

Birds at Campsite



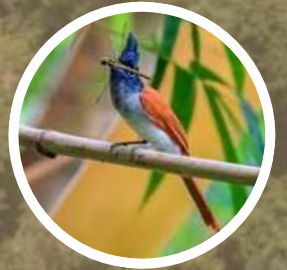
Sri Lanka Grey Hornbill



Red-vented Bulbul



Purple rumped Sun Bird



Asian Paradise Flycatcher



Red-wattled lapwing



Sri Lankan Shama



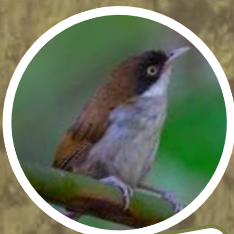
Peacock



Indian Pitta



Little Green Bee-Eater



Dark Fronted Babbler



Sri Lankan Jungle Fowl



Sri Lankan Woodshrike



Common Myna



Indian Robin



Small Minivet



House Sparrow



White-browed Fantail

Checklist of birds commonly found at camp



01. Sri Lankan Shama - *Copsychus leggei*
02. Indian Robin - *Copsychus fulvicatus*
03. Oriental Magpie Robin – *Copsychus saularis*
04. White-browed Fantail – *Rhipidura aureola*
05. Asian Paradise Flycatcher – *Terpsiphone paradisi*
06. Asian Green Bee-eater – *Merops orientalis*
07. Blue-tailed Bee-eater – *Merops philippinus*
08. Sri Lankan Jungle Fowl – *Gallus lafayettii*
09. Indian Peafowl – *Pavo cristatus*
10. Gray Heron – *Ardea cinerea*
11. Red-vented Bulbul – *Pycnonotus cafer*
12. Purple-rumped Sunbird – *Leptocoma zeylonica*
13. Indian Pitta – *Pitta brachyura*
14. Common Kingfisher – *Alcedo atthis*
15. White-throated Kingfisher – *Halcyon smyrnensis*
16. Spotted Dove – *Spilopelia chinensis*
17. Sri Lankan Green Pigeon – *Treron pompadora*
18. Orange-breasted Green Pigeon – *Treron bicinctus*
19. Green Imperial Pigeon – *Ducula aenea*
20. Malabar Pied Hornbill – *Anthracoceros coronatus*
21. Brown-headed Barbet – *Psilopogon zeylanicus*
22. Coppersmith Barbet – *Psilopogon haemacephalus*
23. Common Myna – *Acridotheres tristis*
24. Greater Coucal – *Centropus sinensis*
25. Red-back Flameback - *Dinopium psarodes*
26. Yellow-billed Babbler – *Argya affinis*
27. Small Minivet – *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*
28. Black-hooded Oriole – *Oriolus xanthornus*
29. House Sparrow – *Passer domesticus*
30. White-rumped Munia – *Lonchura striata*



Leopard Safaris by Noel & Cecile Rodrigo

A Bird Watcher's Paradise in Yala, Sri Lanka.



Tucked deep within the wild heart of **Yala National Park**, Leopard Safaris is a luxury eco-camp where conservation, comfort, and connection to nature come together. At the helm are **Cecile and Noel Rodrigo**, the passionate husband-and-wife duo whose love for wildlife and sustainable living has transformed a modest safari outfit into one of Sri Lanka's most celebrated nature retreats.

Cecile, originally from Germany, arrived in Sri Lanka to volunteer and never looked back. Swapping boardrooms for birdcalls, she joined forces with Noel – a former cabin manager turned wildlife expert – to create an immersive, award-winning safari experience rooted in purpose and preservation. Together, they've built more than just a camp; they've nurtured a thriving haven for wildlife enthusiasts, photographers, and especially **bird watchers**.

Meet Cecile and the Team



With a background in Business Administration and a Master's in hand, Cecile traded corporate life for the rhythms of the jungle. She now leads Leopard Safaris with vision, warmth, and a hands-on approach that makes every guest feel at home.

Cecile's story is one of bold choices, deep respect for nature, and a belief that happiness lies in doing what you love. Her dedication to sustainable tourism and her love for Sri Lanka shine through in every detail of the Leopard Safaris experience.

For avian lovers, Leopard Safaris is a dream come true. Yala's diverse habitats—ranging from dry monsoon forests and wetlands to grasslands and coastlines—host over 200 species of birds, including Sri Lanka's endemic treasures like the Sri Lanka **junglefowl, brown-capped babbler, and blue-faced malkoha**, as well as seasonal migrants such as **black-tailed godwits, Indian pittas, and grey-headed fish eagles**. With Noel's extensive knowledge and a dedicated in-house naturalist program, guests can explore some of Sri Lanka's most rewarding birding trails with expert guidance and a deep respect for nature.

At Leopard Safaris, you'll rise to the sound of birdsong, set off on tailor-made birding drives in open jeeps, and return to a jungle camp where sustainability meets style. Solar-powered tents, locally sourced meals, and zero-plastic policies ensure your footprint stays light, while the memories made under the stars—and among the trees—will stay with you forever.