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Butterflies & Dragonflies



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Butterfly Watching



Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 01 Arrive in Sri Lanka and transfer to Colombo for one night. Late afternoon, visit Bellanwila Attidiya marshes or Talangama wetland. This will be an introduction to the commoner butterflies of Sri Lanka.

DAY 02 Leave for Ratnapura for one night. En route visit Bodhinagala Forest Reserve. Late afternoon, butterfly watching in a nearby forest patch. Species to look out for include Ceylon Tree Nymph, Cruiser, Tawny Rajah and Red-spot Duke.

DAY 03 Morning, leave for Sinharaja for two nights. Full day at Sinharaja. If lucky, we may see Blue Oakleaf, Five-bar Swordtail, Southern Duffer and Painted Sawtooth.

DAY 04 Full day visit to Sinharaja forest with picnic lunch.

DAY 05 Morning, Sinharaja Rainforest before leaving for Kithulgala for two nights.

DAY 06 Full day visit to Kelani Valley Forest Reserve (Kithulgala). Species to look out for include Tamil Lacewing, Rustic, Common Bluebottle and Common Jay.

DAY 07 After breakfast leave for Nuwara Eliya for two nights. Late afternoon, do a city tour of Nuwara Eliya, followed by a visit to Victoria Park.

DAY 08 Visit Horton Plains National Park to see Cloud Forests and rare montane fauna, including montane butterfly species. Butterflies to look for include Ceylon Tiger, Ceylon Tree Brown, Ceylon Forester and Painted Lady.

DAY 09 After breakfast leave for Kandy for one night. En route, visit a tea factory. Late afternoon visit to Knuckles Wilderness Area. Butterflies observed here include Tiger species, Bushbrowns and Pansys. If lucky we may see the Blue Admiral.

DAY 10 After breakfast leave for Katunayake for one night. En route, visit Knuckles area and butterfly watching in Matale. Butterflies to look for include Ceylon Tree Nymph, Autumn Leaf and Common Banded Peacock.

DAY 11 Departure.





Dragonfly Watching

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 01 Arrive in Sri Lanka and transfer to Colombo for one night. Afternoon, visit Talangama Tank for an assortment of colorful Libellulidae Dragonflies.

DAY 02 Drive to Kithulgala for two nights. We look for river and stream Dragonflies and Damselflies and a few more secretive forest species in a nearby forest.

DAY 03 Spend a full day visiting rivers and streams around the Kithulgala area looking for damselfly and dragonfly adults and larvae. We should find Blurry Forest Damselfly, beautiful Gossamerwings and some secretive endemic forest species.

DAY 04 We leave for Nuwara Eliya for two nights. Afternoon, a walk in the nearby wetlands should give us some montane species.

DAY 05 Morning, leave for Horton Plains National Park to see Cloud Forests and rare montane fauna. Afternoon, visit Hakgala Gardens.

DAY 06 Morning, leave for Kandy for two nights. En route visit the world famous Temple of the Scared Tooth Relic in Kandy. Afternoon, stroll around the hotel's gardens and ponds, which has species like the Black-headed Basker, which went unrecorded for over a hundred years.

DAY 07 Morning, a walk on the nature trail should produce Gossamerwings, Emeralds, Gems, Skimmers and other stream species.

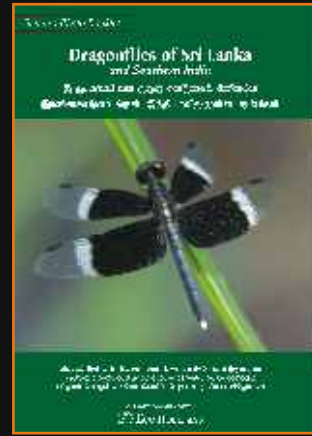
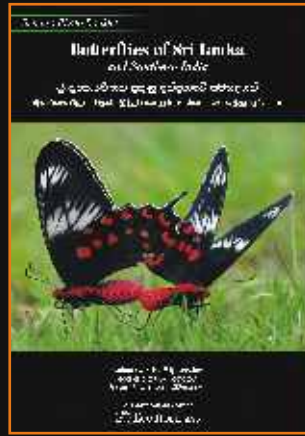
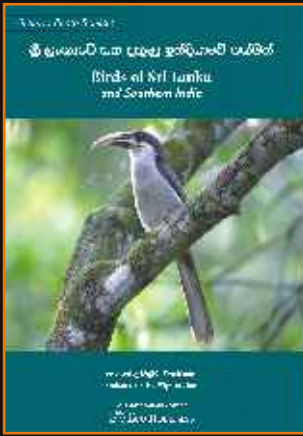
DAY 08 Leave for Dambulla for two nights. Afternoon, visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Sigiriya Sanctuary is also fantastic for dry zone dragonflies that occupy the ancient water gardens at Sigiriya Sanctuary and surrounding tanks. We look for Stripe-headed Pinfly, Featherlegs, Skimmers, Flutterers and Darters.

DAY 09 We spend the morning by the tank at the hotel and observe dry zone species. Afternoon, optional visit to Dambulla Caves.

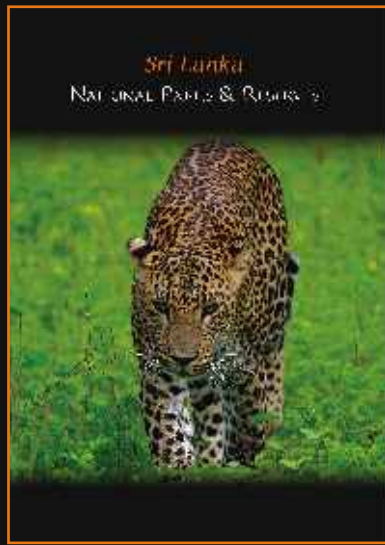
DAY 10 Leave for Katunayake for one night.

DAY 11 Departure.

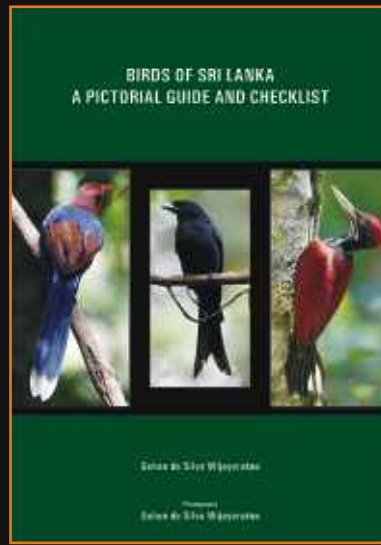
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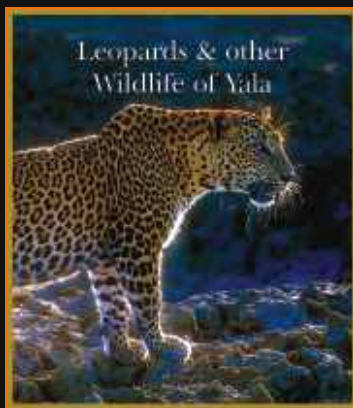
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