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Trip Report



Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush by Daniel Danckwerts

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Tour in Detail

The tour started in the city of Colombo, Sri Lanka's bustling capital set in an incredibly beautiful tropical setting. Those that arrived early took the opportunity to walk through the gardens of our



Red-backed Flameback by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

comfortable lodge set very near the airport. Here, we enjoyed sightings of Loten's and Purple-rumped Sunbirds, Brahminy Kite, White-breasted Waterhen, both Scaly-breasted and Tricolored Munias, Oriental Magpie-robin, and noisy flocks of Yellow-billed Babbler. From there, we drove to the airport to fetch the rest of the group; arriving from the Southern India tour. After a quick meet and greet, we drove to Kithungala. En route, we added Blue-tailed Bee-eater, both Eastern Cattle and Intermediate Egrets, and Indian Jungle Crow. Torque

Macaque was also seen briefly by a lucky few. We checked in, then visited the Miriswalathanna Road at the edge of town. Here we enjoyed a handful of Sri Lanka's endemic birds including the Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Red-backed Flameback, Spot-winged Thrush, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Sri Lanka Swallow, Sri Lanka Junglefowl and Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill. Other notable species included the Golden-fronted Leafbird, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Asian Koel, Green Imperial Pigeon, both Common Emerald and Spotted Doves, Shikra, Alexandrine Parakeet, Brown-headed Barbet, and Black-hooded Oriole. Finally, we transferred back to the hotel for the evening.

Early the following morning, we embarked on a pre-breakfast birding excursion to the Miriswalathanna Road. Our efforts were centred around finding the endemic Chestnut-backed Owlet, though this species was left totally unrewarded for the time being. We did, however, enjoy sightings of several more Red-backed Flamebacks, Spot-winged Thrush, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Sri Lanka Swallow, and a brief Sri Lanka Junglefowl for all this time. Other interesting species included an all-too-quick Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Common Iora, and Green Warbler. Heading back in for breakfast, we were met with the excellent news that both Serendib Scops Owl and Sri Lanka Bay Owl had been found on day roosts; we were off like a flash! The long hike to the owls involved several small stream crossings, as well as a river crossing by means of a large pontoon. En route to the forest, we encountered our first Stork-billed Kingfisher and Black Eagle. The endemic Brown-capped Babbler also showed particularly well in a tea plantation. Once in the forest, we found our first Black-naped Monarch, Large-billed Leaf Warbler, and Indian Paradise Flycatcher.



Spot-winged Thrush by Daniel Keith Danckwerts



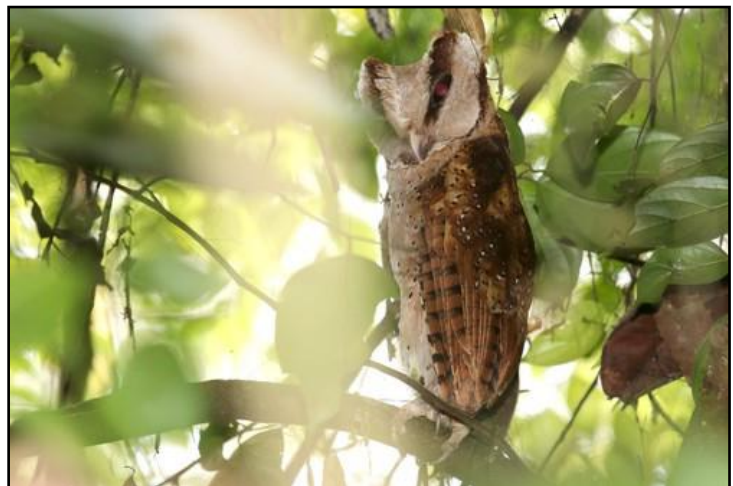
Serendib Scops Owl by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

We arrived at the roost site of the Serendib Scops Owl to find that the bird had moved a few feet but, after some careful positioning, we enjoyed delightful views of this recently discovered species. Next, we trekked to the Sri Lanka Bay Owl. Again, it took some careful positioning, but we eventually found the right angle and had terrific views of this mega bird; certainly, one of the hardest species on the island! As we made our way back for a late lunch, a Sri Lanka Junglefowl crossed our path and proved especially confiding allowing a close

approach and terrific photographic opportunities. Back at the hotel, we enjoyed a delicious traditional lunch followed by a quick afternoon break. Thereafter, we visited the Miriswalathanna Road once more, but the owlets were nowhere to be found. The gardens of a nearby hotel – another site for the owl – were equally as unproductive through we did encounter our first White-browed Fantail and Changeable Hawk-eagle here. Finally, we settled in for some much-needed rest.

Though the next day was largely set aside as a travel day, we stole some time to visit the Miriswalathanna road again. Here, after a two-hour search, we were finally rewarded with a sighting of the Chestnut-backed Owlet. First, we found a singleton perched high up in the forest canopy; offering ‘bum-only’ views; though, as we were leaving, a pair started to call nearby. We easily found these birds, perched side-by-side, and watched at length as they called to one another and eventually copulated! A most enjoyable sighting considering all the effort we had invested in seeing this species. In addition to many of the species already seen along this stretch of road, we encountered our first Layard’s Parakeet and Lesser Yellownappe. Returning to the hotel for breakfast and the opportunity to pack up quickly, we then departed for Nuwara Eliya. The drive gave us our first Indian Flying Foxes – in roosts numbering in the order of several hundred individuals – together with an additional sighting of a Brahminy Kite. We arrived in time for a delicious lunch, before transferring to our hotel where we waited out the downpour. Later that afternoon, we visited a nearby site for the inexplicably difficult Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush. After a fairly long wait, some of us were eventually rewarded with a quick sighting but, despite our best efforts, we could not get the rest of the group onto the bird. That would just have to wait for the following day. While in position, Mountain Horned Agama and Dusky-striped Squirrel were also great additions to our fast-growing list.

Due to our poor success with the Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, the following day, we had an early start for the Horton Plains National Park. The drive up took roughly an hour, through an impressive series of switchbacks, until finally, we arrived at the ticketing office at dawn. Here, a Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush was



Sri Lanka Bay Owl by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

calling endlessly but – try as we may – we simply couldn't see the bird. A pair of equally as scarce Black-throated Munias were seen in a nearby marsh, serving as a welcomed consolation prize. Further



Yellow-eared Bulbul by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

up the road, we stopped at another site for the thrush. After a lengthy wait, our efforts were finally rewarded with views for all the rare species. In fact, it flew to within just a few feet of us and sat calling on an open branch for several minutes for all to enjoy. Pure magic! This same area gave us Dark-fronted Babbler, Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Sri Lanka Brush Warbler, Dull-blue Flycatcher, Crimson-backed Flameback for some, and Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler; all endemics. Further along, we enjoyed a female Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Tricolored Munia, Loten's Sunbird, and Sri Lanka White-eye along with a trio of tame Indian Brown Mongoose and several small herds of Sambar. We returned to our hotel for lunch and a much-needed break, after which we visited Victoria Park in Nuwara Eliya. It was here that we found Indian Pitta, Forest Wagtail, Kashmir Flycatcher and Pied Thrush; the latter two species being total megas! Thrilled with our success, we transferred back to the hotel for a much-appreciated early evening.

Early the following morning we visited a nearby forest patch where the tricky Sri Lanka Thrush had sometimes been seen. Despite Ashoka glimpsing a dark thrush flying off, and hearing the bird call nearby, we were unable to locate the species. We were able to add Dark-fronted Babbler, and both Plain and Ashy Prinias. Thereafter, we visited the Royal Turf club where we were successful in finding Pin-tailed Snipe. From within the dense reedbeds, we could also hear the call of Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler though this skulking species refused to show itself. Returning to the hotel for breakfast and to pack up, we then made our way through to the Surrey Bird Sanctuary. Our main target here – the Brown Wood Owl – was quickly seen well by all at its day roost while Common Hawk Cuckoo, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, and White-eared Bulbul served as wonderful distractions. Next, we stopped outside the town of Ella where we viewed the impressive Ravana Falls and saw several interesting species including the Plum-headed Parakeet, both Pale-billed and Thick-billed Flowerpeckers, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher and Orange Minivet.



Sri Lanka Junglefowl by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

Finally, nearer to the town of Tissamaharama, we began to see our first Indian Peafowls as well as a surprise flock of some 32 Malabar Pied Hornbills feeding in a tomato field. In Tissa, we visited a local garden where we enjoyed views of the uncommon White-naped Woodpecker, together with Red-backed Flameback. Then, as dusk fell, a Jungle Owlet revealed itself.



Pied Thrush by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

The next day, before it was light, we drove out to the nearby Yala National Park. This reserve is famous for supporting one of the highest densities of Leopard anywhere in the world and we were treated to fabulous views of this spectacular animal. Other notable finds for the day including Indian Hare, Sambar, Chital, Wild Boar, at least 5 Golden Jackals, Asian Elephant, Bengal Monitor, and Mugger Crocodile. Not forgetting the birds, we enjoyed nearly 100 species in total, but our best find of the day was Sri Lanka's third confirmed

record of Grey-necked Bunting. Other top species included Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Blue-faced Malkoha, Painted Stork, Asian Openbill, Crested Serpent Eagle, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, both Common and Marshall's Ioras, Jungle and Grey-breasted Prinias, Jacobin Cuckoo, Brahminy Starling, Spot-billed Pelican, Baya Weaver, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Common Kingfisher, Lesser Adjutant, and a fine selection of terns including the White-winged, Whiskered, Little, Lesser Crested and Greater Crested. All would agree that this was certainly one of the best days of the entire trip!

Continuing the theme of wetland birds, we visited the Bundala National Park. In the freshwater wetlands leading up to the park, we located Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Yellow Bittern, Intermediate and Little Egrets, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Tricolored Munia and Streaked Weaver. Further along, we encountered Green Sandpiper and Grey-bellied Cuckoo. The salt works were alive with activity and we added Grey Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Long-toed Stint, Broad-billed and Curlew Sandpipers, Eurasian Curlew, Ruff and Red-necked Phalarope. Oriental Skylark displayed above us, then landed nearby offering good scope views. From there, we returned to the hotel for lunch after which we did some birding locally around Tissa. Best find of the afternoon was Brown Fish Owl – the 6th owl species in about as many days – on its day roost. The wetlands offered up the spectacular Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Common Moorhen, White-breasted Waterhen, Grey-headed Swamphen and Spot-billed Pelican. We also watched in amazement as three flocks, amounting to at least 800 Black-tailed Godwits, flew in formation above us. From there, we drove to the nearby site of Undawalawe where we planned to spend just one night. En route, we added Woolly-necked Stork in a distant rice paddy. We arrived with enough time to take a short walk along the edge of the lake and were treated with views of Thick-billed Flowerpecker, Coppersmith Barbet, huge numbers of Western Yellow Wagtail and a single Citrine Wagtail among them. A brave few



Tufted Grey Langur by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

then ventured out quickly before dinner to try for nightjars, but this excursion was all but rained out.

As a final backup for the nightjars, we decided on an early morning excursion. This proved most successful and we were rewarded with sightings of both Jerdon's and Indian Nightjars, Indian Pitta,



Indian Peafowl by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

Barred Buttonquail and Jerdon's Bush Lark. We then drove to the park where we spent the remainder of the morning driving the impressive network of roads in the area. Top birds for the morning included the Sirkeer and Blue-faced Malkohas, Jerdon's Leafbird, Jungle Prinia, Changeable Hawk Eagle, Indian Roller, Malabar Pied Hornbill, both Green and Blue-tailed Bee-eaters, Tricolored Munia, Green Sandpiper, and Plum-headed Parakeet. The park is famous for its elephant population and we additionally enjoyed close-up views of

these gentle creatures. Other notable non-avian finds included Golden Jackal crossing the road, Indian Python slithering for cover, and several Bengal Monitors of varying sizes. Next, after a quick break for lunch, we headed in the direction of Sinharaja which would serve as our base for the next three nights.

The Sinharaja area is always one of the highlights of any trip to Sri Lanka in that this area supports the highest number of endemics anywhere on the island. These were the focus of our visit and we were successful in seeing the spectacular Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, better than ever views of the rare Sri Lanka Thrush as well as the beautiful Spot-winged Thrush, Red-faced Malkoha, skulky Green-billed Coucal, Legge's Flowerpecker, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Black-capped Bulbul, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Layard's Parakeet, both Yellow-fronted and Crimson-fronted Barbets, the unbeatable Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, White-cheeked Starling, and Ashy-headed Laughingthrush. That's more than half of the endemics of the island and all on our first day of birding in this fantastic area! Other notable finds on our first day in the area were the Besra, Sri Lanka Frogmouth at night, Malabar Trogon, Black-naped Monarch, and Dark-fronted Babbler. With just one endemic left to see on the island – saving one of the most difficult species for last – we visited a stakeout for the challenging Sri Lanka Spurfowl. For this species, we visited a small feeding station at the edge of the forest soon after dawn broke and waited. It took roughly 20 minutes but eventually, our patience was rewarded with 3 of these difficult birds; thereby completing the list of endemics for the tour. The remainder of our time was then spent mopping up – if you will – several species we hadn't encountered thus far. Highlights included the Legge's Hawk Eagle, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Besra, Crested Goshawk, and Sri Lanka



Yellow-fronted Barbet by Daniel Keith Danckwerts



Sri Lanka Blue Magpie by Daniel Keith Danckwerts

Frogmouth on a day roost to just name a few. The tour culminated with a hike to see a roosting pair of Serendib Scops Owls and our efforts were met with an extreme close-up view of a pair of birds perched side by side. We were drenched in the process, but all agreed that this was a most fitting end to our final full day of birding on this phenomenal tour.

The next day was set aside as a travel day, as we had to make our way back to Colombo to catch our return flights home, but we managed to squeeze in a little

birding at a nearby site. Here we enjoyed views of White-breasted Waterhen, Indian Blue Robin, Spot-winged Thrush, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, and Ashy-headed Laughingthrush among a few others. We then returned to the hotel to freshen up before driving back to Colombo, with a lunch stop en route.

On behalf of both David and Daniel – we'd like to express a special thank you to each and every one of the guests on this trip. It was a pleasure to travel with you all and we look forward to the opportunity to do so again.

Annotated List of species recorded

Note: Number in brackets () indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.

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Birds (241 in total: 240 seen, 1 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2019. IOC World Bird List (v 9.1).

Status codes: E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced

IUCN codes: CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

(2) 100 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 30 Bundala NP 27.11.

Cotton Pygmy Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus coromandelianus*

(1) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

Sri Lanka Spurfowl *Galloperdix bicalcarata*

(2) 3 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 3 heard Sinharaja NP 1.12.

Sri Lanka Junglefowl *Gallus lafayettii*

(9) 1 Kithulgala 21.11, 3 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 3 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11, 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 heard Udawalawe NP 28.11 and up to 8 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

Indian Peafowl*Pavo cristatus*

(4) 30 Tissamaharama 25.11, 75 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 15 Bundala NP 27.11 and 25 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Grebes Podicipedidae**Little Grebe***Tachybaptus ruficollis albescens*

(1) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Storks Ciconiidae**Painted Stork (NT)***Mycteria leucocephala*

(3) 30 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 15 Bundala NP 27.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Asian Openbill*Anastomus oscitans*

(2) 5 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 4 Bundala NP 27.11.

Woolly-necked Stork (VU)*Ciconia episcopus episcopus*

(1) 3 Udawalawe NP 27.11.

Lesser Adjutant (VU)*Leptoptilos javanicus*

(1) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Ibises, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae**Black-headed Ibis (NT)***Threskiornis melanocephalus*

(4) 6 Tissamaharama 25.11, 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 25 Bundala NP 27.11 and 6 Colombo 1.12.

Eurasian Spoonbill*Platalea leucorodia leucorodia*

(2) 8 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 4 Bundala NP 27.11.

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns Ardeidae**Yellow Bittern***Ixobrychus sinensis*

(1) 2 Bundala NP 27.11.

Black-crowned Night Heron*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

(2) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 5 Bundala NP 27.11.

Striated Heron*Butorides striata javanica*

(1) 1 Colombo 21.11.

Indian Pond Heron*Ardeola grayii*

(9) 4 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 4 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11, 4 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 15 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 8 Colombo 1.12.

Eastern Cattle Egret*Bubulcus coromandus*

(9) 15 Kithulgala 21.11, 25 Kithulgala 22.11, 15 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11, 4 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 20 en route 28.11 and 15 Colombo 1.12.

Grey Heron*Ardea cinerea cinerea*

(5) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 15 Bundala NP 27.11, 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 3 Colombo 1.12.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea manilensis*

(3) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 10 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Colombo 1.12.

Great Egret*Ardea alba modesta*

(2) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Bundala NP 27.11.

Intermediate Egret*Ardea intermedia intermedia*

(5) 5 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 20 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 15 Bundala NP 27.11 and 4 en route 28.11.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(5) 1 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Tissamaharama 25.11, 20 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 6 Bundala NP 27.11 and 5 Colombo 1.12.

Pelicans Pelecanidae**Spot-billed Pelican (NT)***Pelecanus philippensis*

(3) 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Colombo 1.12.

Cormorants and Shags Phalacrocoracidae**Little Cormorant***Microcarbo niger*

(7) 2 Kithulgala 22.11, up to 5 Nuwara Eliya area 23-25.11, 25 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 5 Bundala NP 27.11 and 4 Colombo 1.12.

Indian Cormorant*Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*

(1) 10 Bundala NP 27.11.

Anhingas Anhingidae**Oriental Darter (NT)***Anhinga melanogaster*

(3) 1 Tissamaharama 25.11, 8 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 8 Bundala NP 27.11.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae**Black-winged Kite***Elanus caeruleus vociferus*

(2) 1 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Crested Honey Buzzard*Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis*

(3) 1 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Kithulgala 22.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Crested Serpent Eagle*Spilornis cheela spilogaster*

(2) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle*Nisaetus cirrhatus ceylanensis*

(6) 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 1 Bundala NP 27.11, 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Legge's Hawk-Eagle*Nisaetus kelaarti*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Rufous-bellied Eagle*Lophotriorchis kienerii kienerii*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Black Eagle*Ictinaetus malaiensis perniger*

(1) 2 Kithulgala 22.11.

Crested Goshawk*Accipiter trivirgatus layardi*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Shikra*Accipiter badius badius*

(3) Up to 2 Kithulgala 21-23.11.

Besra*Accipiter virgatus besra*

(1) 2 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

- Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus indus*
 (7) 5 Colombo 21.11, 1 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11, 1 Ella 25.11, 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 Bundala NP 27.11, 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 10 Colombo 1.12.
- White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
 (3) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 1 Colombo 1.12.
- Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*
 (1) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.
- Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo vulpinus*
 (1) 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

- White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*
 (7) 2 Colombo 21.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11, 15 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 10 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 5 Bundala NP 27.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 4 Sinharaja NP 1.12.
- Grey-headed Swamphen** *Porphyrio poliocephalus poliocephalus*
 (3) 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 40 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Colombo 1.12.
- Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus chloropus*
 (1) 6 Bundala NP 27.11.

Buttonquails Turnicidae

- Barred Buttonquail** *Turnix suscitator leggei*
 (3) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Thick-knees Burhinidae

- Indian Stone-curlew** *Burhinus indicus*
 (2) 3 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 3 heard Udawalawe NP 28.11.
- Great Stone-curlew (NT)** *Esacus recurvirostris*
 (2) 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 25 Bundala NP 27.11.

Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae

- Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*
 (3) 15 Tissamaharama 25.11, 25 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 25 Bundala NP 27.11.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae

- Yellow-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus malabaricus*
 (3) 30 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 6 Bundala NP 27.11 and 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11.
- Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus lankae*
 (5) 3 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 10 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 40 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 12 Bundala NP 27.11 and 6 Udawalawe NP 28.11.
- Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*
 (2) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 60 Bundala NP 27.11.
- Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*
 (1) 10 Bundala NP 27.11.
- Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*
 (1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.
- Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius jerdoni*
 (1) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus seebohmi</i>
(2) 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 15 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus atrifrons</i>
(2) 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 25 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii leschenaultii</i>
(1) 5 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.	

Jacanas Jacanidae

Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
(2) 12 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 45 Bundala NP 27.11.	

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

Eurasian Curlew (NT)	<i>Numenius arquata orientalis</i>
(1) 2 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Black-tailed Godwit (NT)	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
(2) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 800 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres interpres</i>
(2) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 6 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris falcinellus falcinellus</i>
(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
(1) 75 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>
(1) 4 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
(2) 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 30 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
(1) 20 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago gallinago</i>
(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
(5) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11, 5 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 5 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
(2) 1 Bundala NP 27.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
(2) 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 30 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
(3) 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 25 Bundala NP 27.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
(3) 5 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 6 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
(2) 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 3 Bundala NP 27.11.	

Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae

Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*
(2) 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 6 Bundala NP 27.11.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Brown-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*

(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica*

(2) 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 25 Bundala NP 27.11.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

(2) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 30 Bundala NP 27.11.

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii velox*

(2) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 15 Bundala NP 27.11.

Lesser Crested Tern *Thalasseus bengalensis bengalensis*

(2) 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 15 Bundala NP 27.11.

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons sinensis*

(2) 10 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 40 Bundala NP 27.11.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida hybrida*

(4) 20 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 15 Bundala NP 27.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 3 Colombo 1.12.

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

(2) 20 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 25 Bundala NP 27.11.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia*

(10) 5 Colombo 21.11, 5 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 10 Bundala NP 27.11, 10 en route 28.11 and 4 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon (VU) *Columba torringtoniae*

(2) 4 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 1 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11.

Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto decaocto*

(1) 2 Bundala NP 27.11.

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*

(11) 6 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 5 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica robinsoni*

(7) Up to 2 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 1 heard Nuwara Eliya area 25.11 and up to 4 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon *Treron bicinctus leggei*

(2) 25 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Bundala NP 27.11.

Sri Lanka Green Pigeon *Treron pompadora*

(4) 1 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 15 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 10 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea pusilla*

(9) Up to 20 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 1 Tissamaharama 25.11, 8 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 Bundala NP 27.11 and up to 15 Sinharaja NP 28-30.11.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Green-billed Coucal (VU) *Centropus chlororhynchos*

(5) 1 heard Kithulgala 22.11 and up to 3 Sinharaja NP 28-1.12.

Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis parroti</i>
(5) 2 Kithulgala 22.11, 3 Kithulgala 23.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 2 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Taccocua leschenaultii leschenaultii</i>
(1) 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Red-faced Malkoha (VU)	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
(1) 3 Sinharaja NP 29.11.	
Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
(2) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Jacobin Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus jacobinus</i>
(3) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 2 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus scolopaceus</i>
(4) 1 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Bundala NP 27.11.	
Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
(2) 4 Bundala NP 27.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius ciceliae</i>
(3) 1 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11, 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 3 heard Bundala NP 27.11.	

Barn-Owls Tytonidae

Sri Lanka Bay Owl	<i>Phodilus assimilis assimilis</i>
(1) 1 Kithulgala 22.11.	

Owls Strigidae

Serendib Scops Owl (EN)	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
(2) 1 Kithulgala 22.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.	
Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena bakkamoena</i>
(1) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11.	
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis zeylonensis</i>
(1) 1 Tissamaharama 27.11.	
Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica ochrogenys</i>
(1) 1 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11.	
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum radiatum</i>
(1) 1 Tissamaharama 25.11.	
Chestnut-backed Owlet (NT)	<i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>
(1) 3 Kithulgala 23.11.	

Frogmouths Podargidae

Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger moniliger</i>
(2) 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.	

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae

Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis aequabilis</i>
(1) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus eidos</i>
(1) 6 Udawalawe NP 28.11.	

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae**Crested Treeswift***Hemiproctne coronata*

(5) 2 Kithulgala 22.11, 20 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 Bundala NP 27.11, 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Swifts Apodidae**Indian Swiftlet***Aerodramus unicolor*

(9) 15 Kithulgala 23.11, 4 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 15 en route 25.11, 15 Bundala NP 27.11 and up to 15 Sinharaja NP 28-1.12.

Brown-backed Needletail*Hirundapus giganteus indicus*

(1) 8 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Asian Palm Swift*Cypsiurus balasiensis balasiensis*

(8) 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 3 Tissamaharama 25.11, 5 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 10 Bundala NP 27.11, 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and up to 6 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

Alpine Swift*Tachymarptis melba bakeri*

(2) 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Blyth's Swift*Apus leuconyx*

(2) 1 Tissamaharama 25.11 and 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Little Swift*Apus affinis singalensis*

(7) Up to 15 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 30 Tissamaharama 27.11, 6 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Trogon Trogonidae**Malabar Trogon***Harpactes fasciatus fasciatus*

(1) 6 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Rollers Coraciidae**Indian Roller***Coracias benghalensis indicus*

(2) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Stork-billed Kingfisher***Pelargopsis capensis capensis*

(2) 2 Kithulgala 22.11 and 2 Tissamaharama 27.11.

White-throated Kingfisher*Halcyon smyrnensis fusca*

(9) Up to 4 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 3 Tissamaharama 25.11, 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 5 Tissamaharama 27.11, 15 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Colombo 1.12.

Common Kingfisher*Alcedo atthis taprobana*

(3) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 1 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 28.11.

Pied Kingfisher*Ceryle rudis leucomelanurus*

(2) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 4 Bundala NP 27.11.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Green Bee-eater***Merops orientalis ceylonicus*

(3) 20 Bundala NP 27.11 and 25 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater*Merops philippinus*

(8) 5 Kithulgala 21.11, 5 Tissamaharama 25.11, 25 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and up to 8 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater*Merops leschenaulti leschenaulti*

(3) 10 Kithulgala 21.11, 4 Kithulgala 22.11 and 5 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Hoopoes *Upupidae***Eurasian Hoopoe***Upupa epops ceylonensis*

(1) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae***Malabar Pied Hornbill (NT)***Anthracoceros coronatus*

(3) 32 Tissamaharama 25.11, 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill*Ocyrceros gingalensis*

(5) Up to 3 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 7 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Asian Barbets *Megalaimidae***Brown-headed Barbet***Psilopogon zeylanicus zeylanicus*

(7) 1 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 heard Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11, 2 Ella 25.11, 1 heard Bundala NP 27.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 3 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 4 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Yellow-fronted Barbet*Psilopogon flavifrons*

(7) Up to 4 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 1 Ella 25.11 and up to 10 Sinharaja NP 28-30.11.

Crimson-fronted Barbet*Psilopogon rubricapillus*

(2) 30 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 15 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Coppersmith Barbet*Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus*

(3) 2 heard Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 2 Tissamaharama 27.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 28.11.

Woodpeckers *Picidae***Yellow-crowned Woodpecker***Leiopicus mahrattensis mahrattensis*

(2) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Lesser Yellownape*Picus chlorolophus wellsi*

(2) 2 Kithulgala 23.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Red-backed Flameback*Dinopium psarodes*

(7) Up to 3 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 2 Tissamaharama 25.11, 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 1 Tissamaharama 27.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Crimson-backed Flameback*Chrysocolaptes stricklandi*

(4) 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and up to 4 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

White-naped Woodpecker*Chrysocolaptes festivus tantus*

(1) 2 Tissamaharama 25.11.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae***Peregrine Falcon***Falco peregrinus peregrinator*

(1) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae***Plum-headed Parakeet***Psittacula cyanocephala*

(2) 5 Ella 25.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Layard's Parakeet*Psittacula calthrapae*

(4) 4 heard Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Kithulgala 23.11, 6 Sinharaja NP 28.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Alexandrine Parakeet (NT)*Psittacula eupatria eupatria*

(3) 6 Kithulgala 21.11, 15 Kithulgala 22.11 and 5 Udawalawe NP 27.11.

Rose-ringed Parakeet*Psittacula krameri manillensis*

(7) 24 Colombo 21.11, 3 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11, 3 heard Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11, 15 Tissamaharama 25.11, 30 Bundala NP 27.11 and 15 Sinharaja NP 28.11.

Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot*Loriculus beryllinus*

(6) Up to 20 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 4 Ella 25.11, 10 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 6 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Pittas Pittidae**Indian Pitta***Pitta brachyura*

(4) 2 Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11, 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 1 heard Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Vangas Vangidae**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike***Hemipus picatus leggei*

(3) 1 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11, 5 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Sri Lanka Woodshrike*Tephrodornis affinis*

(1) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Ioras Aegithinidae**Common Iora***Aegithina tiphia multicolor*

(3) 5 Kithulgala 22.11, 10 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 heard Bundala NP 27.11.

Marshall's Iora*Aegithina nigrolutea*

(2) 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**Small Minivet***Pericrocotus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*

(3) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11, 30 Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11 and 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Orange Minivet*Pericrocotus flammeus*

(5) 1 Kithulgala 21.11, 2 Kithulgala 22.11, 4 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 5 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 5 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Black-headed Cuckooshrike*Lalage melanoptera sykesi*

(2) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 heard Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Shrikes Laniidae**Brown Shrike***Lanius cristatus*

(7) 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 Bundala NP 27.11, 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae**Black-hooded Oriole***Oriolus xanthornus ceylonensis*

(7) Up to 5 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 1 Tissamaharama 25.11, 1 Bundala NP 27.11, 3 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Drongos Dicruridae

- White-bellied Drongo** *Dicrurus caerulescens leucopygialis*
 (5) Up to 4 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 29.11.
- Sri Lanka Drongo** *Dicrurus lophorinus*
 (3) 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 4 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Fantails Rhipiduridae

- White-browed Fantail** *Rhipidura aureola compressirostris*
 (5) 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11, 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Monarchs Monarchidae

- Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea ceylonensis*
 (5) 2 Kithulgala 22.11, 2 Kithulgala 23.11 and up to 3 Sinharaja NP 28-30.11.
- Indian Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi ceylonensis*
 (3) 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae

- Sri Lanka Blue Magpie (VU)** *Urocissa ornata*
 (4) Up to 9 Sinharaja NP 28-1.12.
- House Crow** *Corvus splendens protegatus*
 Observed 7 day(s) in total.
- Indian Jungle Crow** *Corvus culminatus*
 (8) 2 Kithulgala 21.11 and 2 Kithulgala 22.11.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

- Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis ceylonensis*
 (2) 4 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 3 heard Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.

Tits, Chickadees Paridae

- Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus mahrattarum*
 (3) 4 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11, 10 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 3 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11.

Larks Alaudidae

- Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix griseus*
 (2) 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 4 Bundala NP 27.11.
- Jerdon's Bush Lark** *Mirafra affinis*
 (3) 10 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 8 Udawalawe NP 28.11.
- Oriental Skylark** *Alauda gulgula gulgula*
 (1) 2 Bundala NP 27.11.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

- Black-capped Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus*
 (4) 4 Kithulgala 22.11, 3 Kithulgala 23.11, 3 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

- Red-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cafer haemorrhousus*
(11) 4 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 5 Sinharaja NP 30.11.
- Yellow-eared Bulbul (NT)** *Pycnonotus penicillatus*
(3) 3 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11, 6 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 3 Ella 25.11.
- White-browed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus luteolus insulae*
(4) 1 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11, 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 1 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.
- Yellow-browed Bulbul** *Acritillas indica guglielmi*
(6) Up to 5 Kithulgala 21-23.11 and up to 20 Sinharaja NP 28-30.11.
- Square-tailed Bulbul** *Hypsipetes ganeesa humii*
(6) 10 Kithulgala 21.11 and up to 25 Sinharaja NP 28-30.11.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

- Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia taczanowskii*
(1) 3 Bundala NP 27.11.
- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
(8) 4 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 10 Ella 25.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 4 Colombo 1.12.
- Hill Swallow** *Hirundo domicola*
(3) Up to 6 Nuwara Eliya area 23-25.11.
- Sri Lanka Swallow** *Cecropis hyperythra*
(7) Up to 10 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 15 Bundala NP 27.11, 5 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 4 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

Leaf warblers and allies *Phylloscopidae*

- Green Warbler** *Phylloscopus nitidus*
(4) 3 Kithulgala 22.11, 4 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 1 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11.
- Large-billed Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus magnirostris*
(3) 2 Kithulgala 22.11, 2 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Reed warblers and allies *Acrocephalidae*

- Clamorous Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus stentoreus meridionalis*
(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.
- Blyth's Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus dumetorum*
(1) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Grassbirds and allies *Locustellidae*

- Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** *Helopsaltes certhiola*
(1) 1 heard Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.
- Sri Lanka Bush Warbler** *Elaphrornis palliseri*
(1) 3 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Cisticolas and allies *Cisticolidae*

- Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*
(4) 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 4 Bundala NP 27.11 and 6 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Grey-breasted Prinia*Prinia hodgsonii pectoralis*

(3) 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 2 Bundala NP 27.11 and 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Jungle Prinia*Prinia sylvatica valida*

(3) 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 7 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Ashy Prinia*Prinia socialis brevicauda*

(3) 1 heard Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11, 3 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11 and 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Plain Prinia*Prinia inornata insularis*

(4) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 10 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 5 Bundala NP 27.11 and 15 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Common Tailorbird*Orthotomus sutorius**fernandonis*

(2) 2 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 3 heard Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.

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(6) 4 Colombo 21.11, 2 Kithulgala 22.11, 3 heard Kithulgala 23.11, 4 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 3 Bundala NP 27.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Babblers Timaliidae**Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler***Pomatorhinus melanurus*

(3) 5 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 1 heard Nuwara Eliya area 25.11 and 5 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Tawny-bellied Babbler*Dumetia hyperythra phillipsi*

(3) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 1 Bundala NP 27.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Dark-fronted Babbler*Rhopocichla atriceps nigrifrons*

(3) 3 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 3 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11 and 4 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers Pellorneidae**Brown-capped Babbler***Pellorneum fuscocapillus fuscocapillus*

(1) 1 Kithulgala 22.11.

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae**Ashy-headed Laughingthrush***Argya cinereifrons*

(2) 6 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 5 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

Yellow-billed Babbler*Argya affinis taprobanus*

(11) 4 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 6 Tissamaharama 25.11, 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 10 Udawalawe NP 27.11, 6 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and up to 6 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

Orange-billed Babbler*Argya rufescens*

(6) Up to 6 Kithulgala 21-23.11 and up to 8 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

Sylviid Babblers Sylviidae**Yellow-eyed Babbler***Chrysomma sinense nasale*

(2) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

White-eyes Zosteropidae**Indian White-eye***Zosterops palpebrosus egregius*

(7) 4 Kithulgala 21.11, 3 Kithulgala 22.11, 10 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11, 3 Ella--Rawana waterfalls 25.11, 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 3 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Sri Lanka White-eye *Zosterops ceylonensis*
(3) 5 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11 and 4 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.

Nuthatches Sittidae

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis frontalis*
(3) 6 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Starlings Sturnidae

Sri Lanka Hill Myna (NT) *Gracula ptilogenys*
(3) Up to 10 Sinharaja NP 28-30.11.

Southern Hill Myna *Gracula indica*
(2) 6 Kithulgala 21.11 and 3 Kithulgala 22.11.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis melanosternus*
Observed 9 day(s) in total.

Brahminy Starling *Sturnia pagodarum*
(1) 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

White-faced Starling *Sturnornis albofrontatus*
(2) 7 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Thrushes and Allies Turdidae

Pied Thrush *Geokichla wardii*
(1) 2 Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11.

Spot-winged Thrush *Geokichla spiloptera*
(6) Up to 2 Kithulgala 21-23.11 and up to 5 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

Sri Lanka Thrush (NT) *Zoothera imbricata*
(1) 2 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Indian Blackbird *Turdus simillimus kinnisii*
(2) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11 and 3 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Indian Robin *Copsychus fulicatus leucopterus*
(3) 30 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis ceylonensis*
(8) Up to 6 Kithulgala 21-23.11, 5 Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11, 10 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 10 Bundala NP 27.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica poonensis*
(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.

Brown-breasted Flycatcher *Muscicapa muttui*
(6) 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Kithulgala 23.11 and up to 3 Sinharaja NP 28-1.12.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae jerdoni*
(3) 2 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 heard Kithulgala 23.11 and 1 Ella--Rawana waterfalls 25.11.

Dull-blue Flycatcher (NT) *Eumyias sordidus*
(1) 3 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Indian Blue Robin *Larvivora brunnea brunnea*
(6) 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 1 heard Nuwara Eliya area 25.11 and up to 2 Sinharaja NP 28-1.12.

Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush (EN) *Myophonus blighi*
(2) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11 and 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Kashmir Flycatcher (VU)*Ficedula subrubra*

(1) 1 Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11.

Pied Bush Chat*Saxicola caprata atratus*

(1) 6 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Leafbirds Chloropseidae**Jerdon's Leafbird***Chloropsis jerdoni*

(1) 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Golden-fronted Leafbird*Chloropsis aurifrons insularis*

(4) 1 Kithulgala 21.11, 1 Kithulgala 22.11, 4 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae**Thick-billed Flowerpecker***Dicaeum agile zeylonicum*

(2) 1 Ella--Rawana waterfalls 25.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 27.11.

Legge's Flowerpecker (NT)*Dicaeum vincens*

(2) 3 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Pale-billed Flowerpecker*Dicaeum erythrorhynchos ceylonense*

(8) 2 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Kithulgala 23.11, 4 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 6 Ella--Rawana waterfalls 25.11, 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 27.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 5 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae**Purple-rumped Sunbird***Leptocoma zeylonica zeylonica*

(9) 5 Kithulgala 23.11, 3 Tissamaharama 25.11, 10 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 6 Bundala NP 27.11, 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 4 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 4 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Purple Sunbird*Cinnyris asiaticus asiaticus*

(3) 10 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 2 Bundala NP 27.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Loten's Sunbird*Cinnyris lotenius lotenius*

(4) 5 Colombo 21.11, 2 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 1 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11 and 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae**House Sparrow***Passer domesticus indicus*

(5) 10 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11 and 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Weavers, Widowbirds Ploceidae**Streaked Weaver***Ploceus manyar flaviceps*

(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.

Baya Weaver*Ploceus philippinus philippinus*

(2) 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Waxbills, Munias and allies Estrildidae**Indian Silverbill***Euodice malabarica*

(2) 2 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

White-rumped Munia*Lonchura striata striata*

(5) 4 Kithulgala 22.11, 3 Kithulgala 23.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Scaly-breasted Munia*Lonchura punctulata punctulata*

(7) 4 Colombo 21.11, 15 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 5 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 25 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 10 Udawalawe NP 27.11, 6 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 4 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Black-throated Munia*Lonchura kelaarti kelaarti*

(1) 3 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Tricolored Munia*Lonchura malacca*

(4) 3 Colombo 21.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 5 Bundala NP 27.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Wagtails, Pipits *Motacillidae***Forest Wagtail***Dendronanthus indicus*

(2) 1 Colombo 21.11 and 1 Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11.

Western Yellow Wagtail*Motacilla flava*

(2) 200 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Citrine Wagtail*Motacilla citreola citreola*

(1) 1 Bundala NP 27.11.

Grey Wagtail*Motacilla cinerea cinerea*

(2) 2 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11 and 5 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Paddyfield Pipit*Anthus rufulus*

(5) 6 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 4 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 5 Bundala NP 27.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Old World Buntings *Emberizidae***Grey-necked Bunting***Emberiza buchanani*

(1) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Mammals (18 in total: 18 seen)

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Elephants *Elephantidae***Asian Elephant***Elephas maximus maximus*

(3) 8 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 6 Bundala NP 27.11 and 6 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae***Toque Macaque***Macaca sinica*

(7) 2 Kithulgala 21.11, 2 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 20 Ella 25.11, 1 Embilipitiya 28.11 and up to 15 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

Tufted Grey Langur*Semnopithecus priam thersites*

(4) 1 Ella 25.11, 30 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 25 Bundala NP 27.11 and 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Purple-faced Langur*Trachypithecus vetulus*

(5) 10 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and up to 7 Sinharaja NP 28-1.12.

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae***Indian Hare***Lepus nigricollis*

(2) 2 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 3 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Squirrels Sciuridae**Layard's Palm Squirrel***Funambulus layardi*

(3) Up to 5 Sinharaja NP 28-30.11.

Common Palm Squirrel*Funambulus palmarum*

(8) 10 Kithulgala 22.11, 3 Nuwara Eliya--Victoria Park 24.11, 3 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11, 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 3 Bundala NP 27.11, 4 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 5 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

Dusky-striped Squirrel*Funambulus sublineatus*

(5) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and up to 1 Sinharaja NP 28-30.11.

Grizzled Giant Squirrel*Ratufa macroura*

(5) 1 Kithulgala 23.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 24.11, 2 Welimada--Surrey BS 25.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

Cats Felidae**Leopard***Panthera pardus kotiya*

(1) 1 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Mongoose Herpestidae**Indian Brown Mongoose***Herpestes fuscus*

(2) 1 Kithulgala 21.11 and 3 Horton Plains NP 24.11.

Ruddy Mongoose*Herpestes smithii*

(2) 5 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals Canidae**Golden Jackal***Canis aureus*

(2) 6 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Pigs Suidae**Wild Boar***Sus scrofa*

(2) 25 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11 and 3 Bundala NP 27.11.

Deer Cervidae**Chital***Axis axis*

(3) 250 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 5 Udawalawe NP 27.11 and 4 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Sambar*Rusa unicolor*

(2) 8 Horton Plains NP 24.11 and 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae**Domestic Water Buffalo***Bubalus bubalis*

(3) 100 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 20 Bundala NP 27.11 and 15 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae**Indian Flying Fox***Pteropus giganteus*

(3) 500 Colombo--Nuwara Eliya road 23.11, 30 Tissamaharama 25.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Reptiles (12 in total: 12 seen)

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Geckos Gekkonidae

House Gecko

Hemidactylus mabouia

(3) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Agamas Agamidae

Common Green Forest Lizard

Calotes calotes

(4) 3 Kithulgala 22.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Eastern Garden Lizard

Calotes versicolor versicolor

(3) 1 Udawalawe NP 27.11, 5 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Mountain Horned Agama

Ceratophora stoddartii

(1) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 23.11.

Wiegmann's Agama

Otocryptis wiegmanni

(1) 3 Kithulgala 22.11.

Skinks Scincidae

Sri Lanka Bronze Skink

Eutropis madaraszi

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Monitor Lizards Varanidae

Bengal Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

(3) 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 Bundala NP 27.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Water Monitor

Varanus salvator salvator

(2) 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Pythonidae Pythonidae

Indian Python

Python molurus

(1) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Colubrid snakes Colubridae

Green Vine Snake

Ahaetulla nasuta

(2) 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Duméril's Kukri Snake

Oligodon sublineatus

(1) 1 Kithulgala 22.11.

Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae

Mugger Crocodile

Crocodylus palustris

(3) 15 Yala NP--Buthawa Wewa 26.11, 4 Bundala NP 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

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