

## SPECIES RECORDED SRI LANKA Jan 8-18, 2018

The **1st** number represents the maximum number that species was seen in one day.

The **2nd** number represents the number of days that species was seen out of the 11 day trip.

Itinerary - Negombo; Sinharaja & Kira Wewa Lake;

- Horton Plains NP & Nuwara Eliya - Victoria Park, Hakgala Botanical Gardens, Surrey Sanctuary, Ravana Falls;
- Yala NP; Tissa Wetlands; Nimalawa Lake; Bundala NP;

### BIRDS

#### Grouse, Pheasants & Partridges : *Phasianidae*

**Sri Lanka Spurfowl** *Galloperdix bicalcarata*

**Endemic.** A pair at the 'spurfowl house' in Sinharaja. Heard on other days there. 2/3

**Sri Lanka Junglefowl** *Gallus lafayetii*

**Endemic.** A few seen each day in Sinharaja, Horton Plains and Yala. 4/9

Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus*

Common in Yala and Bundala. 30/5

#### Ducks, Geese & Swans : *Anatidae*

Lesser Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

Common in Yala and Bundala. 100/5

Cotton Pygmy-goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*

A pair in Yala. 2/1

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

A few in Yala and hundreds at Bundala. 300/2

#### Grebes : *Podicipedidae*

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Individuals in Yala. 1/3

#### Storks : *Ciconiidae*

Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*

Common in Yala and Bundala. 25/5

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*

A few around Sinharaja and more seen in Yala. 10/7

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*

A pair on the way to Nuwara Eliya and a few in Yala. 4/3

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*

1 in Bundala. 1/1

#### Ibises & Spoonbills : *Threskiornithidae*

Black-headed Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus*

Common in Yala and Bundala. 30/6

Eurasian Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

A few seen in Yala and Bundala. 12/3

#### Hérons & Egrets : *Ardeidae*

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

2 seen in near Negombo airport and 1 at Yala. 2/2

Black Bittern *Ixobrychus flavicollis*

Individual near Negombo airport and at Bundala; 2 at Yala. 2/3

Black-crowned Night-heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Block 5 in Yala had many. 38/2

Indian Pond-heron *Ardeola grayii*  
Widespread. 20/9

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*  
Widespread and common, seen daily. Huge roost at Tissa Wetlands. 1000/11

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
A few scattered in Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 2/5

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*  
A few scattered in Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 8/4

Great Egret *Casmerodius albus*  
Most seen in Tissa Wetlands with fewer at Yala and Bundala. 40/3

Intermediate Egret *Mesophoyx intermedia*  
Scattered in small numbers mainly in Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 20/6

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
Scattered in small numbers mainly in Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 20/6

Western Reef-heron *Egretta gularis*  
1 seen at Nimalawa. 1/1

**Pelicans : *Pelecanidae***

Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*  
Small numbers at Tissa, Yala and Bundala. 15/3

**Cormorants : *Phalacrocoracidae***

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*  
Scattered. 100/8

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
Hundreds going to roost at Tissa. A few elsewhere. 1000/3

**Anhingas : *Anhingidae***

Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*  
Small numbers at Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 20/5

**Osprey, Kites, Hawks & Eagles : *Accipitridae***

Oriental Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*  
Seen a few times over Sinharaja. 4/2

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*  
A few around wetlands in Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 6/7

White-bellied Sea-eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*  
4 in Block 5 at Yala and 1 at Bundala. 4/2

Grey-headed Fish-eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*  
A pair at Yala. 2/1

Crested Serpent-eagle *Spilornis cheela*  
One in Sinharaja and a few seen in Yala. 2/5

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*  
One in flight at Horton Plains

Shikra *Accipiter badius*  
A couple at Sinharaja. 2/2

Besra *Accipiter virgatus*  
One at Sinharaja. 1/1

Himalayan (Common/Steppe) Buzzard *Buteo buteo burmanicus*  
Uncommon winter visitor to highlands. One at Horton Plains.

Crested Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus ceylanensis*  
One over Sinharaja, seen daily at Yala and one eating at Purple heron at Bundala. 3/5

Legge's Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis kelaarti*  
Seen over Horton Plains and near Ravana Falls. 2/2

**Rails, Crakes & allies) : *Rallidae***

Slaty-legged Crane *Rallina eurizonoides*  
Two coming to the small pool at the spurfowl house in Sinharaja. 2/1

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*  
A few seen in wetlands. 6/8

Watercock *Gallicrex cinerea*  
A few seen around Tissa and one at Bundala. All non-breeding males or females. 5/2

Purple (Grey-headed) Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio poliocephalus*

Numerous in tanks and wetlands around Yala. 25/5

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

A couple at Yala and Bundala. 2/2

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

One at a tank near Yala

**Thick-knees : *Burhinidae***

Great Thick-knee *Esacus recurvirostris*

Numbers scattered around Nimalawa Lake and a few at Bundala. 16/3

**Stilts & Avocets : *Recurvirostridae***

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

A few in Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 8/3

**Plovers : *Charadriidae***

Yellow-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus malarbaricus*

Daily in small groups at Yala and Bundala. 8/5

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

A few in rice paddies near Sinharaja, two at Horton Plains, and common at Yala and Bundala. 20/7

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*

A few at Nimalawa and Bundala. 6/2

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

One at Nimalawa and a few at Bundala. 4/2

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

Two at Bundala. 2/1

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

A few at Yala, Nimalawa and Bundala. 6/3

**Jacanas : *Jacanidae***

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*

Common in wetlands at Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 40/5

**Sandpipers & allies : *Scolopacidae***

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*

Seen at Tissa, Yala and Bundala. 3/3

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

Common at Yala, Nimalawa and Bundala. 12/2

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

3 flying close to the shore along the beach at Negombo. 3/1

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

One at Bundala. 1/1

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

A few at Tissa, Nimalawa and Bundala. 8/3

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

A couple at Tissa, Nimalawa and Bundala. 3/3

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Seen at Nimalawa and Bundala. 3/2

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Singles at Victoria Park, Tissa and Nimalawa. 1/3

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Seen in the lowland wetlands at Tissa, Nimalawa and Bundala. 50/3

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

A few scattered around Yala. 4/5

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

A few at Yala, Nimalawa and Bundala. 6/4

**Coursers & Pratincoles : *Glareolidae***

Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*

3 at Nimalawa. 3/1

**Gulls & Terns : *Laridae***

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*

Relatively common at Yala, Nimalawa and Bundala. 25/5

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

Two at Nimalawa. 2/1

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Common. Seen along coast at Negombo and in wetlands around Yala, Tissa, Nimalawa and Bundala. 25/6

**Doves & Pigeons : *Columbidae***

Rock Pigeon (feral type) *Columba livia*

Seen daily. 40/11

**Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon** *Columba torringtoniae*

**Endemic.** A couple seen well a Horton Plains. 3/2

Spotted Dove *Stigmatopelia chinensis*

The common dove, widespread, seen daily. 30/11

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

Seen in small numbers especially around feeders at Sinharaja. 8/4

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon *Treron bicinctus*

Common in and around Yala. 30/5

**Sri Lanka Green Pigeon** *Treron pompadora pompadora*

**Endemic.** A few at Sinharaja and Yala. 6/4

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*

Common around Sinharaja and Yala. 12/7

**Parrots : *Psittacidae***

**Sri Lanka Hanging-parrot** *Loriculus beryllinus*

**Endemic.** These small 6 inch parrots were mostly seen in pairs around the Blue Magpie Lodge at Sinharaja. A couple also at Surrey Sanctuary. 12/4

Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*

The common parakeet especially around Yala. 40/8

Plum-headed Parakeet *Psittacula cyanocephala*

A few seen in Sinharaja. 4/2

**Layard's Parakeet** *Psittacula calthropae*

**Endemic.** 4 seen at Surrey Sanctuary. 4/1

**Cuckoos : *Cuculidae***

Jacobin Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*

Seen a couple of times at Yala. 2/3

Lesser Cuckoo *Cuculus poliocephalus*

A single at Bundala. 1/1

Grey-bellied Cuckoo *Cacomantis passerinus*

Both male and females seen at Yala and Bundala. 2/3

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus*

Seen from our beach hotel at Negombo and a female at Bundala. 2/2

Blue-faced Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus viridirostris*

Four seen at Yala and two at Bundala. 4/2

**Red-faced Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus*

**Endemic.** 2 seen well in a mixed feeding flock at Sinharaja.

Southern (Greater) Coucal *Centropus sinensis parroti*

Widespread. Often heard and seen at Sinharaja, Yala and Bundala. 3/9

**Green-billed Coucal** *Centropus chlororhynchus*

**Endemic.** heard a few times in Sinharaja with one good look. 1/2

**Owls : *Strigidae***

**Serendib Scops Owl** *Otus thilohoffmanni*

**Endemic.** This 6 inch owl was first identified as a new species by voice in 1995. It was first sighted in 2001 and described in 2004! One seen in a stand of dense bamboo after a steep hike in Sinharaja. 1/1

Indian (Collared) Scops Owl *Otus bakkamoena bakkamoena*

One in a roost at a village house near Tissa. 1/1

Brown Fish-owl *Ketupa zeylonensis*

One in a roost by a village river near Tissa. The type specimen originally came from Sri Lanka (Ceylon back then), hence its scientific name. 1/1

Jungle Owlet *Glaucidium radiatum*

One in a roost in a village near Tissa. 1/1

**Chestnut-backed Owlet** *Glaucidium castanonotum*

**Endemic.** One at Sinharaja. 1/1

**Frogmouths : Podargidae**

Sri Lanka Frogmouth *Batrachostomus moniliger*

In spite of this name, it is not an endemic! A pair roosting at Sinharaja, as well as a male on a nest. 2/2

**Nightjars : Caprimulgidae**

Jerdon's Nightjar *Caprimulgus atripennis*

Heard each morning, pre-dawn, while waiting to get into the northern entrance to Yala Block 1 and Bundala. h/3

**Swifts : Apodidae**

Indian Swiftlet *Collocalia unicolor*

Mainly seen on the way to Sinharaja and around there. 12/3

Asian Palm-swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

A few between Negombo and Sinharaja. 3/1

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

A few over Sinharaja, Yala and Bundala. 4/5

**Treeswifts : Hemiprocnidae**

Crested Treeswift *Hemiproctne coronata*

Common and widespread, Sinharaja and Yala vicinity. 40/7

**Trogons : Trogonidae**

Malabar Trogon *Harpactes fasciatus*

Two at Sinharaja. 2/1

**Rollers : Coraciidae**

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*

One or two each day in and around Yala. 2/5

**Kingfishers : Alcedinidae**

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*

2 at Tissa. 2/1

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

A few seen on most days. 8/9

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

One at Kira Wewa; seen at Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 2/5

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*

A couple at Yala and Bundala. 3/1

**Bee-eaters : Meropidae**

Little Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*

Very common in the lowlands around Yala. 50/5

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

Widespread in small numbers. 20/10

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

A few near Ravana Falls and at Bundala. 6/2

**Hoopoes : Upupidae**

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

A couple at Yala. 3/2

**Hornbills : Bucerotidae**

**Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill** *Ocyrceros gingalensis*

**Endemic.** A few seen in Sinharaja and at Surrey Sanctuary. 6/4

Malabar Pied Hornbill *Anthraceroceros coronatus*

A few pairs in Yala. 6/4

**Toucans & Barbets : Ramphastidae**

Brown-headed Barbet *Megalaima zeylanica*

Often heard, and a few seen mainly around Yala. 3/6

**Yellow-fronted Barbet** *Megalaima flavifrons*

**Endemic.** A handful around Sinharaja and on the grounds at Blue Magpie at Surrey Sanctuary. 4/6

**Crimson-fronted Barbet** *Megalaima rubricapillus*

**Endemic.** Great views of one calling at Negombo. 1/1

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

Heard often at Yala and seen at Surrey Sanctuary. 3/4

**Woodpeckers : *Picidae***

Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos nanus*

A single bird at Sinharaja. 1/1

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Dendrocopos mahrattensis*

A couple in Yala. 2/2

Lesser Yellownappe *Picus chlorolophus*

A pair in Sinharaja. 2/1

Lesser Sri Lanka Flameback *Dinopium (benghalense) psarodes*

This is the endemic red-backed southern race *psarodes* of the Black-rumped Flameback/Lesser Goldenback, likely to become a full species. Two seen in Sinharaja. 2/2

**Crimson-backed Goldenback** *Chrysocolaptes (lucidus) stricklandi*

**Endemic.** Poorly names since as its name suggested has a crimson-back, not goldenback! largest of Sri Lanka's woodpecker, a few seen in Sinharaja, Horton Plains, Surrey Sanctuary and Yala. 2/5

**Pittas : *Pittidae***

Indian Pitta *Pitta brachyura*

A very confiding bird at the the spurfowl house in Sinharaja. 1/1

**Woodswallows : *Artamidae***

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

A few hawking insects at Tissa. 6/1

**loras : *Aegithinidae***

Common lora *Aegithina tiphia*

A few widespread. 2/7

**Cuckoo-shrikes : *Campephagidae***

**Sri Lanka Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis (pondicerianus) affinis*

**Endemic.** Three seen on 2 days at Yala. 3/2

Black-headed Cuckooshrike *Coracina melanoptera*

Two at Sinharaja and one at Yala. 2/2

Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*

Small flocks at Surrey Sanctuary, and Yala. 8/3

Orange (Scarlet) Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus flammeus*

Subspecies found in Sri Lanka, Western and Southern India named Orange Minivet. Seen at Sinharaja, Horton Plains and Victoria Park. 8/3

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

A couple at Sinharaja, Victoria Park and Hagkala Botanical Gardens. 4/3

**Shrikes : *Laniidae***

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

Widespread in small numbers, including the grey-headed 'Philippine' race. 6/9

**Orioles & Figbirds : *Oriolidae***

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*

A few widespread, Sinharaja and Yala. 3/7

**Drongos : *Dicruridae***

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

Singles at Yala and Negombo. 1/2

White-bellied Drongo *Dicrurus caerulescens*

Seen each day at Sinharaja and a Surrey Sanctuary. 4/5

**Sri Lanka Drongo** *Dicrurus (paradiseus) lophorhinus*

**Endemic.** A couple seen in Sinharaja. 2/3

**Fantails : *Rhipiduridae***

White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola*

A few in Yala and Bundala. 3/4

**Monarchs : *Monarchidae***

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

Singles at Sinharaja and Yala. 1/2

Asian Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*

A few in Sinharaja and Yala, with as many white morphs as chestnuts. 5/7

## **Crows & Jays : *Corvidae***

**Sri Lanka Blue Magpie** *Urocissa ornata*

**Endemic.** Seen in Sinharaja especially near the ticket office feeder, at Hakgala Botanical Gardens. 5/3

House Crow *Corvus splendens*

Common around Negombo and Tissa. 1000/5

Indian Jungle Crow *Corvus (macrorhynchos) culminatus*

Common at Horton Plains and around Nuwara Eliya, with a few around Yala, Bundala. 80/7

## **Tits & Chickadees : *Paridae***

Cinereous (Great) Tit *Parus (major) cinereus mahrattarum*

Separated from Great Tit by having a grey back and whitish flanks. A few at Horton Plains, Victoria Park and Surrey Sanctuary. 8/3

## **Swallows & Martins : *Hirundinidae***

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Common in the lowlands. 100/7

Hill Swallow *Hirundo domicola*

Formerly a subspecies of Pacific Swallow. Seen nest building at Horton Plains. 12/2

**Sri Lanka Swallow** *Hirundo (daurica) hyperythra*

A few seen on the way to Sinharaja as well as at Yala. 10/6

## **Larks : *Alaudidae***

Jerdon's Bushlark *Mirafra affinis*

Common at Yala. 8/5

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*

Four at Bundala. 4/1

## **Cisticolas & allies : *Cisticolidae***

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

Heard at Horton Plains, and seen at Bundala. 1/2

Ashy Prinia *Prinia socialis*

One at Nuwara Eliya in the hotel garden! 1/1

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*

A few seen daily in Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 6/5

## **Bulbuls : *Pycnonotidae***

**Black-capped Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus*

**Endemic.** Seen well at Sinharaja and one at Yala. 4/3

Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer*

Common and widespread, seen daily. 50/11

**Yellow-eared Bulbul** *Pycnonotus penicillatus*

**Endemic.** Good numbers seen well at Horton Plains. 20/1

White-browed Bulbul *Pycnonotus luteolus*

One or two at Blue Magpie Lodge, Surrey Bird Sanctuary, Yala and Bundala. 3/6

Yellow-browed Bulbul *Iole indica*

A few around the ticket office at Sinharaja. 4/5

Square-tailed (Black) Bulbul *Hypsipetes (leucocephalus) ganeesa humii*

The sub-species endemic to Sri Lanka is *humii*. Common at Sinharaja around Blue Magpie Lodge and seen at Hakgala Botanical Gardens. 30/5

## **Old World Warblers : *Sylviidae***

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*

A few scattered with most heard. 5/7

**Sri Lanka (Bush) Warbler** *Bradypterus palliseri*

**Endemic.** Heard at Horton Plains and squeaked one out with patience for good views at Hakgala. 1/1

Blyth's Reed-warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*

Two seen at Horton Plains. 2/1

Clamorous Reed-warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus*

Several heard and a couple seen at Bundala. 3/1

Green Warbler *Phylloscopus nitidus*

A few seen in Sinharaja, Horton Plains and at Surrey Sanctuary. 4/4

Large-billed Leaf-warbler *Phylloscopus magnirostris*

Singles at Sinharaja and Horton Plains. 1/2

**Babblers & Parrotbills : *Timaliidae***

**Brown-capped Babbler** *Pellorneum fuscocapillus*

**Endemic.** A couple seen well at Sinharaja. 3/2

**Sri Lanka Scimitar-babbler** *Pomatorhinus melanurus*

**Endemic.** Heard at Horton Plains and on several occasions at Sinharaja with a pair seen well there. 2/4

Dark-fronted Babbler *Rhopocichla atriceps*

Small flocks in Sinharaja and Horton Plains. 8/5

**Orange-billed Babbler** *Turdoides rufescens*

**Endemic.** Common in Sinharaja where they were often seen in groups. 20/4

Yellow-billed Babbler *Turdoides affinis*

The counter-part to the orange-billed, common in the lowlands. 30/7

**Ashy-headed Laughingthrush** *Garrulax cinereifrons*

**Endemic.** Heard on two occasions in Sinharaja. h/2

**White-eyes : *Zosteropidae***

**Sri Lanka White-eye** *Zosterops ceylonensis*

**Endemic.** Common in small flocks at Horton Plains and seen at Hakgala and Surrey Sanctuary. 30/3

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

A few on the way to Sinharaja, at Ravana Falls and Yala. 5/3

**Nuthatches & Wallcreeper : *Sittidae***

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

A few at Sinharaja, Horton Plains, and Surrey Sanctuary. 6/4

**Starlings : *Sturnidae***

**Sri Lanka Hill Myna** *Gracula ptilogenys*

**Endemic.** Seen at Sinharaja and a Surrey Sanctuary. 2/3

Lesser Hill Myna *Gracula (religiosa) indica*

A pair at Kira Wewa. 2/1

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Common and widespread, seen daily. 25/11

**White-faced Starling** *Sturnus albofrontatus*

**Endemic.** Three birds feeding relatively low in a tree at Sinharaja. 3/1

Brahminy Starling *Sturnus pagodarum*

A couple at Yala. 3/1

Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus*

Half a dozen at Bundala. 6/1

**Thrushes : *Turdidae***

**Sri Lanka Whistling-thrush** *Myophonus blighi*

Great views near Nuwara Eliya after a lot of perseverance for this notoriously difficult bird to see. 1/1

Pied Thrush *Zoothera wardii*

One at Victoria Park. 1/1

Orange-headed Thrush *Zoothera citrina*

One briefly at Yala. 1/1

**Spot-winged Thrush** *Zoothera spiloptera*

**Endemic.** Confiding bird near the ticket office at Sinharaja. 3/2

**Sri Lanka (Scaly) Thrush** *Zoothera imbricata*

**Endemic.** Good views of a bird that really blends in the undergrowth at Sinharaja. 1/1

Indian Blackbird *Turdus simillimus kinnisii*

This subspecies is endemic to the montane forests of Sri Lanka. Seen at Horton Plains and Hakgala Botanical Gardens. 3/2

**Chats & Old World Flycatchers : *Muscicapidae***

Indian Blue Robin *Luscinia brunnea*

One at Victoria Park. 1/1

Oriental Magpie-robin *Copsychus saularis*

Widespread in small numbers, seen on most days. 4/10

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

Flutey, thrush-like call heard at Yala. h/1

Indian Robin *Saxicoloides fulicatus*

Common at Yala, Tissa, Bundala. 25/10



Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*

Half a dozen at Horton Plains. 6/1

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

One or two at Sinharaja and at Victoria Park. 2/3

Brown-breasted Flycatcher *Muscicapa muttui*

A couple at Sinharaja and Victoria Park and Surrey Sanctuary. 2/6

Kashmir Flycatcher *Ficedula subrubra*

A pair at Victoria Park. 1/2

**Dull-blue Flycatcher** *Eumyias sordidus*

**Endemic.** Seen well at Horton Plains and Surrey Sanctuary. 3/2

Tickell's Blue-flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*

Seen on both visits to Surrey Sanctuary. 1/1

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Several at Victoria Park and around Nuwara Eliya. 5/2

**Leafbirds : Chloropseidae**

Jerdon's Leafbird *Chloropsis jerdoni*

Several at Sinharaja. 2/2

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*

One at Yala. 1/1

**Flowerpeckers : Dicaeidae**

Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile*

1 at Sinharaja. 1/1

**Legge's Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum vincens*

**Endemic.** One seen on two days at Sinharaja. 1/2

Pale-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum erythrorhynchos*

A couple seen daily at Sinharaja, Horton Plains, Victoria Park and Surrey Sanctuary. 2/7

**Sunbirds : Nectariniidae**

Purple-rumped Sunbird *Nectarinia zeylonica*

A few in Sinharaja and Yala and vicinity. 4/9

Purple Sunbird *Nectarinia asiatica*

A handful in Yala and Bundala. 6/5

Loten's Sunbird *Nectarinia lotenia*

A couple near Negombo and at Nuwara Eliya. 2/2

**Sparrows, Snowfinches & allies : Passeridae**

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

A few around Nuwara Eliya and Yala. 4/7

**Weavers & allies : Ploceidae**

Streaked Weaver *Ploceus manyar*

Seen in Yala. 18/4

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*

Seen in Yala. 10/1

**Waxbills, Grass finches, Munias & allies : Estrildidae**

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

Seen at Sinharaja, Kira Wewa, and Yala. 12/6

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

Seen in Yala. 20/4

Black-headed Munia *Lonchura malacca*

Seen in Yala. 4/3

**Wagtails & Pipits : Motacillidae**

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*

Several at Victoria Park; 1 at Yala. 3/2

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava thunbergi*

Two at Bundala. 2/1

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Seen at Sinharaja and Victoria Park. 4/3

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*

Two at Horton Palins. 2/1

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*  
A couple at Yala. 2/4

## MAMMALS

### Bats - Flying Foxes & Fruit Bats

Indian Flying Fox *Pteropus giganteus*  
An amazing roost of possibly ten thousand at Tissa.

### Evening Bats

Indian Pipistrel *Pipistrellus coromandra*  
This species likely amongst small and very small evening bats were seen around Sinharaja and Yala.

### Primates - Monkeys

**Sri Lanka Toque Monkey or Macaque** *Macaca sinica*  
Endemic. A couple in Sinharaja and a handful seen on all days around Nuwara Eliya and in Yala. 10/9

Grey Langur or Hanuman *Semnopithecus priam*  
Common in Yala. 40/5

**Sri Lanka Southern Purple-faced Leaf Monkey** *Trachypithecus vetulus vetulus*  
Endemic. Up to a dozen seen each day in Sinharaja. 12/4

**Bear Leaf Monkey** *Trachypithecus vetulus monticola*  
Endemic to the highlands and seen at Hakgala Botanical Gardens. 4/1

### Carnivores - Jackals

Golden Jackal *Canis aureus*  
A pair crossing the road at Yala. 2/1

### Cats

Leopard *Panthera pardus kotiya*  
Two in Yala, with a large male seen twice, and younger one seen with a broken tail! 2/1

### Mongoose

Indian Brown Mongoose *Herpestes brachyurus*  
One at Sinharaja and one rummaging in a shrub at Horton Plains. 1/1

Indian Grey Mongoose *Herpestes edwardsii lanka*  
A couple seen on two days at Yala. 2/2

Ruddy Mongoose *Herpestes smithii zeylanicus*  
The most common mongoose, with several seen each day in and around Yala. 4/4

Stripe-necked Mongoose *Herpestes vitticollis*  
One quickly went out of sight at Yala. 1/1

### Elephant

Asian Elephant *Elephas maximus*  
Wonderful close encounters with a number Yala. 12/4

### Buffalo

Water Buffalo *Bubalus bubalis*  
Common in Yala. 30/4

### Deer

Spotted Deer or Chital *Axis axis*  
Very common in Yala. 100/5

Sambar *Cervus unicolor*  
Several at Horton Plains and Yala. 3/2

Barking Deer or Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*  
Only seen twice, once near Horton Plains and at Yala

### Pig

Wild Boar *Sus scrofa*  
Common in Yala. 25/4

### Squirrels

**Layard's Flame-striped Squirrel** *Funambulus layardi*  
Endemic. One seen at Sinharaja

Palm Squirrel *Funambulus palmarum*  
The common squirrel, seen daily in small numbers. 10/11

Dusky-striped (Jungle) Squirrel *Funambulus sublineatus*  
A few seen each day In Sinharaja and at Horton Plains. 4/4  
Giant Squirrel or Grizzled Indian *Ratufa macroura*  
Seen at Sinharaja, Surrey Sanctuary and Yala. 3/5

#### **Hare**

Black-naped or Indian Hare *Lepus nigricollis sinhala*  
A few seen daily in Yala and Bundala. 4/5

### **REPTILES**

#### **Colubrid Snakes : Colubridae**

Green Vine Snake *Ahaetulla nasuta*  
1 at the entrance to Kudawa Forest Reserve, Sinharaja, 1/1  
Common Bronze Back *Dendrelaphis tristis*  
2 along the trail at Kudawa Forest Reserve, Sinharaja, 2/1  
Indian Rat Snake *Ptyas mucosa*  
1 the dirt road leading to the Kudawa Forest Reserve, Sinharaja, 1/1  
Sri Lanka Keelback *Xenochrophis asperrimus*  
Several small ones on the lotus pads at the Sinharaja ticket office pond, 3/3

#### **Elapid Snakes : Elapidae**

Spectacled (Indian) Cobra *Naja naja*  
6 footer crossing the dirt road leading to the Kudawa Forest Reserve, Sinharaja, and a smaller one at Surrey Sanctuary. 1/2

#### **Geckoes : Gekkonidae**

Common House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*  
Multiple seen at the Blue Magpie Lodge in Sinharaja and at our hotel in Kataragama, Yala. 12/8

#### **Agamid Lizards : Agamidae**

Green Garden Lizard *Calotes calotes*  
Wow! Brilliant males displaying around the Blue Magpie Lodge in Sinharaja. 2/2  
Common Garden Lizard *Calotes versicolor*  
Seen around Sinharaja and Yalla. 3/5  
Pygmy Lizard *Cophotis ceylanica*  
Endemic to the Central Highlands. Odd name given that is 5-6 inches in length! Seen at Horton Plains. 1/1  
Lyre Head Lizard *Lyriocephalus scutatus*  
Endemic. Large agamid with bulbous hump-nose, hence older name. Seen in Sinharaja. 1/1  
Sri Lanka Kangaroo Lizard *Otocryptis wiegmanni*  
Endemic. Small agamid with long hind legs and upright pose, hence the name. Seen in Sinharaja. 2/2

#### **Skinks : Scincidae**

Taylor's Striped Skink *Eutropis floweri*  
Endemic. Individual seen on a termite mound at Yala. 1/1  
Bronze Grass Skink *Eutropis macularia*  
One seen along the trail at Kudawa Forest Reserve, Sinharaja. 1/1

#### **Monitor Lizards : Varanidae**

Bengal Monitor *Varanus bengalensis*  
A few seen daily in Yala, Tissa and Bundala. 4/5  
Water Monitor *Varanus salvator*  
Single at Sinharaja. 1/1

#### **Crocodyles : Crocodylidae**

Muggar (Marsh) Crocodile *Crocodylus palustris*  
A few seen in Yala and at Bundala. 6/4

#### **Freshwater Turtles : Emydidae**

Sri Lanka Black Terrapin *Melanochelys trijuga thermalis*  
Sub-species with spots on neck and head. Singles at Kira Wewa Lake outside Sinharaja and at Bundala. 1/2

## AMPHIBIANS

- Asian Common Toad *Duttaphrynus melanostictis*  
1 at Blue Magpie Lodge, Sinharaja. 1/1
- Sri Lanka Paddy Field Frog *Zakerana greenii*  
Endemic. Likely this species calling at the Blue Magpie Lodge in Sinharaja. h/3
- Skipper Frog *Euphlyctis cyanophlyctis*  
A few along the edge of the Tissa Wetlands/ 8/1

## BUTTERFLIES

### Swallowtails : *Papilionidae*

- Lime Butterfly *Papilio demoleus demoleus*  
Several seen in Sinharaja and Yala
- Blue Mormon *Papilio polymnestor parinda*  
A few in Sinharaja and 1 at Yala
- Common Mormon *Papilio polytes romulus*  
One at Yala
- Common Rose *Pachliopta aristolochiae ceylonica*  
Singles at Sinharaja and Yala
- Crimson Rose *Pachliopta hector*  
One at Sinharaja and a few at Yala
- Common Birdwing E** *Troides darsius*  
Singles seen on the wing at Sinharaja and Ravana Falls

### Whites & Yellows : *Pieridae*

- Common Emigrant *Catopsilia crocale*  
One at Sinharaja
- Mottled Emigrant *Catopsilia pyranthe minna*  
One at Sinharaja
- Lemon Emigrant *Catopsilia pomona*  
One at Yala
- Common Gull *Cepora nerissa evagete*  
One at Yala
- Small Salmon Arab *Colotis amata modestus*  
Several at Yala
- Common Jezebel *Delias eucharis*  
One or two seen daily at Sinharaja and Yala
- Three Spot Grass Yellow *Eurema blanda silhetana*  
Grass yellows were frequently seen at Sinharaja and Yala, ones ID'd were these
- White Orange Tip *Ixias marianne*  
A couple at Yala
- Yellow Orange Tip *Ixias pyrene cingalensis*  
One seen at Yala
- Psyche *Leptosia nina nina*  
A couple at Sinharaja
- Dark Wanderer *Pareronia ceylanica ceylanica*  
One at Yala

### Brushfoots : *Danaidae*

- Plain Tiger *Danaus chrysippus*  
A couple seen at Yala
- Common (Striped) Tiger *Danaus genutia*  
One at Bundala
- Common (Indian) Crow *Euploea core asela*  
Relatively common at Sinharaja, Nuwera Eliya and Yala
- Ceylon Tree Nymph** *Idea iasonia*  
Endemic. Common at Sinharaja

Blue Glassy Tiger *Ideopsis similis exprompta*

A couple at Sinharaja

Glassy Tiger *Parantica aglea*

One at Sinharaja at Yala

**Brushfoots : *Nymphalidae***

Redspot Duke *Dophla evelina evelina*

A ragged one on a dirt road in Sinharaja

Common Sailor *Neptis hylas varmona*

Several at Sinharaja and one at Yala

Commander *Moduza procris calidasa*

One at the Sinharaja ticket office

**Brushfoots : *Acraeidae***

Tawny Coster *Telchinia violae*

One at Yala

**Satyrids : *Satyridae***

Common Palmfly *Elymnias hypermnestra fraterna*

One at Sinharaja

Common Evening Brown *Melanitis lede ismene*

One at the Blue Magpie Lodge

Gladeye Bushbrown *Nissanga patnia patnia*

One at Sinharaja

White Four-ring *Ypthima ceylonica*

Several at Sinharaja and Yala

**Gossamer-winged Butterflies : *Lycaenidae***

Common Pierrot *Castalius rosimon*

One at Sinharaja

Metallic Cerulean *Jamides alecto*

This complex of Jamides are very similar causing some confusion. One at Sinharaja

Dark Cerulean *Jamides bochus*

Seen at Horton Plains

Common Cerulean *Jamides celeno*

A few at Sinharaja

**Sri Lankan Milky Cerulean** *Jamides lacteata*

Endemic. One at Sinharaja

White Hedge Blue *Udara akasa*

One at Horton Plains

**DRAGONFLIES**

**Chasers : *Libellulidae***

Pink Skimmer *Orthetrum pruinatum neglectum*

One at Sinharaja

Green Skimmer *Orthetrum sabina sabina*

Seen near Negombo airport

Pied Parasol *Neurothemis tullia tullia*

Seen near Negombo airport and at Sinharaja

Crimson Dropwing *Trithemis aurora*

Seen outside of Tissa while looking for Brown Fish Owl

Indigo Dropwing *Trithemis festiva*

Seen at Sinharaja

Wandering Glider *Pantala flavescens*

Many seen at Yala

## DAMSELFLIES

**Jewelwings or Demoiselles : *Calopterygidae***

**Black-tipped Flashwing** *Vestalis apicalis nigrescens*

Endemic. Several seen at Sinharaja

**Pond Damselflies or Bluets : *Coenagrionidae***

**Yellow Waxtail** *Ceriagrion coromandelianum*

Two near Negombo airport

**Featherlegs : *Platycnemididae***

**Yellow Featherleg** *Copera marginipes*

Several pairs mating in a ditch where we looked at Sri Lanka Swallows