

Bird List - Periyar

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The old names are given in brackets ()

ORDER: GALLIFORMES

Family: Phasianidae

Grey Francolin (Grey Partridge) *Francolinus pondicerianus*
Common Quail *Coturnix coturnix*
Blue-breasted Quail *Coturnix chinensis*
Jungle Bush Quail *Perdica asiatica*
Painted Bush Quail *Perdica erythrorhyncha*
Red Spurfowl *Galloperdix spadicea*
Grey Junglefowl *Gallus sonneratii*
Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus*
(Common Peafowl, Blue Peafowl)

ORDER: ANSERIFORMES

Anatini

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

ORDER: TURNICIFORMES

Family: Turnicidae

Yellow-legged Buttonquail *Turnix tanki*
(Button Quail)
Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator*
(Common Bustardquail)

ORDER: PICIFORMES

Family: Picidae

Eurasian Wryneck (Wryneck) *Jynx torquilla*
Speckled Piculet (Spotted Piculet) *Picumnus innominatus*
Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos nanus*
(Brown-crowned Pigmy Woodpecker)

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Dendrocopos mahrattensis*
(Yellow-fronted Pied Woodpecker)
Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus*
White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*
(Indian Great Black Woodpecker)
Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*
(Lesser Yellow-naped Woodpecker)
Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus*
(Little Scaly-bellied Green Woodpecker)
Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*
(Golden-backed Three-toed Woodpecker)
Black-rumped Flameback *Dinopium benghalense*
(Lesser Golden-backed Woodpecker)
Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*
(Larger Golden-backed Woodpecker)
Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente*

Family: Megalaimidae

Brown-headed Barbet (Green Barbet) *Megalaima zeylanica*
Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*
White-cheeked Barbet (Small Green) *Megalaima viridis*
Crimson-fronted Barbet *Megalaima rubricapilla*
(Crimson-throated Barbet)
Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*
(Crimson-breasted Barbet)

ORDER: BUCEROTIFORMES

Family: Bucerotidae

Malabar Grey Hornbill *Ocyroceros griseus*
Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis*
(Great Pied Hornbill, Giant Hornbill)
Malabar Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros coronatus*

ORDER: UPUPIFORMES

Family: Upupidae

Common Hoopoe (Hoopoe) *Upupa epops*

ORDER: TROGONIFORMES

Family: Trogonidae

Malabar Trogon (Ceylon Trogon) *Harpactes fasciatus*

ORDER: CORACIIFORMES

Family: Coraciidae

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*
Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*
(Broad-billed Roller)

Family: Alcedinidae

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*
(Small Blue Kingfisher)
Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting*

Family: Halcyonidae

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Halcyon capensis*
White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*
(White-breasted Kingfisher)
Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*
(Black-capped Purple Kingfisher)

Family: Cerylidae

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*
(Lesser Pied Kingfisher)

Family: Meropidae

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*
Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*
(Little Green Bee-eater)
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

ORDER: CUCULIFORMES

Family: Cuculidae

Pied Cuckoo *Clamator jacobinus*
(Pied Crested Cuckoo, Jacobin Cuckoo)
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *Clamator coromandus*
(Red-winged Crested Cuckoo)
Common Hawk Cuckoo *Hierococyx varius*
Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*

Eurasian Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*
(The Cuckoo, Common Cuckoo)
Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*
(Indian Banded Bay Cuckoo)
Grey-bellied Cuckoo *Cacomantis passerinus*
(Indian Plaintive Cuckoo)
Drongo Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*
Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea*
(Koel, Common Koel)
Blue-faced Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus viridirostris*
(Small Green-billed Malkoha)
Sirkeer Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus leschenaultii*
(Sirkeer Cuckoo, Sirkeer)

Family: Centropodidae

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*
(Crow-pheasant)
Lesser Coucal (Small Coucal) *Centropus bengalensis*

ORDER: PSITTACIFORMES

Family: Psittacidae

Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*
(Indian Lorikeet)
Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*
Malabar Parakeet *Psittacula columboides*
(Blue-winged Parakeet)

ORDER: APODIFORMES

Family: Apodidae

Indian Swiftlet *Collocalia unicolor*
(Indian Edible-nest Swiftlet)
White-rumped Needletail *Zoonavena sylvatica*
(White-rumped Spinetail)
Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*
(Large Brown-throated Spinetail Swift)
Asian Palm Swift (Palm Swift) *Cypsiurus balasiensis*
Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*
(Large White-rumped Swift)
House Swift (Little Swift) *Apus affinis*

Family: Hemiprocnidae

Crested Treeswift (Crested Swift) *Hemiprogne coronata*

ORDER: STRIGIFORMES

Family: Strigidae

Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia*
(Scops Owl, Little Scops Owl)
Collared Scops Owl *Otus bakkamoena*
Spot-bellied Eagle Owl *Bubo nipalensis*
(Forest Eagle Owl)
Brown Fish Owl *Ketupa zeylonensis*
Jungle Owlet *Glaucidium radiatum*
(Barred Jungle Owlet)
Spotted Owlet *Athene brama*
Brown Hawk Owl (Brown Boobook) *Ninox scutulata*
Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*

Family: Batrachostomidae

Sri Lanka Frogmouth *Batrachostomus moniliger*
(Ceylon Frogmouth)

Family: Eurostopodidae

Great Eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*

Family: Caprimulgidae

Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus indicus*
(Indian Jungle Nightjar)
Jerdon's Nightjar *Caprimulgus atripennis*
Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus*
(Common Indian Nightjar)
Savanna Nightjar (Franklin's) *Caprimulgus affinis*

ORDER: COLUMBIFORMES

Family: Columbidae

Rock pigeon (Blue Rock Pigeon) *Columba livia*
Nilgiri Wood Pigeon *Columba elphinstonii*
Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*
Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*
(Bronze-winged Dove)

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon *Treron bicincta*
(Orange-breasted Pigeon)
Pompadour Green Pigeon *Treron pompadora*
(Pompadour Pigeon)
Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron phoenicoptera*
(Yellow-legged Green or Bengal)
Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*
Mountain Imperial Pigeon (Imperial) *Ducula badia*

ORDER: GRUIFORMES

Family: Rallidae

Slaty-legged Crake *Rallina eurizonoides*
(Banded Crake)
White-breasted Waterhen *Amauornis phoenicurus*
Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla*
Ruddy-breasted Crake (Ruddy) *Porzana fusca*
Watercock *Gallixrex cinerea*

ORDER: CICONIIFORMES

Family: Scolopacidae

Scolopacinae

Wood Snipe *Gallinago nemoricola*
Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*
Common Snipe (Fantail Snipe) *Gallinago gallinago*
Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Tringinae

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*
Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Family: Rostratulidae

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*
(Painted Snipe)

Charadriinae

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
(Little Plover, Little Ring Plover)
Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

Family: Laridae

Sternini

River Tern *Sterna aurantia*
(Indian River Tern)

Family: Accipitridae

Pandioninae

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Accipitrinae

Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni*
(Blyth's Baza, Brown Baza)
Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes*
(Black-crested Baza)
Oriental Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*
(Honey Buzzard)
Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
(Black-winged Kite)
Black Kite *Milvus migrans*
(Pariah Kite, Black-eared Kite)
Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*
White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
(White-bellied Fish-Eagle)
Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*
(Himalayan, Grey-headed Fishing Eagle)
Egyptian Vulture *Neophron percnopterus*
(Small White, Scavenger)
White-rumped Vulture *Gyps bengalensis*
(Indian White-backed Vulture)
Indian Vulture *Gyps indicus*
(Indian Long-billed, Indian Griffon)
Red-headed Vulture *Sarcogyps calvus*
(King Vulture, Black Vulture)
Short-toed Snake Eagle *Circaetus gallicus*
(Short-toed Eagle)
Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*
Eurasian Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

(Western Marsh Harrier)
Pallid Harrier *Circus macrourus*
(Pale Harrier)
Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*
Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*
Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*
Shikra *Accipiter badius*
Besra *Accipiter virgatus*
(Besra Sparrow-hawk)
Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*
(Northern Sparrowhawk)
Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*
(Buzzard, Eurasian Buteo)
Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*
Bonelli's Eagle *Hieraaetus fasciatus*
(Bonelli's Hawk Eagle)
Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus*
(Booted Hawk Eagle)
Rufous-bellied Eagle *Hieraaetus kienerii*
(Rufous-bellied Hawk Eagle)
Changeable Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*
(Crested Hawk Eagle)
Mountain Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus nipalensis*
(Hodgson's Hawk Eagle)

Family: Falconidae

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
(Kestrel, Eurasian Kestrel)
Red-necked Falcon *Falco chicquera*
(Red-headed Merlin, Red-headed Falcon)
Oriental Hobby *Falco severus*
(Indian Hobby)
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
(Red-capped Falcon, Barbary Falcon)

Family: Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Family: Anhingidae

Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*
(Indian Darter, Oriental Darter, Snakebird)

Family: Phalacrocoracidae

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*
Indian Cormorant (Shag) *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*
Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
(Cormorant, Large Cormorant)

Family: Ardeidae

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
Western Reef Egret *Egretta gularis*
(Indian Reef Heron)
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
Great Egret (Large Egret) *Casmerodius albus*
Intermediate Egret *Mesophoyx intermedia*
(Smaller Egret, Plumed Egret)
Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*
(Pond Heron)
Little Heron *Butorides striatus*
(Little Green Heron, Striated Heron)
Malayan Night Heron *Gorsachius melanolophus*
(Malay Bittern, Malay Night Heron)
Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*
Cinnamon Bittern (Chestnut Bittern) *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*
Black Bittern *Dupetor flavicollis*

Family: Ciconiidae

Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*
Black Stork *Ciconia nigra*
Woolly-necked Stork (White-necked) *Ciconia episcopus*

ORDER: PASSERIFORMES

Family: Pittidae

Indian Pitta *Pitta brachyura*

Family: Irenidae

Asian Fairy Bluebird *Irena puella*
(Fairy Bluebird)
Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*
(Gold-mantled / Jerdon's Chloropsis)
Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*

Family: Laniidae

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*
Bay-backed Shrike *Lanius vittatus*
Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
(Rufous-backed Shrike)

Corvinae

Corvini

Rufous Treepie (Indian Treepie) *Dendrocitta vagabunda*
White-bellied Treepie *Dendrocitta leucogastra*
(Southern Tree Pie)
House Crow *Corvus splendens*
Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*
(Jungle/Black Crow)

Artamini

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*
(Ashy Swallow-shrike)

Oriolini

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*
(Golden Oriole)
Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*
Black-hooded Oriole (Black-headed) *Oriolus xanthornus*
Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei*
Black-headed Cuckooshrike *Coracina melanoptera*
Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*
Small Minivet(Little Minivet) *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*
Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*
(Orange Minivet)
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*
(Pied Flycatcher-shrike)

Dicrurinae

Rhipidurini

White-browed Fantail (Flycatcher) *Rhipidura aureola*
(White-breasted Fantail Flycatcher)

Dicrurini

Ashy Drongo(Grey) *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
White-bellied Drongo *Dicrurus caerulescens*
(White-vented Drongo)
Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*
(Little Bronzed Drongo)
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*
(Racket-tailed Drongo)

Monarchini

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*
(Black-naped Flycatcher)
Asian Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*
(Paradise-flycatcher)

Aegithinae

Common Iora (Iora) *Aegithina tiphia*

Malaconotinae

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis*
Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*
(Woodshrike, Lesser Wood-shrike)

Family: Muscicapidae

Turdinae

Blue-capped Rock Thrush *Monticola cinclorhynchus*
(Blue-headed Rock Thrush)
Malabar Whistling Thrush *Myophonus horsfieldii*
Pied Thrush (Pied Ground Thrush) *Zoothera wardii*
White-throated Thrush *Zoothera citrina cyanotus*
(Orange-headed Ground Thrush)
Eurasian Blackbird *Turdus merula*
White-bellied Shortwing *Brachypteryx major major*
(Rufous-bellied Shortwing)

Muscicapinae

Muscicapini

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*
(Brown Flycatcher)

Rusty-tailed Flycatcher *Muscicapa ruficauda*
(Rufous-tailed Flycatcher)
Brown-breasted Flycatcher (Layard's) *Muscicapa muttui*
Red-throated Flycatcher *Ficedula parva*
(Red-breasted Flycatcher)
Black-and-orange Flycatcher *Ficedula nigrorufa*
(Black-and-rufous Flycatcher)
Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*
Nilgiri Flycatcher *Eumyias albicaudata*
White-bellied Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis pallipes*
Blue-throated Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides*
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*
(Orange-breasted Blue Flycatcher)
Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
(Grey-headed Flycatcher)

Saxicolini

Indian Blue Robin (Blue Chat) *Luscinia brunnea*
Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis*
(Magpie Robin Dayal)
White-rumped Shama(Shama) *Copsychus malabaricus*
Indian Robin *Saxicoloides fulicata*
(Black Robin, Indian Chat)
Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*
(Pied Stone-chat)

Family: Sturnidae

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus*
(Grey-headed Myna)
Brahminy Starling *Sturnus pagodarum*
(Black-headed /Brahminy Myna)
Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus*
(Rosy Pastor, Rose-coloured Starling)
Common Myna(Mynah) *Acridotheres tristis*
Bank Myna *Acridotheres ginginianus*
Jungle Myna *Acridotheres fuscus*
Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*
(Grackle, Common Hill Myna)

Family: Sittidae

Sittinae

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

(Velvet-fronted Blue Nuthatch)

Family: Paridae

Parinae

Great Tit (Grey Tit) *Parus major*
Black-lored Tit *Parus xanthogenys*
(Yellow-cheeked Tit)

Family: Hirundinidae

Dusky Crag Martin *Hirundo concolor*
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
(Swallow, Common Swallow)
Pacific Swallow (House, Hill) *Hirundo tahitica*
Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*
Red-rumped Swallow (Striated) *Hirundo daurica*
Northern House Martin *Delichon urbica*
(House Martin, Common House Martin)

Family: Pycnonotidae

Grey-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus priocephalus*
Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus gularis*
(Black-headed Yellow Bulbul)
Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*
Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer*
White-browed Bulbul *Pycnonotus luteolus*
Yellow-browed Bulbul *Iole indica*
Black Bulbul(Gray) *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

Family: Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*
(Streaked Fantail Warbler)
Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*
(Franklin's Wren Warbler)
Ashy Prinia *Prinia socialis*
(Ashy Wren Warbler)
Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*
(Plain Wren-Warbler, White-browed Prinia)

Family: Zosteropidae

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

(White-eye, Small White-eye)

Family: Sylviidae

Acrocephalinae

Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*
(Common Grasshopper Warbler)
Thick-billed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon*
Clamorous Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus*
Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetorum*
Common Tailorbird(Tailorbird) *Orthotomus sutorius*
Tickell's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis*
(Tickell's Warbler)
Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*
(Dull Green Leaf Warbler)
Large-billed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus magnirostris*
(Large-billed Tree Warbler)
Western Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus occipitalis*
(Large Crowned Leaf Warbler)

Megalurinae

Broad-tailed Grassbird *Schoenicola platyura*
(Broad-tailed Grass Warbler)

Garrulacinae

Wynaad Laughingthrush *Garrulax delesserti*
Grey-breasted Laughingthrush *Garrulax jerdoni*
(White-breasted Laughingthrush)

Sylviinae

Timaliini

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*
(Spotted Babbler)
Indian Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus horsfieldii*
Tawny-bellied Babbler *Dumetia hyperythra*
(Rufous-bellied Babbler)
Dark-fronted Babbler *Rhopocichla atriceps*
(Black-headed Babbler)
Rufous Babbler *Turdoides subrufus*
Jungle Babbler *Turdoides striatus*
Yellow-billed Babbler *Turdoides affinis*

(White-headed Babbler)
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poioicephala*
(Quaker Babbler)

Family: Alaudidae

Bengal Bushlark *Mirafra assamica*
Malabar Lark *Galerida malabarica*
(Malabar Crested Lark)
Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*
(Eastern Skylark, Oriental Lark)

Family: Nectariniidae

Nectariniinae

Dicaeini

Pale-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum erythrorhynchos*
(Tickell's / Small Flowerpecker)
Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum concolor*
(Plain-colored Flowerpecker)

Nectariniini

Purple-rumped Sunbird *Nectarinia zeylonica*
Crimson-backed Sunbird *Nectarinia minima*
(Small Sunbird)
Purple Sunbird *Nectarinia asiatica*
Loten's Sunbird *Nectarinia lotenia*
(Long-billed Sunbird)
Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

Family: Passeridae

Passerinae

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Motacillinae

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*
White Wagtail (Pied Wagtail) *Motacilla alba personata*
White-browed Wagtail *Motacilla maderaspatensis*
(Large Pied Wagtail)
Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*
Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*
(Indian Pipit)
Blyth's Pipit *Anthus godlewskii*
Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*
(Brown Rock pipit)
Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*
(Indian Tree Pipit, Olive Tree Pipit)
Nilgiri Pipit *Anthus nilghiriensis*

Ploceinae

Baya Weaver(Baya) *Ploceus philippinus*

Estrildinae

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*
(White-backed Munia, Striated Munia)
Black-throated Munia *Lonchura kelaarti*
(Rufous-bellied Munia, Ceylon Hill Munia)
Black-headed Munia *Lonchura malacca*
(Chestnut Munia)

Family: Fringillidae

Carduelini

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*