

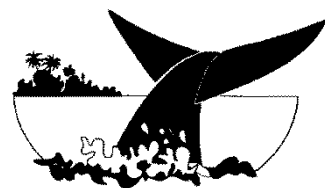
WHALE & DOLPHIN TRIP REPORT



Spotted Dolphins bowriding

MALDIVES EXPLORER CENTRAL ATOLLS CRUISE April 2018

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TROPICAL DOLPHINS AND WHALES

MALDIVES EXPLORER

M.V. *Keana*, 1-11 April 2018

A very special marine wildlife cruise down to Thaa Atoll, in the southern central atolls. We enjoyed mostly excellent weather, with calm seas allowing many cetacean sightings, of 11 different species. Dolphins were especially abundant, with hundreds of Spinner, Spotted, Fraser's, Bottlenose and Risso's Dolphins recorded. There were also wonderful sightings of Striped Dolphins, Pilot Whales, False Killer Whales, and numerous Dwarf Sperm Whales. But cetacean highlight was our two sightings of what were almost certainly Deraniyagala's Beaked Whale, a species unknown before 2014. Seabirds were also abundant, with many tropical Terns, and four species of Shearwater. As ever, snorkelling in luxuriously warm water on Maldivian coral reefs was a delight, with literally hundreds of species of colourful reef fishes on show, including great schools of Fusiliers, Parrotfish and others. Stand-out moments included encounters with Hawksbill Turtles, a night snorkel with a Whale Shark, and our dusk snorkel with Nurse Sharks and Stingrays. All this from the comfort of our live-aboard vessel MV *Keana*, with her friendly and attentive crew.

Day 1, Sunday 1 April 2018

We all met at the International Airport, and were soon transferred to our home for the next 12 days, MV *Keana*. Once we were all on board there was an orientation and safety briefing before everyone was shown to their cabins. Then lunch was served and we were off. As we left North Malé Atoll, and turned southwards the sea was calm. And in such conditions it did not take too long before we had our first cetacean sighting. Some distant splashing drew us further offshore where we found a large group of **Risso's Dolphins** travelling northwards. We turned to travel with them, and soon had individuals breaching alongside and even approaching the bows. And, as a surprise highlight, a magnificent **sailfish**, with its glistening blue and purple sail fully erect, glided by.

When we finally left the dolphins and turned back on course a few more **Risso's Dolphins** were spotted trailing far behind the main group. But then more splashes were seen (well spotted Herman!) and we turned again. This time they were **Striped Dolphins**, exuberant

and beautifully patterned. They charged in to bowride, and gave an extraordinary display of high leaps on either side. So much so that when we finally left these dolphins we were all agog.



Sailfish with dorsal fin raised

As we entered South Malé Atoll a small, quite school of **Spinner Dolphins** was leaving. But we pressed on towards our anchorage near Anantara resort. From here, a short ride on the *dhoni* took us to Kuda Giri reef for our first snorkel. We were soon moored up, and into the water. The edge of the reef was a steep wall dropping down to depths, while the top was a flat shallow plate, studded with a surprising diversity of corals. And the **fishlife**

was gorgeous, with large numbers of **Fusiliers** and dozens of other species. There was also a chilled **Hawksbill Turtle** and two **Reef Octopuses**. Later, back on board during dinner, we admired the red full moon rising over the reef.

Day 2, Monday 2 April 2018

We moved early this morning, from our anchorage near Anantara to another nearby reef. The snorkelers were soon in the water, enjoying the corals along the top of the reef. On the edge and slope there were **Maldivian Anemonefishes** and several **Crown-of-thorns Starfish**, of the purple northern Indian Ocean form, while off the slope, there was a single long-tailed **White-spotted Eagle-ray**. Meanwhile, two guests went in for a dive, and three went by dinghy to the adjacent island to swim off the beach.

Back on board *Keana*, breakfast was soon ready, and we were off. A quick stop near Kandooma Resort, to pick up two suitcases that had missed a flight connection, and then we were out into the open ocean. Conditions were ideal, so we were hoping for big things. But our first cetacean sighting was just some distant dolphins, jumping and splashing, which we could not find when we approached. However, not long after this we spotted a fast-moving school of **Striped Dolphins**, as they raced northwards. We turned to travel with them, and soon had some bowriding as others leapt alongside.

After this our next encounter was with a mixed group of **Risso's Dolphins** and **Common Bottlenose Dolphins**. These were in boisterous mood, the Bottlenose rushing in to bowride, while the Risso's breached all around. When we eventually pushed on, a Maldivian tuna fishing boat (*masdhoni*) was fishing ahead of us, with a small flock of **Lesser Noddies** in attendance. Livebait was being chummed to attract small tunas, which were being hauled in one-by-one by pole and

line. When we eventually headed in to the atoll, there were more **Lesser Noddies**, and a couple of **Black-naped Terns**, feeding over the reef next to the channel entrance. Once anchored, we were soon joined by the *dhoni*, and headed across towards the nearby sandbank for a snorkel. Some swam directly off the *dhoni* to the nearby patch reef, while others opted to go ashore on the dinghy. A school of small **Squid** soon appeared near our mooring line, while some much larger **Remoras** loitered under the boat.

Evening talk: Dolphins of the Maldives.



Striped Dolphin

Day 3, Tues 3 April 2018

What a fantastic day! It started early for two guests who left for a dawn dive, looking (successfully) for **Hammerhead Sharks**. For the rest there was a more reasonably timed snorkel (with **Spinner Dolphins** bowriding the *dhoni* on the way out) on the outer reef and into the channel. The visibility was superb, especially in the bright morning sunlight. And the fishlife was wonderful, with schools of **Black-pyramid Butterflyfish**, **Unicornfish**, **Fairy Basslets** and **Golden Chromis**, as well as a **White-spotted Eagle-ray**, all along the dropoff. And on the reef itself was a good variety of **Butterflyfishes** (including Bennett's, Andaman, Threadfin and Longnose) and **Angelfishes** (including Yellow-masked,

Regal, Imperial and Multispine). The corals were in good condition too, with a particular abundance of *Pocillopora*.

Once we were all back on board *Keana*, the anchor soon came up, and we were underway during breakfast. We found another school of **Spinner Dolphins** just outside the atoll, but we pressed on looking for other species. And we were not disappointed, with two sightings of **Dwarf Sperm Whales** in quick succession. After that there was a lull in sightings until lunchtime, when some distant splashing alerted us to the presence of a large, fast-moving school of dolphins. We turned to approach them, but they were moving so fast that it took us over 30 minutes to catch up. By that time, the school's appearance (tightly packed and leaving a long wake, with individual dolphins making beautifully arched leaps) that we knew these had to be **Fraser's Dolphins**. There were several hundred of them, all charging across the ocean, and many rushed in to bowride, with up to 20 under our bows at once.



Fraser's Dolphin

As we followed the Fraser's it became apparent that there were **Common Bottlenose Dolphins** and **Pilot Whales** present too. But we stayed with the Fraser's, which continued to entrance us with their acrobatics. After more than an hour with the Fraser's, we turned back to the Pilot Whales, which were now nearly 2 miles behind (providing us with an ideal interlude for our long delayed lunch!). The Pilots themselves were slowly swimming

southwards, in wide line abreast. There were eight of them, and we positioned the boat so that they were swimming alongside, and then on the bows. We had not been with the Pilots for too long before some Bottlenose Dolphins reappeared, and then so too did the Fraser's Dolphins. They had turned around and swam all the way back to join the Pilots. So we had the best part of another hour with all three species, before finally tearing ourselves away and turning in towards our anchorage in Meemu Atoll. There was a glimpse of a **Dwarf Sperm Whale**, and as we approached the channel, sightings of **Spinner Dolphins** leaping on the inside of the reef. As we anchored there were still more **Spinner Dolphins**, heading out through the channel to the open sea, for their night's fishing.

Afternoon tea this afternoon was enlivened with the appearance of a birthday cake for Carol. After which we piled into the *dhoni*, expecting to snorkel on the nearby reef. However, we were lured off course by the **Spinner Dolphins**; we motored ahead of them and jumped in, allowing several to have views of the dolphins underwater. We then moved over the adjacent reef to complete our evening snorkel. With clear incoming water and a profusion of fishes, it was a delight. There were schools of **Blue Fusiliers** off the slope, dozens of **Blacktail Snappers** on the reef corner, and many **Lagoon Triggerfishes** on the inside. Other sightings included **Giant Moray**, **White-spotted Boxfish**, **Reef Lobster** and **Spider Shells**.

Also as we snorkelled, there were **Lesser Noddies** over the nearby reef. Other seabirds today included both **Lesser and Brown Noddies**, **Black-naped Terns** and four large brown shearwaters, probably **Wedge-tailed Shearwaters** on their southbound migration.

Evening talk: Beaked Whales (on the top deck).

Day 4, Wed 4 April 2018

Another fantastic day! We set off early (after a slight delay to unhitch the anchor chain), with flat calm seas, having already spotted a distant **Beaked Whale** far out beyond the atoll reef. And there were **Spinner Dolphins** swimming in through the channel as we sailed out.

Once on the outside, we immediately spotted a trio of **Dwarf Sperm Whales**, soon followed by a small group of **Risso's Dolphins**, and then two more **Dwarf Sperm Whales**. After this there was a brief lull before some splashing ahead alerted us to the presence of more dolphins. These proved to be an active group of **Common Bottlenose Dolphins** together with **Pilot Whales** and a small number of **Fraser's Dolphins**. We spent some time with this mixed group, before turning towards the atoll. On the way in we passed more **Risso's Dolphins** and, as we entered the channel, a large school of **Spinner Dolphins**.



Pilot Whale

Our late morning snorkel was on a sheltered reef near Mulah Island. The reef itself was not the best, but the water was clear, the sun was shining, there were plenty of small corals, and a multitude of colourful fishes. Among the highlights: **White-tailed Stingray**, **Giant Moray**, **Cushion Stars** and **Turtle-grass Crab**.

Lunch was ready immediately after our snorkel, and then we were off. The sea was still flat-calm, and we had high hopes of



Giant Moray

interesting sightings. These were soon fulfilled, when three **Beaked Whales** were spotted, rolling at the surface in the distance. We moved in and fortunately were close by when they surfaced again. We could see that they were not especially large, were uniformly dark coloured, and had relatively large dorsal fins. After they dived we waited for almost an hour, but we did not see them again. However, what we had seen suggested that they were probably **Deraniyagala's Beaked Whale**, a species only recognised in 2014, and therefore one of the least known of all cetaceans. Time was now getting on, so we pushed on towards the south of Meemu Atoll. On the way we passed a school of **Striped Dolphins** (some of which briefly bowrode), two lots of **Dwarf Sperm Whales** (one of which looked a bit hunched, and therefore rather like a Pygmy Sperm Whale, but with the wrong fin), and two schools of **dolphins** which we had to pass by and leave unidentified. Once inside the atoll, we were soon anchored near the island of Kolhufushi, with perfect timing for sunset cocktails.

Evening talk: Atoll formation, on the top deck under the stars. With fish and plankton watching off the stern deck after dinner.

Day 5, Thurs 5 April 2018

This morning's snorkel was at the very southern tip of Meemu Atoll, where there is a

Manta Ray cleaning station. Both snorkelers and divers jumped in just up the reef, and drifted slowly down to the spot. There were several **Whitetip Reef Sharks** and large **Red Snappers**, plenty of healthy massive *Porites* corals, dozens of species of colourful reef fishes, and many electric-blue **Sapphire Copepods** glinting in the water column. But with no Mantas in sight, the snorkelers continued along the reef, enjoying the great visibility, and plenty more fishes, including **Starry Pufferfish**, **Clown Triggerfish**, **White-spotted Eagle-ray** and **White-tailed Stingray**, as well as two **Hawksbill Turtles** and an immense school of **Singapore Parrotfish**.

As we headed back to pick up the divers, **Spinner Dolphins** were streaming in through the channel. And as the divers surfaced they announced that two **Manta Rays** had appeared towards the end of their dive. Those snorkelers who were first back into the water were treated to the sight of one of the Mantas before it disappeared.

Keana had moved from her anchorage, and we were soon back on board, heading out into the ocean, as we enjoyed breakfast. The sea was again gloriously calm, so it was not long before our first cetacean sighting: a group of **Risso's Dolphins** heading resolutely north. Next up, an enormous mixed school of **Spotted Dolphins** and **Spinner Dolphins**, also heading north. Both species bowrode in numbers, giving plenty of chances for photography, and to hone identification skills.

We had been a bit short of birds up until now, but things improved when we spotted some tuna splashing with seabirds in attendance. As we approached we could see that there were dozens of **Sooty Terns** and a handful of **Noddies**, being harassed by a **Lesser Frigatebird** and a **Skua** (probably a Pomarine Skua), five **Wedge-tailed Shearwaters** and a single **Tropical Shearwater**.

Just after lunch was called a massive splash on the horizon alerted us to the presence of a large cetacean, but although we travelled to the spot and waited, it was not seen again. However, this did put us into a position from where we found two **Beaked Whales**. They appeared very similar to the ones we had seen yesterday: not too large, all dark, with prominent dorsal fins, and therefore most likely **Deraniyagala's Beaked Whales**. Once they had dived, we waited, and after 27 minutes they popped up again (well spotted Jana!), allowing a second look, but still not quite enough to clinch identification.

As we approached Thaa Atoll, several groups of **Spinner Dolphins** were heading out. We crossed over to our planned anchorage next to the uninhabited island of Kalhufahalafushi. People were soon into the *dhoni* for a run ashore, to walk, or swim. There was also the attraction of **Maldivian House Crows** and **Fruit Bats**.

Evening activity: Plankton and fish spotting off the stern fishing platform. And at 2210h an **Indo-pacific Bottlenose Dolphin** put in an appearance, feeding around the edge of the light.

Day 6, Friday 6 April 2018

Our marinelife viewing started very early today! Just before 0100h the crew were knocking on cabin doors, waking every one up. A **Whale Shark** had appeared off the stern of our boat, feeding on the plankton attracted by the stern light. It was a 'small' male, perhaps 5m long, accompanied by a large **Cobia** and a retinue of **Remoras**. Round and round it came, right up under the light on the transom. After plenty of time taking photos from the boat, some hardy souls slipped into the water for some wonderful underwater views.



Whale Shark

We were all a bit bleary-eyed in the morning. But our snorkel on a ring reef inside the atoll, with clear water and bright sunlight, soon woke us all up. It was a great reef, with good structures including large *Porites* corals. There were lots of good fishes too, including schools of **Powder-blue Surgeonfishes**.

As we left the atoll the wind picked up and veered to the south, making viewing conditions tricky. Nevertheless, we did spot some small distant blows. These turned out to be **Pilot Whales** (one with a distinctively cut dorsal fin) in company with **Bottlenose Dolphins**. There were **Saunders Terns** and **Common Terns** in the area too.

As we rounded the north-eastern corner of Thaa Atoll, the wind died and the sea became calm. Heading west we passed several small groups of **Risso's Dolphins** all heading east. These included a mix of white-headed and scratched males and grey females with calves. Then a large active group of **Common Bottlenose Dolphins** charged in to bowride, while a pod of **Pilot Whales** loitered nearby.

By now the sun was getting low and we were approaching our night's anchorage. But some large 'dolphins' caught our attention. We slowed to get a better look, and soon realised that they were **False Killer Whales**. There were perhaps 30, in a wide line abreast, sweeping eastwards. We turned to travel with them, and immediately had four travelling

alongside. A fabulous encounter with the mirror calm sea glowing orange as the sun set.



False Killer Whales

As we finally headed in to the idyllic palm-studded island of Kanufushi, **Spinner Dolphins** were heading out through the channel in to the ocean for the night.

Evening talk: Blackfish of Maldives. And after dinner there were three **Indo-pacific Bottlenose Dolphins** and two **Mobula Rays** feeding around the boat.

Day 7, Sat 7 April 2018

We started today with a visit to the delightful little island of Kandufushi. A run ashore in the dingy for some produced a couple of new birds for the trip (**Common Sandpiper** and **Maldivian Little Heron**) as well as **Maldivian Fruit Bat**. For the snorkelers, the reef was a delight, with clear blue water and a wealth of fishes, including a well-hidden Stonefish and a single Whitetip Reef Shark.



Kandufushi Island



Stonefish

Out at sea after breakfast, the sea was again flat calm. Our first sighting was of an immense school of **Spotted and Spinner Dolphins**, associated with **Yellowfin Tuna**. There was a Maldivian fishing boat in attendance, fishing for the Yellowfin with handlines. And seabirds too, including **Lesser Noddy**, **Brown Noddy**, **Tropical Shearwater** and two **Lesser Crested Terns**. We spent nearly 1½ hours with this school, enjoying the Spotted and Spinners as they came in to bowride (the slightly larger Spotted tending to displace the daintier Spinners). Both species had tiny babies, riding alongside their mothers and trying out their jumping skills.

Finally leaving these dolphins, we turned back to the north, heading up the outside of Dhaalu Atoll. Conditions were still excellent, and we had a run of five separate **Dwarf Sperm Whale** sightings (with eight animals in all). We also had some good bird sightings, including more **Tropical Shearwaters**, a pair of dark-phase **Arctic Skuas** (harrying **Lesser and Brown Noddies**), several **Saunders Terns**, and a flight of **Black-naped Terns**.

We eventually turned in to the northern end of Dhaalu Atoll, crossing to the island of Faandhoo, where we planned to anchor for the

night. The light was fading by the time we got into the water, but the reef was wonderful, with a steep outer wall, festooned with numerous hard corals. In the gathering gloom, **Sea Cucumbers** spawning and **Featherstars** were starting to appear.

Day 8, Sun 8 April 2018

Another day of wonderfully flat calm seas. We started at Faandhoo Island, with a choice of a run ashore in the dinghy or a snorkel from the *dhoni*. The former allowed those that wanted to swim from the beach, and also produced our first record of **Asian Koel** for the trip. The latter gave us our best snorkel so far: in the bright morning sunlight the reef was magnificent. The steep reef wall was dotted with a diversity of corals, as well as giant Sea Anemones, with both **Clark's and Maldive Anemonefishes**, and several species of **Featherstar**. In the adjacent open water were schools of **Fusiliers**, **Fairy Basslets**, **Thompson's Surgeonfishes**, **Black Pyramid Butterflyfishes**, **Golden Chromis** and **Bigeyes**. Back on the reef there were also sightings of **Octopus** and an **albino Bristletooth Tang**.



Reef Octopus

Leaving our anchorage we immediately had a sighting of **Indo-pacific Bottlenose Dolphins**, our first good daylight views of this species. Out at sea conditions continued to be superb, and as a result we enjoyed several excellent dolphin sightings. First up, a large group of **Common Bottlenose Dolphins** heading north, and happy to bowride. Next a small, logging school of female and juvenile **Risso's Dolphins**. That was followed by another boisterous group of **Common Bottlenose Dolphins**, and then a large school of **Spotted Dolphins**, which again readily bowrode. And finally, as we approached Vaavu Atoll, we had a great cavalcade of **Common Bottlenose Dolphins**.

The crossing between Dhaalu and Vaavu Atolls also produced some interesting birds, including a **Bridled Tern**, **Wedge-tailed Shearwaters** and our first **Flesh-footed Shearwater**.

Once anchored next to Anbara Island we were soon into the *dhoni* for our evening snorkel on the island reef. The light was fading, and **Featherstars** were starting to appear, as were spawning **Sea Cucumbers**.

Evening presentation: Corals and reef fishes.



Black-naped Tern

Day 9, Monday 9 April 2018

The sky was grey this morning, and the wind had picked up overnight, not at all what we had become used to. But we nevertheless enjoyed our trip to the tiny islet of Anbara, and

our snorkel on the house reef. For those that went ashore there was a small selection of birds to be seen (including **Maldivian Little Heron**) as well as a patrolling migrant **Dragonfly**. For the snorkelers, the house reef was a delight, with a multitude of live corals, a great mix of reef fishes, including both **Blotched and Spotted Porcupinefish**, **Clark's, Maldives and Seba's Anemonefishes**, and several species of **Butterflyfishes**. Not to mention an obliging **Octopus**.

With the wind blowing from the east, we started out after breakfast by heading up outside the western edge of Vaavu Atoll. An early sighting of a large and boisterous school of **Common Bottlenose Dolphins** gave us high hopes for further cetacean sightings. However, it was not to be, although we did have a few nice bird sightings, including **Wedge-tailed Shearwater**.

At lunchtime we cut into the atoll, and crossed over towards Dhiggiri Island, passing numerous luminous turquoise ring reefs en route. At Dhiggiri we checked out the channel, but there were no dolphins today, and the ocean outside was still too rough for a comfortable passage. So we ducked back inside and made for Alimatha Island where we anchored early.

This gave us time both to enjoy the birthday cake prepared for Keith and Richard, and also to prepare ourselves for the evening's snorkel. This was on the house reef of Alimatha resort island. This site is renowned for its sunset shark action, and we were definitely not disappointed. We divided into two groups: divers and snorkelers. The divers had five large **Nurse Sharks** appear almost as soon as they jumped in. Later more appeared, with up to 12 in view at any one time. There were **Whiptail Stingrays** and an **Eagle Ray** as well. For the snorkelers, things started a bit more slowly, with only one large **Nurse Shark** seen by most on the first drift down the reef. But on

a second pass many **more Nurse Sharks** appeared, with up to four in view at once, as well as the **Whiptail Stingrays** and **Eagle Ray**. A world-class snorkel! And later, after dinner, there were three **more Nurse Sharks** patrolling under the stern. Fantastic!

Evening talk: Indonesia marine wildlife trip video



Nurse Shark

Day 10, Tues 10 April 2018

Our day started with a morning snorkel on the northern reef of Alimatha. The sea was calm and under the bright sunlight the reef looked wonderful. There was a **Hawksbill Turtle** on the bottom where we first jumped in, and another very friendly one further down the reef. Other sightings included **Blacktip Reef Shark**, **Octopus**, **Slate-pencil Urchins**, **Porcupinefishes** and **Pufferfishes**, as well as large schools of **Hunchback Red Snappers**.

Leaving Alimatha, we sailed out into the ocean. The wind was much reduced from yesterday but it was still not as calm as we had

become used to. Nevertheless, we did have a series of four separate sightings of **Risso's Dolphins**, including both completely grey individuals and others that were almost entirely white. We also had a nice encounter with a large school of **Spinner Dolphins** before we turned in to the atoll.



Slate-pencil Urchin

Birds were rather thin today. But we did have a **Flesh-footed Shearwater** heading north and a **Wedge-tailed Shearwater** heading south. There was also an unexpected **Streaked Shearwater**, which was not only noticeably larger than the other two species, but also paler brown above and white below.

Evening presentation: Trip highlights and trip video by Alex.

Day 11, Wed 11 April 2018

After breakfast there were sad farewells and two transfers to the airport by *dhoni* at different times.

CETACEAN SUMMARY

During our cruise we recorded an excellent total of 11 different species, from 81 sightings (which made 89 records since two or more species were seen together on several occasions):

Species	Scientific Name	No. Sightings	Est. no. Individuals
Spinner Dolphins	<i>Stenella longirostris</i>	24	1104
Spotted Dolphins	<i>Stenella attenuata</i>	3	600
Striped Dolphins	<i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>	3	95
Risso's Dolphins	<i>Grampus griseus</i>	16	237
Common Bottlenose Dolphins	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	9	505
Indopacific Bottlenose Dolphins	<i>Tursiops aduncus</i>	3	19
Fraser's Dolphin	<i>Lagenodelphis hosei</i>	2	365
Shortfin Pilot Whales	<i>Globicephala macrorhynchus</i>	4	48
False Killer Whale	<i>Pseudorca crassidens</i>	1	30
Dwarf Sperm Whale	<i>Kogia sima</i>	13	22
Deraniyagala's Beaked Whale?	<i>Mesoplodon hotaula</i>	2	5
Unidentified Beaked Whale	Ziphiidae	1	1
Unidentified Dolphins		8	56
		89	3087



Kandufushi, Thaa Atoll

BIRDS

Maldives does not have a great diversity of birds, so our total of 21 species (22 if we include Feral Pigeon) seen in April is not unreasonable:

1	Tropical Shearwater	<i>Puffinus bailloni</i>
2	Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus pacificus</i>
3	Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus carneipes</i>
4	Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>
5	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
6	Maldivian Little Heron	<i>Butorides striata didii</i>
7	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
8	Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>
9	Saunders Tern	<i>Sterna saundersi</i>
10	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
11	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
12	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>
13	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>
14	Great Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>
15	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>
16	Lesser Noddy	<i>Anous tenuirostris</i>
17	Sooty Tern	<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>
18	Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>
19	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopacea</i>
20	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens maledivicus</i>
21	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>

ANCHORAGES

Day 1	1 April 2018	Gulhi	South Malé Atoll
Day 2	2 April 2018	Fotheyo	Vaavu Atoll
Day 3	3 April 2018	Maduvveri	Meemu Atoll
Day 4	4 April 2018	Kolhufushi	Meemu Atoll
Day 5	5 April 2018	Kalufahalafushi	Thaa Atoll
Day 6	6 April 2018	Kandufushi	Thaa Atoll
Day 7	7 April 2018	Faandhoo	Dhaalu Atoll
Day 8	8 April 2018	Anbara	Vaavu Atoll
Day 9	9 April 2018	Alimatha	Vaavu Atoll
Day 10	10 April 2018	Hulumalé	North Malé Atoll
Day 11	11 April 2018	Disembark	

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