



# ROCKJUMPER

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## Sri Lanka

### Endemic Birds & Big Game II

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## Trip Report



Serendib Scops Owl by David Hoddinott

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## Tour Summary

Our fabulous Sri Lanka adventure started in the capital, Colombo, where after arrival we transferred to Kitulgala. Some of us arrived from the South India adventure, and so we all met up at Kitulgala.



**Indian Pitta by David Hoddinott**

The following morning, we explored Kitulgala Rainforest and the surrounding area. Adding to the adventure was the fun river crossing by canoe. Our time here was most rewarding, and soon we found a bunch of sought-after birds. These included endemic Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, which showed particularly well, Greater Coucal, Asian Koel, lovely Banded Bay Cuckoo, superb Chestnut-backed Owlet, a splendid pair of Sri Lanka Frogmouth at their day roost, Blue-tailed and Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters, sexually dimorphic Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Brown-headed, Yellow-fronted and elusive Crimson-fronted Barbets, Lesser Yellownappe, Red-backed Flameback, smart Layard's and Alexandrine Parakeets, super

confiding Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, cracking Indian Pitta, Orange Minivet, Black-hooded Oriole, Sri Lanka Swallow, confiding Brown-capped Babbler, family groups of Orange-billed and Yellow-billed Babblers, Oriental White-eye, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Golden-fronted Leafbird, Loten's Sunbird and White-rumped Munia. *Shew, what a nice start!*

From Kitulgala, we made our way to the cool highlands of Nuwara Eliya. During our time here, we explored several sites, including the Horton Plains and Victoria Park. Highlights included majestic Black Eagle, great views of Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, elusive Crimson-backed Woodpecker, a mixed species flock including Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Cinereous Tit, Yellow-eared Bulbul, striking Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler and Velvet-fronted Nuthatch. Other species seen included a very unexpected Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark on the Horton Plains, Hill Swallow, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Dark-fronted Babbler, Sri Lanka White-eye, lovely Pied Thrush, Indian Blackbird, Dull-blue Flycatcher, shy Indian



**Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot by David Hoddinott**

Blue Robin and, after a concerted effort, Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush and a spectacular male Kashmir Flycatcher. We also enjoyed an amazing encounter with Eurasian Otter, which nonchalantly swam around a small pond, totally unperturbed by us, giving superb views. Moving on to the Tissa wetlands and surrounds, we enjoyed a birding bonanza as usual, and amongst the thousands of birds we found Lesser Whistling Duck, Painted and Woolly-necked Storks, Asian Openbill, Black-headed Ibis, Yellow Bittern, Indian Pond Heron, Purple Heron, Little and Indian Cormorants, Oriental Darter, White-bellied

Sea Eagle, Grey-headed Swamphen, Indian Scops Owl, Jungle Owlet, Coppersmith Barbet, rare White-naped Woodpecker, Alexandrine Parakeet, Jerdon's Leafbird and Tricolored Munia.



**Kashmir Flycatcher by David Hoddinott**

Woodpecker, Sri Lanka Woodshrike, sought-after Marshall's Iora, Small Minivet, White-browed Fantail, Jungle Prinia, hundreds of Rosy Starling and Indian Robin. Our mammal sightings were no less impressive, and we found several Asian Elephant, a superb male Leopard lazing along a branch, Ruddy Mongoose, several Golden Jackal eating a carcass, an amazing Sloth Bear right next to the road, Wild Boar, Chital and Sambar Deer. *What a fabulous day indeed!!!*

The next day saw us visiting the wetlands and scrub in Bundala National Park. Here we enjoyed memorable sightings of two Lesser Adjutant, Yellow and much sought-after Black Bittern, Spot-billed Pelican, handsome Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Indian and impressive Great Stone-curlews, Pacific Golden Plover, Kentish Plover, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Common Snipe, Black-tailed Godwit, Broad-billed Sandpiper, Pin-tailed Snipe, lovely Small Pratincole, Lesser Crested Tern, Indian Roller, White-throated Kingfisher and Sand Martin



**Sloth Bear by David Hoddinott**

The following morning, we visited Udawalawe National Park. The extensive woodland and bush country provided some great birding, and we saw Black-winged Kite, Crested Serpent Eagle, Green Sandpiper, numerous Green Imperial Pigeon, Alpine Swift, Black-headed Cuckooshrike, Jerdon's Bush Lark, Yellow-eyed Babbler, Thick-billed Flowerpecker, Baya Weaver, Citrine Wagtail, sought-after Blyth's Pipit and, finally, a splendid pair of Sirkeer Malkoha. Our excellent night excursion here yielded Jerdon's and Indian Nightjars.

Leaving the open country, we travelled to our final birding site at Sinharaja National Park, where we explored this fabulous rainforest for two days. Some of our notable sightings included the shy Sri Lanka Spurfowl, smart Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Crested Honey Buzzard, low-density Legge's Hawk-Eagle, confiding Slaty-legged Crake, Green-billed Coucal, lovely Red-faced Malkoha, which we found after considerable effort, Sri Lanka Bay Owl for a lucky few, magnificent Serendib Scops Owl at its day roost,



**Yellow-fronted Barbet by David Hoddinott**

Malabar Trogon, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Plum-headed Parakeet, Sri Lanka Drongo, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie entertaining us at the feeder, Black-capped and Yellow-browed Bulbuls, Sri Lanka Hill Myna, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, cryptic Spot-winged Thrush, White-faced Starling, shy Sri Lanka Thrush, Legge's Flowerpecker and Oriental Dollarbird.

This wrapped up a fantastic trip, and so we travelled to Colombo where the tour concluded. Thanks must go to a wonderful group of enthusiastic and fun participants, as well as a superb ground operations team. We hope to see you on another fabulous adventure soon!

## Annotated List of species recorded

**Note:** Number in brackets ( ) indicate number of days on the tour the species was recorded.  
List powered through the report generator of our partner iGoTerra.

### Birds (237 in total: 234 seen, 3 heard)

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows Gill, F and D Donsker (Eds). 2018. IOC World Bird List (v 8.1).

**Status codes:** **E** = Endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic, **I** = Introduced

**IUCN codes:** **CR** = Critically endangered, **EN** = Endangered, **VU** = Vulnerable, **EW** = Extinct in the Wild, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient

#### Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl Anatidae

##### **Lesser Whistling Duck**

*Dendrocygna javanica*

(5) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 20 Tissamaharama 26.11, 100 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 100 Bundala NP 28.11 and 6 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

##### **Cotton Pygmy Goose**

*Nettapus coromandelianus coromandelianus*

(1) 8 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 28.11.

Great views.

#### Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies Phasianidae

##### **Sri Lanka Spurfowl**

*Galloperdix bicalcarata*

(1) 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

Superb sighting of this tricky species.

##### **Sri Lanka Junglefowl**

*Gallus lafayettii*

(9) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 heard Kitulgala 24.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 26.11, 4 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Bundala NP 28.11 and up to 6 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

##### **Indian Peafowl**

*Pavo cristatus*

(5) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 1 heard Tissamaharama 26.11, 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 12 Bundala NP 28.11 and 20 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

Magnificent, seen displaying.

#### Grebes Podicipedidae

##### **Little Grebe**

*Tachybaptus ruficollis albescens*

(4) 3 Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Bundala NP 28.11.

#### Storks Ciconiidae

##### **Painted Stork (NT)**

*Mycteria leucocephala*

(4) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 40 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 20 Bundala NP 28.11.

##### **Asian Openbill**

*Anastomus oscitans*

(5) 2 Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Kitulgala 24.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 3 Bundala NP 28.11.

##### **Woolly-necked Stork (VU)**

*Ciconia episcopus episcopus*

(2) 2 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

##### **Lesser Adjutant (VU)**

*Leptoptilos javanicus*

(2) 2 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

Wonderful views!

**Ibises and Spoonbills *Threskiornithidae***

- Black-headed Ibis (NT)** *Threskiornis melanocephalus*  
 (3) 30 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 20 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Eurasian Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia leucorodia*  
 (2) 40 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 6 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns *Ardeidae***

- Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*  
 (2) 3 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.  
 Several sightings.
- Black Bittern** *Dupetor flavicollis flavicollis*  
 (1) 1 Bundala NP 28.11.  
 Good but brief sighting.
- Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*  
 (2) 20 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 30 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii*  
 (6) 10 Kitulgala 22.11, 3 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 20 Tissamaharama 26.11, 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 50 Bundala NP 28.11 and 5 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*  
 (7) 20 Kitulgala 22.11, 6 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 300 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 300 Tissamaharama 26.11, 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 100 Bundala NP 28.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea cinerea*  
 (5) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 10 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 10 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea manilensis*  
 (2) 6 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 8 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Great Egret** *Ardea alba modesta*  
 (4) 6 Tissamaharama 26.11, 10 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 20 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Intermediate Egret** *Ardea intermedia intermedia*  
 (4) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 4 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta garzetta*  
 (4) 2 Kitulgala 22.11, 20 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 6 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Western Reef Heron** *Egretta gularis schistacea*  
 (1) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Pelicans *Pelecanidae***

- Spot-billed Pelican (NT)** *Pelecanus philippensis*  
 (5) 5 Kitulgala 22.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 4 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 15 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.  
 Superb.

**Cormorants and Shags *Phalacrocoracidae***

- Little Cormorant** *Microcarbo niger*  
 (7) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 10 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 10 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 20 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 6 Bundala NP 28.11.

- Indian Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
 (2) 300 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 300 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*  
 (1) 10 Bundala NP 28.11.

### Anhingas *Anhingidae*

- Oriental Darter (NT)** *Anhinga melanogaster*  
 (4) 12 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 4 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

### Hawks, Eagles, and Kites *Accipitridae*

- Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus vociferus*  
 (2) 1 Kitulgala 24.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Crested Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis*  
 (2) 1 Kitulgala 23.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.
- Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela spilogaster*  
 (6) Up to 2 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 1 heard Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.
- Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus ceylanensis*  
 (7) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 3 Bundala NP 28.11, 4 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.
- Legge's Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus kelaarti*  
 (1) 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.  
 Seen soaring high overhead.
- Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malaiensis perniger*  
 (3) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.
- Booted Eagle** *Hieraaetus pennatus*  
 (1) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.
- Shikra** *Accipiter badius badius*  
 (3) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Kitulgala 23.11 and 1 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus indus*  
 (7) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 4 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 4 Tissamaharama 26.11, 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 6 Bundala NP 28.11 and 6 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*  
 (8) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*  
 (1) 1 Bundala NP 28.11.  
 Superb sighting.

### Rails, Gallinules, and Coots *Rallidae*

- Slaty-legged Crake** *Rallina eurizonoides amauroptera*  
 (2) 1 Kitulgala 22.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.  
 Wonderful views!
- White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*  
 (7) 2 Kitulgala 22.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 10 Tissamaharama 26.11, 4 Bundala NP 28.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

- Watercock** *Gallicrex cinerea*  
 (2) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Grey-headed Swampen** *Porphyrio poliocephalus poliocephalus*  
 (3) 30 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 20 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus chloropus*  
 (2) 3 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 1 Bundala NP 28.11.

#### Buttonquails *Turnicidae*

- Barred Buttonquail** *Turnix suscitator leggei*  
 (2) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

#### Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

- Indian Stone-curlew** *Burhinus indicus*  
 (1) 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 6 Bundala NP 28.11.  
 Fabulous sightings.
- Great Stone-curlew (NT)** *Esacus recurvirostris*  
 (2) 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 40 Bundala NP 28.11.  
 Fantastic bird!

#### Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*

- Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*  
 (2) 50 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 100 Bundala NP 28.11.

#### Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

- Yellow-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus malabaricus*  
 (3) 12 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 6 Bundala NP 28.11 and 4 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus lankae*  
 (5) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 10 Tissamaharama 26.11, 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 30 Bundala NP 28.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*  
 (2) 8 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 20 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola squatarola*  
 (1) 4 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula tundrae*  
 (1) 2 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*  
 (1) 8 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.
- Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*  
 (1) 5 Bundala NP 28.11.
- Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus atrifrons*  
 (2) 40 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 100 Bundala NP 28.11.  
 Common.
- Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii leschenaultii*  
 (2) 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 6 Bundala NP 28.11.

#### Jacanas *Jacanidae*

- Pheasant-tailed Jacana** *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*  
 (3) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 8 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 20 Bundala NP 28.11.



**Sandpipers and Allies Scolopacidae****Black-tailed Godwit (NT)***Limosa limosa*

(1) 30 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Ruddy Turnstone***Arenaria interpres interpres*

(2) 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 6 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper***Calidris falcinellus falcinellus*

(1) 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

Good but brief scope views.

**Curlew Sandpiper***Calidris ferruginea*

(2) 4 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 30 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Little Stint***Calidris minuta*

(2) 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 50 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Pin-tailed Snipe***Gallinago stenura*

(1) 8 Bundala NP 28.11.

Superb sightings.

**Common Snipe***Gallinago gallinago gallinago*

(1) 1 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Common Sandpiper***Actitis hypoleucos*

(4) 3 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 3 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Green Sandpiper***Tringa ochropus*

(1) 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Common Redshank***Tringa totanus*

(2) 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 50 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Marsh Sandpiper***Tringa stagnatilis*

(2) 10 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 10 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Wood Sandpiper***Tringa glareola*

(3) 30 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 20 Bundala NP 28.11 and 6 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Common Greenshank***Tringa nebularia*

(2) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 3 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Pratincoles and Coursers Glareolidae****Small Pratincole***Glareola lactea*

(1) 8 Bundala NP 28.11.

Wonderful sightings.

**Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers Laridae****Gull-billed Tern***Gelochelidon nilotica nilotica*

(3) 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 10 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Caspian Tern***Hydroprogne caspia*

(2) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 60 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Greater Crested Tern***Thalasseus bergii velox*

(1) 15 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Lesser Crested Tern***Thalasseus bengalensis bengalensis*

(1) 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

Good scope views.

**Saunders's Tern***Sternula saundersi*

(3) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 20 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Whiskered Tern***Chlidonias hybrida hybrida*

(4) 50 Tissamaharama 26.11, 50 Tissamaharama 27.11, 400 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Pigeons and Doves Columbidae****Rock Dove***Columba livia*

(8) 2 Kitulgala 22.11, 2 Kitulgala 23.11, up to 40 Nuwara Eliya area 24-26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 10 Bundala NP 28.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon (VU)***Columba torringtoniae*

(3) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 7 Horton Plains NP 25.11 and 20 Nuwara Eliya area 26.11.  
Superb sightings.

**Spotted Dove***Spilopelia chinensis*

(9) 3 Kitulgala 22.11, 2 Kitulgala 23.11, up to 6 Nuwara Eliya area 24-26.11, 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 20 Bundala NP 28.11, 30 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 10 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Common Emerald Dove***Chalcophaps indica robinsoni*

(4) 1 heard Kitulgala 22.11, 3 Kitulgala 23.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Orange-breasted Green Pigeon***Treron bicinctus leggei*

(3) 10 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 4 Bundala NP 28.11 and 6 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

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

(4) 6 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 Kitulgala 24.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

**Green Imperial Pigeon***Ducula aenea pusilla*

(9) Up to 4 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 20 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 3 Bundala NP 28.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 8 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Cuckoos Cuculidae****Green-billed Coucal (VU)***Centropus chlororhynchos*

(2) 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 1.12.  
Great views.

**Greater Coucal***Centropus sinensis parroti*

(6) 1 heard Kitulgala 23.11, 4 Kitulgala 24.11, 1 heard Horton Plains NP 25.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Sirkeer Malkoha***Taccocua leschenaultii leschenaultii*

(1) 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.  
Fabulous sighting!

**Red-faced Malkoha (VU)***Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.  
Good views after lengthy search.

**Blue-faced Malkoha***Phaenicophaeus viridirostris*

(3) 5 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Jacobin Cuckoo***Clamator jacobinus jacobinus*

(3) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Asian Koel***Eudynamis scolopaceus scolopaceus*

(4) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 heard Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Bundala NP 28.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Banded Bay Cuckoo***Cacomantis sonneratii waiti*

(2) 1 Kitulgala 22.11 and 1 Kitulgala 24.11.

**Grey-bellied Cuckoo***Cacomantis passerinus*

(3) 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.  
Nice sightings.

**Common Hawk-Cuckoo***Hierococcyx varius*

(1) 1 heard Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.

**Barn-Owls Tytonidae****Sri Lanka Bay Owl***Phodilus assimilis assimilis*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

Lucky for some.

**Owls Strigidae****Serendib Scops Owl (EN)***Otus thilohoffmanni*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Superb views!

**Indian Scops Owl***Otus bakkamoena bakkamoena*

(1) 2 Tissamaharama 26.11.

Fabulous.

**Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl***Bubo nipalensis blighi*

(1) 1 heard Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 26.11.

**Brown Fish Owl***Ketupa zeylonensis zeylonensis*

(2) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Jungle Owlet***Glaucidium radiatum radiatum*

(1) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11.

**Chestnut-backed Owlet (NT)***Glaucidium castanotum*

(1) 2 Kitulgala 23.11.

Great sighting.

**Frogmouths Podargidae****Sri Lanka Frogmouth***Batrachostomus moniliger moniliger*

(2) 2 Kitulgala 23.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Fabulous!

**Nightjars and Allies Caprimulgidae****Jerdon's Nightjar***Caprimulgus atripennis aequabilis*

(1) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Wonderful views.

**Indian Nightjar***Caprimulgus asiaticus eidos*

(2) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

**Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae****Crested Treeswift***Hemiprocne coronata*

(4) 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 3 Bundala NP 28.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Swifts Apodidae****Indian Swiftlet***Aerodramus unicolor*

(10) Up to 20 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 6 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 10 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 10 Bundala NP 28.11 and up to 20 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Brown-backed Needletail***Hirundapus giganteus indicus*

(1) 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

- Asian Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis balasiensis*  
 (2) 2 Kitulgala 22.11 and 2 Kitulgala 23.11.
- Alpine Swift** *Tachymarptis melba bakeri*  
 (1) 5 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Little Swift** *Apus affinis singalensis*  
 (2) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 15 Bundala NP 28.11.

### Trogon Trogonidae

- Malabar Trogon** *Harpactes fasciatus fasciatus*  
 (3) 2 Kitulgala 23.11, 3 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

### Rollers Coraciidae

- Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis indicus*  
 (2) 4 Bundala NP 28.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis irisi*  
 (1) 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.  
 A rare sighting on this route.

### Kingfishers Alcedinidae

- Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis capensis*  
 (1) 1 heard Sinharaja NP 1.12.
- White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis fusca*  
 (8) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 3 Kitulgala 24.11, 8 Tissamaharama 26.11, 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 30 Bundala NP 28.11, 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.
- Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis taprobana*  
 (3) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 3 Bundala NP 28.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher** *Ceyx erithaca erithaca*  
 (1) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11.
- Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis leucomelanurus*  
 (2) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 3 Bundala NP 28.11.

### Bee-eaters Meropidae

- Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis*  
 (4) 3 Tissamaharama 26.11, 30 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 30 Bundala NP 28.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11.
- Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus*  
 (9) 4 Kitulgala 22.11, 4 Kitulgala 23.11, 6 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 10 Tissamaharama 26.11, 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 20 Bundala NP 28.11, 6 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.
- Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenaulti leschenaulti*  
 (2) 1 Kitulgala 23.11 and 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

### Hoopoes Upupidae

- Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops ceylonensis*  
 (2) 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 3 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Hornbills Bucerotidae****Malabar Pied Hornbill (NT)***Anthracoceros coronatus*

(2) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

Nice sightings.

**Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill***Ocyeros gingalensis*

(5) 3 Kitulgala 23.11, 3 Kitulgala 24.11 and up to 3 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Asian Barbets Megalaimidae****Brown-headed Barbet***Psilopogon zeylanicus zeylanicus*

(6) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 Kitulgala 24.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 1 heard Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Yellow-fronted Barbet***Psilopogon flavifrons*

(6) Up to 2 Kitulgala 22-24.11 and up to 6 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Crimson-fronted Barbet***Psilopogon rubricapillus*

(2) 1 Kitulgala 24.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

Great views of this tricky species.

**Coppersmith Barbet***Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus*

(4) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 1 heard Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Woodpeckers Picidae****Yellow-crowned Woodpecker***Leiopicus mahrattensis mahrattensis*

(3) 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 1 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Lesser Yellownap***Picus chlorolophus wellsi*

(3) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Kitulgala 24.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Red-backed Flameback***Dinopium psarodes*

(4) Up to 3 Kitulgala 22-24.11 and 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Crimson-backed Flameback***Chrysocolaptes stricklandi*

(4) 1 heard Kitulgala 23.11, 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 26.11 and 1 heard Sinharaja NP 30.11.

Good views.

**White-naped Woodpecker***Chrysocolaptes festivus tantus*

(1) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11.

Nice views.

**Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae****Common Kestrel***Falco tinnunculus*

(1) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Peregrine Falcon***Falco peregrinus*

(1) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 26.11.

**Old World Parrots Psittaculidae****Plum-headed Parakeet***Psittacula cyanocephala*

(3) 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 29.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Layard's Parakeet***Psittacula calthrapae*

(5) Up to 3 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 6 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Alexandrine Parakeet (NT)***Psittacula eupatria eupatria*

(4) 2 Kitulgala 23.11, 2 Kitulgala 24.11, 6 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Rose-ringed Parakeet***Psittacula krameri manillensis*

(5) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 50 Tissamaharama 26.11, 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 30 Bundala NP 28.11 and 30 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot***Loriculus beryllinus*

(4) 10 Kitulgala 23.11, 2 Kitulgala 24.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 29.11 and 8 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Pittas Pittidae****Indian Pitta***Pitta brachyura*

(4) 1 heard Kitulgala 23.11, 1 Kitulgala 24.11, 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

Amazing sighting!

**Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae****Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike***Hemipus picatus leggei*

(1) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11.

**Sri Lanka Woodshrike***Tephrodornis affinis*

(1) 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Ioras Aegithinidae****Common Iora***Aegithina tiphia multicolor*

(5) 3 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 3 Bundala NP 28.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

**Marshall's Iora***Aegithina nigrolutea*

(3) 3 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

Good views.

**Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae****Black-headed Cuckooshrike***Coracina melanoptera sykesi*

(3) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Small Minivet***Pericrocotus cinnamomeus cinnamomeus*

(3) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 12 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Orange Minivet***Pericrocotus flammeus*

(5) 3 Kitulgala 23.11, 3 Kitulgala 24.11, 3 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 6 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Shrikes Laniidae****Brown Shrike***Lanius cristatus*

(5) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 2 Kitulgala 24.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Bundala NP 28.11, 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 6 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Old World Orioles Oriolidae****Black-hooded Oriole***Oriolus xanthornus ceylonensis*

(5) Up to 3 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 1 heard Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Drongos Dicruridae****Ashy Drongo***Dicrurus leucophaeus longicaudatus*

(3) 6 Kitulgala 23.11, 3 Kitulgala 24.11 and 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**White-bellied Drongo***Dicrurus caeruleus*

(5) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Kitulgala 23.11 and up to 4 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Sri Lanka Drongo***Dicrurus lophorinus*

(3) 1 heard Kitulgala 23.11, 6 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Fantails Rhipiduridae****White-browed Fantail***Rhipidura aureola compressirostris*

(1) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae****Black-naped Monarch***Hypothymis azurea ceylonensis*

(3) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Indian Paradise Flycatcher***Terpsiphone paradisi*

(6) 1 Kitulgala 24.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Bundala NP 28.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies Corvidae****Sri Lanka Blue Magpie (VU)***Urocissa ornata*

(4) 1 Kitulgala 23.11 and up to 4 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

What a bird!

**House Crow***Corvus splendens protegatus*

(6) 10 Kitulgala 22.11, 6 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 50 Tissamaharama 26.11, 20 Bundala NP 28.11 and 20 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Indian Jungle Crow***Corvus culminatus*

(6) Up to 12 Nuwara Eliya area 24-26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 10 Bundala NP 28.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae****Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher***Culicicapa ceylonensis ceylonensis*

(2) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11.

**Chickadees and Tits Paridae****Cinereous Tit***Parus cinereus mahrattarum*

(2) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.

**Larks Alaudidae****Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark***Eremopterix griseus*

(2) 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 30 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Jerdon's Bush Lark***Mirafra affinis*

(3) 4 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 4 Bundala NP 28.11.

Good views.

**Oriental Skylark***Alauda gulgula gulgula*

(2) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Bulbuls Pycnonotidae****Black-capped Bulbul***Pycnonotus melanicterus*

(3) Up to 2 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Red-vented Bulbul***Pycnonotus cafer*

(10) Up to 10 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 30 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 50 Bundala NP 28.11, 50 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 6 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 10 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Yellow-eared Bulbul (NT)***Pycnonotus penicillatus*

(2) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and 6 Horton Plains NP 25.11.

**White-browed Bulbul***Pycnonotus luteolus insulae*

(5) 1 heard Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 26.11, 4 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 6 Bundala NP 28.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Yellow-browed Bulbul***Acritillas indica*

(3) 3 Kitulgala 23.11, 30 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 30 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Square-tailed Bulbul***Hypsipetes ganeesa humii*

(6) Up to 10 Kitulgala 22-24.11 and up to 30 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Swallows Hirundinidae****Sand Martin***Riparia riparia taczanowskii*

(1) 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Barn Swallow***Hirundo rustica*

(6) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 20 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 10 Tissamaharama 26.11, 50 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 200 Bundala NP 28.11 and 50 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Hill Swallow***Hirundo domicola*

(2) 10 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and 4 Horton Plains NP 25.11.

**Sri Lanka Swallow***Cecropis hyperythra*

(7) Up to 6 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 6 Bundala NP 28.11, 3 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Leaf-Warblers Phylloscopidae****Green Warbler***Phylloscopus nitidus*

(4) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Large-billed Leaf Warbler***Phylloscopus magnirostris*

(4) 1 heard Kitulgala 23.11, 1 heard Horton Plains NP 25.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 heard Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Reed-Warblers and Allies Acrocephalidae****Clamorous Reed Warbler***Acrocephalus stentoreus meridionalis*

(1) 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Blyth's Reed Warbler***Acrocephalus dumetorum*

(5) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 1 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Grassbirds and Allies Locustellidae****Sri Lanka Bush Warbler***Elaphornis palliseri*

(1) 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11.



**Cisticolas and Allies Cisticolidae****Zitting Cisticola***Cisticola juncidis*

(3) 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 3 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Grey-breasted Prinia***Prinia hodgsonii pectoralis*

(3) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 1 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Jungle Prinia***Prinia sylvatica valida*

(3) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Bundala NP 28.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Ashy Prinia***Prinia socialis brevicauda*

(3) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 26.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 5 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Plain Prinia***Prinia inornata insularis*

(3) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 3 Bundala NP 28.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Common Tailorbird***Orthotomus sutorius*

(5) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 2 Kitulgala 23.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11 and 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Babblers Timaliidae****Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler***Pomatorhinus melanurus*

(5) 1 heard Kitulgala 23.11, 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Tawny-bellied Babbler***Dumetia hyperythra phillipsi*

(1) 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 3 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Dark-fronted Babbler***Rhopocichla atriceps*

(2) 4 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11 and 5 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

**Fulvettas and Ground Babblers Pellorneidae****Brown-capped Babbler***Pellorneum fuscicapillus*

(2) 1 Kitulgala 22.11 and 3 Kitulgala 23.11.

**Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae****Orange-billed Babbler (NT)***Turdoides rufescens*

(5) 2 Kitulgala 22.11, 6 Kitulgala 24.11 and up to 20 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Yellow-billed Babbler***Turdoides affinis taprobanus*

(7) Up to 20 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 4 Tissamaharama 26.11, 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 20 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Ashy-headed Laughingthrush (VU)***Garrulax cinereifrons*

(2) 5 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 15 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Old World Warblers Sylviidae****Yellow-eyed Babbler***Chrysomma sinense nasale*

(3) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Yuhinas, White-eyes, and Allies Zosteropidae****Oriental White-eye***Zosterops palpebrosus egregius*

(4) 4 Kitulgala 24.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 29.11.

**Sri Lanka White-eye** *Zosterops ceylonensis*  
(3) 4 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 10 Horton Plains NP 25.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Nuthatches Sittidae**

**Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis frontalis*  
(2) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11.

**Starlings Sturnidae**

**Sri Lanka Hill Myna (NT)** *Gracula ptilogenys*  
(2) 2 Kitulgala 23.11 and 6 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis melanosternus*  
(8) Up to 10 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 20 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 10 Tissamaharama 26.11, 4 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 20 Bundala NP 28.11 and 50 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**White-faced Starling** *Sturnornis albofrontatus*  
(1) 3 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

**Rosy Starling** *Pastor roseus*  
(3) 500 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 500 Bundala NP 28.11 and 100 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Thrushes and Allies Turdidae**

**Pied Thrush** *Geokichla wardii*  
(2) 3 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and 1 Nuwara Eliya area 26.11.  
Superb views!

**Spot-winged Thrush** *Geokichla spiloptera*  
(3) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 heard Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 4 Sinharaja NP 1.12.  
Lovely sightings.

**Sri Lanka Thrush (NT)** *Zoothera imbricata*  
(1) 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.  
Brief sighting.

**Indian Blackbird** *Turdus simillimus kinnisii*  
(1) 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11.

**Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**

**Indian Robin** *Copsychus fulicatus leucopterus*  
(3) 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 8 Bundala NP 28.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis ceylonensis*  
(8) Up to 6 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 4 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 3 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Bundala NP 28.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus leggei*  
(2) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 heard Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Asian Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica poonensis*  
(2) 2 Kitulgala 23.11 and 1 Tissamaharama 26.11.

**Brown-breasted Flycatcher** *Muscicapa muttui*  
(5) 2 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 Kitulgala 24.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and up to 3 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Tickell's Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis tickelliae jerdoni*  
(3) 1 Kitulgala 22.11, 1 Kitulgala 23.11 and 1 heard Sinharaja NP 30.11.

**Dull-blue Flycatcher (NT)** *Eumyias sordidus*  
(2) 6 Horton Plains NP 25.11 and 1 Tissamaharama 26.11.

**Indian Blue Robin***Larvivora brunnea brunnea*

(5) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 1 heard Tissamaharama 26.11, 1 heard Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush (EN)***Myophonus blighi*

(1) 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11.

Very tough, but eventually seen well.

**Kashmir Flycatcher (VU)***Ficedula subrubra*

(2) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and 1 heard Nuwara Eliya area 26.11.

Wonderful male!

**Pied Bush Chat***Saxicola caprata atratus*

(2) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11 and 2 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.

**Leafbirds Chloropseidae****Jerdon's Leafbird***Chloropsis jerdoni*

(4) 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Bundala NP 28.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Golden-fronted Leafbird***Chloropsis aurifrons insularis*

(1) 1 Kitulgala 24.11.

**Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae****Thick-billed Flowerpecker***Dicaeum agile zeylonicum*

(1) 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

**Legge's Flowerpecker (NT)***Dicaeum vincens*

(4) 1 Kitulgala 23.11 and up to 4 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Pale-billed Flowerpecker***Dicaeum erythrorhynchos ceylonense*

(8) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and up to 2 Sinharaja NP 29-1.12.

**Sunbirds and Spiderhunters Nectariniidae****Purple-rumped Sunbird***Leptocoma zeylonica zeylonica*

(9) Up to 3 Kitulgala 22-24.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 2 Bundala NP 28.11, 2 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Purple Sunbird***Cinnyris asiaticus asiaticus*

(1) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

**Loten's Sunbird***Cinnyris lotenius lotenius*

(4) Up to 2 Kitulgala 22-24.11 and 2 Tissamaharama 26.11.

**Old World Sparrows Passeridae****House Sparrow***Passer domesticus indicus*

(5) 6 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 10 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 6 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Bundala NP 28.11 and 4 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Weavers and Allies Ploceidae****Baya Weaver***Ploceus philippinus philippinus*

(2) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

Waxbills and Allies *Estrildidae***Indian Silverbill***Euodice malabarica*

(2) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**White-rumped Munia***Lonchura striata striata*

(2) 2 Kitulgala 23.11 and 2 Kitulgala 24.11.

**Scaly-breasted Munia***Lonchura punctulata punctulata*

(4) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 12 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 6 Bundala NP 28.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Black-throated Munia***Lonchura kelaarti kelaarti*

(1) 2 Horton Plains NP 25.11.

**Tricolored Munia***Lonchura malacca*

(5) 6 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 6 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Bundala NP 28.11 and 6 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae***Forest Wagtail***Dendronanthus indicus*

(1) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11.

**Western Yellow Wagtail***Motacilla flava*

(1) 500 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

**Citrine Wagtail***Motacilla citreola citreola*

(1) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

**Grey Wagtail***Motacilla cinerea cinerea*

(5) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 4 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Paddyfield Pipit***Anthus rufulus*

(4) 1 Horton Plains NP 25.11, 30 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 80 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Blyth's Pipit***Anthus godlewskii*

(2) 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11 and 2 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

Superb views.

**Mammals (21 in total: 21 seen)****Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data DeficientElephants *Elephantidae***Asian Elephant***Elephas maximus maximus*

(3) 15 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11, 15 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

Old World monkeys *Cercopithecidae***Toque Macaque***Macaca sinica*

(6) 30 Kitulgala 24.11, 20 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 20 Tissamaharama 26.11, 15 Bundala NP 28.11, 6 Udawalawe NP 29.11 and 10 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

**Tufted Gray Langur***Semnopithecus priam thersites*

(4) 3 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 20 Bundala NP 28.11 and 10 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

**Purple-faced Langur***Trachypithecus vetulus*

(5) 4 Kitulgala 24.11, 2 Tissamaharama 26.11, 3 Udawalawe NP 29.11, 5 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 6 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Rabbits, Hares Leporidae****Indian Hare***Lepus nigricollis*

(1) 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Squirrels Sciuridae****Layard's Palm Squirrel***Funambulus layardi*

(1) 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Common Palm Squirrel***Funambulus palmarum*

(6) 2 Kitulgala 23.11, 4 Kitulgala 24.11, 6 Tissamaharama 26.11, 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 2 Bundala NP 28.11 and 3 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Dusky-striped Squirrel***Funambulus sublineatus*

(4) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 1 Tissamaharama 26.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Grizzled Giant Squirrel***Ratufa macroura*

(4) 1 Kitulgala 23.11, 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11, 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Cats Felidae****Leopard***Panthera pardus kotiya*

(1) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Mongoose Herpestidae****Indian Grey Mongoose***Herpestes edwardsii*

(1) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11.

**Ruddy Mongoose***Herpestes smithii*

(2) 5 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Wolves, Coyote, Foxes, Jackals Canidae****Golden Jackal***Canis aureus*

(1) 4 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Bears, Giant Panda Ursidae****Sloth Bear***Melursus ursinus*

(1) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Weasels, Skunks, Otters Mustelidae****Eurasian Otter***Lutra lutra*

(1) 1 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.

**Pigs Suidae****Wild Boar***Sus scrofa*

(2) 20 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 29.11.

Deer Cervidae**Chital***Axis axis*

(1) 80 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

**Northern Red Muntjac***Muntiacus vaginalis*

(1) 2 Nuwara Eliya area 26.11.

**Sambar***Rusa unicolor*

(2) 3 Horton Plains NP 25.11 and 25 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

Cattle, Antelopes, Sheep, Goats Bovidae**Domestic Water Buffalo***Bubalus bubalis*

(1) 50 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

Old World Fruit Bats Pteropodidae**Indian Flying Fox***Pteropus giganteus*

(4) 200 Nuwara Eliya area 24.11, 1000 Tissamaharama 26.11, 10 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Udawalawe NP 28.11.

**Reptiles (16 in total: 16 seen)****Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data DeficientSoftshell Turtles Trionychidae**Indian Flapshell Turtle***Lissemys punctata*

(1) 1 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11.

Agamas Agamidae**Common Green Forest Lizard***Calotes calotes*

(1) 1 Kitulgala 23.11.

**Eastern Garden Lizard***Calotes versicolor versicolor*

(3) 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11, 1 Bundala NP 28.11 and 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Mountain Horned Agama***Ceratophora stoddartii*

(1) 5 Nuwara Eliya area 25.11.

**Lyre Head Lizard***Lyriocephalus scutatus*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Wiegmann's Agama***Otocryptis wiegmanni*

(1) 2 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

Geckos Gekkonidae**Common House Gecko***Hemidactylus frenatus*

(1) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11.

Skinks Scincidae**Keeled Indian Skink***Eutropis carinata*

(1) 1 Kitulgala 23.11.

**Monitor Lizards *Varanidae*****Bengal Monitor***Varanus bengalensis bengalensis*

(3) 1 Tissamaharama 26.11, 6 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

**Water Monitor***Varanus salvator salvator*

(2) 2 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

**Colubrid snakes *Colubridae*****Green Vine Snake***Ahaetulla nasuta*

(1) 1 Kitulgala 23.11.

*Ahaetulla pulverulenta*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 30.11.

*Balanophis ceylonensis*

(1) 1 Sinharaja NP 1.12.

**Brown Vine Snake***Oxybelis fulgidus*

(2) 1 Kitulgala 22.11 and 1 Kitulgala 23.11.

**Vipers *Viperidae*****Ceylon Pit Viper***Trimeresurus trigonocephalus*

(1) 1 Kitulgala 23.11.

**Crocodiles and relatives *Crocodylidae*****Mugger Crocodile***Crocodylus palustris*

(3) 3 Tissamaharama 26.11, 4 Yala NP - Buthawa Wewa 27.11 and 2 Bundala NP 28.11.

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