

## Sri Lanka 5<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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**12 nights, 40 species of mammals, 209 birds (including all the endemics), 25 species of reptile including 8 snakes, 10 frog species and 16 species of butterflies**

This trip was due to take place in 2020. Lockdowns intervened and after many postponements we finally got to Sri Lanka in 2023 and it was well worth the wait.

We normally look for mammals and birds ourselves, with the occasional use of local guides.

The many trip reports on mammalwatching.com extolling the virtues of the Bird and Wildlife Team ([birdteam@sltnet.lk](mailto:birdteam@sltnet.lk)) convinced us that we needed to take advantage of their expertise to maximise our chances of seeing both mammals and birds, in a relatively short space of time.

We specifically requested **Dulan Ranga Vidanapathirana** as our guide and he was as perfect a guide as any avid mammal and bird watcher could wish for. His knowledge of mammals, birds, snakes, reptiles, amphibians and butterflies is awe inspiring. He had a rapacious appetite for finding and showing us as much as he conceivably could.

We provided him with our bird list showing him which birds we had already seen in Sri Lanka on a previous visit. He found this very helpful and it allowed him to clearly and successfully focus on what we needed to see.

Dulan appears to need little to no sleep and was always willing and delighted to carry on searching for mammals and birds at literally any time of the day or night. He is also a lovely person to travel with, has a great sense of humour and we feel fortunate to be able to now count him as a friend.

When Dulan realised that we were fully committed to seeing as much as possible he regularly explained what was really the best way to do this. This primarily entailed being in the field throughout the night.

Finally, Dulan was impeccably dressed throughout. After a few days we were understandably dishevelled and we began to choose to wear our “least worst clothing” each day. Meanwhile, Dulan managed to have crisp clean clothes every day, which we gave him considerable stick for.

### **FOOD**

Sri Lankan food is a delight.

We ensured that we always opted for the Sri Lankan and not western food options everywhere we went. The variety and quality of food was superb.

## **GEAR**

Dulan had an array of different torches for spotlighting. We had our Fenix TK35 torch with a red filter and Pulsar Helion XP28 Thermal Imaging Scope. The Thermal Scope was a great help, both for mammals and birds.

## **ITINERARY**

Our main focus was the three small cat species and the endemic birds, with the outside chance of Indian Pangolin.

### **Wilpattu – 2.5 days**

Stayed at the very new and very nice Claughton Wild

Safari drive – half day on first afternoon.

Safari drive – full day from 6.00am to 6pm on two days

Night Safari drives – took place in the buffer zone outside the National Park. 10pm to 2pm on 3 nights.

Highlights: Sloth Bear, Grey Slender Loris, 5 Leopards, Jungle Cat, Asiatic Long-tailed Climbing mouse, Spot-bellied Eagle Owl, a dominant male Leopard vigorously chasing another big male Leopard away from a Sambar kill.

A member of the Sri Lanka Bird Club stayed and watched the Sambar carcass for the whole of the day. He told us that at one stage a Sloth Bear approached the carcass, seemingly unaware that a Leopard was in the bushes nearby. As the Sloth Bear reached the carcass the Leopard attacked it and the Sloth Bear and Leopard stood on their hind legs, with the Sloth Bear slashing at the Leopard with his claws before retreating. He was elated from witnessing the encounter and still shaking with excitement.

### **Sigiriya – 1.5 days**

Stayed at the Sigiriya Village Hotel

Half day on first afternoon & one full day, mainly birding

Night Safari drives – This was when Dulan realised that we were, in his terms “hard-core”.  
10pm to 6am on 2 nights.

Highlights: Fishing Cat, Sri Lankan White-striped Chevrotain, Indian Giant Flying Squirrel

## **Nuwara Eliya/Horton Plains NP – 2 days**

Stayed at the Galway Heights Hotel

Half day on first afternoon, birding around Nuwara Eliya

Second day – Morning spent bird watching at Bombururella Forest.  
Afternoon Horton Plains NP

Third day – Morning spent bird watching at Bombururella Forest.  
Afternoon drive to Kitulgala Rest house

Highlights: Short-tailed (Brown) Mongoose

## **Kitulgala Rain Forest – 2 days**

Stayed at the Kitulgala Rest House

Half day on first afternoon - birding between heavy downpours

First Night Walk – This was when Dulan ratcheted up “hard-core”.  
2am crossed river into the rain forest until 10am. Followed by breakfast.

Second day – Morning, after breakfast birded around a nearby lodge until 2pm  
Afternoon, after a couple of hours sleep out at 4pm, crossed the river and birded until another torrential downpour curtailed events and we took a lift back to Kitulgala Rest House in a bread delivery Tuk-Tuk

Second Night Walk – 2am crossed river into the rain forest until 8am. Followed by breakfast and drive to Sinharajah

Highlights: Serendib Scops Owl

## **Sinharajah Rain Forest – 3 days**

Stayed at Martin’s Simple Lodge

Half day on first afternoon - birding

First Night Walk – 2am until 9am. Followed by breakfast.

Second day – Morning, from 10.30am until 2pm  
Afternoon, after a couple of hours sleep out at 4pm, birding around Martin’s Simple Lodge for a couple of hours.

Second Night Walk – 9pm to 1am, mainly trying to find Pangolin

Third day – Morning, from 6.30am until 1.30am  
Afternoon, after a couple of hours sleep out at 4pm, birding around Martin’s Simple Lodge for a couple of hours.

Highlights: Red Slender Loris, Sri Lanka Bay Owl after many nights of searching

**ANIMAL LIST****ENDEMIC IN RED**

KEY: W = Wilpattu NP; WB = Wilpattu Buffer Zone; Sg = Sigiriya; NE = Nuwara Eliya; HP = Horton Plains;

K = Kitulgala; Sn = Sinharajah

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	LOCATION	
Indian (Black-naped) Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	W, WB, Sg, Sn	
Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Ptaurista philippensis</i>	Sg	
Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funumbulus palmarum</i>	W, WB, Sg, K, Sn	
<b>Sri Lanka Flameback Squirrel</b>	<i>Funumbulus layardi</i>	Sn	
<b>Sri Lanka Dusky-striped Squirrel</b>	<i>Funumbulus obscurus</i>	Ne	
Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>	Sg, Sn	
Asiatic Long-tailed Climbing Mouse	<i>Vandeleuria oleracea</i>	WB	
Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>	WB	
Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>	WB	
Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	WB	
<b>Sri Lankan Brown Palm Civet</b> (sub-species of Golden Palm Civet)	<i>Paradoxurus montanus</i> ( <i>Paradoxurus ceylonensis</i> )	K	
Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	WB	
Fishing Cat	<i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>	Sg	
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	W	
Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestus edwardsii</i>	NE	
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestus smithii</i>	W, NE	
Short-tailed (Brown) Mongoose	<i>Herpestes brachyurus</i>	HP	
Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>	W, Sg	
Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	W	
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus medius</i>	Sg to NE drive	
Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bat	<i>Cynopterus sphinx</i>	WB	
Short-nosed Fruit Bat	<i>Cynopterus brachyotis</i>	WB	
Long-armed Sheath-tailed Bat	<i>Taphozous longimanus</i>	Sg	
Dusky Roundleaf Bat	<i>Hipposideros ater</i>	Sg	
Dekhan Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Hipposideros galeritus</i>	Sg	
Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Hipposideros speoris</i>	Sg	
Lesser False Vampire Bat	<i>Megaderma spasma</i>	Sg (Popham's Aboreteum)	
Rufous Horse-shoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus rouxii</i>	Sg (Popham's Arboreteum)	
Brown Bat	<i>Myotis hasseltii</i>	K	
<b>Red Slender Loris</b>	<i>Loris tardigradus</i>	Sn	
Grey Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>	WB, Sg	
<b>Toque Macaque</b>	<i>Macaca sinica</i>	WB, Sg, NE, HP, Sn	
Tufted-Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus priam</i>	WB, Sg	
<b>Purple-faced Leaf Monkey</b>	<i>Semnopithecus vetulus</i>	Sg, NE	
Eurasian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	W, WB, Sg	
<b>Sri Lanka White-striped Chevrotain</b>	<i>Moschiola meminna</i>	WB, Sg	
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	W, HP	
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>	W	
Indian Muntjac (Barking Deer)	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	W	
Wild Buffalo	<i>Bubalus arnee</i>	W	
Feral Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	Sg	
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	W, Sg	
Travancore Flying Squirrel	<i>Petinomys fuscocapillus</i>	Sn	Habituated individual



SLOTH BEAR - WILPATTU NP



LEOPARD - WILPATTU NP



FISHING CAT - NEAR SIGIRIYA



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INDIAN GREY MONGOOSE - HORTON PLAINS



RED SLENDER LORIS - SINHARAJAH

## BIRD LIST

### ENDEMIC IN RED

Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	Wilpattu 1 day
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Horton Plains
<b>Sri Lanka Spurfowl</b>	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>	Sinharajah
<b>Sri Lanka Junglefowl</b>	<i>Gallus fayettii</i>	Seen on at least 8 days
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Sigiriya
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	Seen on 6 days
<b>Sri Lanka Wood-Pigeon</b>	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>	Patipola, on way to Horton Plains
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	Daily
Asian Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Seen on most days
Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>	Wilpattu 3 days
<b>Sri Lanka Green-Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>	Sigiriya & Sinharajah
Green Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	Wilpattu, Wilpattu, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
<b>Green-billed Coucal</b>	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>	Kitulgala
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Wilpattu & Kitulgala
<b>Red-faced Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephala</i>	Sinharajah
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	<i>Clamator coromandus</i>	Wilpattu Catherine only
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>	Sigiriya
Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>	Kitulgala
Gray-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerines</i>	Sigiriya
Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus dicruroides</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	Nuwara Eliya
Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus Micropterus</i>	Sigiriya
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Sinharajah
Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>	Kitulgala
Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>	Nuwara Eliya & Kitulgala
Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	Horton Plains
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	Wilpattu
Gray-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrion poliocephalus</i>	Sigiriya
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauromis phoenicurus</i>	Sigiriya & Nuwara Eliya
Slaty-legged Crane	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>	Sinharajah Village
Indian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>	Sigiriya
Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	Wilpattu
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Wilpattu
Pacific Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Wilpattu
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	Wilpattu
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Greater Painted-Snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	Wilpattu
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	Sigiriya
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Wilpattu
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Wilpattu
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Wilpattu
Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>	Wilpattu
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Wilpattu
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Wilpattu
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Wilpattu
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa tetanus</i>	Wilpattu
Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>	Wilpattu
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Sinharajah
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Wilpattu
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Asian Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	Sigiriya & Kitulgala
Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	Wilpattu
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Wilpattu
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Wilpattu
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Wilpattu
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Sigiriya
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Kitulgala
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Everywhere
Indian Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Wilpattu, Sigiriya, Nuwara Eliya & Kitulgala
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Sigiriya
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanoccephalus</i>	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Horton Plains
Oriental Honey-Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	Sigiriya, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	Wilpattu, Sigiriya, Kitulgala & Sinharajah



Legge's Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus kelaarti	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus cirrhatus	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Black Eagle	Ictinaetus malaiensis	On the drive from Kitulgala to Sinharajah
Booted Eagle	Hieraaetus pennatus	Sigiriya
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Kitulgala
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster	Wilpattu
Gray-headed Fish-Eagle	Haliaeetus ichthyaetus	Wilpattu
Common Buzzard	Buteo buteo	Horton Plains
Sri Lanka Bay-Owl	Phodilus assimilis	Sinharajah
<b>Serendib Scops-Owl</b>	Otus thiloehoffmanni	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Oriental Scops-Owl	Otus sunia	Sigiriya
Brown Fish-Owl	Ketupa zeylonensis	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl	Ketupa nipalensis	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
<b>Chestnut-backed Owllet</b>	Glaucidium castanotum	Kitulgala
Brown Wood-Owl	Strix leptogrammica	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Brown Boobook	Ninox scutulata	Wilpattu
Malabar Trogon	Harpactes fasciatus	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
<b>Sri Lanka Gray Hornbill</b>	Ocyrceros gingalensis	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Malabar Pied-Hornbill	Anthraccoceros coronatus	Wilpattu, Sigiriya, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	Wilpattu
Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher	Ceyx erithaca	Sigiriya & Kitulgala
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis campensis	Wilpattu & Kitulgala
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smymensis	Wilpattu & Sinharajah
Black-capped Kingfisher	Halcyon pileate	Wilpattu
Asian Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis	Wilpattu
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Merops philippinus	Wilpattu, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	Merops leschenaultia	Wilpattu
Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis	Wilpattu & Sinharajah
<b>Crimson-fronted Barbet</b>	Psilopogon rubricapillus	Nuwara Eliya
Coppersmith Barbet	Psilopogon haemacephalus	Wilpattu
Brown-headed Barbet	Psilopogon zeylanicus	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Kitulgala
<b>Yellow-fronted Barbet</b>	Psilopogon flavifrons	Nuwara Eliya, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Yungipicus nanus	Wilpattu
<b>Crimson-backed Flameback</b>	Chrysocolaptes stricklandi	Nuwara Eliya, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
White-naped Woodpecker	Chrysocolaptes festivus	Wilpattu
Black-rumped Flameback	Dinopium benghalense	Wilpattu
<b>Red-backed Flameback</b>	Dinopium psarodes	Kitulgala
Lesser Yellownape	Picus chlorolophus	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	Sigiriya
Alexandrine Parakeet	Psittacula eupatria	Kitulgala
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Psittacula kramera	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Sinharajah
<b>Layard's Parakeet</b>	Psittacula calthrapae	Sinharajah
<b>Sri Lanka Hanging-Parrot</b>	Loriculus beryllinus	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Indian Pitta	Pitta brachyura	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Kitulgala
Small Minivet	Pericrocotus cinnamomeus	Wilpattu
Orange Minivet	Pericrocotus flammeus	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Black-headed Cuckooshrike	Lalage melanoptera	Wilpattu
Black-hooded Oriole	Oriolus xanthornus	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Kitulgala
<b>Sri Lanka Woodshrike</b>	Tephrodornis affinis	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	Hemipus picatus	Sigiriya
Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
White-browed Fantail	Rhipidura aureola	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
White-bellied Drongo	Dicrurus caerulescens	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Kitulgala
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus	Wilpattu
<b>Sri Lanka Drongo</b>	Dicrurus lophorinus	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis azurea	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Indian Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone paradisi	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Kitulgala
Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
<b>Sri Lanka Blue-Magpie</b>	Urocissa ornata	Nuwara Eliya, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
House Crow	Corvus splendens	Nuwara Eliya
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	Wilpattu & Nuwara Eliya
Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis	Nuwara Eliya
Cinereous Tit	Parus cinereus	Nuwara Eliya & Horton Plains
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	Eremopterix griseus	Near Colombo
Jerdon's Bushlark	Mirafra affinis	Wilpattu
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Gray-breasted Prinia	Prinia hodgsonii	Sigiriya
Jungle Prinia	Prinia sylvatica	Sigiriya
Ashy Prinia	Prinia socialis	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata	Sigiriya & Kitulgala
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	Sigiriya
Blyth's Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus dumetorum	Kitulgala
Clamorous Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus stentoreus	Near Colombo
<b>Sri Lanka Bush Warbler</b>	Elaphrornis palliseri	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Wilpattu
Hill Swallow	Hirundo domicola	Nuwara Eliya
<b>Sri Lanka Swallow</b>	Cecropis hyperythra	Sigiriya, Nuwara Eliya & Kitulgala
<b>Black-capped Bulbul</b>	Rubigula melanicterus	Sinharajah
Red-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus cafer	Daily
<b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	Pycnonotus penicillatus	Nuwara Eliya
White-browed Bulbul	Pycnonotus luteolus	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Yellow-browed Bulbul	Bulbul lola indica	Sinharajah

Square-tailed Bulbul	Hypsipetes ganeesa	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Green Warbler	Phylloscopus nitidus	Sigiriya
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus magnirostris	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
<b>Sri Lanka White-eye</b>	Zosterops ceylonensis	Horton Plains & Nuwara Eliya
Indian White-eye	Zosterops palpebrosus	Wilpattu, Sigiriya, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Tawny-bellied Babbler	Dumetia hyperythra	Sigiriya
Dark-fronted Babbler	Dumetia atriceps	Sigiriya, Nuwara Eliya & Sinharajah
<b>Sri Lanka Scimitar-Babbler</b>	Pomatorhinus melanurus	Nuwara Eliya & Sinharajah
<b>Brown-capped Babbler</b>	Pellorneum fuscocapillus	Wilpattu & Sinharajah
<b>Ashy-headed Laughingthrush</b>	Argya cinereifrons	Sinharajah
<b>Orange-billed Babbler</b>	Argya rufescens	Wilpattu, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Yellow-billed Babbler	Argya affinis	Seen on 9 out of 12 days
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Sitta frontalis	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest) & Sinharajah
<b>Sri Lanka Myna</b>	Gracula ptilogenys	Sinharajah
Southern Hill Myna	Gracula indica	Kitulgala
<b>White-faced Starling</b>	Sturnornis albofrontatus	Sinharajah
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	Seen on 10 out of 13 days
<b>Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush</b>	Zosterops imbricata	Sinharajah
Pied Thrush	Geokichla wardii	Nuwara Eliya (Victoria Gardens)
<b>Spot-winged Thrush</b>	Geokichla spiloptera	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Orange-headed Thrush	Geokichla citrina	Sigiriya
Indian Blackbird	Turdus simillimus	Nuwara Eliya
Asian Brown Flycatcher	Muscicapa dauurica	Sinharajah
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	Muscicapa muttui	Wilpattu, Sigiriya, Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Indian Robin	Copsychus fulvatus	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis	Seen on 11 of 13 days
White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis tickelliae	Sigiriya & Kitulgala
<b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	Eumyias sordidus	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
Indian Blue Robin	Larvivora brunnea	Sigiriya & Nuwara Eliya
<b>Sri Lanka Whistling-Thrush</b>	Myophonus blighi	Nuwara Eliya & Horton Plains
Kashmir Flycatcher	Ficedula subrubra	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest & Victoria Gardens)
Pied Bushchat	Saxicola caprata	Nuwara Eliya
<b>Legge's (White-throated) Flowerpecker</b>	Dicaeum vincens	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum erythrorhynchos	Sigiriya & Sinharajah
Purple-rumped Sunbird	Leptocoma zeylonica	Wilpattu, Sigiriya & Sinharajah
Purple Sunbird	Cinnyris asiaticus	Wilpattu
Loten's Sunbird	Cinnyris lotenius	Kitulgala
Jerdon's Leafbird	Chloropsis jerdoni	Sigiriya
Golden-fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons	Sinharajah
Baya Weaver	Ploceus philippinus	Sigiriya
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulate	Wilpattu & Sigiriya
Black-throated Munia	Lonchura kelaarti	Sigiriya & Sinharajah
White-rumped Munia	Lonchura striata	Sigiriya
Black-headed	Lonchura malacca	Wilpattu & Nuwara Eliya
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	Nuwara Eliya
Forest Wagtail	Dendronanthus indicus	Wilpattu & Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	Nuwara Eliya & Sinharajah
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla tschutschensis	Negombo
Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus	Wilpattu, Nuwara Eliya & Kitulgala



SPOT-BELLIED EAGLE-OWL – WILPATTU BUFFER ZONE



BROWN WOOD-OWL - SIGIRIYA



LEGGÉ'S HAWK EAGLE - BOMBURUELLA FOREST, NUWARA ELIYA



SERENDIB SCOPS OWL - KITULGALA



Sri Lanka Bay Owl - Sinharajah

**REPTILES LIST**

**ENDEMIC IN RED**

KEY: W = Wilpattu NP; WB = Wilpattu Buffer Zone; Sg = Sigiriya; NE = Nuwara Eliya; HP = Horton Plains; K = Kitulgala; Sn = Sinharajah

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	LOCATION
Green Vine Snake	Ahaetulla nasuta	WB, Sn
<b>Common Rough-sided Snake</b>	Aspidura trachyrocta	HP
Common Bronzeback Tree Snake	Dendrelaphis tristis	Sn
<b>Reed-like Kukri Snake</b>	Oligodon calamarius	Sg
<b>Sri Lankan Keelback Water Snake</b>	Xenochrophis asperrimus	Sn
Common Bridal Snake	Lycodon nympha	Sg
<b>Lowland Hump-nosed Pit Viper</b>	Hypnale zara	K
<b>Sri Lankan Green Pit Viper</b>	Trimeresurus trigonocephalus	Sn
Green Forest Lizard	Calotes calotes	K, Sn
<b>Whistling Lizard</b>	Calotes liolepis	K
Black-lipped Lizard	Calotes nigrilabris	NE
Common Garden Lizard	Calotes versicolor	WB
<b>Rhinoceros-horned Lizard</b>	Ceratophora stoddartii	NE
<b>Hump-nosed Lizard</b>	Lyriocephalus scutatus	K
<b>Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard</b>	Otocryptis wiegmaai	Sn
Bahir's Fan-throated Lizard	Sitana bahiri	WB
Kandian Gecko	Hemidactylus depressus	Sg
Asian House Gecko	Hemidactylus frenatus	WB
Rock Skink	Eutropis macularia	Sn

Land Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>	W
Water Monitor	<i>Varanus salvator</i>	W, Sn
Mugger or Marsh crocodile	<i>Crocodylus paluster</i>	W
Indian Black Turtle	<i>Melanochelys trijuga</i>	W, Sg
Flapshell Turtle	<i>Lissemys punctata</i>	W
Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>	W

## AMPHIBIANS LIST

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COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	LOCATION
<b>Sri Lankan Golden-backed Frog</b>	<i>Indosylvirana serendipi</i>	K
<b>Hollow-snouted Shrub Frog</b>	<i>Pseudophilautus cavirostris</i>	K
<b>Brown Pug-nosed Frog</b>	<i>Pseudophilautus silus</i>	K
<b>Sri Lanka Rock Frog</b>	<i>Nannophrys celonensis</i>	En route K to Sn
<b>Sri Lanka Paddy Field Frog</b>	<i>Minervarya greeni</i>	Sn
Common Paddy Field Frog	<i>Fejervarya limnocharis</i>	K
Common Indian Toad	<i>Duttaphrynus melanostictus</i>	K
<b>Leaf Dwelling Shrub Frog</b>	<i>Pseudophilautus folicola</i>	Sn
<b>Long-snouted Tree Frog</b>	<i>Taruga longinasus</i>	K
Common/Indian Pond Frog	<i>Euphlyctis hexadactylus</i>	Sn

## BUTTERFLIES LIST

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COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	LOCATION
Crimson Rose	<i>Pachliopta hector</i>	W
Red Helen	<i>Papilio helenus</i>	Sn
Blue Mormon	<i>Papilio polymnestor</i>	Sn
Common Bluebottle	<i>Graphium sarpedon</i>	Sn
Common Jay	<i>Graphium doson</i>	Sn
Psyche	<i>Leptosia nina</i>	Sn
Lemon Migrant	<i>Catopsilia pomona</i>	W
Three-spot Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema blanda</i>	Sn
Ceylon Tree Nymph	<i>Idea iasonia</i>	Sn
Blue Glassy Tiger	<i>Ideopsis similis</i>	Sn
Glassy Tiger	<i>Parantica aglea</i>	Sn
Leopard	<i>Phalanta phalantha</i>	W
Peacock Pansy	<i>Junonia almanac</i>	Sn
Clipper	<i>Parthenos sylvia</i>	Sn
Common Palmfly	<i>Elymnias hypermnestra</i>	Sn
White Four-ring	<i>Ypthima ceylonica</i>	Sn



A MATING PAIR OF CRIMON ROSE – WILPATTU NP