

Sri Lanka's Mammals

Naturetrek Tour Report

30th June – 13th July 2023



Leopard



Rusty-spotted Cat



Asian Elephant



Lesser False Vampire Bat

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Highlights

The 2023 Naturetrek Mammal Tour in Sri Lanka concluded successfully with a plethora of extraordinary wildlife sightings and memorable experiences. Throughout the tour, we were thrilled to spot a total of 31 mammal species, including the elusive Rusty Spotted Cat, the world's smallest cat, and a captivating encounter with a Sri Lankan Leopard marking its territory.

The weather during the first half of the tour was somewhat overcast and rainy, but luckily, the sun cleared up for the second part, allowing us to fully relish the remarkable sightings. We were delighted to witness spectacular creatures, such as the Giant Flying Squirrel, massive colonies of Indian Flying Foxes, and a significant number of Asian Elephants, which brought immense joy to the group.

Among the endemic species we encountered were the Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, the cheeky Sri Lankan Toque Macaque, Grey Langurs, water buffaloes, and the elusive Jungle Cat. Late evening drives in Sigiriya rewarded us with the enchanting presence of many Grey Slender Loris, creating cherished memories for all.

The night brought new adventures as we encountered nocturnal creatures like the Ring-tailed Civet, Black-naped Hare, White-spotted Mouse Deer, and Indian Gerbil. Birdwatching opportunities during our visits to historical sites revealed an array of avian wonders, including the Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Crested Serpent Eagle, and numerous other species.

Our journey to the central mountains led us to the enigmatic Giant Flying Squirrel, the shy Muntjac, and the friendly Sambar Deer in the Hortons Plains National Park. The highlight of our safari at the renowned Yala National Park was the majestic sighting of a Leopard, and the surrounding fields treated us to the presence of the Jungle Cat during our night drive.

In total, our tour was a treasure trove of wildlife encounters, with sightings of 31 mammal species, 14 reptiles and amphibians, and an impressive count of 134 bird species. The success of the 2023 Naturetrek Mammal Tour in Sri Lanka lies not only in the extraordinary wildlife we witnessed but also in the unforgettable experiences shared among the tour leaders, Saman Kumara Gamage and Dhanushka Perera, and the seven enthusiastic Naturetrek clients.

This tour not only deepened our appreciation for Sri Lanka's rich biodiversity but also provided a glimpse into the country's glorious past through its historical sites. We departed with fond memories, new friendships, and a renewed commitment to conserve and protect the remarkable wildlife and natural treasures of this beautiful island.

Day 1

Friday 30th June

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

Day 2

Saturday 1st July

Arrival and Sigiriya Exploration

Our Naturetrek Mammal Tour group arrived at the airport around 1:00 pm, filled with enthusiasm and eagerness for the adventures that lay ahead. After a warm welcome, we quickly assembled and set off on our journey to the fascinating city of Sigiriya.

On our way to Sigiriya, we couldn't resist a delightful stop at a charming restaurant in Kurunegala, nestled beside a picturesque paddy field. Our tea break turned into an unexpected treat as we spotted our first mammal for the tour - the incredible Giant Squirrel. The excitement among the group was palpable as we admired this majestic creature in its natural habitat.

Our tea time birdwatching also proved rewarding, with sightings of Palm Squirrels, a graceful Common Kingfisher, and the playful House Crows adding to our nature-filled experience.

Continuing on our journey, we were delighted to come across a lively troop of Toque Macaques by the roadside, showcasing their cheeky and curious antics.

As the sun started to set, we reached the comfortable and welcoming Sigiriya Hotel, where we settled in before coming together for a delightful dinner at 7:30 pm. The group bonded over delicious food and shared excitement for the upcoming adventures.

After dinner, we had a comprehensive briefing about our program for the next day, ensuring everyone was well-prepared for the exciting exploration awaiting us.

With the day coming to a close, the anticipation in the air was palpable as we looked forward to uncovering the treasures of Sigiriya and the rest of Sri Lanka on this remarkable Naturetrek Mammal Tour.

Day 3

Sunday 2nd July

Sigiriya Lion Rock and Night Drive

Our tour began with a delightful early breakfast at 7 am, setting the stage for an exhilarating day of exploration ahead. Our first destination was the iconic Sigiriya Lion Rock, a true marvel of nature and history. During our ascent, we were treated to some fantastic wildlife encounters. Grey Langurs greeted us with their playful antics, and the vibrant birdlife added to the excitement. We spotted the striking Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, the elegant Sri Lanka Woodshrike, the graceful White-browed Fantail, the cheerful Red-vented Bulbul, the colourful Purple Rumped Sunbird, the charismatic Indian Robin, and the majestic Shaheen Falcon.

Upon reaching the summit, the breathtaking panoramic views of the city below left us mesmerized. We also explored the fresco room, taking in the ancient art that adorned the rock walls. It was a truly enriching experience.

After a rewarding morning, we returned to the hotel for a well-deserved lunch and some relaxation, taking advantage of the refreshing pool.

In the afternoon, at 3:30 pm, we set out on an exciting ride around the outer moat of Sigiriya Rock. The unique landscape offered sightings of Schneider's Leaf Nosed bats and a Bark Gecko, adding to the diversity of our observations. Birdwatching enthusiasts were pleased to spot the magnificent Grey Hornbill among other avian species. The rugged terrain and dry zone jungle provided an enjoyable trek for the clients, adding to the adventure.

As the evening approached, we gathered at 7 pm for the checklist and dinner, preparing ourselves for a captivating night drive. Our night exploration took us to the Sigiriya Sanctuary and the nearby village, where we had the pleasure of encountering many Indian Nightjars and a few Jerdon's Nightjars. The haunting calls of the Jungle Nightjar created a magical ambiance, heightening the thrill of the night.

However, the highlight of our night drive was the rare sighting of a Grey Slender Loris amidst the foliage. This elusive creature graced us with its presence, leaving an indelible impression on our hearts. Later, we were fortunate to spot another Loris in a different location, adding to the excitement of our wildlife encounters.

Our night adventures also led us to discover other nocturnal creatures, including the elusive Sri Lanka White Spotted Mouse Deer, the graceful Spotted Deer, the charming Indian Gerbil, the agile Black Naped Hares, and the mysterious Indian Palm Civet.

As the clock struck 12:30 am, we returned to the hotel, cherishing the memories of another exhilarating day filled with wildlife wonders. The Naturetrek Mammal Tour continues to offer us unique experiences and the opportunity to delve into the captivating diversity of Sri Lanka's wildlife.

Day 4

Monday 03rd July

Polonnaruwa Ancient City and Night Drive

On the morning of Day 4, we began our day with a delectable breakfast at 7:30 am, energizing ourselves for the captivating journey ahead. Our destination was the ancient city of Polonnaruwa, a place steeped in history and brimming with intrigue. Arriving around 10 am, we ventured into the mesmerizing ruins, immersing ourselves in the fascinating tales of the past. Amidst the ancient structures, we were thrilled to spot numerous Toque Macaques and Gray Langurs, who seemed to add a touch of liveliness to the ancient ambiance.

For our lunch break, we found ourselves at a charming restaurant overlooking serene paddy fields, where an exciting encounter awaited us. We were graced by the presence of the elusive Grey Mongoose, a moment we had all been eagerly awaiting. Our lunch spot also proved to be a haven for birdwatchers, with sightings of the striking Black-hooded Oriole, the elegant Sri Lanka Red-backed Flameback, the charming Yellow-billed Babbler, and the majestic Brahmini Kite. As if that weren't enough, our lunch break also offered us the delightful sight of two massive Water Monitors leisurely basking by the restaurant.

Recharged and content after a well-deserved lunch, we returned to the hotel around 4:30 pm, providing everyone with some time to rest and rejuvenate before the evening's adventure.

As the clock struck 7 pm, we gathered for the checklist and briefing, followed by a delightful dinner that fuelled our excitement for the night's exploration. At 8:30 pm, we embarked on an enthralling night drive, eager to unravel

the mysteries of the nocturnal world. The night held a host of surprises for us, as we encountered two Gray Lorises and an array of enchanting Nightjars.

The pinnacle of our night drive was an incredibly rare and enchanting sighting - a Rusty Spotted Cat, resting gracefully on a branch within the foliage. Unperturbed by our presence, this elusive feline granted us a precious few moments of admiration before blending into the shadows.

With hearts filled with wonder and awe, we returned to the hotel by midnight, concluding another exhilarating day of wildlife encounters. The Naturetrek Mammal Tour continues to amaze us with its abundant wildlife and unforgettable experiences. As we eagerly look forward to the days ahead, we anticipate more remarkable sightings and moments of discovery on our journey through the wildlife-rich landscapes of Sri Lanka.

Day 5

Tuesday 4th July

Wildlife Walk and Kaudulla National Park Safari

On the morning of Day 5, we kicked off with an early breakfast at 7:30 am, setting the tone for an enthralling day of wildlife exploration. We began our morning with a leisurely walk around the Hotel and the Sanctuary, where we were in for some delightful surprises. A Brown Mongoose graced us with its presence, a thrilling sight that got everyone's adrenaline pumping. Our birdwatchers were treated to a variety of avian delights, including the vibrant Pale-billed Flowerpecker, the lively Red-vented Bulbul, the elegant Spotted Dove, and the graceful Black-naped Monarch. As if that wasn't enough, the butterfly enthusiasts in our group were overjoyed to discover a range of captivating butterfly species, such as the Banded Peacock, Blue Tiger, Dark Blue Tiger, and Lemon Pansy.

Just before our lunch break, nature granted us an unexpected encounter as we spotted a Green Vine Snake in the hotel garden, an enchanting moment that left us all fascinated and appreciating the wonders of the natural world. After a satisfying lunch, we set out on an exhilarating safari in Kaudulla National Park, adjacent to Minneriya NP, in search of the majestic elephants. Our efforts were rewarded beyond our expectations, as we witnessed the awe-inspiring sight of hundreds of elephants gathering at the reservoir to quench their thirst and indulge in the fresh grass. The sighting of the elusive Dry Zone race of Purple-faced Leaf Monkey was another highlight, as these shy creatures can be challenging to spot. Of course, the park was bustling with activity from the ever-present Grey Langurs and Toque Macaques. Our bird enthusiasts also had their share of excitement, as we encountered some special avian species, including the impressive Lesser Adjutant, the striking Malabar Pied Hornbill, the delightful Jerdon's Bushlark, and the charming Paddyfield Pipit.

On our way back to the hotel, we couldn't resist making a fascinating stop at a nearby arboretum, hoping to unveil more of nature's wonders. As we ventured into the arboretum, we were greeted by a colony of Lesser Vampire Bats, offering us a glimpse into their nightly routine. The walk through the property revealed even more treasures, with sightings of a few Grey Slender Lorises and a fleeting yet memorable encounter with a Brown Wood Owl.

As the sun set on this exhilarating day, we returned to the hotel around 8:30 pm. We gathered for the checklist and briefing, followed by a satisfying dinner, relishing the stories and memories of the day's extraordinary wildlife encounters. The Naturetrek Mammal Tour continues to exceed our expectations, and we eagerly anticipate more enriching experiences and unforgettable moments in the coming days.

Day 6

Wednesday 5th July

Dambulla Cave Temple and Arrival in Kandy

The day began with a sumptuous breakfast, and we bid farewell to our previous hotel, ready for the next exciting phase of our Naturetrek Mammal Tour as we set our course towards Kandy.

During the check-out process, we were pleasantly surprised by the presence of an Indian Pygmy Pipistrelle, perched gracefully on a wooden plank. Another delightful addition to our growing list of wildlife sightings, setting the tone for the day ahead.

On our journey to Kandy, we made a significant cultural stop at the renowned Dambulla Cave Temple. The cave complex, adorned with ancient paintings and statues dating back to the 1st century BC, offered us a glimpse into the rich historical and artistic heritage of Sri Lanka.

Our next stop was at a Spice Garden in Matale, where we indulged in a delectable lunch and enjoyed a fascinating Spice tour. The aromatic spices, synonymous with Sri Lankan cuisine, tantalized our senses and added to the sensory delights of our journey.

Upon reaching our new accommodations, The Tree of Life in Kandy, we had some leisure time to relax before embarking on an evening walk in the hotel garden at 7 pm. Our luck favoured us once again, as we were treated to the sight of a magnificent Giant Flying Squirrel during this enchanting exploration, a truly magical encounter that left us in awe of nature's wonders.

As the evening progressed, we gathered for a delightful dinner, sharing stories of our day's adventures and sightings. With eager anticipation for what lies ahead, we retired to our rooms, eagerly awaiting the thrills and discoveries that the Naturetrek Mammal Tour had in store for us in the days ahead.

Day 7

Thursday 6th July

Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and Temple of the Tooth

Our day commenced with an early breakfast, setting the stage for a day filled with exploration and awe-inspiring encounters. Our first stop took us to the breathtaking Peradeniya Botanical Gardens, where we marvelled at the splendid array of flora it houses. Amidst the verdant beauty, we were thrilled to spot a vast colony of Giant Fruit Bats, known as Indian Flying Foxes, gracefully gliding through the air above us. Our birdwatching efforts were equally rewarding, with sightings of the vibrant Crimson-fronted Barbet, Yellow-fronted Barbet, White-throated Kingfisher, and Oriental White-eye, adding to the charm of our garden adventure.

Departing from the Botanical Gardens at 11 am, we made our way to the esteemed Temple of the Tooth, a sacred site revered by Buddhists worldwide for housing Lord Buddha's left canine tooth. The cultural significance of the temple left a profound impression on us, further deepening our understanding and respect for Sri Lanka's religious heritage.

Returning to our hotel, we took some well-deserved relaxation time before embarking on another enchanting exploration of the hotel garden. Once again, the majestic Giant Flying Squirrel graced us with its presence, captivating us with its elegant movements.

In the evening, we set out on a walk and drive in pursuit of the elusive Fishing Cat, a nocturnal hunter known for its elusive nature. Despite our best efforts, the heavy rainfall in the area posed a challenge, hindering our search. Nevertheless, our determination and love for wildlife remained unwavering as we persisted until midnight.

Despite the weather's unpredictability, our day was filled with remarkable wildlife encounters and cherished moments. The Naturetrek Mammal Tour continues to inspire and amaze us, as we delve deeper into the fascinating world of Sri Lanka's diverse wildlife and cultural treasures.

Day 8

Friday 7th July

Tea Plantation, Hakgala Botanical Gardens, and Bear Monkeys

Our day began with a delightful pre-breakfast bird walk, treating us to the sight of the magnificent Crested Serpent Eagle and the serene Ruddy Mongoose basking in the morning sunshine.

After a satisfying breakfast, we bid farewell to our previous hotel and embarked on a scenic journey to Nuwara Eliya. Along the way, we had the pleasure of visiting a working tea plantation, where we delved into the fascinating art of tea production during an enlightening factory tour. The tea tasting and plucking session allowed us to savour the delightful flavours of freshly brewed tea while marvelling at the graceful flight of Hill Swallows in the factory vicinity.

Arriving at our next destination, The Heaven Seven, at 1 pm, we savoured a delectable lunch. At 2:30 pm, we set out on an exhilarating adventure to Hakgala Botanical Gardens, renowned for its captivating Purple-faced Leaf Monkey montane race, fondly known as the Bear Monkey. The lush greenery came alive as the troop of Bear Monkeys graced us with their presence, providing delightful moments of observation. Over 15 monkeys, including mothers with their young, enchanted us with their playful antics. Amidst this delightful sight, we also spotted Yellow-eared Bulbul, Sri Lanka White-Eye, Dull-blue Flycatcher, and Great Tit, adding to the joy of our birdwatching experiences.

Returning to the hotel, we gathered for the checklist, cherishing the incredible wildlife encounters of the day. The day culminated with a delightful dinner, leaving us with lasting memories of the exceptional biodiversity and cultural marvels of Sri Lanka. As the Naturetrek Mammal Tour continues, we eagerly anticipate more extraordinary experiences in the days to come.

Day 9

Saturday 8th July

Horton Plains National Park and Nuwara Eliya Town

Our Tour commenced with a refreshing start, as we enjoyed a hot cup of tea at 5 am, accompanied by our packed breakfast, preparing us for an exciting day of exploration. Our destination for the day was Horton Plains National Park, and the morning welcomed us with clear skies and a pleasant chill as we ascended.

As we journeyed through Horton Plains, we were treated to remarkable wildlife sightings, offering us a glimpse of the park's diverse inhabitants. The elegant Sambar Deer, lively Yellow-eared Bulbul, melodious Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, charming Pied Bush Chat, Indian Blackbird, and graceful Paddyfield Pipit accompanied us during our trek to the breathtaking Mini Worlds End. The group relished the awe-inspiring view from the World's End viewpoint, taking in the stunning landscapes that stretched before us.

During our trek, we were fortunate to spot the elusive Dusky Striped Squirrel and the sleek Striped-necked Mongoose, adding excitement to our journey. The highlight of the morning came when we chanced upon a mating pair of the Endemic Rhinoceros Horned Lizards, a rare and captivating sight, just next to the Wildlife office, leaving us in awe of nature's wonders.

After a fulfilling morning of exploration, we returned to the hotel for a delicious lunch, providing us with a well-deserved break. In the afternoon, we set out to visit the charming Nuwara Eliya town, immersing ourselves in its cultural ambiance and local atmosphere, gaining a deeper appreciation for Sri Lanka's rich heritage.

As the day drew to a close, our evening routine commenced with drinks, followed by the checklist and a satisfying dinner. We shared our incredible experiences of the day, savouring the unique encounters with Sri Lanka's wildlife and cultural treasures. The Naturetrek Mammal Tour continues to captivate us, and we eagerly anticipate the forthcoming adventures and encounters that await us on our journey through the wonders of this beautiful country.

Day 10

Sunday 9th July

Ella Gap, Debara Wewa Tank, and Cinnamon Wild Hotel

Our day commenced with a leisurely breakfast, setting the tone for a day filled with delightful discoveries and wildlife encounters. At 8:30 am, we bid farewell to our hotel and embarked on a picturesque journey towards Ella, eager for the adventures that lay ahead.

During our lunch stop in Ella, we were welcomed by the awe-inspiring views of the Ella Gap, offering a majestic backdrop to our meal. As we enjoyed the surroundings, the graceful Black Eagle soared through the skies, captivating our attention with its magnificent flight. The restaurant's ambiance was enlivened by the presence of House Sparrows, adding to the charm of the experience.

With renewed energy, we continued our journey to Debara Wewa tank, where an extraordinary sight awaited us - thousands of Flying Foxes filling the sky in magnificent colonies. Their graceful flight was a sight to behold, leaving us in awe of nature's wonders. Our birdwatching endeavours were also rewarded with sightings of the magnificent Stork-billed Kingfisher, elegant Spot-billed Pelican, and graceful Greater Cormorant, adding to the richness of the day's wildlife sightings.

Upon reaching the Cinnamon Wild hotel at 5 pm, we refreshed ourselves before embarking on a captivating walk around the hotel garden, where the enchanting glow of the sunset added a touch of magic to our wildlife encounter. The lake adjoining the hotel became a haven for a plethora of wildlife, including Mugger Crocodiles, Pied Kingfisher, Eurasian Spoonbill, Great Thick Knee, Painted Storks, and a large group of Wild Boars, providing us with delightful sightings and unforgettable moments.

After the checklist and briefing at 8 pm, we gathered for a satisfying dinner, where we shared stories of the day's adventures and wildlife encounters. As the night fell, we retired to our rooms, eagerly anticipating the exciting wildlife encounters and discoveries that await us in the forthcoming days of our Naturetrek Mammal Tour.

Day 11

Monday 10th July

Lunugamvehera National Park

Our day began with an early start at 5 am, accompanied by packed meals for the journey. By 6:30 am, we reached Lunugamvehera National Park, where a thrilling day of wildlife encounters awaited us.

On our way to the park, we had an unexpected encounter with a magnificent wild Asian Elephant standing in the middle of the road, which provided a moment of awe for the group. Once inside the park, we were greeted by numerous Spotted Deer and a diverse array of fascinating bird species, adding to the excitement of our safari.

About an hour into our adventure, our excitement peaked as we came across fresh pug marks of a Leopard. Determined to spot this elusive predator, we embarked on a diligent search, and our efforts were rewarded when we spotted an adult female Leopard relaxing amidst the bushes. The Leopard's graceful movements and close proximity left us mesmerized, offering an unforgettable wildlife experience. The skies above us were adorned by the majestic presence of White-bellied Sea Eagle, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, and Crested Serpent Eagle, enhancing the beauty of our safari.

Our journey along the Menik River yielded further delights, with sightings of White-throated Kingfisher and Common Kingfisher, adding to our birdwatching joys. Along the riverbanks, we were thrilled to witness sightings of Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, and Lesser Adjutant, enriching our safari experience.

Throughout our drive, we were treated to more remarkable sightings of Deer, Wild Boar, and Water Buffalo, immersing ourselves in the natural wonders of the park. As the day drew to a close, we encountered a few Asian Elephants on our drive back, capping off a day filled with excitement and wildlife encounters.

Returning to the hotel at 8 pm, we headed straight to dinner, cherishing the memories of an eventful day filled with incredible wildlife encounters. The Naturetrek Mammal Tour continues to captivate us with its diverse and breathtaking wildlife, leaving us with anticipation for the days ahead.

Day 12

Tuesday 11th July

Yala National Park

Our day commenced with an early start as we entered Yala National Park at 6:00 am, with packed meals in tow. The park welcomed us with a delightful array of wildlife sightings, offering a captivating start to our day. Among the highlights were sightings of Grey Langurs, Toque Macaques, Ruddy Mongoose, Spotted Deer, Water Buffalo, Indian Palm Squirrels, and a Golden Jackal, adding to the excitement of our safari.

Just before noon, our luck took a remarkable turn as we had the incredible fortune of spotting a huge male Leopard comfortably resting in a tree. Though the view was partially obstructed, the mere presence of this majestic predator left us in awe. Throughout our time in Yala, we also relished the sightings of various bird species, including the striking Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, graceful Indian Paradise Flycatcher, captivating Jerdon's Bush Lark, and charming Plain Prinia. The presence of Pied Kingfisher, Whiskered Tern, and a Black-necked Stork further enriched our birdwatching experience.

In the afternoon, the alarm calls of Spotted Deer piqued our curiosity, leading us to follow the sound. To our delight, we discovered that it was the same massive male Leopard we had spotted earlier, now walking along the jeep track and engaging in scent marking. Observing this magnificent creature up close, crossing the road, resting by the roadside, and even interacting with a couple of Water Buffaloes left a lasting impression on us all, making it an awe-inspiring and unforgettable experience.

As the day came to a close, we returned to the hotel at 6:30 pm, gathering at 8 pm for a satisfying dinner, where we shared stories of our day's adventures. Later, at 9 pm, we embarked on a night drive, which treated us to sightings of two Jungle Cats, as well as numerous Black-naped Hares and Indian Gerbils.

Day 12 in Yala National Park left us with memories of captivating encounters with Sri Lanka's remarkable wildlife. The Naturetrek Mammal Tour continues to present us with extraordinary experiences, and we eagerly anticipate the adventures that await us in the days ahead.

Day 13

Wednesday 12th July

Relaxation and Departure

Day 13 of our Naturetrek Mammal Tour offered the group a well-deserved and relaxing morning. Some members enjoyed the refreshing pool, while others explored the serene beach and captivating hotel garden, soaking in the beauty of nature.

At 12 pm, it was time to bid farewell to our current hotel, and after checking out, we set off towards Tissa for a delightful lunch around 1:30 pm. Following our satisfying meal, we continued our journey to Airport Garden Hotel, conveniently located closer to the airport, arriving at approximately 6 pm.

In the evening, we gathered at the hotel's restaurant for a final dinner together, cherishing the camaraderie and memories we have made throughout this unforgettable tour. The conversations were filled with shared experiences and laughter, as we recalled the remarkable wildlife encounters and moments of wonder.

Day 14

Thursday 13th July

Departure Day

With breakfast behind us, it was time to bid farewell to the beautiful landscapes of Sri Lanka as our Naturetrek Mammal Tour reached its conclusion. We departed for the airport in a timely manner, ensuring there was ample time to catch their flights back to London.

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Species lists

Mammals

Common name	Scientific name
Red Slender Loris	<i>Loris tardigradus</i>
Grey Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>
Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus (Presbytis) entellus</i>
Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus (Presbytis) vetulus</i>
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
Small Indian Civet- Ring-tailed Civet	<i>Veverricula indica</i>
Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroitus</i>
Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
Stripe-necked Mongoose	<i>Herpestes vitticollis</i>
Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>
Rusty-spotted Cat	<i>Prionailurus rubiginosus</i>
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
White Spotted Mouse Deer	<i>Moschiola meminna</i>
Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
Indian Hare- Black-naped Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantea</i>
Lesser False Vampire Bat	<i>Megaderma spasma</i>
Schneider's leaf-nosed bat	<i>Hipposideros speoris</i>
Indian Pygmy Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus coromandra</i>
Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>
Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>

Reptiles and Amphibians

Green Vine Snake	<i>Ahaetulla nasuta</i>
Bengal (Land) Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
Asian Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>
Oriental (Common) Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
Green Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes calotes</i>

Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
Pygmy Lizard	<i>Cophotis ceylanica</i>
Rhinoceros - horned Lizard	<i>Ceratophora stoddartii</i>
Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
Hard Shelled Terapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Bark Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus leschenaultii</i>

Birds (names in bold indicate endemic species)

Common name	Scientific name
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
Sri Lanka Junglefowl	<i>Gallus lafayetii</i>
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</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>Egretta intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Oriental Darter - Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Crested Honey Buzzard, Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
Changeable Hawk Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
Indian Stone-Curlew- Indian Thick Knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>

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Great Stone-Curlew - Great Thick Knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
Rock Dove - Common Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
Common Emerald Dove - Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
Sri Lanka Green Pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo-Drongo Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>
Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>
Crested Treeswift , Gray-rumped Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
Little Swift - House Swift	<i>Apus affinis</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>
Green Bee-eater, Little Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
Chestnut-headed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
Eurasian Hoopoe - Common Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
Yellow-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
Crimson-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>

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Lesser Yellownappe	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
Black-rumped Flameback, Lesser Goldenback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
Crimson-backed Flameback, Crimson-backed Goldenback	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
Sri Lanka Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
Indian Paradise Flycatcher - Asian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed)- Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
Black-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
Yellow-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
Sri Lanka Bush Warbler	<i>Elaphornis palliseri</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
Sri Lanka White-Eye	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
Southern Hill Myna, Lesser Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>

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White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
Dull-blue Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
Tricolored Munia - Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>