

# Sri Lanka - Wildlife & History

With Blue Whale extension

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Leopard



Asian Elephant



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Mihintale

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## Highlights

A total of 217 bird species, 26 mammal species and 14 reptile and amphibian species were seen during the tour, including the extension. Overall the tour recorded 31 of Sri Lanka's 34 endemic species. Our visit to the ancient capitals at Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa to witness the monuments left behind from a glorious era was an enthralling experience for the group. The sacred Bo tree planted at the Sri Maha Bodi complex and the Ruvanweli Mahaseya Stupa are very important objects for the Buddhists in the island after the Sacred Tooth relic housed in the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy. Being able to view the last full solar eclipse for the year during our tour was another once in a lifetime opportunity and we witnessed this phenomena during our drive from Sigiriya to Kandy.

Our wildlife highlights were as exciting as our historic and cultural experience and we had adrenalin pumping action from a Leopard which decided to go on a Spotted Deer hunt right in front of us during our safari in Lunugamwehera National Park. The day became more exciting with a sighting of a big tusker, also inside the park. Sri Lanka only has a small percentage of tuskers as not all males grow tusks.

We celebrated Christmas and New Year Sri Lankan style at Hotel Sigiriya and Cinnamon Wild Yala and was a party to remember. We had very good sightings of a Sloth Bear on our safari in Yala and it was a good way to experience the first day of the New Year.

The extension to Sinharaja rainforest was a success with us sighting the rare Serendib Scops Owl and other desired endemic birds in the area.

## Day 1

**Monday 21st December**

The group met at the airport and boarded the Sri Lanka Airlines flight to Columbo for this 16-day Wildlife and History Tour.

## Day 2

**Tuesday 22nd December**

### Anuradhapura

The group arrived at about 2.00 PM local time and we started our journey to Anuradhapura. Our scheduled visit to the Anawilundawa RAMSAR wetlands sanctuary unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the roads leading to the sanctuary being inundated and unpassable after heavy rain over the previous two days. En-route we saw Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Indian Pond Heron, Purple Heron, Purple Swamphen, Brahminy Kite, Little Cormorant, Intermediate Egret, Lesser Whistling Duck, Black-headed Ibis, Oriental Darter, Asian Palm Swift, Blue-tailed Bee Eater, White Throated Kingfisher etc. Despite the bad weather we arrived at Rajarata Hotel by 6.45 pm and met for dinner at 7.45 pm after which we had a briefing about the next day before retiring for the night.

## Day 3

Monday 23rd December

### Anuradhapura

Our pre-breakfast birding session started at 6.30 am and we encountered Brown-headed Barbet, Black-hooded Oriole, Scaly-breasted Munia, Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Yellow-billed Babbler, Green Imperial Pigeon, Shikra etc. After breakfast we visited the Sri Mahabodi sacred fig tree and the Ruvanveli Maha Seya Stupa, Thuparamaya Stupa, Abhayagiriya Stupa, Lankarama Stupa, Moonstone, Samadhi Buddha Statue, Twin Ponds, Guard Stone and many other historical and sacred locations. During our visit we encountered Red-vented Bulbul, White-bellied Drongo, and Peregrine Falcon along with Toque Macaque, Grey Langur, Bengal Land Monitor and Hard-shelled Terrapin.

We returned to the hotel at 1.30pm for lunch and then relaxed until 3.00pm, after which we set out to visit the Mihintale temple. We climbed to the summit and enjoyed the views here. At the temple premises we encountered Black Drongo and Coppersmith Barbet.

We returned to the hotel and did the checklist at 7.00pm followed by dinner and the briefing for the next day.

## Day 4

Tuesday 24th December

### Sigiriya

A pre-breakfast birding session started at 6.30 am and we encountered Jacobin Cuckoo, Purple-rumped Sunbird, White-browed Bulbul, Jerdon's Leafbird, Common Tailorbird, Ashy Wood Swallow, Sri Lankan Red-backed Woodpecker among others. After breakfast, we checked out from the hotel and proceeded to Sigiriya, visiting the Avukana Buddha statue en route. We were also able to see Painted Stork, Lesser Whistling Ducks, Indian Roller, Sri Lanka Swallow and Sri Lanka Keelback Snake. The group was amazed by the great stone sculpture which is considered as one of the best preserved standing Buddha Statues in Sri Lanka.

We reached Hotel Sigiriya at 1.30pm, had our lunch and relaxed until 4.00 pm. We later visited the Sigiriya sanctuary for birding in the afternoon. We encountered Little Green Bee-eater, Coppersmith Barbet, Sri Lankan Jungle Fowl, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon and regular winter visitors Indian Pitta and Orange-headed Thrush, along with a Mugger Crocodile at the Sigiriya Tank which gave a nice view through the telescope. At 7.30 pm we did the checklist followed by the briefing and the special Christmas Eve Gala Dinner with lots of entertainment.

## Day 5

Wednesday 25th December

### Sigiriya

It was a misty Christmas morning and we had an early breakfast at 6.30 am before heading out to climb the famous Lion Rock. After the rains of the past few days, the surrounding area was very green and we encountered Indian Robin, White-browed Fantail, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Long-billed Sunbird and Common Kingfisher along with many birds that we had seen already. We returned to the hotel at 11.30pm for lunch and enjoyed the hotel facilities until 2.30pm. The evening programme was optional and all four members participated in this. The group enjoyed the old ruins of the once self-sufficient kingdom of Sri Lanka which was at its peak in the reign of King Parakramabahu. We visited the Watadage, Image House, Nissanka Latha Mandapaya and the famed Gal

Viharaya. While returning from Polonnaruwa to Sigiriya we encountered few wild Asian Elephants on the roadside. We reached the hotel by 6.30 pm for dinner and then went on a short night drive where we saw Grey Slender Loris, Black-naped Hare, Ringed-tailed Civet, Mouse Deer and Crested Porcupine.

## Day 6

Thursday 26th December

### Kandy

We had a later breakfast at 8.30 am and checked out of the hotel to proceed to Kandy. En route we visited the Dedicated Economic Centre in Dambulla to see the varieties of Sri Lankan vegetables and fruits. The group enjoyed this visit taking photos with the vegetable sellers and their produce. Then we visited the Dambulla Golden Rock Cave Temple and witnessed the intricate paintings on the cave walls and the well sculpted statues of the Buddha and a few Kings and gods.

We enjoyed our lunch at a Spice Garden in Matale and then explored the gardens learning about the values of different spices. A Common Rat Snake was seen amongst the vegetation in the garden. We proceeded to Kandy and visited a cultural dance programme which showcases various dance forms from across the island from different periods and this was enjoyed by all the clients. We reached the Thilanka Hotel at 6.30 pm and had a little leisure time before we met for dinner at 8.00pm which was followed by the checklist and the next day's briefing.

## Day 7

Friday 27th December

### Kandy

We had an early breakfast at 7.30am and set off to visit the Peradeniya Botanical Garden. Among the many different trees and plants we saw a colony of Flying Fox, Lesser Hill Myna, White-bellied Drongo, Crested Serpent Eagle, Jerdon's Leafbird and Sri Lanka Crimson-fronted Barbet etc.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed until 2.00pm before setting off once again to visit the Udawattakale sanctuary. This sanctuary was once the royal gardens of the Kandyan kingdom and served as an escape route and hunting grounds for royalty. Lesser Hill Myna, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Sri Lanka Spot-winged Thrush, White-bellied Sea Eagle along with Muntjac and Hard-shelled Terrapin were encountered during our walk. Before returning to the hotel we visited the Temple of the Tooth and were just in time to witness the golden casket which enshrines the left canine tooth of the Lord Buddha.

We returned to the hotel at 8.00pm and had our dinner before calling it a night.

## Day 8

Saturday 28th December

### Nuwara Eliya

We did a pre-breakfast birding session in the Hantane mountain range and encountered Sri Lankan Scimitar Babbler, Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Crimson-fronted Barbet, White-browed Fantail, Plain Prinia, Tawny-bellied Babbler, Cinereous Tit, Plum-headed Parakeet and Indian Robin. We returned to the hotel at 7.30am and after having our breakfast, we checked out of the hotel and set off to Nuwara Eliya.

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 our lunch.

In the afternoon, we visited the Victoria Park and encountered Pied Thrush, Sri Lanka White-eyes, Common Sandpiper, Forest Wagtail, Large-billed Crow and many common birds that we had seen before.

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

## Day 9

## Sunday 29th December

### Nuwara Eliya

We started the day at 5.30am with some tea/coffee and set out to Horton Plains with our packed breakfast. On the way we saw Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Grey Wagtail, Greenish Warbler and Indian Blue Robin. On our 9.6 kilometre trek inside the park we encountered Pied Bush Chat, Hill Swallow, Sri Lankan White-eye, Sri Lankan Dull Blue-flycatcher, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler and Dark-fronted Babbler amongst others. We also saw a good number of Sambar Deer and also the Montane form of Sri Lanka Purple-faced Leaf Monkey. The scenery of the Chimney Pools and Baker's Waterfalls was enjoyed by all the group.

We returned to the hotel for lunch, and at 3pm we visited Victoria Park again and encountered Kashmir Flycatcher, Pied Thrush, Brown-breasted Flycatcher and many other birds seen before. Later in the evening we visited a small stream and encountered the elusive Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush and had fair views of it.

We returned to the hotel at 6.00pm and did the checklist which followed by the next day's briefing and dinner.

## Day 10

## Monday 30th December

### Tissamaharama

Today we had breakfast at 7.30am and checked out of the hotel at 8.30am. On our way to Tissamaharama we stopped at the Sri Muttumari Amman Hindu temple, a beautiful temple which is considered a sacred temple by Hindus. En-route to Tissamaharama we visited the Surrey Estate Bird sanctuary and encountered a pair of Brown Wood Owls, Oriental White-eyes and Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker along with other birds. For lunch we stopped at Ella and had a nice meal. Our journey was eventful with visits to see the Jungle Owlet, Indian Scops Owl, and Brown Fish Owl and a few other birds such as Stork-billed Kingfisher, Yellow Bittern and Streaked-throated Woodpecker.

We reached the Rain Tree Hotel at 5.30pm and were in time to see the colony of resident Indian Flying Fox take off from their roosts for their nocturnal foraging.

We met for the checklist and briefing at 7.15pm and retired to our rooms after dinner.

## Day 11

Tuesday 31st December

### Yala

We checked out of the hotel at 5.00am with a picnic breakfast and lunch and proceeded to Lunugamwehera National Park. We arrived at the park by 6.00am and started our safari. Inside the park we saw big herds of Spotted Deer plus Water Buffalos, Wild Boar, Barking Deer, Ruddy Mongoose, Striped-necked Mongoose and Sambar Deer. We had a very good sighting of a Tusker which was one of the highlights for the day.

Before long we were staring at a high intensity chase of Spotted Deer with a Leopard at its tail. It was a thrilling experience for the whole group. Our safari continued with more sightings of Plum-headed Parakeet, Emerald Dove, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Painted Storks, Sri Lankan Red-backed Woodpecker, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Indian Roller, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Sri Lanka Greater Flameback Woodpecker and many more species that we had seen previously. We reached Cinnamon Wild Yala at 7.30pm and enjoyed the special dinner party hosted by the hotel for the New Year celebrations.

## Day 12

Wednesday 1st January

### Yala

Our morning was mostly spent relaxing and enjoying the hotel facilities after a brief bird walk around the hotel garden. Our sightings included Common Redshank, Spot-billed Pelican, Indian Silverbills and a few Mugger Crocodiles. During our afternoon safari to Yala National Park we encountered Common Greenshank, Blue-faced Malkoha, Little Tern, Common Tern, Kentish Plover, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Great Thickknee, Pacific Golden Plover, and Lesser Sand Plover. A delightful sighting of a Sloth Bear wrapped up a perfect safari experience in Yala and we returned to the hotel with unforgettable memories.

We did our checklist at 7.30pm and enjoyed a very nice meal before calling it a day.

## Day 13

Thursday 2nd January

### Embilipitiya

We had an early start with a packed breakfast and checked out of the hotel at 5.15 am. Before reaching our next hotel in Embilipitiya we had a jeep safari to Bundala National Park and enjoyed sightings of Common Redshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Little Ringed Plover, Indian Thickknee, Osprey, Ruddy Turnstone and Lesser Crested Tern. A muster of Painted Storks and Eurasian Spoonbill feeding behaviour was an interesting observation made during our visit. After the safari, we reached Hotel Centauria at 12.30 pm and saw a day roost of Indian Scops Owl. We enjoyed our lunch at the hotel and did a bird walk in a nearby forest patch and were able to see Marshall's Iora, Sri Lankan Swallows, Plain Prinia, Ashy Prinia, Black-headed Cuckoo Shrike and Blyth's Reed Warbler, plus many dry zone birds that we had seen already. After returning to the hotel we met up at 7.15pm and had dinner which followed with the briefing and the checklist.

## Day 14

Friday 3rd January

### Sinharaja

We checked out of the hotel with our packed breakfast and left for Udawalawe National park for another jeep safari. The highlight of the safari was the sighting of around 20 Asian Elephants including a few calves which were interacting with each other. We had good sightings of Yellow-eyed Babbler, Sirkieer Malkoha, Lesser Adjutant, and a Serpent Eagle trying to attack a snake next to a stream. A Peacock displaying its feathers amidst the morning light was talked about throughout the rest of the day. After lunch in a local restaurant, we proceeded to Sinharaja. We reached the Blue Magpie Lodge by around 4.00pm and enjoyed a hot cup of tea. In the evening we did a short walk around the hotel and encountered Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Square-tailed Bulbul, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Sri Lankan Hill Myna, Layard's Parakeet, and Indian Swiftlets.

We met for our checklist at 7.00pm and called it a night after dinner.

## Day 15

Saturday 4th January

### Sinharaja

We had our breakfast at 5.30am and set off in a jeep with our packed lunch to Sinharaja Rainforest. We encountered Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush, Black-napped Monarch, Sri Lanka Frog-mouth, Red-faced Malkoha, Malabar Trogon, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Crested Drongo, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, White-faced Starling and Spot-winged Thrush. A pair of Serendib Scops Owls was found in their day roost and was an enjoyable sighting for the group. Other sightings included Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, Green Garden Lizard, and Sri Lanka Humped-nose Lizard.

We returned to the hotel and enjoyed a hot cup of tea before meeting for the usual routine of checklist and briefing.

## Day 16

Sunday 5th January

### Katunayake

After an early tea/coffee we set out to the Sinharaja buffer zone and visited a local garden where a pair of Sri Lanka Spurfowl often frequent and were able to get good views of it along with many other birds such as Common Emerald Dove, Sri Lankan Myna and Yellow-browed Bulbul. A Layard's Striped Squirrel was also sighted here. We returned to the hotel for breakfast and relaxed until lunchtime. After lunch the group split into two, with two people going to Katunayake for their last night's stay, and the other two travelling on for the Blue Whale extension.

The main group reached the Airport Garden hotel at 6.30pm, and checked in for their overnight stay in Colombo.

The Blue Whale extension group reached the Koggala Beach Hotel at 5.30pm and did their checklist for the day.

## Day 17

Monday 6th January

Katunayake

After breakfast we left for the airport to catch our flight back to the UK.

## Blue Whale Extension

### Day 1 Extension

Monday 6th January

Weligama

We left the hotel with picnic breakfast at 6.00 am and reached the Mirissa harbour by 6.45am. Before long we had a very good sighting of a Blue Whale which came really close to our boat. After spending two hours observing the whales we returned to the hotel for lunch and relaxed until we met for the checklist and dinner at 7.00pm.

### Day 2 Extension

Tuesday 7th January

Weligama

Once again we left the hotel with picnic breakfast at 6.00 am after having a cup of tea/coffee. We had to travel a long way out today but finally we came upon three different Blue Whales. It was amazing to see them fluke up just before they dive deep in to the water. We were back in the hotel by 10.15am and had our lunch at 12.30 pm. In the afternoon we visited the Kirala Kale Sancturay and encountered Ashy Drongo, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Black-crowned Night Heron, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater and many common birds.

We met for dinner at 7.00pm which was followed by the checklist and the next day's briefing.

### Day 3 Extension

Wednesday 8th January

Weligama

After breakfast, we visited the Galle Fort and explored the old city whilst walking along the ramparts. We visited the Old Dutch Reformed Church and the Lighthouse.

After returning to the hotel we had our lunch and checked out at 1.30pm. We reached Katunayake by 5.30pm and met for the checklist and dinner at 7.00pm.

### Day 4 Extension

Thursday 9th January

Katunayake

After breakfast the group left for the airport to catch their flight back to the UK.



## Species Lists

### Birds

- Garganey, *Spatula querquedula*  
 Sri Lanka Spurfowl, *Galloperdix bicalcarata*  
 Indian Peafowl, *Pavo cristatus*  
 Painted Stork, *Mycteria leucocephala*  
 Woolly-necked Stork, *Ciconia episcopus*  
 Black-headed Ibis, *Threskiornis melanocephalus*  
 Yellow Bittern, *Ixobrychus sinensis*  
 Black-crowned Night Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
 Indian Pond Heron, *Ardeola grayii*  
 Grey Heron, *Ardea cinerea*  
 Great Egret, *Ardea alba*  
 Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta*  
 Spot-billed Pelican, *Pelecanus philippensis*  
 Indian Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
 Oriental Darter, *Anhinga melanogaster*  
 Crested Honey Buzzard, *Pernis ptilorhynchus*  
 Changeable Hawk Eagle, *Nisaetus cirrhatu*  
 Shikra, *Accipiter badius*  
 White-bellied Sea Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucogaster*  
 White-breasted Waterhen, *Amaurornis phoenicurus*  
 Purple Swampphen, *Porphyrio porphyrio*  
 Indian Stone-curlew, *Burhinus indicus*  
 Black-winged Stilt, *Himantopus himantopus*  
 Red-wattled Lapwing, *Vanellus indicus*  
 Grey Plover, *Pluvialis squatarola*  
 Little Ringed Plover, *Charadrius dubius*  
 Lesser Sand Plover (Mongolian Plover), *Charadrius mongolus*  
 Pin-tailed Snipe, *Gallinago stenura*  
 Common Redshank, *Tringa totanus*  
 Common Greenshank, *Tringa nebularia*  
 Common Sandpiper, *Actitis hypoleucos*  
 Little Stint, *Calidris minuta*  
 Ruff, *Calidris pugnax*  
 Caspian Tern, *Hydroprogne caspia*  
 Little Tern, *Sterna albifrons*  
 Whiskered Tern, *Chlidonias hybrida*  
 Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, *Columba torringtoniae*  
 Spotted Dove, *Spilopelia chinensis*  
 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, *Treron bicinctus*  
 Green Imperial Pigeon, *Ducula aenea*  
 Sirkeer Malkoha, *Taccocua leschenaultii*  
 Blue-faced Malkoha, *Phaenicophaeus viridirostris*  
 Asian Koel, *Eudynamis scolopaceus*  
 Common Hawk-Cuckoo, *Hierococcyx varius*  
 Serendib Scops Owl, *Otus thilohoffmanni*  
 Brown Wood Owl, *Strix leptogrammica*  
 Lesser Whistling Duck, *Dendrocygna javanica*  
 Sri Lanka Junglefowl, *Gallus lafayettii*  
 Little Grebe, *Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
 Asian Openbill, *Anastomus oscitans*  
 Lesser Adjutant, *Leptoptilos javanicus*  
 Eurasian Spoonbill, *Platalea leucorodia*  
 Black Bittern, *Dupetor flavicollis*  
 Striated Heron, *Butorides striata*  
 Eastern Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus coromandus*  
 Purple Heron, *Ardea purpurea*  
 Intermediate Egret, *Egretta intermedia*  
 Wilson's Storm Petrel, *Oceanites oceanicus*  
 Little Cormorant, *Microcarbo niger*  
 Great Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax carbo*  
 Western Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus*  
 Crested Serpent Eagle, *Spilornis cheela*  
 Black Eagle, *Ictinaetus malaiensis*  
 Brahminy Kite, *Haliastur indus*  
 Grey-headed Fish Eagle, *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*  
 Common Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus*  
 Barred Buttonquail, *Turnix suscitator*  
 Great Stone-curlew, *Esacus recurvirostris*  
 Yellow-wattled Lapwing, *Vanellus malabaricus*  
 Pacific Golden Plover, *Pluvialis fulva*  
 Common Ringed Plover, *Charadrius hiaticula*  
 Kentish Plover, *Charadrius alexandrinus*  
 Pheasant-tailed Jacana, *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*  
 Black-tailed Godwit, *Limosa limosa*  
 Marsh Sandpiper, *Tringa stagnatilis*  
 Wood Sandpiper, *Tringa glareola*  
 Ruddy Turnstone, *Arenaria interpres*  
 Curlew Sandpiper, *Calidris ferruginea*  
 Gull-billed Tern, *Gelochelidon nilotica*  
 Lesser Crested Tern, *Thalasseus bengalensis*  
 Common Tern, *Sterna hirundo*  
 Rock Dove - Common Pigeon, *Columba livia*  
 Eurasian Collared Dove, *Streptopelia decaocto*  
 Common Emerald Dove, *Chalcophaps indica*  
 Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, *Treron pompadora*  
 Greater Coucal, *Centropus sinensis*  
 Red-faced Malkoha, *Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus*  
 Jacobin Cuckoo, *Clamator jacobinus*  
 Grey-bellied Cuckoo, *Cacomantis passerinus*  
 Indian Scops Owl, *Otus bakkamoena*  
 Brown Fish Owl, *Ketupa zeylonensis*  
 Jungle Owlet, *Glaucidium radiatum*

Chestnut backed Owlet, <i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>	Indian Nightjar, <i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>
Sri Lanka Frogmouth, <i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>	Crested Treeswift, <i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
Indian Swiftlet, <i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>	Asian Palm Swift, <i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
Little Swift, <i>Apus affinis</i>	Alpine Swift, <i>Tachymartus melba</i>
Malabar Trogon, <i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>	Indian Roller, <i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
Stork-billed Kingfisher, <i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	White-throated Kingfisher, <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
Common Kingfisher, <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Pied Kingfisher, <i>Ceryle rudis</i>
Green Bee-eater, <i>Merops orientalis</i>	Blue-tailed Bee-Eater, <i>Merops philippinus</i>
Chestnut-headed Bee-Eater, <i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	Eurasian Hoopoe, <i>Upupa epops</i>
Malabar Pied Hornbill, <i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>	Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, <i>Ocyroceros gingalensis</i>
Brown-headed Barbet, <i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	Yellow-fronted Barbet, <i>Psilopogon flavifrons</i>
Crimson-fronted Barbet, <i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>	Coppersmith Barbet, <i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
Peregrine Falcon, <i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, <i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>
Lesser Yellownappe, <i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	Black-rumped Flameback, <i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
Crimson-backed Flameback, <i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>	Plum-headed Parakeet, <i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
Layard's Parakeet, <i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>	Rose-ringed Parakeet, <i>Psittacula krameri</i>
Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, <i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>	Indian Pitta, <i>Pitta brachyura</i>
Sri Lanka Woodshrike, <i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>	Ashy Woodswallow, <i>Artamus fuscus</i>
Common Iora, <i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	Marshall's Iora, <i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>
Black-headed Cuckooshrike, <i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	Small Minivet, <i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
Orange Minivet, <i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	Brown Shrike, <i>Lanius cristatus</i>
Black-hooded Oriole, <i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	Black Drongo, <i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
Ashy Drongo, <i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	White-bellied Drongo, <i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>
Sri Lanka Drongo, <i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>	White-browed Fantail, <i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
Black-naped Monarch, <i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	Indian Paradise Flycatcher, <i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, <i>Urocissa ornata</i>	House Crow, <i>Corvus splendens</i>
Indian Jungle Crow, <i>Corvus culminatus</i>	Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, <i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
Great Tit, <i>Parus major</i>	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark, <i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
Jerdon's Bush Lark, <i>Mirafra affinis</i>	Black-capped Bulbul, <i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
Red-vented Bulbul, <i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Yellow-eared Bulbul, <i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
White-browed Bulbul, <i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>	Yellow-browed Bulbul, <i>Acritillas indica</i>
Black Bulbul, <i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	Sand Martin, Pale Martin, <i>Riparia riparia (diluta?)</i>
Barn Swallow, <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Hill Swallow, <i>Hirundo domicola</i>
Sri Lanka Swallow, <i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>	Clamorous Reed Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>
Blyth's Reed Warbler, <i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	Greenish Warbler, <i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
Large-billed Leaf Warbler, <i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>	Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, <i>Elaphornis palliseri</i>
Grey-breasted Prinia, <i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	Ashy Prinia, <i>Prinia socialis</i>
Plain Prinia, <i>Prinia inornata</i>	Common Tailorbird, <i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, <i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>	Tawny-bellied Babbler, <i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
Dark-fronted Babbler, <i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>	Orange-billed Babbler, <i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
Yellow-billed Babbler, <i>Turdoides affinis</i>	Yellow-eyed Babbler, <i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
Oriental White-Eye, <i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	Sri Lanka White-Eye, <i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
Sri Lanka Hill Myna, <i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>	Southern Hill Myna, <i>Gracula indica</i>
Common Myna, <i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	White-faced Starling, <i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
Rosy Starling, <i>Pastor roseus</i>	Pied Thrush, <i>Geokichla wardii</i>
Orange-headed Thrush, <i>Geokichla citrina</i>	Spot-winged Thrush, <i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
Sri Lanka Thrush, <i>Zoothera imbricata</i>	Indian Robin, <i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
Oriental Magpie-Robin, <i>Copsychus saularis</i>	White-rumped Shama, <i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
Asian Brown Flycatcher, <i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	Brown-breasted Flycatcher, <i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, <i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	Dull-blue Flycatcher, <i>Eumyias sordidus</i>

Kashmir Flycatcher, *Ficedula subrubra*  
 Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, *Myophonus blighi*  
 Jerdon's Leafbird, *Chloropsis jerdoni*  
 Thick-billed Flowerpecker, *Dicaeum agile*  
 Pale-billed Flowerpecker, *Dicaeum erythrorhynchos*  
 Purple Sunbird, *Cinnyris asiaticus*  
 House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus*  
 Streaked Weaver, *Ploceus manyar*  
 White-rumped Munia, *Lonchura striata*  
 Tricolored Munia, *Lonchura malacca*  
 Grey Wagtail, *Motacilla cinerea*  
 Paddyfield Pipit, *Anthus rufulus*

Indian Blue Robin, *Larivora brunnea*  
 Pied Bush Chat, *Saxicola caprata*  
 Golden-fronted Leafbird, *Chloropsis aurifrons*  
 Legge's Flowerpecker, *Dicaeum vincens*  
 Purple-rumped Sunbird, *Nectarinia zeylonica*  
 Loten's Sunbird, *Cinnyris lotenius*  
 Baya Weaver, *Ploceus philippinus*  
 Indian Silverbill, *Euodice malabarica*  
 Scaly-breasted Munia, *Lonchura punctulata*  
 Western Yellow Wagtail, *Motacilla flava*  
 Forest Wagtail, *Dendronanthus indicus*  
 Richard's Pipit, *Anthus richardi*

## Mammals

Red Slender Loris, *Loris tardigradus*  
 Toque Macaque, *Macaca sinica*  
 Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, *Trachypithecus (presbytis) vetulus*  
 Sloth Bear, *Melursus ursinus*  
 Grey Mongoose, *Herpestes edwardsii*  
 Stripe-necked Mongoose, *Herpestes vitticollis*  
 Asian Elephant, *Elephas maximus*  
 Mouse Deer, *Tragulus meminna*  
 Spotted Deer, *Cervus axis*  
 Water Buffalo, *Bubalus Bubalis*  
 Grizzled Giant Squirrel, *Ratufa macroura*  
 Dusky Striped Squirrel, *Funambulus sublineatus*  
 Indian Flying Fox, *Pteropus gigantea*

Grey Slender Loris, *Loris lydekkerianus*  
 Grey Langur, *Semnopithecus (presbytis) entellus*  
 Golden Jackal, *Canis aureus*  
 Small Indian Civet, *Veverricula indica*  
 Ruddy Mongoose, *Herpestes smithii*  
 Leopard, *Panthera pardus kotiya*  
 Wild Boar, *Sus scrofa*  
 Muntjac, *Muntiacus muntjac*  
 Sambar, *Cervus unicolor*  
 Indian Palm Squirrel, *Funambulus palmarum*  
 Layard's Striped Squirrel, *Funambulus layardi*  
 Indian Hare- Black-naped Hare, *Lepus nigricollis*  
 Blue Whale, *Balaenoptera musculus*

## Reptiles

Sri Lanka Green Pit Viper, *Trimeresurus trigonocephalus*  
 Bengal (Land) Monitor, *Varanus bengalensis*  
 Oriental (Common) Garden Lizard, *Calotes versicolor*  
 Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, *Otocryptis wiegmanni*  
 Mugger Crocodile, *Crocodylus palustris*  
 Common House Gecko, *Hemidactylus frenatus*  
 Bark Gecko, *Hemidactylus leschenaultii*

Common Rat Snake, *Ptyas mucosus maximus*  
 Asian Water Monitor, *Varanus salvator*  
 Green Garden Lizard, *Calotes calotes*  
 Estuarine Crocodile, *Crocodylus porosus*  
 Hard Shelled Terapin, *Melanocheilus trijuga parkeri*  
 Common Skink, *Eutropis carinata*  
 Indian Star Tortoise, *Geochelone elegans*

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