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The mammalian fauna of Sri Lanka is well described by Phillips (1935). A revised checklist of Sri Lankan mammals was produced by Hill (1939). More recently Eisenberg and Mckay (1970) have produced and Annotated Checklist of the mammals of the island. The lists produced by the above authors, except that of Hill's, confine themselves to the terrestrial mammalian fauna. Records of whales entering Sri Lankan waters have been made by Deraniyagala (1960,1963) and the species recorded by him have been included in the present checklist.

The various publications referred to above are not readily available to the ordinary user. The purpose of the present paper is to bring together available information, in the form of an easily accessible checklist. In the main, this checklist follows that of Eisenberg and Mckay (1970). Ellerman and Morrison - Scott's checklist of Palearctic and Indian mammals (1951) was used extensively to help confirm the status of most species. Preliminary work on this checklist was carried out by Crusz whose card compilation was used as a starting point.

Thirty three families of mammals are represented in Sri Lanka. They include 79 genera of which 2 genera are endemic. These 2 genera contain a single species each. In addition there are 8 other species that are endemic, making up a total of 10 species which are endemic to the island.

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* The subspecies *Macaca sinica longicaudata* has also been described by Deraniyagala, P.E.P. in the *Spolia Zeylanica* Vol. 30 (II) (1963) under - 'A New Subspecies of Macaque *Macaca sinica longicaudata* from Ceylon.

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* Other names for same *Felis* species

(a) *Felis rubiginosa* as *Prionailurus rubiginosa*

(b) *Felis viverrina* as *Zibethailurus viverrina*