

Wild Sri Lanka in Style

Naturetrek Tour Report

9th – 23rd January 2024



Asian Elephant



Kandy Temple of the Tooth



Painted Bat



Tikiri Keelback

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Highlights

Despite some adverse weather and some changes to the itinerary, we experienced some quality wildlife sightings and also explored the rich cultural and historic wonders Sri Lanka has to offer in this 15-day tour. Lunugamwehera National Park didn't disappoint us with wonderful Leopard sightings just as we entered the park. Two cubs and the mother emerged from the forest and gave us some superb sightings no more than 10 meters away from us. Asian Elephants greeted us both inside the park and on the roads. One of our rare sightings on this tour included a Painted Bat clutching her baby and flying over to a bush, giving us very close sightings of this rarely seen mammal. On our whale-watching excursion we had very good sightings of a Fin Whale, Bryde's Whale and a number of Spinner Dolphins along with Green Turtle and Olive Ridley Turtle. On the Sinharaja extension we had very close views of the Sri Lanka Frog Mouth and the Sri Lanka Blue Magpie. A flock that formed along the Sinharaja village made our sightings of Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Orange-billed Babbler, Green-billed Coucal and other endemics quite easy.

Overall, we recorded 175 bird species, 23 species of mammals and 17 species of reptiles, which all contributed to the success of this tour.

Day 1

Monday 8th January

The tour started for most with a flight from London to Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka.

Day 2

Tuesday 9th January

Kandalama

Two clients who arrived early were picked up from the Vivanta Airport Garden hotel and we reached the Airport by noon. The flight carrying the other two clients landed at 1.30pm and we set off to Kandalama at 2.00pm. We stopped at Kurunegala for some tea and picked up Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Red-wattled Lapwing, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Whiskered Tern, Asian Woolly-necked Stork, Oriental Darter, Little Cormorant, Indian Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Little Egret, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Eagle, White-throated Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Brown-headed Barbet, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Ashy Woodswallow, Black-hooded Oriole, House Crow, Barn Swallow, Yellow-billed Babbler and Purple-rumped Sunbird. Toque Macaque adorned the electric wires as we drove closer to the hotel. The overcast skies broke into rain just as we reached the hotel at 6.15pm.

A House Gecko stared at us from the ceiling as we did our checklist at 7.15pm. We had our dinner at 7.45pm and called it a night.

Day 3

Wednesday 10th January

Kandalama

Rain poured throughout the whole night as cyclonic weather battered most of the Island. We had an early breakfast and drove to Pollonnaruwa Ancient city amidst the downpour. A drenched Crested Serpent Eagle lay still on a

light post as the rains gradually subsided. Lakes along our drive were swollen with the downpour and fields welcomed the excess flow yet offering us sites of Indian Peafowl, Rock Dove, Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis and Common Myna. Little Swift flew above undisturbed with the weather. A Water Monitor was also spotted along the road as we drove on.

After reaching the ancient city we visited the Museum complex and learned about various artefacts from the period on display. We visited the Parakramabahu Palace complex, the king's audience hall and the Prince's Pond. We then visited the sacred quadrangle where the Vatadage monument, the stone book and the Hatadage monument along with other monuments were seen. Our final visit was to the Gal Vihare where we saw the four rock-cut Buddha statues. Tufted Grey Langur, Indian Palm Squirrel, Chital and Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel were sighted within the complex trying to gather whatever food available during the brief halt of the rain. We then visited a local restaurant which was overlooking a rich rice field. After a hearty lunch we set off to Dambulla Golden Cave Temple. On route we had some fantastic sightings of Asian Elephants along the road near the Minneriya National Park.

We reached the Dambulla site by 4.30pm and scaled the rock until we reached the cave complex. The ancient drip lines carved on the cave surface worked as intended by keeping the rain water from flowing in to the caves and it was in full swing. We explored the ancient cave complex which has a long and colourful history. The well-preserved cave complex contains 153 statues and intricately painted wall art.

We returned to the hotel at 6.00pm, did the checklist at 7.15pm and had dinner at 8.00pm, followed by the briefing for the next day.

Day 4

Thursday 11th January

Kandy

We checked out of the hotel at 8.00am after lunch and visited the Sigiriya Lion Rock Fortress. The rains had ceased and we had better weather than the previous two days. Two clients decided to stay back and do some birding on the grounds whilst the other two scaled the whole rock up to the summit. We saw the frescoes, the King's Rock Throne and the iconic lion's paw staircase during the climb. A pair of Peregrine Falcons flew over the rock screeching, and we had very good sightings of them. Our other morning sightings included Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Asian Koel, Little Grebe, Grey Heron, Asian Green Bee-eater, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Small Minivet, Large Cuckooshrike, White-browed Fantail, Indian Jungle Crow, White-browed Bulbul, Red-vented Bulbul, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Indian Robin, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Purple Sunbird, Loten's Sunbird, Scaly-breasted Munia, Paddyfield Pipit and a Bengal Monitor.

We proceeded to Matale thereafter and visited a Spice Garden where we were taken on a tour of the plantation which included species such as Cinnamon, Pepper, and Ginger, Nutmeg and other herbs and indigenous plants. We reached the Cinnamon Citadel hotel at 4.30pm. The rest of the evening was spent enjoying the pool and the surroundings before once again meeting for the checklist and briefing at 7.15pm. Dinner followed.

Day 5

Friday 12th January

Kandy

After an early breakfast, we set off to visit the Udawattakele sanctuary, which is situated above the old Kandyan palace complex and which was once the Royal Gardens. On the way we saw a pair of Stork-billed Kingfisher along the river bank which showed well. At Udawattakele we saw Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Red-backed Flameback, Crimson-backed Flameback, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Brown Shrike, Cinereous Tit, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Indian White-eye, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Spot-winged Thrush, White-rumped Shama, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Malabar Red Muntjac, Eurasian Wild Pig, and Sri Lanka Softshell Turtle. Afterwards we visited the Kandy Lake and had good views of Indian Swiftlet, Asian Palm Swift, White-breasted Waterhen, Indian Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Black-crowned Night Heron, House Sparrow and many large Common Water Monitors basking in the sun and eating fish by shores. A large colony of Indian Flying Fox adorned the trees along the lake as well.

We returned to the hotel at 12.45pm and relaxed after having our lunch. At 3.30pm we left for the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and explored the many trees that were showcased here including a visit to the Orchid house. We had good sighting of Southern Hill Myna, Alexandrine Parakeet, Square-tailed Bulbul, Sri Lanka Swallow and Orange Minivet along with many other birds seen before. We reached the Kandy Temple of the Tooth at 6.30pm and witnessed the evening ceremony where the shrine room containing the sacred tooth relic was opened to the public for devotions. We returned to the hotel at 7.30pm and met for dinner and the checklist at 8.15pm.

Day 6

Saturday 13th January

Nuwara Eliya

After breakfast we checked out of the hotel at 9.00am and set off to Nuwara Eliya. En-route we visited a working tea plantation and experienced the process of tea making and enjoyed some of the fresh samples. We had good views of Hill Swallow, Changeable Hawk Eagle, Black Eagle and Crested Honey Buzzard during our drive. By 1.00pm we reached the cool central city of Nuwara Eliya and visited the Nuwara Eliya Post Office before checking in to the charming Grand Hotel. Guests enjoyed a high tea meal for lunch and explored the beautiful colonial hotel later on.

At 4.00pm we visited the Victoria Park and saw Common Sandpiper, Common Tailorbird, Sri Lanka White-eye, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Kashmir Flycatcher, Forest Wagtail, and Grey Wagtail. Although a Pied Thrush flew right above our head it was too quick for the group to get a good look at. We met for our checklist at 7.15pm and had our dinner at the lavish restaurant amidst a live band playing some old classics.

Day 7

Sunday 14th January

Horton Plains

As the guests didn't want a very early start to Horton Plains National park we left the hotel at 6.00am with packed breakfast and was at the entrance by 7.00am. Out of the four clients only two did the whole trek, while the other two returned back to the visitor centre area to relax and enjoy the wildlife that presented itself to them. We had sightings of Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Common Kestrel, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Yellow-eared Bulbul,

Green Warbler, Large-billed Leaf Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Pied Bushchat, Tricoloured Munia, Sambar, Black-cheeked Lizard, and Green Forest Lizard.

We returned to the hotel at 2.00pm and the rest of the afternoon was at leisure. Once again we met at 7.15pm for the checklist and had our dinner thereafter.

Day 8

Monday 15th January

Tissamaharama

As today was the Tamil Thai Pongal Festival, the restaurant was serving many traditional meals, an event which was enjoyed by the clients. We left the hotel at 9.00am and visited the Surrey Estate bird sanctuary. Despite our effort to locate the Brown Wood Owls in this area it was futile as the previous days cyclonic weather had altered much of the habitat. Despite this we had great sighting of birds seen before and had new sightings of a Golden-fronted Leafbird. We reached the picturesque Ella town at 12.30pm and had our lunch overlooking the valley that extended all the way to the southern coast line. White-bellied Sea Eagles flew above us as we enjoyed our meal.

Due to the adverse weather experienced in the past three days Yala was fully inundated and our access to the Cinnamon Wild hotel was blocked. Also, the Yala National Park was closed due the flooding. Our hotel was changed to the beautiful Kithala Resort in Tissamaharama and our safaris were changed to the Lunugamwehera National Park for both days. During our drive we encountered a Rat Snake slithering along the road and had good views of it. We made a few stops along the road to see the bird life and saw Lesser Whistling Duck, Green Imperial Pigeon, and Grey-headed Swamphen, Black-winged Stilt, Purple Heron, Shikra, Malabar-pied Hornbill, Pied Kingfisher, Common Iora and many other birds seen before.

We reached the Kithala Resort by 6.00pm and met for the checklist and dinner at 7.15pm.

Day 9

Tuesday 16th January

Lunugamwehera National Park (Galge entrance)

At 5.15am, with our packed breakfast and lunch, we set off to Lunugamwehera National Park. We entered the park at 6.10am and just 10 meters from the gate we got our first sighting of a young Leopard looking at us from behind a termite mound! It was one of litter of three that had been sighted in the park and we had fantastic views of it. It briefly disappeared in to the jungle behind and later reappeared on the other side of the termite mound. It looked slightly smaller than before and it was then that we realised this was *another* cub, probably a female. We stayed with this sighting almost 30 minutes and followed the Leopard another 500 meters as it playfully jumped among the thick vegetation. Another 200 meters ahead we saw another Leopard: much bigger and presumably the mother. Delighted by our early morning luck, we continued our safari enjoying all the other wildlife within the park. The adverse weather had also affected this park and most of the tracks were inundated, but we still managed to have some fantastic wildlife encounters. We had a good sighting of an Asian Elephant calf suckling milk from its mother as another female stood beside them. Water Buffalo were plenty full enjoying the many puddles created by the rains. Egrets and mynas rode on the backs of the buffalos picking off insects, almost like a travelling buffet. We had two Golden Jackal resting on a clear open field whilst an Indian Hare sat under a shady tree, blending in with the brown sand with perfect camouflage. Our very rare sighting today was of a Painted Bat that confused us

as it flew in a hurry towards a small bush. Upon closer inspection we realized there was a baby clutched on to the mother bat, which was another very rare sighting. This orange and black bat is hardly seen in the night and it was a delight to see it during the day time. We also had very good views of many Mugger Crocodiles and an Oriental Garden Lizard sunbathing. An Indian Bull Frog stood out with its bright green colour in a muddy brown pond.

Our bird sightings included Crested Treeswift, Sirkeer Malkoha, Jacobin Cuckoo, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Little Ringed Plover, Wood Sandpiper, Lesser Adjutant, Painted Stork, Intermediate Egret, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Indian Roller, Common Kingfisher, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Plum-headed Parakeet, Marshall's Iora, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Jerdon's Bushlark, Grey-breasted Prinia, Ashy Prinia, Plain Prinia, Rosy Starling, Western Yellow Wagtail and many other birds seen before.

We were back at the hotel by 7.15pm and after dinner we called it a night.

Day 10

Wednesday 17th January

Lunugamwehera National Park (Galge entrance)

Once again, with packed breakfast, we left the hotel at 5.15am. As the clients only wanted to do a morning safari, we planned to get back to the hotel for lunch. New bird sightings included Blue-faced Malkoha, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, White-bellied Drongo, Jungle Prinia, Common Moorhen, and Brown-capped Babbler. We saw a beautiful big Asian Elephant on our drive back to the hotel and were absolutely in awe of it although it was nervous of our presence.

We had lunch at 1.00pm and had a rest until 3.00pm. We visited Debarawewa village and went in search of owls: and had wonderful sightings of Brown Fish Owl, Indian Scops Owl, Jungle Owlet and Barn Owl. We also saw the Black Bittern and Indian Pitta. On our walk back to the vehicle, we were met by a Tikiri Keelback water snake on the middle of the road.

We were back in the hotel at 7.30pm and did the checklist and a briefing for the next day before dinner.

Day 11

Thursday 18th January

Weligama

After breakfast we checked out of the hotel at 9.00am and proceeded to Weligama. But just before we left the hotel we were greeted by a Yellow Bittern in the small pond inside the hotel premises. We briefly stopped at the entrance of the Bundala National Park for some birding, but unfortunately due to the heavy rains most of the habitat was still flooded and we didn't have any new species to add on here. Along the drive we stopped at many water holes and had good sightings of Little Stint, Common Redshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Gull-billed Tern, Caspian Tern, Greater Crested Tern and Glossy Ibis.

We had lunch at a restaurant overlooking the Indian Ocean. Clients enjoyed some fresh seafood meals at this restaurant along with the fantastic views of the blue ocean in front of them. We reached the Marriot Hotel by 2.30pm and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon experiencing the hotel facilities. Checklist and dinner was at 7.15pm.

Day 12

Friday 19th January

Mirissa

We left the hotel at 6.00am and proceeded toward the Mirissa harbour where we boarded a boat for our whale-watching excursion. We had clear skies and calm seas throughout our journey. Our first sighting was of Spinner Dolphins following fishing boats trying to snatch an easy meal. Before long we had sightings of a Fin Whale and were able to get very close views of it. Lesser Crested Tern and Brown Noddy was also spotted during our boat ride. A Green Turtle was briefly sighted as well.

We returned to the hotel at 1.00pm and after having lunch we set off to Galle to see the Dutch Fort. En-route we visited a Turtle conservation centre and learnt about the rescue and rehabilitation efforts done here and witnessed Loggerhead, Hawksbill, Green and Olive Ridley Turtles. We walked along the Galle Dutch Fort roads and explored the various buildings and sites from within the city and enjoyed a cool drink whilst enjoying the beautiful sunset.

We had our dinner at 8.00pm and enjoyed the rest of the evening before going off to bed.

Main Tour Day 13 / Sinharaja Extension Day 1 Saturday 20th January

We set off for another whale-watching excursion and saw Bryde's Whale, Spinner Dolphins, Green Turtle and Green Turtle. We returned to the hotel at 12.30pm and after checking out we went to a restaurant in Galle and had our lunch. 2 clients proceeded to the hotel near the Airport for their last night whilst 2 proceeded to Sinharaja for their extension.

We reached the Rainforest Edge hotel at 5.30pm and met for the checklist and dinner at 7.15 pm.

Main Tour Day 14 / Sinharaja Extension Day 2 Sunday 21st January

Those doing the main tour only flew home today, after having enjoyed Sri Lanka in style.

We had an early breakfast at 5.00am and left the hotel with packed breakfast for our excursion to the Sinharaja Rainforest. At the ticket counter we saw Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Indian Pitta, Square-tailed Bulbul, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Sri Lanka Jungle Fowl, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill and Layard's Striped Squirrel. After obtaining our tickets we got in to our jeep and went across the village where we saw Lesser Yellowthroat, Sri Lanka Drongo, Black-capped Bulbul, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Hill Myna and Legge's Flowerpecker. Inside the forest we saw a pair of Sri Lanka Frogmouths and Common Emerald Dove. Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard showed well as it was basking in the sunlight. We trekked up to the research centre and had fantastic views of many birds seen before. On our way back we stopped at a lodge and had some coffee and sat beside a bird feeder which gave us some close sighting of more birds along with Purple-faced Langur and Dusky-striped Squirrel.

We returned to the hotel at 3.30pm and met for briefing for the next day at 7.30pm and thereafter we enjoyed a good meal before calling it a night.

Sinharaja Extension Day 3

Monday 22nd January

Once again after an early breakfast and with our packed lunch we set off to the Sinharaja Rainforest at 5.30am. During our drive to the forest we saw a Small Indian Civet on the main road and had very good views of it. Our sightings for the day included Green-billed Coucal, Malabar Trogon, and Layard's Parakeet, Sri Lanka Thrush along with a Rufous-bellied Eagle. Keeled Indian Mayuba and Giant Millipede were also seen. As the clients wanted to return early, we left the forest just in time before the heavens opened.

The rest of the afternoon was at leisure and we once again met for the checklist and dinner at 7.15pm and called it a night.

Sinharaja Extension Day 4

Tuesday 23rd January

We had breakfast at 7.30am and checked out of the hotel at 9.00am as the clients requested that they go early to their hotel in Beruwala for their beach extension. On the way we saw many birds seen before including the White-rumped Munia.

We reached the Cinnamon Bay resort at 12.30pm, and after checking in, the clients relaxed, ready for their leisurely beach stay for three night.

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Species lists

Birds (E = Endemic, N – Near endemic)

Common name	Scientific name
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
Sri Lanka Junglefowl - E	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
Indian Swiftlet - N	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Green-billed Coucal - E	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>
Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
Blue-faced Malkoha - N	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>
Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon - E	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
Sri Lanka Green Pigeon - E	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Grey-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauromis phoenicurus</i>
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga leucogaster</i>
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
Common Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
Malabar Trogon - N	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Malabar Pied Hornbill - N	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill - E	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Asian Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
Yellow-fronted Barbet - E	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
Crimson-fronted Barbet - E	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>
Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
Red-backed Flameback - E	<i>Dinopium psarodes</i>
Crimson-backed Flameback - E	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
Layard's Parakeet - E	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot - E	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
Sri Lanka Woodshrike - E	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
Marshall's Iora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
Orange Minivet - N	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage melanoptera</i>
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
Sri Lanka Drongo - E	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
Sri Lanka Blue Magpie - E	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
Jerdon's Bush Lark - N	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
Yellow-browed Bulbul - N	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
Square-tailed Bulbul - N	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>
Black-capped Bulbul - E	<i>Rubigula melanicteria</i>
White-browed Bulbul - N	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
Yellow-eared Bulbul - E	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
Hill Swallow - N	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Sri Lanka Swallow - E	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
Sri Lanka White-eye - E	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
Dark-fronted Babbler - N	<i>Dumetia atriceps</i>
Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler - E	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
Brown-capped Babbler - E	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
Ashy-headed Laughingthrush - E	<i>Argya cinereifrons</i>
Orange-billed Babbler - E	<i>Argya rufescens</i>
Yellow-billed Babbler - N	<i>Argya affinis</i>
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
Sri Lanka Hill Myna - E	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
Southern Hill Myna - N	<i>Gracula indica</i>
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
Sri Lanka Thrush - E	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>
Spot-winged Thrush - E	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
Legge's Flowerpecker - E	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
Loten's Sunbird - N	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
Tricoloured Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
Tufted Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus priam</i>
Purple-faced Langur	<i>Semnopithecus vetulus</i>
Sri Lankan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
Layard's Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>
Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus medius</i>
Painted Bat	<i>Kerivoula picta</i>
Bryde's Whale	<i>Balaenoptera edeni</i>
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>
Spinner Dolphin	<i>Stenella longirostris</i>
Malabar Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus malabaricus</i>
Chital	<i>Cervus axis</i>
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>
Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>
Eurasian Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Urva edwardsii</i>
Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>

Reptiles, Amphibians and others

Common name	Scientific name
Indian Bullfrog	<i>Euphlyctis hexadactylus</i>
Indian Flap-shelled Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
Sri Lanka Softshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys ceylonensis</i>
Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
Olive Ridley	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>
Oriental Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
Green Forest Lizard	<i>Calotes calotes</i>
Black-cheeked Lizard	<i>Calotes nigrilabris</i>
Sri Lankan Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Keeled Indian Mabuya	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>
Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
Common Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>
Oriental Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>
Tikiri Keelback	<i>Fowlea unicolor</i>
Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
Giant Millipede	<i>Spirostreptus centrurus</i>