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 Swamphens, 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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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!
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 wildlife’ 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.
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.
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.

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 Crake

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 tourisy 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)

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Western Osprey
Pandion haliaetus

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Crested Serpent Eagle
Spilornis cheela
Changeable Hawk-Eagle
Nisaetus cirrhatus
Rufous-bellied Eagle
Lophotriorchis kienieri
Black Eagle
Ictinaetus malaiensis
Crested Goshawk
Accipiter trivirgatus
Shikra
Accipiter badius
Brahminy Kite
Haliastur indus
White-bellied Sea Eagle
Haliaeetus leucogaster
Grey-headed Fish Eagle
Haliaeetus ichthyaetus

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae
Slaty-legged Crake
Rallina eurizonoides
White-breasted Waterhen
Amaurornis phoenicurus
Watercock
Gallicrex cinerea
Grey-headed Swamphen
Porphyrio poliocephalus
Common Moorhen
Gallinula chloropus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Turnicidae
Barred Buttonquail
Turnix suscitator

CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae
Great Stone-curlew
Esacus recurvirostris

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae
Black-winged Stilt
Himantopus himantopus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae
Yellow-wattled Lapwing
Vanellus malabaricus
Red-wattled Lapwing
Vanellus indicus
Pacific Golden Plover
Pluvialis fulva
Grey Plover
Pluvialis squatarola
Kentish Plover
Charadrius alexandrinus
Lesser Sand Plover
Charadrius mongolus
Greater Sand Plover
Charadrius leschenaultii
Caspian Plover
Charadrius asiaticus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae
Pheasant-tailed Jacana
Hydrophasianus chirurgus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae
Black-tailed Godwit
Limosa limosa
Ruddy Turnstone
Arenaria interpres
Ruff
Calidris pugnax
Curlew Sandpiper
Calidris ferruginea
Sanderling
Calidris alba
Little Stint
Calidris minuta
Pin-tailed Snipe: Gallinago stenura
Red-necked Phalarope: Phalaropus lobatus
Common Sandpiper: Actitis hypoleucos
Green Sandpiper: Tringa ochropus
Common Redshank: Tringa totanus
Marsh Sandpiper: Tringa stagnatilis
Wood Sandpiper: Tringa glareola
Common Greenshank: Tringa nebularia

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae**
Small Pratincole: Glareola lactea

**CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae**
Brown-headed Gull: Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus
Gull-billed Tern: Gelochelidon nilotica
Caspian Tern: Hydroprogne caspia
Sandwich Tern: Thalasseus sandvicensis
Common Tern: Sterna hirundo
Whiskered Tern: Chlidonias hybrida

**COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae**
Rock Dove: Columba livia
Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon: Columba torringtoniae
Eurasian Collared Dove: Streptopelia decaocto
Spotted Dove: Spilopelia chinensis
Common Emerald Dove: Chalcophaps indica
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon: Treron bicinctus
Sri Lanka Green Pigeon: Treron pompadora
Green Imperial Pigeon: Ducula aenea

**CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae**
Green-billed Coucal: Centropus chlororhynchos
Greater Coucal: Centropus sinensis
Sirkeer Malkoha: Taccocua leschenaultii
Red-faced Malkoha: Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus
Blue-faced Malkoha: Phaenicophaeus viridirostris
Jacobin Cuckoo: Clamator jacobinus
Asian Koel: Eudynamys scolopaceus
Grey-bellied Cuckoo: Cacomantis passerinus
Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo: Surniculus dicruroides
Common Hawk-Cuckoo: Hierococcyx varius
Indian Cuckoo: Cuculus micropterus

**STRIGIFORMES: Tytonidae**
Eastern Barn Owl: Tyto javanica

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Indian Scops Owl
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Rufous Woodpecker

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Layar'ds Parakeet  
Alexandrine Parakeet  
Rose-ringed Parakeet  
Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot

**PSITTACIFORMES: Pittidae**
Indian Pitta

**PSITTACIFORMES: Tephrodornithidae**
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike  
Sri Lanka Woodshrike

**PSITTACIFORMES: Artamidae**
Ashy Woodswallow

**PSITTACIFORMES: Aegithinidae**
Common Iora  
Marshall's Iora

**PSITTACIFORMES: Campephagidae**
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Black-headed Cuckooshrike  
Orange Minivet

**PSITTACIFORMES: Laniidae**
Brown Shrike  
Long-tailed Shrike

**PSITTACIFORMES: Oriolidae**
Black-hooded Oriole

**PSITTACIFORMES: Dicruridae**
White-bellied Drongo  
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo  
Sri Lanka Drongo

**PSITTACIFORMES: Rhipiduridae**
White-browed Fantail

**PSITTACIFORMES: Monarchidae**
Black-naped Monarch  
Indian Paradise Flycatcher

**PSITTACIFORMES: Corvidae**
Sri Lanka Blue Magpie  
House Crow

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Turdoides rufescens
Yellow-billed Babbler  
Turdoides affinis
Ashy-headed Laughingthrush  
Garrulax cinereifrons

PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae
Yellow-eyed Babbler  
Chrysomma sinense

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae
Oriental White-eye  
Zosterops palpebrosus
Sri Lanka White-eye  
Zosterops ceylonensis

PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch  
Sitta frontalis

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae
Sri Lanka Hill Myna  
Gracula ptilogenys
Southern Hill Myna  
Gracula indica
Common Myna  
Acrocephalus tristis
White-faced Starling  
Sturnorhina albofrontatus

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae
Pied Thrush  
Geokichla wardii
Spot-winged Thrush  
Geokichla spiloptera
Sri Lanka Thrush  
Zoothera imbricata
Indian Blackbird  
Turdus simillimus

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae
Indian Robin  
Copsychus fulicatus
Oriental Magpie-Robin  
Copsychus saularis
White-rumped Shama  
Copsychus malabaricus
Brown-breasted Flycatcher  
Muscicapa muttui
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher  
Cyornis tickelliae
Dull-blue Flycatcher  
Eumacidae sordidus
Indian Blue Robin  
Larvivora brunnea
Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush  
Myophonus blighi
Kashmir Flycatcher  
Ficedula subrubra
Pied Bush Chat  
Saxicola caprata

PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae
Jerdon's Leafbird  
Chloropsis jerdoni
Golden-fronted Leafbird  
Chloropsis aurifrons

PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae
Legge's Flowerpecker  
Dicaeum vincens
Pale-billed Flowerpecker  
Dicaeum erythrorhynchos

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae
Purple-rumped Sunbird  
Leptocoma zeylonica
Purple Sunbird  
Cinnyris asiaticus
Loten's Sunbird  
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 Lysssemys 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
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Ypthima celsonica
Jaminides celeno
Mycalesis perseus
Tirumala septentionis
Euploea core
Ideopsis similis
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Idea iasonia
Neptis hylas
Freyeria trochilus
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Appias libythea