



INDIA: SOUTH CUSTOM TOUR TRIP REPORT

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We saw several *Blue-capped Rock Thrushes* during the tour, a stunning winter visitor here.

Overview

This 9-day custom birdwatching tour of southern India commenced in Cochin on the 29th of March 2019 and ended in Bangalore on the 6th of April 2019. The tour was based on a shortened version of our Birding Tours India: Western Ghats and Nilgiri Endemics January set departure tour but with a couple of slight modifications to fit the timescale available. During this tour we birded areas around Thattekad Bird Sanctuary, Munnar, Eravikulam National Park, Ooty, Masinagudi, and Mudumalai National Park.

A total of 226 bird species were seen (plus three species heard only). The main highlight birds of the tour were the Western Ghats and Nilgiri endemic species we saw, such as **Nilgiri Blue Robin**, **Nilgiri Thrush**, **Nilgiri Pipit**, **White-bellied Blue Robin**, **Malabar Whistling Thrush**, **Malabar Grey Hornbill**, **White-bellied Treepie**, **Blue-winged (Malabar) Parakeet**, **White-bellied Blue Flycatcher**, **Black-and-Orange Flycatcher**, **Nilgiri** and **Palani Laughingthrushes**, **Grey-headed** and **Flame-throated Bulbuls**, **Grey Junglefowl**, and many more. The region also plays host to a number of birds shared with neighboring Sri Lanka, such as **Sri Lanka Frogmouth**, **Malabar Trogon**, and **Blue-faced Malkoha**, and all were seen well. Other highlight birds included **White-rumped** and **Indian Vultures**, **Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl**, **Mottled Wood Owl**, **Brown Fish Owl**, **Indian Pitta**, **Heart-spotted**, **White-bellied**, and **Streak-throated Woodpeckers**, **Indian Nuthatch**, **White-bellied Minivet**, **Indian Scimitar Babbler**, **Indian Black-lored Tit**, **Crimson-backed Sunbird**, and the stunning **Indian Blue Robin**.

Non-avian highlights included **Asian Elephant**, **Gray Slender Loris**, **Indian Giant Squirrel**, and **Common Bronzeback Tree Snake**. Full species lists are provided at the end of this report.

Detailed Report

Day 1, 29th March 2019. Arrival in Cochin and travel to Thattekad Bird Sanctuary

After our late-afternoon arrival in Cochin we transferred to our accommodation for the next three nights near the Thattekad Bird Sanctuary, noting **Brahminy Kite**, **Indian Pond Heron**, and **House Crow** along the way before it got dark, and **Indian Flying Fox** when it did get dark.

Day 2, 30th March 2019. Thattekad Bird Sanctuary and surrounding area

As we had an early breakfast we enjoyed watching **Stork-billed** and **White-throated Kingfishers**, **Oriental Darter**, and **Bronze-winged Jacana** while we ate.

One of the top birds of the day was the final bird of the morning when we got to watch a male and female **Sri Lanka Frogmouth** roosting in a patch of forest. Always nice to find a nocturnal species during the day. There were plenty of great birds throughout the morning, and some of these included **Malabar Trogon**, **Blue-winged (Malabar) Parakeet**, **Malabar Woodshrike**, **Flame-throated Bulbul**, **Yellow-browed Bulbul**, **Nilgiri Flowerpecker**, **Malabar Barbet**, **White-cheeked Barbet**, **Malabar Grey Hornbill**, **Malabar Starling**, **Heart-spotted Woodpecker**, **White-bellied Woodpecker**, **Black Baza**, **Vernal Hanging Parrot**, and **Grey-fronted Green Pigeon**. We also found our first **Indian Giant Squirrels** (the local Malabar form) – a huge and fairly common squirrel. Lots of common and more widespread species were also present, such as **Black-naped Monarch**, **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**, **Bronzed**, **Ashy**, and **Greater Racket-tailed Drongos**, **Common Iora**, and **Red-whiskered Bulbul**.



*This roosting pair of **Sri Lanka Frogmouth** were an early tour highlight.*

After a wonderful lunch we ventured back out for another birding session and walked around a different area, finding several further target birds such as **White-bellied Treepie**, **Grey Junglefowl**, **Red Spurfowl**, **Indian Golden**, **Black-naped**, and **Black-hooded Orioles**, **Common Emerald Dove**, **Jungle Owlet**, and a pair of **Mottled Wood Owls**. At dusk we heard **Great Eared Nightjar**, but unfortunately it didn't show. However, a night walk a bit later in the evening gave excellent views of **Jerdon's Nightjar** and of a really great mammal in the form of a **Gray Slender Loris** (the local Malabar subspecies).

Day 3, 31st March 2019. Thattekad Bird Sanctuary and surrounding area

Our breakfast soundtrack was provided by **Indian Cuckoo**, **Asian Koel**, and **Greater Coucal**. After breakfast we spent another morning birding the same area as on the previous day and found several different species in doing so, such as **Malabar Whistling Thrush**, **White-bellied Blue Flycatcher**, **Crimson-backed Sunbird**, **Indian Paradise Flycatcher**, **Mountain Imperial Pigeon**, **Common Hawk-Cuckoo**, **Orange-headed Thrush**, and, probably best of all, the gorgeous **Indian Pitta**. Other goodies included **Grey-fronted Green Pigeon**, **Malabar Trogon**, **Malabar Grey Hornbill**, **Blue-winged (Malabar) Parakeet**, **Flame-throated Bulbul**, **Asian Fairy-bluebird**, and **Sothorn Hill Myna**. Some excitement during the morning involved the finding of a **Common Bronzeback Tree Snake** that sat motionless for quite a while, allowing good views and great photo opportunities.

During our afternoon birding session we tried to connect with a few new species and found the huge **Great Eared Nightjar**, another couple of **Indian Pittas** (showing slightly better than the birds in the morning for most of us), **Thick-billed Warbler**, **Large Cuckooshrike**, **Crested Treeswift**, and **Cinnamon Bittern**. A fruiting tree held all three orioles seen the previous day as well as **Malabar Starling**, **White-cheeked Barbet**, and several **Rufous Treepies**. A couple of lucky people got to witness a **Crested Serpent Eagle** flying off with a freshly caught (unidentified) viper!



Indian Pitta was one of the major targets of the tour, and we found a few birds.

Day 4, 1st April 2019. Thattekad Bird Sanctuary to Munnar

We headed back to Thattekad to see if we could connect with any other local specialties, and after a lot of perseverance we connected with the difficult endemic **Grey-headed Bulbul**. With the bird always giving only fleeting views it was indeed hard work. Here we did have further looks at **Rusty-tailed Flycatcher**, **Indian Paradise Flycatcher**, **Malabar Trogon**, **Banded Bay Cuckoo**, **Indian Cuckoo**, and a pair of **Orange-headed Thrushes**. We also saw our first **Bonnet Macaques**, a small troop stuffing their faces in a fruiting tree, with **Eastern Barn Owl** and **Lesser Fish Eagle** both also seen.

After lunch we left our accommodation near Thattekad and traveled to Munnar, where we gained some elevation (and a **Black Eagle**) and started picking up some new birds as soon as we jumped out of the van, such as **Palani Laughingthrush**, **Indian Scimitar Babbler**, **Crested Hawk-Eagle**, **Indian Swiftlet**, **Alpine Swift**, **White-browed** and **Grey Wagtails**, **Long-tailed** and **Brown Shrikes**, and **Jungle Myna**.

On arriving at our hotel near dusk we were pleased to find several further new species just before it got dark and hoped that we'd get better photo opportunities for these birds the following day. These included a stunning male **Indian Blue Robin** taking a bath, **Tytler's Leaf Warbler** moving through the garden with a flock of **Indian White-eyes**, **Brown-cheeked Fulvettas** passing overhead, **Malabar Whistling Thrush** moving through, and a brief, beautiful **Blue-capped Rock Thrush**. Lots of promising signs for the next couple of days in the area!

Day 5, 2nd April 2019. Munnar and Eravikulam National Park

The early-morning breakfast at our accommodation was briefly interrupted by a stunning male **Indian Blue Robin** (and a much more reserved female) along with **Indian Thrush**, a flyover **Nilgiri Wood Pigeon**, **Square-tailed Bulbul**, and **Blyth's Reed Warbler**. After breakfast we moved on to Eravikulam National Park, where we gained substantial altitude and a big change in scenery. Here also the birds were different, and we found most of our primary targets, such as

Nilgiri Thrush, **Nilgiri Flycatcher**, **Nilgiri Pipit**, **White-bellied Blue Robin**, and **Tickell's Leaf Warbler**. We also had our best views yet of **Malabar Whistling Thrush**, **Blue-capped Rock Thrush**, and **Palani Laughingthrush** along with more views of **Indian Blue Robin**. Frustratingly **Nilgiri Blue Robin** and **Painted Bush Quail** were heard only. We did, however, have extremely good views of **Nilgiri Tahr**, a rare, goat-like mammal.



*The often shy and secretive, cryptically-plumaged **Nilgiri Thrush** showed well.*



***White-bellied Blue Robin** gave some fantastic views throughout the morning.*

Back at our accommodation for the afternoon we made good use of the hotels garden and surrounding woodland patch and enjoyed a few quality birds, including **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**, **Loten's Sunbird**, **Square-tailed Bulbul**, **Nilgiri Flycatcher**, **Nilgiri Flowerpecker**, **Indian Blackbird**, **Malabar Whistling Thrush**, **Grey-fronted Green Pigeon**, and **Nilgiri Wood Pigeon**, but best of all were several **Pied Thrushes**, a rare passage bird here, that were gorging themselves on the heavily laden fruiting trees.



*We had great views of **Malabar Whistling Thrush** while we were in the hills.*

Day 6, 3rd April 2019. Munnar to Sethumadai via Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary

We spent the early morning birding around our accommodation, finding a nice mix of species that included **Pied Thrush**, **White-bellied Blue Robin**, **Indian Yellow-lored Tit**, **Orange Minivet**, **Square-tailed Bulbul**, **Indian Blue Robin**, **Indian Blackbird**, **Bonelli's Eagle**, **Greater Flameback**, **Malabar Barbet**, **Malabar Whistling Thrush**, **Blue-winged (Malabar) Parakeet**, and **Blue-capped Rock Thrush**.

After breakfast we commenced our journey to Sethumadai, and we called in at the Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary along the way. Here we found a few new birds for the trip, or improved our views of others, such as **White-browed Bulbul**, **White-rumped Shama**, **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, **Asian Brown Flycatcher**, **Jerdon's Leafbird**, **Black Eagle**, **Yellow-crowned Woodpecker**, **Black-rumped Flameback**, **White-bellied Drongo**, and **White-browed Fantail**. Nearby we also found **Crested Treeswift**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, and **Common House Martin** along the roadside.

On arrival at our accommodation for the night we discovered a pair of **Spotted Owlets**, a family of **Yellow-billed Babblers**, and **Asian Palm Swift** and were treated to a dusk chorus of **Indian Peafowl** as they bugled away.

Day 7, 4th April 2019. Sethumadai to Masinagudi via Ooty and Mudumalai National Park

We left Sethumadai after an early breakfast, pausing briefly to watch **Purple-rumped Sunbird**, **Pale-billed Flowerpecker**, **Yellow-billed Babbler**, and **Black-rumped Flameback** mobbing a pair of **Spotted Owlets**.

It was essentially a travel day, as we had a lot of ground to cover, but we too drove a route that allowed us to stop for a couple of hours birding at high elevation near the hill town of Ooty. Here we immediately found the beautiful **Nilgiri Laughingthrush** and a troop of **Nilgiri Langurs**. A mixed flock gave some excitement as we found **Tickell's Leaf Warbler**, **Western Crowned Warbler**, **Large-billed Leaf Warbler**, and **Greenish Warbler** along with **Indian Scimitar Babbler**, more **Nilgiri Laughingthrushes**, **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**, **Olive-backed Pipit**, and **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher**; however, the star of the show here was the **Nilgiri Blue Robin**. It was great to see this bird after only hearing one earlier in the tour. We had one final target in mind, and after a lot of searching we found ourselves watching the rather cute **Black-and-orange Flycatcher**, another regional endemic.



Nilgiri Blue Robin has a tiny global range and so was a big target on the tour; this one showed well.

We continued our drive down to the plains, and as we drove through Mudumalai National Park we saw **Indian Peafowl**, **Red Spurfowl**, **Black-winged Kite**, **Crested Hawk-Eagle**, **Indian Robin**, **Brahminy Starling**, **Jungle Myna**, and **Yellow-throated Sparrow**, as well as **Chital**, **Indian Grey Mongoose**, **Indian (Black-naped) Hare**, and **Bonnet Macaque**.

Day 8, 5th April 2019. Masinagudi and the Mudumalai National Park area

The final day's birding of the tour saw us focusing on a few local target species, and over the course of a couple of hours we did really well. **Grey Junglefowl** was sighted in the grounds of our accommodation, along with several other birds and mammals – great views of **Tufted Gray Langur**.

After breakfast we headed into the thorn scrub, and almost immediately we were watching a pair of **Indian Nuthatches**, quickly followed by **White-bellied Minivet**, **Jerdon's Bush Lark**, **Yellow-eyed Babbler**, and **Blue-faced Malkoha**. We moved to some more-open farm/wasteland and found an **Indian Pitta** feeding along a roadside verge, and here we also saw the first of several **Booted Warblers** seen during the morning. Other great birds here included **Malabar Lark**, **Blyth's Pipit**, **Hume's Whitethroat**, **Yellow-wattled Lapwing**, **Grey Francolin**, and **Yellow-billed Babbler**. Keeping an eye on the sky also paid dividends when we found a kettle of **Woolly-necked Storks** on a thermal with **Indian Vulture** and **White-rumped Vulture** too. Both vultures, once abundant throughout the country, are now considered Critically Endangered by BirdLife International due to rapid population declines, so they were a real privilege to see. Driving around the local area produced a **Common Indian Monitor** and also resulted in a brief covey of **Jungle Bush Quails**, **Short-toed Snake Eagle**, **Common Woodshrike**, and **Eurasian Hoopoe**.

After sitting out the heat of the day and enjoying some of the birds in the hotel grounds (such as **Common Hawk-Cuckoo**, **Indian Nuthatch**, and a rarity in the form of a stunning breeding-plumaged **Taiga Flycatcher**) we ventured out for our final birdwatching session of the tour and ended in a suitable blaze of glory by finding both **Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl** and **Brown Fish Owl**. To see these huge owls was a real treat and a fitting way to end the birding on the tour. We also saw several other quality birds during the afternoon, such as **Streak-throated Woodpecker**, **Heart-spotted Woodpecker**, and **Orange-headed Thrush**. Some of the group even saw an **Asian Elephant**!



*We ended the tour in style with this huge **Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl** – what a bird!*

Day 9, 6th April 2019. Masinagudi to Bangalore, where the tour concluded

This was a travel day, driving from Masinagudi to Bangalore, where the tour concluded with international departures.

Bird List - Following IOC (9.1)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen.

The following notation after the common names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable NT = Near-threatened. Indian endemic species are bolded.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)	
Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)	
Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>
Jungle Bush Quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>
Painted Bush Quail (H)	<i>Perdica erythrorhyncha</i>
Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>
Grey Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>
Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>
Grebes (Podicipedidae)	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)	
Red-naped Ibis	<i>Pseudibis papillosa</i>
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>
Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>
Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)	
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	
Oriental Darter - NT	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Crested Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Black Baza	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>
White-rumped Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>
Indian Vulture - CR	<i>Gyps indicus</i>
Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>
Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
Tawny Eagle - VU	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>
Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
Lesser Fish Eagle - NT	<i>Haliaeetus humilis</i>
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
Grey-headed Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>
Nilgiri Wood Pigeon - VU	<i>Columba elphinstonii</i>
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
Laughing Dove	<i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
Grey-fronted Green Pigeon	<i>Treron affinis</i>
Green Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>
Mountain Imperial Pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>
Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus dicruroides</i>
Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>
Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
Barn Owls (Tytonidae)	
Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>
Owls (Strigidae)	
Indian Scops Owl (H)	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo nipalensis</i>
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
Mottled Wood Owl	<i>Strix ocellata</i>
Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Frogmouths (Podargidae)	
Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
Nightjars (Caprimulgidae)	
Great Eared Nightjar	<i>Lyncornis macrotis</i>
Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>
Treeswifts (Hemiprocnidae)	
Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>
Swifts (Apodidae)	
Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>
White-rumped Spinetail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>
Blyth's Swift	<i>Apus leuconyx</i>
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>
Trogons (Trogonidae)	
Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>
Rollers (Coraciidae)	
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>
Oriental Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>
Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>
Hoopoes (Upupidae)	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)	
Great Hornbill – VU (H)	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>
Malabar Grey Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros griseus</i>
Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)	
White-cheeked Barbet	<i>Psilopogon viridis</i>
Malabar Barbet	<i>Psilopogon malabaricus</i>
Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>
Woodpeckers (Picidae)	
Heart-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Hemicircus canente</i>
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>
Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>
White-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>
Lesser Yellownap	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>
Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>
Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>
Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)	
Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
Blue-winged Parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
Vernal Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>
Pittas (Pittidae)	
Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>
Vangas & Allies (Vangidae)	
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
Malabar Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis sylvicola</i>
Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>

Common Name	Scientific Name
Woodswallows, Butcherbirds & Allies (Artamidae)	
Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>
Ioras (Aegithinidae)	
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)	
White-bellied Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus erythropygius</i>
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>
Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage melanoptera</i>
Shrikes (Laniidae)	
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
Bay-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius vittatus</i>
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>
Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (Oriolidae)	
Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>
Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>
Drongos (Dicruridae)	
Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>
White-bellied Drongo	<i>Dicrurus caerulescens</i>
Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
Fantails (Rhipiduridae)	
White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>
Monarchs (Monarchidae)	
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
Indian Paradise Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)	

Common Name	Scientific Name
Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>
White-bellied Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta leucogastra</i>
House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
Indian Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus culminatus</i>
Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)	
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>
Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)	
Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>
Indian Black-lored Tit	<i>Machlolophus aplonotus</i>
Larks (Alaudidae)	
Jerdon's Bush Lark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>
Malabar Lark	<i>Galerida malabarica</i>
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
Grey-headed Bulbul - NT	<i>Pycnonotus priocephalus</i>
Flame-throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus gularis</i>
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>
Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>
White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>
Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Acritillas indica</i>
Square-tailed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>
Dusky Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne concolor</i>
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
Leaf Warblers & Allies (Phylloscopidae)	
Tytlar's Leaf Warbler - NT	<i>Phylloscopus tytleri</i>
Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>
Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>

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Large-billed Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>
Reed Warblers & Allies (Acrocephalidae)	
Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>
Thick-billed Warbler	<i>Arundinax aedon</i>
Booted Warbler	<i>Iduna caligata</i>
Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)	
Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
Babblers, Scimitar Babblers (Timaliidae)	
Indian Scimitar Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus horsfieldii</i>
Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
Fulvettas, Ground Babblers (Pellorneidae)	
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>
Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>
Laughingthrushes & Allies (Leiothrichidae)	
Nilgiri Laughingthrush - EN	<i>Montecincla cachinnans</i>
Palani Laughingthrush - NT	<i>Montecincla fairbanki</i>
Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Argya affinis</i>
Jungle Babbler	<i>Argya striata</i>
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Hume's Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>
Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
Fairy-bluebirds (Irenidae)	
Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>
Nuthatches (Sittidae)	
Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>

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Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)	
Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>
Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
Malabar Starling	<i>Sturnia blythii</i>
Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>
Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Pied Thrush	<i>Geokichla wardii</i>
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>
Nilgiri Thrush	<i>Zoothera neilgherriensis</i>
Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)	
Indian Robin	<i>Copsychus fulicatus</i>
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
White-bellied Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis pallidipes</i>
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i>
Nilgiri Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias albicaudatus</i>
Indian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora brunnea</i>
Nilgiri Blue Robin - EN	<i>Sholicola major</i>
White-bellied Blue Robin - VU	<i>Sholicola albiventris</i>
Malabar Whistling Thrush	<i>Myophonus horsfieldii</i>
Rusty-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula ruficauda</i>
Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>
Black-and-orange Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula nigrorufa</i>
Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>
Blue-capped Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola cinclorhyncha</i>
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
Leafbirds (Chloropseidae)	

Common Name	Scientific Name
Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>
Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)	
Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>
Nilgiri Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>
Crimson-backed Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma minima</i>
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
Loten's Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>
Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>
Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)	
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>
Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>
Nilgiri Pipit - VU	<i>Anthus nilghiriensis</i>
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)	
Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
Total seen	226
Total heard only	3
Total recorded	229

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Mongoose (Herpestidae)	
Indian Grey Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>
Bovids (Bovidae)	
Domestic Water Buffalo	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>
Nilgiri Tahr	<i>Nilgiritragus hylocrius</i>
Deer (Cervidae)	
Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>
Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>
Pigs (Suidae)	
Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
Old World Fruit Bats (Pteropodidae)	
Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>
Rabbits and Hares (Leporidae)	
Indian (Black-naped) Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Bonnet Macaque	<i>Macaca radiata</i>
Black-footed Gray Langur	<i>Semnopithecus hypoleucos</i>
Tufted Gray Langur	<i>Semnopithecus priam</i>
Nilgiri Langur	<i>Trachypithecus johnii</i>
Lorises, Pottos and Angwantibos (Lorisidae)	
Gray Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>
Elephants (Elephantidae)	
Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus</i>
Squirrels (Sciuridae)	
Common Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>
Dusky-striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>
Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>

Sri Lankan Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>
Total seen	18

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Agamids (Agamidae)	
Oriental Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
Southern Flying Lizard	<i>Draco dussumieri</i>
Gekkonidae (Geckos)	
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Dussumier's Forest Skink	<i>Sphenomorphus dussumieri</i>
Keeled Indian Mabuya	<i>Eutropis carinata</i>
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Common Indian Monitor	<i>Varanus bengalensis</i>
Colubrid Snakes (Colubridae)	
Common Bronzeback Tree Snake	<i>Dendrelaphis tristis</i>
Total seen	7

Amphibian List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Toads (Bufonidae)	
Black-spectacled Toad	<i>Duttaphrynus melanostictus</i>
Total seen	1