

# Sri Lanka - Wildlife & History

## with Blue Whales Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Polonnaruwa – Gal Vihara



Sigiriya



Purple-faced Leaf Monkey



Green-billed Coucal

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## Summary

A total of 213 bird species, 21 species of mammals and 15 species of reptiles and amphibians were seen throughout the tour and extension. Our two day safari in Lunugamwehera and Yala yielded some good sightings of Leopards. 64 Elephants were counted at Udawalawe National Park along with a Tusker. Blue Whale sightings on the first whale watching excursion was very fruitful. We were able to observe at close distance and enjoyed many fluke dives performed by this magnificent mammal. Risso's and Bottlenose Dolphins also obliged by giving us good views. The historic ruins of the Anuradhapura and Pollonaruwa kingdoms left us in awe as we learned about various traditions and the technology used in years gone by.

### Day 1

**Saturday 16th December**

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

### Day 2

**Sunday 17th December**

#### Anuradhapura

We landed at Colombo at 12.50pm and left the airport at 1.45pm. On our drive we stopped for a cup of tea and some snacks and there saw Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Indian Pond Heron, Purple Heron, Grey-headed Swamphen, Spot-billed Pelican and Brahminy Kite. Our next birding stop was the Anawilundawa RAMSAR wetland sanctuary where sightings included Eurasian Coot, Little Cormorant, Intermediate Egret, Lesser Whistling Duck, Black-headed Ibis, Indian Roller, Oriental Darter, Asian Palm Swift, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Grey-headed Fish Eagle and White-throated Kingfisher. After an hour's birding we headed to our first hotel at Anuradhapura. We arrived at 8pm and had dinner, followed by the briefing for the next day.

### Day 3

**Monday 18th December**

#### Anuradhapura

We started the day with a pre-breakfast birding session at 6.15am around the hotel and the nearby lake. We encountered White-rumped Munia, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Greater Coucal, Jerdon's Leafbird, Grey Heron, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Indian Robin, Zitting Cisticola, Brown-headed Barbet, Black-hooded Oriole, Scaly-breasted Munia, Whiskered Tern and Loten's Sunbird.

We returned to the hotel for breakfast and then visited the Sri Mahabodi Sacred Fig Tree, Ruvanveli Maha Seya Stupa, Twin Ponds, Guard Stone and many other locations. During our visit we encountered Red-vented Bulbul, Pale-billed Flowerpecker Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Crested Treeswift, White-bellied Drongo and a pair of Brown Hawk Owls, along with Toque Macaque, Grey Langur, and Water and Land Monitors.

We returned to the hotel at 12.30pm for lunch and relaxed until 3.30pm, after which we set out to visit the Mihintale temple where we climbed to the summit and enjoyed the views. We saw Shikra, Large-billed Crow, Rose-ringed Parakeets, Deraniyagala's Gecko and Hard-shelled Terrapin. We returned to the hotel and did the checklist at 7.15pm, followed by dinner and the briefing for the next day.

## Day 4

Tuesday 19th December

### Sigiriya

Our pre-breakfast birding session started at 6.15am and we encountered Green Imperial Pigeon, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, Purple Sunbird, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Ashy Woodswallow, White-breasted Waterhen and Besra.

After breakfast we checked out of the hotel and proceeded to Sigiriya. En route we visited the Avukana Buddha statue where we were able to see Woolly-necked Stork, Stork-billed Kingfisher, White-bellied Sea Eagle and Oriental Green Lizard.

We reached Hotel Sigiriya at 1.30pm, had lunch and relaxed until 4pm. We later visited the Sigiriya sanctuary and did some birding. Here we encountered Black-capped Bulbul, Brown Shrike and Sri Lanka Green Pigeon. During the visit it started raining so we returned to the hotel where, at 7pm, we did the checklist followed by the briefing and dinner.

## Day 5

Wednesday 20th December

### Sigiriya

It was a cloudy morning. We started our pre-breakfast birding at 6.15am and encountered Brown-capped Babbler, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, White-rumped Sharma, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Common Tailorbird and Changeable Hawk-Eagle, together with many birds seen before. A couple of Grey Mongoose were sighted around the hotel premises after we returned.

We had breakfast at 7.30am and then visited the Sigiriya Lion Rock. The weather was quite humid and gloomy. By the time we reached the summit we were enjoying the cool weather and the breath-taking panoramic view. We encountered Common Kingfisher, Great Cormorant and Green Bee-eater. Just after coming down from the rock it started to rain heavily, so we stopped for a hot cup of Ceylon tea from a local tea shop.

We returned to the hotel at 12.30pm for lunch and enjoyed the hotel facilities until 2.30pm. Next some of us went on the Polonnaruwa ancient city excursion and enjoyed the old ruins of the once self-sufficient kingdom of Sri Lanka which was brought to its heights by King Parakramabahu. We visited the Watadage, Image House, Nissanka Latha Mandapaya and the famed Gal Viharaya. We saw a couple of Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys at the ancient city. Whilst returning from Polonnaruwa to Sigiriya we encountered a small herd of wild Asian Elephants. Then we visited a local shrine room on the bund of Minneriya Tank, where we saw how the local villagers gained the blessings from the local deity. Another wild Elephant was spotted on the road.

We reached the hotel by 7.15pm and joined the rest of the group for dinner. Then we went for a short night drive but didn't have any luck as it was raining heavily.

## Day 6

Thursday 21st December

### Kandy

We had breakfast at 7.30am, then checked out of the hotel and proceeded to Kandy. En route we visited the Dedicated Economic Center where we had an opportunity to see Sri Lankan vegetables and fruits, and busy local people. Then we visited the Dambulla cave temple.

We stopped at a spice garden in Matale for lunch. Afterwards we enjoyed a tour of the spice garden and received a massage from the Ayurvedic masseurs. We reached the Thilanka Hotel in Kandy at 5.30pm and met for dinner at 7pm, which was followed by the checklist and the next day's briefing.

## Day 7

Friday 22nd December

### Kandy

We had an early breakfast at 7am and set off to visit the Udawattakele sanctuary. This sanctuary was once the royal gardens of the Kandyan kingdom and served as an escape route and hunting grounds for the royalty. We met with two Brown Fish Owls in this beautiful forest the moment we stepped in through the gates. Southern Hill Myna, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike and Yellow-browed Bulbul, along with Muntjac, Hard-shelled Terrapin and Asian Water Monitor were encountered during our walk. Then we visited the most sacred place for all Buddhists, known as the Temple of the Tooth, which holds the left canine tooth of Lord Buddha. We were very lucky to see the golden casket where the Tooth relic was enshrined. We returned to the hotel at 12.30pm for lunch.

At 2pm we visited the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens where, among the many different trees and plants, we saw a colony of Flying Foxes, White-bellied Drongo, Oriental Magpie-Robin and Jungle Crow. After visiting the botanical gardens we attended a cultural dance show which was a great highlight for many, with all the performances done to traditional music. We returned to the hotel at 7pm and had dinner before going to bed.

## Day 8

Saturday 23rd December

### Nuwara Eliya

We did a pre-breakfast birding session in the Hantane mountain range and encountered Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Crimson-fronted Barbet, White-browed Fantail, Plain Prinia, Tawny-bellied Babbler, Cinereous Tit and Velvet-fronted Nuthatch. We returned to the hotel at 7.30am and, after breakfast, checked out.

En route our next destination we visited a working tea factory and witnessed the process of tea manufacturing. After our tea training we enjoyed a variety of teas. We reached the next hotel, Heaven Seven, at 1pm and had lunch.

At 4.30pm we visited Victoria Park and encountered Kashmir Flycatcher, Indian Pitta, Common Sandpiper, Sri Lanka White-Eye, Indian Blue Robin, Grey Wagtail and many common birds we had already seen. We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did the checklist followed by the next day's briefing and dinner.

## Day 9

Sunday 24th December

### Nuwara Eliya

We started the day at 5am with tea/coffee and set out to Horton Plains by 5.15am. It was a very misty morning and we found it a difficult drive. Despite the bad weather, we were able to enter the park on the first ticket. We stopped at a pond to try and see the elusive Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush but, due to thick mist, we were unable to see it. We did encounter Sambar Deer, Indian Blackbird, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Zitting Cisticola, Pied Bush Chat and Hill Swallow, and a pair of Peregrine Falcons around World's End.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and then at 3pm visited Victoria Park, where we encountered Indian Pitta, Kashmir Flycatcher, Forest Wagtail, Brown-breasted Flycatcher and many other birds seen before. We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did our checklist followed by the next day's briefing, before enjoying a Christmas Eve dinner.

## Day 10

Monday 25th December

### Tissamaharama

We had breakfast at 7.30am and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am. En route to Tissamaharama we visited the Surrey Estate Bird Sanctuary and encountered a pair of Brown Wood Owls, Sri Lanka Scimitar-Babbler and Black-naped Monarch, along with other birds.

For lunch we stopped at Ella and had a nice meal. We then continued to our next destination and checked in at Rain Tree Hotel by 4pm. We did an evening bird walk around Debara Wewa tank where we encountered Little Grebe, Yellow Bittern, Black Bittern, Painted Stork, Watercock, Jungle Owlet, Barn Owl and many more birds. Back at the hotel we saw colonies of Flying Foxes flying around in the sky.

We did the checklist at 7pm and, after the briefing for the next day, had dinner and retired to our rooms.

## Day 11

Tuesday 26th December

### Yala

We had an early check-out at 5am and left with picnic breakfast and lunch to Lunugamwehera National Park. We arrived at the park by 6am and started the safari. Once inside the park sightings included Plum-headed Parakeet, Western Osprey, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Bared Buttonquail and Indian Roller. We also had an unforgettable incident where we got our jeep stuck in the mud and it took 3.5 hours to get it out! Then we had our lunch and a rest for a little while. Mammals seen today included Mouse Deer, Spotted Deer, Wild Boar, Ruddy Mongoose, Grey Mongoose and, in the last few minutes of the safari, a Leopard. We reached Cinnamon Wild Yala at 7.30pm and had dinner at 8pm.

## Day 12

## Wednesday 27th December

### Yala

We started a relaxed day at 6.30am with pre-breakfast birding around the hotel. We encountered Great Stone-curlew, Eurasian Spoonbill, and Gull-billed Tern. Then we had breakfast at 7.30am and relaxed until lunch.

After lunch at 12.30pm we proceeded to Yala National Park where we encountered many birds including Golden Plover, Wood Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Eurasian Hoopoe, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Baya Weaver, Orange-Breasted Green Pigeon and Jacobin Cuckoo. Also we were lucky with a sighting of a Leopard.

We returned to the hotel by 6.30pm and later met in the lobby for the checklist, which was followed by dinner.

## Day 13

## Thursday 28th December

### Embilipitiya

We had an early start with a packed breakfast and checked out at 5.15am. Our next destination was Embilipitiya and we proceeded to Hotel Centauria. En route we had a morning birding safari at Bundala National Park where we encountered many terns including Common, Caspian, Lesser Crested, Greater Crested and Whiskered Terns. We also saw Brown-headed Gull, Ruddy Turnstone, Pin-tailed Snipe, Greater Painted-Snipe and Sri Lanka Woodshrike, and a Soft-shelled Terrapin.

After the safari, we reached Hotel Centauria at 1pm. We had lunch and then a walk around the city. Later we met at 7.15pm for dinner after a briefing about the next day's programme and the checklist.

## Day 14

## Friday 29th December

### Sinharaja

After checking out, we left for Udawalawe National Park with a packed breakfast. The highlight of the safari was to see 64 Asian Elephants. Other than the elephants, we encountered Grey-breasted Prinia, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Lesser Adjutant and many other birds. After the morning safari we visited the Elephant Transit Home at Udawalawe and saw how the baby elephants get fed. Whilst there we saw three roosting Indian Scops Owls.

After lunch in a local restaurant, we headed to Sinharaja. We reached the Blue Magpie Lodge around 4pm and enjoyed a hot cup of tea. Then we moved to a location where we saw the rare Serendib Scops Owl.

In the evening we did our checklist in the hotel restaurant. We called it a night after dinner and the next day's briefing as we had an early start to go to the rainforest.

## Day 15

Saturday 30th December

### Sinharaja

We had breakfast at 5.30am and set off in jeeps with a packed lunch to the Sinharaja Rainforest. Once there we encountered Red-faced Malkoha, Malabar Trogon, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Spot-winged Thrush, Sri Lanka Frogmouth and many other birds. In addition to the birds, Green Vine Snake, Sri Lanka Hump-nosed Lizard, Green Garden Lizard and Giant Wood Spider were seen.

We returned to the hotel in the afternoon and enjoyed some hot tea. Tonight we did the checklist early and had dinner before calling it a day.

## Day 16

Sunday 31st December

We had early tea/coffee and set out to the Sinharaja buffer zone called Ketalapatala, where we encountered the elusive Sri Lanka Spurfowl and Green-billed Coucal, along with Slaty-legged Crake and many other birds at a local house next to a river. On our way back we encountered Sri Lanka Hill Myna and Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon. We returned to the hotel for breakfast and relaxed until lunch.

After lunch the group split, with two going to Katunayake for the last night of the main tour whilst four continued on the Blue Whale extension.

The 'main tour' group reached the Airport Garden Hotel at 6.30pm after doing a Colombo city tour, and checked in for their overnight stay in Colombo.

The Blue Whale extension group reached the Fisherman's Bay Resort at 5.30pm. As it was New Year's Eve we had a special gala dinner with different activities, including music and fireworks, organised by the hotel.

## Main Tour Day 17; Blue Whale Extension Day 1

Monday 1st January

After breakfast the main tour pair left the hotel for the airport and caught their flight back to the UK, where the main tour ended.

Meanwhile, those on the extension left the hotel with a picnic breakfast at 6.15am for a boat trip. Before long we came upon a Risso's Dolphin, then a small pod of Bottlenose Dolphins, and finally a Blue Whale. We had many interesting close encounters with it before happily returning to the hotel.

After lunch in the hotel, we relaxed and enjoyed the swimming pool. We did our checklist at 7pm and finished with dinner and the briefing for the next day.

## Extension Day 2

Tuesday 2nd January

### Weligama

Once again, after a cup of tea/coffee, we left the hotel with a picnic breakfast at 6.15am for another boat trip. We went a long way out before finally encountering a Blue Whale along with a few Risso's Dolphins. As we were returning to the pier we also saw a Green Turtle. We were back at the hotel by 2.15pm and had a late lunch at 2.30pm.

As it was a tiring day, we relaxed and enjoyed the hotel facilities for the rest of the day until we met for dinner at 7pm, followed by the checklist and the next day's briefing.

## Extension Day 3

Wednesday 3rd January

### Weligama

After breakfast we visited the Galle fort and walked around the old buildings. After a nice morning walk around the fort, we returned to the hotel for lunch. After lunch we checked out and proceeded to Katunayake. We reached Katunayake by 5.30pm and had dinner at 7pm.

## Extension Day 4

Friday 4th January

After breakfast we went to the airport and caught our flight back to the UK, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.



## Species Lists

Birds Key: bold = endemic; some previous/alternative names in brackets

Common name	Scientific name
1 Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2 Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
3 <b>Sri Lanka Spurfowl</b>	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
4 <b>Sri Lanka Junglefowl</b>	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
5 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
6 Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
7 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
8 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
9 Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
10 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
11 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
12 Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
13 Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
14 Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>
15 Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
16 Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
17 Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
18 Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
19 Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
20 Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
21 Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
22 Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
23 Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
24 Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
25 Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
26 Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
27 Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
28 Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
29 Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
30 Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental Honey-buzzard)	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
31 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
32 Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
33 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
34 Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
35 Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
36 White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
37 Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaeus</i>
38 Slaty-legged Crane	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
39 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>
40 Watercock	<i>Gallixrex cinerea</i>
41 Grey-headed (Purple) Swampfen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
42 Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
43 Eurasian (Common) Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
44 Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
45 Great Stone-Curlew (Great Thick-knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
46 Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
47 Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
48 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
49 Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>

Common name	Scientific name
50 Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
51 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
52 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
53 Lesser Sand Plover (Mongolian Plover)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
54 Greater Painted-Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
55 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
56 Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
57 Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
58 Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
59 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
60 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
61 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
62 Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
63 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
64 Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
65 Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
66 Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>
67 Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>
68 Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
69 Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
70 Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
71 Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
72 Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
73 Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
74 Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
75 Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>
76 <b>Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon</b>	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
77 Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
78 Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
79 Common Emerald Dove (Emerald Dove)	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
80 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
81 <b>Sri Lanka Green Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
82 Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
83 <b>Green-billed Coucal</b>	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>
84 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
85 Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
86 <b>Red-faced Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
87 Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
88 Jacobin (Pied) Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
89 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
90 Grey-bellied (Plaintive) Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
91 Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
92 <b>Serendib Scops Owl</b>	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
93 Indian (Collared) Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
94 Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
95 Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
96 Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
97 Brown Hawk-Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
98 Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
99 Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
100 Crested (Gray-rumped) Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
101 Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
102 Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
103 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
104 Little (House) Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
105 Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
106 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
107 Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
108 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
109 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
110 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
111 Green (Little Green) Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
112 Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
113 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
114 Eurasian (Common) Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>
115 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
116 <b>Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill</b>	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
117 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
118 <b>Yellow-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
119 <b>Crimson-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
120 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
121 Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>
122 Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Goldenback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
123 <b>Crimson-backed Flameback (Goldenback)</b>	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
124 Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>
125 Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
126 Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
127 Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
128 <b>Layard's Parakeet</b>	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
129 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
130 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
131 <b>Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot</b>	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
132 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
133 Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
134 <b>Sri Lanka Woodshrike</b>	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
135 Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
136 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
137 Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
138 Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
139 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
140 Orange Minivet (Scarlet/Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
141 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
142 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
143 Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
144 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>
145 <b>Sri Lanka Drongo (Sri Lanka Crested Drongo)</b>	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
146 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
147 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
148 Indian (Asian) Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
149 <b>Sri Lanka Blue Magpie</b>	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
150 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
151 Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed Crow)	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
152 Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
153 Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
154 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
155 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
156 <b>Black-capped Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
157 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
158 <b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
159 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
160 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
161 <b>Square-tailed Bulbul</b>	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa humii</i>
162 Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>
163 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
164 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
165 <b>Sri Lanka Swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
166 Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
167 Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
168 Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
169 <b>Sri Lanka Bush Warbler</b>	<i>Elaphromis palliseri</i>
170 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
171 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
172 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
173 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
174 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
175 <b>Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
176 Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
177 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
178 <b>Brown-capped Babbler</b>	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
179 <b>Orange-billed Babbler</b>	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
180 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
181 <b>Ashy-headed Laughingthrush</b>	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
182 Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
183 <b>Sri Lanka White-Eye</b>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
184 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
185 <b>Sri Lanka Hill Myna (Sri Lanka Myna)</b>	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
186 Southern (Lesser) Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
187 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
188 <b>Spot-winged Thrush</b>	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
189 Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
190 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
191 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
192 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
193 Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
194 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
195 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
196 <b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
197 Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora brunnea</i>
198 Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
199 Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
200 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
201 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
202 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
203 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
204 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
205 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
206 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
207 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
208 Black-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>

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209 Tricolored (Black-headed) Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
210 Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
211 Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
212 Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
213 Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>

## Mammals

Common name	Scientific name
1 Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
2 Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus (Presbytis) entellus</i>
3 Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus (Presbytis) vetulus</i>
4 Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
5 Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
6 Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
7 Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
8 Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
9 Mouse Deer	<i>Tragulus meminna</i>
10 Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
11 Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
12 Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
13 Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
14 Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
15 Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
16 Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
17 Indian (Black-naped) Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
18 Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantea</i>
19 Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>
20 Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>
21 Risso's Dolphin	<i>Grampus griseus</i>

## Reptiles & Amphibians

Common name	Scientific name
1 Green Vine Snake	<i>Ahaetulla nasuta</i>
2 Common Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosus maximus</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 Hump - nosed Lizard	<i>Lyriocephalus scutatus</i>
8 Estuarine Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>
9 Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
10 Soft-shelled Terrapin	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
11 Hard-shelled Terrapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
12 Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
13 Deraniyagala's Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis podihuna</i>
14 Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
15 Common Skink	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>