

Sri Lanka 5th March to 13th 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) 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**ENDEMICS 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	
Sri Lanka Flameback Squirrel	<i>Funumbulus layardi</i>	Sn	
Sri Lanka Dusky-striped Squirrel	<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	
Sri Lankan Brown Palm Civet (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	
Red Slender Loris	<i>Loris tardigradus</i>	Sn	
Grey Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>	WB, Sg	
Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>	WB, Sg, NE, HP, Sn	
Tufted-Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus priam</i>	WB, Sg	
Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	<i>Semnopithecus vetulus</i>	Sg, NE	
Eurasian Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	W, WB, Sg	
Sri Lanka White-striped Chevrotain	<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 fuscicapillus</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

ENDEMICS IN RED

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

Legge's Hawk-Eagle
 Changeable Hawk-Eagle
 Black Eagle
 Booted Eagle
 Brahminy Kite
 White-bellied Sea-Eagle
 Gray-headed Fish-Eagle
 Common Buzzard
 Sri Lanka Bay-Owl
 Serendib Scops-Owl
 Oriental Scops-Owl
 Brown Fish-Owl
 Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl
 Chestnut-backed Owllet
 Brown Wood-Owl
 Brown Boobook
 Malabar Trogon
 Sri Lanka Gray Hornbill
 Malabar Pied-Hornbill
 Common Kingfisher
 Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher
 Stork-billed Kingfisher
 White-throated Kingfisher
 Black-capped Kingfisher
 Asian Green Bee-eater
 Blue-tailed Bee-eater
 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater
 Indian Roller
 Crimson-fronted Barbet
 Coppermith Barbet
 Brown-headed Barbet
 Yellow-fronted Barbet
 Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker
 Crimson-backed Flameback
 White-naped Woodpecker
 Black-rumped Flameback
 Red-backed Flameback
 Lesser Yellownape
 Peregrine Falcon
 Alexandrine Parakeet
 Rose-ringed Parakeet
 Layard's Parakeet
 Sri Lanka Hanging-Parrot
 Indian Pitta
 Small Minivet
 Orange Minivet
 Black-headed Cuckooshrike
 Black-hooded Oriole
 Sri Lanka Woodshrike
 Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike
 Common Iora
 White-browed Fantail
 Black Drongo
 White-bellied Drongo
 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo
 Sri Lanka Drongo
 Black-naped Monarch
 Indian Paradise-Flycatcher
 Brown Shrike
 Sri Lanka Blue-Magpie
 House Crow
 Large-billed Crow
 Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher
 Cinereous Tit
 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark
 Jerdon's Bushlark
 Common Tailorbird
 Gray-breasted Prinia
 Jungle Prinia
 Ashy Prinia
 Plain Prinia
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 Blyth's Reed Warbler
 Clamorous Reed Warbler
 Sri Lanka Bush Warbler
 Barn Swallow
 Hill Swallow
 Sri Lanka Swallow
 Black-capped Bulbul
 Red-vented Bulbul
 Yellow-eared Bulbul
 White-browed Bulbul
 Yellow-browed Bulbul

Nisaetus kelaarti
 Nisaetus cirrhatus
 Ictinaetus malaiensis
 Hieraaetus pennatus
 Haliastur indus
 Haliaeetus leucogaster
 Haliaeetus ichthyaetus
 Buteo buteo
 Phodilus assimilis
 Otus thiloehoffmanni
 Otus sunia
 Ketupa zeylonensis
 Ketupa nipalensis
 Glaucidium castanotum
 Strix leptogrammica
 Ninox scutulata
 Harpactes fasciatus
 Ocyrceros gingalensis
 Anthracoceros coronatus
 Alcedo atthis
 Ceyx erithaca
 Pelargopsis capensis
 Halcyon smyrnensis
 Halcyon pileate
 Merops orientalis
 Merops philippinus
 Merops leschenaultia
 Coracias benghalensis
 Psilopogon rubricapillus
 Psilopogon haemacephalus
 Psilopogon zeylanicus
 Psilopogon flavifrons
 Yungipicus nanus
 Chrysocolaptes stricklandi
 Chrysocolaptes festivus
 Dinopium benghalense
 Dinopium psarodes
 Picus chlorolophus
 Falco peregrinus
 Psittacula eupatria
 Psittacula kramera
 Psittacula calthrapae
 Loriculus beryllinus
 Pitta brachyura
 Pericrocotus cinnamomeus
 Pericrocotus flammeus
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 Oriolus xanthornus
 Tephrodornis affinis
 Hemipus picatus
 Aegithina tiphia
 Rhipidura aureola
 Dicrurus macrocercus
 Dicrurus caerulescens
 Dicrurus paradiseus
 Dicrurus lophorinus
 Hypothymis azurea
 Terpsiphone paradisi
 Lanius cristatus
 Urocissa ornata
 Corvus splendens
 Corvus macrorhynchos
 Culicicapa ceylonensis
 Parus cinereus
 Eremopterix griseus
 Mirafra affinis
 Orthotomus sutorius
 Prinia hodgsonii
 Prinia sylvatica
 Prinia socialis
 Prinia inornata
 Cisticola juncidis
 Acrocephalus dumetorum
 Acrocephalus stentoreus
 Elaphrornis palliseri
 Hirundo rustica
 Hirundo domicola
 Cecropis hyperythra
 Rubigula melanicterus
 Pycnonotus cafer
 Pycnonotus penicillatus
 Pycnonotus luteolus
 Bulbul Iole indica

Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
 Wilpattu & Sigiriya
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 Sinharajah
 Daily
 Nuwara Eliya
 Wilpattu & Sigiriya
 Sinharajah

Square-tailed Bulbul	Hypsipetes ganeesa	Kitulgala & Sinharajah
Green Warbler	Phylloscopus nitidus	Sigiriya
Large-billed Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus magnirostris	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
Sri Lanka White-eye	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
Sri Lanka Scimitar-Babbler	Pomatorhinus melanurus	Nuwara Eliya & Sinharajah
Brown-capped Babbler	Pellorneum fuscicapillus	Wilpattu & Sinharajah
Ashy-headed Laughingthrush	Argya cinereifrons	Sinharajah
Orange-billed Babbler	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
Sri Lanka Myna	Gracula ptilogenys	Sinharajah
Southern Hill Myna	Gracula indica	Kitulgala
White-faced Starling	Sturnornis albofrontatus	Sinharajah
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	Seen on 10 out of 13 days
Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush	Zoothera imbricata	Sinharajah
Pied Thrush	Geokichla wardii	Nuwara Eliya (Victoria Gardens)
Spot-winged Thrush	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 fulicatus	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
Dull-blue Flycatcher	Eumyias sordidus	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest)
Indian Blue Robin	Larvivora brunnea	Sigiriya & Nuwara Eliya
Sri Lanka Whistling-Thrush	Myophonus blighi	Nuwara Eliya & Horton Plains
Kashmir Flycatcher	Ficedula subrubra	Nuwara Eliya (Bombururella Forest & Victoria Gardens)
Pied Bushchat	Saxicola caprata	Nuwara Eliya
Legge's (White-throated) Flowerpecker	Dicaeum vicens	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 punctulata	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



LEGGE'S HAWK EAGLE - BOMBURUELLA FOREST, NUWARA ELIYA



SERENDIB SCOPS OWL - KITULGALA



Sri Lanka Bay Owl - Sinharajah

REPTILES LIST

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Common Rough-sided Snake	Aspidura trachyrocta	HP
Common Bronzeback Tree Snake	Dendrelaphis tristis	Sn
Reed-like Kukri Snake	Oligodon calamarius	Sg
Sri Lankan Keelback Water Snake	Xenochrophis asperimus	Sn
Common Bridal Snake	Lycodon nympha	Sg
Lowland Hump-nosed Pit Viper	Hypnale zara	K
Sri Lankan Green Pit Viper	Trimeresurus trigonocephalus	Sn
Green Forest Lizard	Calotes calotes	K, Sn
Whistling Lizard	Calotes liolepis	K
Black-lipped Lizard	Calotes nigrilabris	NE
Common Garden Lizard	Calotes versicolor	WB
Rhinoceros-horned Lizard	Ceratophora stoddartii	NE
Hump-nosed Lizard	Lyriocephalus scutatus	K
Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard	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	Varanus bengalensis	W
Water Monitor	Varanus salvator	W, Sn
Mugger or Marsh crocodile	Crocodylus paluster	W
Indian Black Turtle	Melanochelys trijuga	W, Sg
Flapshell Turtle	Lissemys punctata	W
Star Tortoise	Geochelone elegans	W

AMPHIBIANS LIST

ENDEMICS IN RED

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

BUTTERFLIES LIST

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



A MATING PAIR OF CRIMON ROSE – WILPATTU NP