

Sri Lanka 7th – 20th February 2019

Trip report by John Wright. Email johnpw2@tiscali.co.uk

Team: Nigel Goodgame, Sissel Goodgame, Nick Roberts, John Wright.

Background We used the very well-known Bird and Wildlife Team who lived up to their amazing reputation for providing a high quality service with knowledgeable and dedicated naturalists. Our guide Dulan Vidanapathirana was no exception - he was brilliant, amazing in fact, his spotlighting ability was uncanny, he astounded us on more than one occasion and without doubt found most of the nocturnal animals. As well as mammals he is also an expert when it comes to the identification of birds, reptiles and amphibians – in fact he had a paper published on a new species of snake he discovered in Sri Lanka. Importantly, he is also great company, we all thoroughly recommend Dulan and we wouldn't hesitate to use him again. Our driver, Herath, was good company, a careful driver and more than willing to do 'odd' hours us mammal watchers are apt to keep! He drove a comfortable 8-seater van which afforded us plenty of room.

Bird and Wildlife Team see: <https://www.birdandwildlifeteam.com/>

We flew overnight direct from London Heathrow arriving in Colombo on Thursday 7th February. We flew back to London Heathrow on Wednesday 20th February on a direct flight from Colombo.

On this trip we concentrated on seeing the many nocturnal mammals of Sri Lanka with Fishing Cat and Rusty-spotted Cat being top of the list of most wanted. Being all round naturalists (to some extent!) we of course didn't ignore other forms of wildlife and recorded the birds, reptiles and amphibians we saw but struggled a bit with butterflies and dragonflies. Most of the bat identification was possible because they were seen in known day or night roosts. We did, however, identify two species in flight, but it is much more difficult. A couple of rodents seen briefly went unidentified.

This was my second visit to Sri Lanka – I went in 2011. On that trip I concentrated on seeing the endemic birds, but I did see most of the

diurnal mammals including Leopards. It was also Nigel and Nick's second visit - they visited in 2000 also concentrating on birds on that trip. It was Sissel's first time in Sri Lanka.

We used red filters when spotlighting. Once an animal was located and settled we used a white light for brief periods for a clearer view or to take a photograph.

It was generally hot and sunny with warm nights. However, we did have a few torrential downpours accompanied by thunder and lightning. The heavy rain we had was unusual for the time of year.

It got light around 06:30 and dark around 18:30.

All photographs by Nigel Goodgame.



Asian Elephant

Itinerary.

Day 01. Arrival in Columbo then drove to Sigiriya. Night drive in Sigiriya area. Overnight stay at Hotel in Sigiriya.

Day 02. Whole day in Sigiriya and its surrounding. Night drive in Sigiriya area. Overnight stay at Hotel in Sigiriya.

Day 03. Whole day in Sigiriya. Night drive in Sigiriya area. Overnight stay at Hotel in Sigiriya.

Day 04. Morning leave for Kandy. Late afternoon and early evening walk around nearby forest. Overnight stay at hotel in Kandy.

Day 05. Morning leave for Nuwara Eliya. Afternoon visit to nearby forest. Overnight stay at hotel in Nuwara Eliya.

Day 06. Morning visit to Horton Plains National Park, afternoon left for Kitulgala. Late night visit to Kitulgala forest. Overnight stay at a hotel in Kitulgala.

Day 07. Full day at Kitulgala. Morning/afternoon in the forest. Late night visit to forest. Overnight stay at a hotel in Kitulgala.

Day 08. Morning left for Sinharaja. Afternoon visit Singharaja rain forest. Overnight stay at Martin's Place in Singharaja.

Day 09. Morning visit Sinharaja rain forest. Afternoon left for Yala/Tissa. Night drive around Yala/Tissa area. Overnight stay at a hotel in Tissa.

Day 10. Full day visit to Yala National Park. Late evening night drive Tissa/Yala area. Overnight stay at hotel in Tissa.

Day 11. Morning around Tissa. Afternoon visit to Yala National Park. Late afternoon left Tissa/Yala area for Mirissa. Overnight stay at a hotel in Mirissa.

Day 12. Morning pelagic trip whale watching. Afternoon around Mirissa area. Overnight stay at hotel in Mirissa.

Day 13. In the morning second pelagic trip whale watching. After lunch left for a hotel near Colombo airport. Night drive in nearby forest. Overnight stay at hotel near airport.

Day 14. Flight back to the UK.

Daily Diary.

Thursday 7th Arrived Colombo early afternoon and drove to Sigiriya. A brief stop on the way kicked off our mammal list with a small colony of **Indian Flying Foxes** and four **Grey Mongoose** which turned out to be the only Grey Mongoose we saw on the trip. We also saw a few **Toque Macaques** along the side of the road as we drove along.

We arrived at our hotel just as it got dark. After settling in we went out on a spotlighting session at 22:00, swapping the van for a jeep with a local driver. In fact, unless otherwise stated, all night drives on our trip were in jeep/land rover type vehicles with a local driver.

We came across seven **Indian (Black-naped) Hares**, two **Asiatic Long-tailed Climbing Mice**, one **Small Indian Civet**, one **Golden Dry-Zone Palm Civet**, two **Wild Boar**, three **White-striped Chevrotains** and four **Asian Elephants**. The elephants were highly irritated with our presence with one trumpeting and doing a short charge in our direction. Their annoyance was due to the hassle (shouting, bright lights, fire crackers, fires) they get at night from the local farmers protecting their crops from the elephants. Very pleased with our first spotlighting session we got back to our hotel at 03:00.

Friday 8th A **Sri Lankan Giant Squirrel**, **Indian Palm Squirrel** and **Toque Macaques** were in the hotel grounds. After breakfast we drove to a small farmstead where we saw a **Palm Squirrel** and in one of the buildings a small colony of **Rufous Horseshoe** and **Dusky Roundleaf Bats**. We moved on to the grounds of a Buddhist Temple to see a mixed colony of **Dusky Roundleaf** and **Schneider's Leaf-nosed Bats** and close by in a rock cleft a couple each of **Long-armed Sheath-tailed Bats** and **Rufous Horseshoe Bats**. In the late afternoon we drove to Popham Arboretum, in a small out building was a huddle of **Lesser False Vampire Bats**. When it was completely dark a walk around the grounds with the arboretum guides produced two **Grey Slender Loris**.



Long-armed Sheath-tailed Bats



Lesser False Vampire Bats

On the way back to our hotel Dulan spotlighted out of the van window, we came across one **Indian Hare**, one **Asian Palm Civet** and five **Chital (Spotted Deer)**.

After our evening meal we went spotlighting, starting out at 22:15. We came across the following - six **Indian Hares**, one **Indian Crested Porcupine**, six **Small Indian Civets**, eight **Asian Palm Civets**, one **Golden Dry-Zone Palm Civet**, three **Jungle Cats** plus one jungle x domestic cat hybrid, two **Golden Jackals** and two **Grey Slender Loris**. We arrived back at our hotel rather tired but happy at 04:45.

Saturday 9th We got up around midday for lunch! In the hotel grounds were **Tufted Grey Langurs** and **Toque Macaques**. A late afternoon drive and walk produced more **Toque Macaques**, **Tufted Grey Langurs** and three troops of **Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys**, these were of the northern race *Trachypithecus*

vetulus philbricki. At dusk a few **Least Pipistrelles** appeared, and an **Asian Palm Civet** emerged out of a tree hole before we returned to the hotel for our evening meal.

We went out spotlighting at 21:30 which turned out to be a very good session. We came across ten **Indian Hares**, one **Indian Giant Flying Squirrel**, one **Long-tailed Climbing Mouse**, four **Small Indian Civets**, one **Asian Palm Civet**, two **Jungle Cats**, plus two Jungle x domestic hybrids, a night roost of **Indian Roundleaf** and **Rufous Horseshoe Bats**, an adult **Wild Boar** with at least 20 piglets in tow, five **White-striped Chevrotains** and a few **Chital**. But best of all at 02:05 we came across a **Fishing Cat** loitering alongside a lake. The good thing about the sighting was that the cat was in the open and not hidden in vegetation. We watched the cat for over five minutes before it eventually sauntered off into thick cover.



Fishing Cat

Well pleased with this excellent sighting we moved on and amazingly about a mile down the road we came across another **Fishing Cat**, like the last one the cat was in an open area. However, this one was a bit jittery and didn't hang around, making off into cover after a couple of minutes. Very happy with our night drive we slowly made our way back to our hotel getting back around 03:30.



Small Indian Civet

Sunday 10th We departed Sigiriya around 10:00 and made for Kandy, arriving at our hotel, located just outside the town, at approximately 13:00 for a single night stay. A late afternoon walk produced a couple of **Palm Squirrels** and a few **Toque Macaques**. On a short night walk we had good views of three **Indian Giant Flying Squirrels**.

Monday 11th We departed our hotel at 07:40 and negotiated the heavy traffic through Kandy making for the Royal Forest Park, Udawattakele. Our target here was **Indian Muntjac** of which we saw three. Leaving the Park at 10:30 we again negotiated the slow traffic through Kandy making for our hotel in Nuwara Eliya. A brief stop and walk before we got to our hotel only produced a **House (Black) Rat**. On an evening walk at the back of a fruit market in Nuwara Eliya we found a few more **House Rats**. We went back to our hotel mid evening as there was no where suitable for a decent night drive.

Tuesday 12th An early start from our hotel to go to the Horton Plains. On route Dulan spotlighted out of the van window - we saw two **Indian Muntjac** in a field adjacent to the road. When I was in Sri Lanka in 2011, I visited the Horton Plains arriving at first light and apart from a few vehicles and people later in the morning it was relatively quiet. Not so now as we jostled towards the entrance gate to the Horton Plains along with dozens of other vehicles all trying to push their way to the front of the ticket queue. Apparently, all the local hotels advertise a visit to the plains at first light to see the sun rise before taking you onto the entrance to the World's End hiking trail. This resulted in about 100 vehicles parked on the narrow roadsides near the start of the hiking trail. Today nobody saw the sunrise as it was foggy, cold, windy and showery. Anyway, we spent the morning here and to be honest it was easy to avoid the crowds. We found 6 **Sambar** and a couple of **Brown Mongoose** before returning to our hotel for an early lunch and to pack.

We departed early afternoon for Kitulgala but initially stayed in the area visiting a nearby forest where we saw a couple of **Palm Squirrels** and a **Dusky-Stripped Squirrel** before moving on to Hakgala Botanical Gardens. We were looking for **Purple-Faced Leaf Monkeys** - the highland 'Bear monkey' *T. v. monticola* – they showed well, and we found at least three troops. There were also a few **Toque Macaques** in the gardens.

We then drove to Kitulgala seeing a **Wild Boar** on the way but nothing else. We arrived at our hotel in Kitulgala about 21:00. At 22:15, following our evening meal, we crossed the River Kelani Ganga by ferry - a small boat that only takes six people across at a time and entered Makandawa Forest. We walked the tracks spotlighting as we went and had a good session. We found, and had good views of two **Travancore Flying Squirrels**, two **Red Slender Loris** and two **Yellow-striped Chevrotain** but poor views of a **Golden Wet Zone Palm Civet**

so poor in fact we decided we just couldn't tick it. Nevertheless, happy with our lot we went back to the hotel at 01:30.

Wednesday 13th After breakfast we went back across the river on the ferry and had a wander through the forest from mid-morning through to early afternoon. We came across three species of squirrel – singles of **Palm**, **Flameback** and **Giant** and a single **Brown Mongoose**. We returned to the hotel early afternoon.

From 17:30 till 19:00 we stood on a bridge at a Eurasian Otter stakeout but dipped which was a bit galling as it had been seen the evening before and had in fact been appearing regularly in the evenings. However, we had good views of the many **Brown Bats** hawking insects just above the river surface. At 21:00, after our evening meal, we went back across the river and walked the forest tracks spotlighting as we went. We found a single **Red Slender Loris** and a single **Travencore Flying Squirrel** plus a brief view of a **Yellow-striped Chevrotain** before calling it a day at 00:30.



Rufous Horseshoe and Dusky Roundleaf Bats

Thursday 14th We had a brief early morning visit to the forest but didn't come across any mammals. We departed Kitulgala late-morning and made our way

to Sinharaja National Park. On arrival we watched a **Flameback Squirrel** in the lower car park before taking a jeep up the steep bumpy hill to Martin's Place. After lunch we had a short walk along a forest track seeing a single **Purple-faced Leaf Monkey**, the southern race *T. v. vetulus*, before our walk was curtailed by torrential rain. However, when taking shelter in the parks Educational Building, we got a brief view of what looked like a **Bi-coloured Rat**. In the evening we hoped that a Golden Wet-Zone Palm Civet would appear at some fruit left out for it on the veranda. It is apparently a regular visitor but of course not tonight! However, a **Bi-coloured Rat** showed well as it climbed around a small tree. Catching moths around the veranda lights were **Lesser Woolly Horseshoe** and **Dekham Leaf-nosed Bats**.

Friday 15th We left Sinharaja in the morning for Tissa/Yala, seeing only a couple of **Flameback Squirrels** and a single **Purple-faced Leaf Monkey** around the lower car park before we left. On route we saw three **Elephants** and a few feral Water Buffalo as we drove passed Wirawila Tissa sanctuary. Arriving at our hotel in Tissa at 15:30 we settled in and then went out for a short drive to a tower block hotel where we had permission to go on the roof to get a panoramic view of the nearby wetlands and to watch around 10,000 **Flying Foxes** leaving their roost trees at dusk - it was quite a sight.

From 20:30 to 22:45 we went out for a spotlighting session. Seeing six **Indian Hares**, five **Indian Gerbils**, two **Golden Jackals**, one **Crested Porcupine**, two **Jungle Cats** and three **Chital**.

Saturday 16th An early start to drive to the entrance area of Yala National Park where we jumped aboard a jeep and joined the many, many other jeeps queueing to get through the gate. Once in we only drove a short way before we were in a long jostling queue of basically stationary vehicles. Word got out that a Sloth Bear had been seen and fortuitously we had stopped (not that we had much choice) in the right place as we could see the **Sloth Bear** well hidden in thick cover where it appeared to be eating something. Glad to say that after about 15 minutes the bear moved, it walked through the scrub and gave us decent views before it crossed the road a few cars ahead of us in the line. We last saw its back end disappearing through the scrub on the other side of the road. We moved on a little way and stopped again this time an area where a

female Leopard with two cubs had been hanging around. Fortunately, most of the other vehicles drove passed us so although not totally alone it was relatively vehicle free. The waiting paid off as after about 20 minutes the female **Leopard** appeared walking through the scrub before crossing the road in front of our jeep and moving off into thick cover.



Leopard

We moved on but not far before stopping again and waiting in an area where the well grown cubs of the female Leopard we had just watched were seen occasionally. We didn't have to wait long before an adult male **Leopard** wandered passed and showed well for us for a couple of minutes.

So, two Leopards and a Sloth Bear within the first hour of being in the Park - not bad to say the least. We spent the rest of the day in the Park coming across the usual suspects: **Indian Hare**, at least six **Ruddy Mongoose** plus **Toque Macaques**, **Tufted Grey Langurs**, **Wild Boar**, **Sambar**, **Chital**, **Wild Water Buffalo** (plus feral Water Buffalo) and about ten **Elephants**.

We left the Park at 16:30 and drove back to the hotel.



Leopard and Wild Water Buffalo





Asian Elephant, and the only tusker we came across.

It started raining early evening and as the evening wore on it became torrential accompanied by thunder and lightning. Hoping it would stop we set off around 22:00 to go spotlighting but stopping off first at a night roost of at least 50 **Dekham Leaf-nosed Bats**. We arrived at the meeting point to change from our van to a jeep but in the end decided against using the jeep as having open sides we would have got absolutely soaked as it was still raining. So, we set off in the van and made the best of our spotlighting session. Two interesting sighting ensured - one frustrating and one exciting but first I'll just mention the

other sightings of our night drive: ten **Indian Hares**, numerous **Indian Gerbils**, one **Crested Porcupine** that showed well, one **Small Indian Civet**, a Jungle cat x domestic cat hybrid and two **Golden Jackals**. The first of the two interesting sightings of the evening was a **Rusty-spotted Cat** in such deep cover that all we could see was eye shine and bits of its face despite it being close to the van. We tried different angles but being in such thick cover we easily lost the eyeshine with even the slightest move left or right. We tried pishing, turning off all lights and waiting quietly in the dark, we even drove off and returned to the spot a little later but all to no avail. All very frustrating, but we all agreed rather reluctantly that we just couldn't tick it on the views we had – after all standards must be maintained! So, unfortunately it was the one that got away.



Jungle Cat

So, to the other interesting sighting of the night. First, I'll mention that earlier in the evening Dulan had said that rainy nights can be good for seeing pangolins. So, what happened - well of course we saw an **Indian Pangolin**. Albeit brief but a good view as it crossed the road in front of the van. We did leap out in the hope of a better view, but it had disappeared into the thick roadside vegetation. More than happy with the pangolin sighting but disappointed with the Rusty-spotted Cat we decided to call it quits at 02:15.



Chital (Spotted Deer)

Sunday 17th A bit of a lay-in followed by an easy-going morning. A **Palm Squirrel** was in the trees in the hotel grounds but little else. Around mid-morning we drove to a small Palm grove where Dulan had regularly found Painted Bats. Unfortunately, none could be found - maybe they had moved temporarily due to last night's torrential rain. The only mammals were a **Ruddy Mongoose** and a **Palm Squirrel**. After lunch we went to Yala National Park again, arriving about 14:00. But we didn't go to the usual popular gate in block 1 this time we went to the much less visited block 5 in the north part of the Park. The habitat here is more gallery forest rather than the scrub and savannah type habitat of block 1. The mammals here are not easily seen but it

is a good place to look for Stripe-necked Mongoose which is what we were hoping for. It's also a much quieter area with only a few vehicles being seen. On the road not far from the entrance gate was an **Elephant** and a pair of **Ruddy Mongoose**. In the park we came across plenty of **Chital**, **Langurs**, two small sounders of **Wild Boar** and a male **Elephant** with tusks this being the only 'tuskier' we came across. But best of all was fantastic views of our target animal - a **Striped-necked Mongoose**. In the late afternoon we had another thunder storm with heavy rain. We left the park at 18:00 and on the road not far from the gate the **Elephant** we saw on the way in was still loitering, we also saw two **Golden Jackals** and a rodent that behaved itself by showing nicely under a bush and so was relatively easily identified as a **Sri Lanka Spiny Mouse**. We then had a long drive to Mirissa arriving at our hotel at 23:00.



Red Slender Loris



Golden Jackal

Monday 18th. Mirissa. After a short drive to the harbour we boarded our whale watching boat and were on our way out to sea by 07:00. It was a fine, calm morning with great visibility. By 07:35 we had seen the first of seven **Blue Whales** we came across in the four hours we were at sea. We also came across a pod of about 40 **Spinner Dolphins** which only performed some low-level, half-hearted spinning. Unfortunately, the boat developed a steering/rudder

problem and in the end we had to be towed back to harbour by one of the whale watching boats!

After lunch at our hotel and with no specific plans we visited a 'snake doctor' to get close and personal to some of his snakes. It was interesting but seeing captive snakes isn't usually how we like to see them. But to be fair he does 'milk' their venom to use in snake bite antidotes treating the local community for free. He also takes the snakes to schools for educational pro snake talks.

In the early evening we staked out a fruiting tree in the grounds of the hotel and watched a few **Fulvous Fruit Bats** and **Flying Foxes** coming in to feed. There was also quite a few **Least Pipistrelles** generally flitting about the grounds.



Blue Whale

Tuesday 19th An early start again this morning to get to the harbour and onto our whale watching boat for a 07:00 anchors away. A different boat and crew today due to yesterday's steering problem. Again, we had a fine, calm morning. We were out at sea for just over three hours and came across at least six **Blue Whales** and a pod of about 50 **Spinner Dolphins**. We also saw Flying Fish and of interest a pair of mating Green Turtles. Presumably the whales and dolphins were the same animals we saw yesterday.



Blue Whale, going for a deep dive.

After a hotel lunch we packed and departed making our way to a hotel near Colombo Airport. On the way we stopped briefly to look at a **Purple-faced Leaf Monkey** of the western race *T. v. nestor*. We also stopped in a built-up area of Colombo at an educational facility and after a bit of a wait saw two **Lesser Bandicoot Rats** and at least one **Brown Rat**. We arrived at our hotel around 18:30.

After an evening meal we drove to a block of remnant forest for some spotlighting in the hope of finding Golden Palm Civet. We had a couple of **Golden Jackals**, but it couldn't have worked out better as we also had great views of two **Wet-zone Golden Palm Civets**. This was very pleasing because as mentioned earlier we didn't tick the only other one we saw, so all in all, a fantastic final session of our trip.

Wednesday 20th Decided not to do anything this morning but relax, pack and drive to the airport at 10:00 for our 12:50 direct flight back to the UK.

The systematic lists follow on after the next nine photographs.



Dekham Leaf-nosed Bat



Ruddy Mongoose

Indian Giant Flying Squirrel - note the tick on the neck





Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, montane race *T. v. monticola*



Tufted Grey Langur



Toque Macaque



Sambar



Wild Boar



Flameback squirrel

Systematic Lists

Mammals – 57 species

1. Indian (Black-naped) Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
2. Sri Lankan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
3. Indian Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
4. Sri Lankan Flameback Squirrel	<i>Funambulus layardi</i>
5. Sri Lankan Dusky-striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus obscurus</i>
6. Indian Giant Flying Squirrel	<i>Ptaurista philippensis</i>
7. Travancore Flying Squirrel	<i>Petinomys fuscicapillus</i>
8. Lesser Bandicoot Rat	<i>Bandicota bengalensis</i>
9. Bi-coloured Rat	<i>Srilankamys ohienensis</i>
10. Asiatic Long-tailed Climbing Mouse	<i>Vandeleuria oleracea</i>
11. Sri Lanka Spiny Mouse	<i>Mus (Pyromys) fernandoni</i>
12. House (Black) Rat	<i>Rattus rattus</i>
13. Brown Rat	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>
14. Indian Gerbil	<i>Tatera indica</i>
15. Indian Crested Porcupine	<i>Hystrix indica</i>
16. Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>
17. Asian Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>
18. Golden Wet-Zone Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus aureus</i>
19. Golden Dry-Zone Palm Civet	<i>Paradoxurus stenocephalus</i>
20. Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>
21. Fishing Cat	<i>Felis viverrina</i>
22. Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>

23. Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
24. Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>
25. Brown Mongoose	<i>Herpestes brachyurus</i>
26. Striped-necked Mongoose	<i>Herpestes vitticollis</i>
27. Golden Jackal	<i>Canis aureus</i>
28. Sloth Bear	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>
29. Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>
30. Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bat	<i>Cynopterus sphinx</i>
31. Fulvous Fruit Bat	<i>Rousettus leschenaultia</i>
32. Long-armed Sheath-tailed Bat	<i>Taphozous longimanus</i>
33. Dusky Roundleaf Bat	<i>Hipposideros ater</i>
34. Dekhan Leaf-nosed Bat	<i>Hipposideros galeritus</i>
35. Schneider's Roundleaf Bat	<i>Hipposideros speoris</i>
36. Indian Roundleaf Bat	<i>Hipposideros lankadiva</i>
37. Lesser False Vampire Bat	<i>Megaderma spasma</i>
38. Indian Woolly Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus beddomei</i>
39. Rufous Horseshoe Bat	<i>Rhinolophus rouxii</i>
40. Brown Bat	<i>Myotis hasseltii</i>
41. Least Pipistrelle	<i>Pipistrellus tenuis</i>
42. Indian Pangolin	<i>Manis crassicaudata</i>
43. Red Slender Loris	<i>Loris tardigradus</i>
44. Grey Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>
45. Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>
46. Tufted Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus priam</i>

47. Purple-faced Leaf Monkey *Trachypithecus vetulus*

All four races of Purple-faced Leaf Monkey seen

48. Eurasian Wild Boar *Sus scrofa*

49. Sri Lankan White-striped Chevrotain *Moschiola meminna*

50. Sri Lankan Yellow-striped Chevrotain *Moschiola kathygre*

51. Sambar *Cervus unicolor*

52. Chital *Axis axis*

53. Indian Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*

54. Wild Water Buffalo *Bubalus arnee*

55. Asian Elephant *Elephas maximus*

56. Blue Whale *Balaenoptera musculus*

57. (Long-snouted) Spinner Dolphin *Stenella longirostris*

Selected Birds

Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Indian Peafowl, Painted Stork, Black-necked Stork, Black Bittern, Spot-billed Pelican, Grey-headed Fish-eagle, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Long-legged Buzzard, Legge's Hawk-eagle, Bridled Tern, Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Serendib Scops-owl, Oriental Scops-owl, Indian Scops-owl, Brown Fish-owl, Brown Wood-owl, Jungle Owlet, Chestnut-backed Owl, Brown Hawk-owl, Malabar Trogon, Indian Pitta, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Sri Lanka Scimitar-babbler, Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, Sri Lanka White-eye.

Reptiles

Green Garden Lizard, Whistling Lizard, Common Garden Lizard, Rough Horn Lizard, Pygmy Lizard, Hump Nosed Lizard, Lowland Kangaroo Lizard, Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, Four Claw Gecko, Spotted House Gecko, Termite Hill Gecko, Spotted Bow Finger Gecko, Common Skink, Taylor's Skink, Bronzegreen Little Skink, Rock Skink, Green Vine Snake, Indian Rock Python, Land Monitor, Water Monitor, Marsh Crocodile, Star Tortoise, Green Turtle, Black Turtle/Terrapin.

Amphibians

Kelaart's Dwarf Toad, Common (House) Toad, Sri Lanka Bull Frog, Nagao's Romanella Frog, Indian Green Frog, Corrugated Water Frog, Golden Frog, Sri Lanka Wood Frog, Bronzed Frog.

End