

MM4 60 GA ED

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In February 2017 I took the new MM4 Opticron telescope with its zoom eye piece SDLv2 for testing to the tropical forests of Sri Lanka.

Packing the scope in my camera back was really easy. It fit nicely into my small Lowepro Flipside 400 camera bag and felt no extra weight at all. On the very first day I took a safari into the Wilpattu National Park. After getting off the vehicle it was not possible to set up a tripod so I had to use the scope hand-held. I was amazed by the easiness to hold the equipment steady, focus and zoom without any support. The image was absolutely clear and bright and had no vibration.



In the dark tropical forest the MM4 coped with exceptional performance. Although birds were sitting high up in the dark canopy I was able to find them quickly and zoom in. The zoom eyepiece was very effective in this environment and that most of the time I was using 15x magnification to locate the birds and then zooming in to 40-45x for better views with no compromise of the image.

I can totally recommend this scope especially for travels: it is lightweight, very bright, easy to use with no colour or edge aberrations.

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