

SRI LANKA - 2016

25th Jan – 06th Feb 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Serendib Scops Owl
- Sri Lanka Thrush
- Subtropical Doradito
- Indian Pitta
- Green-billed Coucal
- White-faced Starling
- Sri Lanka Myna
- Sirkeer Malkoha
- Brown Wood Owl
- Malabar Trogon
- Yellow-fronted Barbet
- Sri Lanka Drongo
- Black-capped Bulbul
- Orange-billed Babbler
- Kashmir Flycatcher
- Green Pit Viper
- Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel
- Green' Gem
- Sri Lanka Frogmouth
- Spot-winged Thrush
- Sri Lanka Spurfowl
- Slaty-legged Crake
- Blue-faced Malkoha
- Brown Hawk Owl
- Collared Scops Owl
- Crimson-fronted Barbet
- Layard's Parakeet
- Sri Lanka Woodshrike
- Sri Lanka Swallow
- Yellow-eared Bulbul
- Brown-capped Babbler
- Pied Thrush
- Killer whale (Orca)
- Bryde's Whale
- Spinner Dolphins
- Sri Lanka Elephant
- Sri Lanka Wood-Pigeon
- Chestnut-backed Owlet
- Red-faced Malkoha
- Sri Lanka Blue Magpie
- Sri Lanka Bush Warbler
- Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush
- Dull-blue Flycatcher
- Sri Lanka Junglefowl
- Sri Lanka Green Pigeon
- Malabar Pied Hornbill
- Crimson-backed Flameback
- Sri Lanka Hanging-Parrot
- Sri Lanka White-Eye
- Sri Lanka Scimitar-Babbler
- Ashy-headed Laughingthrush
- Legge's Flowerpecker
- Foggy-winged Twister
- Jungle Cat

SUMMARY:

What a fantastic trip seeing ALL the Sri Lanka endemic birds and much more. Highlights have to include our walk up a dry waterfall to a patch of Bamboo where the recently discovered Serendib Scops-Owl posed nicely for us on its day roost. Other owls included super day time views of a pair of Brown Wood Owls, Indian Scops-Owl, Brown Hawk Owl and the endemic Chestnut-backed Owlet. We had a great time at Sinharaja one of the islands hotspots and got to see Green-billed Coucal, White-faced Starling, Sri Lanka Thrush, Sri Lanka Frogmouth on a day roost, and Red-faced Malkohas. The elusive Slaty-legged Crake showed well and we met very confiding Sri Lanka Blue Magpies, and even Sri Lanka Spurfowl that came to a house for scraps! At Newera Eliya we got superb close views of both Sri Lanka Bush-Warbler and Sri Lanka Whistling-Thrush, and the nearby Victoria Park gave us Pied Thrushes and Indian Pitta as well as Kashmir Flycatcher and Dull-blue Flycatcher. At Udawalawe we had great views of Sri Lanka Elephant and a fabulous Jungle Cat and birds such as malabar Pied Hornbill, Sirkeer Malkoha and Sri Lanka Woodshrike. Other non birding delights included Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel and thousands of Indian Flying Foxes. Spinner Dolphins, Orca and Bryde's Whale on our extension and lots of great dragonflies and butterflies.

We cannot wait to return to this fabulous island and its truly outstanding wildlife.



Tamarind Tree Hotel - Kitulgala - 25th Jan

For those that had arrived a day earlier we met up before breakfast and had a look at some of the birds frequenting the hotel garden. We only spent about 1 hour and most of this was watching one tree which seemed to attract all the birds as the sun warmed it up. We watched a group of **Small Minivets** flew in followed by **Oriental White-eyes**, a nice **Brown-headed Barbet**, and **Crimson-fronted Barbet**. A **Shikra** posed for us on an open branch, and then a **Black-rumped Flameback**, worked its way up the tree, while a **Pale-billed Flowerpecker** flew in and both **Asian Brown Flycatcher** and **White-bellied Drongo** perched up. In the top of a tall tree we watched both **Long-billed** and **Purple-rumped Sunbirds**, as well as **Common Myna**, **House** and **Large-billed Crows**. We then had breakfast, packed our bags and set off on the short distance to the airport to meet the other half of our group who had just arrived. Once they were through customs we all boarded our bus and set off to Kitulgala. A roadside stop beside some marshy pools found us a few **Indian Pond Herons**, **Asian Openbills**, **Brahminy Kite**, and **Oriental Honey-Buzzard**. Rob spotted a **Yellow Bittern** sheltering under a small tree on the river edge, and both **Ashy Woodswallow** and **White-throated Kingfisher** were seen perched on wires. On a pool were Red-wattled Lapwings and Marsh Sandpiper, while in the grasses we watched both **Ashy** and **Plain Prinias**, before continuing our journey to Kitulgala. Another roadside stop was made when we spotted some **Sri Lanka Swallows** and while out of the bus watching these we soon found, **Chestnut-**



headed and **Blue-tailed Bee-eaters**, **Brown Shrike** and **Tri-coloured Munias**. A **Crested Serpent Eagle** flew over and several butterflies and **Green Skimmer** dragonflies were seen. We arrive at Kitulgala and after lunch drove a short distance to a patch of secondary forest. Here we spotted **Emerald Dove**, **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**, **White-rumped Munias**, and **Yellow-fronted Barbet**. Butterflies included **Jezebel** and **Common Rose** and then a pair of **Black Bulbuls** appeared. Down by the river it began to rain so we took shelter in a small dwelling that made us a nice pot of Sri Lanka tea. While waiting for the rain to stop we scanned the river seeing a **Stork-billed Kingfisher** and **Little Cormorant**. The rain did stop so we slowly returned and were soon watch a fantastic **Spot-winged Thrush** and

right beside it was an **Indian Pitta**. What a great end to our first day.

Kitulgala - 26th Jan

This morning we had an early breakfast and then set out across the rickety suspension bridge to the forest on the other side. We soon found our first **Green Imperial Pigeons** plus three **Sri Lanka Hill Mynas**, an **Asian Brown Flycatcher** spotted, followed by **Black Bulbuls**, **Oriental Magpie-Robin**, and our first **Sri Lanka Grey Hornbills**. Looking slightly out of place but stunningly good looking was a **Sri Lanka Junglefowl**. Moving on we came across our first **Orange-billed Babbler**, plus **Paradise Flycatcher**, **Sri Lanka Green Pigeons** and two **Sri Lanka Giant Squirrels**. Then we found **Orange Minivet**, **Common Iora**, **Black-naped Monarch** and some good looks at **Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot**. In the afternoon we checked out the area beside the river where we had been yesterday and found a **Tailed Jay** butterfly, superb looks at **Spot-winged Thrush** and **Tickell's Blue Flycatcher** as well as **Common Hawk-Cuckoo**.



Kitulgala - 27th Jan



This morning we went out early again and crossed the river. We eventually found our target bird the **Chestnut-backed Owlet**, followed by **Sri Lanka Grey Hornbills**, **Common Iora**, **Orange-billed Babblers**, and a male **Legge's Flowerpecker**, and some good views of **Southern Hill Mynas** perched in a dead tree. After breakfast we crossed a different section of river by a ferry made out of two canoes! A walk into the primary forest soon located a pair of **Sri Lanka Drongos**, and a **Malabar Trogon**. It was rather quiet but we managed a few dragonflies including **Asian Pintail**, **Spine-tufted Skimmer**, **Marsh Skimmer** and **Indigo Dropwing**. A fabulous **Common Green Forest Lizard** looked superb showing off on a fence post. After lunch back at the hotel we had a rest before crossing the rickety bridge again in search of just a few remaining birds. **Black-rumped Flamebacks** were seen well as were **Sri Lanka Junglefowl**, **Greater Coucal** and some brief views of a **Green-billed Coucal** disappearing deep into the forest.

Kitulgala - Sinharaja - 28th Jan

This morning we took a final trip over the rickety bridge into the forest in the hope of catching up with **Green-billed Coucal** our last remaining specialty of this area. We pretty much went straight to the area where a friend has them in his garden and we did hear one but it fell silent before we could locate it. We did see plenty of **Green Imperial Pigeons**, **Orange-billed Babblers**, a group of **Sri Lanka Jungle fowl**, and many commoner birds. Back at the hotel we had breakfast and then set off on the drive to Sinharaja arriving around lunchtime. A **Black Eagle** showed well along the way. As we were shown to our rooms we spotted a huge 6 or 7 foot **Water Monitor** and on some tables with feeders we had **White-browed Fantail**, **Black Bulbuls**, and **Emerald Dove**. From our lovely positioned room eye level with some fruiting trees we could get good looks at **Yellow-fronted Barbet**, **Crimson-fronted Barbet**, **Purple-rumped Sunbirds** and **Sri Lanka Hanging Parrots**. Nearby was **Jerdon's** and **Golden-fronted Leafbirds**, **Brown Shrike**, **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**. After lunch we jumped in a 4x4 and went the short distance to an area in the forest which was a day roost for the recently discovered **Serendib Scops-Owl**. After a steep climb up a river bed to an area of bamboo we were eventually rewarded with fantastic views of this tiny owl asleep on the bamboo just 8 feet away. We all had great looks before retreating and leaving the owl undisturbed. On the main track back we watched a pair of nesting **Sri Lanka Drongos** and while one group went in the jeep back to the lodge the remaining few got to see a nice **Green-billed Coucal** working through the tree tops. There were also quite a lot of **Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys** of the Sinharaja race.



Sinharaja Rainforest - 29th Jan

We took an early breakfast and then we headed up the mountain in our two 4x4 jeeps to the Sinharaja rainforest reserve. The guards pointed out a **Green Pit Viper** curled up on a tree branch beside the entrance. We then walked the wide track into the forest eventually getting to the rangers station where we were greeted by a band of colourful **Sri Lanka Blue Magpies** and the tamest **Junglefowl** ever. Heading slowly back we eventually found a couple of **Ashy-headed Laughing Thrushes**, and some **Sri Lanka Scimitar-babblers**. We then tried to improve our views of the babblers and succeeded in finding a couple of tricky **Red-faced Malkhoas**. Eventually we got back to the gate and headed back to the lodge for lunch. After lunch we took a rest before going out and looking around the lodge grounds.



The nearby river held both **Oriental Green-wing** and **Green's Gem** dragonflies. The afternoon walk was fairly quiet although a **Green-billed Coucal** gave us reasonable views.



Sinharaja Rainforest - 30th Jan

This morning we had an early cup of tea and coffee and then drove for about half an hour to a special spot where we waited quietly as the sun came up. **Spot-winged Thrushes** were rather common and even walked past our feet as we stood motionless. Several **Sri Lanka Junglefowl** were seen, **Emerald Dove** and a female **Indian Blue Robin**.



Then after a 30 or 40 minute wait we were treated to superb views of a male and two female **Sri Lanka Spurfowl**, one of the hardest of the endemics to see, especially well. Very happy with our views we then played cat and mouse with a pair of **Green-billed Coucals** but eventually one of the birds was spotted on an open branch where it stayed on show for nearly ten minutes, yet another great sighting as this species can be another really tricky one to get good views of. Nearby in a tall tree were **Green Imperial Pigeons**, **Yellow-fronted Barbets**, and **Sri Lanka Mynas**. We then drove back to the lodge for a very nice breakfast. We then had short time before meeting up again, and managed to spot a female **Black-headed Cuckooshrike** in the gardens. Before we went out a quick look at the

scrub beside the hotel produced a very showy group of **Tawny-bellied Babblers**. We then set off in the jeeps with our picnic lunch up to the Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve. Once there the **Green Pit Viper** was spotted in the same tree as yesterday. We then walked the track soon seeing a couple of **Dark-fronted Babblers** and then to our amazement today's target bird the elusive **Sri Lanka Thrush**, flew up from the track to perch on an open branch where everyone got fantastic views as it stayed there for two minutes. One of the hardest if not the hardest of the endemics to see and we had all just seen it well. Moving on we found a group of **Orange-billed Babblers** with some **Sri Lanka Drongos**, and then several **Ashy-headed Laughing Thrushes** showed very close. A **Crimson-backed Flameback** was heard and eventually seen albeit a bit tricky to get good views. A pair of **Velvet-fronted Nuthatches** put in a brief appearance as did a stunning male **Malabar Trogon**, and a few of the more common species all seen well yesterday. Continuing on to the research station we had our picnic lunch accompanied by some very pretty **Sri Lanka Blue Magpies**. After a little rest we slowly headed back checking some spots where we got poor views of another **Sri Lanka Thrush**, mostly in flight. The walk back was very quiet and the hoped for flock did not appear, however another **Sri Lanka Thrush** gave only the briefest of glimpses to just a couple of us. Back at the jeeps we loaded up and headed back to the lodge. The second jeep were lucky with a **Chestnut-backed Owlet** sat out on an open branch and very much appreciated by Alison who had missed it before.



Sinharaja Rainforest - Udawalawe - 31st Jan

This morning we set up watch on a small forest stream near the lodge and at around 7.00 before breakfast we got super views of the rarely seen **Slaty-legged Crane** which must have shown on and off about 6 times. Other regular species were around the lodge grounds and on the feeders.



After breakfast we packed our bags and set off on the winding country roads to Udawalawe and our very posh hotel set beside the large lake. On arrival we were greeted by a nice looking **Indian Scops-owl** roosting in the car park. While we waited to be assigned our rooms we looked across the lake and saw **Spot-billed Pelicans**, **Gull-billed** and **Whiskered Terns** and a **Common Sandpiper**. After lunch we met up and set off towards the park. A stop beside some open ground and an area of wetland produced a whole bunch of new birds. Both **Yellow-wattled** and **Red-wattled Lapwings** were seen alongside **Marsh Sandpiper**, **Little Ringed Plovers**, **Yellow Wagtail**, and a group of **Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Larks**. On the opposite side of the road were **Plain Prinias**, a perched **Crested Hawk-Eagle**, **Common Ioras**, and our target bird a pair of endemic **Sri Lanka Woodshrikes**. Moving on from here we swapped over to our 4x4 jeeps and entered Udawalawe National Park. We were soon watching more **Plain Prinias**, **Grey-breasted Prinia** and a couple of **Jungle Prinias**. **Green Bee-eaters** were perching right



beside the vehicle as was a couple of **Blue-tailed Bee-eaters**. In a dead tree we saw the first of several **Black-shouldered Kites** as well as **Crested Hawk-Eagle** and some very nice **Orange-breasted Green Pigeons**. On the track we had close comparison views of **Blyth's** and **Paddyfield Pipits**, plus lots of **Jerdon's Bushlarks**. A **Grey-bellied Cuckoo** appeared and then disappeared and a group of **Yellow-eyed Babblers** worked their way through the scrub. A skulky **Sirkeer Malkhoa** eventually came out of a bush and showed and then the first vehicle saw a **Ruddy Mongoose** scare off a **Small Buttonquail**. A pair of huge **Malabar Pied Hornbills** were seen well and beside a waterhole were small family groups of **Indian Elephants** and **Water Buffalo**, and alongside the road was a **Land Monitor**. In another dead tree we watched a group of **Plum-headed Parakeets**, plus **Coppersmith Barbets**. A pair of **Tricoloured Munias** showed well and several **Blyth's Reed Warblers** were

spotted. As we slowly returned Ron spotted a **Blue-faced Malkhoa** and then as a finale to the day we all got superb views of a **Jungle Cat** walking a sitting in the long grass.

Udawalawe - Surrey Estate - Newera Eliya - 01st Feb

We departed after breakfast and headed towards the highlands and Newera Eliya. Our first stop along the way was at the Surrey Estate where a short walk into the forest produced a nice **Grey-headed Canary-**



Flycatcher, before our guide beckoned us to come over and look at a pair of **Brown Wood Owls** roosting in the trees. We then went in search of the often very tricky **Sri Lanka Woodpigeon** and were soon all enjoyed superb scope views of a single bird hiding in a large tree. From here we continued on to the mountain top town of Newera Eliya where it was decidedly



cold compared to where we had just come from. We had lunch and met up in the afternoon for some local birding. A small section of forested

road soon revealed the endemic **Yellow-eared Bulbuls**, plus some very obliging **Sri Lanka Scimitar-babblers** and a few **Sri Lanka White-eyes**. A male **Indian Blue Robin** would not reveal itself and it was now time to drive to our next spot. Here beside a small stream with a waterfall it very little time to hear our target bird

singing. Soon we were watching a male and female **Sri Lanka Whistling-Thrush**. The male bathed in the waterfall and perched in the bamboo where we watched it on and off for 20 minutes. Amazing views for a bird that is mostly ever seen by people as a silhouette in the early morning.

Newera Eliya - 02nd Feb

This morning we left early to drive up to Horton Plains, but not so early as we had planned if we had not seen the **Whistling Thrush** so well yesterday. We were in search of our last two endemics and the first one proved frustrating as a single **Sri Lanka Bush Warbler** showed itself too briefly for everyone to get on. We tried another area and found our other target a **Dull-blue Flycatcher**, alongside a few **Dark-fronted Babblers**. We had many more attempts for the **Bush Warbler** but again it only showed for a few people. Then Steve found another that was hanging around with a small flock of **Dark-fronted Babblers**. This bird showed fabulously well to everyone and completed our full house of Sri Lanka endemics! Nearby we saw a **Sri Lanka Blackbird** and some **Yellow-eared Bulbuls** and a **Brahminy Kite** flew overhead. Further along we found some showy **Sambar**, while watching some **Hill Swallows** and **Zitting**



Cisticola. A short walk produced **Pied Bushchats**, and in a patch of forest a **Greenish Warbler**, **Dull-blue Flycatcher** and **Scimitar-babbler**. We then returned from this very chilly area back to our hotel. After lunch we met up and made our first visit to Victoria Park. A look along the dirty stream that ran through the park found us **Common Sandpipers**, **Grey Wagtails**, **Indian Pond Herons** and after a bit of searching we found the first of 7 fantastic **Pied Thrushes**. We got super looks at both male and females and at one point an **Indian Pitta** was right behind one of the thrushes. Nearby a **Dull-blue Flycatcher** gave close views. We then returned our hotel.



Newera Eliya - Tamarind Tree Hotel - 03rd Feb

This morning we revisited Victoria Park where we soon found an obliging **Indian Pitta**, and shortly



afterwards we located a female **Kashmir Flycatcher** which spent most of its time not wanting to be seen. A walk around the park also produced male and female **Pied Thrushes**, a **Green Warbler**, **Sri Lanka White-eyes** and **Oriental Magpie-Robins**. Leaving the



cold climate of Newera-Eliya we set off back towards Colombo with a short break to visit a tea making factory along the way. Back in our lovely hotel in in Colombo we took a break and then in the evening we made an excursion to another nearby hotel and here we enjoyed pretty good views of a **Brown Hawk-Owl**, hearing another two in the same spot. This ended what was undoubtedly a fantastic tour.

TOUR EXTENSION:

Tamarind Tree Hotel - Marissa - 04th Feb

This morning after breakfast those on the extension set off on the long drive south to Marissa. Along the way we stopped at a small river and walked the edges. Pride of place went to the **Black Bittern** that Gina spotted in a tangle on the other side of the river. We also spotted **Blyth's Reed Warblers**, a **Stork-billed Kingfisher**, **Black-hooded Orioles** and a **Watercock** that flew out from the reeds in front of us. Aside the birds we had a great time with the dragonflies here and saw lots of **Pied Parasol**, **Variegated Flutterers**, **Spine-tufted Redbolt**, **Sombre Lieutenant**, **Yellow Waxtails**, **Orange-winged Groundling**, and some superb looking **Painted Waxtails**. We then continued on to Marissa where we settled in to our beach side hotel. A quick look on beach and around the gardens, found us **Crested Terns**, **Common Tailorbirds**, **Yellow-billed Babblers**, **Sri Lanka Green Pigeons** and some **White-rumped Munias**.



Marissa - Whalewatching - 05th Feb

We were up early and after tea and coffee we made our way to the harbour. Once on board our boat which



we had almost exclusively to ourselves we set off.

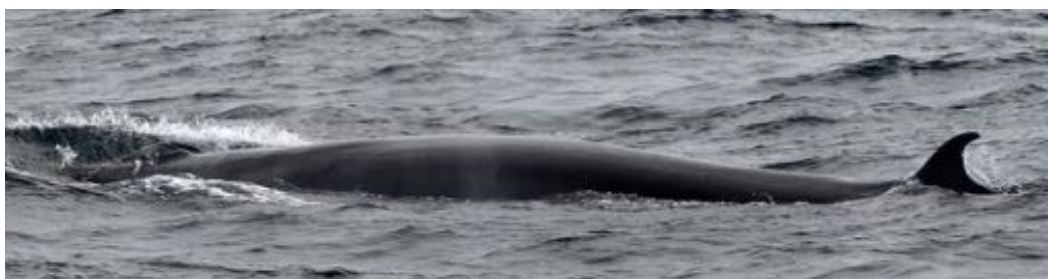
Whiskered Terns were soon encountered as well as **Crested Terns** and then far out was a couple of **Sooty Terns**. We then had brief views of three **Striped Dolphins**, followed later by

a few **Spinner Dolphins**. We then went a long while without seeing much until a call came in from the companies other boat and soon we were steaming in their direction. Eventually arriving in the we were soon thrilled to be watching a female **Killer Whale (Orca)**. We then made our way slowly back seeing more **Whiskered Terns** with a scattering of **Roseate Terns** and one or two **Bridled Terns**, plus more **Spinner Dolphins** jumping right out of the water and two **Bottle-nosed Dolphins** as well as great **Flying Fish**.



Marissa - Whalewatching - Tamarind Tree Hotel - 06th Feb

This morning we embarked on our second boat trip with the same crew and same boat. Once again terns featured and included better views of **Bridled** this time. It wasn't long before we joined two other boats that



were watching a very nice **Bryde's Whale**. Named after a Norwegian whaler its actually pronounced 'Broodass'. We enjoyed super

views of this whale for about 40 minutes before respectfully leaving it and heading off in search of other

quarry. The sea today was rather quiet although we did get to see some **Spinner Dolphins**, **Flying Fish** and even a **Sailfish**. Returning to shore we had lunch and then set off back to Colombo where we finished this wonderfully relaxed extension to our main tour.

Many thanks to all who participated in what an excellent trip to a wonderful island.

BIRDLIST FOR SRI LANKA 25th Jan - 06th Feb 2016

Follows latest IOC – List V6 SPECIES E = Endemic Species Es = Endemic sub species		<i>Scientific Name</i>	No of days out of 13 recorded	Highest daily count C.= Common LC = Locally Com... H.= Heard only N/C.= No count EX = Extension only
1.	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	3	4
2.	Sri Lanka Spurrowl E	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>	1+ 3H	3
3.	Sri Lanka Junglefowl E	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>	5	6
4.	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	2	20
5.	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	2	2
6.	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	4	12
7.	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	4	10
8.	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	1	1
9.	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	4	10
10.	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	1	1
11.	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	1	1 Ex
12.	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	2	8
13.	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	2	2 Ex
14.	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	10	12
15.	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	13	C
16.	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	3	2
17.	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	4	4
18.	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	5	6
19.	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	3	2
20.	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	8	4
21.	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	7	12
22.	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	4	2
23.	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	2	8
24.	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	3	8
25.	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus vociferus</i>	2	4
26.	Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis</i>	2	2
27.	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela spilogaster</i>	8	2
28.	Changeable Hawk Eagle	<i>Spizaetus celanensis ceylanensis</i>	4	4
29.	Legge's Hawk Eagle	<i>Nisaetus kelaarti</i>	1	1
30.	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>	2	1
31.	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	5	1
32.	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	9	25
33.	White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	4	2
34.	Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>	1	1
35.	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator leggei</i>	1	1
36.	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	12	6
37.	Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>	1	1
38.	Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	2	3
39.	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	2	6

40.	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	2	4
41.	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	7	6
42.	Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	1	6
43.	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	2	4
44.	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	2	16
45.	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	4	4
46.	Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	1	1
47.	Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	3	1
48.	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	2	2
49.	Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	1	8
50.	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>	3	2
51.	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	2	2
52.	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	5	100
53.	Great Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	3	10+
54.	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	2	2
55.	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	1	4
56.	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>	2	4
57.	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia domesticus</i>	10	30
58.	Sri Lanka Woodpigeon E	<i>Columba torringtoni</i>	2	1
59.	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	13	C
60.	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	7	4
61.	Orange-breasted Pigeon	<i>Treron bicincta</i>	1	8
62.	Sri Lanka Green Pigeon E	<i>Treron pompadora</i>	3	10
63.	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	7	10
64.	Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot E	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>	9	20+
65.	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	2	2
66.	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	8	20
67.	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	1	8
68.	Layard's Parakeet E	<i>Psittacula calthropae</i>	4	4
69.	Gray-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus passerinus</i>	1	3
70.	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>	7	2
71.	Blue-faced Malkoha E	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>	1	1
72.	Red-faced Malkoha E	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>	1	2
73.	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	9	3
74.	Green-billed Coucal E	<i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i>	4	3
75.	Serendib Scops Owl	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>	1	1
76.	Indian Scops Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	2	2
77.	Chestnut-backed Owlet E	<i>Glaucidium radiatum castanonotum</i>	2	1
78.	Brown Wood Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>	1	2
79.	Brown Hawk Owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	1	3
80.	Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>	1	1
81.	Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>	1	4
82.	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	10	10+
83.	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>	5	10
84.	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	2	6
85.	Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>	4	2
86.	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	1	1
87.	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	4	1
88.	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	12	3
89.	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	3	1
90.	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	2	30
91.	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	11	20
92.	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	5	3

93.	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	3	5
94.	Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill E	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>	5	5
95.	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>	3	2
96.	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	7	4
97.	Yellow-fronted Barbet E	<i>Megalaima flavifrons</i>	7	4
98.	Crimson-fronted Barbet E	<i>Megalaima rubricapilla malabarica</i>	5	2
99.	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	1	4
100.	Lesser Yellownappe	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	1	2
101.	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	6	6
102.	Crimson-backed Flameback E	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>	2	1
103.	Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>	3	2
104.	Jerdon's Bushlark	<i>Mirafrassamica</i>	1	25
105.	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>	1	8
106.	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	9	20
107.	Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica domicola</i>	1	6
108.	Sri Lanka Swallow E	<i>Hirundo hyperythra</i>	4	8
109.	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi rufulus</i>	1	4
110.	Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>	1	2
111.	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>	4	2
112.	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	5	4
113.	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	2	1
114.	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	1	1
115.	Sri Lanka Woodshrike E	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>	1	2
116.	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	1	1
117.	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	2	6
118.	Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	7	20
119.	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	5	3
120.	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	9	4
121.	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	2	2
122.	Black-capped Bulbul E	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>	5	6
123.	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer cafer</i>	12	C
124.	Yellow-eared Bulbul E	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>	3	6
125.	White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus insulae</i>	2	1
126.	Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes indicus</i>	5	6
127.	Square-tailed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>	7	10
128.	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	6	4
129.	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>	2	2
130.	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	3	2
131.	Indian Blue Robin	<i>Luscinia brunnea</i>	3	2
132.	Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulvatus</i>	2	6
133.	Oriental Magpie Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	11	6
134.	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	3	4
135.	Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush E	<i>Myiophonus blighi</i>	2	2
136.	Pied Thrush	<i>Zoothera wardii</i>	2	7
137.	Spot-winged Thrush E	<i>Zoothera spiloptera</i>	5	6
138.	Sri Lanka Thrush E	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>	1	2
139.	Sri Lanka Bush Warbler E	<i>Bradypterus palliseri</i>	1	1
140.	Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>	1	1
141.	Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	2	2
142.	Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii leggei</i>	1	2
143.	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica valida</i>	1	2
144.	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis brevicauda</i>	3	2
145.	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia subflava insularis</i>	2	20

146.	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	7	3
147.	Syke's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>	2	2
148.	Blyth's Reed warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	1	3
149.	Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	5	1
150.	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	1	1
151.	Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>	2	1
152.	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	5	2
153.	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>	4	1
154.	Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva subrubra</i>	1	1
155.	Dull-blue Flycatcher E	<i>Eumyias sordida</i>	2	3
156.	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae jerdoni</i>	5	3
157.	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	2	1
158.	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	5	2
159.	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea ceylonensis</i>	5	1
160.	Indian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradise</i>	5	4
161.	Brown-capped Babbler E	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillum</i>	1	2
162.	Ashy-headed Laughingthrush E	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>	2	20
163.	Sri Lanka Scimitar-babbler E	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>	6	2
164.	Tawny-bellied babbler	<i>Dumetia hypertyra phillipsi</i>	1	4
165.	Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>	4	6
166.	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense nasale</i>	1	4
167.	Orange-billed Babbler E	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>	6	20
168.	Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis taprobanus</i>	11	C
169.	Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>	3	4
170.	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>	10	8
171.	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	2	1
172.	Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>	4	2
173.	Legge's Flowerpecker E	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>	4	2
174.	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos ceylonese</i>	8	3
175.	Sri Lanka White-eye E	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>	3	4
176.	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	7	6
177.	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	2	2
178.	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus ceylonensis</i>	11	6
179.	White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus insularis</i>	9	4
180.	Sri Lanka Drongo E	<i>Dicrurus lophorhinus</i>	4	6
181.	Sri Lanka Blue Magpie E	<i>Urocissa _alacc</i>	2	4
182.	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	9	N/C
183.	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	7	N/C
184.	Rosy Starling	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>	1	3
185.	White-faced Starling E	<i>Sturnus senex</i>	1	3
186.	Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>	1	2
187.	Sri Lanka Hill Myna E	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>	4	3
188.	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	13	C
189.	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	4	N/C
190.	Indian Silverbill	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>	1	2
191.	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	7	5
192.	Black-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti kelaarti</i>	1	2
193.	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	3	4
194.	Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura _alacca</i>	1	2

OTHER WILDLIFE

Killer Whale (Orca)	One seen on boat trip off Marissa
Bryde's Whale	One seen well on boat trip off Marissa
Spinner Dolphin	Up to 25 seen on 2 days from boat trip off Marissa
Bottle-nosed Dolphin	2 seen on one day from boat trip off Marissa
Flying Fish sp	Plenty seen from boat trip off Marissa
Sailfish sp	One seen jumping out of water from boat trip off Marissa
Giant Squirrel	Seen on 4 days, with good views at Udawalawe.
Indian Palm Squirrel	Very common and seen every days.
Dusky-striped Squirrel	Singles seen on 2 days.
Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	Seen on 6 days with many fabulous views.
Toque Macaque	Seen on 4 days. Good views at Sinharaja.
Grey Langur	Only seen on 1 day.
Indian Elephant	Upt to 12 seen at Udawalawe.
Water Buffalo	Seen on 3 days with 20 at Udawalawe.
Brown Mongoose	Seen on 2 days.
Ruddy Mongoose	Seen on 2 days.
Jungle Cat	One seen very well at Udawalawe.
Spotted Deer	12 seen at Udawalawe.
Sambar	Seen on one day at Horton Plains
Indian Flying Fox	Seen on 4 days at various places, with one huge roost of 5,000 or more.
Land Monitor	Several seen on 2 days.
Water Monitor	Seen on 5 days including 8ft long individual at Sinharaja.
Green Garden Lizard	Common.
Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	Endemic. Seen at Kitulgala.
House Gecko	Common!
Common Skink	Seen on 1 day.
Giant Millipede	Several seen.
Firefly	Seen.
Hard-shelled Terrapin	Seen on 2 days at Sigiriya
Green Pit Viper	One at Sinharaja
Keelback Water - snake sp	Seen at Sinharaja.
Bronzeback - snake sp	Seen at Sinharaja.

BUTTERFLIES

Blue Mormon	Seen well on at least 2 days
Common Mormon	Seen on 1 day
Common Sailor	Seen on 3 days
Small Grass Yellow	Seen on many days
Common Jezabel	Seen on at least 4 days
Common Crow	Seen on at least 4 days
Southern Birdwing	This huge butterfly seen on 5 days
Psyche	Seen on 4 days
White Fore-ring	Seen on a few days
Ceylon Tree Nymph	Seen at Sinharaja
Lemon Emigrant	Seen on 3 days
Grey Pansy	Many seen on 1 day
Ceylon (Common) Rose	Seen on several days
Crimson Rose	Seen
Plain Tiger	Seen on a few days
Common Tiger	Seen Kithugala
Danaid Eggfly	Seen
Dark Cerulean	Seen on at least 1 day
Three-spot Grass Yellow	Seen on at least 1 day
Indian Cupid	Seen on a couple of days

Glad-eyed Bush Brown	Seen twice
Sri lanka Hedge Blue	Seen
Great Orange-Tip	Seen
Tailed Jay	Seen Kithugala
Common Bush Brown	Seen
Blue Glass Tiger	Seen
Pea Blue	Seen

DRAGONFLIES

Blue Sprite	Seen
Little Bluet	Seen near Marissa
Common Bluetail	Seen near Marissa
Marsh Dancer	Seen
Dawn Bluet	Seen at Marissa
Yellow Waxtail	Seen several places
Painted Waxtail	Seen near Marissa
Shining Gossamerwing	Seen Kithugala
Sri Lanka Orange-faced Sprite	Seen Kithugala
Adam's Gem	Seen
Green's Gem	Seen Siharaja
Crimson Dropwing	Seen Kithugala
Indigo Dropwing	Seen Kithugala
Scarlet Basker	Seen Kithugala
Marsh Skimmer	Seen
Asian Pintail	Seen Kithugala
Green Skimmer	Seen many places
Oriental Scarlet	Many near Marissa
Spine-tufted Skimmer	Seen Sinharaja
Pied Parasol	Seen Sinharaja
Indian Dusk Hawker	Seen Udawalawe
Sombre Lieutenant	Seen near Marissa
Variegated Flutterer	Seen near Marissa
Orange-winged Groundling	Many near Marissa
Spine-legged Redbolt	Seen
Blue Percher	Seen
Foggy-winged Twister	Seen near Marissa



Asian Pintail



Blue Mormon



Giant Wood Spider



Glad-eyed Bush Brown



Shining Gossamawing



Spine-tufted Skimmer



Green Pit Viper



Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel



Sri Lanka Elephants

