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INTRODUCTION

From a birders point of view, Sri Lanka is best visited during the Northern winter when winter visitors augment the breeding bird population. This is reflected by an almost total lack of trip reports for June and July. Getting “an offer we couldn’t resist”, i.e. an invitation from friends spending the summer in their new house we did not have any choice with regard to the timing. Even though bird watching was our main objective we also spent a lot of time with our friends. Their house in Kalutara was our base and except from one three-day trip and one trip for two days all locations visited during our stay were reached within one-day trips. We were further limited by the military activity following the offensive ending the civil war just some weeks prior to our visit. For both reasons our bird watching was restricted to the Southern part of the country.

GETTING AROUND

The Sri Lankan tourist industry has had some tough years due to the civil war but was also heavily stroke by the 2004 tsunami. Most of the beach hotels on the Southern coasts are repaired and are now waiting for more prosperous times to come. However, during the southwest monsoon, normally lasting from May through August, strong winds, mighty waves and hazardous currents accompany almost daily rainfalls. For this reason accommodation by the sea is limited during the Northern summer. On our trip to the highlands we did not have any problems finding open guesthouses though.

The traffic in Sri Lanka is slow but very intense, especially in the more densely populated lowlands near the coast. Buses, three-wheeled taxis, motorbikes and a growing proportion of private cars are noisily struggling on narrow roads with bicycles, pedestrians and scabby dogs contempt for death. On top of this they drive on the left side of the road! Car hire is a formal possibility but is strongly discouraged. Through hotels or via our friends (see Contact information below) you can easily hire a minibus or other transportation with a driver. It is not very expensive and is all a matter of negotiations.

In the National parks you are either not allowed to enter with a car or obliged to rent a jeep with a driver. This can be arranged by the park entry. An accompanying park guide may be compulsory but is in any case advisable as they, at least from our experience, know the good spots. Ask for a bird specialist.

LOCATIONS

As bird watchers with a limited time tend to visit locations where other bird watchers have been before, it takes time to discover new hot spots. In this respect our journey is not an exception. Apart from Kalutara, which is not a hot spot but the place where we stayed a large part of the journey, Matugama, a forested lowland village where our hosts happened to have family, Lenadora, which just was a place where we took a brake and had time to watch, and Galle, which also was not a hot spot but has the potential to be one, the locations below are all described in other trip reports and handbooks. For this reason they are not thoroughly dealt with here.

KALUTARA

This town on the Southeast coast of Sri Lanka was our base during our stay. We stayed with friends, partly close to the beach on the Northern shore of river Kalu Ganga, partly in the South-western outskirts imbedded in moist farmland.

SINHARAJA BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Sinharaja Biosphere Reserve is a World heritage and hosts a majority of the endemic bird species of Sri Lanka. Only the true highland endemic species are absent. The road to the park is old with lots of potholes and it takes longer time to go there than one would expect. Still it is advisable to be there in the early morning when the bird song is most intensive.

Furthermore, it is a wise thing to hire a guide at the entrance. It costs about 5 € but as the guides' salaries are scarce they are dependent on tips. The guides are not only helpful in identification but also know where the birds are most likely to be found. The hilly topography and humid climate test your physical condition as well as your equipment. Tropic rains are heavy and frequent. Leaches are everywhere so if you want to avoid them you need to be well covered, which further challenge the functionality of your gear.

If you have time left after the visit you should take a really slow descent on the road back to Kalawana with frequent stops. Many, but not all, species that can be seen in the park are also possible along this road. In excess to the forest species many of the wet zone birds can be found here.

BOLGODA LAKE

Some 20 kilometres North of Kalutara the two lakes Northern and Southern Bolgoda lakes are situated. It turned out to become difficult to get a sight of the surface of the water. Paddy fields and bridges over small rivers were the closest we could get.

LENADORA

This place was just a short stop where we challenged the notion “serendipity” on the road to Nuwara Eliya (see below). It is situated in the dry zone just South of Dambulla. The species we recorded here could most probably be observed almost anywhere.

NUWARA ELIYA

This town in the cloudy mountains is called “Little London” because of its British look. Also Victoria Park in the town centre has an unquestionable imperial origin. This park attracts the special bird fauna of the hills.

HORTON PLAINS, PATTIPOLA AND OHIYA

The National Park Horton Plains itself did not offer particular ornithological interest but the adjacent roads leading to and from Horton Plains gave good exchange in terms of interesting mountain birds.

BUNDALA NATIONAL PARK

A great deal of the dry zone species can be observed here. Admittance to the park is restricted but local Jeep safari tours with driver and guide could be arranged in adjacent villages. The over all expenses of about 50 € for the two of us, turned out to be well spent. Just outside the park entrance there is a very nice visitor's centre with good views of one of the wetlands. It could be recommended for those who could not enter the park.

KALAMETIYA BIRD SANCTUARY

Some 30 kilometres East from Bundala National Park lies this Bird Sanctuary just by the main road. Easily accessible and with possibility to have lunch while bird watching, make this site worthwhile.

UDA WALAWE NATIONAL PARK

We entered the park with hired jeep, driver and a guide via the Elephant transit home just South of the Uda Walawe Reservoir. It took some persuasion to make the guide not taking us to the elephant spots but those with better ornithological potential. We were rewarded with good views of larks and hornbills.

GALLE

On the South coast of the island lays Galle, an old fort in imperial style. We spent one night at a small hotel called Rampart view just opposite the old rampart with excellent view over the sea from the balcony or rooftop.

MATUGAMA

About 25 kilometres from the coast Southeast of Kalutara. Through our hosts' family we happened to visit this small town surrounded by cultivated fields and forests.

ITINERARY

090609	Colombo International Airport to Kalutara
090610-11	Kalutara
090612	Sinharaja
090613	Kalutara
090614	Bolgoda lake
090615	Kalutara
090616	Kalutara-Dambulla-Nuwaia Eliya
090617	Nuwaia Eliya-Horton Plains-Bundala National Park
090618	Bundala National Park-Kalutara
090619	Kalutara
090620	Kalutara-Matugama
090621	Uda Walawe National Park
090622	Galle
090623	Sinharaja
090624	Kalutara-Galle
090625	Galle
090626-28	Kalutara
090629	Kalutara-Hatton-Kirkoswald tea plantation
090630	Kirkoswald tea plantation-Carolina-Kalutara
090701	Kalutara
090702	Kalutara-Matugama
090703	Sinharaja
090704	Kalutara-Colombo International Airport

LITERATURE

The book of choice is A Field Guide to the Birds of Sri Lanka by John Harrison. A CD with selected bird songs, Jungles of Sri Lanka (Roché), teased our appetite during the planning and helped us during our stay. Also Birds of the Indian Subcontinent (Grimmett, Inskipp & Inskipp) was helpful during the planning.

The following Internet addresses may also help your planning:

<http://www.fogsl.net/>
<http://www.worldbirds.org/v3/srilanka.php>
<http://www.birdandwildlifeteam.com/>
<http://orientalbirdimages.org/>
<http://www.srilankatourism.org/>
<http://www.slembassy.se/>

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BIRD LIST

The order and nomenclature strictly follow BirdLife International as presented in “Common English Names of Sri Lankan Birds” (<http://www.fogsl.net/Prod/wp-content/uploads/2010/01/Common-English-Names1.pdf>). Endemic species are marked with (E) after the scientific names. Many species occur with endemic races on the island. There are still uncertainties whether some of the races should be regarded as full species.

1	Sri Lanka Spurfowl <i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i> (E)	1 heard Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 heard Sinharaja NP 3/7
2	Sri Lanka Junglefowl <i>Gallus lafayetii</i> (E)	5 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 4 Horton Plains NP, 2 Bundala NP, 4 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 2 Sinharaja NP 3/7
3	Indian Peafowl <i>Pavo cristatus</i>	~30 Bundala NP , ~10 Uda Walawe NP
4	Lesser Whistling-duck <i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	~200 Bundala NP , also in small numbers in suitable habitat
5	Streaked Shearwater <i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	1 Kudawella blow-hole 18/6
6	Little Grebe <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	~10 Bolgoda Southern lake, 25 Kalametiya
7	Painted Stork <i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	~15 Bundala NP
8	Asian Openbill <i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	~30 Bundala NP, 7 Uda Walawe NP and a few records near Kalutara
9	Black-headed Ibis <i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	Scattered flocks. Common in Bundala NP
10	Eurasian Spoonbill <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Observations from Bundala NP and Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary
11	Yellow Bittern <i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	3 Bundala NP
12	Black-crowned Night-heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	5 Kalutara

13	Striated Heron <i>Butorides striata</i>	2 Galle
14	Indian Pond-heron <i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Common
15	Cattle Egret <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Common
16	Grey Heron <i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Fairly common in Bundala NP, 2 Uda Walawe NP
17	Purple Heron <i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Fairly common in Bundala, otherwise scattered observations
18	Great Egret <i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Fairly common in Bundala NP
19	Intermediate Egret <i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>	Common
20	Little Egret <i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Common in Bundala NP. In addition to that, scattered observations
21	White-tailed Tropicbird <i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	1 adult Bundala NP
	Undefined tropicbird <i>Phaethon sp.</i>	2 Galle
22	Spot-billed Pelican <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	6 Colombo, 13 Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary, 1 Bundala NP
23	Little Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>	Relatively common on rice fields and other freshwater pools
24	Indian Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	A few observations in Kalutara and Bundala NP
25	Oriental Darter <i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Common in Bundala NP
26	Peregrine Falcon <i>Falco peregrinus peregrinator</i>	1 Badureliya, 1 Kalutara 29/6
27	Oriental Honey-buzzard <i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>	1 Sinharaja NP 23/6
28	Black-winged Kite <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	3 Horton plains NP, 4 Uda Walawe NP
29	Brahminy Kite <i>Haliastur indus</i>	Not uncommon in humid areas in lowlands
30	White-bellied Sea-eagle <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	1 Kalutara 10/6, 1 Bundala NP, 2 Kalametiya, 1 Uda Walawe
31	Grey-Headed Fish-eagle <i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>	1 Bundala NP, 1 Uda Walawe NP
32	Crested Serpent-eagle <i>Spilornis cheela</i>	1 Kalawana, 1 Horton plains NP, 1 Matugama, 3 Uda Walawe NP

33	Shikra <i>Accipiter badius</i>	1 Kalutara, 1 Bolgoda Southern lake, 1 Bundala NP, 1 Uda Walawe NP
34	Changeable Hawk-eagle <i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>	4 Bundala NP, 1 Uda Walawe NP
35	White-breasted Waterhen <i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	Common in wetlands
36	Purple Swampen <i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	~10 Bolgoda Southern lake, abundant in Bundala NP
37	Common Moorhen <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	3 Bundala NP
38	Common Coot <i>Fulica atra</i>	8 Bundala NP
39	Barred Buttonquail <i>Turnix suscitator</i>	2 Uda Walawa NP
40	Eurasian Thick-knee <i>Burhinus oedicephalus</i>	3 Bundala NP
41	Great Thick-knee <i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	10 Bundala NP
42	Black-winged Stilt <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Widespread in Bundala NP
43	Yellow-wattled Lapwing <i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	3 Bundala NP
44	Red-wattled Lapwing <i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Fairly common in Bundala, otherwise scattered observations in rice fields
45	Kentish Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	5 Bundala NP
46	Pheasant-tailed Jacana <i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	Common in Bundala NP, 1 Bolgoda Southern lake, 1 Batalagoda tank
47	Common Redshank <i>Tringa totanus</i>	1 Bundala NP
48	Great Crested Tern <i>Sterna bergii</i>	1 Bundala NP, 4 Kudawella blow-hole, abundant off Galle
49	Little Tern <i>Sterna albifrons</i>	3 Kalametiya
50	Whiskered Tern <i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	~15 Bundala NP
51	Brown Noddy <i>Anous stolidus</i>	1 Galle
52	Rock Pigeon <i>Columba livia</i>	Daily observations
53	Sri Lanka Wood-pigeon <i>Columba torringtoniae</i> (E)	1 outside Carolina 30/6 between Kitulgala and Nuwara Eliya
54	Spotted Dove <i>Strigmatopelia chinensis</i>	Common

55	Emerald Dove <i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	2 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 4 Sinharaja NP 23/6
56	Orange-breasted Green-pigeon <i>Treron bicinctus</i>	1 Kalutara 11/6, 2 Uda Walawe NP
57	Pompadour Green Pigeon <i>Treron pompadora</i>	Scattered observations in low numbers
58	Green Imperial-pigeon <i>Ducula aenea</i>	Seen in low numbers at several occasions in lowland forest zone
59	Sri Lanka Hanging-parrot <i>Loriculus beryllinus (E)</i>	4 outside Sinharaja NP 12/6, 2 Badureliya 23/6, 3 Matugama 2/7
60	Rose-ringed Parakeet <i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Abundant
61	Sri Lanka Emerald-collared Parakeet <i>Psittacula calthropae (E)</i>	1 outside Sinharaja NP 12/6, 4 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 4 Sinharaja NP 3/7
62	Pied Cuckoo <i>Clamator jacobinus</i>	1 pair Bolgoda Southern lake, 1 Bundala NP
63	Asian Koel <i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	Daily observations
64	Blue-faced Malkoha <i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>	1 Bundala NP, 1 Uda Walawe NP
65	Sri Lanka Red-faced Malkoha <i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus (E)</i>	6 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 3 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 3 Sinharaja NP 3/7
66	Greater Coucal <i>Centropus sinensis</i>	Daily observations. More often heard than seen
67	Sri Lanka Green-billed Coucal <i>Centropus chlororhynchus (E)</i>	2 Sinharaja 12/6
68	Sri Lanka Chestnut-backed Owlet <i>Glaucidium castanonotum (E)</i>	1 heard Sinharaja 12/6
69	Indian Swiftlet <i>Collocalia unicolor</i>	Scattered observations in low numbers
70	Asian Palm-swift <i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	Scattered observations in low numbers
71	Little Swift <i>Apus affinis</i>	Colonies in Bundala NP and Uda Walawe NP. Apart from this, scattered observations
72	Crested Treeswift <i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	2 outside Sinharaja 12/6, 6 Bundala NP, 12 Uda Walawe NP, 6 Badureliya 23/6

73	Malabar Trogon <i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>	3 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 Sinharaja NP 3/7
74	Indian Roller <i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	5 Bundala NP, 1 Uda Walawe NP, 1 Matugama 2/7
75	White-throated Kingfisher <i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Widespread
76	Common Kingfisher <i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Several in calm streams
77	Pied Kingfisher <i>Ceryle rudis</i>	3 Bolgoda Southern lake, 4 Bundala NP, 1 Matugama 20/6
78	Little Green Bee-eater <i>Merops orientalis</i>	1 Batalagoda tank, 3 Lenadora, common in Bundala NP, a few in Uda Walawe NP
79	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater <i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	1 Kataragama 18/6, ~10 Uda Walawe NP
80	Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill <i>Ocyrceros gingalensis (E)</i>	1 Bundala NP, 3 Uda Walawe NP, 1 Sinharaja 3/7
81	Malabar Pied Hornbill <i>Anthracoceros coronatus</i>	3 Uda Walawe NP
82	Brown-headed Barbet <i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	Common
83	Sri Lanka Yellow-fronted Barbet <i>Megalaima flavifrons (E)</i>	Common in Sinharaja NP but not observed anywhere else
84	Crimson-fronted Barbet <i>Megalaima rubricapillus</i>	A few in Kalutara
85	Coppersmith Barbet <i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	A few records in dry zone
86	Brown-capped Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos nanus</i>	1 Uda Walawe NP, 3 Matugama 2/7
87	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker <i>Dendrocopos mahrattensis</i>	1 Uda Walawe NP
88	Lesser Yellownappe <i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	1 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 Sinharaja NP 3/7
89	Black-rumped Flameback <i>Dinopium benghalense psarodes</i>	Almost daily observations in Kalutara; 3 Uda Walawe NP, 2 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 2 Sinharaja NP 3/7
90	Greater Flameback <i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>	1 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 pair Sinharaja NP 3/7
91	Ashy Woodswallow <i>Artamus fuscus</i>	4 Bolgoda Southern lake
92	Common Iora <i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	3 Weddagala, 4 Bundala NP, 1 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 heard Sinharaja NP 3/7

93	Common Woodshrike <i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	1 Bundala NP, 1 Uda Walawe NP
94	Large Cuckooshrike <i>Coracina macei</i>	1 male Lenadora
95	Black-headed Cuckooshrike <i>Coracina melanoptera</i>	1 Kalutara 29/6, 1 Matugama 2/7
96	Small Minivet <i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	1 male Weddagala
97	Scarlet Minivet <i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	1 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 5 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 Weddagala, 1 Pattipola, 4 Sinharaja NP 3/7
98	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike <i>Hemipus picatus</i>	4 Pattipola, 1 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 Sinharaja NP 3/7
99	Black-hooded Oriole <i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	Almost daily records
100	White-bellied Drongo <i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>	Almost daily records
101	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo <i>Dicrurus paradiseus lophorhinus</i>	Common in Sinharaja NP
102	White-browed Fantail <i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	Seen and heard almost daily
103	Black-naped Monarch <i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	6 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 2 Sinharaja NP 3/7
104	Sri Lanka Magpie <i>Urocissa ornata (E)</i>	3 along the road from Horton plains NP and Ohiya, 9 Sinharaja NP 23/6, Heard Sinharaja NP 3/7
105	House Crow <i>Corvus splendens</i>	Very common in towns
106	Large-billed Crow <i>Corvus levaillantii</i>	Observed daily but less common than house crow
107	Great Tit <i>Parus major</i>	1 Pattipola, 1 Horton plains NP
108	Hill Swallow <i>Hirundo domicola</i>	~20 Pattipola and Horton plains NP
109	Red-rumped Swallow <i>Cecropis daurica hyperythra</i>	10 Weddagala, 3 Bolgoda Southern lake, 1 Lenadora, 2 Kalutara, 5 Badureliya
110	Jerdon's Bushlark <i>Mirafra affinis</i>	1 Uda Walawe NP
111	Oriental Skylark <i>Alauda gulgula</i>	1 Bundala NP, quite abundant in Uda Walawe NP
112	Zitting Cisticola <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	1 Kalawana, 4 Horton plains NP, ~10 Bundala NP

- 113 **Ashy Prinia** 1 Lenadora, 2 Uda Walawe NP
Prinia socialis
- 114 **Plain Prinia** 3 Bundala NP, 1 Uda Walawe NP, 1 Kalutara
Prinia inornata
- 115 **Black-crested Bulbul** 6 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 1 Weddagala, 3 Uda Walawe NP,
Pycnonotus melanicterus 4 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 2 Sinharaja NP 3/7
- 116 **Red-vented Bulbul** Widespread and common
Pycnonotus cafer
- 117 **Sri Lanka Yellow-eared Bulbul** 2 Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 2 Pattipola, 4 Horton
Pycnonotus penicillatus (E) plains NP
- 118 **White-browed Bulbul** 3 Kalutara, 1 Weddagala, 1 Bolgoda Southern lake, 1
Pycnonotus luteolus Bundala, 1 Uda Walawe NP
- 119 **Yellow-browed Bulbul** 10 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 2 Weddagala, 10 Sinharaja NP
Iole indica 23/6
- 120 **Asian Black Bulbul** ~10 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 3 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 2
Hypsipetes leucocephalus Sinharaja NP 3/7
- 121 **Common Tailorbird** Common in gardens throughout
Orthotomus sutorius
- 122 **Clamorous Reed-warbler** ~10 Bundala NP
Acrocephalus stentoreus
- 123 **Sri Lanka Brown-capped Babbler** 3 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 1 heard Sinharaja NP 3/7
Pellorneum fuscicapillus (E)
- 124 **Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler** 1 Sinharaja NP 12/6, ~10 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 Carolina
Pomatorhinus melanurus (E) 30/7, 2 Sinharaja NP 3/7
- 125 **Tawny-bellied Babbler** 4 Bundala NP, 2 Kirkoswald tea plantation 30/7
Dumetia hyperythra
- 126 **Dark-fronted Babbler** 1 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 4 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 4 Sinharaja
Rhopocichla atriceps NP 3/7
- 127 **Yellow-eyed Babbler** 1 Uda Walawe NP
Chrysomma sinense
- 128 **Sri Lanka Orange-billed Babbler** Fairly common in Sinharaja NP
Turdoides rufescens (E)
- 129 **Yellow-billed Babbler** Abundant near human settlements
Turdoides affinis
- 130 **Sri Lanka Ashy-headed Laughingthrush** 2 Sinharaja NP, 5 Sinharaja NP 23/6, 1 Sinharaja NP
Garrulax cinereifrons (E) 3/7
- 131 **Sri Lanka White-eye** Observed in good numbers in Nuwara Elia and Horton
Zosterops ceylonensis (E) plains NP
- 132 **Oriental White-eye** A few observations in Kalutara
Zosterops palpebrosus

- 133 **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** 6 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 5 Pattipola, 2 Sinharaja NP 23/6,
Sitta frontalis 2 Sinharaja NP 3/7
- 134 **Sri Lanka Myna** 3 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 5 Sinharaja NP 23/6, Heard
Gracula ptilogenys (E) Sinharaja NP 3/7
- 135 **Common Myna** Very common
Acridotheres tristis
- 136 **Sri Lanka White-faced Starling** 1 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 5 Sinharaja NP 23/6
Sturnus albofrontatus (E)
- 137 **Sri Lanka Spot-winged Thrush** 1 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 4 Sinharaja NP 23/6, Heard
Zoothera spiloptera (E) Sinharaja NP 3/7
- 138 **Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush** 2 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 1 Ohiya
Zoothera imbricata (E)
- 139 **Oriental Magpie Robin** Frequent observations in towns and villages
Copsychus saularis
- 140 **White-rumped Shama** 3 Uda Walawe NP
Copsychus malabaricus
- 141 **Indian Robin** Common in Bundala NP and Uda Walawe NP. Besides
Saxicoloides fulicatus from this scattered observations
- 142 **Pied Bushchat** A pair Nuwara Elia, common in Horton plains NP
Saxicola caprata
- 143 **Sri Lanka Dull-blue Flycatcher** 5 between Pattipola and Horton Plains NP
Eumyias sordidus (E)
- 144 **Tickell's Blue-flycatcher** 1 Sinharaja NP 23/6
Cyornis tickelliae
- 145 **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** 1 Pattipola, 2 Horton Plains NP
Culicicapa ceylonensis
- 146 **Jerdon's Leafbird** 1 pair Kalutara
Chloropsis jerdoni
- 147 **Sri Lanka White-throated Flowerpecker** 2 Sinharaja NP 12/6, 2 Sinharaja NP 23/6
Dicaeum vincens (E)
- 148 **Pale-billed Flowerpecker** 3 Kalutara, 2 Uda Walawe NP, scattered observations
Dicaeum erythrorhynchos in Sinharaja NP 23/6
- 149 **Purple-rumped Sunbird** 1 pair Bundala NP and a few sightings in Kalutara
Leptocoma zeylonica
- 150 **Purple Sunbird** Fairly common in Bundala NP
Nectarinia asiatica
- 151 **Long-billed Sunbird** 1 pair Kataragama 18/6, a few observations in Kalutara
Nectarinia lotenia

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| 152 | House Sparrow
<i>Passer domesticus</i> | Seen in the vicinity of human settlements |
| 153 | White-throated munia
<i>Lonchura malabarica</i> | ~20 Uda Walawe NP |
| 154 | White-rumped Munia
<i>Lonchura striata</i> | Fairly common |
| 155 | Black-throated Munia
<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i> | 6 Pattipola |
| 156 | Scaly-breasted Munia
<i>Lonchura punctulata</i> | Together with white-rumped munia the munia most often seen |
| 157 | Tricoloured Munia
<i>Lonchura malacca</i> | 3 Bundala NP, 2 Uda Walawe NP |
| 158 | Paddyfield Pipit
<i>Anthus rufulus</i> | 2 Bolgoda Southern lake, common in Horton plains NP and Bundala NP |