

Sri Lanka – Blue Whales & Leopards with Sinharaja Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Blue Whale



Risso's Dolphin



Leopard



Indian (Collared) Scops Owl

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Highlights/Summary

This report covers the 10-day Sri Lanka – Blue Whales & Leopards tour, together with the Sinharaja Extension.

Our Blue Whale search at Mirissa was very successful with six sightings on the first day, followed by four and over 10 on the second and third days. Over the previous week a pair of Blue Whales had been seen feeding and socialising together, and we were fortunate to see these two Blue Whales (probably a male and a female) very close to our boat. On Day 3 we were able to identify a few Risso's Dolphins and False Killer Whales amongst a scattered pod of Spinner Dolphins. A mixed pod that yields three different species is always an exciting find and everyone was delighted with this sighting.

Black, Cinnamon and Yellow Bitterns were all sighted on our bird walks, along with many other bird species. A Sloth Bear with her two cubs surprised us during our safari, and an Elephant and a Tusker fought aggressively in a reservoir, almost drowning each other. Our best Leopard sighting came at the end of one day, with her walking close to our jeep and then going to an open field. She was seen playfully pouncing on leaves and twigs before scent-marking her surroundings. On our drive back from Lunugamvehera National Park we were met by another big Tusker on the middle of the road and had to wait until it decided to move back in to the jungle!

Overall we saw 24 mammal species, 13 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 168 bird species to conclude a very successful tour.

Day 1

Saturday 23rd December

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

Day 2

Sunday 24th December

Arrive Colombo; travel to Weligama

Our flight arrived into Colombo at 12.35pm and, after meeting the three leaders, we set off to Weligama for our four-night stay at the cosy Fisherman's Bay Hotel. En route we enjoyed some fresh bananas, and drove to our destination via the Southern highway. On the way we had views of Indian Peafowl, Asian Openbill, Grey and Purple Herons, Cattle, Great, Intermediate and Little Egrets, Spot-billed Pelican, Little Cormorant, Crested Serpent Eagle, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Brahminy Kite, Red-wattled Lapwing, Whiskered Tern, Rock Dove, Spotted Dove, Green Imperial Pigeon, White-throated Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, White-bellied Drongo, House Crow, Red-vented Bulbul and Scaly-breasted Munia, along with Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Indian Palm Squirrel, Water Monitor, Oriental Garden Lizard and House Gecko.

We reached the Fisherman's Bay Resort at 5pm. Since it was Christmas Eve, the hotel had organised a few Christmas activities and a gala dinner. We did our checklist at 7pm and enjoyed a nice meal before calling it a night.

Day 3

Monday 25th December

Weligama

Our morning whale-watching excursion to Mirissa was very successful with good sightings of six Blue Whales. Two Blue Whales swam together and many times strayed close to our boat, giving us good views. We returned to our hotel at 11.30am and had lunch at 12.30pm.

At 3pm we set out to Galle Fort and enjoyed a tour of the old Dutch fort and visited the prison cells, clock tower, Dutch Reformed Church and the old jetty. We were greeted by a troupe of Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys within the fort compound and spent most of the time enjoying views of them while birding. Sightings included Indian Pond Heron, Gull-billed Tern, Greater Crested Tern, Asian Koel, Indian Swiftlet, Brown-headed Barbet, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Brown Shrike, White-browed Bulbul, Barn Swallow, Yellow-billed Babbler and Indian Robin, along with Brown Mongoose and Indian Flying Fox.

We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did the checklist at 7.30pm, followed by dinner and a briefing for the next day.

Day 4

Tuesday 26th December

Weligama

Another morning whale-watching excursion began at 6.15am, and we saw many Spinner Dolphins and Blue Whales.

After lunch at the hotel we visited the Kirala Kele sanctuary and encountered Lesser Whistling Duck, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Little Grebe, Painted Stork, Eurasian Spoonbill, Yellow, Black and Cinnamon Bitterns, Indian Cormorant, Oriental Darter, White-breasted Waterhen, Black-winged Stilt, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Black-tailed Godwit, Peregrine Falcon, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Common Iora, Black-hooded Oriole, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, White-browed Bulbul, Sri Lanka Swallow, Green Warbler, Common Tailorbird, Grey-headed Swamphen, Brown-breasted Flycatcher and Purple-rumped Sunbird,

We were back at the hotel at 6.45pm and after doing the checklist, we had dinner and called it a night.

Day 5

Wednesday 27th December

Weligama

Today our whale-watching excursion yielded fantastic sightings of False Killer Whales and Risso's Dolphins, together with many Blue Whales. We returned very satisfied with our sightings. After lunch the group wanted to visit a turtle hatchery, so an optional activity was organised and we spent 45 minutes looking at rescued Loggerhead, Hawksbill, Green and Olive Ridley Turtles. As we were heading back to the hotel it started to rain heavily.

Our usual checklist and dinner continued from 7pm onwards.

Day 6

Thursday 28th December

Yala

After breakfast we checked out of the hotel at 8.30am and proceeded to Yala. En route we visited Tissamaharama wetlands and were able to see Jungle Owlet and Collared Scops Owl at roost. We reached Cinnamon Wild Yala at 2.30pm and had lunch.

At 4pm we set out for a walk around the hotel gardens and encountered Common Moorhen, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Lesser Sand Plover, Common Redshank, Common Sandpiper, Asian Palm Swift, Little Green Bee-eater, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Indian Pitta, Small Minivet, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Purple Sunbird, Paddyfield Pipit and Blyth's Pipit, along with Toque Macaque, Grey Mongoose, Wild Boar, Black-naped Hare and Mugger Crocodile.

We returned to the hotel at 6pm, did the checklist and had dinner.

Day 7

Friday 29th December

Yala

We had tea/coffee at 5am and left the hotel at 5.30am with our packed meals. Yala National Park was crowded due to the holiday traffic and we had a slow morning session. Before lunch we had good sightings of Asian Elephant, Wild Boar, Water Buffalo, Ruddy Mongoose, Grey Mongoose, Grey Langur, Toque Macaque, Spotted Deer, Sambar Deer, Black-naped Hare, and a wonderful sighting of a Sloth Bear with three cubs.

During our afternoon session we came across a Leopard, although it was at a great distance and lasted just a few seconds. Our bird sightings for the day included Great Cormorant, Shikra, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Great Stone-curlew, Common Ringed, Little Ringed and Kentish Plovers, Marsh and Wood Sandpipers, Little Stint, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Blue-faced Malkoha, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Brown Fish Owl, Indian Roller, Eurasian Hoopoe, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Coppersmith Barbet, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Grey-breasted, Jungle, Ashy and Plain Prinias, Streaked and Baya Weavers and Tricolored Munia.

We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did our checklist at 7.30pm, followed by the briefing and dinner.

Day 8

Saturday 30th December

Lunugamvehera

We had tea/coffee at 5am and then left the hotel at 5.15am with packed breakfast and lunch. We reached Lunugamvehera National Park by 6.30am and our first sighting for the day was a big Asian Elephant, who stood in the main road causing a traffic jam. Another Elephant was sighted as we entered the park. Our next sighting was a Crested Serpent Eagle which had half swallowed a Green Vine Snake. We stopped for breakfast at 9am overlooking the water channel from the Lunugamvehera Reservoir. Many White-bellied Sea Eagles and Brahminy Kites hovered over us, as Torque Macaques sat up in the trees looking at our food.

The rest of the day continued in the pursuit of Leopard and birds. The rotting smell of a Leopard kill was attracting many jeeps to a possible sighting, yet the wait was fruitless. We followed a new track hoping to find

another Leopard. Before long we were right in front of a female Leopard, which put up a good show for us when she decided to playfully pounce on a few leaves and twigs. We had very good views of her for about 20 minutes before she disappeared into the jungle.

On our way back from the park we encountered a big Tusker on the road, and another young Elephant which managed to slow down the vehicles. Our other sightings included Muntjac, Grizzled Giant Squirrel, Common Skink, Buff-striped Keelback Snake, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Barred Buttonquail, Common Greenshank, Greater Coucal, Sirkeer Malkoha, Common Hawk-Cuckoo, Crested Treeswift, Common Kingfisher, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Plum-headed Parakeet, Alexandrine Parakeet, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Yellow-eyed Babbler, White-rumped Shama, White-rumped Munia and Forest Wagtail,

As it was late when we got back to the hotel, we went straight for dinner and didn't do the checklist. A few stayed back after dinner and were able to see a Common Palm Civet.

Main Tour Day 9; Extension Day 1

Sunday 31st December

Katunayake (Main Tour); Sinharaja (Extension)

We had breakfast at 8am and did the checklist at 8.45am before checking out of the hotel at 9.15am. We reached the Silver Ray restaurant at 1pm and had our final group lunch. Three group members then set off to Sinharaja for their extension, while the remaining nine set off to Katunayake for their final night stay at the Airport Garden Hotel.

The Extension party reached the Blue Magpie Lodge at 4pm. Whilst birding around the lodge, sightings included Greater Coucal, Layard's Parakeet, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Black Bulbul and Purple-faced Leaf Monkey.

Main Tour Day 10; Extension Day 2

Monday 1st January

Return to UK (Main Tour); Sinharaja (Extension)

After breakfast the Main Tour group checked out of their hotel and proceeded to the airport in time for a return flight to the UK, where their Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

The Extension party left their hotel at 6am with packed breakfast and lunch. At the Sinharaja Rainforest ticket counter we saw a Green Pit Viper, before setting off in our jeep to the forest entrance. En route we saw Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Orange Minivet, Yellow-fronted Barbet, White-bellied Drongo, Layard's Parakeet, Legge's Flowerpecker, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Sri Lanka Myna, Black-capped Bulbul, Green Imperial Pigeon, Chestnut-backed Owlet, White-throated Kingfisher, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Thick-billed Flowerpecker, Purple Sunbird, Green Forest Lizard and Purple-faced Leaf Monkey. Today was unusually hot. We came across a mixed bird flock about 11am and had good sightings of Red-faced Malkoha, Malabar Trogon, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Sri Lanka Drongo, Orange-billed Babbler, Lesser Yellownappe, Black-naped Monarch, Yellow-browed Bulbul and Sri Lanka Blue Magpie.

After lunch we went in search of Serendib Scops Owl and Sri Lanka Frogmouth, and saw both at their roosts. We returned to the hotel at 4pm and did the checklist at 7pm, before calling it a night.

Extension Day 3

Tuesday 2nd January

Sinharaja

We had a pre-breakfast birding session around the Sinharaja Rainforest buffer zone and encountered Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Scimitar Babbler, Spot-winged Thrush, Emerald Dove, Slaty-legged Crake and Dark-fronted Babbler.

We returned to the hotel for some tea and then went back into the Sinharaja Rainforest. We encountered Black Eagle, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Crimson-backed Flameback and Dusky-striped Squirrel, along with many other birds seen before.

We returned to the hotel at 4.30pm and the rest of the evening was at leisure, followed by the checklist and dinner.

Extension Day 4

Wednesday 3rd January

Katunayake

We had a morning birding session around the Sinharaja village and encountered Green-billed Coucal, along with many other birds seen before.

We then left the hotel with a packed lunch and reached Colombo at 3pm for a short tour of the city. After visiting Colombo, we drove to the Gateway Airport Garden Hotel, arriving at 4.30pm. We did a small bird walk around the hotel garden and saw Crimson-fronted Barbet.

The checklist for the day was completed by 6pm and we met for dinner at 7pm.

Extension Day 5

Thursday 4th January

Return flights

We checked out of the hotel and travelled to the airport in time for our return flights home.

Species Lists (Endemic species in bold; some previous/alternative names in brackets)

Mammals

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
2	Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus entellus</i>
3	Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus vetulus</i>
4	Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>
5	Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroitus</i>
6	Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
8	Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
9	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
10	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
11	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
12	Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
13	Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
14	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
15	Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
16	Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
17	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
18	Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
19	Indian (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	Risso's Dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>
24	False Killer Whale	<i>Pseudorca crassidens</i>

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
3	Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
4	Sri Lanka Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
5	Sri Lanka Junglefowl	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
6	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
7	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
8	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
9	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
10	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
11	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
12	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
13	Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</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>

Common name	Scientific name
22 Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta 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 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
30 Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatu</i>
31 Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
32 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
33 Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
34 White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
35 Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>
36 Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
37 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
38 Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
39 Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
40 Great Stone-Curlew (Great Thick Knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
41 Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
42 Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
43 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
44 Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
45 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
46 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
47 Lesser Sand Plover (Mongolian Plover)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
48 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
49 Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
50 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
51 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
52 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</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 Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
58 Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
59 Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>
60 Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
61 Common Emerald Dove (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 Green-billed Coucal	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>
66 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
67 Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
68 Red-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
69 Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
70 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>
71 Grey-bellied Cuckoo (Plaintive Cuckoo)	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
72 Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
73 Serendib Scops Owl	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
74 Indian Scops Owl (Collared Scops Owl)	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>

Common name	Scientific name
75 Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
76 Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
77 Chestnut backed Owlet	<i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>
78 Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
79 Crested Treeswift (Gray-rumped Treeswift)	<i>Hemiproctes coronata</i>
80 Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
81 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
82 Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
83 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
84 Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
85 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
86 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
87 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
88 Green Bee-eater (Little Green Bee-eater)	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
89 Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
90 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
91 Eurasian Hoopoe (Common Hoopoe)	<i>Upupa epops</i>
92 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
93 Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
94 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
95 Yellow-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
96 Crimson-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
97 Coppermith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
98 Lesser Yellownappe	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
99 Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Goldenback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
100 Crimson-backed Flameback (Crimson-backed Goldenback)	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
101 Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
102 Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
103 Layard's Parakeet	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
104 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
105 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
106 Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
107 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
108 Sri Lanka Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
109 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
110 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
111 Orange Minivet (Scarlet/Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
112 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
113 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
114 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
115 Sri Lanka Drongo (Sri Lanka Crested Drongo)	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
116 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
117 Indian Paradise Flycatcher (Asian Paradise Flycatcher)	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
118 Sri Lanka Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
119 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
120 Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed Crow)	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
121 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
122 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
123 Black-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
124 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
125 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
126 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
127 Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
128 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
129 Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
130 Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
131 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
132 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
133 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
134 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
135 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
136 Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
137 Grey-headed Swampphen (Purple Swampphen)	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
138 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
139 Orange-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
140 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
141 Ashy-headed Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
142 Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
143 Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
144 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
145 Sri Lanka Hill Myna (Sri Lanka Myna)	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
146 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
147 Spot-winged Thrush	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
148 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
149 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
150 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
151 Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
152 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
153 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
154 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
155 Legge's Flowerpecker (White-throated Flowerpecker)	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
156 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
157 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
158 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
159 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
160 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
161 Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>
162 Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
163 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
164 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
165 Tricolored Munia (Black-headed Munia)	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
166 Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
167 Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
168 Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>

Reptiles & Amphibians

Common name	Scientific name
1 Sri Lanka Green Pit Viper	<i>Trimeresurus trigonocephalus</i>
2 Green Vine Snake	<i>Ahaetulla nasuta</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 Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
8 Hump-nosed Lizard	<i>Lyricephalus scutatus</i>

9	Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
10	Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
11	Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
12	Common Skink	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>
13	Buff-striped Keelback Snake	<i>Amphiesma stolatum</i>