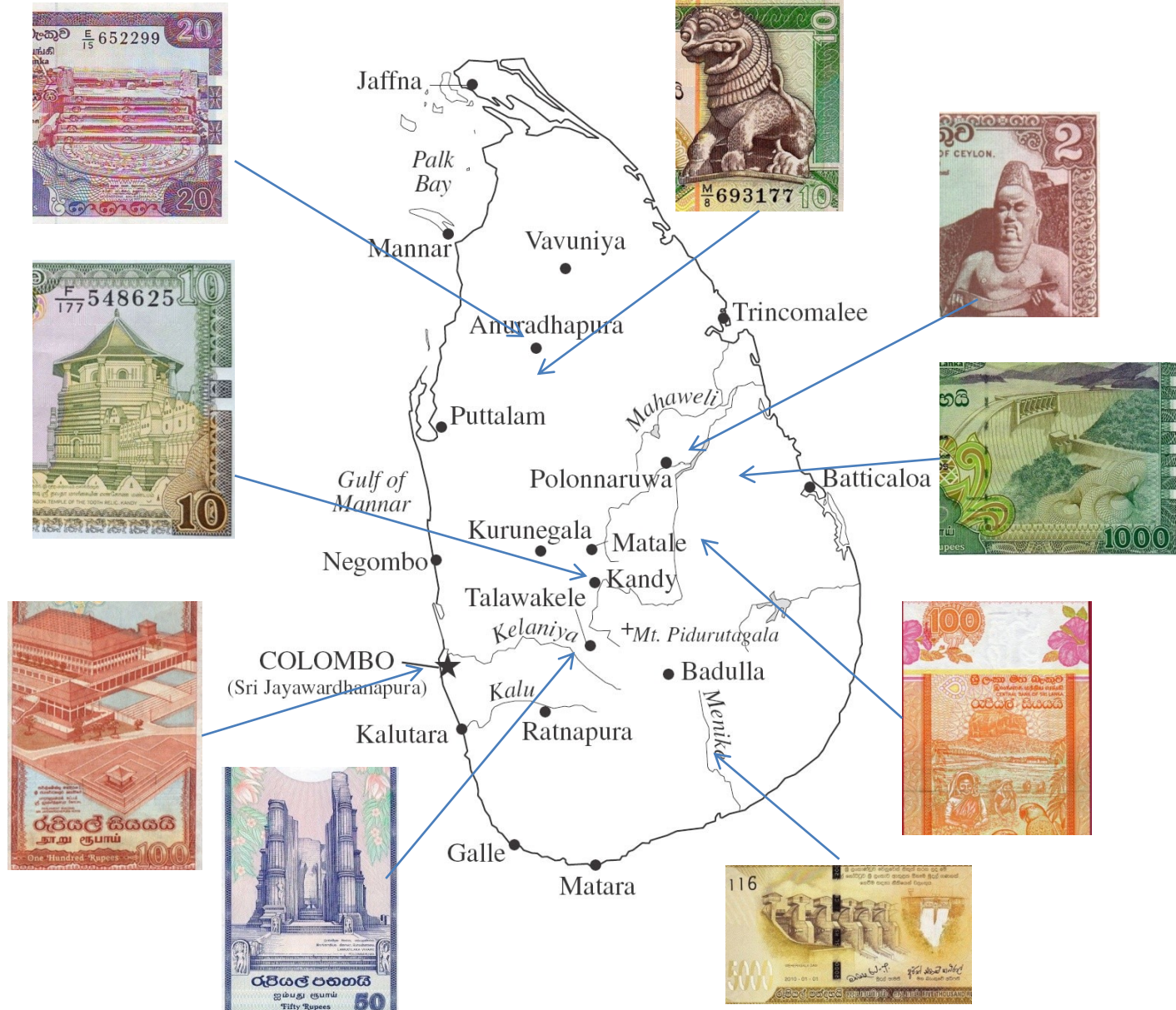


The BANKNOTES of the Socialist Republic of SRI LANKA



In 1972
Ceylon became the
Free, Sovereign and Independent Republic of Sri Lanka
or
Sri Lanka

The Central Bank of Ceylon did not become
the Central Bank of Sri Lanka until 1985.

Central Bank of Ceylon

Flora and Fauna Issue of 1979 - 1985

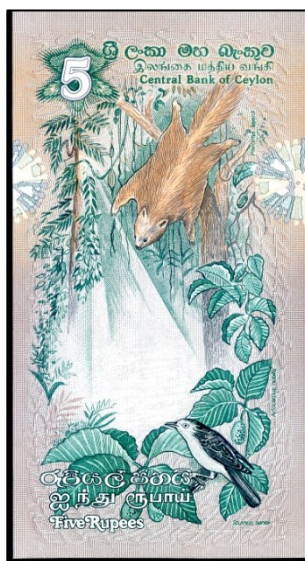
According to Owen Linzmayer, this series should be listed as a Ceylon issue.



P-84/B338

5 rupees

P-83a
B337
2 rupees



P-85
B339
10 rupees

The SCWPM, however, lists this series as the beginning of the Sri Lanka issues.

Flora and Fauna issue of the Bank of Ceylon



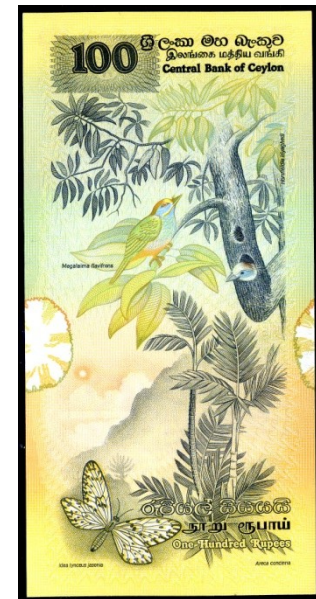
P-86a/B340 20 rupees



P-87a/341 50 rupees



P-88a/B342 100 rupees



Historical issue of the Bank of Ceylon

Central Bank of Ceylon



P-89a/B348
500 rupees

Stone relief of
elephant from
Temple of the
Sacred Tooth, Kandy
--
Anuradhapura Temple



P-90a/B349
1000 rupees

Upper Kothmale
Dam
--
Peacock



From Ceylon to Sri Lanka

Archaeological and Historical Issues

1982 - 1985



Central Bank of Ceylon

1987 - 1990



Central Bank of Sri Lanka

P-92b
B344b



Above: Temple of
the Sacred Tooth
Relic in Kandy.



Dagoba Raja
Maha Vihare Temple
in Kelaniya.

P-96a
B101a



Archaeological and Historical Issue

Central Bank of Ceylon and Central Bank of Sri Lanka
1982 – 1985 1987 – 1990



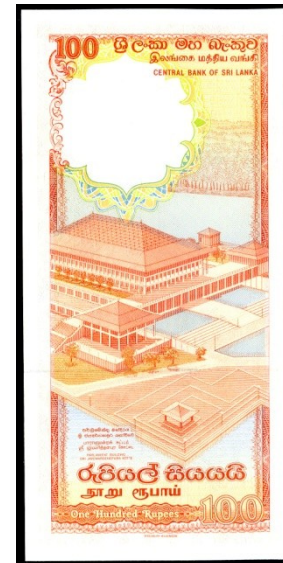
P-93 & 97
B345 & B102
20 rupees

Moonstone
Steps
--
Thuparama
Dagoba
Temple



P-94 & 98
B346 & B103
50 rupees

Raja Maha
Temple
--
Headless
Buddha



P-95 & 99
B347 & B104
100 rupees

Stone relief
of Chintre.
--
Parliament
Building

To conserve space, only one example of each of the two Pick numbers are illustrated. The lower catalog number for each banknote refers to the Bank of Ceylon. The higher number refers to the Bank of Sri Lanka.

From Ceylon to Sri Lanka

Archaeological and Historical Issues

1981 - 1985



P-89/B348
Bank of Ceylon

Back is
predominately
brown and green.



1987 - 1990



P-100c/B105c
Bank of Sri Lanka

Back is
predominately
brown and red.



500 rupees

Ceylon becomes Sri Lanka

Archaeological and Historical Issues

1981 only



P-90/B349
Bank of Ceylon
Bowattena Dam
--
Spillway and
Peacock

1987 – 1990



P101/B106c
Bank of Sri Lanka
Victoria Dam
--
University of
Ruhuna



1000 rupees

Bank of Sri Lanka 1991 – 1994 Cultural Issue



P-102a/B107a 10 rupees

Sinhalese Chinze

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Presidential Secretariat
Offices

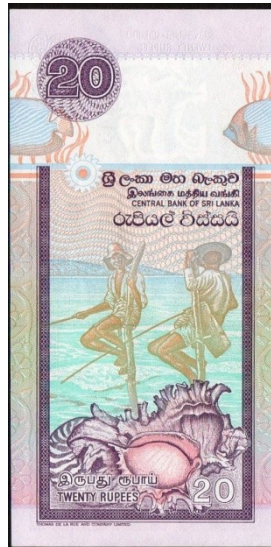


P-103a/B108a 20 rupees

Devil Mask

--

Sri Lankan Pole Fishermen



P-104c/B109c 50 rupees

Male Dancer in Headdress

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Jetavana and Tuparama Stupas



Bank of Sri Lanka
1991 – 1994 Cultural Issue
100 rupees, ornate urn



P-105a/B110a
Without dot.

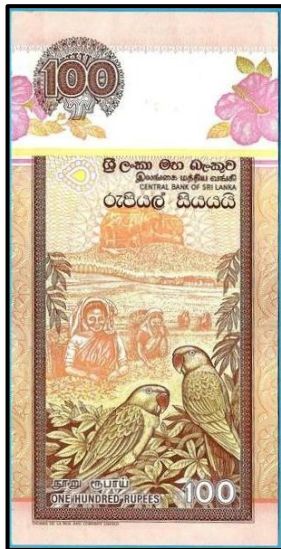


P-105b/B110b
With dot



Origin of the dot is somewhat mysterious. Lowest serial number found has a dot.

Bank of Sri Lanka 1991 – 1994 Cultural Issue 100 rupees – Ornate Urn Types



P-105 a & b
B110b
Brown back.



P-105A
B111
Orange back.



P-111 & P-118
B117
Latent,
embossed
image on face.
Orange back.

Bank of Sri Lanka

1991 – 1992 Cultural Issue

High Values



P-106a/B112a
500 rupees
Kandyan Dancer and
Traditional Drummers
--
Ruwanwelisaya Stupa
in Anuradhapura



P-107b/B113b
1000 rupees
Festive elephant
--
Temple of the Sacred
Tooth at Kandy



Bank of Sri Lanka 1995 – 2006 Cultural Issue



P-108 & 115
B114
Chinthe
sculpture
--
Presidential
Secretariat
Offices



P-109 & 116
B115
Devil Mask
--
Fishermen



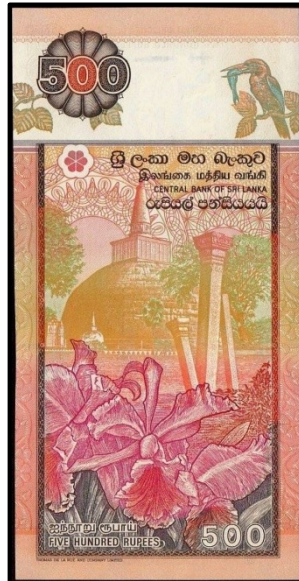
P-110 & 117
B116
Kandyan Dancer
--
Stupas in
Anuradhapura

This series is distinguished from the previous cultural issue by a latent, embossed shield added to the centre-face of each denomination. Although two Pick numbers are given, the Banknote Book has proven the notes are the same, except for signatures and dates.

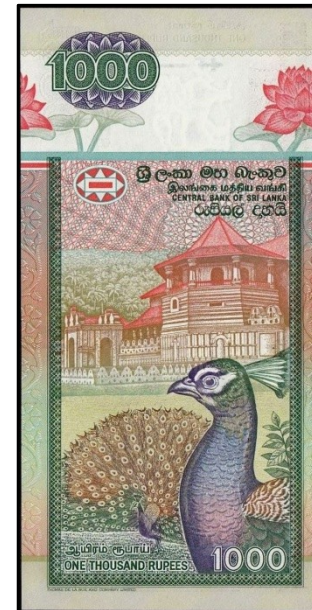
Bank of Sri Lanka 1995 – 2006 Cultural Issue



P-111 & 118
B117
Ornate Urn
--
Women
Harvesting Tea



P-112 & 119
B118
Kandyan Dancer
and Drummers
--
Stupa and Lotus
Stem Pillars in
Anuradhapura



P-113 & 120
B119
Sathdantha Elephant
--
Temple of the
Tooth in Kandy

New High Value 2000 rupees, P-121/B120 2005 and 2006



Ruins of Sigiriya (Lion Rock) Castle near Sesatha.

Fresco from Siginya.



Sri Lanka Commemorates 50 Years of Independence

200 rupees, 1998, Polymer, P-114

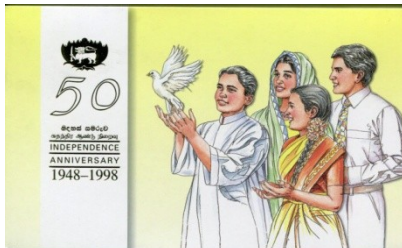


Red Serial Number P-114a/BNP101



Black Serial Number P-114b/B121a

Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall
with scenes of Progress.



Commemorative folder
for P-114a/BNP101



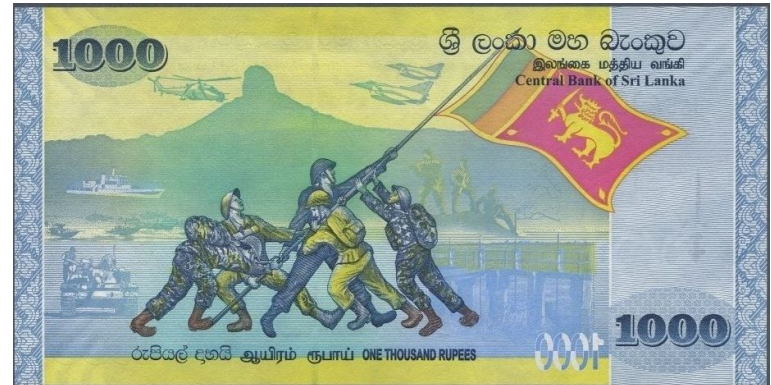
Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy
with scenes of Sri Lanka's national heritage.

20 million issued.

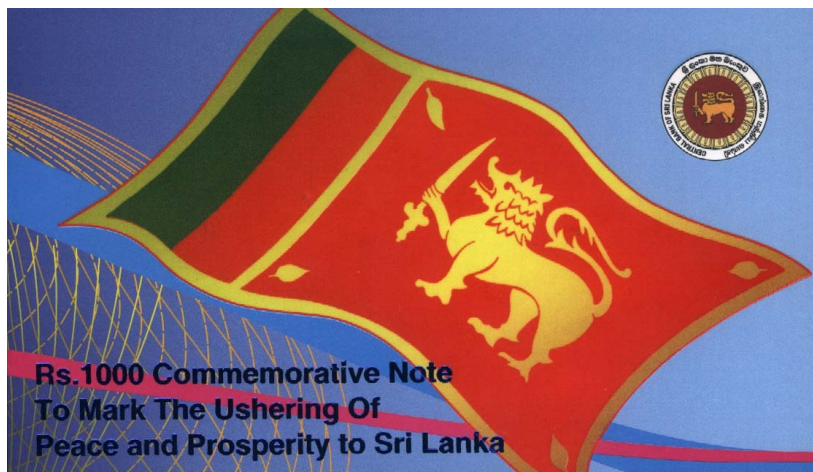
Commemorating The Ushering in of Peace and Prosperity to Sri Lanka 1000 rupees, 2009, P-122/B122



Sri Lanka's first President
Mahinda Rajapaksa



Hoisting of the national flag by Sri Lanka's military services.



Cover of folders used for 1500
low-serial-numbered banknotes.
All together, 25 million copies of
this note were issued.

On the 60th anniversary of its establishment, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka issued a new series of banknotes. The theme on the faces of the banknotes was “Development and Prosperity, flanked by island butterflies and birds. The backs depicted various traditional dancers from around Sri Lanka.

Baronet
Butterfly



Serendib
Scops Owl

Blue
Oakleaf
Butterfly

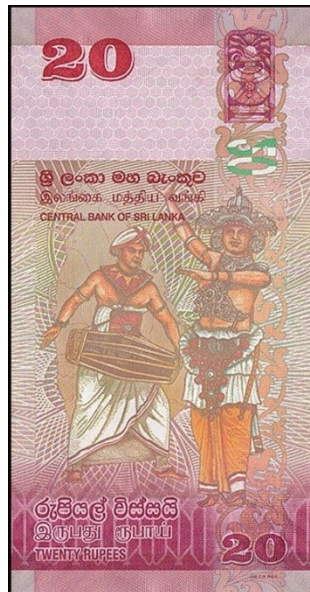


Dull-Blue
Flycatcher

Port of Colombo
20 rupees, P-123/B123

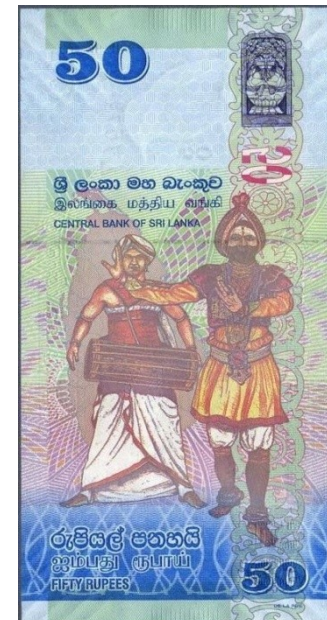
Old and new bridges
50 rupees, P-124/

Geta Bera
Drummer



Ves Netuma
Dancer

Yakbera
Drummer



Vadiga Patuna
Dancer

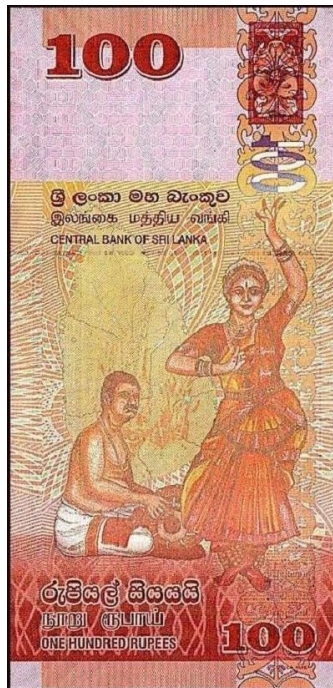
2010 60th Anniversary Issue Development and Prosperity Butterflies, Birds and Dancers



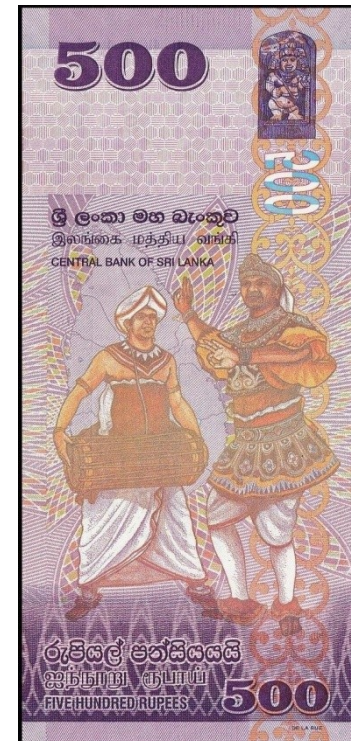
Norochcholai Power Plant, 100 rupees, P-125/B125
Autumn Leaf Butterfly
Orange-bill Babbler



World Trade Centre 500 rupees, P-126/B126
Indigo royal Butterfly
Layard's Emerald – collared Parakeet



Mridangam drummer
Bharatanatyam dancer



Yak Bera drummer
Thelme Netuma dancer

2010 – 60th Anniversary Issue Development and Prosperity Butterflies, Birds and Dancers



Hanging
Parrot

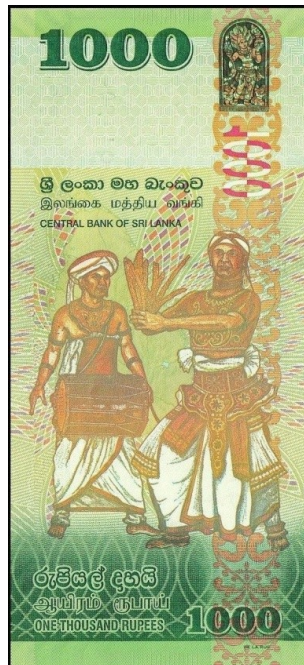
Lemon
Migrant
butterfly

Ramboda Tunnel, 1000 rupees, P-127/B127



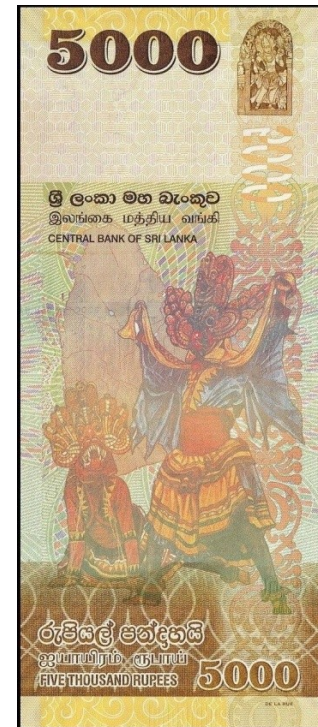
Yellow-
eared
Bulbul

Weheragala Dam, 5000 rupees, P-128, 2011/B128



Davul Bera
drummer

Malpadaya
Netuma
dancer



Guruluraksha
and
Nagaraksha
dancers

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500 rupees, P-129/B129



World Trade Centre, Bank of Ceylon, Lankathilaka Viharaya Buddhist Temple



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Each CHOGM delegation member was provided a copy of the banknote in a souvenir folder, which was also made available to the public. Note was circulated, without folder, to the general public – 25 million were printed.

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