

Sri Lanka 15th Feb-1st March 2006
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Pied Kingfisher

The trip was a compromise of a weeks birding and a week at the beach at Waikkal at the Dolphin Beach Hotel about 20 miles north of Negombo. The first 4 days spent on the beach, which I spent most of the early mornings and late evening birding locally, which proved very productive with a good number of species recorded. We then went on a 7 day birding trip with Bours arranged on the internet before we left (website www.bours.com) at the cost of \$0.70cents a mile and \$15 a day for a driver/ guide. We were assigned Susantha who was excellent and very enthusiastic and worked very hard so that we should see all the species we required. We covered 573 miles=\$401.00 +\$105.00 for our guide; total \$506.00. Hotels, jeeps and park fees extra. We spent 1 night in Kandy, 2 nights at Nuwara Eliya, 1 night Embilipitiya, and 2 nights Sinharaja then back to our Hotel on the coast.

Itinerary of Birding Tour

Day 1 19/2 Kandy late afternoon and evening Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens

Susantha picked us up at our hotel at 7.00a.m. We were worried he would be late, however he arrived an hour early at 6.00a.m. As it was a Sunday, the traffic was light and it took us about 4 hours to reach Kandy. When we arrived we checked into the Thilanka Hotel, had a half hours rest, then walked into the town because my wife want to take some photo's of the Temple of The Tooth. We saw 1 Night Heron on Kandy Lake and had good views of 2 Coppermiths Barbets near the Temple. We took our photos and headed back to the hotel, collected the the mini bus and went to Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens. Being a Sunday we had a job to park and it was very crowded in the gardens, but after a short

walk the crowds thinned and the birding was good for that time of day. We saw Hill Mynas, Crimson Fronted Barbets, Forest Wagtail, Yellow-fronted Barbet, Great Tit, Pale-billed Flowerpecker and plenty of the more common species. It is worth a visit to the Gardens to see the massive colony of Flying Foxes. We also had good views of a Rat Snake descending a tree and a White-bellied Fish Eagle at a nest.

Day 2 20/2 Kandy early morning Udawattakele Forest Reserve, then on to Nuwara Eliya.

We were up, packed and had eaten breakfast by 7am and drove the short journey to Udawattakele Forest (entry fee 500 rupees each). The birding here was very good with sightings of Greater Flamebacks, Brown-capped Babblers, Indian Blue Robins, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Layard's Parakeet and Brown Fish Owl. There was also large troop of Torque Monkeys on the pathway. After 2.5 hours in the forest we began our horrendous journey to Nuwara Eliya which took 6 hours to travel 62 kms! The road was under repair for most of the journey. On the way we broke the journey with a pot of tea at 'The Blue Fields' tea factory and bought 2.5 kgs of tea to bring home.

On arrival in Nuwara Eliya we checked into the 'Alpine Hotel'. On the way to Victoria Park (entry 25 rupees each) we saw a Richard's Pipit and Yellow-eared Bulbuls. Sightings in the Park included Pied Thrush, Slaty-legged Crake, Indian Pitta and a Dusky-striped Squirrel. We had no luck with Scaly Thrush or Kashmir Flycatcher as there was a lot of garden maintenance going on. We birded until 6pm when the Park closed.

Day 3 21/2 Early start to Horton Plains then to Lake Gregory and some nearby woods late afternoon and early evening.

A 4.30 a.m. start to Horton Plains to try to see Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush. My hopes were dashed when we caught up with a tour group of three mini buses on route heading for the same spot and I knew from other birders who have visited this spot that it is very difficult to see with a large group. We arrived just before 6.00 a.m, paid our fees and entered the park. It was still dark when we got to Arrenga pool and very cold (the temp was 2.9c). We stayed at the pool till after sun up but no sign of the Thrush. However we did see some good birds in the immediate area; Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon, Dull Blue Flycatcher, Sri Lanka Bush Warbler, Sri Lanka White-eye and Yellow-eared Bulbuls. We then drove to the main park office. On route we saw Pied Chat and Sri Lanka Junglefowl plus Hill Swallow at the offices. The weather was now very nice like a spring day and we decided to walk to Mini Worlds End to try for raptors. We saw Crested Honey Buzzard and Black Eagle, and had good views of Purple-faced Leaf Monkeys. Lunchtime we returned to Nuwara Eliya and changed hotels to St Andrews as the Alpine Hotel was too noisy. Susantha and I then went to Lake Gregory leaving an exhausted Gillian to have a rest, she only missed a Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher and Syke's Warbler though these were the only ones of the trip. When we returned Gillian was suitably refreshed after being served tea and cakes on the hotel terrace. On returning to our room after our evening meal, to our great surprise we found hot water bottles in our beds!

Day 4 22/2 Early start for our journey to Embilipitiya to bird Uda Walawe the following day.

On route we stopped at the Surrey Tea Plantations to look for Brown Wood Owl, without success. We did however have good views of Flame Minivet, Tickells Flycatcher and Velvet-fronted Nuthatch. We bought some freshly cooked doughnuts from the Bakery nearby and then drove as far as Ella where we had lunch at a roadside café overlooking the waterfall. Here we saw the only Purple Sunbird of our trip and doubled our Minivet species by seeing the Small Minivet. We then

drove on to Embilipitiya seeing lots of new birds on the way. After checking into Hotel Centuria we walked down to the lake but our birding was cut short by a sudden downpour which lasted the rest of the day.

Day 5 23/2 We checked out of the hotel at 5.50am and drove straight to Uda Walawe National Park for the jeep safari. Our guide, Susantha, came into his own in the park as he had previously worked here for 5 years as a tracker and knew the best places to visit. During the 4.5 hour safari we saw many birds including Malabar Pied Hornbill, Plum-headed Parakeet, Sirkeer Malkoha, Woodshrike and Grey-headed Fish Eagle. We also had good views of many elephants, 2 Golden Jackals, Water Buffalos and Sri Lanka Swamp Crocodile. We stopped for lunch just outside the Park at a lovely restaurant which we would recommend to anyone. They cooked us a vegetarian curry (not too hot!). After lunch we headed towards Sinharaja. On route we stopped at a 'People's Bank' to change some dollars into rupees. The bank staff were obviously not used to seeing tourists in their bank and they all came out of their offices to look at us! We were given special treatment by the Bank Manager and had to sit in his office while he counted out the rupees for us. The whole procedure took about ½ hour. We continued our journey to Sinharaja and checked into The Blue Magpie Lodge. We had 4 good birds outside the Lodge before the light failed – Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill, White-browed Bulbul, Black-headed Yellow Bulbul and Sri Lanka Myna. It started to rain and we sat on the terrace outside our room drinking a couple of welcome beers. We were very pleased with the accommodation at The Blue Magpie. Although it was basic, the rooms were very clean with hot water for the shower, mosquito nets over the beds, very friendly staff and good food.

Day 6 24/2, Breakfast at 6.00 a.m., then we met our jeep driver to take us to the main forest reserve stopping on the way to buy our entrance tickets. If we had stayed longer we would probably have walked to the main forest reserve on any other days as a \$40.00 jeep ride daily would be very expensive and I reckon it would only take half an hour on foot. In total we spent 11 hours in the forest and saw many good birds. Our forest guide Sunil was an excellent birder and really did his best that we should see everything in one day. We managed to see White-throated Flowerpecker, Sri Lanka Blue Magpie, Crested Drongo, White-faced Starling, Ashy-headed Laughingthrush, Spot-winged Thrush, Orange-billed Babbler, Sri Lanka Frogmouth, and Red-faced Malkoha, Gillian missed this as the spot Sunil took me was leech-infested area and very steep and she did not fancy the climb. When I got back I removed a leech from stomach before it had a tasty snack! All in all we had a very good day and I would have liked to have stayed here for at least 4 days.

Day 7 25/6. Early breakfast and Susantha and I went out for a couple of hours birding in the forest near the Blue Magpie Lodge and the village. Gillian was still exhausted from our 11 hours of walking the previous day and stayed behind for a rest. Big mistake as unbeknown to me Susantha had arranged to meet Sunil before he started work and he took us to a village garden, a sight he knew for Green-billed Coucal, and after a short time we had excellent views of this illusive bird. We then said our goodbyes to Sunil, birded a little longer and went back to the Blue Magpie Lodge. Gillian was well rested and we packed our gear, said goodbye to the staff at the Blue Magpie and started our long journey back to Waikkal which took us about 5-6 hours. When we arrived we paid Susantha the Baur's fees and gave him around \$120 dollars tip for all his hard work. We were quite sad to see him drive away as we had all become very good friends.

The last four days at the beach I managed to see several new species. The whole area around Dolphin Beach Hotel at Waikkal is fairly good for birding with a large river and shrimp hatcheries outside the hotel. There are 4 species of Kingfisher and the only place I saw Blyth's and Clamorous Reed Warbler, Striated Heron, Yellow and Black Bittern, Grey-breasted Prinia and a

number of other species. Birding boat trips along the river could be arranged locally 2 hours for around \$10 and well worth taking. There are also a number of woody and scrubby areas in the village and the locals are all very friendly and don't seem to mind where you walk around.

Little Grebe	2, Lake Gregory Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
Spot-billed Pelican	10, on a roadside pool on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2, also seen in Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Indian Cormorant	Only 2 seen, overhead Waikkal, 28/2
Little Cormorant	Common on the lagoons and on the river at Waikkal seen daily there.
Oriental Darter	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Grey Heron	1, Lake Gregory Nuwara Eliya, 21/2, 2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Purple Heron	Odd bird seen at Waikkal on a number occasions, 1 Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Great Egret	Common on the lagoons and on the river at Waikkal seen daily there.
Intermediate Egret	Common on the lagoons and on the river at Waikkal seen daily there, also seen at Lake Gregory and Uda Walawe National Park.
Little Egret	Common seen daily
Cattle Egret	Not seen at Waikkal common inland first seen on route to Kandy, 19/2
Indian Pond Heron	Common seen daily except at Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve
Striated Heron	Common on the river at Waikkal seen daily there.
Night Heron	1, Kandy Lake, 19/2, 1, Waikkal, 28/2
Yellow Bittern	1, Waikkal, 17/2, 3, 26/2, 2, 27/2, and 1, there 28/2
Black Bittern	3, Waikkal, 26/2, 2, 27/2
Painted Stork	12, on a roadside pool on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2, and seen in the park, 23/2
Asian Openbill	1, at a roadside stop at Attanagalla, 25/2
Wooly-necked Stork	1, on a roadside pool on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2
Black-headed Ibis	20+, near Ella, 22/2, Common Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Eurasian Spoonbill	1, on a roadside pool on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2, 1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Oriental Honey Buzzard	2, Mini Worlds End, Horton Plains, 21/2
Black-winged Kite	1, on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2, 8+, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Brahminy Kite	2, Waikkal, 18/2, 1, Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
White-bellied Fish Eagle	1, Waikkal, 16/2, 1, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, 1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2, 1, Waikkal, 27/2
Grey-headed Fish Eagle	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Crested Serpent Eagle	1, Udawattakele Forest Reserve Kandy, 20/2
Montagu's Harrier	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Shikra	1, between Sinharaja and Waikkal, 25/2, 1, Waikkal, 28/2
Common Buzzard	1, near Horton Plains, 21/2
Black Eagle	1, Mini Worlds End, Horton Plains, 21/2
Changeable Hawk Eagle	7+, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2

Common Kestrel	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Sri Lanka Spurfowl	Good numbers heard Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve not seen 24/2
Sri Lanka Junglefowl	2, Horton Plains, 21/2, 3, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve not seen 24/2
Indian Peafowl	Common Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Barred Buttonquail	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Slaty-legged Crake	1, Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2
White-breasted Waterhen	Common at Waikkal even seen in hotel gardens encountered anywhere near water.
Black-winged Stilt	Very common at Waikkal seen there daily also seen at Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Eurasian Thick-knee	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Yellow -wattled Lapwing	2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Red-wattled Lapwing	Up to 3 pairs seen daily at Waikkal one bird flew into the hotel gardens and drank from the swimming pool also seen at Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Little-ringed Plover	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Mongolian Plover	1, Waikkal, 26/2
Greater Sand Plover	20+, Waikkal, 26/2
Marsh Sandpiper	Very common at Waikkal seen there daily
Greenshank	1, Lake Chandrika, Embilipitiya, 22/2, 1, Waikkal, 26/2
Green Sandpiper	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Wood Sandpiper	1, Waikkal, 17/2, 1, 27/2, 1, 28/2
Common Sandpiper	1, Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2
Whiskered Tern	Very common at Waikkal seen there daily. also seen at Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Gull billed Tern	Odd birds seen offshore Waikkal most days
Roseate Tern	2, offshore Waikkal, 16/2
Lesser Crested Tern	2, offshore Waikkal, 26/2, 2, 28/2
Rock Dove/ Feral Pigeon	Odd birds encountered around Waikkal, also seen inland
Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon	1, in flight along the road by Arrenga pool Horton Plains, 21/2 and 1, perched in tree along the road from there the same morning.
Spotted Dove	Common seen daily
Emerald Dove	1, Sinharaja, 24/2
Orange-breasted Green Pigeon	3, Waikkal, 18/2, 1, Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, 19/2, 2, Waikkal, 28/2
Pompadour Green Pigeon	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Green Imperial Pigeon	1, at a roadside stop between Uda Walawe National Park and Sinharaja, 23/2
Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot	1, Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, 19/2, 10+, seen Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve any many calling there, 24/3
Alexandrine Parakeet	Common around Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, 19/2.
Rose-ringed Parakeet	Common at Waikkal seen daily there also encountered inland.
Plum-headed Parakeet	3, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Layard's Parakeet	3, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2
Indian Cuckoo	2, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Plaintive Cuckoo	1 on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2, 2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2

Asian Koel	Common at Waikkal seen daily there also encountered inland.
Sirkeer Malkoha	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Red-faced Malkoha	2, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Green-billed Coucal	Susantha's friend Sunil a forest guide took me to a garden in the village of Sinharaja where I had excellent views of this elusive bird, 25/2
Greater Coucal	A common bird seen daily.
Brown Fish Owl	1, Udawattakele Forest Reserve Kandy, 20/2
Sri Lanka Frogmouth	1, On nest Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Brown-backed Needletail	2, Waikkal, 18/2
Asian Palm Swift	Common at Waikkal and seen there most days
Little Swift	10+, Horton Plains, 21/2
Malabar Trogon	2, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Pied Kingfisher	Common at Waikkal up to 4 seen there most days
Common Kingfisher	Common at Waikkal even fishing in the hotel reception's fish pond.
Stork-billed Kingfisher	1, Waikkal, 26/2, 1, 27/2
White-throated Kingfisher	Common at Waikkal 2 to 3 pairs nesting in the riverbank near our hotel and encountered all over the Island
Little Green Bee-eater	Only seen at Uda Walawe National Park, 10+, 23/2
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Extremely common at Waikkal 100+ seen there daily hawking over the shrimp hatcheries and encountered all over the Island
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	2, on roadside wires between Nuwara Eliya and Ella, 22/2
Indian Roller	Common at Waikkal up to 4 seen there daily there also often seen perched on wires when driving inland.
Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill	1, flew by the Blue Magpie Lodge Sinharaja, 23/2, 1, seen perched Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Malabar Pied Hornbill	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Brown-headed Barbet	Fairly easy to see at Waikkal 2 or 3 seen there most days also seen inland.
Yellow-fronted Barbet	1, Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, 19/2, 8+ Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Crimson-fronted Barbet	2, Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, 19/2
Coppersmiths Barbet	4, Kandy, 19/2
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Greater Flameback	2, Waikkal, 17/2, 5, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, 1, Waikkal, 27/2
Red-backed Woodpecker	1, at a roadside on route to Sinharaja Rainforest, 23/2, 1, Waikkal, 28/2
Indian Pitta	1, Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2
Jerdon's Bushlark	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Ashy-crowned Sparrow Lark	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Barn Swallow	Common at Waikkal 150+ seen there daily also seen inland.
Hill Swallow	10, Horton Plains, 21/2
Tytler,s Swallow	A few birds seen amongst the Barn Swallows Waikkal, 26/2
Sri Lanka Red-rumped Swallow	4, on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2, 2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2

Indian Red-rumped Swallow	A few bird present along a river on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2
Forest Wagtail	1, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, up to present 5, Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2
Grey Wagtail	Common Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2, also seen at Horton Plains and Sinharaja
White Wagtail	1, Lake Chandrika, Embilipitiya, 22/2
Richards Pipit	1, Nuwara Eliya, 20/2,
Paddyfield Pipit	Common Horton Plains, 21/2
Small Minivet	2, Ella, 22/2
Flame Minivet	2, Surrey tea plantations, 22/2, 2, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike	1, Nuwara Eliya, 21/2, 1, Ella, 22/2
Sri Lanka Woodshrike	1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Black-headed Yellow Bulbul	4, by the Blue Magpie Lodge Sinharaja, 23/2, 6, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Red-vented Bulbul	Common at Waikkal seen daily there also encountered inland
Yellow-eared Bulbul	4, by Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2, 6, Horton Plains, 21/2, 1, Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
White-browed Bulbul	2, Waikkal, 17/2, odd birds seen there most days, 4, by the Blue Magpie Lodge Sinharaja, 23/2
Yellow-browed Bulbul	2, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, 10+ Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Black Bulbul	2, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, 10+ Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2, 2, Sinharaja Village, 25/2
Common Iora	Not so common for us, 1, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Jerdon's Leafbird	1, on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2,
Brown Shrike	1, Horton Plains, 21/2, 3, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2, 1, 1, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2, 1, 1, Waikkal, 26/2
Philippine Shrike	1, seen of this grey headed sub species, near Sinharaja Village, 25/2
Indian Blue Robin	2, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2
Oriental Magpie-Robin	A common at Waikkal seen daily there also encountered inland
White-rumped Sharma	3, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2
Pied Bushchat	Good numbers seen Horton Plains, 21/2
Black-backed Robin	1, between Uda Walawe National Park and Ella, 22/2, a very common bird Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Pied Thrush	1, stunning male Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2
Spot-winged Thrush	2, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2, 1, near Sinharaja Village, 25/2
Brown-capped Babbler	5, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, 3, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2,
Tawny-bellied Babbler	1, Waikkal, 16/2
Dark-fronted Babbler	2, Horton Plains, 21/2, 2, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Yellow-eyed Babbler	2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Orange-billed Babbler	8+ Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Yellow-billed Babbler	A common at Waikkal seen daily there also encountered inland
Ashy-headed Laughing-Thrush	4, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Sri Lanka Bush-Warbler	1, giving very good views down to seven feet just along the road from Arrenga pool Horton Plains, 21/2

Blyth's Reed Warbler	1, Waikkal, 26/2
Clamorous Reed Warbler	2, Waikkal, 17/2
Sykes's Warbler	1, near Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
Zitting Cisticola	Several calling Horton Plains, 21/2, 1, seen Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Grey-breasted Prinia	1, seen while on a boat trip along the river at Waikkal, 28/2
Jungle Prinia	2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Plain Prinia	1, Waikkal, 16/2
Common Tailorbird	Common at Waikkal seen there daily also seen most places visited inland
Bright-Green Warbler	1, Arrenga pool Horton Plains, 21/2
Asian Brown Flycatcher	1, Waikkal, 18/2, 1, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	4, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, 2, Surrey tea plantations, 22/2, 8, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Dull-blue Flycatcher	Surprisingly common at Horton Plains, 21/2 at least 8 seen, Arrenga pool being a easy place to see them, 1, near Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	2, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 3, Surrey tea plantations, 22/2, 1, Sinharaja Village, 25/2
Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher	1, near Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
Asian Paradise Flycatcher	1, Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, 1, white form Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
White-browed Fantail	1, on the outskirts of Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2
Great Tit	2, Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya , 19/2, 2, near Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	1, Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, , 19/2, 1, Surrey tea plantations, 22/2
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	6, on route to Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2
White-throated Flowerpecker	Several birds seen Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	2, Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, Kandy, 19/2
Purple-rumped Sunbird	Common at Waikkal, seen there daily also common inland.
Long-billed Sunbird	Common at Waikkal seen there daily.
Purple Sunbird	1, Ella, 22/2
Oriental White-eye	3, Surrey tea plantations, 22/2
Sri Lanka White eye	Common Horton Plains, 21/2
White-throated Silverbill	8, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
White-rumped Munia	1, at flew across the road at a roadside stop between Sinharaja and Waikkal was the only sighting
Scaly-breasted Munia	The odd pair or two seen outside our hotel at Waikkal on a number of days
Black-headed Munia	2, from the hotel balcony Kandy, 19/2, a very common Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
House Sparrow	Not seen on the coast, common in the hill county.
White -faced Starling	1, in flight and then 4, seen at close range feeding on a fruit tree Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2

Common Myna	Common at Waikkal seen there daily seen almost anywhere on the Island.
Sri Lanka Myna	2, by the Blue Magpie Lodge Sinharaja, 23/2, odd bird Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Hill Myna	2, Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, Kandy, 19/2, fairly common Udawattakele Forest Reserve, Kandy, 20/2, and a large roost Lake Gregory Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
Black-hooded Oriole	2, Waikkal, 17/2
Grey Drongo	1, at a roadside stop at Attanagalla, 25/2
White-vented Drongo	Odd birds seen at Waikkal most days
Sri Lanka Crested Drongo	2, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Ashy Woodswallow	4, at a roadside stop at Attanagalla, 25/2
Sri Lanka Blue Magpie	1, by the ticket office Sinharaja, 24/2, 4, around the research station Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
House Crow	Common at Waikkal hundreds seen there daily
Large-billed Crow	Not seen by the coast at Waikkal common inland seen there daily.
	Mammals
Indian Flying Fox	1000's roosting at Royal Botanical Gardens Peradeniya, Kandy, 19/2
Torque Monkey	Common in the Kandy area, 19/2-20/2
Sri Lanka Grey Langur	2, between Ella and Uda Walawe National Park, 22/2
Purple-faced Leaf Monkey	5, Horton Plains, 21/2, 3, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Golden Jackal	2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Ruddy Mongoose	1, by the Blue Magpie Lodge Sinharaja, 25/2
Asian Elephant	Common Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Sambhur Deer	5, Horton Plains, 21/2,
Spotted Deer	2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Water Buffalo	Small groups scattered around Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Sri Lanka Giant Squirrel	1, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Indian Palm Squirrel	Common seen everywhere
Dusky Striped Squirrel	1, Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2
Rat Species	1, Victoria Park Nuwara Eliya, 20/2
Indian Hare	1, Horton Plains, 21/2, seen only by Gillian.
	Amphibians and Reptiles
House Gecko	Common seen at night in most places we stayed
Green Garden Lizard	1, Horton Plains, 21/2
Common Garden Lizard	1, by the Blue Magpie Lodge Sinharaja, 25/2
Kangaroo Lizard	1, near Nuwara Eliya, 21/2
Hard-shelled Terrapin	1, Udawattakele Forest Reserve Kandy, 20/2

Sri Lanka Swamp Crocodile	2, Uda Walawe National Park, 23/2
Land Monitor	Odd one seen crossing the road when travelling, 1, by the Blue Magpie Lodge Sinharaja, 25/2
Water Monitor	Common in the river at Waikkal seen most days there also encountered inland
	Cetaceans
Dolphin Species	Large pod travelling South, Waikkal 26/2
	Butterflies (many species seen only a few identified)
Dark Grass Blue	Fairly common at Waikkal, seen there most days
Common Albatross	Fairly common at Waikkal, seen there most days
The Dark Palm Dart	1, Waikkal, 26/2
Plain Tiger	Fairly common at Waikkal, seen there most days
Common Evening Brown	1, Waikkal, 17/2
Common Indian Crow	Common at Waikkal, seen there most days
Glassy Tiger	Between Waikkal and Candy 19/2
Tree Nymph	Common Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2
Common Birdwing	2, Sinharaja Rainforest Reserve, 24/2