

Wild Sri Lanka - In Style!

including Sinharaja Extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Changeable Hawk-Eagle



Jungle Owlet



Blue Whale



Grey-headed Fish Eagle

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Highlights

Visits to the Second Ancient City Polonnaruwa and the Sigiriya Lion Rock provided a deeper understanding of the Island's once great architectural abilities, struggle for power and cultural heritage that continues till this day. Our group enjoyed a traditional meal overlooking fields been prepared by farmers as egrets and Water Buffalos collided in harmony. The importance of Buddhism in the country was displayed grandly in the monuments and temples which we visited, including the Dambulla Cave Temple and the Kandyian Temple of the Tooth. The lush rice fields faded in the distance as we reached the central mountains, with the rolling hills of tea. A Himalayan Buzzard and Black Eagle just metres apart was a wonderful sighting for most as we came down from the Horton Plains National Park. After our time in the central mountains, we descended in to the land of the Leopards where one was spotted crossing the road in front of us, whilst two courting Leopards rested on a tree ignoring the roars of engines below them. The Asian Elephants were rather inquisitive with one inserting his trunk into our safari jeeps for a quick sniff for any goodies. The Blue Whales also presented themselves during our trip to sea and satisfied many with their signature fluke up dives.

Overall, we recorded 191 bird species, 24 species of mammals and 13 species of reptiles, which all contributed to the success of this tour.

Day 1

Monday 8th January

The tour started for most with a flight from London to Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka.

Day 2

Tuesday 9th January

Kandalama

The group arrived at the airport at 1pm and, after being welcomed by the leaders, we left the airport at 2pm. We proceeded to Kandalama, en route stopping at Kurunegala for some tea and a light snack. We encountered Indian Pond Heron, Little Egret, White-breasted Waterhen, Red-wattled Lapwing, Rock Dove, Spotted Dove, Little Swift, White-throated Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Brown-headed Barbet, Black-rumped Flameback, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, House Crow, Indian Jungle (or Large-billed) Crow, Red-vented Bulbul, Common Myna and Purple-rumped Sunbird, along with Indian Palm Squirrel, Indian Flying Fox and Lesser False Vampire Bat.

We reached the Kandalama hotel at 7pm and met for dinner at 8pm before calling it a night.

Day 3

Wednesday 10th January

Kandalama

We left the hotel at 8.30am, after having our breakfast, and proceeded to the Polonnaruwa ancient city where we visited the Parakramabahu Palace complex, the king's audience hall and the Prince pond. We saw a Bark Gecko here on a tree hollow near the ruins. We then visited the sacred quadrangle where the Vatadage monument, the

stone book and the Hatadage monument along with other monuments were seen. We had some fresh King Coconut juice to beat the heat and then proceeded to the Gal Vihare where we visited the four rock-cut Buddha statues. Torque Macaque, Grey Langur, Land Monitor and Grey Mongoose were sighted during our visit here. We then visited a local restaurant overlooking a paddy field where we enjoyed a traditional Sri Lankan meal served on a lotus-leaf plate. After lunch we left for Sigiriya and reached the Lion Rock Fort by 4pm and began our ascent to the summit. The group split to three and while few stayed at the rock base birding, a few more went half-way up to the Sigiriya Frescos.

Our sightings for the day included Lesser Whistling Duck, Indian Peafowl, Little Grebe, Asian Openbill, Woolly-necked Stork, Black-headed Ibis, Eastern Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Spot-billed Pelican, Little Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Crested Serpent Eagle, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Gull-billed Tern, Whiskered Tern, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Brown Fish Owl, Crested Treeswift, Indian Swiftlet, Indian Roller, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, Coppersmith Barbet, Peregrine Falcon, Small Minivet, Black-hooded Oriole, White-browed Bulbul, Barn Swallow, Plain Prinia, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Jerdon's Leafbird, Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Purple Sunbird, White-rumped Munia, Scaly-breasted Munia and Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Spotted Deer and a couple of Asian Elephants that we saw on the main road as well as the Minneriya National Park border which we passed to reach Polonnaruwa. Oriental Garden Lizard and Common House Gecko were also sighted in the hotel premises.

We returned to the hotel at 7.20pm and had dinner at 8pm, followed by the briefing for the next day.

Day 4

Thursday 11th January

Kandy

After breakfast we checked out of the hotel and visited the Dambulla Rock Cave temple. This UNESCO World Heritage site contains a total of 153 Buddha statues, three statues of Kings and four statues of Gods and Goddesses, along with many paintings.

Our next stop was at a Spice Garden where we enjoyed a tour of the garden and learnt about the various herbs and their medicinal values. We were treated to an Ayurveda massage and then enjoyed our lunch at the spice garden restaurant.

Amidst heavy traffic we managed to reach the Cinnamon Citadel hotel by 4.30pm and enjoyed the rest of the day bird watching around the hotel garden.

Our wildlife encounters for the day included Black-cheek Lizard, Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, Greater Coucal, Asian Palm Swift, Yellow-billed Babbler and Southern (Lesser) Hill Myna, along with many other birds seen before.

We did the checklist and had our dinner by 8pm, before calling it a night.

Day 5

Friday 12th January

Kandy

After breakfast we visited the Udawattakele Royal Forest sanctuary which was once the royal hunting grounds and the escape route in case of an attack on the palace. Today it is a safe haven for many mammals and birds out of which we encountered Muntjac, Indian Black Turtle (Hard-shelled Terrapin), Black-crowned Night Heron, Great Egret, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Crimson-backed Flameback, Alexandrine Parakeet, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Orange (Scarlet) Minivet, Brown Shrike, White-bellied Drongo, Great Tit, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Black Bulbul, Large-billed Leaf Warbler, Common Tailorbird, Dark-fronted Babbler, Oriental White-eye, White-rumped Shama, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Loten's Sunbird, House Sparrow and Grey Wagtail.

We then visited the Kandy Temple of the Tooth, where the left canine tooth of the Buddha is enshrined in a golden casket. This temple was once the King's Palace and today it is considered to be the most sacred place for Buddhists the world over. We returned to Cinnamon Citadel for lunch, and after relaxing in the hotel, we once again set off to visit the Peradeniya Botanical gardens where we enjoyed a nice walk amongst the many plant avenues and the Orchid House.

A few clients stayed back in the Kandy town and witnessed a traditional dance ceremony while the rest returned to the hotel. The group met again for dinner at 7pm which followed by the checklist and the briefing for the next day.

Day 6

Saturday 13th January

Nuwara Eliya

Our 6.15am bird walk around the hotel yielded us sightings of Asian Koel and Crimson-fronted Barbet along with many other birds seen before. After returning to the hotel we had a scrumptious breakfast and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am and headed out to Nuwara Eliya. En route we visited a working tea factory and learnt about the process of making tea before enjoying the factory's various signature teas. We had lunch at the Ramboda Tea Bush restaurant which overlooks the scenic Ramboda waterfalls and thereafter continued our journey to the Heritance Tea Factory Hotel. We reached the hotel at 5.30pm and leisurely met for our evening shenanigans by 7.15pm which followed by dinner and the briefing for the next day.

Day 7

Sunday 14th January

Horton Plains

With a packed breakfast we left our hotel at 5.15am and set off for our excursion to Horton Plains National Park. En route we saw the Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon and Sri Lanka Junglefowl along with a few Sambar deer. We were out of Horton Plains by 12 noon and our sightings included Black Eagle, Himalayan Buzzard, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Hill Swallow, Sri Lanka White-eye, Indian Blue Robin, Pied Bush Chat and White Wagtail, along with Purple-faced Leaf Monkey and Dusky-striped Squirrel.

We had lunch at the Grand Hotel and relaxed until 3pm and thereafter visited the Victoria Park. We had splendid sightings of the Indian Pitta, Forest Wagtail, Common Sandpiper and Pied Thrush along with other birds sighted before.

On our return to the hotel we witnessed a Hindu religious procession which involved very colourful performers and loud beating of drums whilst a truck carrying the deities was worshipped by the bystanders. We continued our daily routine for the evening and called it a night at 9pm.

Day 8

Monday 15th January

Yala

Our pre-breakfast bird walk included sightings of Ashy Prinia, Oriental White-eye and Sykes's Warbler, amongst other birds seen earlier. We checked out of the hotel at 9am after having our breakfast and reached the Surrey Estate Bird Sanctuary where we encountered the Brown Wood Owl and Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher. We reached the very scenic town of Ella and had our lunch at the Chill restaurant and were delighted with the visit of a Stripe-necked Mongoose which strolled in to the vicinity.

We reached the Cinnamon Wild Hotel in Yala and relaxed for the rest of the evening with some enjoying a dip in the pool. During our drive we encountered Painted Stork, Eurasian Spoonbill, Oriental Darter, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Great Stone-curlew (also known as Great Thick-knee), Kentish Plover, Pied Kingfisher, Green Bee-eater, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Brahminy Starling, Indian Robin, Indian Silverbill and a very rare sighting of a Western Reef Heron, along with Ruddy Mongoose, Wild Boar, Grizzled Giant Squirrel and Black-naped Hare.

We did our checklists at 7.30pm and had our briefing for the next day before having our dinner and calling it a night.

Day 9

Tuesday 16th January

Lunugamvehera (Weheragala) National Park

We left the hotel at 5.15am with a picnic breakfast and lunch for our full day safari to Lunugamwehera (Weheragala) National Park. We had an eventful morning safari session with sightings of Land Monitor, Ruddy and Grey Mongoose, Spotted Deer, Muntjac, Toque Macaque, Grey Langur, Black-naped Hare, Wild Boar, Grizzled Giant Squirrel and Indian Palm Squirrel. We had a very close encounter with a male Asian Elephant which was on the middle of the road coming towards us and instead of moving away, it decided to gently walk up to our jeep and stuck its trunk inside, sniffing for any food. Another one of our jeeps also were met by another charging Elephant which lost interest in us halfway through his charge.

At around 5pm we heard the alarm calls of the Grey Langurs and Spotted Deer and rushed to the location where we were met with one of the biggest male Leopards in this park. Its dark-orange coat was barely visible amongst the shrub as we kept following it and finally we had clear views of it as it crossed the road in front of us. After us exiting the park we once again came across two Leopards on the middle of the main road and enjoyed good views of it. We reached the hotel at 8.30pm and went for dinner and called it a night.

Our bird sightings for the day included Lesser Adjutant, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Shikra, Barred Buttonquail, Black-winged Stilt, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Emerald Dove, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Green Imperial Pigeon, Sirkeer Malkoha, Blue-faced Malkoha, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Common Kestrel, Plum-headed Parakeet, Common Iora, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, White-browed Fantail, Black-naped Monarch, Jerdon's Bushlark, Sri Lanka Swallow and Paddyfield Pipit.

Day 10

Wednesday 17th January

Yala

We left the hotel at 5.15am with a picnic breakfast for our second day of safaris in Yala National Park. We saw many of the birds and mammals seen on the previous day and returned to the hotel for lunch. At 3pm we once again entered the Yala National park for the afternoon safari. We were lucky to be in the front of a long queue when we sighted two Leopards sleeping on a tree. The pair was seen occasionally socializing and moving around the tree from branch to branch and we observed this for almost one hour.

Other sightings for the day included Water Buffalo, Watercock, Pacific Golden Plover, Grey Plover, Little Ringed Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Common Redshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone, Little Stint, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark and Grey-headed Swamphen (recently split from Purple Swamphen).

We were back in the hotel at 6.15pm and did the checklist and a briefing for the next day before dinner.

Day 11

Thursday 18th January

Galle

After breakfast we checked out of the hotel and proceeded to Galle. En route we went in search of Owl roosts and sighted Collared Scops Owl, Brown Fish Owl, and Jungle Owlet. We then stopped at the Shangrilla Hotel in Hambantota for lunch and continued our journey to Galle and reached the Lighthouse Hotel at 5pm. At Hambantota we managed to see a Whimbrel on the beach and it was a good sighting.

We reached the Light House Hotel in Galle and had lunch. We leisurely met up at 7.30pm for our usual evening routine.

Day 12

Friday 19th January

Mirissa

We left the hotel at 5.15am with a picnic breakfast and proceeded to the small coastal city of Mirissa for our whale-watching excursion. Our first marine mammal sighting was of a pod of Spinner Dolphins which we observed spinning out of the water and riding the bow waves of our boat. Shortly afterwards we saw our first Blue Whale and it was a very young animal. We had good views of it although it didn't do a fluke-up dive. We saw Greater Crested Tern, Striated Heron and many terns on and off shore.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed until 3pm. We then visited the Galle Fort and enjoyed exploring the old buildings and walked along the strong ramparts of the UNESCO World Heritage site.

The group had their last dinner together at a restaurant inside the fort and we returned to the hotel at 9.45pm.

Main Tour Day 13 / Sinharaja Extension Day 1 Saturday 20th January

Another morning whale-watching excursion yielded us some superb sightings of a Blue Whale and also a Bryde's Whale. We returned to the hotel at 12 noon and after lunch the group divided in to two, with eight going to the Gateway Airport Garden Hotel for their last night's stay whilst the rest proceeded to Sinharaja for their birding extension.

The Sinharaja group reached the Rainforest Edge hotel at 5.30pm and we had our dinner after doing the checklist.

Main Tour Day 14 / Sinharaja Extension Day 2 Sunday 21st January

Those doing the main tour only flew home today, after enjoying Sri Lanka in style.

For the rest, our morning started at 5am after a cup of tea/coffee as we set off to the Sinharaja Rainforest with our packed meals. We had wonderful sightings of most of our target species even before we got to the main rainforest entrance and managed to see all other species inside the rainforest except for the Sri Lanka Thrush and Green-billed Coucal. Two Chestnut-backed Owlets showed well in the open and another good sighting of the Lesser Yellownape woodpecker was enjoyed by the whole group. White-faced Starling, Layard's Parakeet, Black-capped Bulbul, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Malabar Trogon, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Serendib Scops Owl, Sri Lanka Crested Drongo, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Brown-capped Babbler, Orange-billed Babbler, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Spot-winged Thrush, Legge's Flowerpecker, Layard's Striped Squirrel and Green Garden Lizard were included in our sightings today.

We reached the Rainforest Edge hotel at 5.30pm and we had our dinner after doing the checklist.

Sinharaja Extension Day 3 Monday 22nd January

We left the hotel at 5am, once again with a packed breakfast, and visited the Ketlapatala buffer zone of the Sinharaja rainforest. We saw the Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Sri Lanka Myna, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Orange-billed Babbler and Slaty-legged Crake. Although the Green-billed Coucal was heard we didn't see the bird.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed until 3pm. We then entered the rainforest once again and went in search of the Green-billed Coucal and the Sri Lanka Thrush (also known as Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush). Once again, we heard the coucal but didn't get a view of it. Towards the end of the day we tracked the thrush and finally managed to see it just at the exit.

We returned to the hotel at 7pm and had our dinner before calling it a night.

Sinharaja Extension Day 4

Tuesday 23rd January

We had a morning bird walk around the hotel garden and encountered the Golden-fronted Leafbird and many other birds seen before. A very rare sighting of a Rufous-bellied Eagle perched on a branch just 10 metres from us made it a great photo moment for the group.

We had an early lunch and left the hotel at 12.30pm. En route to the Gateway Airport Garden Hotel we explored the Colombo City and visited a few historic monuments before reaching our hotel at 5pm.

We did our checklist at 7pm and then had our dinner before calling it a night.

Sinharaja Extension Day 5

Wednesday 24th January

After breakfast the group checked out of the hotel and reached the airport in time for their return flights home, having enjoyed some of the best of Sri Lanka's wildlife.

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Species Lists

Birds (Endemics in bold; previous names in brackets)

Common name	Scientific name
1 Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2 Sri Lanka Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
3 Sri Lanka Junglefowl	<i>Gallus lafayettii</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 Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
13 Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</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>Egretta intermedia</i>
20 Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
21 Western Reef Heron (Egret)	<i>Egretta gularis</i>
22 Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
23 Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
24 Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
25 Oriental Darter (Darter)	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
26 Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
27 Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
28 Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatu</i>
29 Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>
30 Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
31 Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
32 Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
33 White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
34 Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>
35 Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
36 Himalayan Buzzard, Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo(buteo) burmanicus</i>
37 White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
38 Watercock	<i>Gallixrex cinerea</i>
39 Grey-headed Swampphen (recent split from Purple S.)	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
40 Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
41 Great Stone-curlew (Great Thick-knee)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
42 Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
43 Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
44 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
45 Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
46 Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
47 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
48 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
49 Lesser Sand Plover, (Mongolian Plover)	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
50 Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
51 Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
52 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
53 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
54 Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
55 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
56 Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
57 Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
58 Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
59 Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>
60 Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>
61 Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
62 Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
63 White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
64 Rock Dove (Common Pigeon)	<i>Columba livia</i>
65 Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
66 Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
67 Common Emerald Dove (Emerald Dove)	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
68 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
69 Sri Lanka Green Pigeon	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
70 Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
71 Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
72 Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii</i>
73 Red-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
74 Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
75 Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
76 Grey-bellied Cuckoo, (Plaintive Cuckoo)	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
77 Serendib Scops Owl	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
78 Indian Scops Owl (Collared Scops Owl)	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
79 Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
80 Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
81 Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
82 Chestnut backed Owlet	<i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>
83 Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
84 Crested Treeswift, (Gray-rumped Treeswift)	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
85 Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
86 Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
87 Little Swift (House Swift)	<i>Apus affinis</i>
88 Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
89 Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
90 Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
91 White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
92 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
93 Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>
94 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
95 Green Bee-eater, (Little Green Bee-eater)	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
96 Blue-tailed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
97 Chestnut-headed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
98 Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
99 Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>
100 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
101 Yellow-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
102 Crimson-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>

Common name	Scientific name
103 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
104 Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>
105 Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
106 Black-rumped Flameback, (Lesser Goldenback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
107 Crimson-backed Flameback, (Crimson-backed Goldenback)	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
108 Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
109 Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
110 Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
111 Layard's Parakeet	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
112 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
113 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
114 Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
115 Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
116 Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
117 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
118 Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
119 Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
120 Orange Minivet, (Scarlet Minivet, Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
121 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
122 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthomus</i>
123 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>
124 Sri Lanka Drongo, (Sri Lanka Crested Drongo)	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
125 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
126 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
127 Indian Paradise Flycatcher (Asian Paradise Flycatcher)	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
128 Sri Lanka Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
129 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
130 Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed) (Large-billed Crow)	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
131 Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
132 Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
133 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
134 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
135 Black-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
136 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
137 Yellow-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
138 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
139 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
140 Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
141 Sand Martin, (Pale Martin?)	<i>Riparia riparia (diluta?)</i>
142 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
143 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
144 Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
145 Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
146 Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>
147 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
148 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
149 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
150 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
151 Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
152 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
153 Brown-capped Babbler	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
154 Orange-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
155 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>

Common name	Scientific name
156 Ashy-headed Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
157 Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
158 Sri Lanka White-eye	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
159 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
160 Sri Lanka Hill Myna, (Sri Lanka Myna)	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
161 Southern Hill Myna, (Lesser Hill Myna)	<i>Gracula indica</i>
162 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
163 Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
164 White-faced Starling	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
165 Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
166 Spot-winged Thrush	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
167 Sri Lanka Thrush, (Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush)	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>
168 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
169 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
170 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
171 Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
172 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
173 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
174 Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora brunnea</i>
175 Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
176 Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
177 Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
178 Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>
179 Legge's Flowerpecker, (White-throated Flowerpecker)	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
180 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
181 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
182 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
183 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
184 House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
185 Indian Silverbill, (White-throated Silverbill)	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>
186 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
187 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
188 Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
189 Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
190 White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
191 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 Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
5 Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
6 Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
7 Stripe-necked Mongoose	<i>Herpestes vitticollis</i>
8 Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus kotiya</i>
9 Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
10 Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>

Common name	Scientific name
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 gigantea</i>
21 Lesser False Vampire Bat	<i>Megaderma spasma</i>
22 Blue Whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>
23 Bryde's Whale	<i>Balaenoptera edeni</i>
24 Spinner Dolphin	<i>Stenella mulla</i>

Reptiles & Amphibians

Common name	Scientific name
1 Hump-nosed Pit Viper	<i>Hypnale hypnale</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 Indian Black Turtle (Hard-shelled Terrapin)	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkeri</i>
10 Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
11 Olive Ridley Sea Turtle	<i>Lepidochelys olvacea</i>
12 Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
13 Common Skink	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>