

## Bird Watching in Kokduwa, Polonnaruwa

### Explore an Island in the Middle of Parakrama Samudraya in the Historical Kingdom of Polonnaruwa

SLDT/1702/BW04



### Why should you book this trip?

- It is a fascinating activity for those who love bird watching
- It is in close proximity to Polonnaruwa, which makes this an activity that can be done by everyone who passes or stays in Polonnaruwa
- Kokduwa is surrounded by the second biggest tank in Sri Lanka Parakrama Samudra
- The Kokdowa area records about 30+ species of birds of which a few are also migratory
- Enjoy a delicious traditional Sri Lankan-style snack (Pol Rotti) with tea on the island
- Guidance by an experienced birding guide makes this even more special and inspiring
- Ideally located in Polonnaruwa area where there are various other attractions and cultural sites to visit
- Kokduwa and Parakrama Samudra tank area are the best locations in Polonnaruwa to see a wide variety of colourful birds
- Opportunity to interact with the local fishing community

## Quick Facts

- Preferred starting times: 5.30 a.m./8.30 a.m./3.30 p.m./6 p.m.
- Duration: 2 – 3 hours
- Possible period – All around the year
- Meeting point: Near Kokduwa
- Arrival and departure transport for any location could be arranged on request for an additional cost

## You will meet



**Nimal**

Nimal – the guide who will assist you during this excursion has 14 years of experience as a birding guide. He also speaks Sinhala, English, and Tamil fluently. He currently lives in Polonnaruwa with his family.

## Included in the price

- Birding guide/naturalist fee
- Boat ride to the kokduwa island
- Traditional Sri Lankan snack (pol rotti) with tea
- Bottled water
- Applicable Government taxes

## Exclusions

- Transportation to the start point
- Any extra beverages or food consumed
- Any tips to the staff
- 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 this island “Kokduwa” where you can spot various species of birds

This 2-3 hour excursion will begin at four starting times throughout the day. You will first meet with the SLDT staff at the designated location, where you will be warmly greeted by your guide

After meeting the guide you will take the boat ride to the island and enjoy a cup of tea with a pol rotti snack

You will then set out on an adventurous journey through the beautiful bird island

The Sri Lanka Day Tours owning company, Eco Team’s specialised birding arm offers professional and quality birding tours in Sri Lanka since the year 2000 for the birding community around the world, with varied levels of interest

We have carefully planned every birding tour to maximise 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
- Sun hat, sun cream recommended
- Cameras/video recorders

## Birds You Can See

- The little grebe
- The oriental darter
- The intermediate egret
- The striated heron
- The painted stork
- Eurasian spoonbill
- Spot billed pelican
- Little egret
- The grey heron
- The black-crowned night heron
- The Asian openbill
- Lesser whistling duck
- Indian cormorant
- The great egret
- The purple heron
- Yellow bittern
- The black-headed ibis
- Black kite

- The black-headed ibis
- Little ring plover
- Greater sand plover
- Terek sandpiper
- White bellied sea eagle
- Kentish plover
- Caspian plover
- Indian stone curlew
- Common moorhen
- Lesser sand plover
- Red wattled lapwing
- Long tailed skua