



Halgolla Plantation Home

Accommodation of a different kind - August 2011

July was a really lovely month at Halgolla Plantation Home with cool evenings and pleasant temperatures. August will likely be slightly hotter as we enter what is usually the driest month of our year.

The dearth of precipitation will, however, see more bird life at the bird-bath and feeder as the natural water sources dry up. Already we see the elegant Southern Magpie Robin, the always-entertaining White-Browed Fantail Flycatcher, the gentle White Eye and the chatty Mynas (below). As the birds have become more used to our presence, they have become less shy and can be easily watched from closer than before.



The drought also brings other wild creatures closer to home as well. Wild boar, porcupine, giant squirrels, the rare flying squirrel, and macaque monkeys also look for easy sources of food and water. And while their depredations are not so welcome, it makes a policy of “Peaceful Co-existence” most practical to our natural environment!

August also brings many cultural activities to the area. The Dalada Perahera in Kandy is the premiere event of temple celebrations in Sri Lanka. It starts on July 31st with the Kapsituvima—the planting of saplings to ensure good luck for the Perahera. For the next two weeks various processions and ceremonies are held. The grand finale is the Randoli Perahera, held this year on five evenings from August 9th to 13th. If you have not attended the this torch-lit procession, it’s a treat for the senses—richly costumed elephants, the famous Kandyan dancers and drummers, jugglers, and a variety of other entertainers parade the streets of Kandy in this non-pareil event.



Halgolla Plantation Home is the perfect base for your travels to the Kandy Perahera. It’s also the perfect place to relax and enjoy nature, and as a starting point for travels to the rest of this beautiful island.

With warm wishes, Emil & Arlene

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