



### Why should you book this trip?

- It is a fascinating activity for those who love bird watching in the beautiful natural environment.
- Kalametiya is a coastal wetland area that is situated on the picturesque southeastern coast of Sri Lanka with a very rich bio-diversity.
- The Kalametiya area records about 150 species of birds of which 54 are migratory. There are four nationally threatened birds found within the sanctuary – Indian Reef Heron, Glossy Ibis, Sri Lankan Jungle Fowl and Black-capped Purple Kingfisher with Jungle Fowl being the only endemic species.
- Guidance by an experienced birding guide/naturalist makes this even more special and inspiring.
- Ideally located on your way to the famous Yala National Park.
- Opportunity to interact with the local community

## Quick Facts

- Preferred starting time of the tour is
- Morning: 6.00 a.m. or Evening: 4.00 p.m.
- Duration: Two hours
- Lead time: Two days prior notice
- Possible period - All around the year
- Arrival and departure transport for any location could be arranged on request for an additional cost

## You will meet



**Keith**

Keith is a young and hands-on naturalist who is bursting with enthusiasm for the work he does. Starting his volunteer work in his teenage years and having studied subjects pertaining to biodiversity, conservation and environmental degradation throughout his university career, he has stepped into the professional arena with a glowing portfolio of qualifications and field work. He is a dedicated animal handler, having worked closely with animals from a very young age, while he has also participated in and contributed to several research projects pertaining to matters of biodiversity.

## Included in the price

- Services of a local birding guide
- Boat fee
- Bottled water

## Exclusions

- Arrival and departure transportation
- Any extra beverages or food consumed
- Any tips to Eco Team representatives
- Any personal effects not mentioned above

## Tour in brief

The Sri Lanka Day Tours Team is geared to providing the best birding experiences available. Birding enthusiasts will love exploring the hidden gem known as the Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary as it is the country's oldest bird sanctuary and is known to hold numerous exotic species of birds

This two-hour excursion into the heart of the sanctuary will begin at 6 a.m. (for morning tours) or 4 p.m. You will first meet with the Eco Team staff at the designated location, where you will be warmly greeted by your naturalist/guide. You will then set out on an adventurous journey through the beautiful bird sanctuary

Sri Lanka Day Tours owning company, Eco Team's specialized Birding Arm offers professional and quality birding tours in Sri Lanka since year 2000 for the birding community around the world with varied levels of interest

We have carefully planned every birding tour to maximize our birding success by visiting as many habitats, altitudinal zones, and local lesser known hideouts as possible while still maintaining a reasonable tour pace

## Important

- Suitable casual clothing for windy, rainy, warm weather conditions should be considered
- Cameras/video recorders

## Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary

Kalametiya sanctuary is located in the Hambantota District and falls into the dry zone category. The major habitat types that are found in this sanctuary are lagoons, mangroves and scrublands. These lagoons support breeding colonies of pelicans, herons, egrets and open-billed stork and large wintering populations of migratory ducks and shorebirds.

Kalametiya is one of Sri Lanka's most secluded nature reserves but it is one of the most richly endowed bird habitats in the country. First established in 1938, it is the island's oldest bird sanctuaries and occupies the beautiful area between two salt water lagoons bordering a mangrove swamps and open plains.

The sanctuary is home to several species of birds including Black-capped Purple Kingfisher, Indian Reef Heron, Jungle Fowls and Glossy Ibises. It also has several species of mammals, reptiles and insects.