

## Sri Lanka List (Country List) of bird species

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The Sri Lanka List of bird species (the Country List of bird species for Sri Lanka) is compiled by the Ceylon Bird Club (CBC). Its basis is explained in The Avifauna of Sri Lanka: An overview of the current status, 2009, D. Warakagoda and U. Sirivardana, *Taprobanica*. Vol. 1 (1), pp. 28-35), and the section ‘The CBCRRC List Categories’ in the document ‘The Ceylon Bird Club Rarities and Records Committee’.

The current List records 441 species of birds of which 238 breed in the country. A number of further species is under evaluation by the Ceylon Bird Club Rarities and Records Committee (CBCRRC), and those ratified will be added to the list.

The taxonomy and sequence followed in this List are as in *Birds of South Asia: the Ripley Guide*, Vols. 1 and 2, 2005, P. C. Rasmussen and J. C. Anderton, and subsequent revisions of species status effected by: The great tit (*Parus major*) – a misclassified ring species, 2005, M. Packert et al., *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*, 86: 153-174, A partial revision of the Asian babblers (Timaliidae), 2006, N. J. Collar, *Forktail. Journal of Asian Ornithology*, 22: 85-112 and An overlooked threatened species of eagle: Legge’s Hawk Eagle *Nisaetus kelaarti* (Aves: Accipitriformes), 2008, J. O. Gjershaug et al., 2008, *Zootaxa* 1792: 54-66.

When two subspecies occurring within Sri Lanka are conspicuously distinct in plumage from each other they are both listed.

The common or English names given are those used by the CBC, followed by alternatives (with a ‘/’ before each) when these: differ significantly and may be more familiar to many readers and (a) refer to the same species or (b) conform to the taxonomy of the species prior to the above-listed works, or (c) are used in the above or later works to conform to taxonomic change made or suggested in the above works.

**E:** indicates that the species is endemic to Sri Lanka.

**R:** indicates that the species or subspecies listed is a breeding resident in Sri Lanka (resident all year or during its breeding season).

**M:** indicates that the species or subspecies listed is a migrant or vagrant to Sri Lanka (breeding elsewhere).

### **GREBES** PODICIPEDIDAE

1. **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* R

### **PETRELS AND SHEARWATERS** PROCELLARIIDAE

2. **Cape Petrel** *Daption capense* M  
 3. **Barau's Petrel** *Pterodroma barau* M  
 4. **Bulwer's Petrel** *Bulweria bulwerii* M

5. **Jouanin's Petrel** *Bulweria fallax* M
6. **Streaked Shearwater** *Calonectris leucomelas* M
7. **Wedge-tailed Shearwater** *Puffinus pacificus* M
8. **Flesh-footed Shearwater** *Puffinus carneipes* M
9. **Sooty Shearwater** *Puffinus griseus* M
10. **Short-tailed Shearwater** *Puffinus tenuirostris* M
- STORM PETRELS** HYDROBATIDAE
11. **Wilson's Storm Petrel** *Oceanites oceanicus* M
12. **Swinhoe's Storm Petrel** *Oceanodroma monorhis* M
- TROPICBIRDS** PHAETHONTIDAE
13. **White-tailed Tropicbird** *Phaethon lepturus* M
14. **Red-billed Tropicbird** *Phaethon aethereus* M
- PELICANS** PELECANIDAE
15. **Spotted-billed Pelican** *Pelecanus philippensis* R  
/ Spot-billed Pelican
- GANNETS AND BOOBIES** SULIDAE
16. **Masked Booby** *Sula dactylatra* M
17. **Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* M
18. **Red-footed Booby** *Sula sula* M
- CORMORANTS AND SHAGS** PHALACROCORACIDAE
19. **Little Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax niger* R
20. **Indian Shag** *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis* R  
/ Indian Cormorant
21. **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo* R
- DARTERS** ANHINGIDAE
22. **Indian Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster* R  
/ Oriental Darter
- FRIGATEBIRDS** FREGATIDAE
23. **Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel* M
24. **Great Frigatebird** *Fregata minor* M
25. **Christmas Island Frigatebird** *Fregata andrewsi* M  
/ Christmas Frigatebird
- HERONS AND EGRETS** ARDEIDAE
26. **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* R
27. **Indian Reef Heron** *Egretta gularis* M  
/ Western Reef Heron / Western Reef Egret
28. **Large Egret** *Egretta alba* R  
/ Great Egret
29. **Median Egret** *Egretta intermedia* R  
/ Intermediate Egret
30. **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* R
31. **Goliath Heron** *Ardea goliath* M

32. **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* R
33. **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus* R/M  
/ Eastern Cattle Egret
34. **Indian Pond Heron** *Ardeola grayii* R/M
35. **Chinese Pond Heron** *Ardeola bacchus* M
36. **Little Green Heron** *Butorides striatus* R  
/ Striated Heron / Little Heron
37. **Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* R  
/ Black-crowned Night Heron
38. **Malay Bittern** *Gorsachius melanolophus* M  
/ Malayan Night Heron
39. **Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis* R/M
40. **Chestnut Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* R  
/ Cinnamon Bittern
41. **Black Bittern** *Dupetor flavicollis* R/M
42. **Eurasian Bittern** *Botaurus stellaris* M  
/ Great Bittern
- STORKS CICONIIDAE**
43. **Painted Stork** *Mycteria leucocephala* R
44. **Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans* R  
/ Asian Openbill
45. **Black Stork** *Ciconia nigra* M
46. **White-necked Stork** *Ciconia episcopus* R  
/ Woolly-necked Stork
47. **White Stork** *Ciconia ciconia* M
48. **Black-necked Stork** *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus* R
49. **Lesser Adjutant** *Leptoptilos javanicus* R
- IBISES AND SPOONBILLS THRESKIORNITHIDAE**
50. **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* M
51. **White Ibis** *Threskiornis melanocephalus* R  
/ Black-headed Ibis
52. **Spoonbill** *Platalea leucorodia* R  
/ Eurasian Spoonbill
- FLAMINGOS PHOENICOPTERIDAE**
53. **Greater Flamingo** *Phoenicopterus roseus* M
- GEESE AND DUCKS ANATIDAE**
54. **Large Whistling Teal** *Dendrocygna bicolor* M  
/ Fulvous Whistling Duck
55. **Lesser Whistling Teal** *Dendrocygna javanica* R  
/ Lesser Whistling Duck
56. **Greylag Goose** *Anser anser* M
57. **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea* M
58. **Comb Duck** *Sarkidiornis melanotos* M
59. **Cotton Teal** *Nettapus coromandelianus* R  
/ Cotton Pygmy Goose
60. **Gadwall** *Anas strepera* M

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| 61. <b>Wigeon</b> <i>Anas penelope</i>                 | M   |
| / Eurasian Wigeon                                      |     |
| 62. <b>Spot-billed Duck</b> <i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i> | R/M |
| / Indian Spot-billed Duck                              |     |
| 63. <b>Shoveller</b> <i>Anas clypeata</i>              | M   |
| / Northern Shoveler                                    |     |
| 64. <b>Pintail</b> <i>Anas acuta</i>                   | M   |
| / Northern Pintail                                     |     |
| 65. <b>Garganey</b> <i>Anas querquedula</i>            | M   |
| 66. <b>Common Teal</b> <i>Anas crecca</i>              | M   |
| 67. <b>Tufted Duck</b> <i>Aythya fuligula</i>          | M   |

**HAWKS, KITES, EAGLES AND VULTURES ACCIPITRIDAE**

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| 68. <b>Brown Baza</b> <i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>                         | R   |
| / Jerdon's Baza  |     |
| 69. <b>Black Baza</b> <i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>                       | M   |
| 70. <b>Crested Honey Buzzard</b> <i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>         | R/M |
| / Oriental Honey Buzzard   |     |
| 71. <b>Black-winged Kite</b> <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>                 | R   |
| / Black-shouldered Kite  |     |
| 72. <b>Black Kite</b> <i>Milvus migrans</i>                          | R   |
| 73. <b>Brahminy Kite</b> <i>Haliastur indus</i>                      | R   |
| 74. <b>White-bellied Sea Eagle</b> <i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>     | R   |
| 75. <b>Grey-headed Fishing Eagle</b> <i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i> | R   |
| 76. <b>Egyptian Vulture</b> <i>Neophron percnopterus</i>             | M   |
| 77. <b>Crested Serpent Eagle</b> <i>Spilornis cheela</i>             | R   |
| 78. <b>Western Marsh Harrier</b> <i>Circus aeruginosus</i>           | M   |
| / Eurasian Marsh Harrier   |     |
| 79. <b>Pallid Harrier</b> <i>Circus macrourus</i>                    | M   |
| 80. <b>Pied Harrier</b> <i>Circus melanoleucos</i>                   | M   |
| 81. <b>Montagu's Harrier</b> <i>Circus pygargus</i>                  | M   |
| 82. <b>Crested Goshawk</b> <i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>              | R   |
| 83. <b>Shikra</b> <i>Accipiter badius</i>                            | R   |
| 84. <b>Besra Sparrowhawk</b> <i>Accipiter virgatus</i>               | R   |
| 85. <b>Eurasian Sparrowhawk</b> <i>Accipiter nisus</i>               | M   |
| 86. <b>Himalayan Buzzard</b> <i>Buteo burmanicus</i>                 | M   |
| / Common Buzzard   |     |
| 87. <b>Long-legged Buzzard</b> <i>Buteo rufinus</i>                  | M   |
| 88. <b>Black Eagle</b> <i>Ictinaetus malayensis</i>                  | R   |
| 89. <b>Bonelli's Eagle</b> <i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>               | M   |
| 90. <b>Booted Eagle</b> <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>                   | M   |
| 91. <b>Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle</b> <i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>      | R   |
| / Rufous-bellied Eagle   |     |
| 92. <b>Crested Hawk-Eagle</b> <i>Spizaetus cirrhatus</i>             | R   |
| / Changeable Hawk-Eagle  |     |
| 93. <b>Mountain Hawk-Eagle</b> <i>Nisaetus kelaarti</i>              | R   |
| / Legge's Hawk-Eagle   |     |

**OSPREY PANDIONIDAE**

94. **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus* M

**FALCONS FALCONIDAE**

95. **Lesser Kestrel** *Falco naumanni* M  
 96. **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* R/M  
 97. **Red-headed Merlin** *Falco chicquera* M  
     / Red-necked Falcon  
 98. **Amur Falcon** *Falco amurensis* M  
 99. **Indian Hobby** *Falco severus* M  
     / Oriental Hobby  
 100. **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus calidus* M  
       **Shaheen Falcon** *Falco peregrinus pregrinator* R

**PARTRIDGES, QUAILS AND PHEASANTS PHASIANIDAE**

101. **Painted Partridge** *Francolinus pictus* R  
     / Painted Francolin  
 102. **Indian Grey Partridge** *Francolinus pondicerianus* R  
     / Grey Francolin  
 103. **Rain Quail** *Coturnix coromandelica* M  
 104. **Blue-breasted Quail** *Coturnix chinensis* R  
 105. **Jungle Bush Quail** *Perdicula asiatica* R  
 106. **Ceylon Spurfowl** *Galloperdix bicalcarata* E  
     / Sri Lanka Spurfowl  
 107. **Ceylon Junglefowl** *Gallus lafayetii* E  
     / Sri Lanka Junglefowl  
 108. **Indian Peafowl** *Pavo cristatus* R

**BUTTON QUAILS TURNICIDAE**

109. **Small Button Quail** *Turnix sylvaticus* M  
 110. **Bustard-Quail** *Turnix suscitator* R  
     / Barred Buttonquail

**RAILS, CRAKES, GALLINULES AND COOTS RALLIDAE**

111. **Banded Crake** *Rallina eurizonoides* R/M  
     / Slaty-legged Crake  
 112. **Blue-breasted Banded Rail** *Rallus striatus* R/M  
     / Slaty-breasted Rail  
 113. **Eastern Water Rail** *Rallus indicus* M  
     / Water Rail  
 114. **Corn Crake** *Crex crex* M  
 115. **White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus* R  
 116. **Baillon's Crake** *Porzana pusilla* M  
 117. **Ruddy Crake** *Porzana fusca* R/M  
     / Ruddy-breasted Crake  
 118. **Watercock** *Gallicrex cinerea* R  
 119. **Purple Coot** *Porphyrio [porphyrio] poliocephalus* R  
     / Purple Swamphen

120. **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus* R  
 121. **Common Coot** *Fulica atra* R/M  
     / Eurasian Coot
- JACANAS** JACANIDAE
122. **Pheasant-tailed Jacana** *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* R
- PAINTED SNIPES** ROSTRATULIDAE
123. **Painted Snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis* R  
     / Greater Painted Snipe
- OYSTERCATCHERS** HAEMATOPODIDAE
124. **Oystercatcher** *Haematopus ostralegus* M  
     / Eurasian Oystercatcher
- PLOVERS** CHARADRIIDAE
125. **Asiatic Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva* M  
     / Pacific Golden Plover
126. **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola* M
127. **Common Ringed Plover** *Charadrius hiaticula* M
128. **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius* R/M
129. **Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* R/M
130. **Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus* M  
     / Mongolian Plover
131. **Large Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii* M  
     / Greater Sand Plover
132. **Caspian Plover** *Charadrius asiaticus* M
133. **Oriental Plover** *Charadrius veredus* M
134. **Yellow-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus malabaricus* R
135. **Grey-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus cinereus* M
136. **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus* R
137. **Sociable Lapwing** *Vanellus gregarius* M
- SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES** SCOLOPACIDAE
138. **Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola* M  
     / Eurasian Woodcock
139. **Wood Snipe** *Gallinago nemoricola* M
140. **Pintail Snipe** *Gallinago stenura* M
141. **Swinhoe's Snipe** *Gallinago megala* M
142. **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago* M
143. **Great Snipe** *Gallinago media* M
144. **Jack Snipe** *Lymnocyrtus minimus* M
145. **Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa* M  
     / Western Black-tailed Godwit
146. **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica* M
147. **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* M
148. **Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata* M
149. **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus* M
150. **Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus* M



151. <b>Common Greenshank</b> <i>Tringa nebularia</i>	M
152. <b>Marsh Sandpiper</b> <i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	M
153. <b>Green Sandpiper</b> <i>Tringa ochropus</i>	M
154. <b>Wood Sandpiper</b> <i>Tringa glareola</i>	M
155. <b>Terek Sandpiper</b> <i>Xenus cinereus</i>	M
156. <b>Common Sandpiper</b> <i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	M
157. <b>Turnstone</b> <i>Arenaria interpres</i> / Ruddy Turnstone	M
158. <b>Asian Dowitcher</b> <i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i>	M
159. <b>Great Knot</b> <i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	M
160. <b>Red Knot</b> <i>Calidris canutus</i>	M
161. <b>Sanderling</b> <i>Calidris alba</i>	M
162. <b>Little Stint</b> <i>Calidris minuta</i>	M
163. <b>Red-necked Stint</b> <i>Calidris ruficollis</i> / Rufous-necked Stint	M
164. <b>Temminck's Stint</b> <i>Calidris temminckii</i>	M
165. <b>Long-toed Stint</b> <i>Calidris subminuta</i>	M
166. <b>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</b> <i>Calidris acuminata</i>	M
167. <b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b> <i>Calidris melanotos</i>	M
168. <b>Dunlin</b> <i>Calidris alpina</i>	M
169. <b>Curlew Sandpiper</b> <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	M
170. <b>Spoon-billed Sandpiper</b> <i>Eurynorhynchus pygmeus</i>	M
171. <b>Buff-breasted Sandpiper</b> <i>Tryngites subruficollis</i>	M
172. <b>Broad-billed Sandpiper</b> <i>Limicola falcinellus</i>	M
173. <b>Ruff</b> <i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	M
<b>STILTS AND AVOCETS RECURVIROSTRIDAE</b>	
174. <b>Black-winged Stilt</b> <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	R/M
175. <b>Avocet</b> <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i> / Pied Avocet	M
<b>PHALAROPES PHALAROPODIDAE</b>	
176. <b>Red-necked Phalarope</b> <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	M
<b>CRAB PLOVER DROMADIDAE</b>	
177. <b>Crab Plover</b> <i>Dromas ardeola</i>	R
<b>STONE CURLEWS AND STONE PLOVERS BURHINIDAE</b>	
178. <b>Indian Stone Curlew</b> <i>Burhinus indicus</i> / Eurasian Thick-knee	R
179. <b>Great Stone Plover</b> <i>Esacus recurvirostris</i> / Great Thick-knee	R
<b>COURSERS AND PRATINCOLES GLAREOLIDAE</b>	
180. <b>Indian Courser</b> <i>Cursorius coromandelicus</i>	R
181. <b>Collared Pratincole</b> <i>Glareola pratincola</i>	M
182. <b>Large Pratincole</b> <i>Glareola maldivarum</i> / Oriental Pratincole	R
183. <b>Small Pratincole</b> <i>Glareola lactea</i>	R

**SKUAS STERCORARIIDAE**

184. **Brown Skua** *Catharacta antarctica* M  
 185. **Pomarine Skua** *Stercorarius pomarinus* M  
 / Pomarine Jaeger  
 186. **Arctic Skua** *Stercorarius parasiticus* M  
 / Parasitic Jaeger

**GULLS LARIDAE**

187. **Sooty Gull** *Larus hemprichii* M  
 188. **Heuglin's Gull** *Larus heuglini* M  
 189. **Great Black-headed Gull** *Larus ichthyaetus* M  
 / Pallas's Gull  
 190. **Brown-headed Gull** *Larus brunnicephalus* M  
 191. **Common Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus* M  
 192. **Slender-billed Gull** *Larus genei* M

**TERNS STERNIDAE**

193. **Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica* R/M  
 194. **Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia* R/M  
 195. **Lesser Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bengalensis* M  
 196. **Large Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii* R  
 / Great Crested Tern  
 197. **Sandwich Tern** *Thalasseus sandvicensis* M  
 198. **Roseate Tern** *Sterna dougallii* R/M  
 199. **Black-naped Tern** *Sterna sumatrana* M  
 200. **Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* R/M  
 201. **Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons* R  
 202. **Saunders's Tern** *Sterna saundersi* R  
 203. **Bridled Tern** *Sterna anaethetus* R/M  
 204. **Sooty Tern** *Sterna fuscata* R/M  
 205. **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* M  
 206. **White-winged Black Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus* M  
 / White-winged Tern  
 207. **Brown Noddy** *Anous stolidus* M  
 208. **Lesser Noddy** *Anous tenuirostris* M

**PIGEONS AND DOVES COLUMBIDAE**

209. **Rock Pigeon** *Columba livia* R  
 210. **Ceylon Wood Pigeon** *Columba torringtonii* E  
 / Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon  
 211. **Purple Wood Pigeon** *Columba punicea* M  
 / Pale-capped Pigeon / Pale-capped Wood Pigeon  
 212. **Rufous Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis* M  
 / Oriental Turtle Dove  
 213. **Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis* R  
 214. **Red Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica* M  
 / Red Collared Dove



215. **Collared Dove** *Streptopelia decaocto* R  
 / Eurasian Collared Dove
216. **Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica* R
217. **Orange-breasted Green Pigeon** *Treron bicincta* R
218. **Pompadour Green Pigeon** *Treron pompadora* E  
 / Ceylon Green Pigeon / Sri Lanka Green Pigeon
219. **Yellow-legged Green Pigeon** *Treron phoenicopterus* R  
 / Yellow-footed Green Pigeon
220. **Green Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula aenea* R
- PARROTS PSITTACIDAE**
221. **Ceylon Lorikeet** *Loriculus beryllinus* E  
 / Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot
222. **Alexandrine Parakeet** *Psittacula eupatria* R
223. **Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri* R
224. **Blossom-headed Parakeet** *Psittacula cyanocephala* R  
 / Plum-headed Parakeet
225. **Layard's Parakeet** *Psittacula calthropae* E
- CUCKOOS CUCULIDAE**
226. **Green-billed Coucal** *Centropus chlororhynchus* E
227. **Common Coucal** *Centropus [sinensis] parroti* R  
 / Greater Coucal / 'Southern' Coucal
228. **Sirkeer** *Taccocua leschenaultii* R  
 / Sirkeer Malkoha
229. **Red-faced Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus pyrrhocephalus* E
230. **Blue-faced Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus viridirostris* R
231. **Red-winged Crested Cuckoo** *Clamator coromandus* M  
 / Chestnut-winged Cuckoo
232. **Pied Crested Cuckoo** *Clamator jacobinus* R  
 / Pied Cuckoo / Jacobin Cuckoo
233. **Indian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus* R  
 / Asian Koel
234. **Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx maculatus* M  
 / Asian Emerald Cuckoo
235. **Bay-banded Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii* R  
 / Banded Bay Cuckoo
236. **Indian Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis passerinus* M  
 / Grey-bellied Cuckoo
237. **Drongo-Cuckoo** *Surniculus [lugubris] dicruroides* R  
 / 'Fork-tailed' Drongo-Cuckoo
238. **Common Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx varius* R/M
239. **Small Cuckoo** *Cuculus poliocephalus* M  
 / Lesser Cuckoo
240. **Indian Cuckoo** *Cuculus micropterus* R/M
241. **Common Cuckoo** *Cuculus canorus* M  
 / Eurasian Cuckoo

**BARN OWLS AND BAY OWLS TYTONIDAE**

242. **Barn Owl** *Tyto alba* R  
 243. **Ceylon Bay Owl** *Phodilus assimilis* R

**OWLS STRIGIDAE**

244. **Serendib Scops Owl** *Otus thilohoffmanni* E  
 245. **Little Scops Owl** *Otus sunia* R  
       / Oriental Scops Owl  
 246. **Collared Scops Owl** *Otus bakkamoena* R  
       / Indian Scops Owl  
 247. **Forest Eagle-Owl** *Bubo nipalensis* R  
       / Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl  
 248. **Brown Fish Owl** *Ketupa zeylonensis* R  
 249. **Brown Wood Owl** *Strix leptogrammica* R  
 250. **Jungle Owlet** *Glaucidium radiatum* R  
 251. **Chestnut-backed Owlet** *Glaucidium castanonotum* E  
 252. **Brown Hawk-Owl** *Ninox scutulata* R  
 253. **Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus* M

**FROGMOUTHS PODARGIDAE**

254. **Ceylon Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus moniliger* R  
       / Sri Lanka Frogmouth

**NIGHTJARS CAPRIMULGIDAE**

255. **Great Eared Nightjar** *Eurostopodus macrotis* M  
 256. **Grey Nightjar** *Caprimulgus indicus* R  
       / Highland Nightjar/ Indian Jungle Nightjar  
 257. **Long-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus atripennis* R  
       / Jerdon's Nightjar  
 258. **Indian Nightjar** *Caprimulgus asiaticus* R  
       / Indian Little Nightjar

**SWIFTS APODIDAE**

259. **Edible-nest Swift** *Aerodramus unicolor* R  
       / Indian Swiftlet  
 260. **Brown-throated Spinetail Swift** *Hirundapus giganteus* R  
       / Brown-backed Needletail  
 261. **Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis* R  
       / Asian Palm Swift  
 262. **Alpine Swift** *Tachymarptis melba* R  
 263. **Pacific Swift** *Apus pacificus* M  
       / Fork-tailed Swift  
 264. **House Swift** *Apus affinis* R  
       / Little Swift

**TREE SWIFTS HEMPROCNIDAE**

265. **Crested Tree Swift** *Hemiprocne coronata* R  
       / Grey-rumped Tree Swift

**TROGONS** TROGONIDAE

266. **Ceylon Trogon** *Harpactes fasciatus* R  
 / Malabar Trogon

**KINGFISHERS** ALCEDINIDAE

267. **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis* R  
 268. **Blue-eared Kingfisher** *Alcedo meninting* R  
 269. **Indian Three-toed Kingfisher** *Ceyx erithaca* R  
 / Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher / Black-backed Kingfisher  
 270. **Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis* R  
 271. **White-breasted Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis* R  
 / White-throated Kingfisher  
 272. **Black-capped Purple Kingfisher** *Halcyon pileata* M  
 / Black-capped Kingfisher  
 273. **Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis* R  
 / Lesser Pied Kingfisher

**BEE-EATERS** MEROPIDAE

274. **Little Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis* R  
 / Green Bee-eater  
 275. **Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus* R/M  
 276. **European Bee-eater** *Merops apiaster* M  
 277. **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenaulti* R

**ROLLERS** CORCIIDAE

278. **Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis* R  
 279. **Broad-billed Roller** *Eurystomus orientalis* R  
 / Dollarbird

**HOOPOES** UPUPIDAE

280. **Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* R/M  
 / Eurasian Hoopoe / Common Hoopoe

**HORNBILLS** BUCEROTIDAE

281. **Ceylon Grey Hornbill** *Ocyrceros gingalensis* E  
 / Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill  
 282. **Malabar Pied Hornbill** *Anthracoceros coronatus* R

**BARBETS** CAPITONIDAE

283. **Brown-headed Barbet** *Megalaima zeylanica* R  
 284. **Yellow-fronted Barbet** *Megalaima flavifrons* E  
 285. **Ceylon Small Barbet** *Megalaima rubricapillus* E  
 / Crimson-fronted Barbet / Sri Lanka Small Barbet  
 286. **Crimson-breasted Barbet** *Megalaima haemacephala* R  
 / Coppersmith Barbet

**WOODPECKERS** PICIDAE

287. **Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla* M  
 / Eurasian Wryneck  
 288. **Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos nanus* R  
 / Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker / Indian Pygmy Woodpecker

289. **Yellow-fronted Pied Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos mahrattensis* R  
 / Yellow-crowned Woodpecker
290. **Rufous Woodpecker** *Micropternus brachyurus* R
291. **Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker** *Picus chlorolophus* R  
 / Lesser Yellownape
292. **Scaly-bellied Woodpecker** *Picus xanthopygaeus* R  
 / Streak-throated Woodpecker
293. **Golden-backed Woodpecker** *Dinopium benghalense jaffnensis* R  
**Red-backed Woodpecker** *Dinopium benghalense psarodes* R  
 / Black-rumped Flameback (both subspecies)
294. **Crimson-backed Woodpecker** *Chrysocolaptes stricklandi* E  
 / Greater Flameback / Crimson-backed Flameback
295. **Black-backed Yellow Woodpecker** *Chrysocolaptes festivus* R  
 / White-naped Woodpecker
- PITTAS PITTIDAE**
296. **Indian Pitta** *Pitta brachyura* M
- LARKS ALAUDIDAE**
297. **Jerdon's Bushlark** *Mirafra affinis* R
298. **Ashy-crowned Finch-Lark** *Eremopterix griseus* R  
 / Ashy-crowned Sparrow-Lark
299. **Indian Skylark** *Alauda gulgula* R  
 / Oriental Skylark
- SWALLOWS AND MARTINS HIRUNDINIDAE**
300. **Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia* M  
 / Common Sand Martin
301. **Dusky Crag Martin** *Ptyonoprogne concolor* M
302. **Common Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* M  
 / Barn Swallow
303. **Hill Swallow** *Hirundo domicola* R  
 / Pacific Swallow
304. **Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii* M
305. **Red-rumped Swallow** *Hirundo daurica* M
306. **Ceylon Swallow** *Hirundo hyperythra* E  
 / Red-rumped Swallow / Sri Lanka Swallow
307. **Indian Cliff Swallow** *Hirundo fluvicola* M  
 / Streak-throated Swallow
- PIPITS AND WAGTAILS MOTACILLIDAE**
308. **Forest Wagtail** *Dendronanthus indicus* M
309. **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba* M
310. **Large Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla maderaspatensis* M  
 / White-browed Wagtail
311. **Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola* M
312. **Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava* M
313. **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* M

314. **Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi* M
315. **Indian Pipit** *Anthus rufulus* R  
/ Paddyfield Pipit
316. **Tawny Pipit** *Anthus campestris* M
317. **Blyth's Pipit** *Anthus godlewskii* M
318. **Indian Tree Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni* M  
/ Olive-backed Pipit
319. **Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus* M
- CUCKOO-SHRIKES AND MINIVETS** CAMPEPHAGIDAE
320. **Large Cuckoo-Shrike** *Coracina macei* R
321. **Black-headed Cuckoo-Shrike** *Coracina melanoptera* R
322. **Small Minivet** *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* R
323. **Orange Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus* R  
/ Scarlet Minivet / Flame Minivet
324. **Pied Flycatcher-Shrike** *Hemipus picatus* R  
/ Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike
325. **Ceylon Wood Shrike** *Tephrodornis affinis* E  
/ Common Wood Shrike / Sri Lanka Wood Shrike
- MONARCHS** MONARCHIDAE
326. **Indian Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi paradisi* M  
**Ceylon Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi ceylonensis* R  
/ Asian Paradise Flycatcher (both subspecies)
327. **Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea* R  
/ Black-naped Flycatcher / Black-naped Blue Monarch
- FANTAILS** RHIPIDURIDAE
328. **White-browed Fantail** *Rhipidura aureola* R  
/ White-browed Fantail Flycatcher
- BULBULS** PYCNONOTIDAE
329. **Black-capped Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus* E  
/ Black-crested Bulbul / Black-headed Yellow Bulbul
330. **Red-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cafer* R
331. **Yellow-eared Bulbul** *Pycnonotus penicillatus* E
332. **White-browed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus luteolus* R
333. **Yellow-browed Bulbul** *Iole indica* R
334. **Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes ganeesa* R  
/ Square-tailed Black Bulbul
- IORAS** AEGITHINIDAE
335. **Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia* R
336. **Marshall's Iora** *Aegithina nigrolutea* R
- LEAFBIRDS** CHLOROPSEIDAE
337. **Gold-fronted Chloropsis** *Chloropsis aurifrons* R  
/ Gold-fronted Leafbird
338. **Jerdon's Chloropsis** *Chloropsis jerdoni* R  
/ Blue-winged Leafbird / Jerdon's Leafbird

**SHRIKES LANIIDAE**

339. **Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus cristatus* M  
**Philippine Shrike** *Lanius cristatus lucionensis* M  
 340. **Bay-backed Shrike** *Lanius vittatus* M  
 341. **Rufous-rumped Shrike** *Lanius schach* R  
 / Long-tailed Shrike / Rufous-backed Shrike  
 342. **Southern Grey Shrike** *Lanius meridionalis* M

**THRUSHES TURDIDAE**

343. **Pied Ground Thrush** *Zoothera wardii* M  
 / Pied Thrush  
 344. **Orange-headed Ground Thrush** *Zoothera citrina* M  
 / Orange-headed Thrush  
 345. **Spotted-winged Thrush** *Zoothera spiloptera* E  
 / Spot-winged Thrush / Spot-winged Ground Thrush  
 346. **Ceylon Scaly Thrush** *Zoothera imbricata* E  
 / Scaly Thrush / Sri Lanka Scaly Thrush  
 347. **Blackbird** *Turdus simillimus* R  
 / Eurasian Blackbird/ Indian Blackbird  
 348. **Eyebrowed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus* M  
 349. **Ceylon Whistling Thrush** *Myophonus blighi* E  
 / Sri Lanka Whistling Thrush

**OLD-WORLD FLYCATCHERS AND CHATS MUSCICAPIDAE**

350. **Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica* M  
 / Asian Brown Flycatcher  
 351. **Layard's Flycatcher** *Muscicapa muttui* M  
 / Brown-breasted Flycatcher  
 352. **Yellow-rumped Flycatcher** *Ficedula zanthopygia* M  
 353. **Kashmir Flycatcher** *Ficedula subrubra* M  
 354. **Dusky-blue Flycatcher** *Eumyias sordidus* E  
 / Dull-blue Flycatcher  
 355. **Blue-throated Flycatcher** *Cyornis rubeculoides* M  
 356. **Tickell's Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis tickelliae* R  
 357. **Grey-headed Flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis* R  
 / Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher  
 358. **Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius* M  
 359. **Bluethroat** *Luscinia svecica* M  
 360. **Indian Blue Chat** *Luscinia brunnea* M  
 / Indian Blue Robin  
 361. **Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin** *Cercotrichas galactotes* M  
 362. **Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis* R  
 / Oriental Magpie-Robin  
 363. **White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus* R  
 364. **Black Robin** *Saxicoloides fulicatus* R  
 / Indian Robin / Black-backed Robin  
 365. **Pied Bushchat** *Saxicola caprata* R  
 366. **Pied Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka* M



367. **Desert Wheatear** *Oenanthe deserti* M  
 368. **Isabelline Wheatear** *Oenanthe isabellina* M

**BABBLERS TIMALIIDAE**

369. **Ashy-headed Laughing Thrush** *Garrulax cinereifrons* E  
 370. **Brown-capped Babbler** *Pellorneum fuscicapillus* E  
 371. **Ceylon Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus melanurus* E  
 / Indian Scimitar Babbler / Sri Lanka Scimitar Babbler  
 372. **White-throated Babbler** *Dumetia hyperythra* R  
 / Tawny-bellied Babbler  
 373. **Black-fronted Babbler** *Rhopocichla atriceps* R  
 / Dark-fronted Babbler  
 374. **Yellow-eyed Babbler** *Chrysomma sinense* R  
 375. **Rufous Babbler** *Turdoides rufescens* E  
 / Orange-billed Babbler  
 376. **Southern Common Babbler** *Turdoides affinis* R  
 / Yellow-billed Babbler

**CISTICOLAS, PRINIAS AND TAILORBIRDS CISTICOLIDAE**

377. **Streaked Fantail Warbler** *Cisticola juncidis* R  
 / Zitting Cisticola  
 378. **Franklin's Prinia** *Prinia hodgsonii* R  
 / Grey-breasted Prinia  
 379. **Ashy Prinia** *Prinia socialis* R  
 380. **Large Prinia** *Prinia sylvatica* R  
 / Jungle Prinia  
 381. **White-browed Prinia** *Prinia inornata* R  
 / Plain Prinia  
 382. **Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius* R

**OLD-WORLD WARBLERS SYLVIIDAE**

383. **Ceylon Warbler** *Elaphrornis palliseri* E  
 / Sri Lanka Bush Warbler  
 384. **Lanceolated Warbler** *Locustella lanceolata* M  
 385. **Common Grasshopper Warbler** *Locustella naevia* M  
 / Grasshopper Warbler  
 386. **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** *Locustella certhiola* M  
 / Rusty-rumped Warbler  
 387. **Blyth's Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus dumetorum* M  
 388. **Clamorous Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus[stentoreus]brunnescens* R  
 / Indian Great Reed Warbler / Indian Reed Warbler  
 389. **Sykes's Warbler** *Hippolais rama* M  
 / Booted Warbler  
 390. **Booted Warbler** *Hippolais caligata* M  
 391. **Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus* M  
 392. **Greenish Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus trochiloides* M  
 / Greenish Warbler  
 393. **Green Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus nitidus* M  
 / Greenish Warbler / Bright-green Warbler

394. **Large-billed Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus magnirostris* M  
 395. **Broad-tailed Grass Warbler** *Schoenicola platyurus* M  
 / Broad-tailed Grassbird / Indian Broad-tailed Grass Warbler  
 396. **Lesser Whitethroat** *Sylvia curruca* M  
 397. **Hume's Whitethroat** *Sylvia althaea* M  
 / Lesser Whitethroat
- TITMICE** PARIDAE
398. **Grey Tit** *Parus cinereus* R  
 / Great Tit / Asian Grey Tit
- NUTHATCHES** SITTIDAE
399. **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis* R
- FLOWERPECKERS** DICAERIDAE
400. **Thick-billed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum agile* R  
 401. **Legge's Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum vincens* E  
 / White-throated Flowerpecker  
 402. **Tickell's Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum erythrorhynchos* R  
 / Pale-billed Flowerpecker
- SUNBIRDS** NECTARINIIDAE
403. **Purple-rumped Sunbird** *Leptocoma zeylonica* R  
 404. **Purple Sunbird** *Cynnyris asiaticus* R  
 405. **Loten's Sunbird** *Cynnyris lotenius* R  
 / Long-billed Sunbird
- WHITE-EYES** ZOSTEROPIDAE
406. **Ceylon Hill White-eye** *Zosterops ceylonensis* E  
 / Sri Lanka White-eye / Ceylon White-eye  
 407. **Small White-eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus* R  
 / Oriental White-eye
- BUNTINGS** EMBERIZIDAE
408. **Black-headed Bunting** *Emberiza melanocephala* M  
 409. **Red-headed Bunting** *Emberiza bruniceps* M
- FINCHES** FRINGILLIDAE
410. **Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrurus* M
- WAXBILLS** ESTRILDIDAE
411. **White-throated Munia** *Euodice malabarica* R  
 / Indian Silverbill / White-throated Silverbill  
 412. **White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata* R  
 413. **Ceylon Hill Munia** *Lonchura kelaarti* R  
 / Black-throated Munia  
 414. **Spotted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata* R  
 / Scaly-breasted Munia  
 415. **Black-headed Munia** *Lonchura malacca* R  
 / Tricoloured Munia

**OLD-WORLD SPARROWS PASSERIDAE**

416. **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* R  
 417. **Yellow-throated Sparrow** *Petronia xanthcollis* M  
 / Chestnut-shouldered Petronia

**WEAVERS PLOCEIDAE**

418. **Striated Weaver** *Ploceus manyar* R  
 / Streaked Weaver  
 419. **Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus* R

**STARLINGS AND MYNAS STURNIDAE**

420. **Ceylon White-headed Starling** *Sturnia albofrontata* E  
 / White-faced Starling  
 421. **Grey-headed Starling** *Sturnia malabarica* M  
 / Chestnut-tailed Starling  
 422. **Daurian Starling** *Sturnia sturnina* M  
 / Purple-backed Starling  
 423. **Brahminy Myna** *Temenuchus pagodarum* M  
 / Brahminy Starling  
 424. **Rosy Starling** *Sturnus roseus* M  
 425. **Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis* R  
 426. **Ceylon Hill Myna** *Gracula ptilogenys* E  
 / Sri Lanka Myna  
 427. **Common Hill Myna** *Gracula indica* R  
 / Hill Myna / Lesser Hill Myna

**ORIOLES ORIOLIDAE**

428. **European Golden Oriole** *Oriolus oriolus* M  
 / Eurasian Golden Oriole  
 429. **Indian Golden Oriole** *Oriolus kundoo* M  
 / Eurasian Golden Oriole  
 430. **Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis* M  
 431. **Black-headed Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornus* R  
 / Black-hooded Oriole

**FAIRY BLUEBIRDS IRENIDAE**

432. **Fairy Bluebird** *Irena puella* M  
 / Asian Fairy Bluebird

**DRONGOS DICRURIDAE**

433. **Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus* R/M  
 434. **Grey Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus* M  
 / Ashy Drongo  
 435. **White-bellied Drongo** *Dicrurus caerulescens insularis* R  
**White-vented Drongo** *Dicrurus caerulescens leucopygialis* R  
 / White-bellied Drongo  
 436. **Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus* R  
 437. **Ceylon Crested Drongo** *Dicrurus lophorinus* E  
 / Greater Racket-tailed Drongo / Sri Lanka Crested Drongo

**WOODSWALLOWS** ARTAMIDAE

438. **Ashy Swallow-Shrike** *Artamus fuscus* R  
/ Ashy Woodswallow

**CROWS AND MAGPIES** CORVIDAE

439. **Ceylon Blue Magpie** *Urocissa ornata* E  
/ Sri Lanka Blue Magpie
440. **House Crow** *Corvus splendens* R
441. **Jungle Crow** *Corvus [macrorhyncos] culminatus* R  
/ Large-billed Crow/ Indian Jungle Crow

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