green Imperial Pigeon, Asian Koel, Indian Cuckoo, Indian Swiftlet, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Brown-headed Barbet, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Coppersmith Barbet, Sri Lanka Red-backed Woodpecker and Asian Paradise Flycatcher. We returned to the hotel at 7.30am and had our breakfast. At 9.00am we visited the Anuradhapura Ancient City and started our excursion from the Sri Maha Bodi sacred tree.

The much revered and sacred Sri Maha Bodhiya (Bo Tree) – which originates from the Sri Maha Bodhiya Bo Tree, in Bodhi Gaya India, which is said to have provided shelter for Lord Buddha as he attained enlightenment – is venerated by thousands of Buddhist pilgrims who flock to Anuradhapura.

Considered to be the oldest tree in recorded history (over 2,200 years old) and one of the most sacred relics for Buddhists all over the world, Jaya Sri Maha Bodhiya was brought to the country by Sanghamitra Thera and was planted by the then reigning monarch King Devanampiyatissa.

Since the original Sri Maha Bodhiya in India was destroyed by a monarch of a different faith, thousands of devotees come from all over the world to Anuradhapura to worship the Bo tree.

We also visited the Ruvanveli Maha Seya Stupa, Thuparamaya Stupa, Abhayagiriya Stupa, Lankarama Stupa, Moonstone, Twin Ponds and many other locations.

During our visit at the site we were met with a wonderful sighting of around 16 Malabar Pied Hornbills scattered across the gardens in a rather vocal gathering. We saw Peregrine Falcon on the top of a stupa, Ashy Woodswallow, Large Cuckooshrike, Red-vented Bulbul, Sri Lanka Swallow, and Yellow-billed Babblers along with Grey Langur, Toque Macaque, Spotted Deer and Land Monitor.

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. The overcast skies made the climb to the summit cool and breezy and we had clear views of the surrounding landscape. Small Minivet, Oriental White-eye, Oriental Magpie Robin, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Woolly-necked Stork, Shikra, Jerdon's Leafbird, Purple-rumped Sunbird, White-rumped Munia, Scaly-breasted Munia, Black-headed Munia, Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Grizzled Giant Squirrel and Deraniyagalas Day Gecko all made an appearance for us at this site.

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 30th January

### Sigiriya

Another pre-breakfast bird walk around the hotel garden and the nearby lake gave us more sightings of birds seen before. We had our breakfast at 7.30am and set off to Sigiriya, en-route visiting the Aukana Temple to see the famous rock carved Buddha statue. An abandoned building inside the temple is home to a large colony of

Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bats and we had very close sightings of these mammals. We had delightful sightings of the Stork-billed Kingfisher near a small stream and also had good sightings of Cormorants, Brahminy Kite and White-bellied Sea Eagle as we drove along the Kalawewa reservoir. During our drive to Sigiriya we encountered two Crested Serpent Eagles, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Purple Swamphen, Greater Coucal, Indian Roller, Blue-tailed Bee-eater and Common Kingfisher along with Grey Mongoose, Ruddy Mongoose and Oriental Garden Lizard.

We reached Hotel Sigiriya at 2.15pm, had our lunch and relaxed until 4.00 pm. We later visited the Sigiriya sanctuary for birding in the afternoon. We encountered Alexandrine Parakeet, White-rumped Shama, Purple Sunbird, Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Grey Langur, Grizzled Giant Squirrel and Toque Macaque.

We did the checklist at 7.15pm and then had our dinner. After dinner we set out for our night drive and had good sightings of Grey Slender Loris which were caught climbing along a tree just a few feet from our jeeps. The night got interesting with sightings of Small Indian Civet, Sri Lanka Spotted Chevrotain, Indian Hare, a sleeping Brown Shrike and a very active Brown Fish Owl.

We returned to the hotel at 12.15am and had a good night's sleep.

## Day 5

Wednesday 31st January

### Sigiriya

We had an early breakfast at 7.30am and set off to climb the famous Sigiriya Lion Rock fortress. It was a clear sunny day and we enjoyed great views of the surrounding scenery as we ascended the rock. Peregrine Falcon along with many House Swift were seen inside the site along with Oriental Honey Buzzard, Green Bee-eater, Common Iora, Large-billed Crow, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Pale-billed Flower Pecker, Paddyfield Pipit, Hard-shelled Terrapin, Bark Gecko and Common Bronze-back Tree Snake.

After lunch two of the group visited the Polonnaruwa Ancient City whilst the rest of us enjoyed the hotel facilities until 3.00pm. Our visit to the Sigiriya sanctuary later on yielded sightings of many birds and mammals seen before including new sightings of Orange-headed Thrush, Black-capped Bulbul & Tickell's Blue Flycatcher.

At the Polonnaruwa Ancient city clients enjoyed the visit to the museum complex, the Royal Palace and Audience Hall, the Prince Pond, the sacred quadrangle and the Stone temple. We had good sightings of Lesser Whistling Duck and also a Golden Jackal during our drive back to Sigiriya.

We met for the checklist at 7.30pm and then had our dinner before calling it a night.

## Day 6

Thursday 1st February

### Kandy

We had another pre-breakfast birding session at 6.15am and after breakfast we checked out of the hotel at 9.00am and set off to Kandy. En-route we visited the Dambulla Golden Rock Temple and learned about the history and the art that decorated its interior.

Our next stop was at a spice garden in Matale where we enjoyed a tour of the various herbs and spices that are grown in the area and the medicinal value and applications in the Ayurveda treatment. A local meal was enjoyed before setting off towards Kandy.

We reached Hotel Thilanka at 6.15pm and later met for the checklist and briefing at 7.15pm before calling it a night.

Our sightings for the day included Indian Pitta, White-browed Bulbul, Common Tailorbird, Dark-fronted Babbler, Brown-capped Babbler, Lesser False Vampire Bat, and Giant Millipede.

## Day 7

## Friday 2nd February

### Kandy

At 7.00am we had our breakfast and then set off to visit the Udawattekele sanctuary. We saw Muntjac, Indian Flying Fox, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Crimson-backed Goldenback, Cinereous Tit, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Black Bulbul, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and House Sparrow, Asian Water Monitor, and Green Garden Lizard amongst many other species seen before.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and once again set off to visit the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens by 2.30pm. We learnt about the history and the various plants that this beautiful garden is home to. We had many wonderful sightings of birds we had seen before as well.

By 6.15pm we were at the Kandy Temple of the Tooth and we observed the ceremonies and rituals that were being conducted.

Our usual routine continued upon returning to the hotel and after a hearty dinner we called it a night.

## Day 8

## Saturday 3rd February

### Nuwara Eliya

At 6.30am we did a bird walk around the Kandy Lake and had had very good views of Black-crowned Night Heron, Indian Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Little Cormorant, Spot-billed Pelican, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher, White-breasted Waterhen and many Water Monitors along the Lake edge.

After breakfast we checked out of the hotel and proceeded to Nuwara Eliya, en route we visiting a working Tea factory where we 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 2.15pm and had our lunch.

In the afternoon, we visited the Hakgala Botanical Gardens and encountered Oriental Hobby, Sri Lanka White-eye and Dull-blue Flycatcher. We had very good views of the Purple-faced Leaf Monkey and also a great view of

a Brown Mongoose. Just as we were leaving, we were delighted with the sighting of a small flock of Sri Lanka Blue Magpie and had views of them.

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

## Day 9

## Sunday 4th February

### Nuwara Eliya

We started the day at 4.45am with a hot cup of coffee/tea and then set off to Horton Plains National Park with our packed breakfast. It was a misty and cold morning as we set off to see our target species and also to enjoy the various views and scenery that Horton Plains is famed for. Our sightings during the trek included Sri Lanka Jungle Fowl, Black Eagle, Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Large-billed Leaf Warbler, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Spot-winged Thrush, Indian Blackbird, Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, Pied Bushchat, Grey Wagtail, Sambar Deer, Dusky Striped Squirrel and Black-cheek Lizard.

We returned to the hotel for lunch, and at 3pm we visited the Victoria Park and saw Common Sandpiper, Pied Thrush and Kashmir Flycatcher.

Our checklist was done at 7.15pm which followed by dinner and a good night's sleep.

## Day 10

## Monday 5th February

### Tissamaharama

We had breakfast at 7.30am and checked out of the hotel at 9.00am. En-route to Tissa we briefly stopped at the Sri Muttumari Amman Hindu temple which is a beautiful temple which is considered as a sacred temple for the Hindus.

Our next stop was the Surrey Estate Bird Sanctuary where we had wonderful sightings of Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Emerald Dove, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Barn Swallow and Lesser Hill Myna. We also saw the Brown Wood Owl which is a resident in this sanctuary and one of our main targets.

We had lunch at the picturesque town of Ella where the restaurant opens up to a beautiful views of the plains below through the towering mountains on either side. Tawny-bellied Babbler and many other birds were seen during our stop here.

We once again stopped at the Ravana waterfalls and took in the beauty of the area along with many photos. As we got closer to Tissamaharama the mountains gradually changed to plains and rice fields dominated the scenery with many Painted Storks and other water birds being sighted along our drive. A brave Star Tortoise was also seen crossing the road amidst heavy traffic and our quick intervention prevented any casualties. A quick detour inside the Tissamaharama village brought us close to Indian Scops Owl, Jungle Owlet and Brown Hawk Owl all in their day roosts.

We reached the Kithala Resort at 6.30pm and checked in.

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

**Day 11****Tuesday 6th February****Lunugamwehera National Park**

With packed breakfast and lunch we left the Kithala Resort at 5.00am and set off to Lunugamwehera National Park for a full day jeep safari. During our drive to the park we were fortunate to see a Common Palm Civet dash across the road. It was a delightful day of mammal and bird watching with so many sightings. Not long after entering the park we had great views of a Leopard laying in ambush for its prey and stayed with this sighting for almost half an hour. The young Leopard tried its best to catch a Spotted Deer but failed showing that it has much to learn in the art of surprise attack. Our day continued with sightings of Stripe-necked Mongoose, Asian Elephant, Wild Boar, Water Buffalo, Mugger Crocodile, Common Rat Snake, Lesser Adjutant, Intermediate Egret, Barred Buttonquail, Great Thick Knee, Black-winged Stilt, Little Ringed Plover, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Pin-tailed Snipe, Common Redshank, Wood Sandpiper, Little Stint, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Sirkeer Malkoha, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Crested Tree Swift, Pied Kingfisher, Chestnut-headed Bee Eater, Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Plum-headed Parakeet, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Marshall's Iora, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, White-browed Fantail, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Red-rumped Swallow, Grey-breasted Prinia, Jungle Prinia, Rosy Starling, Forest Wagtail and Eastern Wagtail.

We reached Cinnamon Wild Yala at 7.15 pm went for dinner directly and retired to our rooms for the night.

**Day 12****Wednesday 7th 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, Eurasian Spoonbill, Striated Heron, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Pacific Golden Plover, Kentish Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Blue-faced Malkoha, Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark, Brahminy Starling and Orange Minivet amongst other species already seen. Just as we were heading out of the park one of our jeeps spotted a Leopard jump on to the middle of the road in full frame before disappearing once again in to the jungle.

We returned to the hotel at 12.30pm for lunch and relaxed until 4.00pm. Our evening walk around the hotel garden yielded sightings of Indian Star Tortoise, Oriental Pratincole, Small Pratincole, Caspian Tern, Little Tern, Yellow Bittern and Black Bittern.

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

**Day 13****Thursday 8th 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, Watercock, Indian Thick-knee, Black-tailed Godwit, Long-toed Stint, Eurasian Collared Dove, Pied Cuckoo, Oriental Skylark and Clamorous Reed Warbler.

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 Flower Pecker along with other birds seen before.

At 7.15pm we met for the checklist which followed with dinner.

## Day 14

Friday 9th February

### Udawalawe National Park / Sinharaja

At 6.00am with our packed breakfast we drove to Udawalawe National Park for a morning safari and were greeted by many Elephants within the first hour. Black-winged Kite, Blyth's Reed Warbler, Ashy Prinia, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Loten's Sunbird, Indian Silverbill and Soft-shelled Terrapin were sighted during our safari.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and left for Sinharaja at 1.45pm. We had a scenic drive to Sinharaja enjoying the sight of a few waterfalls and midland tea plantations. We reached the Blue Magpie Lodge by 5.30pm and enjoyed a hot cup of tea. Since it was overcast and there was low visibility we sat around the hotel restaurant and did some lazy bird watching.

We met for our checklist at 7.00pm and called it a night after dinner.

## Day 15

Saturday 10th February

### Sinharaja

We had an early breakfast at 5.30am and with our packed lunch we set off in jeeps to the Sinharaja Rainforest. Our sightings for the day included Tikiri Keelback Snake, Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, Red-faced Malkoha, Serendib Scops Owl, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Malabar Trogon, Lesser Yellownape, Layard's Parakeet, Sri Lanka Drongo, Orange-billed Babbler, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush and Sri Lanka Myna amongst many other species seen before.

We returned to the hotel at 4.00pm and enjoyed a hot cup of tea and relaxed until the checklist and dinner at 7.15pm.

## Day 16

Sunday 11th 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 Spurfowl, Green Billed Coucal, Indian Blue Robin and Legge's Flowerpecker 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 5.15pm and did their checklist for the day.

## Day 17

**Monday 12th February**

### Katunayake

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

### Blue Whale Extension

## Day 1 Extension

**Monday 12th February**

### Mirissa

With our packed breakfast we left the hotel at 5.45am and reached the Mirissa Harbour by 6.15am and boarded our boat for the Whale watching excursion. We had good sightings of a few Olive Ridley Turtles and Spinner Dolphins within the first two hours of our journey. After a long wait we finally got a view of a Fin Whale at a distance which breached over six times showing almost all of itself. We had sightings of Whimbrel, Greater Crested Tern and Lesser Crested Tern too.

We returned to the hotel at 1.30pm and had our lunch and relaxed in the hotel enjoying the facilities. At 3.30pm we visited a Turtle hatchery where we saw rescued injured turtles being cared for and learned about their life.

We then 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.

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

## Day 2 Extension

**Tuesday 13th February**

### Mirissa

Another morning whale watching excursion yielded us sightings of Spinner Dolphins, Bottle-nosed Dolphins along with Olive Ridley Sea Turtle and Pomarine Skua and White-winged Tern.

At 3.30pm we left for Kirala Kele sanctuary for birding and enjoyed some relaxed bird watching where we got very good sightings of Yellow Bittern and Black Bittern. Upon returning to the hotel we observed an Indian Pygmy Pipistrelle flying about the hotel reception.

We met for dinner at 7.15pm which followed by the checklist and the next day's briefing.

## Day 3 Extension

Wednesday 14th 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 Extension

Thursday 15th 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 (bold = endemic)

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2	Garganey	<i>Anas 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>

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
8	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
9	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
10	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
11	Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
12	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
13	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
14	Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>
15	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
16	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</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	<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	Crested Hawk Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
33	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
34	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
35	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
36	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
37	White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
38	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>
39	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>
40	Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>
41	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
42	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
43	Indian Thick Knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>
44	Great Thick Knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
45	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
46	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
47	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
48	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
49	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
50	Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
51	Lesser Sand Plover, (Mongolian Plover)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
52	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
53	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
54	Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
55	Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
56	Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
57	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
58	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
59	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
60	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
61	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
62	Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>
63	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>
64	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>
65	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
66	Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
67	Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
68	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
69	Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
70	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>
71	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
72	Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
73	Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
74	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
75	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
76	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
77	<b>Sri Lanka Green Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
78	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
79	<b>Green-billed Coucal</b>	<i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i>
80	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
81	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
82	<b>Red-faced Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
83	Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
84	Jacobin Cuckoo, (Pied Cuckoo)	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
85	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
86	Grey-bellied Cuckoo, (Plaintive Cuckoo)	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
87	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
88	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
89	<b>Serendib Scops Owl</b>	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
90	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
91	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
92	Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
93	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
94	Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
95	Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
96	Crested Treeswift (Grey-rumped Treeswift)	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
97	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
98	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
99	House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
100	Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>

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101	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
102	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
103	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
104	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
105	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
106	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
107	Blue-tailed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
108	Chestnut-headed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
109	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
110	<b>Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill</b>	<i>Ocyroceros gingalensis</i>
111	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
112	<b>Yellow-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
113	<b>Crimson-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
114	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
115	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>
116	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>
117	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
118	<b>Sri Lanka Red-backed Woodpecker</b>	<i>Dinopium psarodes</i>
119	<b>Crimson-backed Goldenback</b>	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
120	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>
121	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
122	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
123	<b>Layard's Parakeet</b>	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
124	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
125	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
126	<b>Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot</b>	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
127	Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
128	Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
129	<b>Sri Lanka Woodshrike</b>	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
130	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
131	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
132	Marshall's Iora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
133	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
134	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
135	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
136	Orange Minivet, (Scarlet Minivet, Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
137	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
138	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
139	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
140	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>
141	<b>Sri Lanka Drongo</b>	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
142	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
143	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
144	Asian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
145	<b>Sri Lanka Blue Magpie</b>	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
146	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>

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147	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
148	Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
149	Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
150	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
151	Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
152	Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
153	<b>Black-capped Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
154	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
155	<b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
156	White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
157	Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
158	Square-tailed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa humii</i>
159	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
160	Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
161	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
162	<b>Sri Lanka Swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
163	Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
164	Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
165	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
166	<b>Sri Lanka Bush Warbler</b>	<i>Elaphromis palliseri</i>
167	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
168	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
169	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
170	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
171	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
172	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
173	<b>Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
174	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
175	Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
176	<b>Brown-capped Babbler</b>	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
177	<b>Orange-billed Babbler</b>	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
178	Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
179	<b>Ashy-headed Laughingthrush</b>	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
180	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
181	Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
182	<b>Sri Lanka White-Eye</b>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
183	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
184	<b>Sri Lanka Hill Myna</b>	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
185	Lesser Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
186	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
187	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
188	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
189	Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
190	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>
191	<b>Spot-winged Thrush</b>	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
192	Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>

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193	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
194	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
195	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
196	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
197	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
198	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
199	<b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
200	Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larivora brunnea</i>
201	<b>Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush</b>	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
202	Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
203	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
204	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
205	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>
206	<b>Legge's Flowerpecker, White-throated Flowerpecker</b>	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
207	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
208	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
209	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
210	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
211	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
212	Indian Silverbill, White-throated Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
213	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
214	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
215	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
216	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
217	Eastern Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
218	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
219	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>

## Mammals

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1	Grey Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>
2	Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
3	Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus (Presbytis) entellus</i>
4	Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus (Presbytis) vetulus</i>
5	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
6	Small Indian Civet- Ring-tailed Civet	<i>Veverricula indica</i>
7	Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroitus</i>
8	Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
9	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
10	Stripe-necked Mongoose	<i>Herpestes vitticollis</i>
11	Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
12	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
13	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
14	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
15	Sri Lanka Spotted Chevrotain	<i>Moschiola meminna</i>
16	Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
17	Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>

18	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
19	Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
20	Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
21	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</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	Lesser False Vampire Bat	<i>Megaderma spasma</i>
26	Schneiders Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Hipposideros speoris</i>
27	Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>
28	Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncates</i>
29	Spinner Dolphin	<i>Stenella mulla</i>
30	Indian Pygmy Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus tenuis</i>

## Reptiles & others

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
1	Common Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosus maximus</i>
2	Common bronze-back Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>
3	Tikiri Keel Back Snake	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>
4	Bengal (Land) Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
5	Asian Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>
6	Oriental (Common) Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
7	Green Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes calotes</i>
8	Black - cheek Lizard	<i>Calotes nigrilabris</i>
9	Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</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	Olive Ridley Sea Turtle	<i>Lepidochlys olvacea</i>
14	Deraniyagala's Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis podihuna</i>
15	Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
16	Bark Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus leschenaultii</i>
17	Indian Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>
18	Spotted Skink	<i>Eutropis madaraszi</i>
19	Bronze Green Little Skink	<i>Eutropis macularia</i>
20	Giant Millipede	<i>Spirostreptus centrurus</i>