

Sri Lanka - A Butterfly Tour

Naturetrek Tour Report

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Commander



Chestnut Bob



Clipper



Banded Peacock

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Highlights

This was by far one of the most successful Butterfly tours conducted, with 100 species being recorded despite wet weather in key sites. The always impressive Banded Peacock together with beautiful displays of Commander, Sri Lanka Tree Nymph, Sri Lanka Bird Wing, Cruiser and Purple Leaf Blue gave us a good show. A good number of tiny blues were recorded from Riverstone including Malayan, Banded Blue Pierrot, Pointed Ciliated Blue, Common Line Blue, Tail-less Line Blue, Plains Cupid and Hampson's Hedge Blue. Ritigala sanctuary in the dry zone produced Chocolate Soldier, Palmfly, Dark Blue Tiger, Plain Tiger, Tiny Grass Blue, and Lesser Grass Blue along with a good sighting of Lace Wing. We also recorded 117 species of birds during our explorations along with some good sightings of Asian Elephants, Purple-faced Leaf Monkey, Grey Mongoose and Spotted Deer.

Day 1

Saturday 23rd February

Group members departed from London on an overnight flight to Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka

Day 2

Sunday 24th February

Sinharaja

The group arrived at the Bandaranayake International Airport in the early afternoon with a half hour delay. After meeting the group we drove to Sinharaja along the Southern expressway, where we were able to see man made environments such as villages and plantations. We arrived at the Blue Magpie Lodge at 5.00 pm and enjoyed some sightings of common birds such as Red-vented Bulbul, and White-breasted Water Hen. We saw a Common Evening Brown, actually in the hotel building, as the first butterfly of the tour.

We discussed the programme of the tour before having our dinner and a good night's sleep.

Day 3

Monday 25th February

Sinharaja

After having our breakfast at the lodge, we headed towards the Sinharaja World Heritage Site with our picnic lunch. The road from the lodge to the forest is only a 5 km drive, but it is a very bumpy road only passable in a jeep. The forest had not received rain for about ten days, meaning that there were not many leeches around.

We spotted the eggs of Nilgiri Tit, on flower buds of Bamboo Orchid. Sri Lanka Tree-Nymph was the most striking butterfly that we saw, which has a leisurely, floating flight and large, pied wings. We also saw Great Crow, Blue Glassy Tiger, Sri Lanka One-spot Grass-Yellow and Lemon Emigrant. While we were having our lunch at the Research Station, we were able to see mud sipping butterflies including Narrow-banded Blue Bottle, Five-bar Swordtail and Sri Lanka Cerulean.

On the walk back to the gate, we were caught in a brief shower. A troop of Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys and a male Sri Lanka Jungle Fowl were some highlights of the return trip. We returned to the lodge by evening and saw some birds around the lodge. We met for the check list at 7.00 pm and had the dinner later on.

Day 4

Tuesday 26th February

Kandy

We checked out from the lodge after having breakfast and did a small walk around the village. Since we had rains the previous afternoon, butterfly activity had increased and we saw several species that we didn't see on the previous day.

Common Jezebel, Sri Lanka Dart, Common Rose, Common Leopard, Chestnut Bob and Grizzled Skipper were some striking butterflies that we saw in this session. Since it was morning, the butterflies regularly came in to bask in the sun to warm up, so we were able to see them properly. We also saw the National butterfly of Sri Lanka – the Sri Lanka Birdwing.

White-breasted Kingfisher and Changeable Hawk Eagle were interesting birds seen during the morning.

At about 10.00 a.m. we started our long journey towards Kandy. On the way, we stopped to taste fresh king coconuts, and had a late lunch in a restaurant in Kegalle. We reached the Hotel Thilanka at 5.00 p.m. and four of the group visited the Temple of the Tooth, which is very close to the hotel. We returned to the hotel at 6.30pm and did the checklist followed by a chat about tomorrow, then dinner.

Day 5

Wednesday 27th February

Matale / Riverstone

Today we had an early breakfast at 6.30 a.m. and headed towards the Knuckles Mountains after checking out from the hotel. We reached Riverstone, the highest point of the road through the mountains, at 10.00 a.m. and although it was bright and sunny when we arrived, unfortunately it wasn't long before the clouds descended upon us.

Tamil Tree Brown was the most common butterfly seen here. Blue Admiral, Blue Bottle, Sri Lanka Tiger, and Common Evening Brown were some other striking butterflies that we saw during the session. Apart from these we saw many other endemic fauna species such as Yellow-eared Bulbul and Knuckles Pygmy Lizard and flora species such as Balsams, Orchids and Exacums. After we had been walking for about 1½ hours it started to rain, quickly becoming heavy, so we decided to return to the vehicle. We drove down to a lower elevation to see if we could leave the rain behind, but we were out of luck as it was raining all over, so we decided to have our lunch at the Forest Department Ticketing Centre.

Just after lunch we were delighted to find the rain easing to just a light drizzle so we went out and managed to see more than 25 species of butterflies. Common Crow was the most common butterfly during this session, while Common Jezebel, Great Orange-tip, Sri Lanka Birdwing and Pea Blue were some other highlights. We were able to see and photograph some birds and lizards as well. We returned from the site at about 3.30 p.m. and

came to Grand Mountain Hotel in Matale. As usual we met for the check list at 7.00 pm before sitting down for dinner.

Day 6

Thursday 28th February

Knuckles / Wasgamuwa

After checking out from the hotel, we took another route to reach the lower slopes of the Knuckles range, which is usually a drier area than the previous day. After travelling for about two hours, we got out from the vehicle at a gravel road where it crosses a stream. There were several mud sipping butterflies to be seen here. A male Cruiser was the most prominent butterfly since it is very large and brightly coloured. There were so many tiny blues including Malayan, Banded Blue Pierrot, Pointed Ciliated Blue, Common Line Blue, Tail-less Line Blue, Plains Cupid and Hampson's Hedge Blue. Golden Angled used its brown colour pattern to camouflage itself while it was mud sipping.

We continued walking along this gravel road until lunch time. We saw thousands of butterflies during the morning, including Crimson Rose, Rustic, Mottled Emigrant, Tamil Yeoman, Brown Awl, White-banded Awl etc. Since it was now very hot, we got in to the vehicle and drove to an abandoned bus shelter to have our picnic lunch in the shade.

After lunch we walked for about 2½ hours along the Rambuk Oluwa road. Even though it was early evening we were able to spot several butterflies, the aberrant shaped Club Beak being the highlight of the session. We returned to the vehicle before the elephants took their evening walk along the road and drove to our next destination, the Wasgamuwa Lavendish Wild Hotel.

Today we had a long check list to go through after a successful day, before we had our dinner.

Day 7

Friday 1st March

Wasgamuwa / Sigiriya

After having our breakfast, we got into a jeep to have a safari in the Wasgamuwa National Park. While travelling we saw many water birds including Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Purple Swamphen, Painted Stork, Whiskered Tern etc. We were also fortunate to see a breeding colony of Asian Openbills and Black-headed Ibises.

While in the jeep, we saw clouds of Sri Lanka Lesser Albatrosses (not albatrosses at all, but butterflies) flying up into the sky disturbed by the jeep while they were mud sipping on the road. Wasgamuwa provides a very good breeding ground for these butterflies since it has many trees of *Drypetis sepiaria*, which is their larval food plant. There were certain places where we could stop the vehicle and get off to see some butterflies. White Four-ring, Medus Brown, Crimson Rose and Common Sailor were some butterflies that we saw during this session. We also saw some mammals such as Water Buffalo, Spotted Deer and Grey Mongoose.

We returned to the hotel for lunch and checked out afterwards to head towards Hotel Sigiriya. En- route we stopped at Kandalama tank for birding, where we were able to see Common Kestrel. We met at 7.00 pm for the check list and then settled down to dinner.

Day 8

Saturday 2nd March

Ritigala

After breakfast, we drove for about 1½ hours to reach Ritigala Sanctuary. We spent the whole morning along the road running through the sanctuary until lunch time. The habitats we came across were mostly dry scrub, jungle and paddy fields.

One of the most striking species that we found was Banded Peacock, which has an iridescent wing colour. Purple Leaf Blue was a unique butterfly due to its resemblance to a dead leaf and it was settling on our trousers and hats to take salt. Chocolate Soldier, Palmfly, Dark Blue Tiger, Plain Tiger, Tiny Grass Blue and Lesser Grass Blue were among the species that we saw this morning. Some of us had a chance to look for other fauna as well such as birds, Toque monkeys, stick insects etc.

We had our picnic at the entrance of the archaeological site which we visited after lunch, and were amazed by looking at those ruins. During this walk, we were able to add another butterfly species to our list, a Lace Wing. Also we saw Sri Lanka Tree-Nymph, which is not a typical species in the dry zone.

We returned to the hotel at 4.30 pm and after having a rest met for the check list and dinner at 7.00 p.m.

Day 9

Sunday 3rd March

Kaludiya Pokuna/ Katunayake

We checked out from the hotel after having breakfast and headed towards Kaludiya Pokuna, which is about 45 minutes away from the hotel. We got out of the vehicle at the boundary of some paddyfields and then moved towards the forest. We first of all saw some butterflies that prefer grassland habitats such as Common Bushbrown. While proceeding into the forest we were able to see several Dark Wanderers, Crimson Rose, Banded Peacocks and Lemon Emigrants. We had a good view of the Baron, while it was mud sipping. Later we stepped onto a rocky outcrop, where we saw Lemon Pansy, Great Orange-tip, Golden Angle and Leopard. On the way back we were lucky enough to see a mating pair of Tiny Grassblues and an egg laying Lemon Pansy.

We got into the vehicle around at 12.15 p.m. and set off towards Katunayake, stopping for lunch en route in a restaurant at Dambulla. The late afternoon was spent driving through the congested roads until we checked in to the Gateway hotel at Katunayake around 5.30 p.m. As usual we met for the check list at 7.00 p.m. and sat down for last dinner together.

Day 10

Monday 4th March

We checked out of the hotel and proceeded to the airport in time to catch our flight back to the UK, where the main tour and another Naturetrek adventure came to an end.

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Species Lists

Butterflies [(E) denotes Endemic]

No	Family	Scientific name	English name
1	Papilionidae	<i>Troides darsius</i> (Gray, [1853])	Sri Lankan Birdwing
2	Papilionidae	<i>Pachliopta hector</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Crimson Rose
3	Papilionidae	<i>Pachliopta aristolochiae</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Rose
4	Papilionidae	<i>Papilio crino</i> Fabricius, 1793	Banded Peacock
5	Papilionidae	<i>Papilio helenus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	Red Helen
6	Papilionidae	<i>Papilio polytes</i> Linnaeus, 1758	Common Mormon
7	Papilionidae	<i>Papilio polymnestor</i> Cramer, [1775]	Blue Mormon
8	Papilionidae	<i>Graphium teredon</i> Felder & Felder, 1864	Narrow-banded Bluebottle
9	Papilionidae	<i>Graphium doson</i> (C. & R. Felder, 1864)	Common Jay
10	Papilionidae	<i>Graphium agamemnon</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Tailed Jay
11	Papilionidae	<i>Graphium antiphates</i> (Cramer, [1775])	Five-bar Swordtail
12	Pieridae	<i>Leptosia nina</i> Fabricius, 1793	Psyche
13	Pieridae	<i>Delias eucharis</i> Drury, 1773	Jezebel
14	Pieridae	<i>Cepora nerissa</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Gull
15	Pieridae	<i>Appias albina</i> (Boisduval, 1836)	Common Albatross
16	Pieridae	<i>Appias galene</i> (C. & R. Felder, 1865)	Sri Lankan Lesser Albatross
17	Pieridae	<i>Hebomoia glaucippe</i> Linnaeus, 1758	Great Orange Tip
18	Pieridae	<i>Pareronia ceylanica</i> C. & R. Felder, 1865	Dark Wanderer
19	Pieridae	<i>Catopsilia pyranthe</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Mottled Emigrant
20	Pieridae	<i>Catopsilia pomona</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Lemon Emigrant
21	Pieridae	<i>Eurema brigitta</i> (Stoll, [1780])	Small Grass Yellow
22	Pieridae	<i>Eurema hecabe</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Common Grass Yellow
23	Pieridae	<i>Eurema blanda</i> (Boisduval, 1836)	Three-Spot Grass Yellow
24	Pieridae	<i>Eurema ormistoni</i> (Watkins, 1925)	Sri Lankan One-Spot Grass Yellow
25	Nymphalidae	<i>Idea iasonia</i> (Westwood, 1848)	Sri Lankan Tree-Nymph
26	Nymphalidae	<i>Ideopsis similis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Blue Glassy Tiger
27	Nymphalidae	<i>Tirumala limniace</i> (Cramer, 1775)	Blue Tiger
28	Nymphalidae	<i>Tirumala septentrionis</i> (Butler, 1874)	Dark Blue Tiger
29	Nymphalidae	<i>Parantica aglea</i> (Stoll, 1782)	Glassy Tiger
30	Nymphalidae	<i>Parantica taprobana</i> (C. & R. Felder, [1865])	Sri Lankan Tiger
31	Nymphalidae	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Plain Tiger
32	Nymphalidae	<i>Euploea core</i> (Cramer, 1780)	Common Crow
33	Nymphalidae	<i>Euploea phaenareta</i> (Schaller, 1785)	Great Crow
34	Nymphalidae	<i>Euploea klugii</i> Moore, [1858]	Brown King Crow
35	Nymphalidae	<i>Ariadne ariadne</i> (Linnaeus, 1763)	Angled Castor
36	Nymphalidae	<i>Cupha erymanthis</i> (Drury, 1773)	Rustic
37	Nymphalidae	<i>Phalanta phalantha</i> (Drury, 1773)	Common Leopard
38	Nymphalidae	<i>Vindula erota</i> (Fabricius, 1793)	Cruiser
39	Nymphalidae	<i>Cirrochroa thais</i> (Fabricius, 1787)	Tamil Yeoman
40	Nymphalidae	<i>Cethosia nietneri</i> C. & R. Felder, [1867]	Lace Wing
41	Nymphalidae	<i>Kaniska canace</i> (Linnaeus, 1763)	Blue Admiral
42	Nymphalidae	<i>Junonia lemonias</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Lemon Pansy
43	Nymphalidae	<i>Junonia atlites</i> (Linnaeus, 1763)	Grey Pansy
44	Nymphalidae	<i>Junonia iphita</i> (Cramer, 1779)	Chocolate Soldier
45	Nymphalidae	<i>Junonia almana</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Peacock Pansy
46	Nymphalidae	<i>Hypolimnas bolina</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Great Eggfly
47	Nymphalidae	<i>Pantoporia hordonia</i> (Stoll, 1790)	Common Lascar
48	Nymphalidae	<i>Neptis hylas</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Common Sailor
49	Nymphalidae	<i>Neptis jumbah</i> Moore, [1858]	Chestnut Streaked Sailor

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50	Nymphalidae	<i>Moduza procris</i> (Cramer, 1777)	Commander
51	Nymphalidae	<i>Parthenos sylvia</i> (Cramer, [1776])	Clipper
52	Nymphalidae	<i>Euthalia aconthea</i> (Cramer, 1777)	Baron
53	Nymphalidae	<i>Libythea myrrha</i> Godart, 1819	Club Beak
54	Nymphalidae	<i>Melanitis leda</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Common Evening Brown
55	Nymphalidae	<i>Lethe drypetis</i> (Hewitson, 1863)	Tamil Treebrown
56	Nymphalidae	<i>Orsotriaena medus</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Medus Brown
57	Nymphalidae	<i>Mycalesis perseus</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Bushbrown
58	Nymphalidae	<i>Mycalesis patnia</i> Moore, 1857	Gladeye Bushbrown
59	Nymphalidae	<i>Ypthima ceylonica</i> Hewitson, 1864	White Four-ring
60	Nymphalidae	<i>Elymnias hypermnestra</i> (Linnaeus, 1763)	Common Palmfly
61	Lycaenidae	<i>Amblypodia anita</i> Hewitson, 1862	Purple Leaf Blue
62	Lycaenidae	<i>Rathinda amor</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Monkey-puzzle
63	Lycaenidae	<i>Hypolycaena nilgirica</i> Moore, [1884]	Nilgiri Tit
64	Lycaenidae	<i>Anthene lycaenina</i> (R. Felder, 1868)	Pointed Ciliate Blue
65	Lycaenidae	<i>Nacaduba sinhala</i> Ormiston, 1924	Sri Lankan Pale Six Lineblue
66	Lycaenidae	<i>Nacaduba beroe</i> (C. & R. Felder, [1865])	Opaque Six Lineblue
67	Lycaenidae	<i>Nacaduba calauria</i> (C. Felder, 1860)	Dark Six Lineblue
68	Lycaenidae	<i>Prosotas nora</i> (C. Felder, 1860)	Common Lineblue
69	Lycaenidae	<i>Prosotas dubiosa</i> (Semper, [1879])	Tail-Less Lineblue
70	Lycaenidae	<i>Jamides bochus</i> (Stoll, [1782])	Dark Cerulean
71	Lycaenidae	<i>Jamides coruscans</i> (Moore, 1877)	Sri Lankan Cerulean
72	Lycaenidae	<i>Jamides alecto</i> (C. Felder, 1860)	Metallic Cerulean
73	Lycaenidae	<i>Jamides celeno</i> (Cramer, [1775])	Common Cerulean
74	Lycaenidae	<i>Catochrysops strabo</i> (Fabricius, 1793)	Forget-me-not
75	Lycaenidae	<i>Lampides boeticus</i> (Linnaeus, 1767)	Pea Blue
76	Lycaenidae	<i>Castalius rosimon</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Common Pierrot
77	Lycaenidae	<i>Discolampa ethion</i> (Westwood, 1851)	Banded Blue Pierrot
78	Lycaenidae	<i>Caleta decidia</i> (Hewitson, 1876)	Angled Pierrot
79	Lycaenidae	<i>Zizina otis</i> (Fabricius, 1787)	Lesser Grass Blue
80	Lycaenidae	<i>Zizula hylax</i> (Fabricius, 1775)	Tiny Grass Blue
81	Lycaenidae	<i>Talicauda nyseus</i> (Guérin- Méneville, 1843)	Red Pierrot
82	Lycaenidae	<i>Everes lacturnus</i> (Godart, 1824)	Oriental Cupid
83	Lycaenidae	<i>Acytolepis lilacea</i> (Hampson, 1889)	Hampson's Hedge Blue
84	Lycaenidae	<i>Acytolepis puspa</i> (Horsfield, 1828)	Common Hedge Blue
85	Lycaenidae	<i>Neopithecops zalmora</i> (Butler, [1870])	Quaker
86	Lycaenidae	<i>Megisba malaya</i> (Horsfield, [1828])	Malayan
87	Lycaenidae	<i>Chilades pandava</i> (Horsfield, 1829)	Plains Cupid
88	Hesperiidae	<i>Sarangesa dasahara</i> Moore, 1886	Common Small Flat
89	Hesperiidae	<i>Caprona ransonnettii</i> (R. Felder, 1868)	Golden Angle
90	Hesperiidae	<i>Spialia galba</i> (Fabricius, 1793)	Grizzled Skipper
91	Hesperiidae	<i>Ampittia dioscorides</i> Fabricius, 1793	Bush Hopper
92	Hesperiidae	<i>Suastus gremius</i> (Fabricius, 1798)	Oriental Palm Bob
93	Hesperiidae	<i>Iambrix salsala</i> (Moore, [1866])	Chestnut Bob
94	Hesperiidae	<i>Notocrypta paralysos</i> (Wood-Mason & de Nicéville, 1881)	Common Banded Demon
95	Hesperiidae	<i>Taractrocera maevius</i> (Fabricius, 1793)	Common Grass Dart
96	Hesperiidae	<i>Oriens goloides</i> (Moore, [1881])	Common Dartlet
97	Hesperiidae	<i>Potanthus satra</i> Fruhstorfer, 1911	Sri Lankan Dart
98	Hesperiidae	<i>Parnara bada</i> (Moore, 1878)	Smallest Swift
99	Hesperiidae	<i>Pelopidas agna</i> (Moore, [1866])	Little Branded Swift
100	Hesperiidae	<i>Pelopidas mathias</i> (Fabricius, 1798)	Small Branded Swift

Birds (Bold denotes Endemic; Previous names in brackets)

	Common name	Scientific name
1	Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
2	Sri Lanka Junglefowl	<i>Gallus lafayettii</i>
3	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
4	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
5	Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
6	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
7	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
8	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>
9	Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
10	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
11	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
12	Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
13	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
14	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
15	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
16	Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
17	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
18	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
19	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
20	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
21	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
22	Oriental Darter – (Darter)	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
23	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
24	Changeable Hawk Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
25	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
26	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
27	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
28	White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
29	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>
30	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
31	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
32	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
33	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>
34	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
35	Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
36	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
37	Common Emerald Dove – (Emerald Dove)	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
38	Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
39	Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
40	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
41	Red-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
42	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>
43	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
44	Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
45	Crested Treeswift, (Gray-rumped Treeswift)	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
46	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
47	Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
48	Little Swift – (House Swift)	<i>Apus affinis</i>
49	Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
50	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
51	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>

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52 Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
53 Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
54 Green Bee-eater (Little Green Bee-eater)	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
55 Blue-tailed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>
56 Chestnut-headed Bee-Eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
57 Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>
58 Crimson-fronted Barbet	<i>Psilopogon rubricapillus</i>
59 Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
60 Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>
61 Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
62 Black-rumped Flameback (Lesser Goldenback)	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
63 Crimson-backed Flameback, (Crimson-backed Goldenback)	<i>Chrysocolaptes stricklandi</i>
64 Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
65 Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
66 Layard's Parakeet	<i>Psittacula calthrapae</i>
67 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>
68 Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
69 Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
70 Sri Lanka Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis affinis</i>
71 Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
72 Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
73 Orange Minivet (Scarlet Minivet, Flame Minivet)	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
74 Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
75 Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
76 White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caeruleus</i>
77 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
78 Sri Lanka Drongo (Sri Lanka Crested Drongo)	<i>Dicrurus lophorinus</i>
79 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
80 Sri Lanka Blue Magpie	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>
81 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
82 Indian Jungle Crow (Large-billed Crow)	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
83 Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
84 Black-capped Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
85 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
86 Yellow-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>
87 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
88 Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
89 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
90 Sri Lanka Swallow	<i>Cecropis hyperythra</i>
91 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
92 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
93 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>
94 Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
95 Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
96 Orange-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
97 Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
98 Ashy-headed Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>
99 Oriental White-Eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
100 Sri Lanka Hill Myna (Sri Lanka Myna)	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
101 Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
102 Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
103 Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
104 White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>

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105 Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
106 Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
107 Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
108 Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
109 Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
110 Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>
111 Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
112 White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
113 Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
114 Tricolored Munia – (Black-headed Munia)	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>
115 Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
116 Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
117 Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>

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