

# Trip report Sri Lanka, 31. December 2012 – 18. January 2013

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After having explored the birds of India on several occasions, the endemic species of Sri Lanka finally called for me. I ended up seeing all of them and many other bird species and some great mammals. I can absolutely recommend this beautiful island: good birds, good food, nice people and very easy to organise.

## Itinerary

31.12.2012	Flight from Chennai to Colombo, transfer to Kitulgala, some birding
01.01.2013	Full day birding around Kitulgala
02.01.2013	Morning birding at Kitulgala, drive to Nuwara Eliya, some birding around Nuwara Eliya
03.01.2013	Morning birding at Horton Plains NP, evening birding at Victoria Park
04.01.2013	Morning birding for the Whistling Thrush, drive to Tissamaharama, birding around Tissa
05.01.2013	Full day at Yala NP
06.01.2013	Morning birding at Tissa, drive to Sinharaja, birding from Martin's Lodge
07.01.2013	Full day birding at Sinharaja
08.01.2013	Full day birding at Sinharaja
09.01.2013	Drive from Sinharaja to Mirissa, start of leisure part of holiday
11.01.2013	Whale-watching tour from Mirissa
15.01.2013	Morning birding in Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy
18.01.2013	Flight from Colombo to Zürich

## Organisation

There are several local agents doing birdwatching tours. I chose "Walk with Jith" (see: <http://www.walkwithjith.com>) and was not disappointed. The organisation was really good and everything worked out fine. My guide and driver Upali was very helpful and was able and ready to adapt the itinerary according to my wishes.

## Accommodation

Most of the accommodation was a bit posh, but usually quite pleasant:

- **Plantation Hotel Kitulgala:** A very nice place, very good birding on the hotel grounds. Unfortunately not much vegetarian choice on the menu.
- **Binota Residency Nuwara Eliya:** Friendly staff and good food. Unfortunately awful rooms and very noisy. Free Wifi.
- **Hibiscus Garden, Tissa:** A perfect place. Very nice rooms, good food and good birding just behind my bungalow. Free Wifi.
- **Martin's Lodge:** Simple rooms, but an excellent location, very friendly people and good food.
- **Paradise Beach Club, Mirissa:** A nice place to spend some days at the beach. Good food. Free Wifi.
- **Hilltop, Kandy:** A rather posh hotel in Kandy, good food and friendly people. Why is there always a live band at dinner?
- **Tamarind Tree, Negombo:** Our last stay on the night before the flight. Nice hotel grounds but that's about it. Much too expensive for what it offers.

## Birding Sites

The mentioned birding sites are also found on this Google Map:

<https://maps.google.ch/maps/ms?msid=216430351851743931321.0004e26de8d452c3c66b1&msa=0&ie=UTF8&ll=7.226249,81.941528&spn=3.999158,5.817261&t=h&z=8&vpsrc=6>>

## Kitulgala

Here we did some birding on the hotel grounds of the Plantation Hotel, especially down at the river. Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Sri Lanka Green Pigeon, Sri Lanka Swallow, Green-billed Coucal and many other birds were found there. A small tea farm further west holds Chestnut-backed Owlet, Spot-winged Thrush, Indian Pitta and Layard's Parakeet. Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher can also sometimes be seen, however, we didn't locate any bird. Ask for permission to bird on the grounds of the farm and give the farmer a tip. He doesn't make much money! The Makandawa Rainforest Sanctuary is located on the south of the river. There is a small ferry crossing the river just beside the Kitulgala Rest House. However, birding in the forest here is not easy and we failed to locate the Serendib Scops Owl here. More information (written by me) here: <http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Kitulgala>

## Nuwara Eliya and Horton Plains National Park

Victoria Park in the centre of the mountain station Nuwara Eliya is famous for Kashmir Flycatcher and Pied Thrush. The park is open from 6am to 6pm (however, it may open later in the morning). We went in the evening and despite the rain we found Kashmir Flycatcher after some minutes, left from the entrance. The search for Pied Thrush was much more difficult. We eventually located a bird on the right side of the park, near to the toilets. This is also a nice place for Indian Pitta. Along a road near the Bomburella Reservoir we found Sri Lanka Bush Warbler (see map).

One morning was spent in Horton Plains National Park. As the computer at the ticket office was not working, we had to wait quite some time to enter the park and were late for the Whistling Thrush. The spot here seems also to be played out. However we found other good birds like Himalayan Buzzard, Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Crimson-backed Goldenback, Yellow-eared Bulbul and Dull-blue Flycatcher.

On the last morning we tried another spot for Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush, south of Nuwara Eliya on the PBC Highway to Hagkala. There is an abandoned fruit stall in a bend. Follow a small path behind it down to a stream. We had nice views of a couple of Whistling-Thrushes on the path on the other side of the stream in early morning. More information: [http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Nuwara\\_Eliya](http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Nuwara_Eliya) and here: [http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Horton\\_Plains\\_National\\_Park](http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Horton_Plains_National_Park)

### **Tissamaharama**

Tissamaharama (or in short Tissa) is the starting point for safaris to Yala National Park. Furthermore it's surrounded by fine wetlands, which holds many bird species, including Black Bittern. I stayed in the Hibiscus Garden Hotel. Just behind the hotel are a small wetland and some paddyfields, holding various species. Other good spots around the town are marked on the map.

More information: <http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Tissamaharama>

### **Yala (Ruhuna) National Park**

This park can only be visited with a safari jeep. Unfortunately it's rather crowded with tourists, usually driving around like crazy until they find a Leopard. We had our own car for a full day and saw many birds (102 species) and mammals. We also had a very cooperative Leopard, self found by us.

More information: [http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Yala\\_National\\_Park](http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Yala_National_Park)

### **Sinharaja Forest Reserve**

I stayed at Martin's Lodge, which is located in the forest. Sri Lanka Blue Magpie and Spot-winged Thrush were breakfast birds and White-faced Starling, Legge's Flowerpecker and Legge's Hawk-Eagle were all seen from the lodge. The forest is incredibly beautiful and most endemics of the island can be seen here. Serendib Scops Owl was hard to detect and all known roosting sites were abandoned. Finally a local guide found one down in the valley and we could see it at the roosting site. A guide is compulsory after the park entrance. Ask for a guide who knows the birds.

More information: <http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Sinharaja>

### **Udawatta Kele**

This small reserve is located very close to the centre of Kandy. I visited it at one morning. However, advised by a local tuk-tuk driver, I went there the day before and asked to be left in in early morning, which was possible. Otherwise the gate would have been closed. I found Brown Fish Owl at the Royal Pond and many other good species, walking the paths.

More information: [http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Udawatta\\_Kele](http://www.birdforum.net/opus/Udawatta_Kele)

### **Used books in the field:**

- Richard Grimmett, Carol Inskipp & Tim Inskipp (2011): Birds of the Indian Subcontinent. Helm Field Guides.
- Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne (2008): A photographic guide to Mammals of Sri Lanka. New Holland.

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## Systematic list

Names and taxonomy follow IOC 3.2 ([www.worldbirdnames.org](http://www.worldbirdnames.org)).

194 species recorded. Endemic species in **bold**.

<b>Sri Lanka Spurfowl</b>	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>	Sinharaja, one female seen, often heard
<b>Sri Lanka Junglefowl</b>	<i>Gallus lafayetii</i>	common
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	common Yala and around Tissa
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	lowlands around Tissa and Yala
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	lowlands around Tissa and Yala
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	one female Yala
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	some around Tissa
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	common Yala and around Tissa
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	Kitulgala, Yala and Tissa
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	2 Udawalawe
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	common Yala and around Tissa
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	some Yala
Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	some around Tissa
Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>	several around Tissa
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	some around Tissa
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	1 Mirissa
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	common
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	very common
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	some lowlands
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	some lowlands
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	several Tissa, Yala
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>	several Tissa, Yala
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	common
Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	some around Tissa and Yala
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	common
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	common around Tissa and Yala
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	1 Uduwalawe
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	widespread
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Kitulgala, Yala, Kandy
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	widespread
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	some
Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo burmanicus</i>	1 Horton Plains
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>	2 Kitulgala
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	some Yala and Uduwalawe
Legge's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus kelaarti</i>	1 Sinharaja
Slaty-breasted Rail	<i>Gallirallus striatus</i>	1 Tissa
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	common
Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>	some Tissa
Purple Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	several around Tissa and Yala
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	1 Tissa
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	some around Tissa
Great Stone-curlew	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	some Yala
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	common lowlands
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	common Yala
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	common lowlands
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	some Yala
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	some Yala
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	some Uduwalawe
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	common Yala
Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	common Yala
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	common lowlands
Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>	3 Tissa
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	common Yala
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	some Yala
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	several Yala
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	some Yala
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	some Uduwalawe

Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	common
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	some Yala
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	some Yala
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	common Yala
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	some Yala
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	some Yala
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	1 Yala
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	common coast and lowlands
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	some Yala
Greater Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	some Yala and Mirissa
Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	some off coast near Mirissa
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	some Yala
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	common lowlands
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	min. 3 near Tissa
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	common, in Yala probably the real thing
<b>Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon</b>	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>	several birds Horton Plains
Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	very common
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	several observations
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>	some Yala
<b>Sri Lanka Green Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>	Kitulgala and Sinharaja
Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	widespread
<b>Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot</b>	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>	Kitulgala and Sinharaja
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	common lowlands
<b>Layard's Parakeet</b>	<i>Psittacula calthropae</i>	Kitulgala and Sinharaja
<b>Green-billed Coucal</b>	<i>Centropus chlororhynchos</i>	1 Kitulgala
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	common
<b>Red-faced Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>	some Sinharaja
Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>	3 Yala
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>	some lowlands
Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>	1 Tissa
Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	1 heard Kitulgala
<b>Serendib Scops Owl</b>	<i>Otus thiloheffmanni</i>	2 Sinharaja
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	2 Udawatta Kele
<b>Chestnut-backed Owlet</b>	<i>Glaucidium castanotum</i>	1 Kitulgala, 1 Sinharaja
Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>	1 Sinharaja
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	Kitulgala, Yala, Sinharaja
Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja
Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>	2 Sinharaja
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasensis</i>	widespread
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	1 Udawalawe
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	some Tissa
Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	1 Tissa
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	Kitulgala, Yala, Tissa
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	common
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	widespread
Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	very common Yala
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	common
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	2 on way to Nuwara Eliya
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	2 Yala
<b>Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill</b>	<i>Ocyroceros gingalensis</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja
Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthraceroceros coronatus</i>	several Yala
Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	Kitulgala, Tissa, Yala, Kandy
<b>Yellow-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Megalaima flavifrons</i>	widespread, often heard
<b>Crimson-fronted Barbet</b>	<i>Megalaima rubricapillus</i>	Sinharaja, Udawatta Kele
Lesser Yellownappe	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	1 Sinharaja
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	Kitulgala, Tissa
<b>Crimson-backed Flameback</b>	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>	2 Horton Plains, 1 Udawatta Kele
Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>	Kitulgala, Nuwara Eliya, Yala
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	Rawana Waterfalls, Udawatta Kele
<b>Sri Lanka Woodshrike</b>	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>	1 Tissa, some Yala
Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	some Kitulgala and Tissa

Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	some
Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	1 Yala
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	some Tissa and Yala
Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	Kitulgala, Horton Plains, Sinharaja
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	widespread
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	widespread
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	common lowlands
<b>Sri Lanka Drongo</b>	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	1 Yala
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Udawatta Kele
Asian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	Tissa, Yala, Sinharaja, Udawatta Kele
<b>Sri Lanka Blue Magpie</b>	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>	several Sinharaja
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	common
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus leuillantii</i>	common
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	1 Horton Plains
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>	Nuwara Eliya, Udawatta Kele
Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafraga affinis</i>	3 Yala
Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	1 Tissa
<b>Black-capped Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>	some Kitulgala
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	common
<b>Yellow-eared Bulbul</b>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>	some Nuwara Eliya, Horton Plains
White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>	several lowlands, common Yala
Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Udawatta Kele
Square-tailed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Udawatta Kele
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	common
Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>	2 Bandarawela
<b>Sri Lanka Swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>	2 Kitulgala, 2 Sinharaja
Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	some Kitulgala, Horton Plains, Negombo
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	1 Kitulgala
<b>Sri Lanka Bush Warbler</b>	<i>Elaphornis palliseri</i>	1 Nuwara Eliya
Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	1 Tissa
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	2 Tissa
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	widespread
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	widespread
<b>Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler</b>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>	Horton Plains, Sinharaja
Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>	some Kitulgala, Yala
Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Udawatta Kele
<b>Brown-capped Babbler</b>	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>	Kitulgala, Yala, Sinharaja
<b>Orange-billed Babbler</b>	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>	<i>Kitulgala, Sinharaja</i>
Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>	common
<b>Ashy-headed Laughingthrush</b>	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>	several Sinharaja
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>	some Yala, Tissa
Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	some Kitulgala, Udawatta Kele
<b>Sri Lanka White-eye</b>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>	Nuwara Eliya and Horton Plains
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	Sinharaja, Udawatta Kele
<b>Sri Lanka Hill Myna</b>	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>	4 Sinharaja
Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>	Kitulgala, Udawatta Kele
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	common
<b>White-faced Starling</b>	<i>Sturnornis albofrontatus</i>	5 Sinharaja
Rosy Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	Tissa, Yala
<b>Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush</b>	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>	a couple near Nuwara Eliya
Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>	1 male Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya
<b>Spot-winged Thrush</b>	<i>Geokichla spiloptera</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja
<b>Sri Lanka Thrush</b>	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>	3 Sinharaja
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	common
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	heard Yala
Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>	common Yala
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	common around Nuwara Eliya
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>	1 Sinharaja
Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>	1 male Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya
<b>Dull-blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>	some Horton Plains
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>	Kitulgala, Sinharaja, Udawatta Kele



Jerdon's Leafbird  
Thick-billed Flowerpecker  
**Legge's Flowerpecker**  
Pale-billed Flowerpecker  
Purple-rumped Sunbird  
Purple Sunbird  
Loten's Sunbird  
House Sparrow  
Indian Silverbill  
White-rumped Munia  
Scaly-breasted Munia  
Tricolored Munia  
Forest Wagtail  
Grey Wagtail  
Paddyfield Pipit

*Chloropsis jerdoni*  
*Dicaeum agile*  
*Dicaeum vincens*  
*Dicaeum erythrorhynchos*  
*Leptocoma zeylonica*  
*Cinnyris asiaticus*  
*Cinnyris lotenius*  
*Passer domesticus*  
*Euodice malabarica*  
*Lonchura striata*  
*Lonchura punctulata*  
*Lonchura malacca*  
*Dendronanthus indicus*  
*Motacilla cinerea*  
*Anthus rufulus*

Kitulgala, Tissa  
some Tissa and Negombo  
some Sinharaja  
common  
common lowlands  
2 Tissa  
1 Kitulgala, 1 Kandy  
widespread  
some Yala  
widespread  
some  
some Tissa and Yala  
1 Victoria Park, Nuwara Eliya  
1 Kitulgala, 1 Horton Plains  
some Horton Plains and Yala

### Mammals

Indian Flying-fox  
**Toque Macaque**  
Hanuman Langur  
**Purple-faced Leaf Monkey**  
Golden Jackal  
Indian Grey Mongoose  
Ruddy Mongoose  
Leopard  
Asian Elephant  
Wild Pig  
Spotted Deer  
Sambar  
Water Buffalo  
**Layards's Striped Squirrel**  
Palm Squirrel  
**Dusky Striped Squirrel**  
**Giant Squirrel**  
Black-naped Hare  
Blue Whale

*Pteropus giganteus*  
*Macaca sinica*  
*Semnopithecus priam*  
*Trachypithecus vetulus*  
*Canis aureus*  
*Herpestes edwardsii*  
*Herpestes smithii*  
*Panthera pardus*  
*Elephas maximus*  
*Sus scrofa*  
*Cervus axis*  
*Cervus unicolor*  
*Bubalus bubalis*  
*Funambulus layardi*  
*Funambulus palmarum*  
*Funambulus sublineatus*  
*Ratufa macroura*  
*Lepus nigricollis*  
*Balaenoptera musculus*

big colony near Tissa and near Kandy  
seen several times, eg. Rawana  
several Yala NP  
Kitulgala, Nuwara Eliya, Sinharaja  
3 Yala NP  
1 Yala NP  
2 Yala NP  
2 Yala NP  
3 Uda Walawe NP  
Several Yala NP  
very common Yala NP  
7 Horton Plains NP, 1 Yala NP  
common Yala NP, wild?  
1 Sinharaja  
some, eg. Mirissa, Yala NP  
1 Sinharaja  
1 Yala NP, 1 Sinharaja  
1 Horton Plains, 3 Yala NP  
2 Mirissa

