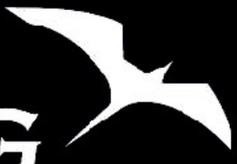




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India is a special place, and a force to be reckoned with. I have never met anyone who has been to India and come away anything less than awe-struck. Sri Lanka, on the other hand, is much more serene, so what better way to begin our 2020 Sri Lanka set departure tour, than with a brief jaunt to southern India? We spent 9 days or so winding our way through the humid lowlands and frigid highlands of Kerala and Tamil Nadu in search of myriad endemics and all-round great birding - plus some of the best food in the whole of Asia - which is really saying something! This all began with a stay at the Salim Ali sanctuary, kicked off with a gorgeous **Heart-spotted Woodpecker**.

Heart-spotted Woodpecker



The Salim Ali area hosted us for 3 nights, beside a winding river patrolled by **River Terns** amid scrubbery that held **Malabar** and **White-cheeked Barbets**. Further afield we explored the forests and open scrubby clearings finding many of the region's endemic birds including the spectacular **White-bellied Treepie**, **Rufous Babbler**, plentiful **Malabar Grey Hornbill** and **Malabar Parakeet** and, arguably the best 'chicken' in the world - **Grey Junglefowl**! Other top finds included the very tricky **Grey-headed Bulbul**, numerous **Orange Minivets** and a plethora of day-roosting nightbirds including the MEGA **Sri Lanka Bay Owl**, rarely seen by visiting birders, plus **Brown Fish Owl**, **Indian Scops Owl** and some of the most obliging **Sri Lanka Frogmouth** I have encountered.

Sri Lanka Bay Owl at a day roost near Salim Ali Sanctuary

Nocturnal forays were the order of the, well, night, here, and were mighty successful. The dusk period brought us **White-bellied Woodpecker** exploring for nesting areas, and magnificent **Indian Pitta** settling in for the evening with its distinctive shrill evening calls, but once darkness fell we were enthralled by a suite of nightjars including **Jerdon's, Jungle** and the other-worldly **Great Eared Nightjar** which is the size of a harrier - yes, honestly. In the throes of daylight we were also able to find **Jungle Owlet** and **Brown Hawk Owl** to add to our already impressive nocturnal bird tally, which was further bolstered by a roosting, mating, pair of **Grey Slender Loris** - a rather rare and infrequently seen mammal with the cutest eyes of any.

Indian Pitta preparing to roost at a stake out for Jordan's Nightjar



Our next base for a short stay was in the hill station town of Munnar where we went in search of mountain-denizen endemics. The temperature noticeably lower, we ascended the Eravikulam National Park track and birded its lower and upper reaches. On our first evening alone we had great encounters with **Nilgiri Flycatcher** and **Palani Laughingthrush, Indian Scimitar-Babbler**, the truly special **Black-and-Orange Flycatcher** and a supporting cast of scarce birds like **Speckled Piculet, Tytler's** and **Tickell's Leaf Warblers**, and Ben gripped us off with a **King Cobra** sighting. The morning shift took us to the top of the park where **White-bellied Sholakili** gave faultless views, **Nilgiri Pipit** impressed its small crowd of worshipers, and **Malabar Whistlingthrush** proved difficult to get a good look at in the undergrowth. **Nilgiri Tahr** were, as ever, accommodating to say the least.

Nilgiri Pipit showed exceptionally well on this tour

Our final afternoon in this area was spent on a beautiful private piece of land high in the hills and beyond a locked, ornate gate. Leading to a birding wonderland we felt like beige-clad Alices. **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** drifted over low and slow, **Nilgiri Woodpigeon** defied its normal nature by giving extended close perched views, **Common Hawk Cuckoo** repeatedly stole the show, along with **Indian Blue Robin** and **Puff-throated Babbler**, but bird of the afternoon award was a hotly-contested award with both **Nilgiri Thrush** and **Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** vying for the prize. Both rarely seen, both very skulky and difficult, both giving some of the best views we could hope for from these notoriously HARD birds.

White-bellied Sholakili is a southern Indian mountain endemic



Our journey to the next hill town on our itinerary, Ooty, was broken with two great stops. One produced **Yellow-throated Bulbul**, a bird which is not only rare and difficult, but also MUCH better than any field guide does justice to, whilst the other gave us good looks at **Thick-billed Warbler** and **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, both of which can be tough in this region. Our final stop before dinner was a row of stalls manned by vendors, an unlikely looking area, but we were delightfully surprised to find **Nilgiri Laughingthrush** common scrap-gleaners amid peoples feet, whilst more **Nilgiri Woodpigeon** adorned the dwarf alpine forest and a quick stop at the local dumping ground gave us phenomenal, up close and personal looks at a performing **Nilgiri Sholakili**.

Nilgiri Laughingthrush were positively tame at Ooty!

We began the day back in the cold highlands looking for repeat views of **Nilgiri Sholakili**, which mostly evaded us, but we were more than happy with a close and, more importantly, calm **Gaur** - a.k.a. Indian Bison. Descending, and warming, we first stopped at a small patch of scrub for looks at **Ashy Prinia** whilst we awaited our star - the mega **Painted Bush Quail**, which was only matched for quality by a nearby **White-spotted Fantail**. Descending further still, to the dry valley below, we walked an area of semi-savannah where a **Bonelli's Eagle** drew our attention, before it was stolen by the likes of the local **Malabar Lark**, as well as **Yellow-wattled Lapwing** and **Asian Silverbill**.

Gaur can be fierce, but this one just wanted to know who we were



Our first afternoon here was dedicated primarily to one very tough bird. **White-bellied Minivet** is difficult to find anywhere in its range, breeding or wintering, so with not insignificant effort we hunted and hunted until we found a small flock including some near-pristine males which eventually gave fantastic looks to the whole group. They were joined, nearby, by a strong supporting cast including the ever-elusive **Yellow-eyed Babbler**, squawking **Grey Francolin**, a surprisingly showy **Blyth's Reed Warbler**, **Speckle-throated** and **Yellow-crowned Woodpeckers** and a lovely experience with an obliging **Indian Nuthatch**.

White-bellied Minivet proving even tough birds are possible

Morning broke cool and misty in Mudumulai and saw us out at dawn in search of new birds. **Pale-billed Flowerpecker** was a novelty, as were ample **Black-rumped Flamebacks** that never become boring, but it was **White-naped Woodpecker** that we sought, and found, in a local plantation. Eventually we had intimate views of a pair, and moved on to our next target. Sauntering through the fields we were delighted by **Spotted Owlet** and a mixed group of **Tufted Langur** and **Chital**, but our local guide had a special treat in store for us: not one, but TWO **Spot-bellied Eagle Owls**. This is not an easy bird *anywhere*, so it instantly rose to the top layers of the pile for 'bird of the tour' - especially given its spectacular unobscured roosting locale!

Jordan's Nightjar prefer to rest on branches rather than the ground



Our afternoon brought us **Brahminy Starling** as a new bird, which though widespread are always a show stopper, but it was a local dump ground that brought us our most excitement - a phrase only uttered by birders! Here we found *dozens* of **Black Kites** and a few **Brahminy Kites**, as well as excellent looks at perched **Tawny Eagle**, **Indian Spotted Eagle** and at least three different **Eastern Imperial Eagles** - arguably one of the best birds of prey in Asia. Add to this the soaring **Red-headed** and **White-rumped Vultures** above us and it was a spectacular evening, which was only made even better by a long night drive that found us not only **Indian Nightjar** but the rare and endemic **Blackbuck**, or Indian Gazelle, and the mammal of the tour by a mile - a small pack of **Dhole**! Well, that's if you don't count the **Jungle Cat** and **Indian Porcupine** we found in our camp using Lisle's thermal imaging gear. What a finish to our time here in India.

Palani Laughingthrush is common once you're in its small range



Southern India has a lot to boast to the visiting naturalist. Our time here found us not only a lot of endemic birds, but a good number of scarce non- and near-endemic birds too. Add to this a number of good mammals like Gaur, Dhole, Blackbuck, Indian Porcupine and Asian Elephant, as well as a whole bounty of stunning butterflies and dragonflies, some gorgeous landscapes and an even better cuisine - one night I had the best potato curry of my life AND the best tandoori-style chicken of my life in the same meal - and you have the makings for an extremely worthwhile tour on its own. The fact that this is just a relatively short add-on to a larger Sri Lanka sojourn and it is far too attractive a prospect to be turned down, in my opinion. In just 8 days we added around 30 endemic birds - so if you've never been to southern India, you are almost guaranteed at *least* 30+ new birds, plus the beautiful experience of just plain and simply some of the best, most enjoyable birding anywhere on the continent. I can not wait to return and run this tour again.

- Lisle Gwynn (Tour Leader)

I'm not sure treepies come much better than White-bellied Treepie





Nilgiri Flycatcher sports a gorgeous light blue outfit to match our skin tone on a cold morning



Grey-headed Bulbul is arguably one of the toughest South India endemics



Malabar Trogon sits silently in the canopy



Left to right: Nilgiri Tahr is an endemic, and obliging goat. Brown Fish Owl and Indian Scops Owl are commonly found roosting on this tour.

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERED

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae			
	Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	
	Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	
GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae			
	Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	
E	Red Spurfowl	<i>Galloperdix spadicea</i>	H
E	Painted Bush-Quail	<i>Perdica erythrorhyncha</i>	
	Gray Francolin	<i>Francolinus pondicerianus</i>	
E	Gray Junglefowl	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>	
PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae			
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	
COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae			
	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	
E / Vu	Nilgiri Wood-Pigeon	<i>Columba elphinstonii</i>	
	Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	
	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	
	Laughing Dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	
	Asian Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	
E	Gray-fronted Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron affinis</i>	
	Green Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	
	Mountain Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>	
CUCULIFORMES: 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>	
	Common Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx varius</i>	
CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Podargidae			
SSE	Sri Lanka Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus moniliger</i>	
CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae			
	Great Eared-Nightjar	<i>Lyncornis macrotis</i>	
SSE	Jungle Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus indicus</i>	
SSE	Jerdon's Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus atripennis</i>	
	Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	
CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Apodidae			
	White-rumped Needletail	<i>Zoonavena sylvatica</i>	
SSE	Indian Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus unicolor</i>	
	Alpine Swift	<i>Apus melba</i>	

	Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	
	Asian Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	
CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Hemiprocnidae			
	Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne coronata</i>	
GRUIFORMES: Rallidae			
	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Burhinidae			
	Indian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae			
	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae			
	Yellow-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus malabaricus</i>	
	Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae			
	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae			
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
	Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	
	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	
CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae			
	Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	
Nt	River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	
SULIFORMES: Anhingidae			
Nt	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	
SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae			
	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	
	Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	
	Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	
PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae			
	Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	
	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	
	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
	Indian Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	
ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae			
	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	

	Black Baza	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>	
CE	Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	
CE	White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	
	Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	
	Crested Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus</i>	
	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>	
	Booted Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>	
	Tawny Eagle	<i>Aquila rapax</i>	
	Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciata</i>	
	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	
	Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	
	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	
	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	
	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	
	Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	
	Common Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	
STRIGIFORMES: Tytonidae			
SSE	Sri Lanka Bay-Owl	<i>Phodilus assimilis</i>	
STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae			
	Indian Scops-Owl	<i>Otus bakkamoena</i>	
	Oriental Scops-Owl	<i>Otus sunia</i>	
	Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo nipalensis</i>	
	Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	
Essp	Jungle Owlet	<i>Glaucidium radiatum</i>	
	Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	
	Brown Boobook	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	
TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae			
SSE	Malabar Trogon	<i>Harpactes fasciatus</i>	
BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae			
	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	
BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae			
E	Malabar Gray Hornbill	<i>Ocyrceros griseus</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae			
	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	
	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	
	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	
	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae			

	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis athertoni</i>	
	Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	
	Blue-tailed Bee-eater	<i>Merops philippinus</i>	
	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae			
	Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	
	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	
PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae			
E	Malabar Barbet	<i>Psilopogon malabaricus</i>	
	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	
	Brown-headed Barbet	<i>Psilopogon zeylanicus</i>	
E	White-cheeked Barbet	<i>Psilopogon viridis</i>	
PICIFORMES: Picidae			
	Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>	
	Heart-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Hemicircus canente</i>	
	Brown-capped Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus nanus</i>	
	Yellow-crowned Woodpecker	<i>Leiopicus mahrattensis</i>	
Essp	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>	
	White-naped Woodpecker	<i>Chrysocolaptes festivus</i>	
	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>	
Essp	Common Flameback	<i>Dinopium javanense</i>	
	Black-rumped Flameback	<i>Dinopium benghalense</i>	
	Lesser Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus</i>	
	Streak-throated Woodpecker	<i>Picus xanthopygaeus</i>	
	White-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>	
FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae			
	Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	
PSITTACIFORMES: Psittaculidae			
	Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	
	Plum-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula cyanocephala</i>	
E	Malabar Parakeet	<i>Psittacula columboides</i>	
	Vernal Hanging-Parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae			
	Indian Pitta	<i>Pitta brachyura</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae			
E	Malabar Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis sylvicola</i>	
	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	

	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae			
	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae			
	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae			
	White-bellied Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus erythropygius</i>	
	Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>	
SSE	Orange Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	
	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	
	Black-headed Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage melanoptera</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae			
	Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	
	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae			
	Indian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus kundoo</i>	
	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: 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>	
PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae			
E	Spot-breasted Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albogularis</i>	
	White-browed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura aureola</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae			
	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	
	Indian Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone paradisi</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae			
	Rufous Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta vagabunda</i>	
E	White-bellied Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta leucogastra</i>	
	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	
	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae			
SSE	Jerdon's Bushlark	<i>Mirafra affinis</i>	
E	Malabar Lark	<i>Galerida malabarica</i>	

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae			
	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
SSE	Hill Swallow	<i>Hirundo domicola</i>	
	Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae			
Essp	Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Paridae			
	Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>	
E	Indian Yellow Tit	<i>Machlolophus aplonotus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae			
	Indian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta castanea</i>	
	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae			
E / Nt	Gray-headed Bulbul	<i>Brachypodius priocephalus</i>	
E	Flame-throated Bulbul	<i>Rubigula gularis</i>	
	Red-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus cafer</i>	
	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	
E / Vu	Yellow-throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xantholaemus</i>	
SSE	White-browed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus luteolus</i>	
SSE	Yellow-browed Bulbul	<i>Iole indica</i>	
SSE	Square-tailed Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes ganeesa</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae			
E / Nt	Tytler's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus tytleri</i>	
	Tickell's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus affinis</i>	
	Green Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus nitidus</i>	
	Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>	
	Western Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus occipitalis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae			
	Thick-billed Warbler	<i>Arundinax aedon</i>	
	Sykes's Warbler	<i>Iduna rama</i>	
	Blyth's Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus dumetorum</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae			
	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	
	Gray-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	
	Jungle Prinia	<i>Prinia sylvatica</i>	
	Ashy Prinia	<i>Prinia socialis</i>	

E	Black-and-orange Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula nigrorufa</i>	
	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	
	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae			
E	Nilgiri Thrush	<i>Zoothera neilgherriensis</i>	
	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	
SSE	Indian Blackbird	<i>Turdus simillimus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae			
SSE	Southern Hill Myna	<i>Gracula indica</i>	
	Brahminy Starling	<i>Sturnia pagodarum</i>	
E	Malabar Starling	<i>Sturnia blythii</i>	
	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	
	Jungle Myna	<i>Acridotheres fuscus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae			
SSE	Jerdon's Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis jerdoni</i>	
	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae			
	Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>	
	Pale-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum erythrorhynchos</i>	
E	Nilgiri Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum concolor</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae			
SSE	Purple-rumped Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma zeylonica</i>	
E	Crimson-backed Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma minima</i>	
	Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	
SSE	Long-billed (Loten's) Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris lotenius</i>	
	Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae			
	Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	
	Western Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	
	White-browed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla maderaspatensis</i>	
	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	
	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	
	Blyth's Pipit	<i>Anthus godlewskii</i>	
E / Vu	Nilgiri Pipit	<i>Anthus nilghiriensis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae			
	Common Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae			
	House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	

	Chestnut-shouldered Petronia	<i>Gymnornis xanthocollis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae			
	Indian Silverbill	<i>Euodice malabarica</i>	
	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	
	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	
MAMMALS			
	Asian Elephant	<i>Elephas maximus indicus</i>	
E	Bonnet Macaque	<i>Macaca radiata</i>	
E	Southern Plains Grey Langur	<i>Semnopithecus dussumieri</i>	
	Indian Hare	<i>Lepus nigricollis</i>	
	Common Palm Squirrel	<i>Funambulus palmarum</i>	
E / Vu	Nilgiri Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus sublineatus</i>	
E	Western Ghats Striped Squirrel	<i>Funambulus tristriatus</i>	
E	Indian Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa indica</i>	
SSE	Grizzled Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa macroura</i>	
E	Indian Gray Mongoose	<i>Herpestes edwardsii</i>	
SSE	Ruddy Mongoose	<i>Herpestes smithii</i>	
	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	
	Chital	<i>Axis axis</i>	
	Sambar	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	
	Gaur	<i>Bos gaurus</i>	
E / En	Nilgiri Tahr	<i>Nilgiritragus hylocrius</i>	
	Indian Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus giganteus</i>	
	Dhole	<i>Cuon alpinus</i>	
	Blackbuck	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	
	Grey Slender Loris	<i>Loris lydekkerianus</i>	
	Jungle Cat	<i>Felis chaus</i>	