

# Sri Lanka - Wildlife & History

## Including Blue Whale Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

3 – 22 February 2018

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Peregrine Falcon



Sri Lanka Green Pigeon



Golden Jackal



Leopard

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With 13 Naturetrek clients

## Highlights

A total of 225 bird species, 24 species of mammals and 12 of reptiles and amphibians were seen throughout the tour, including the extension. Overall the tour recorded 32 out of 33 endemic bird species, and from the total owl list we recorded eight. The safari to Lunugamvehera National Park was very successful as we saw three Leopards at the entrance. The whale-watching extension was very successful with close sightings of Blue Whales and Orca (Killer Whale), along with many Green Turtles.

### Day 1

**Saturday 3rd February**

For most, the tour started with an overnight flight from the UK to Sri Lanka.

### Day 2

**Sunday 4th February**

#### Anuradhapura

We arrived at 12.45pm and left the airport at 1.40pm. We had tea and cakes en route to Anawilundawa, a RAMSAR sanctuary. Here sightings included Spot-billed Pelican, Eurasian Spoonbill, Purple Heron, Grey-headed Swamphen, Marsh Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Lesser Whistling Duck, Painted Stork, Indian Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Intermediate Egret, Little Cormorant, Oriental Darter, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Crested Serpent Eagle, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Brahminy Kite, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, White-breasted Waterhen, Black-winged Stilt, Red-wattled Lapwing, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Whiskered Tern, Asian Palm Swift, White-throated Kingfisher, Green Bee-eater, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Garganey, Black-headed Ibis, Indian Peafowl, Black-hooded Oriole, Purple Sunbird, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Loten's Sunbird and Indian Robin, along with Toque Macaque, Water Buffalo and Indian Flying Foxes. We also observed how traditional toddy tapping is done en route to the hotel.

We reached our hotel in the evening. Dinner was followed by the checklist and the briefing for the next day, before calling it a night.

### Day 3

**Monday 5th February**

#### Anuradhapura

We started the day with a pre-breakfast birding session around the hotel area and encountered Indian Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Great Egret, Brown-headed Barbet, Jerdon's Leafbird, Pied Bush Chat, Copper Smith Barbet, Black-rumped Flameback, Lesser Goldenback, Little Cormorant, Green Imperial Pigeon, White-bellied Drongo, Red-vented Bulbul, White-rumped Munia, Scaly-breasted Munia, Paddyfield Pipit and Oriental Magpie-Robin.

We returned to the hotel for breakfast and then set out to visit the ancient city of Anuradhapura. We visited the Sri Mahabodi sacred fig tree, Ruvanveli Maha Seya Stupa, Twin Ponds, Guard Stone and many other locations.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed until 3pm, after which we set out to visit the Mihintale Temple. As we climbed to the summit and enjoyed the views, we saw a Giant Squirrel, Land Monitor, Soft-shelled

Terrapin, Star Tortoise and Deraniyagala's Gecko. Coming back to the hotel we saw Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Common Iora, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Small Minivet, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Asian Brown Flycatcher and Palm Squirrel.

At the hotel in the evening we did the checklist, which was followed by dinner and a briefing for the next day.

## Day 4

Tuesday 6th February

### Sigiriya

We had an early breakfast and checked out of the hotel to proceed to Sigiriya. En route we visited the Avukana Buddha statue. While admiring the rock statue we saw Woolly-necked Stork, Gull-billed Tern, Indian Cormorant, Greater Coucal, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Sri Lanka Junglefowl and Grey Mongoose.

We reached Hotel Sigiriya at 12.30pm, had our lunch and relaxed until 3pm. Later we visited the Sigiriya sanctuary and did some birding. Here we encountered Jacobin Cuckoo, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Black-capped Bulbul, White-rumped Shama, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Jerdon's Leafbird, Loten's Sunbird, Large Cuckooshrike, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Little Swift, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Ashy Woodswallow, Brown Shrike, Sri Lanka Swallow, Zitting Cisticola and Oriental White-Eye, along with Grey Mongoose and Oriental Garden Lizard.

We returned to the hotel and did our checklist followed by the briefing and dinner. After dinner we set out for a drive and returned to the hotel at 10.30pm before calling it a night.

## Day 5

Wednesday 7th February

### Sigiriya

We had breakfast at 6.30am and then most of us visited the Sigiriya Lion Rock. On the way to the summit we encountered Peregrine Falcon, Little Grebe and Green Vine Snake.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and enjoyed the hotel facilities until 2.30pm. The later programme was optional and two members participated. The group that stayed back enjoyed a bird walk around the hotel and encountered Common Iora, Brown Shrike, White-browed Fantail, Grey-breasted Prinia, Plain Prinia, White-rumped Shama and Sri Lanka Green Pigeon. The two members who selected the Polonnaruwa ancient city excursion enjoyed the old ruins of the once self-sufficient kingdom of Sri Lanka, which was brought to its heights by King Parakramabahu. They visited the Palace complex, Kings Audience hall, Kumara Pokuna, Watadage, Image House, Nissanka Latha Mandapaya and the famed Gal Viharaya. Spotted Deer was seen at the ancient city and whilst returning to Sigiriya, many Wild Asian Elephants were encountered on the road.

We all met up in the evening for dinner, followed by the checklist.

## Day 6

Thursday 8th February

### Kandy

We had a pre-breakfast birding session and encountered Black-capped Bulbul, Jungle Prinia, Changeable Hawk Eagle and White-rumped Shama. We returned to the hotel at 7am and, after having our breakfast, we checked out and proceeded to Kandy, en route visiting the Dambulla cave temple.

We stopped at a Spice Garden in Matale and had our lunch. After lunch we enjoyed a tour of the garden and received a massage from the Ayurvedic masseurs. Continuing our journey, on the way to Kandy we saw Besra. We reached Kandy at 4pm and viewed a cultural dance performance in the city. We reached Hotel Thilanka later in the evening for dinner, which was followed by the checklist and the next day's briefing.

## Day 7

Friday 9th February

### Kandy

We had an early breakfast 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 were met by the noisy residents of this beautiful forest the moment we stepped in through the gates. Brown Fish Owl, White-rumped Shama, Common Tailorbird, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, Orange-headed Thrush and Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, along with Purple-faced Leaf Monkey and Spotted Deer were encountered during our walk here. We returned to the hotel for lunch.

At 3.30pm we visited the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens where, among the many different trees and plants, we saw a colony of Flying Foxes, Orange Minivet, Small Minivet and Black-Hooded Oriole. Next we visited the Temple of the Tooth which holds the left canine tooth of the Lord Buddha and is a sacred place for Buddhists the world over. We witnessed the evening alms-giving ceremony and also were able to see the Golden Casket which enshrines the tooth relic.

We returned to the hotel late evening and had our dinner before going to bed.

## Day 8

Saturday 10th February

### Nuwara Eliya

We did a pre-breakfast birding session in the Hantane mountain range and encountered Asian Koel, Greater Coucal, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike, Cinereous Tit, White-browed Bulbul, Indian Jungle Crow, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Brown-capped Babbler, Orange Minivet, Southern Hill Myna, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Pale-billed Flowerpecker, White-browed Fantail and White-rumped Munia. While returning to the hotel passing the Kandy lake we spotted Black-crowned Night Heron, Indian Cormorant and an Asian Water Monitor. After having our breakfast, we checked out of the hotel.

Our next hotel was in Nuwara Eliya which is in the central highlands. En route 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 3.30pm we visited Victoria Park and encountered Indian Pitta, Pied Thrush, Kashmir Flycatcher, Forest Wagtail, Square-tailed Bulbul, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Hill Swallow, Asian Brown Flycatcher and Oriental White-Eye. We came back to the hotel in the evening and on the way we were able to see Muntjac, Asian Water Monitor and Hard-shelled Terrapin.

## Day 9

## Sunday 11th February

### Nuwara Eliya

We started the day at 5.45am with tea/coffee and then set out to Horton Plains. It was a very warm morning, the weather was fine and the skies were clear. At Horton Plains we saw Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Brown Mongoose, Dusky Stripped Squirrel, Black-cheek Lizard, Sambar Deer, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Zitting Cisticola, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Dull-blue Flycatcher, Tawny-bellied Babbler, Sri Lanka White-eye, Crimson-backed Flameback, Pied Bush Chat, Jordon's Bush Lark, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Scaly-breasted Munia, Indian Blackbird, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Forest Wagtail, Hill Swallow, Thick-billed Flowerpecker and Paddyfield Pipit. We returned to the hotel for lunch.

At 3.30pm we visited Haggala Botanical Gardens and encountered Black Bulbul, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Chestnut-backed Owlet and many other birds seen before.

We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did the checklist, followed by the next day's briefing and dinner.

## Day 10

## Monday 12th February

### Tissamaharama

We had breakfast at 7.30am and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am. En route to Tissamaharama we visited Surrey Estate Bird Sanctuary and encountered Brown Wood Owl, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and Orange Minivet, along with other birds.

For lunch we stopped at the Ella Motel Rest House, which overlooks the valley below. We then set out to Debara Wewa tank where we encountered White-bellied Sea Eagle, Ashy Prinia, Shikra, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Yellow Bittern, Great Stone-curlew and Jungle Owlet, together with Dusky Striped Squirrel, Brown Mongoose, Indian Flying Fox and Mugger Crocodile.

Just before we checked in to our hotel, The Rain Tree, we did a little birding around Tissa tank and saw many colonies of Flying Foxes, Painted Stork, Spot-billed Pelican and Black-headed Ibis. We also saw how the Flying Foxes swap trees for other birds to roost on the Rain trees at night time

We checked in to the hotel at 6.15pm and did the checklist at 7pm. After the briefing for the next day, we had dinner and then retired to our rooms.

## Day 11

## Tuesday 13th February

### Lunugamvehera-Yala

With a packed lunch, we headed to Yala block five Lunugamvehera for our safari, during which we encountered Jerdon's Bush Lark, Sri Lanka Swallow, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Sirkeer Malkoha, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Plum-headed Parakeet, Alexandrine Parakeet, Large Cuckooshrike, Brown Shrike, Lesser Adjutant, Pied Kingfisher, Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Barred Buttonquail, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Tricolored Munia, Green Sandpiper, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Blue-faced Malkoha, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Crested Treeswift, Indian Roller, Marshall's Iora, Western Yellow Wagtail and Changeable Hawk Eagle. We had superb sightings of three Leopards at the entrance to the park. We also saw Asian Elephants, Golden

Jackals, Muntjac, Stripe-necked Mongoose, Water Buffalo, Black-naped Hare, Soft-shelled Terrapin and Mugger Crocodile.

Later we saw another Leopard outside the national park en route to our next hotel, Cinnamon Wild Yala, making it four Leopards in total. At 6.45pm we reached the hotel and enjoyed a nice meal after a full day of safari. We did our checklists at 7.30pm and had dinner after the briefing about the next day's programme.

## Day 12

Wednesday 14th February

### Yala

After breakfast we did some birding around the lake where we saw Marsh Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Lesser Sand Plover, Great Stone-curlew and Oriental Darter, together with Soft-shelled Terrapin, Mugger Crocodile, Grey Langur and Wild Boar.

After lunch we left for our half-day safari at Yala National Park at 2pm, during which we saw Jacobin Cuckoo, Whimbrel, Shikra, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Black-tailed Godwit, Common Snipe, Kentish Plover, Changeable Hawk Eagle, Richard's Pipit, Black-naped Monarch, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Black-headed Cuckooshrike and Yellow-crowned Woodpecker. Apart from birds we saw Spotted Deer, Stripe-necked Mongoose, Asian Elephant, Water buffalo and Bengal Monitor. At the gates when we were about to exit we were lucky enough to see another Leopard resting on a rock, which made everyone's day.

We came back to the hotel and had dinner at 7.30pm after the briefing for the next day.

## Day 13

Thursday 15th February

### Bundala-Embilipitiya

After early morning tea, we left Cinnamon Wild with a packed breakfast at 5.15am to go to Bundala National Park. There we encountered Indian Nightjar, Yellow Bittern, Western Osprey, Ruddy Turnstone, Pacific Golden Plover, Little Stint, Eurasian Hoopoe, Small Pratincole, Pin-tailed Snipe, Grey Plover, Indian Stone-curlew, Brown-headed Gull, Caspian Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Little Tern, Roseate Tern, Common Tern, Eurasian Collared Dove, Oriental Skylark and Clamorous Reed Warbler, together with Land Monitor, Grey Langur, Ruddy Mongoose and Water Buffalo.

We arrived at Hotel Centauria for lunch, where we saw two Indian Scops Owls and some Water Monitors. After lunch we had a rest and later went for a bird walk around the hotel area, where we saw Yellow-browed Bulbul and many other common birds. As we walked further towards the town area we were lucky enough to come across a sports meet at a local school and witnessed a major community event for children, teachers, parents and other residents of the area. We also witnessed the oriental school band, and saw how children have built their respective houses with biodegradable materials such as straw and wood.

We returned to the hotel around 6.30pm and met again at 7.30pm for dinner.

## Day 14

Friday 16th February

### Udawalawa-Sinharaja

We left our hotel after having breakfast at 7am for a half-day safari at Udawalawa National Park, where we encountered Brown Fish Owl, Jungle Prinia, Plain Prinia, Ashy Prinia, Grey-breasted Prinia, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Indian Swiftlet, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Western Osprey, Himalayan Buzzard, Watercock, Indian Stone-curlew, Greater Sand Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Ruff, Small Pratincole, Brown-headed Gull, Greater Crested Tern, Lesser Crested Tern, Pin-tailed Snipe, Pale Martin, Booted Eagle, Black-winged Kite, Indian Silverbill and Yellow-eyed Babbler, along with Hard-shelled Terrapin, Soft-shelled Terrapin, Asian Elephant, Grey Mongoose and Indian Palm Squirrel.

After the safari we stopped for lunch in a nearby restaurant. We then left for Sinharaja and en route saw Black Eagle and Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot. We reached the hotel at 6.30pm after a long drive. We did our checklist at 7.30pm followed by dinner and next day's briefing.

## Day 15

Saturday 17th February

### Sinharaja

We had breakfast at 5.15am and then set off in jeeps with our packed lunch to Sinharaja Rainforest, where we encountered Lesser Yellownappe, Dark-fronted Babbler, Yellow-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Red-faced Malkoha, Malabar Trogon, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Common Emerald Dove, White-faced Starling, Spot-winged Thrush, Sri Lanka Thrush, Layard's Parakeet, Green-billed Coucal, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Legge's Flowerpecker, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon and many other birds. On our way back we spotted Sri Lanka Green Pit Viper and Layard's Striped Squirrel.

We returned to the hotel and relaxed, gazing at the multitude of wildlife that surrounded the premises. We did our checklist at 7.30pm followed by dinner.

## Day 16

Sunday 18th February

### Katunayake

We had early tea/coffee before setting off to the Sinharaja buffer zone called Ketlapatala. Here we encountered the elusive Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Sri Lanka Spot-winged Thrush, Sri Lanka Drongo, Slaty-legged Crane, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Sri Lanka Junglefowl and Green-billed Coucal, along with many other birds and Mouse Deer.

We returned to the hotel for breakfast and relaxed until lunch. After lunch the group split in two, with six going to Katunayake for their last night's stay, and nine travelling on for their Blue Whale extension.

The main 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 and did their checklist for the day before having dinner.

## Main Tour Day 17/Extension Day 1

Monday 19th February

For those in the Main Tour group, after breakfast we left for the airport to catch our flight back to the UK, where the main tour ended.

Meanwhile for those in the Blue Whale Extension group, after tea/coffee we left the hotel with a picnic breakfast at 6.15am and boarded the boat. Before long we came upon a Blue Whale and as the day progressed, the number of Blue Whales increased to four. Then coming back we were very lucky to spot an Orca (Killer Whale), a morning highlight, and many Green Turtles. We returned happily back to our hotel.

After lunch in the hotel we visited the Galle Fort, walking around the entire fort and enjoying the old colonial architecture and stories around it. We also saw Ashy Drongo.

In the evening we did our checklist at 7pm and finished the day with dinner and the briefing for the next day.

## Extension Day 2

Tuesday 20th February

Weligama

Once again we left the hotel with a picnic breakfast at 6.15am after having a cup of tea/coffee. Again we had very good sightings of the Blue Whale along with many Green Turtles, even though the sea was a bit rough. We were back in the hotel by noon. After lunch we relaxed and enjoyed the hotel facilities.

At 4pm we visited the Kiralakele sanctuary and encountered Asian Koel, Yellow Bittern, Painted Stork, Pied Kingfisher and Long-legged Buzzard, among many other birds seen before. We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and followed our normal routine before calling it a day.

## Extension Day 3

Wednesday 21st February

Weligama- Katunayake

After breakfast we visited a Turtle hatchery where we learnt about the conservation process and got a very close view of many types of turtles inside the hatchery.

After lunch in the hotel we checked out and proceeded to Katunayake. We reached our next hotel around 5.30pm and met for dinner at 7.30pm.

## Extension Day 4

Friday 22nd February

After breakfast we left for the airport to catch our flight back to the UK, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.



## Species Lists:

Birds (endemic or near endemic in bold; some previous names in brackets)

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
1	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2	Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
3	Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>
4	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
5	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
6	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
7	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
8	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
9	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
10	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
11	Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
12	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
13	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
14	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
15	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
16	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
17	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
18	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
19	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
20	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
21	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
22	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
23	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
24	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
25	Oriental Darter (Darter)	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
26	Western Osprey (Osprey)	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
27	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
28	Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental Honey-buzzard)	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
29	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
30	Changeable Hawk Eagle (Crested Hawk Eagle)	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatius</i>
31	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
32	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</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 ichthyaetus</i>
38	Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>
39	Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
40	Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo burmanicus</i>
41	Watercock	<i>Gallixrex cinerea</i>
42	Grey-headed Swamphen (Purple Swamphen)	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
43	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
44	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
45	Indian Stone-curlew (Indian Thick Knee)	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>
46	Great Stone-curlew (Great Thick Knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
47	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
48	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
49	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
50	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>

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

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

Common name	Scientific name
157 Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
158 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
159 Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
160 <b>Black-capped Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
161 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
162 <b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
163 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
164 <b>Square-tailed Bulbul</b>	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa humii</i>
165 Pale Martin	<i>Riparia diluta</i>
166 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
167 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
168 <b>Sri Lanka Swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
169 Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
170 <b>Sri Lanka Bush Warbler</b>	<i>Elaphornis palliseri</i>
171 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
172 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
173 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
174 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
175 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
176 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
177 <b>Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
178 Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
179 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
180 <b>Brown-capped Babbler</b>	<i>Pellorneum fuscocapillus</i>
181 Yellow-billed Babbler	
182 <b>Ashy-headed Laughingthrush</b>	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
183 Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
184 Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
185 <b>Sri Lanka White-Eye</b>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
186 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
187 <b>Sri Lanka Hill Myna (Sri Lanka Myna)</b>	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
188 Southern Hill Myna (Lesser Hill Myna)	<i>Gracula indica</i>
189 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
190 <b>White-faced Starling</b>	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
191 Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
192 Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
193 Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>
194 <b>Spot-winged Thrush</b>	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
195 <b>Sri Lanka Thrush (Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush)</b>	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>
196 Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
197 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
198 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
199 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
200 Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
201 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
202 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
203 <b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
204 <b>Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush</b>	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
205 Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
206 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
207 Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
208 <b>Legge's Flowerpecker (White-throated Flowerpecker)</b>	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
209 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>

Common name	Scientific name
210 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
211 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
212 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
213 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
214 Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>
215 Indian Silverbill (White-throated Silverbill)	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
216 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
217 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
218 Tricolored Munia (Black-headed Munia)	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
219 Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
220 Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
221 Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
222 Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>
223 Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
224 Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>
225 Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>

### Mammals:

Common name	Scientific name
1 Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
2 Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus (Presbytis) entellus</i>
3 Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
4 Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
5 Stripe-necked Mongoose	<i>Herpestes vitticollis</i>
6 Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
7 Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
8 Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
9 Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
10 Mouse Deer	<i>Tragulus meminna</i>
11 Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus Muntjac</i>
12 Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
13 Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
14 Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
15 Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
16 Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
17 Layard's Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>
18 Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
19 Indian Hare (Black-naped Hare)	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
20 Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantean</i>
21 Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>
22 Orca ( Killer Whale)	<i>Orcinus orca</i>
23 Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Trachypithecus (Presbytis) vetulus</i>
24 Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>

### Reptiles & Amphibians:

Common name	Scientific name
1 Sri Lanka Green Pit Viper	<i>Trimeresurus trigonocephalus</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>

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
6 Black-cheek Lizard	<i>Calotes nigrilabris</i>
7 Soft-shelled Terrapin	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
8 Hard-shelled Terrapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
9 Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
10 Deraniyagala's Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis podihuna</i>
11 Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
12 Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>