

# SRI LANKA – a short break – February 2018

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## INTRODUCTION

This was a short return trip to Sri Lanka with my wife, Louise, aimed at targeting the two wintering specials, Pied Thrush & Kashmir Flycatcher, that had already departed prior to our previous visit in April 2011. The trip directly followed on from a 5 day trip to Gujarat, India, flying via Mumbai.

## ITINERARY

- Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 Arrive Colombo late evening. Overnight Airport City Hub Hotel, Negombo. (<http://airportcityhubhotel.com/>) (10 minutes from airport)
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 Drive 5 hours to Nuwara Eliya. Late pm birding in Victoria Park. Overnight The Trevene Hotel, Nuwara Eliya. (<http://www.hoteltrevenenuwaraeliya.com/att.html>). 5-10 minutes' walk to Victoria Park.
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 Early morning birding in Victoria Park (0700-0900). Drive 4 hours to Sigiriya. Overnight Kuwera Eco Lodge. (<http://kuweraecolodge.com/>)
- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 Morning walk to the top of Pidurangala Rock (great views over Sigiriya). Afternoon jeep safari in Kaudulla National Park. Overnight Kuwera Eco Lodge.
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 Morning birding the roads & fields on foot around Kuwera Eco Lodge. Drive 4 hours to Colombo International Airport for homebound flight to Dubai.

## CAR RENTAL

Hired a car & driver from RentACarSriLanka (<http://rentacarsrilanka.info/>). Quoted rate was based on estimated mileage for our proposed itinerary and included driver's accommodation, food, etc. Actual distance covered turned out at just 12km above the estimate, mainly because driver couldn't get accommodation in our hotels and we added in unplanned trips to Pidurangala & Kaudulla.

Our driver, Ashan, proved to be totally professional; not only was he polite, honest & punctual, but his driving was very measured and safe and he was a great help in organising our trip to Kaudulla National Park and accompanied us on our climb up Pidurangala Rock.

## SITES VISITED

### Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya

Renowned as the easiest place in the world to see Pied Thrush & Kashmir Flycatcher (providing you visit between December and late March). We rocked up here around 4pm without much of a clue where to look, but, having determined that the smelly stream along the western edge of the park looked the most promising, we had both our targets in the bag within 15 minutes of arrival. A female **Kashmir Flycatcher** was the first to give itself up, the shrill buzzing call enabling us to pin it down. Getting decent pictures in the cloudy afternoon gloom was another matter, however, and I spent a lot of effort for little reward. Relieved to have at least one of the targets knocked off, we checked the outer (roadside) edge of the stream. No sooner had we commented on a damp drainage gully looking the ideal place to find a thrush than a stunning male **Pied Thrush** flicked up from the undergrowth beside it, being joined by another male a few moments later. This was all the confirmation I needed that splashing out for a trip for only 2 species was money well spent – what a bird!!!



The channel also pulled in a couple of **Forest Wagtails** and a **Brown-breasted Flycatcher** – the latter providing a nice comparison with the slightly flightier female Kashmir which it superficially resembles at first glance.

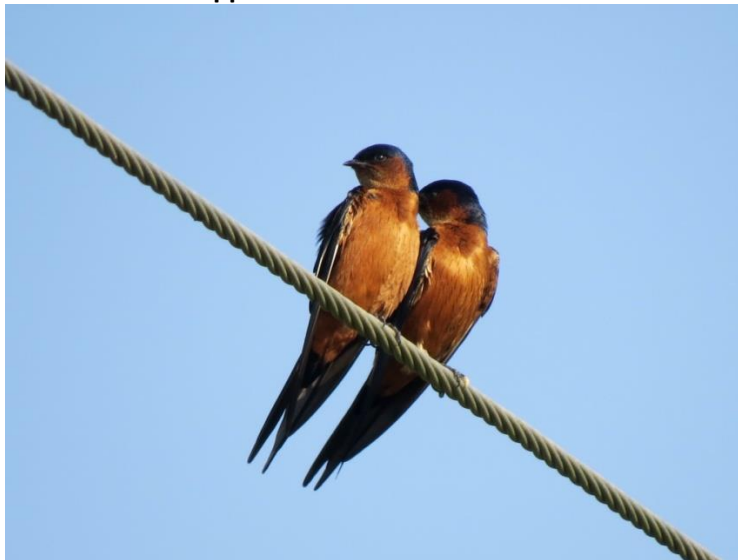


Otherwise the park was fairly slow, birdwise, and also disappointingly so the following morning when we failed to see the thrushes and managed only a glimpse of the Kashmir Fly. A couple of endemic **Yellow-eared Bulbuls** were really the only other significant birds of note, though **Pale-billed Flowerpeckers** and an adult *cristatus* **Brown Shrike** were good to see.

### Kuwera Eco Lodge, Sigiriya

I chose this slightly up-market place as it was situated well away from the touristy areas around Sigiriya and it proved to be a reasonable choice from a birding perspective. Whilst the hotel was nice enough, although it was hard to see why it was an “eco-lodge”, it had nice shady gardens where **Yellow-billed Babblers** and **Purple-rumped Sunbirds** abounded, together with very noisy **Dusky Striped Squirrels**. A nice male **Black-naped Monarch** was a surprise find, though I never managed to pin down the **Indian Paradise Flycatchers** (up to 3) that Louise saw twice whilst in the pool. I did, however, see one along the road and got great views of a pair of **Sri Lanka Woodshrikes** in the far end of the garden as one of them wrestled with a huge hairy caterpillar.

Walking the roads outside the resort proved very productive, with a bonus tick in the form of **Jungle Prinia**, a species I’ve doubtless overlooked on several trips before. In all, I logged 65 species in and around the resort, with the most notable being a couple of **Changeable Hawk-eagles**, fly-by **Sri Lanka Green Pigeons**, **Tawny-bellied babbler**, **Sri Lanka Swallow** and a female **Jerdon’s Leafbird**. Also worthy of mention were **Large & Black-headed Cuckooshrikes**, **Brown-headed & Coppersmith Barbets** and **Black-hooded Oriole**.



A pool just to the south of the resort held **Black-headed Ibis**, **Intermediate & Little Egrets**, **Whiskered Tern** and a good selection of interesting commoner passerines, with one particular **Blyth’s Reed Warbler** giving uncharacteristically decent views.

### Pidurangala Rock



Not the birdiest walk I’ve ever done, but it was a fairly easy 40 minute ascent up to the top of this huge rock outcrop that overlooks the dramatic, though more touristy, rock fortress of Sigiriya. Having seen the distant stream of people slogging up what looked like a rickety set of wooden steps to reach the summit of the other rock, we definitely made the right choice to do Pidurangala.

Fortunately, the morning was overcast, if slightly humid from an overnight shower, and it meant that we reached the top damp, rather than drenched, through sweat. Most of the climb is on a stepped pathway, but the last few metres involve a bit of scrambling over large boulders; nothing requiring any great effort, but longer limbs certainly come in useful for reaching some of the better foot/hand-holds.

Not a great deal to write about on the bird front, though it was nice to be above a group of **Little Swifts** that wheeled around below us, and we had our first encounter with **Brahminy Kite** for the trip.

### **Kaudulla National Park**

This was organised last-minute by our driver and was, at least for Louise, the highlight of our short trip. The park is one of two neighbouring national parks, the other being Minneriya, that are home to a sizeable population of **Asian Elephants** that migrate between the two areas depending upon water levels, making the Sigiriya area an important corridor for them – and a good reason to stay off the roads after dark.

Although essentially a constant stream of tourist-filled jeeps ploughing a fixed, rather dusty, route through the park, Kaudulla not only provided Louise's hoped-for views of elephants, but also a few other things of interest. A **Brown Fish-owl** perched over a small tree-lined stream was undoubtedly the most interesting bird of note as we drove down the main access track, whilst **Toque Macaques**, **Tufted Grey Langurs** and a **Grizzled Giant Squirrel** prompted inevitable numerous stoppages of the jeep convoy.



Once out of the woods and approaching the lake, we were greeted with the sight of a herd of c150 elephants, with many babies and youngsters amongst them romping around playfully. It was a real treat to see such a relaxed and obviously healthy population.



The lake itself held good numbers of **Asian Openbill** and **Painted Storks**, and we found a couple of **Great Stone-curlew** on the shore line. The surrounding grassland was good for **Paddyfield Pipit** and **Jerdon's Bushlark**.

**SPECIES LIST** (100 species) [IOC 8.1]

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Date</b>
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	3	16/02/18
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	75	16/02/18
Sri Lanka Junglefowl (Endemic)	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	16/02/18
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	17/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	6	15/02/18
		Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	13	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	9	17/02/18
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	50	16/02/18
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	500	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	Sigiriya Rd swamp forest, Central Province	4	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	40	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	9	17/02/18
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	15	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	12	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	5	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	17/02/18
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	6	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	8	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	100	16/02/18
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	40	16/02/18
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	30	16/02/18
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Sigiriya Rd swamp forest, Central Province	1	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	5	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	14	17/02/18
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	3	16/02/18
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	2	16/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	3	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18

White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	2	15/02/18
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	2	16/02/18
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	60	16/02/18
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	25	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	3	16/02/18
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	2	16/02/18
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	15	16/02/18
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	6	16/02/18
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	4	16/02/18
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	2	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	3	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	5	16/02/18
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Sigiriya Rd swamp forest, Central Province	2	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	3	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	25	14/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	7	17/02/18
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	9	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	10	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	20	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	20	17/02/18
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
Sri Lanka Green Pigeon (Endemic)	<i>Treron pompadora</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	15/02/18
Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	5	17/02/18
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	15	16/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	50	16/02/18
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	4	16/02/18
		Habarana	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	5	17/02/18
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	2	16/02/18

Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	8	15/02/18
		Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	3	16/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	2	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	8	17/02/18
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	30	16/02/18
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	5	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
		Habarana	2	16/02/18
Red-backed Flameback (Endemic)	<i>Dinopium psarodes</i>	Habarana	2	16/02/18
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	8	17/02/18
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	2	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	13	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	15	17/02/18
Sri Lanka Woodshrike (Endemic)	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	1	15/02/18
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	4	15/02/18
		Habarana	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	17/02/18
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	15/02/18
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	16/02/18
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18

Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	12	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	16	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	18	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	7	17/02/18
Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	4	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	4	15/02/18
		Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	6	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	40	17/02/18
Yellow-eared Bulbul (Endemic)	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	2	15/02/18
White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	17/02/18
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
		Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	30	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	12	17/02/18
Sri Lanka Swallow (Endemic)	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	17/02/18
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	3	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	4	17/02/18
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	8	16/02/18
Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	17/02/18
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	17/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	7	14/02/18
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	5	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	5	17/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	25	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	20	16/02/18
		Habarana	5	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	20	17/02/18
Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	17/02/18



Sri Lanka White-eye (Endemic)	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	2	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	1	15/02/18
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	8	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	4	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	6	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	6	17/02/18
Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	2	14/02/18
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
		Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	5	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	8	17/02/18
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	1	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	3	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	1	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	1	15/02/18
Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	1	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	1	15/02/18
Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	15/02/18
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	15/02/18
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	3	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	5	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18
Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	10	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	6	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	11	17/02/18
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	2	14/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	4	15/02/18
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	8	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	15	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	3	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	9	17/02/18
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	Kuwera Eco Lodge	5	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	15	17/02/18
Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	1	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	2	15/02/18
Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18

Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	2	14/02/18
		Victoria Park, Central Province	5	15/02/18
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	20	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	2	17/02/18

**MAMMALS** (6 species)

<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Date</b>
Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	Kegalle	1	14/02/18
Toque Macaque	<i>Macaca sinica</i>	Nuwara Eliya, Central Province	25	15/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	10	16/02/18
Tufted Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus priam</i>	Pidurangala--Rock, tanks, and forest, Central Province	8	16/02/18
		Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	10	16/02/18
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	150	16/02/18
Dusky-striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>	Victoria Park, Central Province	3	15/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	10	17/02/18
Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>	Kaudulla National Park (general), North Central Province	1	16/02/18
		Kuwera Eco Lodge	1	17/02/18