SRI LANKA



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Introduction

This report summarize our 15 days trip to Sri Lanka with notes on sites visited and a list of the species of birds and mammals seen.

As our first visit to South East Asia we chose Sri Lanka because of the country's rich nature with a great biodiversity within a rather small geographic area.

The tour was planned after contact to some of Sri Lanka's tour operators specializing in birding and wildlife tours. We chose WalkWithJith and agreed on a program staying only in 4 different lodges/hotels in order to make the tour easy without too much driving. The driver Senarath Bulathsinhala not only took us safely from place to place (from day 5), but he was also a very knowledgeable and helpful birding and wildlife guide. In some of the national parks local guides accompanied us, and they were helpful too. During the first days in Sinharaja Forest Reserve Sandun was our guide and he introduced us to many new species as well as cultural matters.

The tour introduced us to some of the main habitats of Sri Lanka: The rain forest in the south-west lowland wet zone (Sinharaja Forest Reserve, Hiyare Forest), the central highlands with montane grassland and cloud forest (Horton Plains National Park), highland tea country (e.g. Ella), freshwater wetlands (Tissamaharama tanks and paddy-fields, Yala National Park), coastal lagoons/saltpans (Bundala National Park, Yala National Park) and finally the ocean to the south with marine mammals.

Itenerary

Jan. 30: We arrived very early in the morning at Colombo Airport (from Copenhagen via Doha, Qatar), met with our guide and drove directly to Sinharaja (5 hours). Arriving here, we changed to a jeep and climbed up a very steep and rough track to Martin's Lodge at the border of the forest reserve. This rather basic accommodation is the ideal location for studying the fauna and flora of the rain forest. Endemic bird species are plenty around the lodge. Among them Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, Sri Lanka Junglefowl, Spot-winged Thrush, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot, Layard's Parakeet and Sri Lanka Hill Myna.



Jan. 31 – Feb. 3: Inside the park in the dense forest we furthermore enjoyed Red-faced Malkoha, Malabar Trogon, Scarlet Minivet, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Asian Paradise-flycatcher (white morph), and Ashy-headed Laughingthrush among others. Serendib Scops Owl was heard ones near the gate. But we didn't find Sri Lanka Frogmouth. Toque Macaque and Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys were seen regularly, as were the many squirrels – Layard's, Palm, Dusky Stribed and Giant Squirrel. It was also a pleasure to walk through hills with small tea plantations to an isolated village with a broad variety of fruits and different crops.

Feb. 3 – 4: We met with Senarath and drove to Haputhale, on the way we passed the Ratnapura area with many small gem mines and visited the gem museum in Ratnapura. A few new species were added to the list, like White-browed Fantail and Tickell's Blue Flycatcher.

The 4th of February we went to Horton Plains National Park early in the morning – good to come early because it was the national holiday and it became very crowded later on. We enjoyed the walk through the open highland to Worlds End (View over an 800 m deep valley). New species only seen here were Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Hill Swallow, Zitting Cisticola, Yellow-eared Bulbul, Green Leaf Warbler, Sri Lanka White-eye, Blackbird, Pied Bushchat, Dull-blue Flycatcher, and Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher. We also had very good views of Sambar and the montane subspecies of Purple-faced Leaf Monkey called Bear Monkey.



Horton Plains

Feb. 5: Before leaving the hills we visited Ella and the tea plantations in that area. We looked for Streak-throated Woodpecker without luck but saw Small Minivet here. Surprisingly we found both Layards Parakeet and Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot among others.

Feb. 5 – 8: We stayed at Hibiscus Garden Hotel in Tissamaharama, a nice bungalow hotel in old paddy fields and with quite many birds around. In the near surroundings we saw many new species like Blue-faced Malkoha, Grey-bellied Cuckoo, Asian Drongo Cuckoo, Lesser and Crimson-backed Goldenback, Black-headed Cuckoo-Shrike, White-browed Bulbul, Golden-fronted Leafbird, and Black-headed Munia.

The wetlands, Tissamaharama Tanks, were very rich in birds. The great trees on the shores of the lakes held colonies of Common Flying Fox, Rose-ringed Parakeet nested in holes and Crested Treeswifts were seen on their small nests glued to bare branches. In the densely vegetated tanks we saw no less than 15 species of storks, ibises, bitterns, herons and egrets. Ducks and geese are few, but it was very interesting to see the Cotton Pygmy-goose. Other species only observed here were Little Grebe and Yellow Bittern.



Tissamaharama Tanks

Feb. 6 -7: Two days jeep safaris were spend in Yala National Park. This area consists of both open and dense forest, tanks and coastal lagunes. Many tourists visit the park to see elephant and leopard, and sometimes it seem a little crowded when a leopard is found and all vehicles drive to the same spot. But there is also so much to see that you soon forget the other people.



The Elephant Rock, Yala

We saw 3 different Leopards – all were lying on big branches in trees. Around 10 Elephants, many Spotted Deer, few Sambar, many Wild Pigs, Ruddy Mongoose and Water Buffalo were all observed at close range. Also Toque Macaque and Hanuman Langur were seen. Land Monitor was common along the tracks and some crocodiles in the lakes.



Leopard in Yala Nat.Park

The wetlands were also here filled with storks, ibises and herons. A new species was the rare Black-necked Stork, 1 seen in a big lagoon. 20 species of wintering waders were found feeding here, many of them quite familiar to Scandinavian bird watchers. The raptors were well represented with White-bellied Sea Eagle, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Brahminy Kite, and Changeable Hawk-Eagle. In the forest we had many new species like Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Jacobin Cuckoo, Jungle Owlet, Indian Roller, Common Hoopoe, Malabar Pied Hornbill, Coppersmith Barbet, Indian Pitta, Brahminy and Rosy Starling, and White-rumped

Shama. White-throated Kingfisher was common and we also saw the less common Storkbilled, Common and Pied Kingfisher.



Wild Pig

Spotted Deer

Feb. 8: Bundala National Park is coastal lagoons, saltpans and scrubland. Here we watched very big mixed flocks of egrets, spoonbills, storks and pelicans fishing in the saltpans. New were Glossy Ibis, Cinnamon Bittern, Western Reef Egret, Eurasian Stone Curlew, Common and Little Ringed Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Marsh Sandpiber, Oriental and Little Pratincole, Brown-headed Gull, Lesser and Greater Crested Tern, and Common Tern. In the scrubs Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Ashy Woodswallow, and Clamorous Reed Warbler were new to us.



Mixed feeding flock in Bundala National Park.



Oriental Scops Owl

Feb. 9 – 13: On the way to Unawatuna Beach for the more relaxing last days of the tour we stopped in a village where Senarath showed us Oriental Scops Owl in a tree by the road.

We stayed in Sri Gemunu Beach Resort, which is a highly recommendable hotel with a quiet beach behind coral reefs. This is not a hot spot for bird watchers but anyway we saw many of the more common birds. We actually also had 2 new species: Sooty Tern and Brown Noddy (the last one at Galle Fort).

Feb. 11: In Mirissa we joined a whale safari for a half day (Mirissa Watersports). We were successful in finding and observing several Blue Whale a good distance from the coast. These huge animals were quite breathtaking to watch at a close distance. They kept us company for a long time. We also met flocks of Spinner Dolphins. There were no sea-birds in view.



Blue Whale diving, notice fish attached to the tail

The same day we visited the Sea Turtle Farm & Hatchery in Habaraduwa. Here, sea turtle eggs are hatched and the young turtles are raised and put back to the sea. Also, injured sea turtles are helped here. It was interesting to see several species of these threatened species.



Feb. 12: We took a short trip to Hiyare Forest about 10 km from Galle. This area reminds a little of Sinharaja, only it is degraded, secondary forest. Here, we heard Sri Lanka Spurfowl and Chestnut-backed Owlet, saw Alexandrine Parakeet, Sri Lanka Swallow, Crimson-fronted Barbet, and Black-naped Monarch. A fine area to visit on a short trip.

Of course we also visited Galle Dutch Fort and learned more about the history and culture of southern Sri Lanka.

Feb. 13: On the way back to Colombo Airport we got a good impression of the normal cultivated landscape and of the densely populated area around Colombo. Considering the driving culture here, we are glad that we shouldn't drive ourselfes, and we really appreciate all the help from our driver and guide Senarath.

Practical information

- The travel Copenhagen Colombo via Doha with Qatar Airways is a good route and the travel time is not extreme.
- Our tour in Sri Lanka was arranged by Prasanjith Caldera, WalkWithJith, one of several tour operators specialized in arranging birding and wildlife tours for small groups or couples like us. It is our impression that these guides in general are highly qualified and offers good value for money.

- The climate in Sri Lanka is perfect for a bird and wildlife tour (at least this time of the year). We didn't have trouble due to rain – and we only experienced few mosquitoes. The only animals to worry about are the leaches in the wet forest. Leach socks are recommended!
- Handbooks are essential but heavy to carry. We were actually quite happy, only with two books: Warakagoda et al.: Birds of Sri Lanka, Helm Field Guides 2012 and de Silva Wijeyeratne: A Photographic Guide to Mammals of Sri Lanka, New Holland Publishers 2008. Be aware that English species names vary and are used different in the different books and checklists.
- Sri Lanka offers really many photo opportunities. The animals and birds are not shy as we know from Europe (there is no hunting in Sri Lanka!), sometimes it is a problem that you get too close for your big lens. I used a Nikon 200-400mm/f4 which is flexible to use on such a tour. I brought a tripod, but didn't actually use it due to the conditions of driving on rough roads or walking between trees and bushes. The VR function was appreciated.
- More photos from our tour can be seen here: <u>www.natur-foto.dk</u> click "Rejser".
- We will be happy to receive questions or remarks by mail: <u>bisschop@natur-foto.dk</u>.



Malabar Pied Hornbill

Birds and mammals observed



The main locations of our tour:

- 1. Sinharaja Man and Biosphere Reserve
- 2. Horton Plains National Park
- 3. Highland around Haputhale and Ella
- 4. Tissamaharama and nearby wetlands
- 5. Yala National Park
- 6. Bundala National Park
- 7. Unawatuna Beach and Galle
- 8. Hiyara Forest

BIRDS

Species	Scientific name	Danish name	Sites visit				ited					
(endemic species bold)			1 2 3 4 5 6					6	7	8		
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Ceylon Spurfowl	Galloperdix bicalcarata	Sri Lanka-sporehøne								Х		
Ceylon Junglefowl	Gallus lafayettii	Sri Lanka-junglehøne	х	х			Х					
Indian Peafowl	Pavo cristatus	Påfugl				Х	Х	х				
Lesser Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna javanica	Træand				Х	Х	Х				
Cotton Teal/Indian Pygmy-												
goose	<u>Nettapus coromandelianus</u>	Indisk Dværgand				Х						
Northern Pintail	<u>Anas acuta</u>	Spidsand				Х	Х					
Garganey	<u>Anas querquedula</u>	Atlingand				Х	Х	Х				
Little Grebe	<u>Tachybaptus ruficollis</u>	Lille Lappedykker				Х						
Painted Stork	<u>Mycteria leucocephala</u>	Indisk Skovstork				Х	Х	Х				
Asian Openbill	<u>Anastomus oscitans</u>	Asiatisk Gabenæb				Х	Х	Х				
Black-necked Stork	Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus	Sorthalset Stork					Х					
	<u>Threskiornis</u>											
Black-headed Ibis	<u>melanocephalus</u>	Indisk Ibis				Х	Х	Х				
Glossy Ibis	<u>Plegadis falcinellus</u>	Sort Ibis						Х				
Eurasian Spoonbill	<u>Platalea leucorodia</u>	Skestork				Х	Х	Х				
Yellow Bittern	<u>Ixobrychus sinensis</u>	Okkergul Dværghejre				Х						
Cinnamon Bittern	<u>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</u>	Rød Dværghejre						Х				
Black Bittern	<u>Dupetor flavicollis</u>	Sort Dværghejre				Х	Х					
Black-crowned Night Heron		Nathejre				Х	Х					
Striated Heron	<u>Butorides striata</u>	Mangrovehejre				Х	Х	Х				
Indian Pond Heron	<u>Ardeola grayii</u>	Rishejre				Х	Х	Х				
Cattle Egret	<u>Bubulcus ibis</u>	Kohejre				Х	Х	Х				
Grey Heron	<u>Ardea cinerea</u>	Fiskehejre				Х	Х	Х				
Purple Heron	<u>Ardea purpurea</u>	Purpurhejre				Х	Х	Х				
Great Egret	<u>Ardea alba</u>	Sølvhejre				Х	Х	Х	Х			
Intermediate Egret	<u>Egretta intermedia</u>	Mellemhejre				Х	Х	Х				
Little Egret	<u>Egretta garzetta</u>	Silkehejre				Х	Х	Х				
Western Reef Egret	<u>Egretta gularis</u>	Revhejre						Х				
Spot-billed Pelican	<u>Pelecanus philippensis</u>	Grå Pelikan				Х	Х	Х				
Little Cormorant	<u>Phalacrocorax niger</u>	Javaskarv				Х	Х	Х		Х		
Indian Cormorant	<u>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</u>	Indisk Skarv				Х						
Darter	<u>Anhinga melanogaster</u>	Indisk Slangehalsfugl				Х	Х	Х				
Common Kestrel	<u>Falco tinnunculus</u>	Tårnfalk				Х						
Oriental Honey Buzzard	<u>Pernis ptilorhynchus</u>	Østlig Hvepsevåge	Х									
Brahminy Kite	<u>Haliastur indus</u>	Brahminglente	Х			Х	Х	Х	Х			
White-bellied Sea Eagle	<u>Haliaeetus leucogaster</u>	Hvidbrystet Havørn					Х	Х	Х			
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	<u>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</u>	Flodørn				Х	Х	Х				
Crested Serpent Eagle	<u>Spilornis cheela</u>	Borneoslangeørn										
Shikra	<u>Accipiter badius</u>	Shikra	Х									
Indian Black Eagle	<u>Ictinaetus malayensis</u>	Indisk Sortørn	Х		Х							
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<u>Spizaetus cirrhatus</u>	Lysbuget Høgeørn	Х				Х	Х		Х		
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<u>Spizaetus nipalensis</u>	Bjerghøgeørn	Х		Х							
White-breasted Waterhen	<u>Amaurornis phoenicurus</u>	Hvidbrystet Rørhøne	Х			Х	Х	Х				
Purple Swamphen	<u>Porphyrio porphyrio</u>	Sultanhøne				Х	Х	Х				
Common Moorhen	<u>Gallinula chloropus</u>	Grønbenet Rørhøne						Х				
Barred Buttonquail	<u>Turnix suscitator</u>	Kampløbehøne					Х	Х				

Eurasian Stone Curlew Great Stone Curlew Black-winged Stilt Yellow-wattled Lapwing Red-wattled Lapwing Pacific Golden Plover Common Ringed Plover Little Ringed Plover

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Vanellus malabaricus	Indisk Lapvibe				^	x	X		
Vanellus indicus	Indisk Lapvide				х	x	x		
<u>Pluvialis fulva</u>	Sibirisk Hjejle				^	X	X		
<u>Charadrius hiaticula</u>	Stor Præstekrave					^	× X		
<u>Charadrius dubius</u>	Lille Præstekrave						× X		
	Hvidbrystet						^		
<u>Charadrius alexandrinus</u>	Præstekrave					Х	Х		
<u>Charadrius mongolus</u>	Mongolsk Præstekrave						Х		
Hydrophasianus chirurgus	Fasanbladhøne				Х	Х			
Gallinago stenura	Sibirisk Bekkasin					Х	Х		
Limosa limosa	Stor Kobbersneppe					Х	Х		
<u>Tringa totanus</u>	Rødben					Х	Х		
Tringa stagnatilis	Damklire						Х		
<u>Tringa nebularia</u>	Hvidklire					Х	Х		
Tringa glareola	Tinksmed					Х			
Actitis hypoleucos	Mudderklire					Х	Х		
Arenaria interpres	Stenvender					Х	Х		
Calidris minuta	Dværgryle					Х	Х		
Calidris temminckii	Temmincksryle					Х			
Calidris ferruginea	Krumnæbbet Ryle					Х			
Glareola maldivarum	Orientbraksvale						Х		
Glareola lactea	Lille Braksvale						Х		
<u>Larus brunnicephalus</u>	Brunhovedet Måge						Х		
Sterna nilotica	Sandterne				Х	Х	Х	Х	
<u>Sterna caspia</u>	Rovterne					Х	Х		
<u>Sterna bengalensis</u>	Bengalterne						Х		
<u>Sterna bergii</u>	Bergiusterne						Х	Х	
<u>Sterna hirundo</u>	Fjordterne						Х	Х	
<u>Sterna albifrons</u>	Dværgterne					Х	Х		
<u>Sterna fuscata</u>	Sodfarvet Terne							Х	
<u>Chlidonias hybrida</u>	Hvidskægget Terne				Х	Х	Х		
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<u>Columba livia</u>	Klippedue	х		Х		Х		Х	
<u>Columba torringtoniae</u>	Sri Lanka-due	х	Х						
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House Crow Large-billed Crow/Jungle Crow Great Tit Barn Swallow Hill Swallow

Sri Lanka Swallow Jerdon's Bushlark Oriental Skylark Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark Zitting Cisticola Jungle Prinia Plain Prinia Common Tailorbird Black-crested Bulbul Red-vented Bulbul

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Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher Jerdon's Leafbird Golden-fronted Leafbird

Corvus splendens

Corvus macrorhynchos Parus major Hirundo rustica Hirundo domicola Cecropis (daurica) hyperythra Mirafra affinis Alauda gulgula

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Indisk Bulbul				Х	Х			
Gulgrøn Bulbul	х							
Sortbulbul	х	Х						Х
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Kaukasisk Lundsanger		Х						
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Brun Fluesnapper	Х							
Sri Lanka-irfluesnapper		Х						
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Gråhovedet Fluesnapper		Х						
(Jerdons Bladfugl)	х							
Gulpandet bladfugl				Х				

Legge's Flowerpecker	<u>Dicaeum vincens</u>	Sri Lanka- blomsterpikker Blaanmehet	x				
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum erythrorhynchos	Blegnæbbet Blomsterpikker	х		х		
Purple-rumped Sunbird	Leptocoma zeylonica	Indisk Solfugl	Х				
Purple Sunbird	<u>Cinnyris asiaticus</u>	Purpursolfugl			Х	Х	
Loten's Sunbird	<u>Cinnyris lotenius</u>	Langnæbbet Purpursolfugl	x				
House Sparrow	<u>Passer domesticus</u>	Gråspurv		Х	Х	Х	
Baya Weaver	<u>Ploceus philippinus</u>	Bayavæver			Х	Х	
White-rumped Munia	<u>Lonchura striata</u>	Spidshalet Bronzefinke	х		Х		
Scaly-breasted Munia	<u>Lonchura punctulata</u>	Muskatfinke		Х		Х	Х
Black-headed Munia	<u>Lonchura malacca</u>	Trefarvet Nonne			Х		
Yellow Wagtail	<u>Motacilla flava</u>	Gul Vipstjert		Х		Х	
Richard's Pipit / Blyth's Pipit	<u>Anthus richardi / godlewski</u>	Storpiber / Mongolsk Piber				х	
Paddyfield Pipit	<u>Anthus rufulus</u>	Asiatisk Storpiber	Х				

Species list based on http://avibase.bsc-eoc.org/checklist.jsp?region=lk&list=clements.

MAMMALS

The notes on mammals are less accurate than the notes on birds. But here is an overview:

Pteropus giganteus	Common flying fox	Common in lowland
Microchiroptera	Several species	Bats were common
Semnopithecus priam	Ceylon Grey Langur	Common in lowland
Trachypithecus vetulus	Purple-Faced Leaf Monkey	Sinharaja and Horton Plains
Macaca sinica	Toque Monkey	Common
Lepus nigricollis singhala	Ceylon Black-Naped Hare	Few in Yala
Funambulus palmarum	Ceylon Palm Squirrel	Common
Funambulus layardi	Flame-Striped Squirrel	Sinharaja
Funambulus sublineatus	Dusky-Striped Squirrel	Sinharaja
Ratufa macroura macroura	Ceylon Giant Squirrel	Common Sinharaja and Yala
Hystrix indica	Indian Porcupine	1 captive in Hiyare
Balaenoptera musculus	Great Blue Whale	App. 10
Stenella longirostris	Long-Beaked Dolphin	3-4 flocks
Herpestes fuscus	Ceylon Brown Mongoose	Few Sinharaja
Herpestes smithi	Ceylon Ruddy Mongoose	Common Yala
Panthera pardus	Ceylon Leopard	3 in Yala
Elephas maximus	Asian Elephant	App.10 in Yala
Sus scrofa	Wild Pig	Common
Axis (axis) axis ceylonensis	Ceylon Spotted Deer	Common Yala
Cervus unicolor	Sambhur	Common Horton, few Yala
Bubalus bubalis	Indian Water Buffalo	Common Yala