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Worldwide Birding Adventures

Sri Lanka

Endemic Birds & Big Game II

22nd November to 2nd December 2016 (11 days)

Trip Report



Malabar Pied Hornbill by Dennis Braddy

Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: Wayne Jones

Top 10 Birds

1. Sri Lanka Blue Magpie
2. Malabar Pied Hornbill
3. Plum-headed Parakeet
4. Lesser Adjutant
5. Red-faced Malkoha
6. Indian Pitta
7. Spot-bellied Eagle Owl
8. Alexandrine Parakeet
9. Malabar Trogon
10. Cinnamon Bittern



Tour Summary

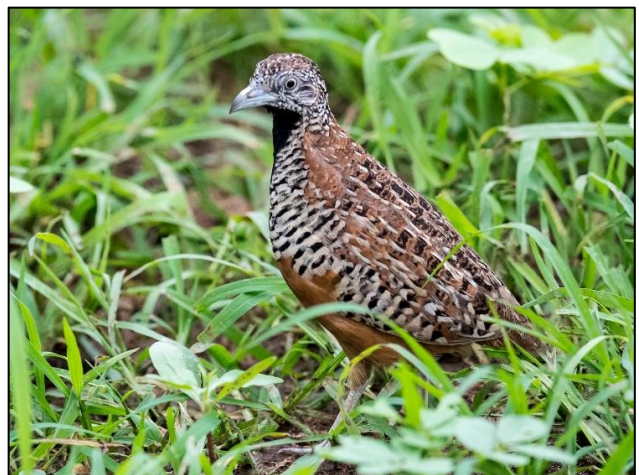
Travelling through Sri Lanka, one is struck by how much habitat remains intact and untouched. Steep valleys and mountainsides are covered in bright green forest which teem with birds, many of which are endemics. Birding on this island is very satisfying as even the heavily altered habitats, like crop fields, abound with birdlife, and good mammal viewing can be had in the numerous game parks. On this tour, we recorded a respectable 226 bird species, 17 mammals and a variety of remarkable reptiles, thanks to our local guide's enthusiasm for herps.



Chestnut-backed Owlet by Jim Watt

Rest House area before riding a pont across the Kelani River to the rather quiet Makandawa Forest Reserve. The morning's birding garnered us Common Emerald Dove, Greater Coucal, a pair of fantastic little Chestnut-backed Owlets, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Brown-headed and Yellow-fronted Barbets, Layard's Parakeet, the tiny Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Black-rumped and a fleeting Crimson-backed Woodpecker, Black-hooded Oriole, White-bellied Drongo, White-browed Fantail, Black-capped, Yellow-browed and Square-tailed Bulbuls, Sri Lanka Swallow, Yellow-billed Babbler, the demure Spot-winged Thrush, Oriental Magpie-Robin, Brown-breasted and Tickell's Flycatchers, Jerdon's Leafbird, Legge's and Pale-billed Flowerpeckers, Purple-rumped and Loten's Sunbirds, White-rumped Munia, Crested Serpent Eagle, Black Eagle, Brahminy Kite and Orange Minivet.

By midday, the heat and humidity were too much for the birds – *and us!* – so we had a short siesta before heading into the hills to the Kitugala Tea Estate. The weather worsened as the afternoon progressed, with intermittent rain literally putting a damper on things. Those who braved the rain, however, were rewarded with views of Barred Buttonquail, 30 or so Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters, the endemic Crimson-fronted Barbet, Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Lesser Yellownape, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Common Iora, a female Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Small Minivet, Ashy Prinia, Tawny-bellied Babbler, Southern Hill Myna, Indian Robin and Scaly-breasted Munia.



Barred Buttonquail by Dennis Braddy



The following day, we left the steamy lowlands of Kitulgala behind and ascended to the coolness of Nuwara Eliya. Our first stop after checking into our hotel was the shoreline of Lake Gregory, a popular tourist attraction and the focal point of the town. We were surprised to see two soaring White-bellied Sea Eagles; while the water's edge held Common Sandpiper, Hill Swallow, Western Yellow, Grey and White Wagtails, and Paddyfield Pipit. We then moved on to the nearby Victoria Park where, despite the manicured lawns and constant flow of people, we found White-breasted Waterhen, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Indian Blue Robin, very accommodating Scaly-breasted Munias and our fourth wagtail species of the day – Forest Wagtail. Best of all was a stunning Indian Pitta that we observed at the overgrown edges of the park. *What a beauty!* Our intentions of visiting Hakgala Botanical Gardens that afternoon were scuppered by a bank of thick fog that moved up the escarpment and totally blanketed our destination. We birded a patch of woodland near our hotel instead. It was very quiet but we did find Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher and a handsome Grizzled Giant Squirrel.



Yellow-eared Bulbul by Dennis Braddy

Early the next morning, we bundled into two minibuses and drove through the darkness to Horton Plains National Park. When we arrived at the park entrance, and with the sun just rising, there was already a queue of vehicles outside the locked gates! Thankfully, most of the park's visitors were headed to the lookout point so we could bird the open grassland and forest mosaic in peace. We saw a number of endemics, including Yellow-eared Bulbul, a pair of skulking Sri Lanka Bush Warblers, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Sri Lanka White-eye and Dull-blue Flycatcher. Also showing well were Black-winged Kite, Crested Honey Buzzard, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Orange Minivet, Green Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Dark-fronted Babbler, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Pied Bush Chat and Tricolored Munia. The park is well-known for its population of Sambar, some of which are habituated and



Dull-blue Flycatcher by Wayne Jones

allowed for some close encounters. Following lunch and a birthday celebration, we returned to Nuwara Eliya, where we pulled into a mistless Hakgala Botanical Gardens. Traversing a network of paths up and down the steep slopes of the garden, we encountered a pair of stunning Crimson-rumped Flamebacks, a strange-looking young White-throated Kingfisher, a flock of Sri Lanka Blue Magpies, Cinereous Tit, a male Indian Blackbird and we also had our best looks yet at a male Indian Blue Robin. We also enjoyed the antics of a group of Purple-faced Langurs and the "play dead" behaviour of a couple of Common Rough-sided Snakes.

A few of us ventured out pre-dawn the following day to a spot where we'd heard Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush the afternoon before. By the time we had to leave, only one person had managed a glimpse of this highly secretive endemic. A quick swing by Victoria Park yielded another great sighting of Indian Pitta, as well as a Pied Thrush. Later, while winding our way down the escarpment, we had superb



views of three Brown-headed Barbets, along with Rose-ringed and Layard's Parakeets.



Slaty-breasted Rail by Dennis Braddy

Plovers, many supremely elegant Pheasant-tailed Jacanas, Common Redshank, Marsh, Common and Wood Sandpipers, Gull-billed, Whiskered and Caspian Terns, Common and Pied Kingfishers, Ashy Woodswallow, Small Minivet and Clamorous and Blyth's Reed Warblers. A sharp-eyed guest spotted two gorgeous Slaty-breasted Rails swimming in the open water of a rice paddy and we were all treated to sensational, unobstructed views!

Our local guide had put his feelers out and caught word of some exciting owls in the area, so off we went to view a Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl and a pair of lovely Indian Scops Owls. To cap off a great day's birding, we stopped at the massive Indian Flying Fox roost alongside one of the wetlands. Dusk was activating these huge bats and the sky was full of hundreds of the creatures getting ready to wander further to forage.

We spent the whole of the next day in nearby Yala National Park, renowned for its Leopard population. Unfortunately, we didn't see any of these fine felines – *a major traffic jam at a sighting of one rendered the task all but impossible* – but there was lots else to see. Sri Lanka Junglefowl, 40+ Indian Peafowl, Black-necked Stork, Eurasian Spoonbill, Purple Heron, Crested Serpent Eagle, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Barred Buttonquail, Great Stone-curlew, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Pacific Golden Plover, Kentish and Greater Sand Plovers, gorgeous Sri Lanka and Orange-breasted Green Pigeons, Jacobin and Grey-bellied Cuckoos, Crested Treeswift, Little Swift, Indian Roller, Eurasian Hoopoe, Malabar Pied Hornbill, cartoon-like Alexandrine Parakeet, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Common Iora, Small Minivet, Brown Shrike, Black-hooded Oriole, Indian Paradise Flycatcher, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Jungle and Plain Prinias, Oriental White-eye, Brahminy and Rosy Starlings, Indian Robin, Purple Sunbird, Baya Weaver, White-rumped, Scaly-breasted and Tricolored Munias, Richard's and Blyth's Pipits and a very unexpected Isabelline Wheatear – *a first for a Rockjumper tour to Sri Lanka*. A White-rumped Shama at one of the picnic spots certainly made



Changeable Hawk-Eagle by Dennis Braddy



us work, but we eventually located it in the undergrowth, and it even sat still long enough for everyone to get a good look. Blue-tailed, Chestnut-headed and – *especially* – Green Bee-eaters were common along the roads in the reserve, affording us all superb photo opps. *We named the first stretch of road Bee-eater Alley, until we discovered that EVERY road was Bee-eater Alley!*

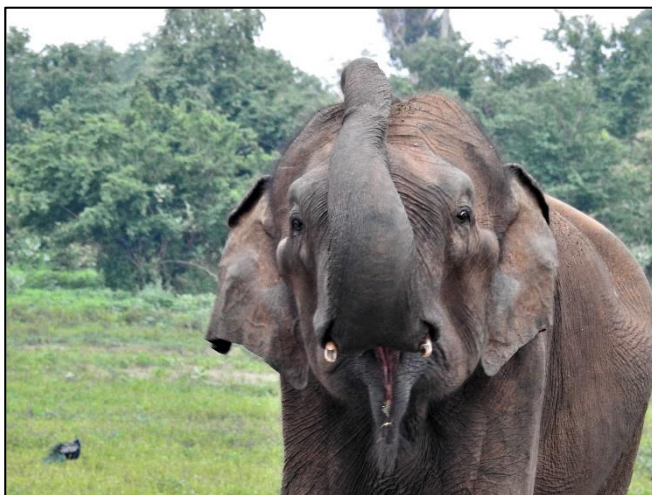
The park's wonderful mix of low acacia woodland, gallery forest, open grassland and large, shallow pans were also host to Asian Elephant, Toque Macaque, Tufted Gray Langur, Indian Hare, at least a dozen Ruddy Mongooses, Wild Boar, Chital, Sambar, five Golden Jackals and Water Buffalo. The latter shared the water with Mugger Crocodiles, and we also spotted a few impressively large Bengal Monitors. We headed home with the sun already starting to set. It had been a fabulous day of wildlife viewing.



Green Bee-eater by Dennis Braddy

Our next destination was Bundala National Park, which features huge lakes, wetlands and salt pans. We could have spent the whole morning just at the large wetland near the park entrance!

Just in that area, we saw over a dozen Yellow Bitterns, four Black Bitterns and the big prize, two glowing Cinnamon Bitterns. Also around were Ruddy-breasted Crake and good numbers of Watercock, and we even saw a Stripe-necked Mongoose! Moving further into the park, we found Northern Pintail, Painted Stork, two Lesser Adjutants, Striated Heron, Little Cormorant, Western Osprey, a young Shikra, White-bellied Sea Eagle, a juvenile Pallid Harrier, Grey Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Ruddy Turnstone, Little Stint, 40+ Broad-billed Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Gull-



Asian Elephant by Jim Watt

billed, Caspian, Greater Crested, Lesser Crested, Little, Whiskered and White-winged Terns, Eurasian Collared Dove, Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark and White-browed Bulbul. All too soon, though, we had to leave. We munched on a sumptuous buffet at our hotel in Embelipitiya and then embarked on another safari, this time to Uda Walawe National Park. Asian Elephants are the main drawcard here, and we enjoyed multiple excellent sightings of these behemoths. The birding was a little quiet but we did find Coppersmith Barbet, Yellow-eyed Babbler, a Spot-billed Pelican colony, more wonderful Malabar Pied hornbills and a brief Blue-faced Malkoha among other things.

Our last destination after Embelipitiya was Sinharaja, where we stayed three nights. The forest here is host to a large proportion of the island's endemics, so extra time here was warranted. Over the next few days, we made various forays on foot and by jeep into Sinharaja Forest Reserve, where the birdlife included Black Eagle, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Crested Goshawk, Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Common Emerald Dove, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Green Imperial Pigeon, Greater Coucal, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Yellow-fronted and Crimson-fronted Barbets, a stunning male Plum-headed Parakeet, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, Orange Minivet,



Black-naped Monarch, Black-capped Bulbul, Brown-capped Babbler, Spot-winged and Sri Lanka Thrushes, Brown-breasted Flycatcher and Golden-fronted Leafbird. Extended periods of quiet would be punctuated by bursts of activity from mixed flocks, featuring the incredible Red-faced Malkoha, Malabar Trogon, Sri Lanka Drongo, White-browed Fantail, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Orange-billed Babbler and Velvet-fronted Nuthatch.

A lengthy session sitting in someone's house on the watch for Sri Lanka Spurfowl (*which most people had not seen*) proved fruitless in that pursuit, but our dedication was at least rewarded with excellent views of Indian Pitta, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, a female Indian Blue Robin, and some were lucky enough to spy a Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher. And thanks to the park ranger, we also got to see Sri Lanka Frogmouth and a pair of lovely Serendib Scops Owls, the latter tucked away in a bamboo thicket up a steep slope. We're still not sure how the park ranger ever managed to find them in the first place, but we were thrilled he did!



Ashy-headed Laughingthrush by Jim Watt

Finally, it was time to leave this pristine emerald island behind. On the last day, we drove back to the capital, Colombo – *the slow grind of city traffic came as quite a shift to our experience over the last few days* – and said our goodbyes to some, while the rest of us continued on to the Northern India tour.

Annotated List of species recorded

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

List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

Birds (226 in total: 223 seen, 3 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2017. IOC World Bird List (v 7.1).

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, and Waterfowl Anatidae

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

(3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae



Sri Lanka Spurfowl*Galloperdix bicalcarata*

(2) Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Sri Lanka Junglefowl*Gallus lafayettii*

(5) Makandawa Forest, Kithulgala 23.11, Yala NP 27.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Indian Peafowl*Pavo cristatus*

(4) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Uda Walawe NP 28.11 and Embilipitiya 29.11.

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

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

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

(3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Asian Openbill*Anastomus oscitans*

Observed 4 days in total.

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

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

Black-necked Stork (NT)*Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus asiaticus*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Lesser Adjutant (VU)*Leptoptilos javanicus*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

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

(4) Colombo 22.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Eurasian Spoonbill*Platalea leucorodia leucorodia*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

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

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Cinnamon Bittern*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Black Bittern*Dupetor flavicollis flavicollis*

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Black-crowned Night Heron*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Striated Heron*Butorides striata javanica*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Indian Pond Heron*Ardeola grayii*

Observed 2 days in total.

Eastern Cattle Egret*Bubulcus coromandus*

Observed 11 days in total.

Grey Heron*Ardea cinerea cinerea*

(4) Nuwara Eliya 25.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea manilensis*

(4) Colombo 22.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Great Egret*Ardea alba modesta*

(5) Colombo 22.11, Nuwara Eliya 25.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia intermedia*

(3) Colombo 22.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta garzetta*

(5) Colombo 22.11, Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Pelicans *Pelecanidae*

Spot-billed Pelican (NT) *Pelecanus philippensis*

(3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae*

Little Cormorant *Microcarbo niger*

Observed 7 days in total.

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*

(1) Tissamaharama 26.11.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*

(1) Tissamaharama 26.11.

Anhingas *Anhingidae*

Oriental Darter (NT) *Anhinga melanogaster*

(4) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Embilipitiya 29.11.

Osprey *Pandionidae*

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus vociferus*

(2) Horton Plains NP 25.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis*

(3) Horton Plains NP 25.11, Uda Walawe NP 28.11 and Sinharaja FR 29.11.

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela spilogaster*

(5) Makandawa Forest, Kithulgala 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11, Yala NP 27.11, Uda Walawe NP 28.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus ceylanensis*

(4) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Uda Walawe NP 28.11 and Sinharaja 30.11.

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis perniger*

(4) Kitulgala 23.11, Horton Plains NP 25.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus layardi*

(1) Sinharaja 1.12.

Shikra *Accipiter badius badius*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Pallid Harrier (NT) *Circus macrourus*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus indus*

(5) Kitulgala 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

(3) Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.



Grey-headed Fish Eagle*Haliaeetus ichthyaeus*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots Rallidae**Slaty-breasted Rail***Gallirallus striatus albiventer*

(1) Tissamaharama 26.11.

White-breasted Waterhen*Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*

(6) Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11, Sinharaja 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Ruddy-breasted Crake*Porzana fusca zeylonica*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Watercock*Gallicrex cinerea*

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Grey-headed Swamphe*Porphyrio poliocephalus poliocephalus*

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Buttonquails Turnicidae**Barred Buttonquail***Turnix suscitator leggei*

(3) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Thick-knees Burhinidae**Great Stone-curlew (NT)***Esacus recurvirostris*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Stilts and Avocets Recurvirostridae**Black-winged Stilt***Himantopus himantopus*

(4) Colombo 22.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Plovers and Lapwings Charadriidae**Yellow-wattled Lapwing***Vanellus malabaricus*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Red-wattled Lapwing*Vanellus indicus lankae*

(4) Colombo 22.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Pacific Golden Plover*Pluvialis fulva*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Grey Plover*Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Common Ringed Plover*Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*

(1) Tissamaharama 26.11.

Kentish Plover*Charadrius alexandrinus seebohmi*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Lesser Sand Plover*Charadrius mongolus atrifrons*

(3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Greater Sand Plover*Charadrius leschenaultii leschenaultii*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Jacanas Jacanidae**Pheasant-tailed Jacana***Hydrophasianus chirurgus*

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae

- Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago gallinago*
 (1) Tissamaharama 26.11.
- Black-tailed Godwit (NT)** *Limosa limosa*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.
- Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*
 (3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.
- Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*
 (3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.
- Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
 (2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.
- Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*
 (2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.
- Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*
 (2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Yala NP 27.11.
- Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*
 (4) Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.
- Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres interpres*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.
- Little Stint** *Calidris minuta*
 (2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.
- Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.
- Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus falcinellus*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.
- Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae

- Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*
 (4) Nuwara Eliya 25.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.
- Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*
 (2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.
- Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii velox*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.
- Lesser Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bengalensis torresii*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.
- Little Tern** *Sternula albifrons sinensis*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.
- Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*
 (4) Colombo 22.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.
- White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus*
 (2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae

- Rock Dove** *Columba livia intermedia*
 (5) Colombo 22.11, observed Nuwara Eliya 24-26.11 and Embilipitiya 29.11.
- Eurasian Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto decaocto*



(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Spotted Dove*Spilopelia chinensis*

Observed 11 days in total.

Common Emerald Dove*Chalcophaps indica robinsoni*

(3) Kitulgala 23.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon*Treron bicinctus leggei*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Sri Lanka Green Pigeon*Treron pompadora*

(3) Yala NP 27.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Green Imperial Pigeon*Ducula aenea pusilla*

Observed 2 days in total.

Cuckoos Cuculidae**Green-billed Coucal (VU)***Centropus chlororhynchos*

(1) 1 heard Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Greater Coucal*Centropus sinensis parroti*

Observed 2 days in total.

Red-faced Malkoha (VU)*Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus*

(3) Sinharaja FR 29.11, Sinharaja 30.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Blue-faced Malkoha*Phaenicophaeus viridirostris*

(1) Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Jacobin Cuckoo*Clamator jacobinus jacobinus*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Asian Koel*Eudynamys scolopaceus scolopaceus*

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

Grey-bellied Cuckoo*Cacomantis passerinus*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo*Surniculus dicruroides stewarti*

(1) 1 heard Yala NP 27.11.

Owls Strigidae**Serendib Scops Owl (EN)***Otus thilohoffmanni*

(1) Sinharaja 30.11.

Indian Scops Owl*Otus bakkamoena bakkamoena*

(1) Tissamaharama 26.11.

Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl*Bubo nipalensis blighi*

(1) Tissamaharama 26.11.

Chestnut-backed Owlet (NT)*Glaucidium castanotum*

(1) Kitulgala 23.11.

Frogmouths Podargidae**Sri Lanka Frogmouth***Batrachostomus moniliger moniliger*

(1) Sinharaja FR 29.11.

Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae**Indian Nightjar***Caprimulgus asiaticus eidos*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

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

(5) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Uda Walawe NP 28.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Swifts Apodidae

Indian Swiftlet

Aerodramus unicolor

Observed 5 days in total.

Asian Palm Swift

Cypsiurus balasiensis balasiensis

(4) Kitulgala 23.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11, Sinharaja 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Little Swift

Apus affinis singalensis

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Trogon Trogonidae

Malabar Trogon

Harpactes fasciatus fasciatus

(2) Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Rollers Coraciidae

Indian Roller

Coracias benghalensis indicus

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

White-throated Kingfisher

Halcyon smyrnensis fusca

Observed 7 days in total.

Common Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis taprobana

(4) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Sinharaja FR 29.11.

Pied Kingfisher

Ceryle rudis leucomelanurus

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Green Bee-eater

Merops orientalis

(3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater

Merops philippinus javanicus

Observed 7 days in total.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

Merops leschenaulti leschenaulti

(3) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11, Horton Plains NP 25.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

Hoopoes Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe

Upupa epops ceylonensis

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Malabar Pied Hornbill (NT)

Anthracoceros coronatus

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill

Ocyeros gingalensis

(5) Observed Kitulgala 22-24.11, Sinharaja 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Asian Barbets Megalaimidae

Brown-headed Barbet

Psilopogon zeylanicus zeylanicus

(2) Kitulgala 23.11 and Nuwara Eliya to Tissa 26.11.

Yellow-fronted Barbet

Psilopogon flavifrons

(5) Kitulgala 23.11, Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and



Sinharaja 1.12.

Crimson-fronted Barbet *Psilopogon rubricapillus*

(2) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11 and Sinharaja 30.11.

Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos nanus gymnophthalmos*

(1) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11.

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Dendrocopos mahrattensis mahrattensis*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus wellsi*

(1) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11.

Black-rumped Flameback *Dinopium benghalense*

(1) Makandawa Forest, Kithulgala 23.11.

Crimson-backed Flameback *Chrysocolaptes stricklandi*

(2) Makandawa Forest, Kithulgala 23.11 and Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11.

Falcons and Caracaras *Falconidae*

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus objurgatus*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Old World Parrots *Psittaculidae*

Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala*

(2) Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja 30.11.

Layard's Parakeet *Psittacula calthrapae*

(4) Kitulgala 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11, Nuwara Eliya to Tissa 26.11 and Sinharaja 30.11.

Alexandrine Parakeet (NT) *Psittacula eupatria eupatria*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri manillensis*

(4) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Embilipitiya 29.11.

Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot *Loriculus beryllinus*

(3) Kitulgala 23.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja 30.11.

Pittas *Pittidae*

Indian Pitta *Pitta brachyura*

(4) Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 26.11, Uda Walawe NP 28.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Woodshrikes and allies *Tephrodornithidae*

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus leggei*

(3) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Sri Lanka Woodshrike *Tephrodornis affinis*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Woodswallows, butcherbirds and allies *Artamidae*

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Yala NP 27.11.



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

(5) Kitulgala 23.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Sinharaja 30.11.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**Black-headed Cuckooshrike***Coracina melanoptera sykesi*

(1) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11.

Small Minivet*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*

(4) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Orange Minivet*Pericrocotus flammeus*

(5) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11, Nuwara Eliya 25.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

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

Observed 8 days in total.

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

(4) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Drongos Dicruridae**White-bellied Drongo***Dicrurus caeruleus*

(5) Colombo 22.11, Kitulgala 23.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11, Sinharaja 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Sri Lanka Drongo*Dicrurus lophorhinus*

(3) Sinharaja FR 29.11, Sinharaja 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Fantails Rhipiduridae**White-browed Fantail***Rhipidura aureola compressirostris*

Observed 5 days in total.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae**Black-naped Monarch***Hypothymis azurea ceylonensis*

(2) Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Indian Paradise Flycatcher*Terpsiphone paradisi*

(4) Yala NP 27.11, Uda Walawe NP 28.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae**Sri Lanka Blue Magpie (VU)***Urocissa ornata*

(2) Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

House Crow*Corvus splendens protegatus*

(4) Colombo 22.11, Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Tissamaharama 26.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

Indian Jungle Crow*Corvus culminatus*

Observed 7 days in total.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae**Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher***Culicicapa ceylonensis ceylonensis*

(2) Nuwara Eliya 24.11 and Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11.



Chickadees and Tits Paridae

- Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus mahrattarum*
 (2) Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

Larks Alaudidae

- Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark** *Eremopterix griseus*
 (1) Bundala NP 28.11.
Jerdon's Bush Lark *Mirafra affinis*
 (2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

- Black-capped Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus*
 (3) Kitulgala 23.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.
Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer haemorrhousus*
 Observed 10 days in total.
Yellow-eared Bulbul (NT) *Pycnonotus penicillatus*
 (2) Kitulgala 24.11 and Horton Plains NP 25.11.
White-browed Bulbul *Pycnonotus luteolus insulae*
 (3) Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.
Yellow-browed Bulbul *Acritillas indica*
 (4) Kitulgala 23.11 and observed Sinharaja FR 29-1.12.
Square-tailed Bulbul *Hypsipetes ganeesa humii*
 (5) Kitulgala 23.11, Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11 and observed Sinharaja FR 29-1.12.

Swallows Hirundinidae

- Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
 Observed 6 days in total.
Hill Swallow *Hirundo domicola*
 (2) Nuwara Eliya 24.11 and Horton Plains NP 25.11.
Sri Lanka Swallow *Cecropis hyperythra*
 (3) Kitulgala 23.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Sinharaja FR 29.11.

Leaf-Warblers Phylloscopidae

- Green Warbler** *Phylloscopus nitidus*
 (1) Horton Plains NP 25.11.
Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*
 (3) 1 heard Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 24.11, 1 heard Horton Plains NP 25.11 and Sinharaja FR 29.11.
Large-billed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus magnirostris*
 (3) 1 heard Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11, 1 heard Horton Plains NP 25.11 and 1 heard Sinharaja FR 29.11.

Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae

- Clamorous Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus stentoreus*
 (2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.
Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*
 Observed 8 days in total.

Grassbirds and Allies Locustellidae

- Sri Lanka Bush Warbler** *Elaphornis palliseri*



(1) Horton Plains NP 25.11.

Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola

Cisticola juncidis

(2) Horton Plains NP 25.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Jungle Prinia

Prinia sylvatica valida

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Ashy Prinia

Prinia socialis brevicauda

(2) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Plain Prinia

Prinia inornata insularis

(4) Kitulgala 24.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Common Tailorbird

Orthotomus sutorius

(5) Kitulgala 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11, Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11, Nuwara Eliya to Tissa 26.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

Babblers Timaliidae

Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus melanurus

(3) Horton Plains NP 25.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Tawny-bellied Babbler

Dumetia hyperythra phillipsi

(1) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11.

Dark-fronted Babbler

Rhopocichla atriceps

(1) Horton Plains NP 25.11.

Fulvettas and Ground Babblers Pellorneidae

Brown-capped Babbler

Pellorneum fuscicapillus

(1) Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae

Orange-billed Babbler (NT)

Turdoides rufescens

(3) Sinharaja FR 29.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Yellow-billed Babbler

Turdoides affinis taprobanus

Observed 5 days in total.

Ashy-headed Laughingthrush (VU)

Garrulax cinereifrons

(2) Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Old World Warblers Sylviidae

Yellow-eyed Babbler

Chrysomma sinense nasale

(1) Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies Zosteropidae

Oriental White-eye

Zosterops palpebrosus egregius

(3) Kitulgala 23.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Sri Lanka White-eye

Zosterops ceylonensis

(1) Horton Plains NP 25.11.

Nuthatches Sittidae

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

Sitta frontalis frontalis

(3) Horton Plains NP 25.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Starlings Sturnidae



Sri Lanka Hill Myna (NT) (1) Sinharaja FR 30.11.	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
Southern Hill Myna (1) Kitulgala Tea Estate 23.11.	<i>Gracula indica</i>
Common Myna Observed 1 day in total.	<i>Acridotheres tristis melanosternus</i>
Brahminy Starling (1) Yala NP 27.11.	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
Rosy Starling (2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.	<i>Pastor roseus</i>

Thrushes and Allies *Turdidae*

Pied Thrush (1) Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 26.11.	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
Spot-winged Thrush (4) Kitulgala 23.11 and observed Sinharaja FR 29-1.12.	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>
Sri Lanka Thrush (NT) (1) Sinharaja FR 30.11.	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>
Indian Blackbird (1) Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11.	<i>Turdus simillimus kinnisii</i>

Old World Flycatchers *Muscicapidae*

Indian Robin (3) Kitulgala 23.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.	<i>Copsychus fulicatus leucopterus</i>
Oriental Magpie-Robin Observed 6 days in total.	<i>Copsychus saularis ceylonensis</i>
White-rumped Shama (1) Yala NP 27.11.	<i>Copsychus malabaricus leggei</i>
Asian Brown Flycatcher (3) Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
Brown-breasted Flycatcher (5) Kitulgala 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11 and observed Sinharaja FR 29-1.12.	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (2) Kitulgala 23.11 and Sinharaja FR 29.11.	<i>Cyornis tickelliae jerdoni</i>
Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher (1) Sinharaja 1.12.	<i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i>
Dull-blue Flycatcher (NT) (2) Nuwara Eliya 24.11 and Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11.	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
Indian Blue Robin (4) Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.	<i>Larvivora brunnea brunnea</i>
Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush (EN) (2) 1 heard Nuwara Eliya 25.11 and Nuwara Eliya 26.11.	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
Pied Bush Chat (2) Nuwara Eliya 24.11 and Horton Plains NP 25.11.	<i>Saxicola caprata atratus</i>
Isabelline Wheatear (1) Yala NP 27.11.	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>

Leafbirds *Chloropseidae*

Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
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(1) Kitulgala 23.11.

Golden-fronted Leafbird

Chloropsis aurifrons insularis

(1) Sinharaja 1.12.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae

Thick-billed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum agile zeylonicum

(2) Tissamaharama 26.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

Legge's Flowerpecker (NT)

Dicaeum vincens

(1) Kitulgala 23.11.

Pale-billed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum erythrorhynchos ceylonense

Observed 3 days in total.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

Purple-rumped Sunbird

Leptocoma zeylonica zeylonica

(6) Kitulgala 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11, Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Purple Sunbird

Cinnyris asiaticus asiaticus

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Loten's Sunbird

Cinnyris lotenius lotenius

(5) Kitulgala 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11, Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11, Tissamaharama 26.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus indicus

(5) Observed Nuwara Eliya 24-26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Embilipitiya 28.11.

Weavers and Allies Ploceidae

Baya Weaver

Ploceus philippinus philippinus

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Waxbills and Allies Estrildidae

White-rumped Munia

Lonchura striata striata

(6) Kitulgala 23.11, Kitulgala 24.11, Yala NP 27.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11, Sinharaja 30.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Scaly-breasted Munia

Lonchura punctulata punctulata

(6) Kitulgala 23.11, Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Sinharaja 1.12.

Tricolored Munia

Lonchura malacca

(5) Horton Plains NP 25.11, Nuwara Eliya to Tissa 26.11, Yala NP 27.11, Bundala NP 28.11 and Sinharaja FR 29.11.

Wagtails and Pipits Motacillidae

Forest Wagtail

Dendronanthus indicus

(2) Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 24.11 and Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 26.11.

Western Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava

(2) Nuwara Eliya 24.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Grey Wagtail

Motacilla cinerea cinerea

(4) Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Horton Plains NP 25.11, Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya 26.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

White Wagtail

Motacilla alba



(1) Nuwara Eliya 24.11.

Richard's Pipit*Anthus richardi*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Paddyfield Pipit*Anthus rufulus*

(4) Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Horton Plains NP 25.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Blyth's Pipit*Anthus godlewskii*

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Mammals (18 in total: 17 seen, 1 heard)

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

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

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

Observed 5 days in total.

Tufted Gray Langur*Semnopithecus priam thersites*

(3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Purple-faced Langur*Trachypithecus vetulus*

(4) Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11 and observed Sinharaja FR 29-1.12.

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

(3) Horton Plains NP 25.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

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

(1) Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Common Palm Squirrel*Funambulus palmarum*

Observed 10 days in total.

Dusky-striped Squirrel*Funambulus sublineatus*

(3) Kitulgala 25.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Grizzled Giant Squirrel*Ratufa macroura*

(3) Nuwara Eliya 24.11, Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Mongoose *Herpestidae***Ruddy Mongoose***Herpestes smithii*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Stripe-necked Mongoose*Herpestes vitticollis*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

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

(1) Yala NP 27.11.



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

(1) Yala NP 27.11.

Deer Cervidae**Chital***Axis axis*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Northern Red Muntjac*Muntiacus vaginalis*

(1) 1 heard Nuwara Eliya to Tissa 26.11.

Sambar*Rusa unicorn*

(2) Horton Plains NP 25.11 and Yala NP 27.11.

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

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

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

(3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Embilipitiya 28.11.

Reptiles (17 in total: 17 seen)**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**Tortoises Testudinidae****Indian Star Tortoise***Geochelone elegans*

(1) Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Asian River Turtles, Leaf and Roofed Turtles, Asian Box Turtles Geoemydidae**Black Turtle***Melanochelys trijuga thermalis*

(1) Uda Walawe NP 28.11.

Agamas Agamidae**Common Green Forest Lizard***Calotes calotes*

(4) Kitulgala 23.11 and observed Sinharaja FR 29-1.12.

Black-lipped Lizard*Calotes nigrilabris*

(1) Horton Plains NP 25.11.

Eastern Garden Lizard*Calotes versicolor versicolor*

(3) Colombo 22.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Mountain Horned Agama*Ceratophora stoddartii*

(1) Nuwara Eliya 26.11.

Wiegmann's Agama*Otocryptis wiegmanni*

(1) Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Geckos Gekkonidae**Kandyan Day Gecko***Cnemaspis kandiana*

(2) Sinharaja FR 29.11 and Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Common House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*

(4) Tissamaharama 26.11, Embilipitiya 28.11, Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Skinks Scincidae

Keel Indian Skink *Eutropis carinata*

(1) Makandawa Forest, Kithulgala 23.11.

Monitor Lizards Varanidae

Bengal Monitor *Varanus bengalensis bengalensis*

(3) Tissamaharama 26.11, Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

Water Monitor *Varanus salvator salvator*

(2) Sinharaja FR 30.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Colubrid snakes Colubridae

Green Vine Snake *Ahaetulla nasuta*

(1) Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Aspidura trachyprocta *Aspidura trachyprocta*

(1) Hakgala Botanic Gardens 25.11.

Checkered Keelback *Xenochrophis piscator*

(1) Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Common Bronzeback *Dendrelaphis tristis*

(1) Bundala NP 28.11.

Oriental Rat-snake *Ptyas mucosa*

(2) Horton Plains NP 25.11 and Sinharaja FR 1.12.

Vipers Viperidae

Ceylon Pit Viper *Trimeresurus trigonocephalus*

(1) Sinharaja FR 30.11.

Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae

Mugger Crocodile *Crocodylus palustris*

(2) Yala NP 27.11 and Bundala NP 28.11.

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