

## SRI LANKA

"For the first time, Sunbird offered an optional whale watching extension at the end of main tour. During the two weeks of the main tour we encountered 240 species of birds including all country's 33 endemics and further 42 Indian Subcontinent endemics. We were also lucky with mammals, encountered 21 species on the tour, including Asian Elephant and both the most sort after big mammals in the island – Leopard and Sloth Bear in Yala National Park.

Those who took the whale-watching extension were lucky enough to see Blue Whales, Bryde's Whales, and pods of Long-snouted Spinner and Bottle-nosed Dolphins, together with eight seabird species." - Deepal Warakagoda

### **Tour report:**

#### **27 – 28 February: in Sigiriya.**

After everyone arriving at Taj Airport Garden Hotel near the airport by early morning of 27<sup>th</sup>, all gathered for breakfast by 6.30 am. It was the first time everyone got a chance to meet with each other before the tour started. One of my colleagues, a well-experienced local birding tour leader, Lester Perera joined us on this tour as the co-leader.

We set off by 8.30 am to reach Sigiriya which is our first birding destination on the tour. The bus available for us, as the tour vehicle, was a quite comfortable one and had enough room for everyone with all their luggage and other equipment. We passed number of habitats, such as home gardens, paddy fields, plantations and wetlands of different types where many common birds live, during our journey to Sigiriya. We made a few stops on the way and encountering some interesting birds, such as Woolly-necked Stork, Purple Swamphen, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Blue-tailed Bee-eater and Ashy Woodswallow.

We reached our hotel by late noon, and checked in for two nights and soon went for lunch. By 3.30 pm we started birding from the hotel garden and its surroundings, which was superb for many forest birds. We encountered many species here and the following were the most interesting, endemic Sri Lanka (Pompadour) Green Pigeon and Layard's Parakeet (very unusual here), and Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Alexandrine Parakeet, Brown-headed Barbet, Coppersmith Barbet, Black-headed Cuckoo-shrike, Small Minivet, Barwinged Flycatcher-shrike, White-rumped Shama, White-browed Bulbul, Green Warbler, Pale-billed Flowerpecker and Purple-rumped Sunbird. After about one hour spent there we drove to the forest beneath the Sigiriya rock (an ancient rock fortress), which is very rich in bird life. We spent time there until about an hour after dark to try for some nocturnal birds. During this birding session we came across many birds and some interesting species amongst them were endemic Sri Lanka Junglefowl and Ceylon Woodshrike, and Jerdon's Nightjar, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, Common Iora, Jerdon's Leafbird and Grey-breasted Prinia.

We left the forest by 7.15 pm to come back to our hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Next day (28<sup>th</sup>) by 6.00 am we were all out in the hotel garden for birding before breakfast. We explored the hotel garden as well as its adjoining forest patch and had second views of the birds we saw yesterday and also had good views of additional birds such as Indian Pitta (an excellent scope view), Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Indian Blue Robin, Oriental White-eye and endemic Brown-capped Babbler.

After breakfast we visited a place to find White-naped Woodpecker, and we were in luck, along with Large Cuckoo-shrike amongst many other birds. We returned to the forest by the rock and explored it further and had excellent scope view of a resting Indian Pitta again, and during the afternoon we visited the same area but this time had scope view of an Orange-headed Thrush. We concluded our search for birds including nocturnal species, by 8.15 pm, and returned to hotel. By the end of the day we further encountered interesting birds such as Crested Serpent Eagle, Crested Hawk Eagle,

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Shaheen Falcon, Emerald Dove, Drongo Cuckoo, Oriental Scops Owl, Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Black-rumped Flameback, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Orange Minivet, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Jungle Prinia and Purple Sunbird, and endemic Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Sri Lanka Small Barbet, Crimson-backed Flameback and Sri Lanka Swallow.

Sigiriya was a new staying place for the Sunbird tour and it indeed proved a very productive location for birding.

### **01 March: in Kandy.**

Again by 6.00 am we were in the forest and adjoining open habitat for more birding and on this visit looked we had 'scope views of a pair of Brown-capped Woodpeckers and a Grey-headed Fish Eagle besides many other birds. By 8.00 am we were back at the hotel for breakfast and after that we checked out to proceed to our next destination Kandy, in the lower hills. We stopped at a road side tank (reservoir) and saw Little Grebe, Oriental Darter, Spot-billed Pelican, Cotton Pygmy Goose and Purple Heron, amongst other waterbirds.

On the way we stopped at a Spice Garden to look at how spices are grown and used in Sri Lankan cuisine. We reached our hotel in Kandy for a late lunch. In the evening we visited Udawattekele forest near Kandy town, which is a fairly dense tall forest patch, harbouring a number of important wet zone forest birds. It was our first exposure to these birds and endemic Yellow-fronted Barbet, and Southern Hill Myna, Yellow-browed Bulbul and Squire-tailed Black Bulbul were important to us beside many other birds in the forest. In the evening we found a Brown Fish Owl at the pond here and later also viewed a nesting pair in distance through a telescope. By dusk we left the forest and returned to the hotel for our overnight stay. It was only one night we spent in Kandy as the next day we were scheduled to leave for Nuwara Eliya in the high hills.

### **02 - 03 March: in Nuwara Eliya.**

After an early breakfast we left for Nuwara Eliya. On our way, not far from Kandy town, we stopped at the famous botanic garden in Peradeniya. We spent about two good hours of the morning there looking at flowers, plants and of course birds before we finally set off for our destination in the cool high hills. Interesting birds we encountered at the botanic garden were White-bellied Sea Eagle and Black Eagle – both in flight, endemic Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot and Sri Lanka Small Barbet, and Common Hawk Cuckoo, Oriental White-eye and Long-billed Sunbird.

About half way on our journey to the high hills we stopped at a tea factory to see how tea is processed and also to refresh ourselves with a fresh cup of Ceylon tea. This is where we had our first Hill Swallow too. We reached our hotel in Nuwara Eliya by 1.30 pm and soon had lunch after check in at the hotel for two nights.

In the late afternoon we left to begin our quest in the hill country. We spent the evening in the Victoria Park in the Nuwara Eliya town and had very good views of endemic Yellow-eared Bulbul and Sri Lanka White-eye, and Alpine Swift, Pied Thrush, Blyth's Reed Warbler, Great Tit (very different from the European form) and Forest Wagtail.

Very early in the morning, at 4.30 am, the next day, we left for Horton Plains National Park which is a picturesque plateau with grasslands interspaced with cloud forests, situated in the hills higher than Nuwra Eliya. As dawn disappeared we were at 'Arrenga Pool' on the plains to find the shy and crepuscular endemic Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush and we were lucky enough to see one male singing on a tree by the pool before morning light became bright. And then followed by views of several endemic Sri Lanka Wood Pigeons feeding on trees, and a pair of Sri Lanka Bush Warbler moving through bushes. After having the packed breakfast which we had brought with us, our walk along the road yielded very good views of more specialities such as endemic Dull Blue Flycatchers, Orange-billed Babblers, and Indian Blackbird, Kashmir Flycatcher, Grey-headed Canary Flycatchers, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Yellow-eared Babbler, Sri Lanka White-eyes, Dark-fronted Babblers, and Great Tits.

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In the grasslands we saw Black-winged kite, Indian Swiftlet, Hill Swallow, Pied Bush Chat, Zitting Cisticola and Paddy field Pipits. On our way back to the hotel we stopped to see some Black-throated Munias feeding in a vegetable plot.

After having a late lunch at the hotel we spent the evening exploring wooded areas surrounding the hotel to get more views of Kashmir Flycatcher - and eventually a male sat in the open for us.

### **04 – 05 March: in Kitulgala.**

Before leaving for our next destination, Kitulgala, we spent about an hour at a forest in Nuwara Eliya to have our last views of the hill birds. We arrived in Kitulgala by lunch time and from afternoon until about an hour after dark we birdwatched in the rainforest across the river by Kitulgala Rest house. During this birding session Lester crept into the forest and managed to find a roosting Serendib Scops Owl in thicket and then everyone who participated in this evening birding session got the chance to view this newly discovered endemic owl through a telescope. Then after dark we tried for Sri Lanka Frogmouth and we heard two at two locations but neither of them gave us views. Then we returned to the Rest house crossing the river in a dugout canoe in the dark.

Next morning, after having an early breakfast at the Rest house we went down to the ferry point just below the premises to take the dugout canoe across the river again. We walked through the village across the river while birdwatching and reached the forest at the end of the village like yesterday. Here we spent time looking for some more endemics and other rainforest birds until mid-noon before we returned to the Rest house for lunch. Lester managed to find a roosting Serendib Scops Owl again for the two persons who couldn't join with us on previous day. We tried for very shy endemic Sri Lanka Spurfowl and several of us managed to have some views of male moving through undergrowth. It is one of the most difficult birds to see in the island. From afternoon till dusk we spent birdwatching in and around the rest house premises especially looking for endemic Chestnut-backed Owlet and Green-billed Coucal. We were successful in finding the owlet but not the coucal.

During our stay in Kitulgala the following interesting birds were found: endemic Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot; Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill; Sri Lanka Crested Drongo; Spot-winged Thrush; Sri Lanka Myna; Orange-billed Babbler; White-throated Flowerpecker; Brown Hawk Owl; Malabar Trogon; Eurasian Kingfisher; Chestnut-headed Bee-eater; Black-naped Monarch and Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike.

### **06 – 08 March: in Ratnapura.**

Before breakfast we visited a site to find the Green-billed Coucal which eluded us the previous evening, and it did the same this morning too. But we observed a pair of endemic Black-caped Bulbuls closely. We left Kitulgala by mid-morning after having seen 14 rainforest endemics in the habitats there, for our next destination Ratnapura which was our base for three nights, to visit Sinharaja and Gilimale rainforests to see the remaining endemics. We spent the evening exploring in and around the hotel premises and here we added Tawny-bellied Babbler to the list amongst many other species seen.

We almost spend the entire daylight hours, the next day, in Sinharaja rainforest. To reach there in the morning we had to leave the hotel very early – at 4.00 am. We were mainly looking for bird waves in the forest while walking along the fairly wide trail through it. We encountered few bird waves and managed to get very good views of many birds, including the remaining endemics – Red-faced Malkoha, Ashy-headed laughing Thrush and White-faced Starling. We also saw, very closely, several Sri Lanka Blue Magpies together, and three Sri Lanka Scaly Thrushes including one sitting in a nest seen from some distance away through telescope. We eventually found the Green-billed Coucal which eluded us a few time before - it was calling from a tall, dense Ratan (cane) bush and we managed to view it through the telescope. During our walk we also had very good views of five endemic Sri Lanka Scimitar Babblers, and many other birds which we had already seen including Malabar Trogon and Lesser Yellownap. On our way back in the evening we observed a male Sri Lanka Frogmouth at its day roost. We had both breakfast and lunch in the forest, which we had brought packed from our hotel, and we returned to the hotel just before dinner.

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On the last day in Ratnapura, after an early breakfast at the hotel, we visited Gilimale forest which is not very far from Ratnapura. Our aim was to obtain better views of the Sri Lanka Spurfowl for those who failed to see it properly in Kitulgala. It was hard work, the first few attempts were not very successful though a pair were calling close to us through dense undergrowth. They were hiding behind a thicket and did not provide reasonable views. But, eventually at another location in the forest we succeeded in having reasonable views of a pair. We also saw several other birds which we had seen elsewhere, included Shikra, Black Eagle, Emerald Dove, Green Imperial Pigeon, Sri Lanka Crested Drongo, Black-capped Bulbul, Yellow-browed Bulbul, Dark-fronted Babbler, and White-throated Flowerpecker. Then we returned the hotel for lunch.

The evening was spent in the hotel premises until about an hour after dark, when caught up with a Brown Fish Owl, beside many other diurnal birds.

### **09 March: in Embilipitiya.**

After breakfast we left for our next destination Embilipitiya in the dry zone again. (Sigiriya was our first experience in the dry zone). We arrived at the hotel a little before lunch time and it gave us a chance to explore the hotel garden and adjoining reservoir before we sat for lunch. We saw Spot-billed Pelican, Asian Koel, roosting pair of Indian Scops Owl, Forest Wagtail and several other birds during this short walk in the garden.

After lunch we drove to Udawalawe National Park, visiting the park was our main purpose and to stay in Embilipitiya. In the park we travelled in two jeeps with open hoods which gave us a chance to stand up and view all around us easily for birds and other animals. Amongst many birds we saw Black-winged Kite, Crested Hawk Eagle, Indian Peafowl, five Barred Button-quails, Eurasian Thick-knee, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Pied Cuckoo, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Crested Treeswift, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Rosy Starling, White-browed Bulbul, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Jerdon's Bushlark, White-throated Munia, Black-headed Munia and Blyth's Pipit, which made everyone pleased. This park is very good for wild Asian Elephants and we had many during our safari drive. We came out from the park before dusk and then returned to the hotel.

### **10 – 11 March: in Tissa.**

After a rather early breakfast we left for our next destination Tissa, where we were going to spend the next two nights. Leaving early from Embilipitiya provided us with a couple of very good birding stops on our way to Tissa. We had wonderful views of a pair of Marshall's Ioras building a nest, Yellow-crowned Woodpecker, Tawny-bellied Babbler and three Black Bitterns, and Baya Weaver at the second stop.

In the afternoon we drove to Yala National Park and there we were in two jeeps while driving in the park. Although these jeeps didn't have open hoods, the high canopy setting of our jeeps allowed easy views around us from inside. During our safari drive in this park we saw many birds including eight Barred Button-quails, Pintail Snipe, Great Thick-knee, Pied Cuckoo, Blue-faced Malkoha, Sirkeer Malkoha, Indian Nightjar, Eurasian Hoopoe, Marshall's Iora, Brahminy Starling and Rosy Starling which are worth mentioning. However a much more interesting sighting for everyone was a Leopard sleeping on a rock, which we were quite lucky to find on a single safari drive in the park. Also we had a Sloth Bear moving through bushes, a much rarer sighting than seeing a Leopard, but unfortunately it was a fairly poor sighting for some of the group. We also saw the following mammals: Ruddy Mongoose; Wild Boar; Spotted Deer; Black-naped (Indian) Hare; and Wild Buffalo, amongst others.

The following morning we visited Bundala National Park and its adjoining salt pans. This park is quite small but has good habitats for many waterbirds and also scrubland and forest birds. The salt pans are usually full of shorebirds and terns. We encountered Yellow Bittern, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Small Pratincole, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Brown-headed Gull, Blue-faced Malkoha, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Ashy-crowned Sparrowlark, and Streaked Weaver amongst many other species. We returned hotel for lunch.

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We spent the evening mainly looking for Watercock which was the most important waterbird missing from our list. We explored 'tanks' in and around Tissa for it and also other waterbirds, and we ended up seeing not one but about 30 Watercocks and a Cinnamon Bittern, three Black Bitterns and a White-naped Woodpecker by end of the day.

### 12 March: at Taj Airport Garden Hotel near airport.

This was mainly a driving day back to the hotel near the airport at the end of another very successful Sunbird tour. We left Tissa after breakfast and reached a beach hotel in Mirissa before noon to dropping off the clients, with co-leader Lester, for their post-tour whale-watching extension. After we all had lunch together at the hotel the rest of us headed to the hotel near the airport for the night, thus concluding another very successful Sunbird tour.

### 13 – 14 March: Whale-watching extension in Mirissa.

We went on two whale watching trips with Lester in the morning of both days. On the first day the group encountered six Blue Whales and a pod of about 40 Bottle-nosed Dolphins. On the second day there were three Blue Whales, two Bryde's Whales (mother and a calf) and a pod of about 60 Long-snouted Spinner Dolphins.

Also the group saw two Wedge-tailed Shearwaters, Gull-billed, Bridled, Lesser Crested, Great Crested, Little, Whiskered and White-winged Terns during the two pelagic trips. The whale-watching extension too, had been a very successful one for those who participated in it.

### Bird List:

Column A = Number of tours on which this species has been recorded.

Column B = Number of days this species was seen on the last tour.

Column C = Maximum daily count for this species on the last tour.

H = Heard only

(H) = Species seen, but most birds only heard

**E** = Endemic

**Essp.** = Endemic subspecies

A		B	C	
16	Little Grebe	2	4	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
16	Little Cormorant	8	150	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>
16	Indian Cormorant	5	100	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
16	Great Cormorant	1	6	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
16	Oriental Darter	4	12	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
16	Spot-billed Pelican	4	75	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
16	Lesser Whistling Duck	6	8	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
7	Cotton Pygmy-goose	1	5	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
3	Common Teal			<i>Anas crecca</i>
15	Northern Pintail			<i>Anas acuta</i>
15	Garganey			<i>Anas querquedula</i>
4	Shoveler			<i>Anas clypeata</i>
7	Greater Flamingo			<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>
16	Little Egret	5	10	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
2	Western Reef Egret			<i>Egretta gularis</i>
16	Intermediate Egret	9	15	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
16	Grey Heron	4	12	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>

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16	Purple Heron	4	8	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
16	Great Egret	5	40	<i>Casmerodius alba</i>
16	Cattle Egret	10	300	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
16	Indian Pond Heron	12	50	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
9	Striated Heron			<i>Butorides striatus</i>
16	Black-crowned Night Heron	2	15	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
16	Yellow Bittern	1	1	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
8	Cinnamon Bittern	1	1	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
14	Black Bittern	2	3	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>
3	Glossy Ibis			<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
16	Black-headed Ibis	5	30	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
15	Eurasian Spoonbill	2	6	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
15	Painted Stork	3	10	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
15	Asian Openbill	5	8	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
14	Woolly-necked Stork	2	3	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
9	Black-necked Stork			<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>
4	Lesser Adjutant			<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
3	Jerdon's Baza			<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>
16	Oriental Honey Buzzard	6	2	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis</i>
16	Black-winged Kite	2	3	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
16	Brahminy Kite	8	10	<i>Haliastur Indus</i>
16	White-bellied Sea Eagle	3	2	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
14	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	3	4	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>
16	Crested Serpent Eagle	8	3	<i>Spilornis cheela spilogaster</i> <b>Essp.</b>
7	Marsh Harrier			<i>Circus a. aeruginosus</i>
8	Pallid Harrier			<i>Circus macrourus</i>
3	Montagu's Harrier			<i>Circus pygargus</i>
6	Crested Goshawk			<i>Accipiter trivirgatus layardi</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Shikra	3	3	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
5	Besra			<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
12	Common Buzzard	1	1	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
1	Osprey			<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
15	Black Eagle	3	3	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>
2	Booted Eagle			<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
6	Rufous-bellied Eagle			<i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>
16	Changeable Hawk Eagle	5	3	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus ceylonensis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
7	Mountain Hawk Eagle			<i>Spizaetus nipalensis kelaarti</i> <b>Essp.</b>
13	Kestrel			<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
7	Peregrine Falcon 'Shaheen'	2	2	<i>Falco peregrinus peregrinator</i>
1	Peregrine Falcon			<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
15	Sri Lanka Spurfowl	3	4	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i> <b>E</b>
16	Sri Lanka Junglefowl	10	8	<i>Gallus lafayetii</i> <b>E</b>
16	Indian Peafowl	4	30	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
16	Barred Buttonquail	2	8	<i>Turnix suscitator leggei</i> <b>Essp.</b>
5	Slaty-legged Crake			<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
16	White-breasted Waterhen	9	10	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
1	Baillon's Crake			<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
4	Ruddy-breasted Crake			<i>Porzana fusca</i>
15	Watercock	1	30	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>

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16	Purple Swampphen	5	15	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
15	Common Moorhen	1	4	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
1	Eurasian Coot			<i>Fulica atra</i>
16	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	5	40	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
3	Greater Painted-snipe			<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>
16	Pintail Snipe	2	15	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
2	Common Snipe	1	2	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
16	Black-tailed Godwit	2	15	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
1	Bar-tailed Godwit			<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
8	Whimbrel			<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
11	Eurasian Curlew	1	2	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
16	Common Redshank	2	70	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
16	Marsh Sandpiper	2	50	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
16	Common Greenshank	2	4	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
15	Green Sandpiper	1	1	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
16	Wood Sandpiper	2	10	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
6	Terek Sandpiper			<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
15	Common Sandpiper	4	5	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
15	Ruddy Turnstone	1	1	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
5	Sanderling			<i>Calidris alba</i>
16	Little Stint	2	100	<i>Calidris minuta</i>
9	Temminck's Stint			<i>Calidris temminckii</i>
16	Curlew Sandpiper	1	60	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
8	Broad-billed Sandpiper	1	7	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>
7	Ruff			<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>
10	Red-necked Phalarope			<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
12	Eurasian Thick-knee	2	3	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>
16	Great Thick-knee	2	8	<i>Burhinus recurvirostris</i>
16	Black-winged Stilt	4	50	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
1	Oriental Pratincole			<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>
1	Collared Pratincole			<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
16	Small Pratincole	1	2	<i>Glareola lactea</i>
16	Pacific Golden Plover	1	12	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
16	Grey Plover	1	10	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
12	Common Ringed Plover	1	2	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>
16	Little Ringed Plover	2	1	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>
16	Kentish Plover	1	30	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
16	Lesser Sand Plover	2	70	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
12	Greater Sand Plover			<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
16	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	3	10	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
16	Red-wattled Lapwing	5	12	<i>Vanellus indicus lankae</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Brown-headed Gull	1	3	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>
16	Whiskered Tern	5	500	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>
16	White-winged Black Tern	1	40	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>
16	Gull-billed Tern	2	25	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
16	Caspian Tern	1	20	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
16	Great Crested Tern	1	20	<i>Sterna bergii</i>
16	Lesser Crested Tern	1	8	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>
11	Common Tern			<i>Sterna hirundo</i>

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16	Little Tern	2	40		<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
3	Saunders's Tern				<i>Sterna saundersi</i>
16	Rock Dove	9	100		<i>Columba livia</i>
16	Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon	1	12		<i>Columba torringtoni</i> <b>E</b>
16	Spotted Dove	12	150		<i>Streptopelia chinensis ceylonensis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Emerald Dove	7	2		<i>Chalcophaps indica robinsoni</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	4	30		<i>Treron bicincta leggei</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Ceylon Green Pigeon	6	20		<i>Treron pompadora</i> <b>E</b>
16	Green Imperial Pigeon	9	15		<i>Ducula aenea</i>
16	Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot	6	10		<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i> <b>E</b>
16	Alexandrine Parakeet	6	12		<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
16	Rose-ringed Parakeet	7	200		<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
14	Plum-headed Parakeet				<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
16	Layard's Parakeet	3	4		<i>Psittacula calthropae</i> <b>E</b>
16	Pied Cuckoo	3	2		<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
6	Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	1	1		<i>Clamator coromandus</i>
11	Common Hawk Cuckoo	1	2		<i>Cuculus varius ciceliae</i> <b>Essp.</b>
11	Indian Cuckoo				<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
16	Banded Bay Cuckoo	1	1	H	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii waiti</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	2	4		<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
4	Drongo Cuckoo	1	1		<i>Surniculus lugubris stewarti</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Asian Koel	8	5	(H)	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>
16	Blue-faced Malkoha	2	4		<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
13	Sirkeer Malkoha	1	3		<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>
16	Red-faced Malkoha	1	4		<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i> <b>E</b>
16	Greater Coucal	10	2		<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
16	Green-billed Coucal	1	1		<i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i> <b>E</b>
1	Barn Owl				<i>Tyto alba</i>
5	Oriental Scops Owl	1	2		<i>Otus sunia leggei</i> <b>Essp.</b>
14	Indian Scops Owl	1	1		<i>Otus b. bakkamoena</i>
10	Serendib Scops Owl	2	1		<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i> <b>E</b>
16	Brown Fish Owl	2	3		<i>Ketupa z. zeylonensis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
5	Brown Wood-Owl				<i>Strix leptogrammica indranee</i>
16	Chestnut-backed Owlet	1	1		<i>Glaucidium castanonotum</i> <b>E</b>
3	Jungle Owlet				<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
7	Brown Hawk Owl	1	1		<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
16	Sri Lanka Frogmouth	1	1		<i>Batrachostomus monileger</i>
16	Jerdon's Nightjar	3	2		<i>C. atripennis aequabilis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Indian Nightjar	1	4		<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus eidos</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Crested Treeswift	1	4		<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
16	Indian Swiftlet	6	20		<i>Chaetura unicolor</i>
16	Brown-backed Needletail				<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>
16	Asian Palm Swift	7	12		<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
14	Alpine Swift	1	5		<i>Apus melba bakeri</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Little Swift	8	200		<i>Apus affinis singalensis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Malabar Trogon	2	5		<i>Harpactes f. fasciatus</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Eurasian Kingfisher	8	3		<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
10	Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	1	1		<i>Ceyx erithacus</i>
16	Stork-billed Kingfisher	3	1		<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>

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16	White-throated Kingfisher	12	30	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
6	Black-capped Kingfisher			<i>Halcyon pileata</i>
16	Pied Kingfisher	2	6	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
16	Little Green Bee-eater	5	50	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
16	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	7	40	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
15	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	6	10	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
15	Indian Roller	4	3	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
1	Broad-billed Roller			<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>
14	Eurasian Hoopoe	3	1	<i>Upupa epops</i>
16	Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill	3	10	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i> <b>E</b>
16	Malabar Pied Hornbill	3	5	<i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>
16	Brown-headed Barbet	7	5	<i>Megalaima z. zeylanica</i> <b>Essp.</b>
6	Yellow-fronted Barbet	5	3	<i>Megalaima flavifrons</i> <b>E</b>
16	Ceylon Small Barbet	3	4	<i>Megalaima rubricapillus</i> <b>E</b>
16	Coppersmith Barbet	4	2	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>
15	Brown-capped Woodpecker	2	2	<i>Dendrocopos nanus gymnophthalmus</i> <b>Essp.</b>
14	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	1	1	<i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>
7	Rufous Woodpecker			<i>Celeus brachyurus</i>
15	Lesser Yellownape	1	3	<i>Picus chlorolophus wellsi</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Black-rumped Flameback	5	2	<i>Dinopium benghalense psarodes</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Crimson-backed Flameback	3	2	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i> <b>E</b>
16	White-naped Woodpecker	2	1	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus tantus</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Indian Pitta	1	2	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
15	White-browed Fantail	5	2	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
16	Black-naped Monarch	3	3	<i>Hypothymis azurea ceylonensis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Asian Paradise Flycatcher	8	4	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
4	Black Drongo			<i>Dicrurus macrocercus minor</i> <b>Essp.</b>
7	Ashy Drongo			<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
16	White-bellied Drongo	9	12	<i>D. caerulescens leucopygialis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Ceylon Crested Drongo	3	8	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i> <b>E</b>
2	Greater Racket-Tailed Drongo	2	2	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
16	Sri Lanka Magpie	2	5	<i>Urocissa ornata</i> <b>E</b>
15	House Crow			<i>Corvus splendens</i>
16	Indian Jungle Crow	6	40	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos culminatus</i>
15	Ashy Woodswallow	1	2	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
15	Common Iora	6	3	<i>Aegithinia tiphia multicolour</i>
2	Marshall's Iora	1	2	<i>Aegithinia nigrolutea</i>
16	Black-hooded Oriole	7	5	<i>Oriolus xanthornus ceylonensis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
8	Large Cuckoo-shrike	1	1	<i>Coracina macei layardi</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Black-headed Cuckoo-shrike	5	2	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>
16	Small Minivet	9	10	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
16	Orange Minivet	5	2	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
15	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	3	5	<i>Hemipus picatus leggei</i> <b>Essp.</b>
15	Jerdon's Leafbird	4	3	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
15	Golden-fronted Leafbird	3	2	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
2	Bay-backed Shrike			<i>Lanius vittatus</i>
15	Brown Shrike	9	3	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
16	Ceylon Woodshrike	4	2	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i> <b>E</b>
16	Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush	1	1	<i>Myiophoneus blighi</i> <b>E</b>

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16	Pied Thrush	1	3	<i>Zoothera wardii</i>
2	Orange-headed Thrush	1	2	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>
16	Spot-winged Thrush	3	2	<i>Zoothera spiloptera</i> <b>E</b>
11	Ceylon Scaly Thrush	1	3	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i> <b>E</b>
15	Indian Blackbird	1	8	<i>Turdus simillimus kinnissi</i> <b>Essp.</b>
15	White-faced Starling	1	6	<i>Sturnus senex</i> <b>E</b>
5	Brahminy Starling	1	4	<i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
10	Rosy Starling	2	100	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>
16	Common Myna	12	100	<i>Acridotheres tristis melanosturnus</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Sri Lanka Myna	2	4	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i> <b>E</b>
15	Southern Hill Myna	3	8	<i>Gracula indica</i>
16	Asian Brown Flycatcher	4	2	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
16	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	5	2	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
15	Kashmir Flycatcher	1	3	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
16	Dull Blue Flycatcher	2	3	<i>Eumyias sordida</i> <b>E</b>
16	Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	4	2	<i>Cyornis tickelliae jerdoni</i> <b>Essp.</b>
13	Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	2	6	<i>Culicicapa c. ceylonensis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Indian Blue Robin	2	1	<i>Luscinia brunnea</i>
16	Oriental Magpie Robin	13	12	<i>Copsychus saularis ceylonensis</i>
16	White-rumped Shama	2	3	<i>Copsychus malabaricus leggei</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Indian Robin	8	50	<i>Saxicoloides fulicata leucoptera</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Pied Bush Chat	3	8	<i>Saxicola caprata atrata</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	1	2	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
8	Sand Martin	1	8	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
16	Barn Swallow	6	400	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
16	Hill Swallow	1	12	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
16	Ceylon Swallow	7	6	<i>Hirundo hyperythra</i> <b>E</b>
5	Red-rumped Swallow			<i>Hirundo daurica</i>
16	Black-capped Bulbul	3	2	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i> <b>E</b>
16	Red-vented Bulbul	3	40	<i>P. cafer haemorrhousus</i>
16	Yellow-eared Bulbul	2	15	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i> <b>E</b>
16	White-browed Bulbul	7	8	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus insulae</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Yellow-browed Bulbul	6	10	<i>Iole indica</i>
16	Square-tailed Black Bulbul	6	20	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa humei</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Sri Lanka White-eye	3	20	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i> <b>E</b>
16	Oriental White-eye	6	3	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus egregia</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Zitting Cisticola	3	2	<i>Cisticola juncidis cursitans</i>
3	“ “	1	2	<i>Cisticola juncidis omalura</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Grey-breasted Prinia	2	2	<i>Prinia hodgsoni leggei</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Jungle Prinia	4	2	<i>Prinia sylvatica valida</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Ashy Prinia	3	8	<i>Prinia socialis brevicauda</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Plain Prinia	5	5	<i>Prinia inornata insularis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Sri Lanka Bush Warbler	1	4	<i>Bradypterus palliseri</i> <b>E</b>
11	Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler			<i>Locustella certhiola</i>
16	Blyth's Reed Warbler	5	2	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
16	Clamorous Reed Warbler	1	1	<i>A. stentoreus meridionalis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Common Tailorbird	7	4	<i>Orthotomus s. sutorius</i> <b>Essp.</b>
2	“ “	2	4	“ “ <i>fernandornis</i> <b>Essp.</b>
1	Greenish Warbler			<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>

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16	'Green' Warbler	6	1		<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides nitidus</i>
16	Large-billed Leaf Warbler				<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
16	Ashy-headed Laughingthrush	1	15		<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i> <b>E</b>
1	Hume's Whitethroat	??		H	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>
16	Brown-capped Babbler	2	6		<i>Pellorneum f. fuscocapillum</i> <b>E. Essp.</b>
16	Ceylon Scimitar Babbler	1	5		<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus melanurus</i> <b>E</b>
1	Ceylon Scimitar Babbler				<i>P. m. holdsworthi</i> <b>E</b>
16	Tawny-bellied Babbler	3	2		<i>Dumetia hyperythra phillipsi</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Dark-fronted Babbler	3	4		<i>Rhopocichla atriceps nigrifrons</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Yellow-eyed Babbler	2	4		<i>Chrysomma sinense nasale</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Orange-billed Babbler	5	20		<i>Turdoides rufescens</i> <b>E</b>
16	Yellow-billed Babbler	12	30		<i>Turdoides affinis taprobanus</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Great Tit	3	12		<i>Parus major mahrattarum</i>
16	Jerdon's Bushlark	4	30		<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
16	Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	1	15		<i>Eremopterix grisea</i>
16	Oriental Skylark	2	2		<i>Alauda gulgula</i>
16	House Sparrow	8	10		<i>Passer domesticus indicus</i>
13	White-throated Munia	1	6		<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>
15	White-rumped Munia	6	6		<i>Lonchura striata</i>
16	Black-throated Munia	3	10		<i>Lonchura k. kelaarti</i>
16	Scaly-breasted Munia	7	200		<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
15	Black-headed Munia	3	10		<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
16	Forest Wagtail	3	3		<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
3	White Wagtail	1	1		<i>Motacilla alba</i>
1	Citrine Wagtail				<i>Motacilla citreola</i>
14	Yellow Wagtail	4	6		<i>Motacilla flava</i>
2	" " (Grey-headed)				<i>Motacilla flava thunbergi</i>
16	Grey Wagtail	4	4		<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
16	Paddyfield Pipit	7	30		<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
13	Blyth's Pipit	1	12		<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>
2	Richard's Pipit				<i>Anthus richardi</i>
12	Streaked Weaver	1	25		<i>Ploceus manyar</i>
13	Baya Weaver	2	10		<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
13	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	1	1		<i>Dicaeum agile zeylonicum</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	White-throated Flowerpecker	3	3		<i>Dicaeum vincens</i> <b>E</b>
16	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	8	4		<i>D. erythrorhychos ceylonense</i>
16	Purple-rumped Sunbird	11	12		<i>Nectarinia z. zeylonica</i> <b>Essp.</b>
16	Purple Sunbird	4	7		<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
16	Long-billed Sunbird	5	4		<i>Nectarinia l. lotenia</i> <b>Essp.</b>

### Mammals:

Toque Macaque	5	6	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
Tufted Grey Langur	1	30	<i>Presbytis priam</i>
Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	3	7	<i>Presbytis vetulus</i>
Golden Jackal	1	2	<i>Canis aureus</i>
Small Indian Civet	1	1	<i>Viverricula indica</i>
Indian Flying Fox	2	30	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>
Grey Mongoose	3	3	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>

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Ruddy Mongoose	3	2	<i>Herpestes smithi</i>
Sloth Bear	1	1	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>
Asian Elephant	3	25	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
Wild Boar	2	20	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
Spotted Deer	1	1	<i>Axis axis</i>
Sambar	2	20	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
Sri Lankan Giant Squirrel	5	1	<i>Ratufa macrura</i>
Dusky Striped Squirrel	2	1	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
Layard's Jungle (Eastern Palm) Squirrel	2	1	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>
Black-naped (Indian) Hare	4	3	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
Wild Buffalo	1	1	<i>Bubalus arnee</i>
Leopard	1	1	<i>Panthera pardus</i>

## Reptiles and Amphibians

Common Garden Lizard	2	3	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
Common House Gecko	1	1	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Sri Lankan Kangaroo Lizard	2	1	<i>Otocryptis wiegmanni</i>
Green Forest Lizard	1	1	<i>Calotes calote</i>
Water Monitor	2	1	<i>Varanus salvator</i>
Land Monitor	3	5	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
Mugger Crocodile	2	3	<i>Crocodilus palustris</i>
Hard Shelled Terrapin	3	4	<i>Melanochelys trijuga parkerid</i>
Hump-nosed Lizzard	1	1	<i>Lyriocephalus scutatus</i>

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