

SRI LANKA DUSKY BLUE FLYCATCHER

(MUSEICAPA SORDIDA)



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LANKA RUSIREVIYA (SRI LANKA WARBLER)

Peace bird little bigger than a sparrow, dark brown in colour. Its normal habitats are highland forests extending upto a height of 3000 ft. and wet zone forests. It very often lives among the small shrubs grown upto about 5 feet from the ground. It hops through the under-growth speedily and cannot therefore, be easily seen. At times, it is seen as a mouse. Insects and worms become its food. It is usually seen coupled with the she-bird. Breeding period is February to May. Nestling time is September.

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This bird too, is somewhat larger than the sparrow. Entire body is of blackish dark blue colour. Can be easily identified from the brilliant blue spot in its forehead. Found in highland forests of 2000-7sq. ft. elevation. Very common at Horton plance. Very clever in flying at a high speed for hunting flies. Can be seen isolated and in couples. Breeding during February to June and August to September.