



Sri Lankan leopard

Yala Block Two

YALA

The Yala National Park which is world renowned for its rich fauna and flora, borders Hambantota and Moneragala districts in the southern province. With an extent of 97,880 hectares this natural forest expands over dry and wetland areas.

Yala is home to a vast variety of animals from jungle fowl to leopards and giant pachyderms who roam the jungle in great herds and also thanks to whom Sri Lanka is known as a great wildlife tourist hot-spot. It is a place for bird watchers.

Yala is famous for frequent and easy sightings of leopards.

People from the North cross the great extent of Yala during the Kataragama festive season, leaving a trail of litter, from up north to down south on the entire trek. The Park warden and his assisting staff go beyond their call of duty to clean up this mess, at a great risk to their life.



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Lesser Adjutant



Changeable hawk eagle



Wild buffalo



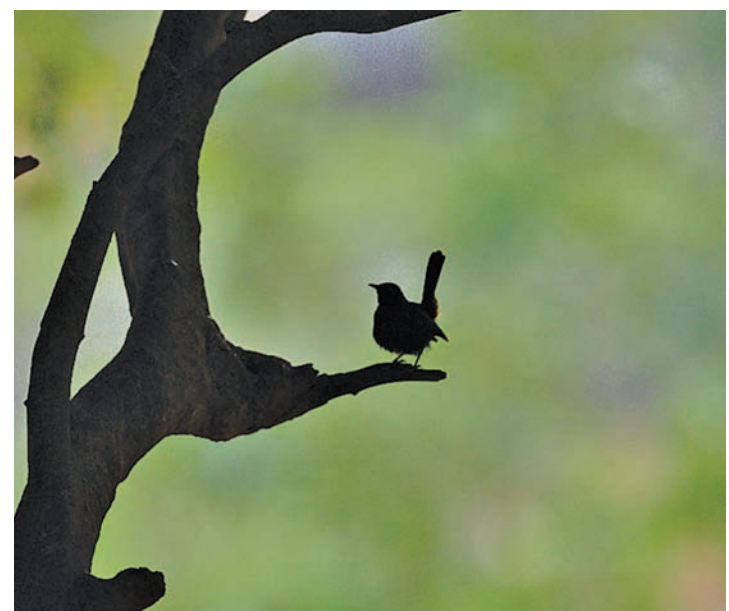
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Elephant



Oriental scops owl



Black robin (Sri Lankan kalu kichcha)