



Bird Watching - 98 Acres Resort, A Paradise of Forest Birds

Amongst tourist resorts in Sri Lanka, 98 Acres Resort, which is situated in a 98 acre tea estate can be considered as one of the rarest of this nature. When you stay here you will wake up to the fascinating sounds of birds' tweet. By the time you walk up to the balcony after waking up from a comfortable sleep, the birds residing in the outskirts of the resort too are awake by 6 'O' clock in the morning as they go in search of food. You are requested to be ready for this novel experience. If you start bird watching by 6 a.m. you will be able to see at least 20 bird species during two hours. If you continue to watch birds during the afternoon and the evening you will witness at least another 10 species. If you are really interested in continuing the bird watch you are suggested to join the observation in the nearby foliage and the forest; this will enable you to add up another 10 species of birds at least to your experience. It is suggested that you stay at least 03 days with us to see/observe all the bird species reported to be living in this location.

Birds such as Woodpeckers, Babblers, Barbets, Flycatchers, Minivit, and Chestnut headed Bee-eaters and Hill Mynas are the types of birds commonly seen in this location.

The birds that hide themselves during the night, in the hot sun and in the rain come out and engage in searching food when they are assured of protection to themselves during the rest of the time. They lay eggs in the burrows, It is expected that the number of species would increase at least by another 10 species with the arrival of migrant birds in September which usually is the period of migration for the migrant birds. In addition birds such as Sri Lankan Wood Pigeons who have migrated to low country rain forests due to dry weather here, will come back with the starting of the rainy season in the up country dry zone where this 98 Acre Resort is situated.

If you would like to do our bird watching tour please talk to our front office executive for more details. We will provide you with an exiting little checklist –booklet with pictures of birds to mark and write notes about the ones you encounter during your tour.

Time for Bird Watching @ 98 Acres.

Tea Estate

It is possible to watch many birds any day from 6.00 a. m. to 8.00 a.m. and from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. under good weather conditions. But some species of birds can be seen searching for food even after 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

Forest

The birds living in the forest become active early in the morning, engaging in the search for food. Due to low intensity of light inside the forest it is better to watch birds after 8.00 a.m. There are some birds that search food until 11.00 a.m. However, some birds look for food even after 2.00 p.m., individually and in flocks.

A Checklist of Birds in 98 Acres Resort

1. Black – rumped Flameback
2. Greater Flameback
3. Steak- throated Woodpecker
4. Lesser Yellownape
5. Yellow-crowned Woodpecker
6. Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker
7. Brown-headed Barbet
8. Sri Lanka Yellow-fronted Barbet
9. Coppersmith Barbet
10. Scarlet Minivet
11. Small Minivet
12. Jerdon's Leafbird
13. Common Iora
14. Large Cuckooshrike
15. Common Woodshrike
16. Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike
17. Red-vented Bulbul
18. Yellow-browed Bulbul
19. Tickell's Blue Flycatcher
20. White-browed Fantail
21. Black-naped Monarch
22. Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher
23. Brown Paradise Flycatcher
24. Plum-headed Parakeet
25. Sri Lanka Hanging Parrot
26. Chestnut-headed Bee-eater
27. Yellow-billed Babbler
28. Scimitar Babbler
29. Yellow-eyed Babbler
30. Tawny-bellied Babbler
31. Dark-fronted Babbler
32. Sri Lanka Brown-capped Babbler
33. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch
34. Great Tit
35. White- rumped Munia
36. Purple-rumped Sunbird
37. Pale-billed Flowerpecker
38. Oriental White-eye
39. Greater Coucal
40. Common Myna
41. Hill Myna
42. Black-hooded Oriole
43. Sri Lanka Wood Pigeon
44. Pompadour Green Pigeon
45. Emerald Dove
46. Spotted Dove
47. Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill
48. White-bellied Drongo
49. White-throated Kingfisher
50. Common Tailorbird
51. Jungle Prinia
52. Oriental Magpie Robin
53. Indian Robin
54. White-rumped Shama
55. Sri Lanka Junglefowl
56. Jungle Bush Quail
57. Jungle Crow
58. Indian Edible-nest Swift
59. Shikra
60. Black-shouldered Kite
61. Mountain Hawk Eagle
62. Black Eagle
63. Brahminy Kite
- Dinopium benghalense*
- Chrysocolaptes lucidus*
- Picus xanthopygæus*
- Picus chlorolophus*
- Dendrocopos maharattensis*
- Dendrocopos nanus*
- Megalaima zeylanica*
- Megalaima flavifrons*
- Megalaima haemacephala*
- Pericrocotus flammeus*
- Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*
- Chloropsis cochinchinensis*
- Aegithina tiphia*
- Coracina macei*
- Tephrodornis pondicerianus*
- Hemipus picatus*
- Pycnonotus cafer*
- Iole indica*
- Cyornis tickelliae*
- Rhipidura aureola*
- Hypothymis azurea*
- Culicicapa ceylonensis*
- Terpsiphone paradisi*
- Psittacula cyanocephala*
- Loriculus beryllinus ceylonensis*
- Merops leschenaulti*
- Turdoides affinis*
- Pomatotrhinus horsfieldii*
- Chrysomma sinense*
- Dumetia hyperythra*
- Rhopocichla atriceps*
- Pellorneum fuscicapillum fuscocapillum*
- Sitta frontalis*
- Parus major*
- Lonchura striata*
- Nectarinia zeylonica*
- Dicaeum erythrorhynchos*
- Zosterops palpebrosus*
- Centropus sinensis*
- Acridotheres tristis*
- Gracula religiosa*
- Oriolus xanthornus*
- Columba torringtoni*
- Treron pompadora*
- Chalcophaps indica*
- Streptopelia chinensis*
- Ocyrceros gingalensis*
- Dicrurus caerulescens insularis*
- Halcyon smyrnensis*
- Orthotomus sutorius sutorius*
- Prinia sylvatica*
- Copsychus saularis*
- Saxicoloides fulicata*
- Copsychus malabaricus*
- Gallus lafayetti*
- Perdicula asiatica*
- Corous macrorhynchos*
- Collocalia unicolor*
- Accipiter badius*
- Elanus Caeruleus*
- Spizaetus nipalensis*
- Ictinaetus malayensis*
- Haliastur Indus*

Buy the Book – 98 Acres Resort – Paradise of Forest Birds by R.K. Vidanagama.