

Sri Lanka, Febr 17 – Mar 2, 2014

A guided Inezia Tours trip of 12 days in Sri Lanka

Visited sites (in chronological order)

Kitulgala, Makandawa Rainforest Reserve, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, Wathurawa, Udawalawa National Park, Embilipitiya, Mirissa (whalewatch), Debarawewa Tank (roadside waterlily ponds), Weerawila Tank, Yala National Park, Surrey Estate (Bird Sanctuary), Nuwara Eliya, Horton Plains National Park, Victoria Park (in Nuwara Eliya), Kandy Lake, Temple of the Tooth (Kandy), Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Peradeniya Botanical Garden, river at Seeduwa, Anawilundaya Tank (RAMSAR site 1.5 hr north of Colombo).

Participants

Remco Hofland (guide, report), Leon Boogaart, Anke Sinnema, Karl Boonstra and Ingrid Wilders from The Netherlands.

Local guides

Saman Weediyabandara and driver and starting birdguide Kalinga Kumara. They both are highly recommended!

Introduction

This trip I guided for the Dutch eco birding & nature travel organisation Inezia Tours [[E info@ineziatours.nl](mailto:info@ineziatours.nl), [I www.ineziatours.nl](http://www.ineziatours.nl)]. All participants shared a wide range of nature-related interests, so apart from the birds we also took in the mammals, butter- and dragonflies, reptiles, plants, spices etc of this great country.

A tour report incl pictures (in Dutch) will be published at www.ineziatours.nl.

Highlights

Highlights included a Sri Lanka Frogmouth pair, Spot-bellied Eagle Owl and Serendib Scops Owl on their daytime roosts; great views of local specialties Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Kashmir Flycatcher, Crimson-backed Goldenback, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Black-backed Kingfisher, Chestnut-backed Owlet, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Sri Lanka Woodpigeon and Sirkeer Malkoha; furthermore we enjoyed seeing old favorites like Crested Treeswift, Pied Thrush, Black Bittern, Great Thick-knee and Small Pratincole.

Aside from the birds, we saw multiple Blue Whales, Leopards, Asian Elephants and Mongoose, had prolonged scope views of a large Sri Lanka Rat Snake and enjoyed seeing Sri Lanka Kangaroo, Crested and Green Garden Lizards, one of which was head-banging a hole in thick soil in order to be able to lay her eggs. See the end of this tourreport for our joint wildlife top ten.

Trip totals

We recorded 233 birds, incl 4 that were heard only (HO), and 27 mammals (incl 1 dead, 2 not identified to species and 3 subspecies that may be elevated to species in the future). Furthermore, we saw many beautiful butterflies and also managed to identify 10 reptiles, 4 dragon- and 3 damselflies.

We saw 31 out of 32 current endemic birds (only heard Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush), as well as 3 birds that may well represent future endemics (Sri Lankan (Square-tailed Black) Bulbul *ssp humii*, Sri Lanka Blackbird *ssp kinnisii* and Jerdon's (Tickell's) Blue Flycatcher *ssp jerdoni*). The Brown Hawk Owl we saw, a race Sri Lanka shares with SW India (*ssp hirsuta*), may also be a good split.

The uniqueness of the island is highlighted further by, notwithstanding its proximity to India proper, the unsurpassed recording of no less than 44 subspecies unique to Sri Lanka. Lastly, we recorded a further 16 endemics Sri Lanka shares with (only) S(W) India.

Birds not seen

Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush, Slaty-legged Crake (both heard only) and White-naped Woodpecker were looked for but not seen.

Preparation

On the internet I found a **tripreport** by Phil Hyde and Phil Pope, A Naturetrek trip to Sri Lanka, Sat 16 – Mon 25 Febr 2013 (birder.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk), which was used to get an idea of what to expect where (and, rightly, spoke highly of our guide Saman Weediyabandara).

I took the following **books**:

- **Birds of Sri Lanka** by Warakagoda, Inskipp, Inskipp & Grimmett (2012): ISBN 978-0-7136-8853-5;
- Pocket Guide to the **Birds of the Indian Subcontinent** by Grimmett, Inskipp & Inskipp (1999): ISBN 0-7136-5165-2;
- The book of **Indian Animals** by S.H. Prater (1971, 11th impression of 1998): ISBN 0-19-562169-7;
- The book of **Indian Reptiles and Amphibians** by J.C. Daniel (2002): ISBN 0-19-566099-4;
- **Sri Lanka**, Lonely Planet (9th edition, 2003): ABN 36 005 607 983.

and the following Oriental Bird Club (**OBC**) **publications**:

- OBC Bulletin 19, May 1994 (Special Issue 10th Anniversary), with an article on the Greater Flameback (sub)species;
- OBC Bulletin 26, November 1997 (Special Sri Lanka Issue), with among others articles on Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush and Red-faced Malkoha and the thrushes of Sri Lanka;
- OBC 'A birdwatcher's guide to Sri Lanka';
- BirdingASIA Number 8, December 2007, with an article on Ceylon Bay Owl.

Participants brought

- **A field guide to the birds of India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and the Maldives** by Krys Kazmierczak and Ber van Perlo (2000): ISBN 978-140-8109-78-6;
- **Illustrated field guide to the flowers of Sri Lanka** by J. & J. de Vlas (2008): ISBN 978-955-1917-00-5;
- **Sri Lanka** by L. Peterse & J. Petri (17th edition, 2012). Dominicus (in Dutch): ISBN 978-90-257-5197-5;

We also took:

- **Leech socks**. Indispensable (although we did not encounter any on the dry days at Kitulgala);
- **Travel plug adapter**. According to sev internet websites, in Sri Lanka one needs type D, but on-site the ones we'd purchased in advance were wrong. However, a local shop sold good adapters (one thick and 2 thinner round plugs) for 230 SLR each (c € 1.5);
- **Telescopes** (Swarovski ATX 95mm & ATS 65mm);
- iPod with Radioshack speaker and a variety of Sri Lankan birdsounds. Not used in the field;
- **Laserpointer**, used only very occasionally (and not directed at the bird obviously).

Interesting websites for pre-trip preparation or post-trip identification:

www.xeno-canto.org/world-area.php?area=asia
www.asia-dragonfly.net

Visa

ETA necessary for Dutch nationals; this was easily obtained through the internet and cost 30 USD.

Cost of the trip

€ 3,095 per client, incl international flights, transportation (incl 6-seater high open jeeps for safaris in Udawalawa and Yala), guiding, all meals and entrance fees; excl drinks & tips. Every participant changed or ATM'd 18,000 SLR (c € 100) for these purposes, which sufficed for the entire trip.

Travel arrangements

We flew Emirates Air Amsterdam -> Dubai -> Colombo vice versa. The large and comfortable A380 was used for the Amsterdam <-> Dubai leg, while B777 and A330 were used for the Dubai <-> Colombo part. On-site, all transport was arranged by the local ground agent, that provided a spacious van. The safaris at Udawalawa and Yala we did with comfortable high, open 6-seater safari jeeps (with a roof against the sun), while a small jeep was used for twitching Spot-bellied Eagle Owl and Serendib Scops Owl at Sinharaja.

Itinerary & main finds

Sun Febr 16

Departed Amsterdam 2.40 pm with Emirates Air [EK148, A380], arriving in Dubai around midnight.

Mon Febr 17

Departed Dubai 2.45 am with Emirates Air [EK650, B777], A Colombo 8.30 am. Customs, passport control and baggage reclaim took an hour; local guide Saman Weediyabandara and driver Kalinga Kumara were waiting for us. Changed/ATM'd money (c 18,000 SLR / c € 100 each) and departed for Kitulgala, a 3-hr journey. Lunch at Kitulgala, thereafter birding nearby (**Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Black-capped Bulbul**)

Tue Febr 18

Morning birding Kitulgala (**Chestnut-backed Owlet pair, Indian Pitta, Spot-winged Thrush;** Black-backed (Oriental Dwarf) Kingfisher, Plum-headed & **Layard's Parakeet**, endemic red-backed race of Black-rumped Flameback) & Makandawa (pairs of **Crimson-backed Goldenback & Sri Lanka Blue Magpie**; flushed Sri Lanka Spurrow, **Indian Pitta**, Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard); afternoon birding near Kitulgala (**Crimson-fronted Barbet, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Sri Lanka Swallow**, Black-headed Cuckooshrike)

Wed Febr 19

Morning birding Kitulgala (**Green-billed Coucal**, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Spot-winged Thrush); 3.5 hr transfer to Sinharaja (Black Eagle); afternoon lodge vicinity & roadside birding Sinharaja (Pale-billed & **Legge's Flowerpecker**, Black-throated Munia, Yellow-browed & White-browed Bulbul, Brown-breasted Flycatcher & white-phase male Asian Paradise Flycatcher), enduring a rainshower in early evening

Thu Febr 20

Morning birding Sinharaja (**Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, White-faced Starling, Sri Lanka Woodpigeon, Sri Lanka Frogmouth pair** at day roost, **Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Red-faced Malkoha, Black Bittern, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush**, Lesser Yellownappe, Common Garden Lizard, endemic fish, orchids); leisurely afternoon birding around our Sinharaja lodge (Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike)

Fri Febr 21

Morning birding Sinharaja (great views of Spot-winged Thrush, **Sri Lanka Spurrow pair with chick, Green-billed Coucal, Spot-bellied Eagle Owl, Serendib Scops Owl**); 3-hr transfer to Udawalawa (roadside stops producing Shikra, 'Indian' (Grizzled) Giant Squirrel, Ruddy Mongoose and 20,000 Indian Flying Fox)

Sat Febr 22

6 - 11.30 am safari at Udawalawa National Park (c 20 **Asian Elephants** of all ages, **Water Buffalo, Golden Jackal**, Tufted Grey Langur, **Malabar Pied Hornbill**, Besra, Spot-billed Pelican, Painted Stork, **Orange-breasted Green Pigeon**, Plum-headed Parakeet, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Jerdon's Bushlark); 3-hr transfer to Mirissa with lunchstop on the way (**Indian Scops Owl pair**); relaxed late afternoon at Mirissa town & beach

Sun Febr 23

6.30 am – noon Mirissa whale watch tour (**4 Blue Whales**, incl one of c 28m; Greater & Lesser Crested & **Bridled Tern**); 4-hr transfer to Weerawila (near Yala National Park), with stop at Debarawewa Tank (Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Baya Weaver); birded Weerawila Tank (**Great Thick-knee, Spot-billed Pelican**, Lesser Golden Plover), with late afternoon spent in lagoons & scrub near Bundala Park (Yellow Bittern, Clamorous Reed Warbler, **Watercock, Jerdon's & Indian Nightjar**)

Mon Febr 24

6 am – 6 pm safari at Yala National Park (**male and female Leopard**, Asian Elephant, Golden Jackal, Ruddy Mongoose, 'Indian' Giant Squirrel, Tufted Grey Langur, (Dryzone) Toque Macaque, **Sirkeer & Blue-faced Malkoha, Black-necked Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Small Pratincole, Orange-headed Thrush**)

Tue Febr 25

6 – 7 am pre-breakfast Weerawila Tank walk (**Sri Lanka Swallow, Indian Thick-knee**, Asian Koel); 4-hr transfer to Nuwara Eliya with brief birding stops at Ravana Ella Waterfall (**Legge's**

Hawk Eagle, Oriental Honey Buzzards) and Surrey Bird Reserve (**Brown Wood Owl**); afternoon stroll near Nuwara Eliya lodge (**Sri Lanka White-eye**); 4 – 6 pm birding near Nuwara Eliya (**Sri Lanka Whistlingthrush, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Dull-blue Flycatcher, Indian Blue Robin**, Sri Lanka White-eye, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch)

Wed Febr 26

4.30 – 11 am Horton Plains (**Sri Lanka Blackbird, Sri Lanka Whistlingthrush, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Indian Blue Robin**, Blyth's Pipit, Great Tit, Sri Lanka White-eye, Hill Swallow, Long-legged Buzzard); 2.30 – 5 pm Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya (**Pied Thrush, Kashmir Flycatcher**, Forest Wagtail, Blyth's Reed Warbler)

Thu Febr 27

Pre-breakfast birding; 2.5-hr transfer to Kandy with roadside stops (**Tawny-bellied Babbler**, Grey-breasted Prinia) incl a visit to the Glenloch Tea Estate (Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Hill Swallow); lunch at the outskirts of Kandy (Stork-billed Kingfisher); check-in to our Kandy hotel; afternoon visit to Temple of the Tooth (Coppersmith & **Yellow-fronted Barbet, Small Minivet**) and the nearby lake (very tame **Spot-billed Pelican**, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Little Cormorant, Water Monitor)

Fri Febr 28

6.15 – 10.15 am Udawattakale Sanctuary (**Brown-capped Babbler, Crimson-backed Goldenback, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Jerdon's (Tickell's) Blue Flycatcher**); 10.30 am – 1 pm Peradeniya Botanical Gardens (**Legge's (Mountain) Hawk Eagle**, Jerdon's & **Golden-fronted Leafbird**, Rufous Woodpecker, Purple Sunbird); lunch at Rock View Restaurant (frame-filling scope views of **Sri Lanka Green Pigeon & Yellow-fronted Barbet**); 4-hr transfer to Colombo; check-in at hotel in Seeduwa; stroll along nearby river & small marsh (Striated Heron)

Sat Mar 1

Pre-breakfast stroll along river & marsh (**Black Bittern**); 10 am – noon birding at Anawilundaya Tank (**Blue-faced Malkoha**, Yellow & **Black Bittern**, Pintail Snipe, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Temminck's Stint); 2 pm drop-off at Colombo International Airport; 5.25 pm flight Colombo -> Dubai [EK 655, A330-300], A 9 pm. Transfer to hotel in Dubai.

Sun Mar 2

8.20 am flight Dubai -> Amsterdam [EK147, A380], A 12.40 pm. Trip end.

Visited sites & targets

Kitulgala

Best birds (difficult elsewhere): Chestnut-backed Owlet, Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Crimson-backed Goldenback, Green-billed Coucal, Black-backed (Oriental Dwarf) Kingfisher

Other interesting birds: Spot-winged Thrush, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Black-capped Bulbul, Indian Pitta (in winter), Plum-headed & Layard's Parakeet, Black-rumped Flameback, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon

Other interesting stuff: Sri Lanka Rat Snake, Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard, Common Rock Skink, Sri Lanka Birdwing

Sinharaja

Best birds: Serendib Scops Owl, Spot-bellied Eagle Owl, Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, Green-billed Coucal, Sri Lanka Woodpigeon, White-faced Starling, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Red-faced Malkoha

Other interesting birds: Legge's & Pale-billed Flowerpecker, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Brown-capped Babbler, Spot-winged Thrush, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Slaty-legged Crane, Black Bittern, Black-capped, Yellow-browed & White-browed Bulbul, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, Black-rumped Flameback, Lesser Yellownappe, Black-throated, White-rumped & Scaly-breasted Munia, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

Other interesting stuff: Purple-faced Langur, Common Garden Lizard, endemic fish, orchids, pitcher plants

Udawalawa National Park

Best birds: Malabar Pied Hornbill, Spot-billed Pelican

Other interesting birds: Changeable Hawk Eagle, Painted Stork, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Plum-headed Parakeet, Besra, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Jerdon's Bushlark

Other interesting stuff: Asian Elephant, Water Buffalo, Golden Jackal, Tufted Grey Langur

Mirissa

Best mammals: Blue, Bryde's, Killer & Humpback Whale (rare), Spinner Dolphin

Interesting birds (only recorded occasionally): Persian Shearwater, Jouanin's Petrel

Other interesting stuff: Bottlenose Dolphin, flying fish, Greater & Lesser Crested & Bridled Tern

Weerawila Tank / Yala / Bundala

Best birds: Small Pratincole, Jerdon's & Indian Nightjar, Sirkeer & Blue-faced Malkoha, Black-necked Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Sri Lanka Woodshrike

Other interesting birds: Crested Treeswift, Great Thick-knee, Spot-billed Pelican, Lesser Golden Plover, Yellow Bittern, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Watercock, Sri Lanka Swallow, Indian Thick-knee, Asian Koel, Coppersmith Barbet, Pied Kingfisher, Orange-headed Thrush, Blyth's Reed Warbler (the latter two only in winter)

Other interesting stuff: Leopard, Asian Elephant, Golden Jackal, Ruddy Mongoose, 'Indian' Giant Squirrel, Tufted Grey Langur, (Dryzone) Toque Macaque

Nuwara Eliya / Victoria Park / Horton Plains

Best birds: Sri Lanka Whistlingthrush, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Kashmir Flycatcher, Pied Thrush (latter two only in winter), Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Dull-blue Flycatcher, Sri Lanka White-eye, Sri Lanka Blackbird

Other interesting birds: Indian Blue Robin, Forest Wagtail, Blyth's Reed Warbler, Long-legged Buzzard (these only in winter), Slaty-legged Crake, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, maharattarum Great Tit, Hill Swallow, objurgatus Common Kestrel

Other interesting stuff: Bear Monkey (highland form of Purple-faced Langur), Sambar Deer, Black-naped Hare, endemic rhododendron & Syssidium tree

Udawattakale Sanctuary / Peradeniya Botanical Garden

Best birds: Brown-capped Babbler, Crimson-backed Goldenback, Crimson-fronted Barbet, Jerdon's (Tickell's) Blue Flycatcher, Legge's (Mountain) Hawk Eagle

Other interesting birds: Jerdon's & Golden-fronted Leafbird, Rufous Woodpecker, Purple Sunbird

Other interesting stuff: Giant Forest Scorpion, Parker's Black Turtle, (Wetzone) Toque Macaque

Note on Mirissa whalewatching

Although not planned in this birding tour, participants enquired about the possibility of a whalewatch and Inezia Tours was able to arrange this on short notice. Much to our surprise and dismay, whalewatching at Mirissa is not regulated. Up to 20 boats chased and surrounded the available whales (in our case, 4, but sometimes up to 35 are seen) and evidently, put the interest of their paying customers above that of the whales. Worst of all however was a huge fast-ferry type-of-boat that apparently belongs to Sri Lankan navy. It comes from distant Galle, takes 200+ guests and is too big and way too noisy (both above and – surely – below waterlevel) to be used for whalewatching. This clearly is not sustainable and apparently whale numbers have decreased since whalewatching started here c 15 years ago. Inezia Tours, an eco travel organisation, have advised they stop incorporating whalewatching in Mirissa in their guided tours until it is properly regulated.

Taxonomic notes

Sri Lanka Blackbird (*ssp kinnisii*) should be split because it looks entirely different from *simillimus* Indian Blackbird (females apparently resembling males); the local endemic races of Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (*ssp jerdoni*) and Square-tailed Black Bulbul (*ssp humii*) may also turn out to be island endemics, based on sounds mostly. The Brown Hawk Owl race Sri Lanka shares with S India (*ssp hirsuta*) may also be a good split (based on one bird we saw: it calls different from SE Asia forms and has a greyer head). Serendib Scops Owl *Otus thilohoffmanni* doesn't look one bit like its depiction in Birds of Sri Lanka: it is quite large (for a Scops Owl) and has a wide, pointy pale bar between the eyes much like a Horned Frog; also, it has ear tufts (compared to its depictions, that show none). It made me wonder whether it is indeed an *Otus*.

Wildlife recorded in Sri Lanka, Febr 17 – Mar 1, 2014

E = endemic species
Es = endemic subspecies
E(s) = endemic (sub)species; possible future split

m = male
 f = female
 p = pair

ad = adult imm = immature juv = juvenile btw = between

[HO] = heard only **Highlighted** are endemics

Birds

Taxonomy follows Warakagoda, Inskipp, Inskipp & Grimmett (2012). Alternative (Handbook Birds of the World (del Hoyo et al; hereafter HBW) names between brackets. Names mentioned with possible future splits (**E(s)**) I made up myself.

1. Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator leggei* **Es**: 1 Yala
2. **Sri Lanka Spurfowl** *Galloperdix bicalcarata* **E**: 1m flushed Makandawa; brilliant views of 1m, 1f and a young bird Sinharaja
3. **Sri Lanka Junglefowl** *Gallus lafayetii* **E**: 1m Makandawa; 1m, 1f and 1 juv Kitulgala; 1f with chick and a single male Sinharaja; HO Bundala; 6m Yala; 10+ HO Horton Plains
4. Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus*: 1m, 1f Udawalawa lodge, 30+ Udawalawa, 30+ Yala, few Weerawila -> Nuwara Eliya, 1 HO Anawilundaya Tank
5. Lesser Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna javanica*: 6 Debarawewa Tank, 50+ Weerawila Tank, 20+ Yala, 26 over Seeduwa (both at dusk and the following dawn), 15 Anawilundaya Tank
6. Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*: 2 Udawalawa, 30 Mirissa -> Weerawila, 15 Yala, 30+ Weerawila Tank (early morning)
7. Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*: 20+ Colombo -> Kitulgala, up to 15 daily Kitulgala (flying around, feeding in rivers, roosting in open tree next to suspension bridge near Kitulgala Rest House), 1 Udawalawa, 250+ Weerawila Tank (evening), 10 Yala, 580+ Weerawila Tank (early morning), 2 Seeduwa, 10 Anawilundaya Tank
8. Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia e. episcopus*: 1 Udawalawa, 1 Yala
9. Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus a. asiaticus*: 1m Yala. Near-threatened.
10. Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*: 1p Yala. Vulnerable.
11. Black-headed Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus*: 2 Kitulgala, 4 over Udawalawa lodge, 2 Udawalawa, 50+ near Bundala, 25 Yala, 50+ Weerawila Tank (early morning), 10 Anawilundaya Tank. Near-threatened.
12. Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea l. leucorodia*: 12 Udawalawa, c 30 Bundala, c 40 Yala, 20 Weerawila Tank (early morning), 1 Anawilundaya Tank
13. Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*: 3 near Bundala, 3 Anawilundaya Tank
14. Black Bittern *Dupetor f. flavicollis*: 1 Sinharaja, 1 Seeduwa, 1 Anawilundaya Tank
15. Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax n. nycticorax*: 25+ Udawalawa, 1 ad Yala, 20+ Kandy Lake, few Seeduwa
16. Striated Heron *Butorides striatus chloriceps*: 1 Seeduwa (evening and morning), 1 btw Seeduwa & Anawilundaya Tank
17. Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*: recorded daily in small numbers, except for our first day in Sri Lanka (when we paid close attention to all birds :-)) when we saw 25+ in paddies btw Colombo & Kitulgala
18. Grey Heron *Ardea c. cinerea*: 5 Udawalawa, c 20 Bundala, c 10 Yala, few Weerawila Tank (early morning), 15 Anawilundaya Tank
19. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea manilensis*: 1 Udawalawa, 6 Bundala, c 10 Yala, few Weerawila Tank (early morning), 15 Anawilundaya Tank
20. Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus (ibis) coromandus*: common; seen daily in varying numbers but usually dozens
21. Great Egret *Casmerodius albus modesta*: 1 Kitulgala, few Udawalawa, 1 Anawilundaya Tank
22. Intermediate Egret *Mesophoyx i. intermedia*: singles or few seen on most days; highest numbers 25+ Yala and 10+ Anawilundaya Tank
23. Little Egret *Egretta g. garzetta*: singles or few seen on most days (except in the Nuwara Eliya / Horton Plains area, where none were recorded)
24. Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*: 1 Udawalawa, 2 Embilipitiya, 6 Weerawila Tank, 180+ at colony in Yala, 3 over Weerawila Tank (early morning), 1 injured juv Kandy Lake. Near-threatened.
25. Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis capensis*: 6+ Debarawewa Tank, incl a juv

26. Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*: up to 6 daily Kitulgala, sev daily in the Bundala-Yala area, very common (100+) Kandy Lake (colony), dozens Anawilundaya Tank
27. Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*: 1 Kitulgala, 4 Yala, 2 over Weerawila Tank
28. Darter *Anhinga m. melanogaster*: 1 over Kitulgala, 5 Udawalawa, 5 Bundala, 10 Yala, 2 Weerawila Tank, 3 Anawilundaya Tank
29. Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*: 1 btw Weerawila -> Nuwara Eliya; *F. t. objurgatus*: 1m Horton Plains
30. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus vociferus*: 7 Udawalawa, 1 btw Nuwara Eliya -> Kandy
31. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur i. indus*: 1 ad Kitulgala, 15 above Matara, 3 Bundala, 6 Yala, 1 Nuwara Eliya, 1 ad and 1 juv over Udawattakele, 3 Anawilundaya Tank
32. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*: 1 ad Kitulgala, 1 ad Udawalawa, 1 ad above gemstone factory and 1 ad hunting, being mobbed by House Crows, at Kandy Lake (Kandy), 1 ad and 1 imm over Anawilundaya Tank
33. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus (plumbeiceps)* **Es**: 1p Yala (at Spot-billed Pelican colony). Near-threatened.
34. Shikra *Accipiter b. badius*: 1 Kitulgala, 1 perched male Kitulgala -> Sinharaja (eating a Common Garden Lizard), 1 Udawalawa, 1 Udawalawa -> Mirissa
35. Besra *Accipiter virgatus besra*: 1 perched Udawalawa
36. Oriental Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis*: 2 Kitulgala, 1 perched btw Sinharaja -> Udawalawa, 3 Ravana Ella Waterfall, 1 Peradeniya
37. Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo r. rufinus*: 2 Horton Plains
38. Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela spilogaster* **Es**: 1 Kitulgala, 1 HO Sinharaja, 1 Yala, 1 above gemstone factory (Kandy), 1 Anawilundaya Tank
39. Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis perniger*: 1 Kitulgala, 1 Kitulgala -> Sinharaja
40. Changeable Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus ceylanensis* **Es**: 2 singles Sinharaja, 9 Udawalawa, 2 Yala
41. Legge's (Mountain) Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus (nipalensis) kelaarti*: 1 Ravana Ella Waterfall, 1 Peradeniya
42. **[HO]** Slaty-legged Crake *Rallina eurizonoides amauroptera*: 2 Sinharaja, singles Wathurawa & Horton Plains
43. White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis p. phoenicurus*: 2 Sinharaja, 4 near Bundala, 5 Yala, 6 (4 ad, 1 imm, 2 juv) in marsh next to Nuwara Eliya lake, 5 Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya), 5 river near Seeduwa Hotel, 5 Anawilundaya Tank
44. Watercock *Gallinula cinerea*: 2 (non-breeding males) near Bundala
45. Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio poliocephalus*: c 25 Debarawewa Tank, 8 near Bundala, few Yala, 1 Anawilundaya Tank
46. Common Moorhen *Gallinula c. chloropus*: 1 Debarawewa Tank
47. Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*: 25+ Debarawewa Tank, 3 Yala, 7 Anawilundaya Tank
48. Indian (Eurasian) Thick-knee *Burhinus (oedicephalus) indicus*: 3 Weerawila Tank
49. Great Thick-knee *Esacus recurvirostris*: 5 near Bundala, 12 Yala
50. Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus h. himantopus*: 10 Udawalawa, dozens near Bundala & at Weerawila Tank, 50+ Yala, 35+ Anawilundaya Tank
51. Yellow-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus malabaricus*: 8+ Udawalawa, 5 Yala, 4 Weerawila Tank
52. Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus lankae* **Es**: 3 Colombo -> Kitulgala, 20 Udawalawa, sev near Bundala, 20 Yala, 12 Weerawila Tank, 50+ Anawilundaya Tank
53. Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*: 30+ Weerawila Tank, 7 near Bundala. All in non-breeding plumage.
54. Grey (Black-bellied) Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*: 1 Yala, 1 Weerawila Tank
55. Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius jerdoni*: 3 Udawalawa, 1 Yala
56. Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus seebohmi*: 1m Yala
57. Lesser Sand (Mongolian) Plover *Charadrius mongolus atrifrons*: 10 Yala, few Weerawila Tank. All in non-breeding plumage.
58. Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius l. leschenaultii*: 10 Udawalawa, 4+ near Bundala, few Weerawila Tank, 3 Anawilundaya Tank. All in non-breeding plumage.
59. Common Snipe *Gallinago g. gallinago*: 2 Nuwara Eliya
60. Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*: 1 Anawilundaya Tank
Pin-tailed / Common Snipe *Gallinago stenura / gallinago*: 1 Yala (distant, perched)
61. Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula b. benghalensis*: 1 near Bundala (landing out of sight)
62. Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa melanuroides*: 50+ near Bundala, 3 Yala, 500+ Weerawila Tank
63. Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*: 10 near Bundala, 15 Yala, sev Weerawila Tank & Anawilundaya Tank

64. Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*: 2 Udawalawa, 1 near Bundala, 5 Yala, sev Weerawila Tank, 10 Anawilundaya Tank
65. Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: 2 Udawalawa
66. Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*: 1 Sinharaja, 1 near Bundala, 2 Yala, 1 Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya)
67. Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*: 2 Yala, sev Weerawila Tank, 10 Anawilundaya Tank
Unidentified waders, mostly *Tringa* but also *Charadrius* and *Calidris*: many while passing saltworks near Bundala, at distant waterholes in Yala but mainly at Weerawila Tank
68. Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*: 2 near Bundala, 2 Yala, 1 Weerawila Tank, 2 Horton Plains, 1 Anawilundaya Tank
69. Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*: 1 Yala (in estuary close to the coast)
70. Little Stint *Calidris minuta*: 15 Udawalawa, 100+ Weerawila Tank
71. Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*: 1 Anawilundaya Tank
72. Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*: 15 Yala
73. Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*: 1 Yala
74. Brown-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*: 1 Weerawila Tank
Brown-headed / Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus* / *ridibundus*: 6 Udawalawa (distant and backlit; appeared to be Black-headed Gulls on size & jizz)
75. Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon n. nilotica*: 1 Yala (KB only)
76. Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*: singles Udawalawa & Yala
77. Lesser Crested Tern *Thalasseus b. bengalensis*: 2 Mirissa
78. Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii velox*: 7 Mirissa
79. Little Tern *Sternula albifrons pusilla*: 1 Yala
80. Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*: 40+ Udawalawa, 100+ Mirissa (both in the harbour and at sea, few also above local freshwater swamps), dozens Bundala-Weerawila-Yala area, 5 Anawilundaya Tank
81. White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*: 1 Mirissa (above freshwater swamp), 1 Yala
82. Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus*: 12 Mirissa
83. Rock Pigeon *Columba livia intermedia*: 5 Yala. Feral pigeons recorded at other places.
84. **Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon** *Columba torringtoniae* **E**: 1 HO Makandava, 3 perched Sinharaja (along main trail, c 300m from entrance), 2 HO Horton Plains
85. Spotted Dove *Stigmatopelia chinensis suratensis*: common everywhere, especially in the Udawalawa-Bundala-Yala (dry open) areas
86. Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica robinsoni* **Es**: 1-4 daily at both Kitulgala and Sinharaja forests, often confiding (unlike in many S(E) Asian countries, where they're usually only seen flushed); c 6 at Blue Magpie Lodge feeder (Sinharaja)
87. Orange-breasted Green Pigeon *Treron bicincta leggei* **Es**: 3 Udawalawa, 6 Yala
88. **Sri Lanka Green Pigeon** *Treron (pompadora) pompadora* **E**: 10 Kitulgala (only 1 perched), 1 over Sinharaja, with 1 HO; scopeviews of 2f perched, Rock View Restaurant (Kandy)
89. Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea pusilla*: 5-8 daily at both Kitulgala and Sinharaja
90. **Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus beryllinus* **E**: 5-10 daily at both Kitulgala and Sinharaja (mostly shooting past, calling; perched at Kitulgala Rest House and at Blue Magpie Lodge), 1 Temple of Tooth (Kandy), 4 Udawattakele, 4 Rock View Restaurant (Kandy)
91. Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula e. eupatria*: 4-10 daily Kitulgala (frequently perched in dead trees on opposite side of the river from Kitulgala Rest House veranda), sev Udawalawa, 1 Yala, 1 Peradeniya
92. Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri manillensis*: 17 over Udawalawa lodge (at dusk), sev flocks daily at Udawalawa-Bundala-Weerawila-Yala area, with max of 300+ Weerawila Tank at dawn; singles Kandy, Seeduwa, Anawilundaya Tank
93. Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala*: 5 Kitulgala, 1p Udawalawa
94. **Layard's (Emerald-collared) Parakeet** *Psittacula calthropae* **E**: 10+ daily Kitulgala (excellent views of pairs perched), c 6 daily Sinharaja, 3 HO Udawattakele
95. **[HO] Common Hawk Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx varius ciceliae* **Es**: 1 Sinharaja, 1 Nuwara Eliya
96. Asian Koel *Endynamys s. scolopacea*: singles heard daily, except for Nuwara Eliya-Horton Plains-Kandy areas (none heard); seen as follows: 1m Kitulgala, 2m Weerawila Tank, 1m near Seeduwa hotel
97. Blue-faced Malkoha *Rhopodytes viridirostris*: singles Yala & Anawilundaya Tank
98. Sirkeer Malkoha *Taccocua l. leschenaultii*: 2 Yala (great views of this tricky bird)
99. **Red-faced Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus* **E**: 4 Sinharaja (in two different flocks, staying high in the canopy)

100. Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis parroti*: 2 seen, 2 HO Kitulgala; 1 Sinharaja, HO Weerawila Tank, HO near Seeduwa hotel, HO Anawilundaya Tank
101. **Green-billed Coucal** *Centropus chlororhynchos* **E**: singles seen Kitulgala & Sinharaja, HO Blue Magpie Lodge (Sinharaja)
102. Sri Lanka Frogmouth *Batrachostomus moniliger*: 1p Sinharaja on daytime roost
103. Jerdon's Nightjar *Caprimulgus atripennis aequabilis* **Es**: 1 in flight, 2 HO, near Bundala
104. Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus eidos* **Es**: 1 perched on the road, 1 in flight, 2 HO, near Bundala
105. **Serendib Scops Owl** *Otus thilohoffmanni* **E**: 1 HO Makandawa (in late morning); 1 on daytime roost site Sinharaja. Endangered.
106. Indian Scops Owl *Otus b. bakkamoena*: 1p Embilipitiya
107. **Chestnut backed Owlet** *Glaucidium castanotum* **E**: 1p Kitulgala, 1 HO Makandawa
108. Spot-bellied (Forest) Eagle Owl *Bubo nipalensis blighi* **Es**: 1 Sinharaja (great views of breeding female)
109. Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica ochrogenys* **Es**: 1 Surrey
110. Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox scutulata hirsuta*: 1 Sinharaja (spotlighted early morning).
111. Indian Swiftlet *Collocalia unicolor*: few daily, Kitulgala & Sinharaja, 1 Nuwara Eliya
112. Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus indicus*: 20 Kitulgala
113. Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus b. balasiensis*: Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Udawalawa, 1 near Nuwara Eliya, Udawattakele, 10+ Anawilundaya Tank
114. House (Little) Swift *Apus affinis singalensis*: 6+ Kitulgala, 30+ Sinharaja, few Udawalawa, c 5 breeding under the bridge near Seeduwa hotel
115. Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata*: 5 Yala
116. Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis irisi* **Es**: 1 flying overhead, Kitulgala (RH only)
117. Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis indicus*: 3 Udawalawa, 1 Weerawila, 2 Yala, 1 Anawilundaya Tank
118. (Little) Green Bee-eater *Merops o. orientalis*: c 20 Udawalawa, c 50 Yala, sev Weerawila Tank
119. Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*: recorded daily with the exception of the Nuwara Eliya / Horton Plains area; frequently, 20+ seen on a day
120. Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops l. leschenaulti*: 2 Kitulgala, 1 Sinharaja -> Udawalawa
121. Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis c. capensis*: 3 Kitulgala, 1 Udawalawa, 1 Kandy, 1 near Seeduwa hotel, 2 Anawilundaya Tank
122. White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis fusca*: 3-5 recorded daily with the exception of the days at Udawalawa / Bundala (15 each) and at Horton Plains / Victoria Park (none recorded)
123. Black-backed (Oriental Dwarf) Kingfisher *Ceyx e. erithaca*: 1 perched Kitulgala
124. Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis taprobana*: 2 Kitulgala, HO Sinharaja, 8 Udawalawa, 2 Bundala, 6 Yala, 1 Kandy, 3 Anawilundaya Tank
125. Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis leucomelanura*: 1 Udawalawa, 3 near Bundala, 1 Anawilundaya Tank
126. Malabar Trogon *Harpactes f. fasciatus* **Es**: 1 Kitulgala, 3 Sinharaja
127. Common (Eurasian) Hoopoe *Upupa epops ceylonensis*: 2 HO Udawalawa, 2 seen + 1 HO Yala, 1 HO Anawilundaya Tank
128. Brown-headed Barbet *Megalaima z. zeylanica*: 1 Kitulgala, HO Sinharaja, HO Udawalawa, HO Bundala, 1 Yala entrance, 2 HO Kandy, 1 Udawattakele, 2 btw Seeduwa & Anawilundaya Tank
129. **Yellow-fronted Barbet** *Megalaima flavifrons* **E**: 2 + 4 HO Kitulgala, 1 + 4 HO Sinharaja, 1 Udawalawa, 2 Temple of the Tooth (Kandy), 4 Udawattakele, 2 Peradeniya, 3 The Rock View Restaurant (Kandy), HO Seeduwa
130. Crimson-fronted Barbet *Megalaima r. rubricapillus* **Es**: 4 Kitulgala, 2 HO Sinharaja, 4 Udawattakele
131. Coppermith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala indica*: 2 Udawalawa, 1 Yala, 1 Weerawila Tank, 4 Temple of the Tooth (Kandy)
132. **Sri Lankan Grey Hornbill** *Ocyrceros gingalensis* **E**: 3 Kitulgala
133. Malabar (Indian) Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros coronatus*: 27 Udawalawa, 12 Yala. Near-threatened.
134. Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Dendrocopos m. mahrattensis*: 1 perched roadside, btw Udawalawa -> Mirissa
135. Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus jerdonii*: 1 flying past, Peradeniya
136. Lesser Yellownappe *Picus chlorophus wellsii* **Es**: 2 Sinharaja (in mixed flock)

137. Lesser Goldenback (Black-rumped Flameback) *Dinopium benghalense psarodes* **Es:** 4 Kitulgala, 2 Sinharaja, 1 Weerawila Tank, 1 Nuwara Eliya, 1 HO Temple of the Tooth (Kandy), 3 Udawattakele, 2 Peradeniya, 2 HO Anawilundaya Tank. Red-backed and quite unlike ssp of Lesser Goldenbacks found elsewhere in S(E) Asia.
138. **Crimson-backed Goldenback** *Chrysocolaptes stricklandi* **E:** 1p Kitulgala, 2p Udawattakele
139. Indian Pitta *Pitta brachyura*: singles Kitulgala & Makandawa
140. **Sri Lanka Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis (pondicerianus) affinis* **E:** 1 Kitulgala, 3 Yala
141. Black-headed Cuckooshrike *Coracina melanoptera sykesi*: 1p at nest + 1m Kitulgala
142. Small Minivet *Pericrocotus c. cinnamomeus*: 1p Kitulgala, 4 Sinharaja, 5 Temple of the Tooth (Kandy)
143. Scarlet (Orange) Minivet *Pericrocotus f. flammeus*: 1p + 1m Kitulgala, 1p Sinharaja, 1 Glenloch Tea Estate (Kandy), 2 Udawattakele
144. Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus leggei* **Es:** 8 Sinharaja, 1 near Nuwara Eliya, 5 Nuwara Eliya -> Kandy, 2 Udawattakele
145. Brown Shrike *Lanius c. cristatus*: 1 Sinharaja (possibly Phillipine Shrike *L.c. lucionensis*), 10+ Udawalawa, 1 btw Mirissa -> Yala, 3 Yala, 2 Weerawila Tank, 1 Horton Plains, 5 Udawattakele
146. Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia multicolor*: 3 Kitulgala, 3 Sinharaja, 3 Udawalawa, 4 Yala, 1m Weerawila Tank, 3 Anawilundaya Tank
147. Jerdon's Leafbird *Chloropsis jerdoni*: 1 ad feeding 1 juv, Kitulgala; 1p Weerawila Tank, 4 Udawattakele, 4 Peradeniya, 3 Anawilundaya Tank
148. Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons insularis*: 1m singing Kitulgala, 1p Peradeniya
149. Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthomus ceylonensis* **Es:** up to 4 daily Kitulgala & Sinharaja, 1 Kandy, 4 Udawattakele, 6 Peradeniya, 1 Seeduwa, 5 Anawilundaya Tank
150. **Sri Lanka Blue Magpie** *Urocissa ornata* **E:** 2 Makandawa (shy), 2 (shy, entrance) + 4 (confiding, halfway main trail) Sinharaja
151. House Crow *Corvus splendens protegatus*: Frequently seen near human habitation; especially common along the southern coastal road and at the city of Matara. Much darker than ssp seen in India and the Netherlands; nevertheless, distinctive head and bill shape (& call) make identifying it from Indian Jungle Crow easy.
152. Indian Jungle Crow *Corvus (levaillantii) culminatus*: 4 Kitulgala, common Udawalawa and Yala, sev Nuwara Eliya, common Horton Plains, sev Kandy, Udawattakele, Peradeniya. Split from Large-billed Crow.
153. Barn Swallow *Hirundo r. rustica*: recorded daily in Udawalawa-Mirissa-Bundala-Yala area, with 100's at Yala; few Nuwara Eliya and Anawilundaya Tank; (*H.r. tytleri*) 1 Yala (IW only)
154. Hill Swallow *Hirundo (tahitica) domicola*: 3 Horton Plains, 10 Glenloch Tea Estate (near Kandy), where frequently seen collecting mud for nests. Split from Pacific Swallow.
155. Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis d. daurica*: 1 Kitulgala
156. **Sri Lanka Swallow** *Cecropis (daurica) hyperythra* **E:** 5 Kitulgala, 2 Kitulgala -> Sinharaja, 3 Weerawila Tank
157. Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*: 5 on wires above dry paddies, btw Colombo airport -> Kitulgala
158. Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus longicaudatus*: sev Kitulgala, 1 Sinharaja
159. White-bellied Drongo *Dicrurus caerulescens insularis/leucopygialis* **Es:** 1 + 1p at nest Kitulgala, 2 Sinharaja, 1 btw Seeduwa -> Anawilundaya Tank, 1 Anawilundaya Tank. The extent of white on the lower belly/vent differed between birds; some showing white until mid-belly (Kitulgala, Anawilundaya) while others only showed white on the vent; not sure whether pure leucopygialis were seen or intergrades with insularis.
160. **Sri Lanka Crested Drongo** *Dicrurus lophorhinus* **E:** 2 Kitulgala, 4 + 2 Sinharaja (two dates). Flockleader within primary forest of Sinharaja NP.
161. Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*: 1 Kitulgala, 3 Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya), 1 Anawilundaya Tank
162. (Grey-headed) Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava thunbergi*: 1m Udawalawa
163. Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea melanope*: one or two daily Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Nuwara Eliya (especially Victoria Park, where seen side-by-side with Forest Wagtail)
164. Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus malayensis*: 20+ Udawalawa, sev Yala & Weerawila, 20+ Anawilundaya Tank
165. Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii*: 4 Horton Plains
166. Jerdon's Bushlark *Mirafra affinis*: 20 Udawalawa, 10+ Yala. Frequently heard the buzzing song, songflights seen occasionally.

167. **Black-capped Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus* **E**: up to 3 seen daily at both Kitulgala and Sinharaja
168. Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer haemorrhousus* **Es**: common everywhere
169. **Yellow-eared Bulbul** *Pycnonotus penicillatus* **E**: 1 Nuwara Eliya, c 12 Horton Plains (incl a pair building a nest). Near-threatened.
170. White-browed Bulbul *Pycnonotus luteolus insulae* **Es**: 3 in scrub Sinharaja, 2 Yala, 2 Nuwara Eliya. At the dry zone (Yala) nominate ssp *luteolus* may occur, but I did not detect any differences between birds seen.
171. Yellow-browed Bulbul *Acritillas i. guglielmi* **Es**: 2 Kitulgala, 6 Sinharaja, 1 Udawattakele
172. **Sri Lanka** (Square-tailed Black) **Bulbul** *Hypsipetes (ganeesa) humii* **E(s)**: common in the Kitulgala and Sinharaja areas. Formerly part of the (Himalayan) Black Bulbul *H. leucocephalus*; may be split from the nominate *H. g. ganeesa* occurring in SW India: "morphological distinctions between nominate race and *humii* minor, but vocal differences seem substantial" (HBW).
173. [**HO**] Jungle Prinia *Prinia sylvatica valida* **Es**: 1 Udawalawa entrance
174. Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii pectoralis* **Es**: 1m singing Nuwara Eliya -> Kandy
175. Ashy Prinia *Prinia socialis brevicauda* **Es**: 6 Udawalawa, sev Yala, 2 Nuwara Eliya, 1 Horton Plains, 1m singing btw Nuwara Eliya -> Kandy
176. Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata insularis* **Es**: 2 roadside btw Kitulgala -> Sinharaja, 2 Udawalawa, 2 Weerawila
177. Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus s. sutorius* **Es**: commonly heard and frequently seen in most visited (scrubby / garden) sites such as Kitulgala, Yala, Seeduwa; (*O.s. fernandonis* **Es**) 5 Horton Plains
178. Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis omalurus* **Es**: 5 Horton Plains (of which 1 singing)
179. **Sri Lanka Bush Warbler** *Elaphornis palliseri* **E**: 2 HO, 1p seen well Horton Plains (busy building a nest). The light eye of the female stood out. Photographed well by IW.
180. Clamorous Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus meridionalis*: 1 seen, 2 HO, near Bundala
181. Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*: 1 Udawalawa, 1 Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya), 2 Seeduwa; sev heard calling Udawalawa & Yala
182. Lesser Whitethroat *Sylvia curruca halimodendri*: 6 in roadside scrub near Bundala. Appeared to be this species rather than Hume's Whitethroat *S. althaea* which, according to HBW Alive, is the only Whitethroat wintering in Sri Lanka. However, *Birds of Sri Lanka* states both winter on the island....
183. Green Warbler *Phylloscopus (trochiloides) nitidus*: ones or twos seen most days, with sev more HO (exception: none seen at Mirissa and Yala, where forest cover was less)
184. Large-billed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus magnirostris*: 1 Sinharaja, 3 Udawattakele. Easily found by distinctive call "YES, it-is!"
185. White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola compressirostris*: 1p taking turns nesting (a small white cup on a branch of an open, parasol-shaped tree that was favoured by a breeding pair of Black-headed Cuckooshrike as well), Kitulgala; singles at Udawalawa, Bundala, Weerawila, Nuwara Eliya, with 4 at Yala
186. Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea ceylonensis* **Es**: 2 Kitulgala, 6 Udawattakele
187. Asian Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone p. paradisi*: 1f Kitulgala, 3 white-phase male males Sinharaja; 4 Udawattakele, 1 brown-phase male at marsh near Ramada Katunayake Hotel (Seeduwa); "Sri Lanka" Asian Paradise-flycatcher *T. p. ceylonensis* **Es**: 8 Yala. Tailfeathers of the males of ssp *ceylonensis* are less long than the ones of ssp *paradisi*. *Paradisi* were found singly, whereas *ceylonensis* were clearly in the breeding mood/mode (singing, chasing, gathering nesting material).
188. **Brown-capped Babbler** *Pellorneum f. fuscocapillus* **E**: 1p seen well Udawattakele (+ 1 HO); HO Kitulgala & Sinharaja
189. **Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus m. melanurus* **E**: 9 Sinharaja (1 vocalising pair with 1 young; 5 in 1 and a single in another flock), 1 HO Blue Magpie Lodge
190. Dark-fronted Babbler *Rhopocichla atriceps nigrifrons* **Es**: 3 Sinharaja, 1 Udawattakele
191. Tawny-bellied Babbler *Dumetia hyperythra phillipsi* **Es**: 2 in roadside scrub Nuwara Eliya -> Kandy
192. Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense nasale* **Es**: 1 Udawalawa

193. **Orange-billed Babbler** *Turdoides rufescens* **E**: up to 4 daily in the Kitulgala-Sinharaja scrubby / garden areas (at times associating with Yellow-billed Babblers), with 25+ in primary forest of Sinharaja NP. Near-threatened.
194. Yellow-billed Babbler *Turdoides affinis taprobanus* **Es**: sev recorded almost daily (with the exception of the Mirissa area), with 30+ on day 1 in forest near Kitulgala
195. **Ashy-headed Laughingthrush** *Garrulax cinereifrons* **E**: c 8 Sinharaja in two flocks: one in deep forest past the buildings at the end of the main trail and one c 400m from the entrance; flock 1 also held Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler, Red-faced Malkoha & Malabar Trogon; flock 2 Lesser Yellownappe, Black-rumped Flameback & Malabar Trogon. Vulnerable.
196. **Sri Lanka Hill Myna** *Gracula ptilogenys* **E**: 1p Sinharaja. Near-threatened.
197. Lesser Hill Myna *Gracula (religiosa) indica*: 2 + 4 Kitulgala (two dates), 30+ Udawattakele
198. Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis melanosternus* **Es**: recorded daily (except the day we spent in the interior primary forest of Sinharaja NP)
199. **White-faced Starling** *Sturnornis albofrontatus* **E**: 1p Sinharaja. Vulnerable.
200. Brahminy Starling *Sturnia pagodarum*: 2 Yala
201. **Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush** *Myophonus blighi* **E**: 1m Nuwara Eliya, 1m Horton Plains. Endangered.
202. Pied Thrush *Zoothera wardii*: 2m Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya)
203. Orange-headed Thrush *Zoothera c. citrina*: 1 Yala
204. **Spot-winged Thrush** *Zoothera spiloptera* **E**: 3 Kitulgala, 2 (an ad feeding a juv) Sinharaja. Near-threatened.
205. **[HO] Sri Lanka (Scaly) Thrush** *Zoothera imbricata* **E**: 2 Sinharaja, 1 Horton Plains, 2 Nuwara Eliya
206. **Sri Lanka (Indian) Blackbird** *Turdus (simillimus) kinnisii* **E(s)**: 1 Nuwara Eliya, 6 Horton Plains. "May better be treated as a separate species" according to HBW.
207. Indian Blue Robin *Luscinia brunnea*: 1f Nuwara Eliya, 1 imm m Horton Plains, 1m Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya)
208. Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis ceylonensis*: recorded daily, with the exception of the Mirissa area and the last morning at Anawilundaya Tank
209. White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus leggei* **Es**: 2m Yala, 1m Udawattakele
210. Indian (Black-backed) Robin *Saxicoloides fulicatus leucopterus* **Es**: common in lowlands; dozens daily Udawalawa, Yala. Differs from other subspecies in that female is much darker, almost resembling male.
211. Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata atratus* **Es**: 1m Nuwara Eliya, common Horton Plains
212. Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica poonensis*: 2 Kitulgala, 1 Sinharaja, 1 Anawilundaya Tank
213. Brown-breasted Flycatcher *Muscicapa muttui*: 4 Sinharaja, 1 Wathurawa. Yellow feet a distinctive fieldmark.
214. Kashmir Flycatcher *Ficedula subrubra*: 1m Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya). Vulnerable.
215. **Dull-blue Flycatcher** *Eumyias sordidus* **E**: 1m Nuwara Eliya, 1 Horton Plains. Near-threatened.
216. **Jerdon's (Tickell's) Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis (tickelliae) jerdoni* **E(s)**: single males Kitulgala Rest House, Makandawa & Udawattakele. "May merit the rank of full species" according to HBW.
217. Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher *Culicicapa c. ceylonensis*: 3 Nuwara Eliya
218. Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile zeylonicum* **Es**: 1 Yala (RH)
219. **Legge's (White-throated) Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum vincens* **E**: 1m Makandawa, 1p Blue Magpie Lodge (Sinharaja); 2 Sinharaja. Near-threatened.
220. Pale-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum erythrorhynchos ceylonense* **Es**: 1 Kitulgala, 2 Blue Magpie Lodge (Sinharaja), 1 Victoria Park, 2 Glenloch Tea Estate, 1 Temple of the Tooth (Kandy), 1 Udawattakele
221. Purple-rumped Sunbird *Nectarinia (Leptocoma) z. zeylonica* **Es**: seen daily in small numbers, except around highland areas (Nuwara Eliya, Horton Plains and Kandy); particularly common around flowering plants in Peradeniya Botanical Garden
222. Purple Sunbird *Nectarinia (Cinnyris) a. asiatica*: 1p near Bundala, 3 entrance Yala, 4 Peradeniya
223. Loten's (Long-billed) Sunbird *Nectarinia (Cinnyris) l. lotenia* **Es**: singing male Kitulgala Rest House (3 dates), 1m near Bundala, 1m entrance Yala, 1f Temple of the Tooth (Kandy), 2 Udawattakele, 2 Peradeniya

224. Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus egregius*: 3 Kitulgala, 5 Sinharaja, 2 hotel Nuwara Eliya (LB, AS), 10 Peradeniya
225. **Sri Lanka White-eye** *Zosterops ceylonensis* **E**: 2 hotel + 2 Nuwara Eliya, common Horton Plains, 4 Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya)
226. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta f. frontalis*: 3 Kitulgala, 1 Nuwara Eliya, 1 Victoria Park, 1 Udawattakele
227. Great Tit *Parus major mahrattarum*: 2 Nuwara Eliya, 5 Victoria Park, 2 Temple of Tooth (Kandy), singles Udawattakele & Peradeniya
228. Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*: 1m Debarawewa Tank (Mirissa -> Weerawila)
229. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus indicus*: 1 Colombo -> Kitulgala, common Nuwara Eliya area, sev Kandy area
230. White-rumped Munia *Lonchura s. striata*: few Kitulgala, common (25+ daily) lodge, Sinharaja; 3 Horton Plains
231. Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura p. punctulata*: 5+ Kitulgala -> Sinharaja, 5+ lodge, Sinharaja; 5 Yala, few Weerawila -> Nuwara Eliya
232. Black-throated Munia *Lonchura k. kelaarti* **Es**: up to 10 btw White-rumped Munias lodge, Sinharaja; 2 Horton Plains
233. Black-headed (Tricoloured) Munia *Lonchura malacca*: 100+ Udawalawa (distant flight views of 3 flocks only)

Mammals

- Blue Whale *Balaenoptera musculus (indica)*: 4 Mirissa whalewatch (1 an estimated 28m). Fortunately we stayed longer with the whales than other boats, witnessing 2 of the larger whales purposely swimming towards us, passing us no more than 25m away, an awesome sight. Endangered.
- Asian Elephant *Elephas m. maximus*: 20 Udawalawa, 5 Yala (incl a tusker). A mother and calf were witnessed at close range; when the mother defecated, the calf started throwing it over her back, smelling and tasting it.
- Sambar Deer *Rusa unicolor*: 3 Yala, 2 Horton Plains
- Spotted Deer (Chital) *Cervus a. axis*: 1 HO near Bundala, 50+ Yala
- Water Buffalo *Bubalus arnee*: 3-40 Udawalawa, c 30 Yala. At Udawalawa, at least 3 seemingly pure-bred individuals were seen, judging by the size and shape of the horns; more were present, but these probably interbred with cattle. Endangered. According to Wikipedia it is unlikely any pure-bred Water Buffalo remain on the island of Sri Lanka.
- (Wetzone) Toque Macaque** *Macaca sinica aurifrons* **Es**: c 20 Sinharaja, 3 Udawalawa, 4 near Bundala, 5 Kandy, 30 Udawattakele. Endangered.
- (Dryzone) Toque Macaque** *Macaca s. sinica* **E**: 15 Yala, 5 Anawilundaya Tank. Endangered.
- (Southern Lowland Wetzone) Purple-faced Langur** *Trachypithecus v. vetulus* **E**: 6 Kitulgala (two dates), 2 Sinharaja. Endangered.
- Montane Purple-faced Langur (Bear Monkey)** *Trachypithecus vetulus monticola* **Es**: 8+ Nuwara Eliya, HO Horton Plains. Endangered.
- Tufted Grey Langur *Semnopithecus priam thersites* **Es**: 2 Udawalawa, 2 near Bundala, 15 Yala. Near-threatened.
- Leopard *Panthera pardus kotiya* **Es**: 1 male and 1 female (together), Yala. The male lay on the ground c 500m away and after c 10 mins slowly walked away; the female lay on a branch and followed the male few mins later. This we witnessed with as many as 50 jeeps, causing a true Leopard Jam. We however had bins and scopes and many other tourists hadn't, so they cannot have had good views, if any. Twice (once near Bundala and once at Yala, both in the evening, we heard barking Spotted Deer, after which everything went quiet, indicating the presence of a Leopard, but none were seen.
- Wild Boar *Sus scrofa (affinis)*: 15 Yala, 2 Udawattakele
- Golden Jackal *Canis aureus*: 2 Udawalawa, 2 near Bundala, 3 Yala
- Black-naped Hare *Lepus nigricollis*: 1 near Bundala (after dusk), 4 Horton Plains (before dawn), 1 Anawilundaya Tank (late morning)
- Indian Gerbil *Tatera indica*: 1 near Bundala (after dusk)
- Mouse sp: 1 Weerawila -> Yala (crossing the road before dawn)
- Sri Lankan Long-tailed Shrew** *Crocidura miya* **E**: 2 found dead at a Sinharaja tea estate (probably killed by use of insecticides). Endangered; both photographed.
- Indian Palm Squirrel *Funambulus palmarum*: seen almost daily, i.e. Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Kandy, Udawattakele; not seen in Nuwara Eliya or Horton Plains
- Layard's Palm Squirrel** *Funambulus layardi* **E**: 3 Sinharaja. Vulnerable.

20. **Dusky Palm (Striped) Squirrel** *Funambulus* (formerly: *sublineatus*) *obscurus* **E**: 1 Surrey Bird Reserve, 1 Nuwara Eliya, 2 Victoria Park (Nuwara Eliya)
21. **'Sri Lankan' Grizzled Giant Squirrel** *Ratufa m. macroura* **Es**: 4 Sinharaja, 1 Udawalawa ("larger, black type"). Near-threatened.
22. 'Indian' (Grizzled) Giant Squirrel *Ratufa macroura dandolena* **Es**: 1 Yala, 1 Ravana Ella Waterfall, 2 Anawilundaya Tank ("smaller, brown type" also occurring in S India in very small and dwindling numbers). Near-threatened.
23. Ruddy Mongoose *Herpestes smithii*: 1 Sinharaja -> Udawalawa, 2 near Bundala, 4 Yala (incl prolonged views of a pair playing near a waterhole), 1 Nuwara Eliya area
24. Indian Brown Mongoose *Herpestes fuscus*: 1 crossing the road Udawalawa -> Mirissa, 1 Spices Garden btw Kandy -> Seeduwa
25. Indian Grey Mongoose *Herpestes edwardsii*: 1 crossing the road Weerawila -> Nuwara Eliya
26. Indian Flying Fox *Pteropus giganteus*: 20,000 Mirissa -> Weerawila; 10,000 Kandy; 100,000+ Peradeniya Botanical Garden
27. "smaller bat": Kandy

Reptiles and amphibians

All snakes, lizards and frog were identified by Saman & verified by subsequent internetsearch.

1. **Sri Lankan Rat Snake** *Ptyas mucosa maximus* **E(s)**: 1, 2+m long individual studied at length, by scope, Kitulgala
2. Common House Gecko (Tjitjak) *Hemidactylus frenatus*: Kitulgala, Kandy
3. **Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard** *Otocryptis wiedmanni* **E**: 3 Kitulgala, 1 Sinharaja
4. Crested Garden (Common Green Forest) Lizard *Calotes calotes*: Sinharaja
5. Common Garden Lizard *Calotes versicolor*: 8 seen, at Sinharaja, Udawalawa, Bundala, Yala
6. Bengal (Common Indian / Land) Monitor *Varanus bengalensis*: 1 Kitulgala -> Sinharaja; 8 Yala
7. Water Monitor *Varanus salvator*: 1 swimming along the edge of Kandy Lake, 1 Seeduwa, 1 Anawilundaya Tank
8. Common Rock Skink *Mabuya macularia*: 5+ Kitulgala, 1 Sinharaja
9. Parker's Black (Hard-shell) Turtle *Melanochelys trijuga parkeri* **Es**: 4 Udawattakele
10. Marsh (Mugger) Crocodile *Crocodylus palustris (kimbula)*: 1 near Bundala, 12 Yala

[HO] Currugatus Water Frog *Lankanectes* (previously: *Limnonectes*) *currugatus* **E**: heard Kitulgala, Sinharaja (a loud winding call). This genus is endemic to Sri Lanka.

Fish

Comb-tail Barb *Belontia signata* **E**: Kitulgala

Sri Lanka Stonesucker *Garra ceylonensis* **E**: Kitulgala

Rasbora sp **E**: Kitulgala

Catfish sp: Sinharaja (videod)

Butterflies (the ones I remember the names of; * indicates beauty / ** extraordinary beauty :-)
See also the checklist of the Butterflies of Sri Lanka on butterfliesandmoths.net.

1. Common Grass Yellow *Eurema hecabe*: Nuwara Eliya (photographed)
2. Common (Lemon) Emigrant *Catopsila pomona*: Udawalawa, Yala, Peradeniya
3. Great Orangetip *Hebomoia glaucippe ceylonica* **Es**: Udawalawa
4. ***White Fourring** *Yptima ceylonica* **E**: Kitulgala, Peradeniya
5. Dark Cerulean *Jamides bochus*: Nuwara Eliya (photographed, videod)
6. Cerulean sp *Jamides* sp?: some very small ones, underside of wings brown with dark spots; Peradeniya (photographed)
7. Tailless Lineblue *Prosotas dubiosa indica*: Spices Garden (photographed & videod)
8. Dark Evening Brown *Melanitis phedima*: Kitulgala, Sinharaja
9. ****Sri Lanka (Ceylon) Treenymph** *Idea iasonia* **E**: Kitulgala, Sinharaja
10. *Clipper *Parthenos sylvia cyaneus* **Es**: Kitulgala, Udawattakele
11. ***Sri Lanka Birdwing** *Troides darsius* **E**: Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Udawattakele. The largest butterfly in Sri Lanka.
12. *Blue Mormon *Papilio polymnestor*: Kitulgala, Sinharaja
13. *Common Mormon *Papilio polytes*: Horton Plains
14. *Banded Peacock *Papilio crino*: Sinharaja
15. ****Ceylon Blue Glassy Tiger** *Ideopsis similis exprompta* **Es**: Sinharaja. My personal favorite of this trip!

16. Common Indian Crow *Euploea core*: Kitulgala, Peradeniya
17. Common Tiger *Danaus genutia*: Anawilundaya Tank
18. *Common Rose *Pachliopta aristolochiae ceylonicus* **Es**: Kitulgala, Sinharaja
19. *Crimson Rose *Pachliopta hector*: Yala
20. Common Sailor *Neptis hylas*: Makandawa
21. **Common Jezebel *Delias eucharis*: Kitulgala, Kandy

Odonata

All Odonata I identified from photographs and memory. See also www.srilankaninsects.net, the fieldguide with pics published at www.jetwingeco.com and www.asia-dragonfly.net for photographs and references.

Damselflies

Shining Gossamer Wing *Euphaea splendens* **E**: Kitulgala (photographed). Males are entirely black when perched but display a vivid emerald green wingpatch in flight; sev males at small waterfalls.

Emerald Spreadwing *Lestes elatus*: 1 Kitulgala (photographed)

Green's Gem *Libellago greeni*: 1m Sinharaja

Dragonflies

Pied Paddy Skimmer *Neurothemis tullia*: 1f Kitulgala (photographed)

Red Marsh Hawk *Orthetrum chrysis*: 1m Kitulgala (photographed)

Crimson Marsh Glider *Trithemis aurora*: 1, riverside lunch site Yala

Ceylon River Cruiser *Macromia zeylanica* **E**: 1 probable, at waterfall, Sinharaja

Remarkable (other) insects & such seen

(Indian?) Land Leech *Haemadipsa (sylvestris?)*: Kitulgala, Sinharaja

Large spider *Nephila (maculata?)*: sev sites. Females c 20x larger than the males.

Carpenter Bee *Xylocopa* sp: 5+ breakfast stop Yala NP, 2 Udawattakele

Giant Forest Scorpion *Heterometrus* sp: 1 large black one Peradeniya (photographed, video)

Remarkable trees & plants

Pitcher plant *Nepenthes* sp: Sinharaja

Fishtail Palm *Caryota urens*: 1 Glenloch Estate near Kandy, sev Udawattakele

Syzygium tree sp: Horton Plains

Rhododendron arboreum **E**: Horton Plains

Bamboo Orchid *Arundina graminifolia*: Sinharaja

Videos

I may in due course publish the following short videos I took with my (handheld) Lumix camera on www.surfbirds.com (underlined videos are behaviourally interesting or are particularly close-up):

Birds: Sri Lanka Spurfowl, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Indian Peafowl preening, Black-headed Ibis, Black Bittern, Black-crowned Night Heron, Indian Pond Heron, Little Egret, Spot-billed Pelican, Little Cormorant, Changeable Hawk Eagle, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Yellow-wattled Lapwing, Rose-ringed Parakeet, Plum-headed Parakeet, Asian Koel, Spot-bellied Eagle Owl, Crested Treeswift, Green Bee-eater, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Stork-billed Kingfisher, White-throated Kingfisher, Brown-headed Barbet, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, House Crow, Indian Jungle Crow, Barn Swallow, Hill Swallow, Jerdon's Bushlark, Yellow-eared Bulbul, white-phase male Asian Paradise-Flycatcher, Pied Thrush, Sri Lanka Blackbird, Pied Bushchat, Kashmir Flycatcher, Legge's Flowerpecker, Purple-rumped Sunbird, Sri Lanka White-eye, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, House Sparrow, White-rumped Munia.

Mammals: Blue Whale, Asian Elephant, Spotted Deer (Chital), (Wetzone) Toque Macaque (group-grooming), (Dryzone) Toque Macaque (playing in a river), Tufted Grey Langur, Wild Boar, Golden Jackal, Indian Palm Squirrel, Grizzled Giant Squirrel, 'Indian' (Grizzled) Giant Squirrel, Ruddy Mongoose, Indian Flying Fox colony.

Other: Pied Paddy Skimmer, Common Garden Lizard, Catfish sp, Crested Garden Lizard, Bengal Monitor, Dark Cerulean, Water Monitor, ant, Parker's Black Turtle, Giant Forest Scorpion, Tailless Lineblue.

13 March 2014

Remco Hofland
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Group Trip Top Ten

1. Spot-bellied Eagle Owl
2. Serendib Scops Owl
3. Sri Lanka Spurfowl
4. Sri Lanka Frogmouth
5. Crimson-backed Goldenback
6. Kashmir Flycatcher
7. Crested Treeswift
8. Ashy-headed Laughingthrush
9. Black-backed Kingfisher
10. Sri Lanka Blue Magpie