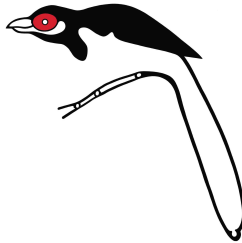


# **Birds of Sri Lanka A Tally List**



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## Introduction

List of bird species for this publication is based on the 'Revised Avifaunal list of Sri Lanka' (Kaluthota & Kotagama, 2009). All the species recorded in Sri Lanka are listed in this Tally list under two sections. First section lists all the breeding resident species and regular migrant species. Second section lists all the other species that irregularly recorded from Sri Lanka. This includes vagrants, presence uncertain and status unknown species.

Nomenclature and classification is adapted from the BirdLife system, which follows Dickinson (2003) for higher level (Family and Order) sequence, and Sibley and Monroe (1990, 1993) for the species sequence. The family names also follow Dickinson (2003).

## How to use the Tally list

Users can record their observations up to five visits in this booklet. Information on the visits can be filled in the forms given in the page 4. Observations of birds can be marked in the respective column for the visit considered, in the tally list.

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'Sri Lanka Birds' is an Internet-based spatial database about birds, their science and their distribution, that allows users from anywhere in the world to input and query Sri Lankan bird data. Visit [www.worldbirds.org/srilanka](http://www.worldbirds.org/srilanka), the home page of the "Sri Lanka Birds". Users can enter their observations, see observations already entered in the system, and create reports on the species and their distribution. Users can enter their observations marked in this booklet directly into the system as the visit information form and the list is prepared according to the database.

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**Section 1**  
**Breeding residents and migrants**

Common name	Scientific name	Status	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Phasianidae (Grouse, pheasants &amp; partridges)</b>							
1 Painted Francolin	<i>Francolinus pictus</i>	R					
2 Grey Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	R					
3 Blue Quail	<i>Coturnix chinensis</i>	R					
4 Jungle Bush-quail	<i>Perdica asiatica</i>	R					
5 Sri Lanka Spurfowl <sup>E</sup>	<i>Galloperdix bicalcarata</i>	R					
6 Sri Lanka Junglefowl <sup>E</sup>	<i>Gallus lafayetii</i>	R					
7 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	R					
<b>Anatidae (Ducks, geese &amp; swans)</b>							
8 Lesser Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	R					
9 Cotton Pygmy-goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	R					
10 Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	M					
11 Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	M/UB					
12 Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	M					
13 Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	M					
14 Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	M					
15 Common Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	M					
<b>Podicipedidae (Grebes)</b>							
16 Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	R					
<b>Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)</b>							
17 Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	M					
<b>Ciconiidae (Storks)</b>							
18 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	R					
19 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	R					
20 Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	R					
21 Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	R					
22 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	R					
<b>Threskiornithidae (Ibises &amp; spoonbills)</b>							
23 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	R					
24 Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	M					
25 Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	R					
<b>Ardeidae (Herons &amp; egrets)</b>							
26 Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	R					
27 Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	R					
28 Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	R					

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
29	Malaysian Night-heron	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i>
30	Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
31	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
32	Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
33	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
34	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
35	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
36	Great Egret	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>
37	Intermediate Egret	<i>Mesophoyx intermedia</i>
38	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
39	Western Reef-egret	<i>Egretta gularis</i>

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**Pelecanidae (Pelicans)**

40	Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
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**Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants)**

41	Little Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>
42	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>
43	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>

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**Anhingidae (Anhingas)**

44	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
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**Falconidae (Falcons & caracaras)**

45	Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
46	Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>
47	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>

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**Accipitridae (Osprey, kites, hawks & eagles)**

48	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
49	Jerdon's Baza	<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>
50	Black Baza	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>
51	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>
52	Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
53	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
54	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliaeetus indus</i>
55	White-bellied Sea-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
56	Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>
57	Crested Serpent-eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
58	Western Marsh-harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>
59	Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>
60	Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>
61	Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>

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62	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
63	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
64	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
65	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>
66	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>
67	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraetus pennatus</i>
68	Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Hieraetus kienerii</i>
69	Changeable Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>
70	Mountain Hawk-eagle	<i>Spizaetus nipalensis</i>

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**Rallidae (Rails, crakes & allies)**

71	Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>
72	Slaty-breasted Rail	<i>Gallirallus striatus</i>
73	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amauornis phoenicurus</i>
74	Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>
75	Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Porzana fusca</i>
76	Watercock	<i>Gallicrex cinerea</i>
77	Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>
78	Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
79	Common Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>

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**Turnicidae (Buttonquails)**

80	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
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**Burhinidae (Thick-knees)**

81	Eurasian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus oedicnemus</i>
82	Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>

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**Haematopodidae (Oystercatchers)**

83	Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
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**Dromadidae (Crab Plover)**

84	Crab Plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>
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**Recurvirostridae (Stilts & avocets)**

85	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
86	White-headed Stilt	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>
87	Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>

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**Charadriidae (Plovers)**

88	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malarbaricus</i>
89	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>
90	Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
91	Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
92	Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>

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128	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>

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**Glareolidae (Coursers & pratincoles)**

129	Indian Courser	<i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>
130	Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>
131	Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>
132	Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>

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**Laridae (Gulls & terns)**

133	Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>
134	Brown-headed Gull	<i>Larus brunnicephalus</i>
135	Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
136	Gull-billed Tern	<i>Sterna nilotica</i>
137	Caspian Tern	<i>Sterna caspia</i>
138	Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>
139	Great Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>
140	Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>
141	Roseate Tern	<i>Sterna dougallii</i>
142	Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
143	Little Tern	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
144	Saunders's Tern	<i>Sterna saundersi</i>
145	Bridled Tern	<i>Sterna anaethetus</i>
146	Sooty Tern	<i>Sterna fuscata</i>
147	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>
148	White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>

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**Columbidae (Doves & pigeons)**

149	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
150	Sri Lanka Wood-pigeon <sup>E</sup>	<i>Columba torringtoniae</i>
151	Oriental Turtle-dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
152	Red Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>
153	Eurasian Collared-dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>
154	Spotted Dove	<i>Stigmatopelia chinensis</i>
155	Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
156	Orange-breasted Green-pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>
157	Pompador Green-pigeon <sup>PE</sup>	<i>Treron pompadora</i>
158	Yellow-footed Green-pigeon	<i>Treron phoenicopterus</i>
159	Green Imperial-pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>

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**Psittacidae (Parrots)**

160	Sri Lanka Hanging-parrot <sup>E</sup>	<i>Loriculus beryllinus</i>
161	Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Psittacula eupatria</i>

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162	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>
163	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>
164	Sri Lanka Emerald-collared Parakeet <sup>E</sup>	<i>Psittacula calthropae</i>

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**Cuculidae (Cuckoos)**

165	Pied Cuckoo	<i>Clamator jacobinus</i>
166	Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	<i>Clamator coromandus</i>
167	Common Hawk-cuckoo	<i>Cuculus varius</i>
168	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
169	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
170	Lesser Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus poliocephalus</i>
171	Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis somneratii</i>
172	Grey-bellied Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis passerinus</i>
173	Drongo Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>
174	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>
175	Blue-faced Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus viridirostris</i>
176	Sirkeer Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii</i>
177	Sri Lanka Red-faced Malkoha <sup>E</sup>	<i>Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus</i>
178	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
179	Sri Lanka Green-billed Coucal <sup>E</sup>	<i>Centropus chlororhynchus</i>

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**Tytonidae (Barn owls)**

180	Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>
181	Oriental Bay-owl	<i>Phodilus badius</i>

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**Strigidae (Owls)**

182	Sri Lanka Serendib Scops-owl <sup>E</sup>	<i>Otus thilohoffmanni</i>
183	Oriental Scops-owl	<i>Otus sunia</i>
184	Collared Scops-owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>
185	Spot-bellied Eagle-owl	<i>Bubo nipalensis</i>
186	Brown Fish-owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>
187	Brown Wood-owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
188	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>
189	Sri Lanka Chestnut-backed Owlet <sup>E</sup>	<i>Glaucidium castanonotum</i>
190	Brown Hawk-owl	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>
191	Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>

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**Podargidae (Frogmouths)**

192	Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>
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**Caprimulgidae (Nightjars)**

193	Grey Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>
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194	Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>	R					
195	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	R					
<b>Apodidae (Swifts)</b>								
196	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia unicolor</i>	R					
197	Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>	R					
198	Asian Palm-swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	R					
199	Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	R					
200	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	R					
<b>Hemiprocnidae (Treeswifts)</b>								
201	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiproctne coronata</i>	R					
<b>Trogonidae (Trogons)</b>								
202	Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>	R					
<b>Coraciidae (Rollers)</b>								
203	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	R					
204	Asian Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	R					
<b>Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)</b>								
205	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	R					
206	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smymensis</i>	R					
207	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>	M					
208	Black-backed Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>	R					
209	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	R					
210	Blue-eared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo meninting</i>	R					
211	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	R					
<b>Meropidae (Bee-eaters)</b>								
212	Little Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	R					
213	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	M					
214	European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	M					
215	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	R					
<b>Upupidae (Hoopoes)</b>								
216	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	R					
<b>Bucerotidae (Hornbills)</b>								
217	Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill <sup>E</sup>	<i>Ocyrceros gingalensis</i>	R					
218	Malabar Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoercos coronatus</i>	R					
<b>Ramphastidae (Toucans &amp; barbets)</b>								
219	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Megalaima zeylanica</i>	R					
220	Sri Lanka Yellow-fronted Barbet <sup>E</sup>	<i>Megalaima flavifrons</i>	R					
221	Crimson-fronted Barbet <sup>PE</sup>	<i>Megalaima rubricapillus</i>	R					



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251 White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	R					
<b>Monarchidae (Monarchs)</b>							
252 Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	R					
253 Asian Paradise-flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	R/M					
<b>Corvidae (Crows &amp; jays)</b>							
254 Sri Lanka Magpie <sup>E</sup>	<i>Urocissa ornata</i>	R					
255 House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	R					
256 Jungle Crow	<i>Corvus levaillantii</i>	R					
<b>Paridae ( Tits &amp; chickadees)</b>							
257 Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	R					
<b>Hirundinidae (Swallows &amp; martins)</b>							
258 Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	M					
259 Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>	R					
260 Red-rumped Swallow <sup>PE</sup>	<i>Hirundo daurica</i>	R/M					
<b>Alaudidae (Larks)</b>							
261 Jerdon's Bushlark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>	R					
262 Oriental Skylark	<i>Alauda gulgula</i>	R					
263 Ashy-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix griseus</i>	R					
<b>Cisticolidae (Cisticolas &amp; allies)</b>							
264 Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	R					
265 Grey-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	R					
266 Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	R					
267 Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	R					
268 Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	R					
<b>Pycnonotidae (Bulbuls)</b>							
269 Black-crested Bulbul <sup>PE</sup>	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>	R					
270 Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	R					
271 Sri Lanka Yellow-eared Bulbul <sup>E</sup>	<i>Pycnonotus penicillatus</i>	R					
272 White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>	R					
273 Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Iole indica</i>	R					
274 Asian Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	R					
<b>Sylviidae (Old World warblers)</b>							
275 Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	R					
276 Sri Lanka Bush-warbler <sup>E</sup>	<i>Bradypterus palliseri</i>	R					
277 Common Grasshopper-warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	M					
278 Pallas's Grasshopper-warbler	<i>Locustella certhiola</i>	M					
279 Blyth's Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	M					
280 Clamorous Reed-warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	R/UM					

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
281	Booted Warbler	<i>Hippolais caligata</i>
282	Sykes's Warbler	<i>Hippolais rama</i>
283	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
284	Large-billed Leaf-warbler	<i>Phylloscopus magnirostris</i>
285	Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>
286	Hume's Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia althaea</i>

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**Timaliidae (Babblers & parrotbills)**

287	Sri Lanka Brown-capped Babbler <sup>E</sup>	<i>Pellorneum fuscicapillus</i>
288	Sri Lanka Scimitar-babbler <sup>E</sup>	<i>Pomatorhinus melanurus</i>
289	Tawny-bellied Babbler	<i>Dumetia hyperythra</i>
290	Dark-fronted Babbler	<i>Rhopocichla atriceps</i>
291	Yellow-eyed Babbler	<i>Chrysomma sinense</i>
292	Sri Lanka Orange-billed Babbler <sup>E</sup>	<i>Turdoides rufescens</i>
293	Yellow-billed Babbler	<i>Turdoides affinis</i>
294	Sri Lanka Ashy-headed Laughingthrush <sup>E</sup>	<i>Garrulax cinereifrons</i>

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**Zosteropidae (White-eyes)**

295	Sri Lanka White-eye <sup>E</sup>	<i>Zosterops ceylonensis</i>
296	Oriental White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>

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**Sittidae (Nuthatches & Wallcreeper)**

297	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
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**Sturnidae (Starlings)**

298	Sri Lanka Myna <sup>E</sup>	<i>Gracula ptilogenys</i>
299	Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>
300	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
301	Sri Lanka White-faced Starling <sup>E</sup>	<i>Sturnus albofrontatus</i>
302	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnus pagodarum</i>
303	Rosy Starling	<i>Sturnus roseus</i>

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**Turdidae (Thrushes)**

304	Sri Lanka Whistling-thrush <sup>E</sup>	<i>Myophonus blighi</i>
305	Pied Thrush	<i>Zoothera wardii</i>
306	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>
307	Sri Lanka Spot-winged Thrush <sup>E</sup>	<i>Zoothera spiloptera</i>
308	Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush <sup>E</sup>	<i>Zoothera imbricata</i>
309	Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>

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**Muscicapidae (Chats & Old World flycatchers)**

310	Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
311	Indian Blue Robin	<i>Luscinia brunnea</i>

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	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
312	Oriental Magpie-robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
313	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
314	Indian Robin	<i>Saxicoloides fulicatus</i>
315	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
316	Blue Rock-thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
317	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
318	Brown-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa muttui</i>
319	Kashmir Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula subrubra</i>
320	Sri Lanka Dull-blue Flycatcher <sup>E</sup>	<i>Eumyias sordidus</i>
321	Blue-throated Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis rubeculoides</i>
322	Tickell's Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis tickelliae</i>
323	Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>

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**Chloropseidae (Leafbirds)**

324	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>
325	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>

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**Dicaeidae (Flowerpeckers)**

326	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>
327	Sri Lanka White-throated Flowerpecker <sup>E</sup>	<i>Dicaeum vincens</i>
328	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>

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**Nectariniidae (Sunbirds)**

329	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia zeylonica</i>
330	Purple Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia asiatica</i>
331	Long-billed Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia lotenia</i>

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**Passeridae (Sparrows, snowfinches & allies)**

332	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
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**Ploceidae (Weavers & allies)**

333	Streaked Weaver	<i>Ploceus manyar</i>
334	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>

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**Estrildidae (Waxbills, grass finches, munias & allies)**

335	White-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura malabarica</i>
336	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
337	Black-throated Munia	<i>Lonchura kelaarti</i>
338	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
339	Tricoloured Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>

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**Motacillidae (Wagtails & pipits)**

340	Forest Wagtail	<i>Dendronanthus indicus</i>
341	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
342	Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>

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	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
343	Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
344	Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
345	Richard's Pipit	<i>Anthus richardi</i>
346	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
347	Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>

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R	Breeding Resident
M	Migrant
UB	Uncertain Breeding records
UM	Uncertain Migrant records
E	Endemic
PE	Proposed Endemic

**Section 2**  
**Vagrant, Status Unknown and Presence Uncertain Species**

Common name	Scientific name	Status	1	2	3	4	5
<b>Phasianidae (Grouse, pheasants &amp; partridges)</b>							
1 Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	PU					
2 Rain Quail	<i>Coturnix coromandelica</i>	Va					
<b>Anatidae (Ducks, geese &amp; swans)</b>							
3 Fulvous Whistling-duck	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	Va					
4 Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser</i>	PU					
5 Comb Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	Va					
6 Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Va					
7 Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Va					
8 Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Va					
9 Marbled Teal	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	Va					
10 Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	PU					
11 Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	PU					
12 Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Va					
<b>Procellariidae (Petrels &amp; shearwaters)</b>							
13 Cape Petrel	<i>Daption capense</i>	SU					
14 Barau's Petrel	<i>Pterodroma baraui</i>	SU					
15 Soft-plumaged Petrel	<i>Pterodroma mollis</i>	SU					
16 White-headed Petrel	<i>Pterodroma lessonii</i>	SU					
17 Streaked Shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>	SU					
18 Wedge-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus pacificus</i>	SU					
19 Flesh-footed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus carneipes</i>	SU					
20 Sooty Shearwater	<i>Puffinus griseus</i>	SU					
21 Short-tailed Shearwater	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>	SU					
22 Audubon's Shearwater	<i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>	SU					
23 Bulwer's Petrel	<i>Bulweria bulwerii</i>	SU					
24 Jouanin's Petrel	<i>Bulweria fallax</i>	SU					
<b>Hydrobatidae (Storm-petrels)</b>							
25 Wilson's Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanites oceanicus</i>	SU					
26 White-faced Storm-petrel	<i>Pelagodroma marina</i>	SU					
27 Black-bellied Storm-petrel	<i>Fregatta tropica</i>	SU					
28 Swinhoe's Storm-petrel	<i>Oceanodroma monorhis</i>	SU					
<b>Phoenicopteridae (Flamingos)</b>							
29 Lesser Flamingo	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	Va					
<b>Ciconiidae (Storks)</b>							

Common name	Scientific name	Status	1	2	3	4	5
30 Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Va					
31 White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Va					
<b>Ardeidae (Herons &amp; egrets)</b>							
32 Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Va					
33 Chinese Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>	Va					
34 Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	Va					
<b>Phaethontidae (Tropicbirds)</b>							
35 Red-billed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon aethereus</i>	SU					
36 White-tailed Tropicbird	<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	SU					
<b>Fregatidae (Frigatebirds)</b>							
37 Greater Frigatebird	<i>Fregata minor</i>	SU					
38 Lesser Frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	SU					
39 Christmas Frigatebird	<i>Fregata andrewsi</i>	SU					
<b>Pelecanidae (Pelicans)</b>							
40 Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Va					
41 Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Va					
<b>Sulidae (Gannets &amp; boobies)</b>							
42 Masked Booby	<i>Sula dactylatra</i>	SU					
43 Red-footed Booby	<i>Sula sula</i>	SU					
44 Brown Booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	SU					
<b>Falconidae (Falcons &amp; caracaras)</b>							
45 Black-thighed Falconet	<i>Microhierax fringillarius</i>	Va					
46 Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Va					
47 Red-necked Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	Va					
48 Amur Falcon	<i>Falco amurensis</i>	Va					
<b>Accipitridae (Osprey, kites, hawks &amp; eagles)</b>							
49 Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	PU					
50 Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Va					
51 Grey-faced Buzzard	<i>Butastur indicus</i>	PU					
52 Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	Va					
53 Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Hieraetus fasciatus</i>	Va					
<b>Rallidae (Rails, crakes &amp; allies)</b>							
54 Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	PU					
55 Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Va					
<b>Turnicidae (Buttonquails)</b>							
56 Small Buttonquail	<i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>	Va					
<b>Charadriidae (Plovers)</b>							
57 Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>	Va					

	<b>Common name</b>	<b>Scientific name</b>
58	Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>
59	Long-billed Plover	<i>Charadrius placidus</i>
60	Oriental Plover	<i>Charadrius veredus</i>

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**Scolopacidae (Sandpipers & allies)**

61	Wood Snipe	<i>Gallinago nemoricola</i>
62	Swinhoe's Snipe	<i>Gallinago megala</i>
63	Asian Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i>
64	Little Curlew	<i>Numenius minutus</i>
65	Slender-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>
66	Spotted Greenshank	<i>Tringa guttifer</i>
67	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>
68	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>
69	Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
70	White-rumped Sandpiper	<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>
71	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>
72	Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris acuminata</i>
73	Spoon-billed Sandpiper	<i>Eurynorhynchus pygmeus</i>
74	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	<i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>
75	Wilson's Phalarope	<i>Steganopus tricolor</i>
76	Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>

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**Laridae (Gulls & terns)**

77	Sooty Gull	<i>Larus hemprichii</i>
78	Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
79	Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>
80	Lesser Black-backed Gull	<i>Larus fuscus</i>
81	Slender-billed Gull	<i>Larus genei</i>
82	Black-naped Tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>
83	White-cheeked Tern	<i>Sterna repressa</i>
84	Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>
85	Brown Noddy	<i>Anous stolidus</i>
86	Black Noddy	<i>Anous minutus</i>
87	Lesser Noddy	<i>Anous tenuirostris</i>

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**Stercorariidae (Skuas & jaegers)**

88	Brown Skua	<i>Catharacta lonnbergi</i>
89	South Polar Skua	<i>Catharacta maccormicki</i>
90	Pomarine Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>
91	Parasitic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>

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**Columbidae (Doves & pigeons)**

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92	Pale-capped Pigeon	<i>Columba punicea</i>	Va					
	<b>Cuculidae (Cuckoos)</b>							
93	Asian Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx maculatus</i>	Va					
94	Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>	PU					
	<b>Caprimulgidae (Nightjars)</b>							
95	Great Eared-nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus macrotis</i>	Va					
	<b>Apodidae (Swifts)</b>							
96	White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	Va					
97	Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	Va					
98	Fork-tailed Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	Va					
99	Dark-rumped Swift	<i>Apus acuticauda</i>	Va					
	<b>Picidae (Woodpeckers)</b>							
100	Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Va					
	<b>Campephagidae (Cuckoo-shrikes)</b>							
101	Indochinese Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina polioptera</i>	Va					
	<b>Laniidae (Shrikes)</b>							
102	Great Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	Va					
	<b>Oriolidae (Orioles &amp; figbirds)</b>							
103	Slender-billed Oriole	<i>Oriolus tenuirostris</i>	Va					
	<b>Rhipiduridae (Fantails)</b>							
104	Pied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura javanica</i>	Va					
	<b>Hirundinidae (Swallows &amp; martins)</b>							
105	Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Va					
106	Pale Crag-martin	<i>Hirundo obsoleta</i>	Va					
107	Dusky Crag-martin	<i>Hirundo concolor</i>	Va					
108	Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	Va					
109	Streak-throated Swallow	<i>Hirundo fluvicola</i>	Va					
	<b>Cisticolidae (Cisticolas &amp; allies)</b>							
110	Rufescent Prinia	<i>Prinia rufescens</i>	Va					
	<b>Sylviidae (Old World warblers)</b>							
111	Broad-tailed Grassbird	<i>Schoenicola platyurus</i>	PU					
112	Pale-footed Bush-warbler	<i>Cettia pallidipes</i>	Va					
113	Lanceolated Warbler	<i>Locustella lanceolata</i>	Va					
114	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	Va					
115	Green-crowned Warbler	<i>Seicercus burkii</i>	Va					
116	Small Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia minula</i>	Va					
	<b>Irenidae (Fairy-bluebirds)</b>							
117	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	Va					

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<b>Sturnidae (Starlings)</b>								
118	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnus malabaricus</i>	Va					
119	Purple-backed Starling	<i>Sturnus sturninus</i>	Va					
120	Asian Pied Starling	<i>Sturnus contra</i>	Va					
<b>Turdidae (Thrushes)</b>								
121	Eyebrowed Thrush	<i>Turdus obscurus</i>	Va					
<b>Muscicapidae (Chats &amp; Old World flycatchers)</b>								
122	Rufous-tailed Scrub-robin	<i>Erythropygia galactotes</i>	Va					
123	Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	Va					
124	Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	Va					
125	Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Va					
126	Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Va					
127	Yellow-rumped Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula zanthopygia</i>	Va					
128	Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Va					
129	Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>	Va					
130	Black-and-rufous Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula nigrorufa</i>	PU					
131	White-bellied Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis pallipes</i>	Va					
132	Hill Blue-flycatcher	<i>Cyornis banyumas</i>	Va					
<b>Nectariniidae (Sunbirds)</b>								
133	Crimson-backed Sunbird	<i>Nectarinia minima</i>	PU					
<b>Passeridae (Sparrows, snowfinches &amp; allies)</b>								
134	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Petronia xanthocollis</i>	PU					
<b>Estrildidae (Waxbills, grass finches, munias &amp; allies)</b>								
135	Red Avadavat	<i>Amandava amandava</i>	PU					
136	Chestnut Munia	<i>Lonchura atricapilla</i>	Va					
137	Java Sparrow	<i>Padda oryzivora</i>	PU					
<b>Motacillidae (Wagtails &amp; pipits)</b>								
138	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla madaraspatensis</i>	Va					
139	Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Va					
140	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	Va					
141	Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Va					
<b>Fringillidae (Finches &amp; Hawaiian honeycreepers)</b>								
142	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	Va					
<b>Emberizidae (Buntings, American sparrows &amp; allies)</b>								
143	Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani</i>	Va					
144	Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	Va					
145	Red-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza bruniceps</i>	Va					

Va – Vagrants

PU – Presence Uncertain

SU – Status Unknown

## **Code of conduct for birdwatchers**

When bird watching, please remember the following codes for good conduct.

- The welfare of birds must always come first.
- Do not disturb or disrupt any habitat.
- Respect the customs and rights of local people, land owners and villagers.
- Be courteous to local people, they will help.
- When watching with binoculars, take precaution not to point it at houses and places of activity - Some people do not like this.
- Silence is golden.
- Share experiences - it always helps the cause.
- Avoid “tape lures”.
- Leave nests alone, do not watch them directly at close range (a naughty cat, predator may be around.)

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