

# Sri Lanka - Wildlife & History

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Indian Paradise Flycatcher



Peregrine Falcon



Golden Jackal



Chestnut-backed Owlet

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                                      With 14 Naturetrek clients

## Highlights

A total of 215 species of birds, 25 mammal species and 14 species of reptiles and amphibians were seen throughout the tour, including the extension. A very close encounter with a Leopard, Brown Fish Owl, Chestnut-backed Owlet and the very elusive and rare Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher were some of the highlights on the main tour, while Blue Whales and Spinner Dolphins, along with a rare sighting of a black morph Booted Eagle, were highlights of the extension.

### Day 1

**Saturday 4th February**

For most of the group, the tour started with a flight from the UK to Sri Lanka.

### Day 2

**Sunday 5th February**

#### Anuradhapura

The flight landed at 5.20pm and after meeting the leaders, we left the airport at 6.20pm. En route to Anuradhapura we stopped for tea and a leg stretch. We reached our hotel at 10.25pm and had dinner followed by a briefing about the next day.

### Day 3

**Monday 6th February**

#### Anuradhapura

We had breakfast at 7.30am and then left for Anuradhapura to visit the ancient site. We visited the Shri Mahabodi sacred tree, Ruwanweli Seya, Twin Ponds, Chetawanaramaya, The Moon Stones and the Guard Stones. During our visit to Anuradhapura, sightings included Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Black-hooded Oriole, Eastern Cattle Egret, Lesser Whistling Duck, Indian Peafowl, Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Indian Pond Heron, Spot-billed Pelican, Little Cormorant, Oriental Darter, Crested Serpent Eagle, Shikra, Brahminy Kite, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Green Imperial Pigeon, Asian Koel, Crested Treeswift, Asian Palm Swift, Indian Roller, White-throated Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Brown-headed, Crimson-fronted and Coppersmith Barbets, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Yellow-billed Babbler, Oriental White-Eye, Indian Robin, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Pale-billed Flowerpecker and Purple Sunbird, along with Asian Water Monitor, Hard-shelled Terrapin and Common Skink.

We returned to the hotel at 12.50pm, had lunch and relaxed until 3.15pm. Our next visit was to the Mihintale Temple where we saw the different ruins and scaled the rock to see the stupa. Wildlife sightings included Indian Cuckoo, Indian Palm Squirrel, Grizzled Giant Squirrel, Toque Macaque, Grey Langur, Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Deraniyagala's Day Gecko and many birds seen during the morning. In the evening we did the checklist at 7.30pm followed by dinner and a briefing for the next day.

## Day 4

Tuesday 7th February

### Sigiriya

We did a pre-breakfast birding session around the lake once again and encountered many of the birds seen the previous day. Sightings included Garganey, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Indian Cormorant, White-breasted Waterhen, Little Stint, Marsh and Wood Sandpipers and Indian Scops Owl.

We had breakfast and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am. En route to Sigiriya we visited the Avukana Rock Statue Temple where we did some more birding and encountered Painted Stork, Woolly-necked Stork, Black Eagle, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Black-tailed Godwit, House Swift, Ashy Woodswallow, Black-capped Bulbul, Zitting Cisticola and Plain Prinia, along with Grey Mongoose. We reached Hotel Sigiriya in time for lunch and enjoyed a nice hot meal.

At 4pm we drove to a forest patch behind the Sigiriya rock and encountered Alexandrine Parakeet, Common Kingfisher, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, White-rumped Munia and Small Minivet, along with a roost of Lesser False Vampire Bats. We returned to the hotel and did our checklist followed by dinner. After dinner we went for a night drive and encountered a pair of Jerdon's Nightjars.

## Day 5

Wednesday 8th February

### Sigiriya

We visited the Sigiriya Lion Rock at 7am and enjoyed the cool breeze, which followed with a slight shower. On our ascent we encountered Sri Lanka Swallow, Peregrine Falcon and Oriental Magpie-Robin. Some of the group stayed at the hotel and during a morning bird walk around the hotel encountered Indian Pitta, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Green Bee-eater, Grey-breasted and Jungle Prinias, Grey-headed Swamphen, Purple-rumped Sunbird and Paddyfield Pipit. Everyone was back at the hotel at 9.30am, enjoyed breakfast and relaxed in the hotel until 12.30pm.

After lunch some of the group visited the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. We started with a brief tour in the museum. We then proceeded to the ruins of the palace complex, followed by a visit to the Kumara ponds and the King's Audience Chamber. A pair of Bark Geckos was seen on a dead tree as we left the complex. Our next visit was to the Watadage Shrine complex and the surrounding monuments which included Gal Potha (or stone book inscription) and the Hatadage building which once housed the Buddha's tooth relic. There were many herds of Spotted Deer in the surrounding gardens. On our drive back from the site we encountered many Asian Elephants beside the main road. Those of us who had visited the ancient site had a bird walk from 5pm to 6pm.

We returned to the hotel and did the checklist at 7.30pm and at 8pm had dinner, followed by a briefing for the next day.

## Day 6

Thursday 9th February

### Kandy

We had a pre-breakfast birding session and then, after breakfast, checked out of the hotel to proceed to Kandy. En route we visited the Dambulla Cave Temple, and stopped at the Spice Garden in Matale for lunch. At the Spice Garden we saw Black-naped Monarch, White-browed and Yellow-browed Bulbuls and Brown-capped Babbler, along with many birds and mammals seen before.

We reached Kandy at 5pm and went to see a traditional cultural dance program. We returned to the hotel at 6.15pm and did the checklist and briefing, followed by dinner.

## Day 7

Friday 10th February

### Kandy

After an early breakfast at 6.30am we visited Udawattakele forest, once the royal palace gardens, for a birding session. Sightings included Yellow-fronted Barbet, Crimson-backed Flameback, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Large-billed Crow, Black Bulbul, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Southern Hill Myna, White-rumped Shama, Loten's Sunbird and Scaly-breasted and Black-throated Munias, along with Wild Boar, Mouse Deer, Muntjac and Indian Flying Fox. We returned to the hotel at 11.45am and had our lunch at 12.30pm.

After lunch we visited Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens and saw many exotic plants and trees. New bird sightings included Jerdon's Leafbird, House Sparrow and Orange Minivet. We visited the Orchid House containing many types of orchids, and saw the unique double coconut palm trees with their massive fruit.

We then visited the Temple of the tooth and leisurely observed the activity and the various architectural marvels dating back to the Kandian era. Beautifully carved wooden pillars decorated the house of the tooth relic and the Kings Audience Hall. The smell of floral incense flooded the temple gardens as devotees went about their religious observations. We returned to the hotel at 6.15pm and had our briefing and dinner before going to bed.

## Day 8

Saturday 11th February

### Nuwara Eliya

We did a pre-breakfast birding session at the Hantane mountain range and encountered Golden-fronted Leafbird, White-browed Fantail, Great Tit, Tawny-bellied Babbler and many other birds seen before. We returned to the hotel at 7.30am and after having our breakfast, we checked out at 9am.

En route Nuwara Eliya we visited a tea factory and its plantation, and enjoyed a selection of their best teas. We did a little birding around the premises before continuing our journey to the hill country. We passed many scenic settings before entering the colourful town of Nuwara Eliya. A hot lunch awaited us at Hotel Heaven Seven.

After lunch we visited Hakgala Botanical Gardens where sightings included Brown Shrike, White-bellied Drongo, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Sri Lanka White-Eye, Dull Blue Flycatcher, Yellow-eared Bulbul and Kashmir Flycatcher. Once again we encountered the handsome Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys here.

We returned to the hotel at 6pm and had a briefing about our next day's programme before dinner.

## Day 9

## Sunday 12th February

### Nuwara Eliya

We started the day at 4.45am with tea/coffee and then set out to Horton Plains. By 6am we were near the main gate and searched for the elusive Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, but we were not in luck. The temperature had fallen to 7°C and frost had formed in the valleys, making it a rare and beautiful site. Our sightings inside the park included Hill Swallow, Pied Bush Chat, Forest Wagtail, Paddyfield Pipit, Indian Blackbird, Sambar Deer, Dusky Striped Squirrel, Black-cheek Lizard and many other birds seen before. We returned to the hotel at 1pm, had our lunch and relaxed until 4.30pm.

We visited Victoria Park which is situated in the city and encountered Large-billed Leaf Warbler, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Dark-fronted Babbler, Pied Thrush and Indian Blue Robin, along with an Indian Bush Rat.

We returned to the hotel at 6pm and did the checklist followed by the next day's briefing and dinner.

## Day 10

## Monday 13th February

### Tissamaharama

Today we had breakfast at 7.30am and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am. En route Tissamaharama we visited the Surrey Estate Bird Sanctuary and encountered Brown Wood Owl and Greater Coucal. We continued to Ella, and at Ella Motel restaurant we saw Brown Mongoose and many other birds during our lunch.

The drive to Tissa from Ella was very scenic with steep rock faces emerging around each bend we took to descend into the valley below. We paused briefly to see the Ravana waterfall and a few Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters before finally making our way to the Debara Wewa tank. Our sightings here included Cotton Pygmy Goose, Yellow and Black Bitterns, Striated Heron, Brown Fish Owl, Stork-billed Kingfisher and many more birds seen before.

We checked in to the hotel at 6.15pm and quickly went to the viewpoint on the rooftop to see thousands of Flying Foxes leaving their roost opposite the Rain Tree Hotel. We then did the checklist at 7.30pm and after a briefing for the next day, we had dinner and retired to our rooms.

## Day 11

## Tuesday 14th February

### Yala

We had an early breakfast and checked out of the hotel at 7am. Our first stop for the day was at Bundala National Park and here sightings included Glossy Ibis, Eurasian Spoonbill, Montagu's Harrier, Watercock, Great Stone-curlew, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Pacific Golden Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Common Snipe, Ruddy Turnstone, Gull-billed, Caspian, Greater Crested and White-winged Terns, Pied Kingfisher, Common Iora, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark, Oriental Skylark, Rosy Starling, Tricolored Munia and Western Yellow Wagtail, along with Soft-shelled Terrapin.

We reached Cinnamon Wild Yala at 1pm and enjoyed a nice meal and relaxed, enjoying the hotel facilities. At 5pm we did a little birding around the hotel garden. In addition to the many bird species seen already, we encountered Mugger Crocodile, Grey Langur, Indian Hare and Wild Boar.

In the evening we met at 7pm for our usual routine of checklist, briefing and dinner.

## Day 12

Wednesday 15th February

### Yala

We started the day at 5.15am with tea and coffee, and then set out to Yala National Park for our first safari, taking with us a picnic breakfast. We sighted a big Leopard about 50 metres away from us, sleeping on a tree trunk. We spent about 30 minutes observing it yawn and get comfortable for its long nap. We had our breakfast near the beach and then the group split, with six guests staying for a full day safari. The full day safari yielded another sighting of a Leopard at a water hole. The group that returned to the hotel enjoyed their lunch and had an evening bird walk around the hotel. Sightings for the day included Lesser Adjutant, Intermediate Egret, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Barred Buttonquail, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Brahminy Starling and Indian Silverbill, along with Asian Elephant, Golden Jackal, Common Palm Civet, Ruddy Mongoose, Water Buffalo, Grey Langur, Spotted Deer, Sambar Deer, Wild Boar, Mugger Crocodile and Soft-shelled Terrapin.

We all met up for dinner at 7.30pm, did the checklist and had our briefing for the next day before retiring.

## Day 13

Thursday 16th February

### Embilipitiya

After breakfast, we checked out of the hotel at 8.30am and proceeded to Embilipitiya. We reached Hotel Centauria at 12.20pm and had our lunch before setting off to Udawalawe National Park for our afternoon jeep safari. Our sightings included many Asian Elephants, Grey Langur, Toque Macaque, Ruddy Mongoose, Wild Boar, Spotted Deer, Water Buffalo, Grizzled Giant Squirrel, Indian Flying Fox, Black-winged Kite, Green Sandpiper, Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Common Kestrel, Plum-headed Parakeet, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater and many other birds seen before.

We returned to the hotel after the safari, around 7.15pm, and met up again at 8.15pm for dinner.

## Day 14

Friday 17th February

### Sinharaja

Our pre-breakfast birding session was around Embilipitiya Lake and sightings included Common Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Woolly-necked Stork and Whiskered Tern. The resident pair of Indian Scops Owls was also seen at their roosting site, along with Giant Squirrel and Indian Palm Squirrel.

After breakfast we checked out and left for Sinharaja. We reached the Blue Magpie Lodge at 12.30pm, had our lunch and relaxed until 5pm. Our evening bird walk around Sinharaja village yielded sightings of Common

Emerald Dove, Indian Swiftlet, Brown-backed Needletail, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Hill Myna and Brown-breasted Flycatcher.

We did our checklist in the hotel restaurant and called it a night after dinner as we had a very early start the next day to go into the rainforest.

## Day 15

Saturday 18th February

### Sinharaja

We had a very early breakfast at the hotel before leaving for the Sinharaja Rainforest with our packed lunch. Our sightings for the day included Red-faced Malkoha, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Malabar Trogon, Layard's Parakeet, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, White-faced Starling, Legge's Flowerpecker, Purple-faced Leaf Monkey and Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard.

We returned to the hotel at 2.40pm and relaxed until 5pm before setting out once again for a bird walk around the village area. We returned to the hotel at 6pm and had our usual evening routine of checklist, dinner and briefing.

## Main Tour Day 16; Extension Day 1

Sunday 19th February

We had early tea/coffee and set out to the Sinharaja buffer zone called Ketalapatala. By 6.30am we were able to see the elusive Sri Lanka Spurfowl as it appeared behind a local villager's house. Spot-winged Thrush and other birds seen before were also recorded here. On our drive back, Saman saw a Chestnut-backed Owlet perched in an open area and we spent a good time here as it obliged for many photographs. Not much further down from the Owlet, Mukesh spotted an Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher perched on a tree. This very rare and colourful bird only sat still for a few moments before disappearing into the thick undergrowth of the surrounding forest.

We returned to the hotel for breakfast and then relaxed until lunchtime. After lunch the group split in two: the main tour group going to Katunayake for their last night, and eight setting off for their Blue Whale Extension.

The main group enjoyed a Colombo city tour before going to the Airport Garden Hotel for an overnight stay in Colombo.

The Blue Whale Extension group headed to Weligama and checked in to their hotel at 5pm. Later they did their checklist and next day's briefing before dinner.

## Main Tour Day 17; Extension Day 2

Monday 20th February

### Main Tour - in flight; Blue Whale Extension - Weligama

The Main Tour group checked out of their hotel and went to the airport in time to catch their flight to the UK, where the Main Tour ended.

The Extension group started the day with tea/coffee at 6.15am and then set out to Mirissa harbour for their first day of whale-watching. We saw three Blue Whales, a mega pod of Spinner Dolphins and Bridled Tern during our sail.

We returned to the hotel at 12.30pm, had lunch and relaxed until 3pm. Our afternoon visit to the Kirala Kele sanctuary yielded Cinnamon Bittern, Lesser Crested Tern and a very rare sighting of a black morph Booted Eagle, amongst many other birds seen before. After returning to the hotel, we did our checklist at 7pm and finished the day with dinner and a briefing about the next day.

### Extension Day 3

**Tuesday 21st February**

#### Weligama

Again, we left the hotel with a picnic breakfast at 6.15am after tea/coffee. On our trip we saw more Blue Whales very close to the boat, and returned to the hotel by 12.30pm for lunch.

We left for Galle at 3pm and visited the UNESCO World Heritage Site: Galle Fort. We walked along the ramparts and the old fort city roads. We enjoyed a cup of tea inside the fort and leisurely returned to the hotel at 7.45pm for dinner.

### Extension Day 4

**Wednesday 22nd February**

#### Katunayake

After breakfast we did a bird walk around Weligama village and saw many birds and mammals seen before. We had our final meal at the Fisherman's Bay Resort and checked out of the hotel. En route Katunayake we visited Colombo and did a city tour, visiting many important monuments and buildings. We reached Katunayake by 6pm and completed the checklist before our last dinner.

### Extension Day 5

**Thursday 23rd February**

We checked out of the hotel and proceeded to the airport to catch our flight back to the UK, where another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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## Species Lists:

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

Common name	Scientific name
1 Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2 Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
3 Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
4 King Quail (Blue-breasted Quail)	<i>Excalfactoria chinensis</i>
5 <b>Sri Lanka Spurfowl</b>	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
6 <b>Sri Lanka Junglefowl</b>	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
7 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
8 Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
9 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
10 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
11 Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
12 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
13 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
14 Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
15 Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
16 Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
17 Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
18 Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>
19 Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
20 Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
21 Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
22 Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
23 Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
24 Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
25 Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
26 Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
27 Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
28 Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
29 Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
30 Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
31 Oriental Darter (Darter)	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
32 Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
33 Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental Honey-buzzard)	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
34 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
35 Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatius</i>
36 Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
37 Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
38 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
39 Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>
40 Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
41 Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
42 White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
43 Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaeus</i>
44 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
45 Watercock	<i>Gallixrex cinerea</i>
46 Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
47 Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
48 Great Stone-curlew (Great Thick Knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
49 Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
50 Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
51 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
52 Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
53 Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
54 Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
55 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
56 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
57 Lesser Sand Plover (Mongolian Plover)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
58 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
59 Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
60 Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
61 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
62 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
63 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
64 Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
65 Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
66 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
67 Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
68 Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
69 Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
70 Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
71 Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>
72 Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
73 Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>
74 Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
75 Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>
76 Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
77 Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
78 White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
79 Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>
80 <b>Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon</b>	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
81 Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
82 Common Emerald Dove (Emerald Dove)	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
83 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
84 <b>Sri Lanka Green Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
85 Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
86 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
87 <b>Red-faced Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
88 Jacobin Cuckoo (Pied Cuckoo)	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
89 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>
90 Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
91 Indian Scops Owl (Collared Scops Owl)	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
92 Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
93 Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
94 <b>Chestnut backed Owlet</b>	<i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>
95 Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
96 Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
97 Crested Treeswift ( Gray-rumped Treeswift)	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
98 Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
99 Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>
100 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
101 Little Swift (House Swift)	<i>Apus affinis</i>
102 Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
103 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
104 Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
105 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
106 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
107 Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>
108 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
109 Green Bee-eater (Little Green Bee-eater)	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
110 Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
111 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
112 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
113 <b>Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill</b>	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
114 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
115 <b>Yellow-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
116 <b>Crimson-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
117 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
118 Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>
119 Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>
120 Lesser Yellownappe	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
121 Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Goldenback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
122 <b>Crimson-backed Flameback (Crimson-backed Goldenback)</b>	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
123 Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
124 Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
125 Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
126 <b>Layard's Parakeet</b>	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
127 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
128 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
129 <b>Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot</b>	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
130 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
131 Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
132 <b>Sri Lanka Woodshrike</b>	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
133 Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
134 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
135 Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
136 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
137 Orange Minivet (Scarlet Minivet)(Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
138 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
139 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
140 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
141 <b>Sri Lanka Drongo (Sri Lanka Crested Drongo)</b>	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
142 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
143 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
144 Indian Paradise Flycatcher (Asian Paradise Flycatcher)	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
145 <b>Sri Lanka Blue Magpie</b>	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
146 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
147 Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed Crow)	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
148 Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
149 Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
150 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
151 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
152 Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
153 <b>Black-capped Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
154 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
155 <b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
156 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
157 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
158 Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
159 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>

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160	Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
161	<b>Sri Lanka Swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
162	Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
163	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
164	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
165	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
166	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
167	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
168	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
169	<b>Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
170	Grey-headed Swamphen (Purple Swamphen)	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
171	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
172	Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
173	<b>Brown-capped Babbler</b>	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
174	<b>Orange-billed Babbler</b>	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
175	Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
176	<b>Ashy-headed Laughingthrush</b>	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
177	Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
178	<b>Sri Lanka White-Eye</b>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
179	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
180	<b>Sri Lanka Hill Myna (Sri Lanka Myna)</b>	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
181	Southern Hill Myna (Lesser Hill Myna)	<i>Gracula indica</i>
182	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
183	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
184	<b>White-faced Starling</b>	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
185	Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>
186	Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
187	<b>Spot-winged Thrush</b>	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
188	Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
189	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
190	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
191	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
192	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
193	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
194	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
195	<b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
196	Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larivora brunnea</i>
197	Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
198	Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
199	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
200	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
201	<b>Legge's Flowerpecker (White-throated Flowerpecker)</b>	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
202	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
203	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
204	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
205	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
206	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
207	Indian Silverbill (White-throated Silverbill)	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
208	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
209	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
210	Black-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>
211	Tricolored Munia (Black-headed Munia)	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
212	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
213	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>

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214	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
215	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>

## Mammals:

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
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	Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
5	Common Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroitus</i>
6	Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
7	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
8	Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
9	Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
10	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
11	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
12	Mouse Deer	<i>Tragulus meminna</i>
13	Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjac</i>
14	Spotted Deer	<i>Cervus axis</i>
15	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
16	Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus Bubalis</i>
17	Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
18	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
19	Dusky Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
20	Indian Hare (Black-naped Hare)	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
21	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus gigantea</i>
22	Lesser False Vampire Bat	<i>Megaderma spasma</i>
23	Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>
24	Spinner Dolphin	<i>Stenella mulla</i>
25	Indian Bush Rat	<i>Golunda ellioti</i>

## Reptiles &amp; Amphibians:

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
1	Common Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosus maximus</i>
2	Bengal (Land) Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
3	Asian Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>
4	Oriental (Common) Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
5	Green Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes calotes</i>
6	Black - cheek Lizard	<i>Calotes nigrilabris</i>
7	Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
8	Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
9	Soft-shelled Terrapin	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
10	Hard-shelled Terrapin	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
11	Deraniyagala's Day Gecko	<i>Cnemaspis podihuna</i>
12	Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
13	Common Skink	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>
14	Bark Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus leschenaultii</i>