

DAY 8 (12th Jan)

Today was another full on day at Bundala Wetlands. Again we transferred to a Jeep (different driver) and set off. This Ramsar site held a huge number of birds, too many to list, but the initial highlights were Watercocks, Grey-headed Swampheens, Cinnamon Bittern, Yellow Bittern, Clamorous Reed Warbler and Pintail Snipe with Little Swifts communally nesting near the reception centre. Further on a scrub zone produced displaying Indian Peafowl, a couple of Grey-bellied Cuckoos and a nice Greater Thick-knee.



Watercock male non-breeding and Peafowl display - a familiar sight but nice to see a wild one

The salt pans area held many familiar waders and some less familiar like Lesser and Greater Sandplovers. A pair of Small Pratincoles had chosen the middle of the narrow track to build their nest, with vehicles frequently passing right over it. Apart from waders there were Spot-billed Pelicans, Woolly-necked Storks and mixed sizes of Terns from Little to Caspian. Brown-headed Gulls, with their startling pale eyes, were an interesting addition to the ever growing list.



Greater Thick-knee



Small Pratincole

Back in the more arid scrubby areas we found a party of Yellow-wattled Lapwings willing to pose but the best wader here for me was a self-found Caspian Plover on a small lagoon.



Yellow-wattled Lapwing



Caspian Plover

We scoured the area for Indian Thick-knee without success but whilst doing so turned up Long-tailed Shrike, Jacobin Cuckoo, Yellow-eyed Babbler and Ashy-crowned Finch-lark. Back in the wetlands a pair of displaying Purple Herons put on a spectacular display, whilst Lesser Adjutants and Asian Open-billed Storks fished the pools. All in all this was another terrific morning and we happily went back to the hotel for a light lunch wondering what the afternoon might hold.



Displaying Purple Herons



Asian Openbill

The plan for the afternoon was to pick off some further targets from our diminishing 'hit list'. In a Tissa garden we found a Jungle Owlet and another Grey-bellied Cuckoo. A visit to a nearby riverside failed to produce another Blue-faced Malkoha but succeeded with Stork-billed Kingfisher. Yet another suburban house held a roosting Collared Scops Owl.



Jungle Owlet



Collared Scops Owl

Time to take in some non-avian highlights with a visit to an Indian Fruit Bat roost. 100s of these lovely mammals in 2 or 3 trees and easy to see why they get the name Flying Fox.



Roost tree



Indian Fruit Bats

Next was back to Tissa Wetlands to try for Black Bittern. No luck so we decided to go back to the White-naped Woodpecker homestead for better views. This time it was the male sticking its head out of the nest hole whilst the female played hide and seek round the back of tree trunks. Back to Tissa Wetlands for a 2nd time but still no Black Bittern although we did add Barn Owl to the growing owl list. We finished off at a couple of sites in an abortive attempt for Indian Nightjar but they were not calling that evening. This was our last night at Hibiscus Garden Hotel.

DAY 9 (13th Jan)

A bit of a lie-in and on the road for 06.30 passing huge Cattle Egret roosts containing hundreds of birds. Tilly was not giving up on Black Bittern and it was back for our 3rd visit to Tissa Wetlands... and our 3rd dip. The number of water birds here was staggering and we did find numerous Yellow Bitterns, though Streaked Weavers also proved elusive.

So it was back to the hotel for a leisurely breakfast before we departed at 09.30. After a few miles Tilly pulled over at a roadside site he knew, Pandegamur Wetland. Here fishermen were gutting their morning catch and the discards were being snapped up by a turmoil of catfish plus a single Flapshell Turtle. One last chance and, wouldn't you know it, a Black Bittern rose just a few metres away and cruised over lily pads. Mission accomplished.



Tissa Wetlands



Yellow Bittern—Tissa Wetlands

Today was a transfer day to Sinharaja, the premiere birding site in Sri Lanka. As we passed close to Uda Walawa Reserve Tilly pointed out the roadside elephant fence with a second elephant fence 20 metres back in the scrub. This was to deter Elephants from begging food by the roadside. One however found a way through.



Elephant Fence right next to a main road at Uda Walawa

So far we had seen 29 of the **34 endemics** and all of the remaining five were possible at Sinharaja. On the winding approach road we saw a Crested Honey-buzzard and a couple of Ashy Woodswallows, two of the non-endemic birds that I had missed on day 1, but the one I was desperate to pull back was Sri Lanka Blue Magpie. It is on the front cover of the field guide and kept taunting me every time I picked up the book. The thought of going home without seeing one rankled. Again I needn't have worried. A short wait by the Sinharaja Rainforest National Park entrance and **Sri Lanka Blue Magpie**, the last catch-up endemic, was in the bag. Quite a relief.



Sri Lanka Blue Magpie

Other birds around the entrance were Yellow-browed Bulbul, Brown-breasted Flycatcher and Emerald Dove. Then the heavens opened to put a stop to birding and we retreated for tea and peanut brittle at a small roadside shop, which was to become a favourite stopping place.

We made our way back to our new base, The Rock View Hotel, to sink a few beers and recap another extraordinary day. We did have a late night attempt to pull in a Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl but they have a large territory and were perhaps not within earshot. Tomorrow was to be another early start and we would need to transfer to a Jeep in order to enter the rainforest proper.

DAY 10 (14th Jan)

An early start to get into the rainforest at the optimum time just after dawn, but our first cock-up of the trip. We transferred to yesterday's Jeep and went so far up a rough track but then learned we would have to get out and walk a few hundred metres to another Jeep. This was because part of the track ahead had a new-laid concrete strip that we couldn't drive over. We got to the second Jeep to find there were no ignition keys. We waited for an hour and guess what turned up? Not the keys, but the original Jeep. Work that out. All this meant we didn't get to the trail-head till 07.50, however, the trail was still buzzing. Spot-winged Thrushes hopped unafraid on the path. A pair of Sri Lanka Frogmouths were at a roost site. Dark-fronted Babbler was a new trip bird, Indian Blue Robins lurked in the undergrowth, Sri Lanka Spurfowl were heard only but an endemic **Ashy-headed Laughingthrush** showed very nicely. However, the problem bird was Sri Lanka Thrush, a Zoothera with similar skulking habits to White's Thrush. If we had been on time we stood a good chance of finding one feeding on the track but now it was more difficult, especially as I found I was completely deaf to their high pitched calls. Tilly kept hearing them, we then used our best field craft to try to locate one and got very close to several but only blurry flight views through dense vegetation. However, after a great deal more effort we did succeed with an excellent, close perched view of **Sri Lanka Thrush**, albeit back on. No photo though, I had left the lens cap on!



Sinharaja Rain Forest National Park



Spot-winged Thrush



Sri Lanka Frogmouth (female left, male right)

With that we returned to the trail head to meet our Jeep and our picnic lunch. Only 2 endemics left to go now, White-faced Starling and Sri Lanka Spurfowl. In the 'other wild-life' category we saw a very attractive Green Vine Snake and a less attractive, but very interesting, Giant Earthworm, which was well over 75 cm (30") long.



Giant Earthworm

The early afternoon was spent around the Education and Information Centre, specifically to search for **White-faced Starling** , and a party of 4 duly obliged. **Sri Lanka Drongos**, a better view of **Red-faced Malkoha** and a Large-billed Leaf Warbler played the support cast. We then pottered along the morning's track, largely seeing the same birds but no Sri Lanka Thrushes this time. At dusk we travelled back to the hotel , surprisingly using the strip of fresh-laid concrete that posed all the problems early morning.



Indian Blue Robin

DAY 11 (15th Jan)

Early alarms and our last Jeep safari started well before dawn. As we drove up a different rocky track, passing isolated small-holdings, a procession of school kids in their pristine white, starched uniforms, were walking the 3 miles or so to school by torchlight. A million miles away from the Chelsea tractors that ferry our over-protected kids to school in Britain. We eventually arrived at a specific small-holding and were invited into a back room to view a nearby ditch through a window. Shortly after dawn two Slaty-legged Crakes and a pair of **Sri Lanka Spurfowl** came in to feed on scraps. Our last endemic under the belt.



Sri Lanka Spurfowl (male)

Our hosts allowed us to eat our breakfast in their front garden where we were entertained by more **Ashy-headed Laughingthrushes**, a **Red-backed Flameback** and Indian Pittas. We had a relaxed trip down the mountain stopping only for a nesting Sri Lanka Frogmouth, another **Sri Lanka Blue Magpie** and a mystery raptor, which turned out to be a Rufous-bellied Eagle. Time now to call into our favourite shop for tea and peanut brittle supplied by the diminutive shop keeper, then it was on our way back to the hotel and an afternoon transfer to the Indian Ocean coastal town of Unawatuna.



Slaty-legged Crane



Rufous-bellied Eagle



Asian Paradise Flycatcher (white morph)



Our favourite shop and shopkeeper

DAY 12 (16th Jan)

Our last day and one final highlight to go. One last early start for a short transfer to Mirissa then whale watching with the well respected company, Mirissa Water Sports. The captain didn't follow the trail of 12 boats that were circling to our right, "They only have a juvenile" he said. We went about 7 miles off shore, passing Green Turtles, Flying Fish and Spinner Dolphins to find our own magnificent adult Blue Whale. A simply amazing experience and our 4th of the 'Big 5'.



Note the sucker fish on the tail stock

And that was just about that. We drove the short distance into the Dutch-colonial town of Galle where we enjoyed spending our last rupees on lunch and beer in the fish restaurant at the Ramparts Hotel, overlooking the ocean. A touristy wander round the quaint streets peering in the many jewellery shops but 'unfortunately' no rupees left to buy my wife any of the many Sri Lankan sapphires on display, not even enough for a coffee or ice cream in fact.

The drive north to Colombo was easy along the E1 Southern Expressway and we embarked on the long journey home. Uneventful and punctual this time, just tedious, and home to a temperature drop of 30 degrees.

Overall we saw a total 224 birds, 19 mammal species, 9 reptiles and 17 butterflies (this just scratched the surface by identifying the butterflies I managed to photograph). Not a bad return for a short tour that turned out to be even 1 day shorter for me. I managed to catch up with every bird seen on that first day so no real harm done and perhaps a decent compensation claim to pursue. Sri Lanka is a wonderful country with wonderful, friendly people. The ground agents 'Walk with Jith' are very highly recommended.

A breakdown of costs:

We paid Jith £1050 each, which covered most things except lunches (cheap) and beer
Pocket money £100

Emirates: Manchester - Dubai - Colombo £499

Mirissa Water Sports \$50.



Trip List (using IOC taxonomy)

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

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

CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae

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

PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithi-

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

PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

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

PELECANIFORMES: Pelecanidae

Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
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SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>

SULIFORMES: Anhingidae

Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
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ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae

Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
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ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae

Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>
Grey-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>

CHARADRIIFORMES: Turnicidae

Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
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CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae

Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>
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CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
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CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>
Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae

Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
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CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Ruff	<i>Calidris pugnax</i>
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>

Pin-tailed Snipe
Red-necked Phalarope
Common Sandpiper
Green Sandpiper
Common Redshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Common Greenshank

Gallinago stenura
Phalaropus lobatus
Actitis hypoleucos
Tringa ochropus
Tringa totanus
Tringa stagnatilis
Tringa glareola
Tringa nebularia

CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae

Small Pratincole

Glareola lactea

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

Brown-headed Gull
Gull-billed Tern
Caspian Tern
Sandwich Tern
Common Tern
Whiskered Tern

Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus
Gelocheidon nilotica
Hydroprogne caspia
Thalasseus sandvicensis
Sterna hirundo
Chlidonias hybrida

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock Dove
Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon
Eurasian Collared Dove
Spotted Dove
Common Emerald Dove
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon
Sri Lanka Green Pigeon
Green Imperial Pigeon

Columba livia
Columba torringtoniae
Streptopelia decaocto
Spilopelia chinensis
Chalcophaps indica
Treron bicinctus
Treron pompadora
Ducula aenea

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

Green-billed Coucal
Greater Coucal
Sirkeer Malkoha
Red-faced Malkoha
Blue-faced Malkoha
Jacobin Cuckoo
Asian Koel
Grey-bellied Cuckoo
Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo
Common Hawk-Cuckoo
Indian Cuckoo

Centropus chlororhynchus
Centropus sinensis
Taccocua leschenaultii
Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus
Phaenicophaeus viridirostris
Clamator jacobinus
Eudynamys scolopaceus
Cacomantis passerinus
Surniculus dicruroides
Hierococcyx varius
Cuculus micropterus

STRIGIFORMES: Tytonidae

Eastern Barn Owl

Tyto javanica

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

Serendib Scops Owl
Indian Scops Owl
Brown Fish Owl

Otus thilohoffmanni

Ketupa zeylonensis

Brown Wood Owl
Jungle Owlet
Chestnut-backed Owlet

Strix leptogrammica
Glaucidium radiatum
Glaucidium castanotum

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Podargidae

Sri Lanka Frogmouth

Batrachostomus moniliger

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae

Jerdon's Nightjar

Caprimulgus atripennis

APODIFORMES: Hemiprocnidae

Crested Treeswift

Hemiprogne coronata

APODIFORMES: Apodidae

Indian Swiftlet
Asian Palm Swift
Little Swift

Aerodramus unicolor
Cypsiurus balasiensis
Apus affinis

TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae

Malabar Trogon

CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae

Indian Roller

Coracias benghalensis

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

Stork-billed Kingfisher
White-throated Kingfisher
Common Kingfisher
Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher
Pied Kingfisher

Pelargopsis capensis
Halcyon smyrnensis
Alcedo atthis
Ceyx erithaca
Ceryle rudis

CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae

Green Bee-eater
Blue-tailed Bee-eater
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

Merops orientalis
Merops philippinus
Merops leschenaulti

BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae

Malabar Pied Hornbill
Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill

Anthracoceros coronatus
Ocyrceros gingalensis

PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae

Brown-headed Barbet
Yellow-fronted Barbet
Crimson-fronted Barbet
Coppersmith Barbet

Psilopogon zeylanicus
Psilopogon flavifrons
Psilopogon rubricapillus
Psilopogon haemacephalus

PICIFORMES: Picidae

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker
Lesser Yellownappe
Red-backed Flameback
Crimson-backed Flameback

Yungipicus nanus
Picus chlorolophus
Dinopium psarodes
Chrysocolaptes stricklandi

White-naped Woodpecker
Rufous Woodpecker

Chrysocolaptes festivus
Micropternus brachyurus

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittaculidae

Plum-headed Parakeet
Layard's Parakeet
Alexandrine Parakeet
Rose-ringed Parakeet
Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot

Psittacula cyanocephala
Psittacula calthrapae
Psittacula eupatria
Psittacula krameri
Loriculus beryllinus

PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae

Indian Pitta

Pitta brachyura

PASSERIFORMES: Tephrodornithidae

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike
Sri Lanka Woodshrike

Hemipus picatus
Tephrodornis affinis

PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow

Artamus fuscus

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae

Common Iora
Marshall's Iora

Aegithina tiphia
Aegithina nigrolutea

PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae

Large Cuckooshrike
Black-headed Cuckooshrike
Orange Minivet

Coracina macei
Coracina melanoptera
Pericrocotus flammeus

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae

Brown Shrike
Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius cristatus
Lanius schach

PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae

Black-hooded Oriole

Oriolus xanthornus

PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae

White-bellied Drongo
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo
Sri Lanka Drongo

Dicrurus caerulescens
Dicrurus paradiseus
Dicrurus lophorinus

PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae

White-browed Fantail

Rhipidura aureola

PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch
Indian Paradise Flycatcher

Hypothymis azurea
Terpsiphone paradisi

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

Sri Lanka Blue Magpie
House Crow

Urocissa ornata
Corvus splendens

Indian Jungle Crow

Corvus culminatus

PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher

Culicicapa ceylonensis

PASSERIFORMES: Paridae

Cinereous Tit

Parus cinereus

PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae

Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark

Eremopterix griseus

Jerdon's Bush Lark

Mirafrja affinis

Oriental Skylark

Alauda gulgula

PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae

Black-capped Bulbul

Pycnonotus melanicterus

Red-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus cafer

Yellow-eared Bulbul

Pycnonotus penicillatus

Yellow-browed Bulbul

Acritillas indica

Square-tailed Bulbul

Hypsipetes ganeesa

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae

Sand Martin

Riparia riparia

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

Hill Swallow

Hirundo domicola

Sri Lanka Swallow

Cecropis hyperythra

PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae

Green Warbler

Phylloscopus nitidus

Large-billed Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus magnirostris

PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae

Clamorous Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus stentoreus

Blyth's Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus dumetorum

PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae

Sri Lanka Bush Warbler

Elaphrornis palliseri

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae

Jungle Prinia

Prinia sylvatica

Ashy Prinia

Prinia socialis

Plain Prinia

Prinia inornata

Common Tailorbird

Orthotomus sutorius

PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae

Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus melanurus

Dark-fronted Babbler

Rhopocichla atriceps

PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae

Brown-capped Babbler

Pellorneum fuscicapillus

PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae

Orange-billed Babbler
Yellow-billed Babbler
Ashy-headed Laughingthrush

Turdoides rufescens
Turdoides affinis
Garrulax cinereifrons

PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae

Yellow-eyed Babbler

Chrysomma sinense

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae

Oriental White-eye
Sri Lanka White-eye

Zosterops palpebrosus
Zosterops ceylonensis

PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

Sitta frontalis

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae

Sri Lanka Hill Myna
Southern Hill Myna
Common Myna
White-faced Starling

Gracula ptilogenys
Gracula indica
Acridotheres tristis
Sturnornis albofrontatus

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

Pied Thrush
Spot-winged Thrush
Sri Lanka Thrush
Indian Blackbird

Geokichla wardii
Geokichla spiloptera
Zoothera imbricata
Turdus simillimus

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae

Indian Robin
Oriental Magpie-Robin
White-rumped Shama
Brown-breasted Flycatcher
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher
Dull-blue Flycatcher
Indian Blue Robin
Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush
Kashmir Flycatcher
Pied Bush Chat

Copsychus fulicatus
Copsychus saularis
Copsychus malabaricus
Muscicapa muttui
Cyornis tickelliae
Eumyias sordidus
Larvivora brunnea
Myophonus blighi
Ficedula subrubra
Saxicola caprata

PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae

Jerdon's Leafbird
Golden-fronted Leafbird

Chloropsis jerdoni
Chloropsis aurifrons

PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae

Legge's Flowerpecker
Pale-billed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum vincens
Dicaeum erythrorhynchos

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae

Purple-rumped Sunbird
Purple Sunbird
Loten's Sunbird

Leptocoma zeylonica
Cinnyris asiaticus
Cinnyris lotenius

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae

White-rumped Munia

Lonchura striata

Scaly-breasted Munia

Lonchura punctulata

Black-throated Munia

Lonchura kelaarti

Tricolored Munia

Lonchura malacca

PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae

Forest Wagtail

Dendronanthus indicus

Eastern Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla tschutschensis

Grey Wagtail

Motacilla cinerea

Richard's Pipit

Anthus richardi

Paddyfield Pipit

Anthus rufulus

Blyth's Pipit

Anthus godlewskii

Mammals

Asian Elephant

Elephas maximus

Toque Macaque

Macaca sineca

Tufted Grey Langur

Semnopithecus priam

Purple-faced Langur

Trachypithecus vetulus

Indian Palm Squirrel

Funambulus palmarum

Dusky Palm Squirrel

Funambulus obscurus

Giant Squirrel

Ratufa macroura

Brown Rat

Rattus norvegicus

Indian Flying Fox

Pteropus giganteus

Blue Whale

Balaenoptera musculus

Spinner Dolphin

Stenella longirostris

Sri Lankan Leopard

Panthera pardus

Grey Mongoose

Herpestes edwardsii

Ruddy Mongoose

Herpestes smithii

Indian Boar

Sus scrofa

Sambar Deer

Rusa unicolor

Spotted Deer

Axis axis

Wild Asian Water Buffalo

Bubalus arnee

Water Buffalo

Bubalus bubalis

Reptiles

Mugger Crocodile

Crocodylus palustris

Common Rat Snake

Ptyas mucosus

Green Vine Snake

Ahetulla nasutus

Land Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

Flapshell Turtle

Lyssemys punctata

Spineless Forest Lizard

Calotes liocephalus

Green Forest Lizard

Calotes calotes

Oriental Garden Lizard

Calotes versicolor

Asian House Gecko

Hemidactylus frenatus

Other Wildlife

Giant Earthworm
Rhinoceros Beetle

Megascolex coeruleus
Oryctes rhinoceros

Butterflies

Common Mormon
Blue Mormon
Sri Lanka Tree Brown
Common Grass Yellow
White Four-ring
Common Cerulean
Common Bush Brown
Dark Blue Tiger
Common Indian Crow
Blue Glassy Tiger
Common Palmfly
Celon Tree Nymph
Common Sailor
Grass Jewel
Common Birdwing
Striped Albatross

Papilio polytes
Papilio polymnestor
Lethe daretis
Eurema hecabe
Ypthima celonica
Jaminides celeno
Mycalesis perseus
Tirumala septentiois
Euploea core
Ideopsis similis
Elymnias hypermnestra
Idea iasonia
Neptis hylas
Freyeria trochilus
Troides darsius
Appias libythea