

monkeys	
Common Langur	Grey, long, black faced 'arch -tailed monkeys' with noticeable white 'beards' and pointed white hairdos Resident troupe at Kandalama hotel and fairly numerous around the road to the sacred bow tree at Anaradhapura. Can be noisy and boisterous.
Toque Macaque	Light brown coat with bare face variably pink to embarrassed blushing red. Hairdo is distinctly 'flat topped and punk look sides Resident troupe at Kandalama and found at most cultural sites especially numerous at Dambulla cave temples. Mischievous
Purple nosed Leaf Monkey	Only seen from a boat on the Madu Ganga and a tame one in Bentota village. A form in the mountains is known as the bear monkey. Overall black with bare black face bordered with prominent white whiskers, beard and moustache. Quiet and unassuming.

Bats	
Small bat spp	One minute (c. 50mm) bat roosted at Kandalama one night
Flying Fox -Giant fruit bat	Very common at Betota and Madu Ganga where they roost by day and take flight after approx. 1800 hrs giving spectacular displays. Some fly during the day also.
Fruit bat	Small fruit bats were encountered at a roost along the road through Betota village in a derelict building that they had taken over
Bats in general	At Kanadalma there were very many unidentified bats present in the evenings - even in the hotel public areas though thankfully not the restaurant.

Mammals	
Elephant	Personally only saw trained ones but people had seen up to 60 wild ones in other areas
Sambhur	Kandalama - several of dubious wildness outside the hotel
Spotted Deer	Kandalama - ditto
Wild boar	Kandalama - ditto
Mouse Deer	Anaradhapura - one being kept as a pet
Sri Lanka Palm Squirrel	Impossible to miss at Betota
Giant Squirrel	Huge and spectacular - can be mistaken for Langurs at Kandalama.
Porcupine	One at Sigiriya on a chain being kept by children as a pet
Pole cat	Another with the same fate as above at Madu Ganga
Brown Mongoose	Frequently seen in the North - especially at Polonnaruwa
Black Mongoose	An adult and a juvenile were seen briefly at Bentota

Reptiles	
Mugger Crocodile	People are in the habit of 'arresting and detaining' stray crocs saw 2 such.
Water Monitor	Spectacular 2m long lizards were commonly seen on most waters especially around Bentota and Madu Ganga
Land Monitor-Iguana	Just a little less spectacular at around 1m fairly common everywhere.
Chamelion	One long ring-tailed specimen at Bentota was especially well coloured
House Geckos	Curiously out and about after dark on the hotel walls making remarkable chattering noises

Frogs	
Small brown frogs	tiny 10mm long brown frogs were seen in Betota
Med sized	Green bug-eyed frogs were seen at the rock pools at Betota

INSECTS	Kandalama was a paradise for bugs and insects.
butterflies	huge swallowtails - flew like bats Large pale blue varieties blue and yellows in bewildering profusion at Kandalame and indeed elsewhere
dragonflies	many species were seen
moths	there must be hundreds of species at Kandalama
Preying Mantis	Bright green one at Kandalama
Beetles	Several extremely large but shield bugs and others were like jewels
Termites	Mass eruptions on two nights left the floors thick with their wings and bodies huge mounds in the jungle areas

Turtles	Turtle hatcheries are set up from Bentota south I went to the one at Kosgoda. The eggs are bought from locals who would otherwise sell them for eating in the markets. A 50 rupee (50p) donation can secure the survival of approx 7 turtles to adulthood in the wild - I went twice!! Fresh hatchlings are kept for about 4 days to 'build them up' for the release to the sea in the night time.
Green Turtle	Hatchlings were on display plus a 30 pounder and an albino
Kemps Ridley	Hatchlings were on display
Loggerhead	3-4 of these lovely brown thick headed turtles were on show
Leatherback	Hatchlings were present
Hawksbill	Several large sub adults were being cared for