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Worldwide Birding Adventures

Sri Lanka

Budget Birding Tour

10th to 20th November 2018 (11 days)

Trip Report



Crimson-backed Flameback by Rich Lindie

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Tour Summary

Day 1. We started off with tour at the Colombo International Airport, where a few of the guests were picked up. We then headed to Covanro Courtesy Hotel on our way to Kitulgala, where we gathered the rest of the group members before heading straight to Kitulgala. On our way, we saw some of the widespread herons, egrets, storks and ibises, including four Ashy Woodswallows, that we would become very familiar with during the oncoming days of our tour. Once we were checked into our accommodation in Kitulgala, we had a short birding session before lunch, and then crossed the river by canoe for our first visit to the forest. The evening's birding garnered us Common Emerald Dove, the endemic Brown-capped Babbler, the endemic Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Yellow-billed and the endemic Orange-billed Babblers, a pair of the endemic Serendib Scops Owl, Brown Fish Owl, fantastic little Chestnut-backed Owlet, and a pair of Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl. We encountered four owl species on the first day!



Ashy Woodswallow by Markus Lilje

Day 2. We began our bird watching in the early hours of the morning, with some stunning finds including Common Emerald Dove, Indian Pitta, Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, the endemic Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, the endemic Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Lesser Yellownape, the endemic Red-backed Flameback, the endemic Sri Lanka Swallow, the endemic Sri Lanka Hanging Parrots, perched Rufous-bellied Eagle, the endemic Sri Lanka Green Pigeons, Green Imperial Pigeons, stunning Orange Minivets, and the endemic Layard's Parakeet.



Indian Pitta by Rich Lindie

We then returned to our accommodation for lunch, as the mid-day heat and humidity had made bird activity much quieter. After a small rest, we returned to the forest for our final birding session for the day. We garnered a few more species, like Dark-fronted Babblers, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Crested Serpent Eagle, Crested Hawk-Eagle, Black Eagle and Southern Hill Mynas. We reached our accommodation after dark, and settled in for a peaceful dinner.

Day 3. We started the day with a short pre-breakfast excursion around our accommodation before we left the lowlands of Kitulgala behind and ascended to the coolness of Nuwara Eliya. Along the way, we stopped at the Tea Fortress near St Clair Fall for a cup of fresh Ceylon Tea and then drove directly to the Blackpool Hotel.

After checking into our wonderful hotel, we visited Victoria Park and a small forest patch near the town in the afternoon, enjoying good views of the endemic Yellow-eared Bulbul, Forest Wagtail, very furtive Pied Thrush and Kashmir Flycatcher, the endemic Sri Lanka White-eye, the endemic Dull-blue Flycatcher and the endemic Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush.

Day 4. We started off early by visiting the highlands of Horton Plains National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. When we arrived at our first birding spot, the sun was just rising. We entered the park at around 07.30 in the morning and saw a number of endemics, including Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Sri Lanka Bush Warblers, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, a pair of Crimson-backed Flamebacks, Sri Lanka White-eyes and Dull-blue Flycatcher. We also got Peregrine Falcon and many Cinereous Tits, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatchers, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Large-billed Leaf Warbler and Indian Blackbirds.



Kashmir Flycatcher by Keith Valentine

We returned to Nuwara Eliya, where we pulled into new birding sites and encountered many upcountry birds, including the endemic Sri Lanka Thrush. We all heard Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler in the reeds, and got good scope views of a pair of Common Snipes.

Day 5. After breakfast and packing up, we left Nuwara Eliya to make our way back into the lowlands, and arrived at Kithala Resort in Tissamaharama by lunch for our next two-night stay. After a small rest, we headed out to explore the wetlands. Among the species seen were Lesser Whistling Duck, Little



Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush by Stephan Lorenz

Grebe, Asian Openbill, Yellow Bitterns, Black-crowned Night Heron, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Grey, Purple and Indian Pond Herons, Great, Intermediate and Little Egrets, Spot-billed Pelican, Oriental Darter, Grey-headed Swamphen, fine views of Indian Scops Owl, a pair of Jungle Owlet, Barn Owl and White-naped Woodpeckers.

Day 6. We spent the whole day in Yala National Park, and our time there was fabulous. We spent our time in the park exploring the network of roads through wetlands and dry bushes, where we were

treated to some truly memorable sightings. Some of the highlights included Indian Peafowl displaying, Painted Stork, Lesser Adjutants, Asian Openbill storks, Spot-billed Pelican, Indian Cormorant, the

endemic Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Lesser Whistling Ducks, Great Thick-knees, Yellow-wattled Lapwings, Orange-breasted Green Pigeons, Blue-faced Malkohas, Grey-bellied Cuckoos, Malabar Pied Hornbills, White-rumped Shamas, Marshall's Iora, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Chestnut-winged Cuckoo, Barred Buttonquail, Malabar Pied Hornbills, Woolly-necked Stork, and Indian and Jerdon's Nightjars. Yala NP is not only good for birds, and we also spotted few good mammals, including Ruddy Mongoose, two Leopards, Chital, several Asian Elephants, Wild Boar and Tufted Grey Langurs.

Day 7. We took off for Bundala National Park in the early morning with a packed breakfast and drove approximately 30 minutes to reach the park. Due to a few weeks of rainy weather conditions, water levels were not favourable for waders, but we did find many shorebirds feeding on the exposed mudflats, including Cinnamon and Yellow



Leopards by Rich Lindie

Bitterns, Common Greenshanks, Common Redshanks, Marsh, Common and Wood Sandpipers, Little Ringed Plovers, Pacific Golden Plovers, a range of terns and Little Stints, Grey Plover, Lesser and Greater Sand Plovers, Common Ringed Plovers, Black-tailed Godwits, Ruddy Turnstones, Ruff, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Red and Great Knots, and close views of Small Pratincoles. Other species found here included Eurasian Collared Doves, Grey-breasted, Jungle, Ashy and Plain Prinias, Clamorous Reed Warblers, Oriental Skylarks, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Larks, Indian Thick-knees, Barred Buttonquail, and Malabar Pied Hornbills.

Later that day, we continued towards Udawalawe and we checked into the Grand Udawalawe hotel at lunchtime. After lunch, we drove to Udawalawe National Park. The park is famous for its Asian Elephants, which we saw, as well as three Golden Jackals. A few more birds we managed to find included, Sirkeer Malkohas, Yellow-eyed Babblers, Malabar Pied Hornbills, Grey-bellied Cuckoos, Blue-faced Malkohas, Greater Coucals, Jacobin Cuckoos, Woolly-necked Stork, Black-winged Kite,



Malabar Hornbills by Keith Valentine

White-bellied Sea Eagle, many Changeable Hawk-Eagles, Barred Buttonquail and Plum-headed Parakeets.

Day 8. We started in the morning, with leisurely birding near the Udawalawe causeway and views of some of the same species we had already seen, such as Thick-billed Flowerpecker, Tawny-bellied Babblers and Black-headed Cuckooshrike. After breakfast, we started the drive to Sinharaj and checked into the Blue Magpie Lodge at lunchtime. Just after lunch, we drove to the

rainforest, which is another UNESCO World Heritage Site. Some of the highlights included Red-faced Malkoha, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, White-faced Starling, Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Malabar Trogon, and excellent views of a Sri Lanka Frogmouth. Mammals included Purple-faced Leaf Monkey and Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel.

Day 9. After having an early breakfast, we entered the reserve by jeeps. Sri Lanka Junglefowl welcomed us at the entrance, as we found a small bird flock just a few metres after the entrance. Green-billed Coucal, Spot-winged Thrush and many Ashy-headed Laughingthrushes were found feeding on the ground, and we heard Sri Lanka Spurfowl calling from a distance. Other interesting species were Red-faced Malkoha, Legge's Hawk-Eagle, Orange-billed Babbler, Ashy-headed Laughingthrushes, Sri Lanka Drongo, Malabar Trogon, Black-naped Monarch, and many species we had seen well before.

We walked up to the research station and turned back to the main gate at lunchtime. We had our lunch near the main gate before starting the evening session. Unfortunately, heavy rain started and ruined the whole evening and we had no other option but to head back to the hotel.

Day 10. On our final full day of the tour, we wanted to see views of Sri Lanka Spurfowl and Slaty-legged Crake. We left a bit earlier and drove to a different part of the forest to do it. Soon after sunrise, a Slaty-legged Crake and Sri Lanka Spurfowl made an appearance and showed for lengthy views. Other highlights were Orange-billed Babbler, Ashy-headed Laughingthrushes, Sri Lanka Drongos, Legge's Flowerpecker, Indian Blue Robin, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Emerald Dove and Crested Goshawk.

Day 11. On our final day, we drove back to Colombo Airport early in the morning and said our goodbyes to some of the group. A few other stayed for their departures the next day.



Sri Lanka Blue Magpie by Keith Valentine

Annotated List of species recorded:

Birds (251 in total: 249 seen, 2 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.3).

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, and Waterfowl *Anatidae*

Lesser Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna javanica

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies *Phasianidae*

Sri Lanka Spurfowl (E)	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>
Sri Lanka Junglefowl (E)	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>

Grebes *Podicipedidae*

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis albescens</i>
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Storks *Ciconiidae*

Painted Stork (NT)	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
Woolly-necked Stork (VU)	<i>Ciconia episcopus episcopus</i>
Lesser Adjutant (VU)	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>

Ibises and Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae*

Black-headed Ibis (NT)	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia leucorodia</i>

Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola Greyii</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea manilensis</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba modesta</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta garzetta</i>

Pelicans *Pelecanidae*

Spot-billed Pelican (NT)	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
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Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis</i>

Anhingas *Anhingidae*

Oriental Darter (NT)	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
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Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*

Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus vociferus</i>
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Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis</i>
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela spilogaster</i>
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus ceylanensis</i>
Legge's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus kelaarti</i>
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii kienerii</i>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis perniger</i>
Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus layardi</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius badius</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaeus</i>

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae*

Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides amauroptera</i>
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>
Ruddy-breasted Crake (<i>Heard</i>)	<i>Porzana fusca</i>
Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>
Grey-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus poliocephalus</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus chloropus</i>

Buttonquails *Turnicidae*

Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator leggei</i>
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Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

Indian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>
Great Stone-curlew (NT)	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>

Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*

Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
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Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus lankae</i>
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola squatarola</i>
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula tundrae</i>
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius jerdoni</i>
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus seebohmi</i>
Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus atrifrons</i>
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii leschenaultii</i>

Painted-snipes *Rostratulidae*

Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
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Jacanas *Jacanidae***Pheasant-tailed Jacana***Hydrophasianus chirurgus***Sandpipers and Allies *Scolopacidae*****Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus***Black-tailed Godwit (NT)***Limosa limosa melanuroides***Ruddy Turnstone***Arenaria interpres interpres***Great Knot***Calidris tenuirostris***Red Knot***Calidris canutus***Ruff***Calidris pugnax***Broad-billed Sandpiper***Calidris falcinellus***Curlew Sandpiper***Calidris ferruginea***Sanderling***Calidris alba***Little Stint***Calidris minuta***Pin-tailed Snipe***Gallinago stenura***Common Snipe***Gallinago gallinago***Common Sandpiper***Actitis hypoleucos***Green Sandpiper***Tringa ochropus***Common Redshank***Tringa totanus***Marsh Sandpiper***Tringa stagnatilis***Wood Sandpiper***Tringa glareola***Common Greenshank***Tringa nebularia***Pratincoles and Coursers *Glareolidae*****Small Pratincole***Glareola lactea***Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers *Laridae*****Gull-billed Tern***Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica***Caspian Tern***Hydroprogne caspia***Greater Crested Tern***Thalasseus bergii velox***Lesser Crested Tern***Thalasseus bengalensis bengalensis***Little Tern***Sternula albifrons sinensis***Bridled Tern***Sterna anaethetus***Common Tern***Sterna hirundo***Whiskered Tern***Chlidonias hybrida hybrida***White-winged Tern***Chlidonias leucopterus***Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*****Rock Dove***Columba livia var. domestica***Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon (VU) (E)***Columba torringtoniae***Eurasian Collared Dove***Streptopelia decaocto decaocto***Spotted Dove***Spilopelia chinensis ceylonensis***Common Emerald Dove***Chalcophaps indica robinsoni***Orange-breasted Green Pigeon***Treron bicinctus leggei*

Sri Lanka Green Pigeon (E)
Green Imperial Pigeon

Treron pompadora
Ducula aenea pusilla

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Green-billed Coucal (VU) (E)
Greater Coucal
Sirkeer Malkoha
Red-faced Malkoha (VU) (E)
Blue-faced Malkoha
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo
Jacobin Cuckoo
Asian Koel
Grey-bellied Cuckoo
Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo

Centropus chlororhynchos
Centropus sinensis parroti
Taccocua leschenaultii leschenaultii
Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus
Phaenicophaeus viridirostris
Clamator coromandus
Clamator jacobinus jacobinus
Eudynamys scolopaceus scolopaceus
Cacomantis passerinus
Surniculus dicroides

Barn-Owls *Tytonidae*

Barn Owl

Tyto alba

Owls *Strigidae*

Serendib Scops Owl (EN) (E)
Indian Scops Owl
Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl
Brown Fish Owl
Jungle Owlet
Chestnut-backed Owlet (NT) (E)

Otus thilohoffmanni
Otus bakkamoena bakkamoena
Bubo nipalensis blighi
Ketupa zeylonensis zeylonensis
Glaucidium radiatum radiatum
Glaucidium castanotum

Frogmouths *Podargidae*

Sri Lanka Frogmouth

Batrachostomus moniliger moniliger

Nightjars and Allies *Caprimulgidae*

Jerdon's Nightjar
Indian Nightjar

Caprimulgus atripennis aequabilis
Caprimulgus asiaticus eidos

Treeswifts *Hemiprocnidae*

Crested Treeswift

Hemiprogne coronata

Swifts *Apodidae*

Indian Swiftlet
Brown-backed Needletail
Asian Palm Swift
Alpine Swift
Little Swift

Aerodramus unicolor
Hirundapus giganteus indicus
Cypsiurus balasiensis balasiensis
Tachymarptis melba
Apus affinis singalensis

Trogon Trogonidae

Malabar Trogon *Harpactes fasciatus fasciatus*

Rollers Coraciidae

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis indicus*

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis capensis*

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis fusca*

Common Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis taprobana*

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx erithaca erithaca*

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis leucomelanurus*

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis ceylonicus*

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti leschenaulti*

Hoopoes Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops ceylonensis*

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Malabar Pied Hornbill (NT) *Anthracoceros coronatus*

Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill (E) *Ocyrceros gingalensis*

Asian Barbets Megalaimidae

Brown-headed Barbet *Psilopogon zeylanicus zeylanicus*

Yellow-fronted Barbet (E) *Psilopogon flavifrons*

Crimson-fronted Barbet (E) *Psilopogon rubricapillus*

Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus*

Woodpeckers Picidae

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus nanus gymnophthalmos*

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Leiopicus mahrattensis mahrattensis*

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus wellsi*

Red-backed Flameback (E) *Dinopium psarodes*

Crimson-backed Flameback (E) *Chrysocolaptes stricklandi*

White-naped Woodpecker *Chrysocolaptes festivus tantus*

Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
Layard's Parakeet (E)	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
Alexandrine Parakeet (NT)	<i>Psittacula eupatria eupatria</i>
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri manillensis</i>
Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot (E)	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>

Pittas *Pittidae*

Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
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Woodshrikes and allies *Tephrodornithidae*

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus leggei</i>
Sri Lanka Woodshrike (E)	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>

Woodswallows, butcherbirds and allies *Artamidae*

Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
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Ioras *Aegithinidae*

Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia multicolor</i>
Marshall's Iora	<i>Aegithina nigrolutea</i>

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae*

Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera sykesi</i>
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus</i>
Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>

Shrikes *Laniidae*

Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus cristatus</i>
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Old World Orioles *Oriolidae*

Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus ceylonensis</i>
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Drongos *Dicruridae*

White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens leucopygialis</i>
Sri Lanka Drongo (E)	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>

Fantails *Rhipiduridae*

White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola compressirostris</i>
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Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea ceylonensis</i>
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>

Crows, Jays, and Magpies *Corvidae*

Sri Lanka Blue Magpie (VU) (E)	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens protegatus</i>
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>

Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis ceylonensis</i>
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Chickadees and Tits *Paridae*

Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus mahrattarum</i>
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Larks *Alaudidae*

Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>
Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula gulgula</i>

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

Black-capped Bulbul (E)	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer haemorrhousus</i>
Yellow-eared Bulbul (NT) (E)	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus insulae</i>
Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
Square-tailed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa humii</i>

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>

Leaf-Warblers *Phylloscopidae*

Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>

Reed-Warblers and Allies *Acrocephalidae*

Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus meridionalis</i>
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>

Grassbirds and Allies *Locustellidae*

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler (<i>Heard</i>)	<i>Locustella certhiola</i>
Sri Lanka Bush Warbler (E)	<i>Elaphrornis palliseri</i>

Cisticolas and Allies *Cisticolidae*

Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii pectoralis</i>
Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica valida</i>
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis brevicauda</i>
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata insularis</i>
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>

Babblers *Timaliidae*

Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler (E)	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra phillipsi</i>
Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla</i>

Fulvettas and Ground Babblers *Pellorneidae*

Brown-capped Babbler (E)	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
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Laughingthrushes *Leiothrichidae*

Orange-billed Babbler (NT) (E)	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis taprobanus</i>
Ashy-headed Laughingthrush (VU) (E)	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>

Old World Warblers *Sylviidae*

Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense nasale</i>

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies *Zosteropidae*

Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus egregius</i>
Sri Lanka White-eye (E)	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>

Nuthatches *Sittidae*

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis frontalis</i>
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Starlings *Sturnidae*

Sri Lanka Hill Myna (NT) (E)	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis melanosternus</i>
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
White-faced Starling (E)	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>
Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*

Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
Sri Lanka. Spot-winged Thrush (E)	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>

Sri Lanka Thrush (NT) (E)
Indian Blackbird

Zoothera imbricata
Turdus simillimus kinnisii

Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

Indian Robin
Oriental Magpie-Robin
White-rumped Shama
Asian Brown Flycatcher
Brown-breasted Flycatcher
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher
Dull-blue Flycatcher (NT) (E)
Indian Blue Robin
Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush (EN) (E)
Kashmir Flycatcher (VU)
Pied Bush Chat

Copsychus fulicatus leucopterus
Copsychus saularis ceylonensis
Copsychus malabaricus leggei
Muscicapa dauurica poonensis
Muscicapa muttui
Cyornis tickelliae jerdoni
Eumyias sordidus
Larvivora brunnea brunnea
Myophonus blighi
Ficedula subrubra
Saxicola caprata atratus

Leafbirds *Chloropseidae*

Jerdon's Leafbird
Golden-fronted Leafbird

Chloropsis jerdoni
Chloropsis aurifrons insularis

Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae*

Thick-billed Flowerpecker
Legge's Flowerpecker (NT) (E)
Pale-billed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum agile zeylonicum
Dicaeum vincens
Dicaeum erythrorhynchos ceylonense

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

Purple-rumped Sunbird
Purple Sunbird
Loten's Sunbird

Leptocoma zeylonica zeylonica
Cinnyris asiaticus asiaticus
Cinnyris lotenius lotenius

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus indicus

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae*

Baya Weaver

Ploceus philippinus philippinus

Waxbills and Allies *Estrildidae*

Indian Silverbill
White-rumped Munia
Scaly-breasted Munia
Black-throated Munia
Tricolored Munia

Euodice malabarica
Lonchura striata striata
Lonchura punctulata punctulata
Lonchura kelaarti kelaarti
Lonchura malacca

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae*

Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea cinerea</i>
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>

Mammals (28 in total)**Elephants *Elephantidae***

Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus maximus</i>
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Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Toque Macaque (E)	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
Tufted Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus priam thersites</i>
Purple-faced Langur (E)	<i>Trachypithecus vetulus</i>

Rabbits, Hares *Leporidae*

Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
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Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Layard's Palm Squirrel (E)	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>
Common Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
Dusky-striped Squirrel (E)	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>

Rats, Mice and Gerbils *Muridae*

Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>
Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>

Cats *Felidae*

Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>
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Mongoose *Herpestidae*

Indian Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes fuscus</i>
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>

Otters, Weasels and Martens *Mustelidae*

Eurasian Otter	<i>Lutra lutra</i>
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Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals *Canidae*

Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
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Pigs *Suidae***Wild Boar***Sus scrofa***Chevrotains *Tragulidae*****Yellow-striped Chevrotain (E)***Moschiola kathygre***Deer *Cervidae*****Chital***Axis axis***Sambar***Rusa unicolor***Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats *Bovidae*****Wild Buffalo***Bubalus arnee***Domestic Water Buffalo***Bubalus bubalis***Old World Fruit Bats *Pteropodidae*****Indian Flying Fox***Pteropus giganteus***Horseshoe Bats *Rhinolophidae*****Rufous Horseshoe Bat***Rhinolophus rouxii***Sheath-tailed Bats *Emballonuridae*****Pouch-bearing Tomb Bat***Saccolaimus saccolaimus***Vesper Bats *Vespertilionidae*****Brown Bat***Myotis hasseltii***Indian Pipistrelle***Pipistrellus coromandra***Pygmy Pipistrelle***Pipistrellus tenuis***Reptiles (17 in total)****Agamas *Agamidae*****Common Green Forest Lizard***Calotes calotes***Common Garden Lizard***Calotes versicolor***Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard (E)***Otocryptis wiegmanni***Fan-throated Lizard***Sitana ponticeriana***Geckos *Gekkonidae*****Kandyan Day Gecko (E)***Cnemaspis kandiana***Four-clawed Gecko (E)***Gehyra mutilate***Asian House Gecko***Hemidactylus frenatus*

Skinks *Scincidae*

Common Skink	<i>Mabuya carinata</i>
Spotted Skink	<i>Mabuya madaraszi</i>

Monitor Lizards *Varanidae*

Bengal Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis bengalensis</i>
Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator salvator</i>

Colubrid snakes *Colubridae*

Oriental Rat Snake	<i>Ptyas mucosa</i>
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Crocodiles and relatives *Crocodylidae*

Mugger Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus palustris</i>
Saltwater Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>

American Hardshelled Turtles *Emydidae*

Red-eared Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>
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Tortoises *Testudinidae*

Indian Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>
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Softshell Tortoises *Trionychidae*

Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>
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Butterflies (69 in total)***Papilionidae***

Common Birdwing (E)	<i>Troides darsius</i>
Crimson Rose	<i>Pachliopta hector</i>
Common Rose	<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i>
Banded Peacock	<i>Papilio crino</i>
Lime Butterfly	<i>Papilio demoleus</i>
Red Helen	<i>Papilio Helenus</i>
Common Mormon	<i>Papilio polytes</i>
Blue Mormon	<i>Papilio polymnestor</i>
Mime	<i>Chilasa clytia</i>
Bluebottle	<i>Graphium sarpedon</i>
Common Jay	<i>Graphium doson</i>
Tailed Jay	<i>Graphium agamemnon</i>

Pieridae

Psyche	<i>Leptosia nina</i>
Common Jezebel	<i>Delias eucharis</i>

Painted Saw-tooth	<i>Prioneris sita</i>
Pioneer	<i>Belenois aurota</i>
Common Gull	<i>Cepora Nerissa</i>
Lesser Gull	<i>Cepora nadina</i>
Chocolate Albatross	<i>Appias lyncida</i>
Common Albatross	<i>Appias albina</i>
Lesser Albatross	<i>Appias paulina</i>
White Orange Tip	<i>Ixias marianne</i>
Yellow Orange Tip	<i>Ixias pyrene</i>
Small Salmon Arab	<i>Colotis amata</i>
Little Orange Tip	<i>Colotis etrida</i>
Mottled Immigrant	<i>Catopsilia pyranthe</i>
Lemon Migrant	<i>Catopsilia pomona</i>
Small Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema brigitta</i>
Common Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>
Three-spot Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema blanda</i>

Nymphalidae

Tree Nymph (E)	<i>Idea iasonia</i>
Blue Glassy Tiger	<i>Ideopsis similis</i>
Blue Tiger	<i>Tirumala limniace</i>
Dark Blue Tiger	<i>Tirumala septentrionis</i>
Glassy Tiger	<i>Parantica aglea</i>
Ceylon Tiger (E)	<i>Parantica taprobana</i>
Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>
Common Tiger	<i>Danaus genutia</i>
Common Crow	<i>Euploea core</i>
Double-banded Crow	<i>Euploea sylvester</i>
King Crow	<i>Euploea phaenareta</i>
Rustic	<i>Cupha erymanthis</i>
Leopard	<i>Phalantha phantha</i>
Tamil Yeoman	<i>Cirrochroa thais</i>
Indian Fritillary	<i>Argynnis hyperbius</i>
Grey Pansy	<i>Junonia atlites</i>
Chocolate Soldier	<i>Junonia iphita</i>
Peacock Pansy	<i>Junonia almanac</i>
Great Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas bolina</i>
Danaid Eggfly	<i>Hypolimnas misippus</i>
Common Sailor	<i>Neptis hylas</i>
Commander	<i>Moduza Procris</i>
Clipper	<i>Parthenos sylvia</i>
Baron	<i>Euthalia aconthea</i>
Tawny Coster	<i>Acraea violae</i>
Common Evening Brown	<i>Melanitis leda</i>

Dark Evening Brown	<i>Melanitis phedima</i>
Nigger	<i>Orsotriaena medus</i>
Common Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis perseus</i>
Gladeye Bushbrown	<i>Nissanga patina</i>
Common Palmfly	<i>Elymnias hypermnestra</i>
White Four-ring	<i>Ypthima ceylonica</i>

Lycaenidae

Common Silverline	<i>Spindasis vulcanus</i>
Common Lineblue	<i>Prosotas nora</i>
Dark Cerulean	<i>Jamides bochus</i>
Angled Pierrot	<i>Caleta decidia</i>
Tiny Grass Blue	<i>Zizula hylax</i>
Red Pierrot	<i>Talicauda nyseus</i>
Common Hedge Blue	<i>Actyolepis puspa</i>

Damselflies and Dragonflies (34 in total)

Calopterygidae

Oriental Green-wing	<i>Neurobasis chinensis chinensis</i>
Black-tipped Flashwing (E)	<i>Vestalis apicalis nigrescens</i>

Chorocyphidae

Adam's Gem (E)	<i>Libellago adami</i>
Ultima Gem (E)	<i>Libellago finalis</i>
Green's Gem (E)	<i>Libellago greeni</i>

Euphaeidae

Shining Gossamerwing (E)	<i>Euphaea splendens</i>
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Lestidae

Mountain Reedling (E)	<i>Indolestes gracilis gracilis</i>
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Coenagrionidae

Wandering Wisp	<i>Agriocnemis pygmaea pygmaea</i>
Sri Lanka Midget (E)	<i>Mortonagrion cf. ceylonicum</i>
Marsh Dancer	<i>Onychargia atrocyana</i>
Malay Lilysquatter	<i>Paracercion malayanum</i>
Common Bluetail	<i>Ischnura senegalensis</i>
Painted Waxtail	<i>Ceriagrion cerinorubellum</i>
Yellow Waxtail	<i>Ceriagrion coromandelianum</i>
Malabar Sprite	<i>Pseudagrion malabaricum</i>

Protoneuridae**Red-striped Threadtail (E)***Elattoneura tenax****Gomphidae*****Rapacious Flangetail***Ictinogomphus rapax****Aeshnidae*****Elephant Emperor***Anax indicus***Vagrant Emperor***Anax ephippiger****Libellulidae*****Sombre Lieutenant***Brachydiplax sobrina***Asian Skimmer***Orthetrum glaucum***Marsh Skimmer***Orthetrum luzonicum***Pink Skimmer***Orthetrum pruinosum neglectum***Green Skimmer***Orthetrum sabina sabina***Asian Pintail***Acisoma panorpoides panorpoides***Asian Groundling***Brachythemis contaminata***Oriental Scarlet***Crocothemis servilia servilia***Pied Parasol***Neurothemis tullia tullia***Red-veined Darter***Sympetrum fonscolombii***Crimson Dropwing***Trithemis aurora***Indigo Dropwing***Trithemis festiva***Variiegated Flutterer***Rhyothemis variegata variegata***Sociable Glider***Tramea limbata***Foggy-winged Twister***Tholymis tillarga***Freshwater Fish (10 in total)*****Anabantidae*****Climbing Perch***Anabas testudineus****Balitoridae*****Sri Lanka Banded Mountain Loach (E)***Schistura notostigma****Belontiidae*****Sri Lanka Combtail (E)***Belontia signata****Cichlidae*****Green Chromide***Etroplus suratensis****Clariidae*****Sri Lanka Walking Catfish (E)***Clarias brachysoma*

Cyprinidae

Sri Lanka Filamented Barb (E)	<i>Dawkinsia singhala</i>
Stone Sucker (E)	<i>Garra ceylonensis</i>
Sri Lanka Black Ruby Barb (E)	<i>Pethia nigrofasciata</i>
Common Rasbora	<i>Rasbora dandia</i>
Mahseer	<i>Tor khudree</i>

Land Snails (4 in total)

Acavus superbus
Acavus phoenix
Theobaldius parma
Ratnadvipa irradians

Millipedes (4 in total)

Anoplodesmus anthracinus

Paradoxosomatidae

Phillbox Millipede

Arthrosphaeridae

Arthrosphaera brandtii

Rusty Millipede

Trigoniulidae

Trigoniulus corallines

Giant Millipede (E)

Harpagophoridae

Ktenostreptus centrurus

Amphibians (8 in total)

Kelaart's Dwarf Toad

Bufonidae

Adenomus kelaartii

Common House Toad

Duttaphrynus melanostictus

Green Pond Frog

Dicroglossidae

Euphyictis hexadactylus

Sri Lanka Rock Frog (E)

Nannophrys ceylonensis

Common Paddyfield Frog

Fejervaraya limnocharis

Corrugated Water Frog (E)

Nyctibatrachidae

Lankanectes corrugatus

Rhacophoridae

Pseudophilautus popularis (E)

Common Hour-glass Tree Frog (E)

Polypedates cruciger

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