

Sri Lanka ... by Night

Naturetrek Tour Report

18th March – 4th April 2026



Leopard



Jungle Cat



Sloth Bear



Asian Elephants

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Summary

This 16-day journey across Sri Lanka combined exceptional wildlife encounters, birding, mammals, reptiles, and coastal experiences, offering the group an immersive look into the island's rich biodiversity and landscapes.

Pre-tour extension Day 1

Wednesday 18th March

Clients took an overnight flight from Heathrow to Colombo.

Pre-tour extension Day 2

Thursday 19th March

Four group members arrived in Colombo at 1.30pm and departed to Koggala for the pre-tour whale watching extension. We spotted a few common species of birds, including globally near-threatened Spot-billed Pelicans resting on the light pillars on the expressway.

We reached the hotel by 4.00pm and the rest of the afternoon was spent relaxing. We met at 7.30pm for dinner.

Pre-tour extension Day 3

Friday 20th March

After an early start at 5.30am we left with a packed breakfast for the first of our boat trips, which departed from the harbour around 6.30am. We first spotted a large pod of Spinner Dolphins. Further into the ride, we saw a Fin and a Bryde's Whale in close proximity to each other, and we observed them for quite a while.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and, on the way to the hotel, spotted a roost of Indian Flying Foxes by the roadside. The afternoon was relaxed and we met for dinner, the checklist, and a briefing at 7.15pm.

Pre-tour extension Day 4 /Main tour Day 1

Saturday 21st March

We had another early start at 5.30am for the second whale watching trip, during which we spotted Spinner Dolphins and also enjoyed close views of a large pod of Risso's Dolphins. We encountered another Bryde's Whale, and also a Fin Whale for a brief moment on the way back, which were very satisfying sightings.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and, at 3.00pm visited a nearby turtle hatchery, where we enjoyed spending time with many turtles. We proceeded to the historic city of Galle, and the group had a relaxing walk in the fort, while the sun set over the Indian Ocean.

Meanwhile, the main tour clients departed the UK.

Main tour Day 2

Sunday 22nd March

The rest of the group arrived at Katunayake at 1.30pm, and everyone joined up at the airport and headed towards our next destination of Wilpattu National Park.

On the way, we stopped nearby a paddyfield for birding, where we spotted common species such as Little and Great Egrets, Black-winged Stilts and Red-wattled Lapwings. We reached the hotel at Wilpattu in the dark around 6.30pm, had dinner, and called it a day.

Day 3

Monday 23rd March

We had an early start at 6.00am with a packed breakfast and lunch, and went into Wilpattu National Park. Our search for the Leopard and Sloth Bear was fruitless, although we spotted many other species including Water Buffalo, Black-naped Hare, Chital, Sambar, Wild Pig, Asian Elephants and various monkeys.

Plenty of bird species were also spotted, notably Painted Stork, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater and Sri Lanka Junglefowl. Reptile species such as the Rock Skink, Bark Gecko and Bengal Monitor were also spotted.

We returned to the hotel at 6.00pm and, after the checklist and dinner at 7.30pm, we got ready for our first night drive. We started out at 9.00pm and spotted many nocturnal animals, the Common Palm and Small Indian Civets, White-spotted Chevrotain and Grey Slender Loris. Indian and Jerdon's Nightjars, Mugger Crocodiles and Elephants were also sighted. We returned to the hotel at 3.00am after a satisfactory night drive.

Day 4

Tuesday 24th March

The morning was spent catching up on sleep. At 4.00pm, we had a birding walk around the hotel garden and spotted a few new bird species, including Small Minivet, Crested Honey Buzzard, Black-hooded Oriole, Plain Prinia, Oriental Darter, Indian Pond Heron and Common Iora, to name a few. We also found a roosting site for Lesser Asian False Vampire Bats, along with two Giant Squirrels in the trees. We were delighted to spot a roosting Brown Boobook owl as well.

After dinner and the checklist at 7.30pm, it was another start for a night drive. Before long, we spotted a Fishing Cat beside a path nearby a lake. We observed it for quite a while. We continued the journey and spotted more of the species we had observed on the previous night.

We were lucky enough to get a sighting of a Painted Woolly Bat with its offspring clinging to its body, hanging on a long grass stem. Furthermore, we were able to have a good view of an Indian Scops Owl and Grey Slender Lorises. We returned to the hotel at 3.00am.

Day 5

Wednesday 25th March

Today, after breakfast at 10.00am, we left for our next destination, Sigiriya, where we had lunch. We took an afternoon jeep drive into the Habarana Eco Park, and spotted many Elephants: the park was full of them, and observing their behaviour was very satisfying. We returned to the hotel and, on the way, spotted a Grey Mongoose. We met for the checklist and dinner at 7.15pm as usual, and called it a day.

Day 6

Thursday 26th March

The morning was spent leisurely, as none of the group opted to climb Sigiriya Rock. A few people went birding around the hotel garden and spotted various birds, such as Yellow-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Red-backed Woodpecker, White-breasted Waterhen, Brahminy Kite and Shikra. We also spotted a Water Monitor foraging around the waterhole.

At 4.00pm, we went birding in the sanctuary. Especially around a waterhole, we were able to spot many bird species, including White-bellied Sea Eagle, White-browed Bulbul, Lesser Whistling Duck and Alexandrine Parakeet, to name a few. On the way back to the hotel, we spotted a Golden Jackal roaming on the road. To our surprise, we also came across a large bull Elephant beside the road.

We had dinner and did the checklist at the hotel, and at 9.00pm we went on a night drive again. We spotted many Elephants, Grey Slender Lorises and nightjars; however, the highlight came with the cats. First, we spotted a Jungle Cat hunting in a field for quite a while. Then we spotted a large Fishing Cat beside a waterway. When it started to walk beside the waterway, a Eurasian Otter appeared, startled by the presence of the cat. We spotted another Fishing Cat further along, and a Brown Fish Owl was also observed. We returned to the hotel at 3.00am.

Day 7

Friday 27th March

The morning was spent catching up on sleep. At the hotel, we found an injured Indian Pipistrelle. In the afternoon, we went to a nearby cave temple to look for some bats. We found a few Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bats roosting under a palm leaf. A further search yielded the Sri Lankan Leaf-nosed Bat, which is a rare species, and a colony of Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bats.

Then we continued our journey to the nearby arboretum, and had a walk for about two hours there in the evening. We found a large colony of Indian Rufous Horseshoe Bats and a beautiful Termite Gecko. Kandyan Geckos and Sri Lankan Spotted Geckos were also spotted. We returned to the hotel at 8.30pm: there was no night drive today.

Day 8

Saturday 28th March

We checked out after breakfast at 9.30am and headed towards our next destination: Kandy. We had lunch at the hotel, and at 4.30pm we had a walk around the hotel garden, and found a Malabar Red Muntjac. Further, many birds were seen, including Common Hill Myna, Orange Minivet, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon and White-browed Bulbul.

At dusk, around 6.30pm, we started to explore the hotel gardens for the Indian Giant Flying Squirrel, and found one before long. It decided to glide from one tree to another, showing off its behaviour. Later in our search, we found a Golden Palm Civet walking among the high branches, and it settled down for a nap a bit later.

Fully satisfied, we had dinner and did the checklist at 8.00pm. After dinner, we had another walk and found two more Indian Giant Flying Squirrels, Sri Lanka Hump-nosed Lizard, Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, Hollow-snouted Shrub Frog, Common Hourglass Frog, and Bronzed Frog, to name just a few.

Day 9**Sunday 29th March**

We checked out after breakfast at 9.00am and drove to Nuwara Eliya, stopping at a tea factory on the way, where the group got to experience how Ceylon tea is made. We reached the hotel for lunch, and at 2.45pm, we went to the nearby Hakgala Botanic Gardens. On the way, we briefly stopped by the roadside and a Dusky Striped Squirrel appeared briefly, but only a few people were able to spot it.

At the gardens, we immediately found the species we were looking for: the Purple-faced Leaf Monkey. A large troop was feeding on leaves, and Toque Macaques were also present. We spotted a few new bird species as well, including Sri Lanka White-eye, Dull-blue Flycatcher and Cinereous Tit.

Day 10**Monday 30th March**

We had an early start at 5.30am, and went to Horton Plains National Park with a packed breakfast. On the way, we spotted Indian Blackbird, Sambar, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Yellow-eared Bulbul, and, much to our surprise, a nesting Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush too. Our mammal target of Dusky Striped Squirrel was also found, and we enjoyed observing it for quite a while. We continued and found two lizards endemic to Sri Lanka: Rhinoceros Horned and Black-cheeked.

Having spotted the target species, we returned to the hotel for check-out and lunch, and then continued to Yala, reaching the hotel at 5.00pm. After dinner, at 9.00pm, we had a night drive and spotted a few Jungle Cats hunting in the paddyfields, and also a Small Indian Civet. We returned to the hotel at 12.30am.

Day 11**Tuesday 31st March**

We made a 6.00am start with a packed breakfast and lunch, and went into Yala National Park. We decided to visit Blocks 1 and 2 instead of Block 5 as mentioned in the itinerary, as we wanted to find Leopard and Sloth Bear. Before long, we came across a large male Sloth Bear walking across the road, to our delight. In the afternoon, we found a Leopard climbing into a tree, and another one resting beside the road. Further, we spotted many bird species, including White-bellied Sea Eagle, Lesser Adjutant, Eurasian Spoonbill, Malabar Pied Hornbill and many more. This was also a good location to observe many waders, such as Marsh Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone, Little Stint and Common Redshank.

After an exciting full-day safari, we returned to the hotel at 6.30pm for dinner. Once again, we went on a night drive at 9.00pm and spotted another Jungle Cat and a few Mugger Crocodiles. A Brown Rat also showed up, alongside a few Indian Gerbils. We returned to the hotel at 12.00am and called it a day.

Day 12**Wednesday 1st April**

Today we visited Block 5, where we spotted many species of birds, mostly ones that we had spotted previously. We were lucky enough to see another Leopard resting on a rock, and it walked across the road in front of us. A rare Stripe-necked Mongoose appeared, and we were delighted to observe it for quite a while. We returned to the hotel at 11.00am, checked out, had lunch, and began the journey to Udawalawe.

On the way, we spotted a few Elephants hanging out near the fence. We reached the hotel at 4.00pm and went on a walk near the spillway area, where we spotted a few birds, notably Sri Lanka Woodshrike and the rare Indian Golden Oriole.

Day 13

Thursday 2nd April

Today we visited Udawalawe National Park. Before long, we were surrounded by wild Elephants. Many bird species were also spotted, notably Blue-faced Malkoha, Jungle and Ashy Prinias, Rosy Starling and Yellow-wattled Lapwing. An Indian Grey Mongoose appeared and walked along the road for some time. We returned to the hotel at 11.00am, checked out, had lunch, and proceeded to Sinharaja.

We reached Sinharaja around 4.30pm and did a little bit of birding in the area, spotting some new species such as Yellow-fronted Barbet and Sri Lanka Green Pigeon.

At dusk, around 6.15pm, we went on a walk to find the Red Slender Loris for about an hour, but due to unfavourable weather conditions, we could not find one. We gathered for the checklist and dinner at 7.30pm.

Day 14

Friday 3rd April

After an early breakfast at 6.30am, we left in jeeps for the Sinharaja Rain Forest, and spotted many new species of birds. On the way to the entrance, we stopped by at a local house, and spotted Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Layard's Parakeet, and also the rare White-faced Starling. Further, our target mammal, Layard's Striped Squirrel, was also spotted.

We went inside the forest and spotted Red-faced Malkoha, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush and Sri Lanka Drongo, to name just a few. Further, we spotted the following snakes: Green Pit Viper, Sri Lanka Keelback and Schokar's Bronzeback.

We returned to the hotel at 10.00am, checked out at 12.00pm, had lunch, and proceeded to the hotel near the airport, in preparation for the following day's departure.

Day 15

Saturday 4th April

Clients departed after an exciting and wildlife-packed Sri Lankan adventure.



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Species lists

Birds (H=heard only)

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>
Jerdon's Nightjar - N	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
Indian Swiftlet - N	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
Red-faced Malkoha - E	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
Blue-faced Malkoha - N	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
Sri Lanka Green Pigeon - E	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
Tibetan Sand Plover	<i>Anarhynchus atrifrons</i>
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
Eurasian Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic	
Common name	Scientific name
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>
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Medium Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Ardea coromanda</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</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>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
Shikra	<i>Tachyspiza badia</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Icthyophaga leucogaster</i>
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Icthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>
Brown Boobook	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
Malabar Pied Hornbill - N	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill - E	<i>Ocyroceros gingalensis</i>
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithaca</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>
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
Red-backed Flameback - E	<i>Dinopium psarodes</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</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>

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic	
Common name	Scientific name
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
Sri Lanka Woodshrike - E	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
Common lora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
Marshall's lora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
Orange Minivet - N	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
Indian 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>
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
Jerdon's Bush Lark - N	<i>Plocealauda affinis</i>
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
Yellow-browed Bulbul - N	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
Square-tailed Bulbul - N	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>
Black-capped Bulbul - E	<i>Rubigula melanictera</i>
White-browed Bulbul - N	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
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>
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</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>
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
Sri Lanka White-eye - E	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler - E	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
Brown-capped Babbler - E	<i>Pellorneum fuscocapillus</i>
Yellow-billed Babbler - N	<i>Argya affinis</i>
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
Southern Hill Myna - N	<i>Gracula indica</i>
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
Indian Blackbird - N	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>

E=Endemic, N=Near-endemic	
Common name	Scientific name
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>
Dull-blue Flycatcher - E	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
Jerdon's Leafbird - N	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</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>
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</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>
Grey Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>
Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
Layard's Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>
Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
Sri Lankan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Petaurista philippensis</i>
Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>
Indian Bush Rat	<i>Golunda ellioti</i>
Painted Woolly Bat	<i>Kerivoula picta</i>
Indian Pipistrelle	<i>Alionoctula coromandra</i>
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus medius</i>
Schneiders Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Hipposideros speoris</i>
Greater Asian False-vampire	<i>Lyroderma lyra</i>
Indian Rufous Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus rouxii</i>
Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>
Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>
Fishing Cat	<i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Urva edwardsii</i>
Indian Brown Mongoose	<i>Urva fusca</i>
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Urva smithii</i>
Stripe-necked Mongoose	<i>Urva vitticollis</i>
Northern Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>
Golden Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus zeylonensis</i>
Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>
Bryde's Whale	<i>Balaenoptera brydei</i>
Fin Whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>
Spinner Dolphin	<i>Stenella longirostris</i>
Risso's Dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>
Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>
Malabar Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus malabaricus</i>
White-spotted Chevrotain	<i>Moschiola meminna</i>
Eurasian Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>

Amphibians & reptiles

Common name	Scientific name
Indian Bullfrog	<i>Euphlyctis hexadactylus</i>
Common Indian Tree Frog	<i>Polypedates maculatus</i>
Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
Indian Black Terrapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga</i>
Indian Flap-shelled Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
Olive Ridley Turtle	<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>
Painted-lipped Lizard	<i>Calotes ceylonensis</i>
Rhino-horned Lizard	<i>Ceratophora stoddartii</i>
Hump-nosed Lizard	<i>Lyriocephalus scutatus</i>
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Bark Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus leschenaultii</i>
Keeled Indian Mabuya	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>
Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
Sri Lankan Keelback	<i>Aspidura ceylonensis</i>
Hump-nosed Pit-viper	<i>Hypnale hypnale</i>
Sri Lanka Green Pit-viper	<i>Craspedocephalus trigonocephalus</i>