

Sri Lanka - Endemic Birds

Including Blue Whales Extension

Naturetrek Tour report

30 January – 11 February 2016



Sri Lanka White-Eye



Yellow-fronted Barbet



Black-capped Bulbul



Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon

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Highlights

All 33 species of endemic birds were seen on the tour. We also had a new sighting for this tour in Udawalawe National Park; the locally very rare Eurasian Hobby. In the same area we had a rare mammal sighting when a Slender Loris was spotted. At Nuwara Eliya the group saw a Golden Jackal, which was unusual as it was not its normal habitat. Overall 208 species of birds, 21 species of mammals and 11 reptile species were seen.

Day 1

Saturday 30th January

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

Day 2

Sunday 31st January

Our flight landed at Colombo Airport at 12.40pm, and by 1.30pm we had left the airport and were heading towards Kithulgala. En route we encountered Indian Pond Heron, Cattle, Intermediate and Great Egrets, Little Cormorant, Brahminy Kite, White-breasted Waterhen, Red-wattled Lapwing, Spotted Dove, Red-vented Bulbul and Asian Openbill.

When we arrived at Kithulgala we were greeted with a cup of tea, and after checking in we did a bit of birding around the hotel premises. Sightings included Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Alexandrine Parakeet, Yellow-fronted and Crimson-fronted Barbets, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Spot-winged Thrush, Indian Pitta, Sri Lanka Swallow, White-bellied Drongo, Black-capped and Black Bulbuls, Common Tailorbird, Yellow-billed Babbler, White-throated Kingfisher and Chestnut-headed Bee-eater. We had seen 49 bird species of which five were endemic! We also encountered Torque Macaque, Indian Grey Mongoose, Indian Palm Squirrel and Grizzled Giant Squirrel.

We came back to the hotel at 6.30pm and met to do the checklist at 7pm. After a briefing about the next day we had dinner.

Day 3

Monday 1st February

We started the day with tea at 5am and then headed out at 5.30am for some pre-breakfast birding. We walked towards Kithulgala village and crossed over a hanging bridge into the interior of the small village. During the walk we saw Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Shikra, Besra, Crested Serpent Eagle, Black Eagle, Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Layard's Parakeet, Common Hawk-Cuckoo, Brown-capped Babbler and Chestnut-backed Owlet.

We returned to the hotel at 8.30am and sat down for breakfast. As there was good sunlight we quickly ate our breakfast and set off to the Mahakandarawo rainforest before it got too hot. Inside the rainforest we encountered the famous Serendib Scops Owl along with Legge's Flowerpecker, Oriental White-Eye, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Southern (Lesser) Hill Myna, Dark-fronted Babbler, Black-naped Monarch, Greenish Warbler, Grey Wagtail, Golden-fronted Leafbird,

Malabar Trogon and Brown-backed Needletail. We also saw Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, Common Garden Lizard, Green Garden Lizard, Common Skink and a Keelback Water Snake.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed till late afternoon before heading out for another birding walk where we encountered many of the birds seen in the morning. Back at the hotel we met for the checklist at 7pm, and then after dinner we retired to our rooms to be ready for another early start the following day.

Day 4

Tuesday 2nd February

We started our day at 5.15am with tea and then headed out for another pre-breakfast birding session, encountering White-bellied Sea Eagle, Green-billed Coucal, Crimson-backed Flameback, Alpine Swift, Slaty-legged Crane and Crested Treeswift.

We checked out of the hotel after breakfast and left for Nuwara Eliya. It was a rather hot morning as we drove to Nuwara Eliya but as we climbed higher into the mountains the weather changed from hot to cool. We reached our next hotel in time for lunch and then relaxed till 3pm before setting out again.

In the afternoon we visited Bomuruella where we encountered Dull Blue Flycatcher, Sri Lanka White-Eye, Pied Bushchat, Indian Robin, Brown Shrike, Small Minivet and Blue-tailed Bee-eater. Continuing on to Seethaeliya we spotted the elusive Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush.

We headed back to the hotel at 6pm and met to do the checklist at 7pm. After dinner we returned to our rooms as we would be leaving for Horton Plains at 5am.

Day 5

Wednesday 3rd February

After tea at 4.15am we left for Horton Plains. En route to the park entrance we had a very rare sighting of a Golden Jackal on the road. This was one of the first sightings of the jackal outside its normal habitat. Inside the National Park we encountered Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Chestnut-winged Cuckoo, Hill Swallow, Richard's and Paddyfield Pipits, Blyth's Reed Warbler and Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler. We also saw Sambar Deer, Muntjac and Dusky Squirrel.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and set out again at 3pm to Victoria Park where we encountered Forest Wagtail, Kashmir Flycatcher, Pied Thrush, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, and Indian Blue Robin.

We came back to the hotel at 5.45pm, and in the evening did our checklist and had dinner before bed.

Day 6

Thursday 4th February

We started with a pre-breakfast birding session to Bomuruella where we saw many of the birds we had already encountered. We returned to the hotel by 7.30am for breakfast. Afterwards we checked out and headed to Embilipitiya. En route we visited the Surrey estate where we spotted Brown Wood Owl. At 12.30pm we stopped for lunch and did a little birding from the picturesque restaurant which overlooked the valley below.

On our journey today we spotted Asian Elephant, Grey Langur, Spotted Deer, Indian Hare, Indian Flying Fox and a Land Monitor. Amongst the birds we encountered were Lesser Whistling Duck, Painted Stork, Eurasian Spoonbill, Purple Heron, Spot-billed Pelican, Indian Cormorant, Darter, Peregrine Falcon, Black-winged Kite, Gray-headed Fish Eagle, Booted Eagle, Grey-headed Swamphen, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Black-winged Stilt, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Pacific Golden Plover, Little Ringed Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Marsh Sandpiper, Whiskered Tern, Indian Nightjar, Indian Roller, Pied Kingfisher, Coppersmith Barbet, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Jungle Prinia, Purple Sunbird and Yellow-eyed Babbler. Before we reached our next hotel we were surprised with another rare sighting, this time of a Slender Loris just outside Udawalawe. This nocturnal mammal is usually very difficult to spot in this area but we were lucky to be there at the right time.

We reached the hotel by 7pm and the evening was spent doing the checklist and having dinner.

Day 7

Friday 5th February

We left the Centauria Hotel with a picnic breakfast and proceeded to Udawalawe National Park for a Jeep Safari. Inside the park, bird sightings included Barred Buttonquail, Woolly-necked Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Green Sandpiper, Gull-billed Tern, Plum-headed Parakeet, Jacobin Cuckoo, Collared Scops Owl, Sirkeer Malkoha, Ashy Drongo, Oriental Skylark, Gray-breasted Prinia, Zitting Cisticola, Baya Weaver, Black-headed Munia, Scaly-breasted Munia and Jerdon's Leafbird. We also saw a Mugger Crocodile and a Soft-shelled Terrapin in a water hole. In the afternoon, as we were heading towards the park exit, Chaminda spotted a very rare Eurasian Hobby which was the first record in this area. It was an exciting end to our park visit.

We reached Sinharaja by 5.30pm and were greeted with a welcome cup of tea. We did a little birding in the vicinity of the hotel and encountered Sri Lanka Blue Magpie. Later we did our checklist before dinner.

Day 8

Saturday 6th February

After breakfast at 5.30am we left with a picnic lunch for the Singharaja Rainforest. Inside the rainforest we encountered Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, White-faced Starling, Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush, Changeable Hawk-Eagle and Black-headed Cuckooshrike, along with many other birds seen on previous days. We also spotted Water Monitor and Bronzeback Tree Snake.

We returned to the hotel at 5.30pm and in the evening followed our usual routine of checklist, dinner and bed.

Day 9

Sunday 7th February

We started the day at 5am and, after a cup of tea, headed out to look for two more endemic birds which would complete the total of 33. Around 6am we visited a local house garden and waited patiently until we saw the shy and elusive Sri Lanka Spurfowl which showed itself from a thick bush. We also managed to see the last endemic, the Red-faced Malkoha, along with Sri Lanka Frogmouth and Black-throated Munia.

We came back to the hotel for lunch and then checked out at 1.30pm. The group now split as half of us were returning to the UK to finish the main tour, whilst the others were continuing on the Blue Whale tour extension.

The returning group went on to Colombo for their flight the next day, while the extension group proceeded to Mirissa, reaching the hotel at 5.30pm.

Day 10 (main tour) Day 1 (tour extension)

Monday 8th February

The 'main tour' group caught a flight from Colombo back to the UK where their tour ended. Those of us staying on left our hotel at 6.30am with a picnic breakfast and headed for the pier for our first day of whale watching. We set off and 18 nautical miles into the ocean we encountered a pod of over 100 Spinner Dolphins in a feeding frenzy. After spending some time watching them, we sailed southward and saw our first Blue Whale.

We returned to the hotel by noon for lunch and to relax. In the afternoon we visited the Galle Fort and walked inside the old city, enjoying its architecture and sights. In the evening we did our checklist and had dinner.

Extension Day 2

Tuesday 9th February

This morning we again left the pier at 7am and set out to sea for our second day of whale watching. The sea was rough yet we were able to see a pod of 50 Spinner Dolphins as we sailed south. A very active Blue Whale was spotted and we patiently followed it as it did many 'tail up' dives before completely vanishing into the depths of the ocean. On our return to the pier we spotted many terns.

At 3.30pm we visited the Kirala Kele area for birding and encountered many egrets, Brahminy Kite, Lesser Whistling Duck, Wood and Green Sandpipers, and a Shikra been chased by three White-bellied Drongos. We returned to the hotel at 6pm and later did our checklist followed by dinner.

Extension Day 3

Wednesday 10th February

In the morning we birded around the hotel and came across Sri Lanka Swallow, Common Iora, Asian Koel and Black-hooded Oriole.

After lunch we proceeded to our hotel in Katunayake, arriving at 4.30pm. We walked in the hotel garden before going for dinner and finishing the day with the checklist.

Extension Day 4

Thursday 11th February

After breakfast we checked out and headed to the airport. We caught a flight back to the UK where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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Species Lists

Birds (Bold text is endemic or near endemic)

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
2	Sri Lanka Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
3	Sri Lanka Junglefowl	<i>Gallus lafayetii</i>
4	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
5	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
6	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
7	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
8	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
9	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
10	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
11	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
12	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
14	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
15	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
16	Great Egret	<i>casmerodius albus</i>
17	Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
18	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
19	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
20	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>
21	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
22	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
23	Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
24	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
25	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
26	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
27	White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
28	Gray-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Lcthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>
29	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
30	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
31	Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
32	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
33	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
34	Black Eagle	<i>Lctinaetus malayensis</i>
35	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
36	Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>
37	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
38	Legge's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus kelaarti</i>
39	Slaty-legged Crane	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
40	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>
41	Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
42	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
43	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
44	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
45	Red-wattled lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
46	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
47	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
48	Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
49	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>

	Common name	Scientific name
50	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
51	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
52	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
53	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
54	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
55	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
56	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
57	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
58	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
59	Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
60	Spotted Dove	<i>Stigmatopelia chinensis</i>
61	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
62	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
63	Sri Lanka Green Pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
64	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
65	Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
66	Crimson-fronted Barbet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
67	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
68	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
69	Layard's Parakeet	<i>Psittacula calthropae</i>
70	Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
71	Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	<i>Clamator coromandus</i>
72	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
73	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
74	Asian Koel	<i>Endynamys scolopacerus</i>
75	Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Rhopodytes viridirostris</i>
76	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
77	Red-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
78	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
79	Green-billed Coucal	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>
80	Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
81	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>
82	Serendib Scops Owl	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
83	Collared Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
84	Chestnut backed Owlet	<i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>
85	Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
86	Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
87	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia unicolor</i>
88	Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>
89	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
90	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymartus melba</i>
91	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
92	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
93	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
94	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
95	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
96	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
97	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
98	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
99	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
100	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
101	Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
102	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>

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103 Yellow-fronted Barbet	<i>Megalaima flavifrons</i>
104 Crimson-fronted Barbet	<i>Megalaima rubricapillus</i>
105 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
106 Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
107 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
108 Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>
109 Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorophus</i>
110 Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
111 Crimson-backed Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
112 Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
113 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyuran</i>
114 Sri Lanka Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
115 Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
116 Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
117 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
118 Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
119 Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
120 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
121 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
122 Marshall's Iora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
123 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
124 Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
125 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
126 Sri Lanka Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
127 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
128 Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
129 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
130 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
131 Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
132 Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
133 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
134 Sri Lanka Drongo	<i>Dicrurus lophorhinus</i>
135 Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
136 Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
137 Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
138 Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>
139 Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
140 Jerdon's Bushlark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
141 Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
142 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
143 Black-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
144 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
145 Yellow-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
146 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
147 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
148 Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
149 Gray-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
150 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
151 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
152 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
153 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
154 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
155 Sri Lanka Bush Warbler	<i>Bradypterus palliseri</i>

Common name	Scientific name
156 Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
157 Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
158 Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
159 Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
160 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
161 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
162 Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
163 Brown-capped Babbler	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
164 Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
165 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
166 Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
167 Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
168 Orange-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
169 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
170 Ashy-headed Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
171 Sri Lanka Hill Myna	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
172 Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
173 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
174 White-faced Starling	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
175 Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
176 Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
177 Pied Thrush	<i>Zoothera wardii</i>
178 Spot-winged Thrush	<i>Zoothera spiloptera</i>
179 Sri Lanka Thrush	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>
180 Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
181 Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora brunnea</i>
182 Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
183 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
184 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
185 Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
186 Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
187 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
188 Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
189 Dull-blue Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
190 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
191 Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
192 Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>
193 Legge's Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
194 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
195 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
196 Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
197 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia lotenia</i>
198 Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
199 Sri Lanka White-Eye	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
200 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
201 Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
202 Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
203 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
204 Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
205 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
206 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
207 Black-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>
208 Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>

Common name**Scientific name****Mammals**

1	Slender Loris	<i>Loris tardigradus</i>
2	Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
3	Grey Langur	<i>Presbytis entellus</i>
4	Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Presbytis vetulus</i>
5	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
6	Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
8	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>
9	Indian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
10	Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
11	Spotted Deer (Chital)	<i>Cervus axis</i>
12	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
13	Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus arnee</i>
14	Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
15	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
16	Dusky Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
17	Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
18	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantea</i>
19	Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>
20	Spinner Dolphin	<i>Stenella longirostris</i>
21	Lesser Short-nosed Fruit Bat	<i>Cynopterus brachyotis</i>

Reptiles & Amphibians

1	Land Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
2	Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>
3	Black-cheeked Lizard	<i>Calotes nigrilabris</i>
4	Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
5	Common Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
6	Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
7	Soft shelled Terrapin	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
8	Green Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes calotes</i>
9	Common Skink	<i>Lankascincus fallax</i>
10	Keelback Water Snake	<i>Xenochrophis asperimus</i>
11	Common Bronzeback Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>

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