

# Tropical Birding Tours

*Malaysia: Borneo and Peninsular Custom BWC*



Tour Guide: Ben Knoot

\*All photos in this report were captured by the guide Ben Knoot unless otherwise stated.



## *Tour Itinerary*

August 21st.....	Arrival in Kuala Lumpur
August 22nd.....	Kuala Lumpur to Kota Kinabalu
August 23rd.....	Kota Kinabalu to Mount Kinabalu
August 24th.....	Mount Kinabalu
August 25th.....	Mount Kinabalu
August 26th.....	Mount Kinabalu to Kota Kinabalu
August 27th.....	Kota Kinabalu to Sepilok via Sandakan
August 28th.....	Sepilok (Rainforest Discovery Center)
August 29th.....	Sepilok to Sukau
August 30th.....	Sukau (River Tours)
August 31st.....	Sukau (River Tours)
September 1st.....	Sukau to Danum Valley
September 2nd.....	Danum Valley
September 3rd.....	Danum Valley
September 4th.....	Danum Valley to Kuala Lumpur
September 5th.....	The Gap and Fraser's Hill
September 6th.....	Fraser's Hill
September 7th.....	Fraser's Hill
September 8th.....	Bukit Tinggi to Kuala Lumpur/DEPARTURE

## *Tour Summary*

This was quite a special tour for many reasons but specifically for me it represented my first time to Asia, my 6th continent (just Antarctica to go!) and a vast array of new wildlife, bird families (and of course species) and many new adventures to experience. So just how did it play out? This was a custom tour so a lovely couple of nature enthusiasts and I spent 17-days working through their itinerary which took us around the state of Sabah on Malaysian Borneo and then to two locations on Peninsular Malaysia, Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi. This tour aimed to experience wildlife, both common and rare and was not designed or run to get the highest list count, even though we wound up with what I think is a pretty impressive list (details at the end of this report).

The first section of this tour took place in the cool mountainous area of Mount Kinabalu. Here the forests are dark and dense and typically cloudy afternoons with cool crisp mornings was a wonderful way to start the journey. Here we ended up nailing 4/5 big targets for the area which include Whitehead's Trogon and the odd Fruit-Hunter. The mountain road was good to us and gave us a great start as we headed on towards our next destination, Sepilok.

What a change from Mount Kinabalu. The heat hit us like a tidal wave but even so we pushed through and enjoyed several walks around our lodging and the famed Rainforest Discovery Center. Here we were treated to one of the biggest targets of the tour, the iconic Orangutan. Happily we experienced THREE sightings each with a pair of these amazing Great Apes. After enduring a great storm on a what later became nick-named "The Tower of Terror" the canopy walk proved incredibly fruitful giving us views at numerous woodpeckers like Banded and White-bellied, a handful of stunning Malkohas and more spunky little passerines. However, I think the highlight from this destination is the bird that graces the cover, the striking Black-crowned Pitta. After all of this walking around, we all agreed it was time for some more relaxed, laid back birding...luckily, Sukau was next up on the docket.

Based in a Nat Geo "Unique Lodges of the World", Sukau Rainforest Lodge, we took morning, afternoon and evening boat rides to find a plethora of birds including every single possible hornbill, even the sensitive Helmeted Hornbill made a fantastic experience. Nice lodge, easy birding and a lovely setting made this one of the more relaxing parts of this tour. Next up, one of the hardest (in my opinion), Danum Valley.

After a long 4x4 transfer to the absolutely stunning Borneo Rainforest Lodge, we got to work. Walking the main road and several leech infested (yes literally) trails we found bundles of babblers, broadbills and bulbuls among some of the more stunning species like Blue-crowned Pitta. Overall, this was the hottest portion of the trip and the most irritable due to the bugs, constant threat of leeches and just the overall difficult nature of the birding but the lodging was

so lovely that frankly I think we were all a bit sad to be leaving here so soon. The silver lining was that we were heading to cooler weather in the hills north of Kuala Lumpur.

Before I continue it is important for me to note that I did not guide this tour on my own. We had three local guides, Adrian (Mount Kinabalu), Jonathan (Sepilok and Sukau) and Ali (Danum Valley) and they were all fantastic and earned our thanks for all they did. No matter which TB guide runs this tour, we always use a local guide to give our guests the best possible experience. That being said, I personally did a lot of studying and helped during those sections but when it came time to do Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi, I was on my own so when we landed, it was time to see what I had learned. The recon trip I had done before the tour paid dividends as the places I loved and had lots of success on during the recon proved yet again to be fruitful, helping us nail birds like Long-tailed Broadbill, the adorable Pygmy Cupwing and Red-headed Trogon.

After our time on the hill, we took a risk and left super early in the morning to try and get to Bukit Tinggi right as the gate opened. This is about 2hrs and 15min away on winding, slippery roads so after some careful driving we arrived just 7-minutes after they opened and went straight for our target bird. Unfortunately, luck just wasn't on our side. The Mountain Peacock Pheasant had already fed for the morning and two gentleman who were staying at the lodge nearby (that gives them early access) said we missed it by maybe 20-minutes. A bummer but a bit of comfort knowing that even if we had arrived right when the gate opened we still wouldn't have seen it. We did however see some amazing birds like Red-bearded Bee-eater, Red-billed Malkoha and Orange-breasted Trogon. Most of all, this was just a great way to end the tour. A nice cool location, a fun lunch in the Medieval French style village at Colmar Tropical and an easy hour and a half transfer back to everyone's favorite hotel, Sama-Sama.

Overall in my mind this trip was a huge success. Again, I want to thank our amazing local guides and the guests for this trip. It was very special and I hope to return some day to see even more of what this unique and friendly country has to offer. What follows in this report is a general summary of each day (or general area if we did repetitive activities), loads of photos all from the tour (and some from the pre-tour), an annotated checklist and a few favorite photos from the guests. Enjoy the read and the photos! Cheers :D

**\*Note:** Because this was my first time in Asia and on this tour, I took advantage of every minute of rest time requested by the guests to do some more birding on my own. Because of that, this tour has a higher than usual "Guide-Only" count. Please note the final checklist at the end for more details on all of the birds that were seen on this tour.

## *Day-to-Day Summary*

### **August 21st: Arrival in Kuala Lumpur**

Guests arrived at their leisure on this day.

### **August 22nd: Kuala Lumpur to Kota Kinabalu**

Because our flight was a bit later in the morning and we didn't land until late in the afternoon. We had a simple transfer day, got settled into our hotel and then prepped for our tour to start the next morning. It is important to note we had a stunning **Asian Glossy Starling** sit nicely in a palm tree for us just before we entered the parking lot where our driver was waiting to take us to the hotel. Close enough to see that stunning red eye without bins and this was our best look on the whole tour!

### **August 23rd: Kota Kinabalu to Mount Kinabalu via Crocker Range**

After a nice breakfast in the hotel, we met up with our guide Adrian and hit the road towards our first region, the **Crocker Range**. After about 2hrs or so, we started some birding, first checking out the **Rafflesia Information Center**. We didn't find any flowers here but we did get some great views of **Bornean Bulbul** and **Mountain Barbet**.



Bornean Bulbul: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Just as we were about to leave, we were able to have some quick perched and then a relatively mediocre view of a **Bornean Barbet** in flight. Two Bornean endemics before lunch... nice! After a nice lunch surrounded by a colony of **Plume-toed Swift**, we continued with some birding along the main road. Here we picked up some cool birds like; **Golden-bellied Gerygone**, **Gray-chinned Minivet**, **Bar-winged Shrike-Flycatcher**, **Yellow-breasted Warbler**, **Penan Bulbul** and our first of many **Chestnut-crested Yuhina**. Next up was a special stop in what seemed like someone's backyard for a blooming **Rafflesia Flower**. Luckily we were in the area just one-day after it bloomed which meant it was still looking really good as apparently they only last maybe 4-5 days! That was very cool and we didn't stop there. We continued with the plant theme and drove up a small mountain track to see some very cool **Pitcher Plants**. While our guide was educating us on the plants, I spotted some suspicious movements in the trees nearby and quickly discovered we had a great little mixed flock moving through. Among them, more bornean endemics, the **Bornean Leafbird** and **Bornean Treepie**. Now in **Mount Kinabalu National Park** we spent the last few hours birding the main road. We spotted **Ashy Drongo**, **White-throated Fantail**, **Brown Barbet**, **Golden-naped Barbet**, **Chestnut-hooded Laughing-Thrush**, **Temminck's Sunbird** and **Black-sided Flowerpecker**. A nice day for sure.



Golden-naped Barbet: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Chestnut-hooded Laughing-Thrush: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

### **August 24th - 26th (morning): Mount Kinabalu**

We had two full days (the 24th and 25th) of birding the main road and several select trails in Mount Kinabalu. The general pattern of our days was to wake up early, go birding, come back for breakfast, go back out until lunch, have lunch, take a few hour break, go out before dinner, have dinner, go to bed, then repeat. The morning of the 26th we did some birding early and then after breakfast we packed up our bags and transferred back to Kota Kinabalu for our flight to Sandakan. Overall our time in [Mount Kinabalu National Park](#) was extremely productive but we were constantly dodging fog and rain. For the most part we were successful and in between

waves of birds we were entertained by the numerous locals and tourists prepping themselves for the hike up to the summit. I think I can speak for all of us when I say we were most impressed with the porters. WOW...these guys...amazing strength and kindness. Over our time in Mount Kinabalu we managed to see 4/5 top 5 target birds, just missing out on Whitehead's Spiderhunter and on that note, we saw 2/3 of the "whitehead's trio". **Whitehead's Pygmy Squirrel, Kinabalu, Giant, Black-banded, Bornean Ground and Jentick's Squirrels** kept us entertained when the birding was slow, which really wasn't that often. During our stint in this region, highlight birds included; **Bornean Stubtail, Whitehead's Trogon and Broadbill, Everett's and Orange-headed Thrush, Red-breasted Partridge, Crimson-headed Partridge (with chicks!), Bornean Swiftlet, Maroon Woodpecker, Sunda and Bare-crowned Laughingthrush, Bornean Forktail, Bornean Whistler, Black-and-Crimson Oriole, Hair-crested Drongo, Bornean Whistling Thrush, Flavescent Bulbul, Mountain Tailorbird, Bornean Green Magpie, Gray-throated Babbler, Temminck's Babbler, Mountain Wren-Babbler, Fruit-Hunter, Ferruginous Flycatcher, Eye-browed Jungle Flycatcher, Snowy-browed, Little Pied and Indigo Flycatchers.** You see how much is around...?!?! This is a really cool place!



Ferruginous Flycatcher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Whitehead's Trogon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

Whitehead's Trogon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Mountain Wren-Babbler: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Bornean Stubtail Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Bornean Whistling-Thrush: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Everett's Thrush: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Bornean Green Magpie: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Indigo Flycatcher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Snowy-browed Flycatcher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

The afternoon of the 26th was spent driving back to Kota Kinabalu. Once we arrived at our hotel, we said goodbye to our brilliant local guide Adrian, had a lovely dinner and then tucked into bed for the evening.

**August 27th: Kota Kinabalu to Sepilok (Rainforest Discovery Center) via Sandakan**

After an easy going morning flight, we landed in Sandakan and met with our new local guide, Jonathan. We'd spend the next several days with him exploring our first lowland forest habitat and what promises to be a more primate filled portion of the trip. After a quick check in at our accommodation for the next two nights, we took a quick walk around [MY Resort](#) which introduced us quickly to the heat and humidity we'd be facing for the next 10-days or so. We saw [Little Green Pigeon](#), [Black-winged Shrike-Flycatcher](#), [Red-eyed and Cream-vented Bulbul](#), [Brown-throated and Crimson Sunbird](#), [Lesser Green Leafbird](#) and numerous [Prevost's Squirrels](#).



Little Green Pigeon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-winged Shrike-Flycatcher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

After a quick rest, we ventured out with Jonathan for our first excursion in the iconic [Rainforest Discovery Center](#). Here we were inundated with bulbuls courtesy of a fruiting fig tree. We added [Charlotte's Bulbul](#) and [Yellow-vented Bulbul](#) to our list as well as the stunning [Blue-eared Barbet](#) which I had noticed entered a nest category. Very cool to see this bird so well! Now in the canopy, we added; [Red-throated Sunbird](#), [Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker](#), [Black-naped Monarch](#), [Green Iora](#), [Streaked and Spectacled Bulbul](#), [Brown Barbet](#), [Plain Flowerpecker](#), [Plain Sunbird](#), [Common Hill Myna](#) and we got to spend time with a fledging [Wallace's Hawk Eagle](#) at eye level...so sweet! Things then turned interesting when on one of the canopy towers we got stuck in an absolutely epic storm. Heavy rains, lighting, thunder and incredible winds got this tower nicknamed "Tower of Terror" but what was even more impressive was watching the young hawk-eagle manage this weather...truly a testament to their resilience. We also got our first really good looks at [Pig-tailed Macaque](#). As soon as we caught a small break in the weather, we made a dash to the car. The rain persisted throughout the afternoon so we met up for dinner and then caught an early night for our full day in the discovery center the next day.



Wallace's Hawk-Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

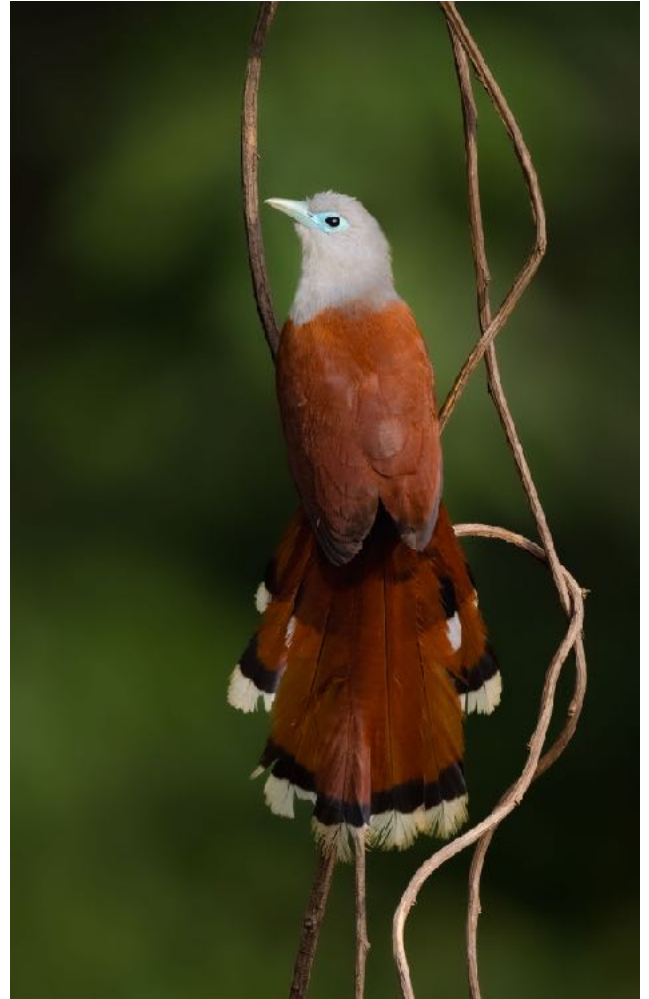
### **August 28th and 29th (morning): Rainforest Discovery Center**

The morning and afternoon of the 28th and the morning of the 29th were spent wandering around the various trails, paths and canopy walks of the [Rainforest Discovery Center](#). We took it slow and saw some great birds and fantastic mammals, chiefly among which, our first views of the stunning and iconic **Orangutan**. Bird wise we saw some incredible species like; **Black-crowned Pitta, White-bellied, Gray-and-Buff, Buff-necked, Buff-rumped, Banded and Crimson-winged Woodpeckers, Raffle's and Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Black Magpie, Crimson Sunbird, Red-naped and Diard's Trogon, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Little, Spectacled, Long-billed and Yellow-eared Spiderhunters, White-bellied Erpornis, Black Hornbill, Rufous-collared Kingfisher, Black-capped and Gray-hooded Babbler, Rufous-winged Philentoma, Blue-throated Bee-eater, Pacific Swallow, Zebra Dove, Olive-backed Sunbird** and a few fun "other animals" like **Common Flying Lizard and Red Giant Flying Squirrel**.





Brown-throated Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



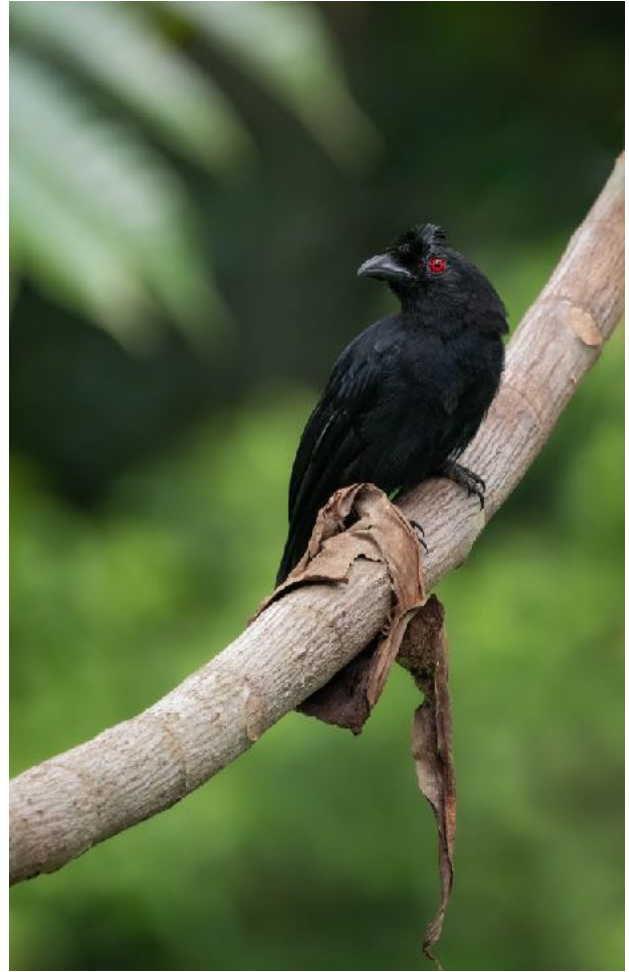
Raffle's Malkoha: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Crimson Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Crimson-winged Woodpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



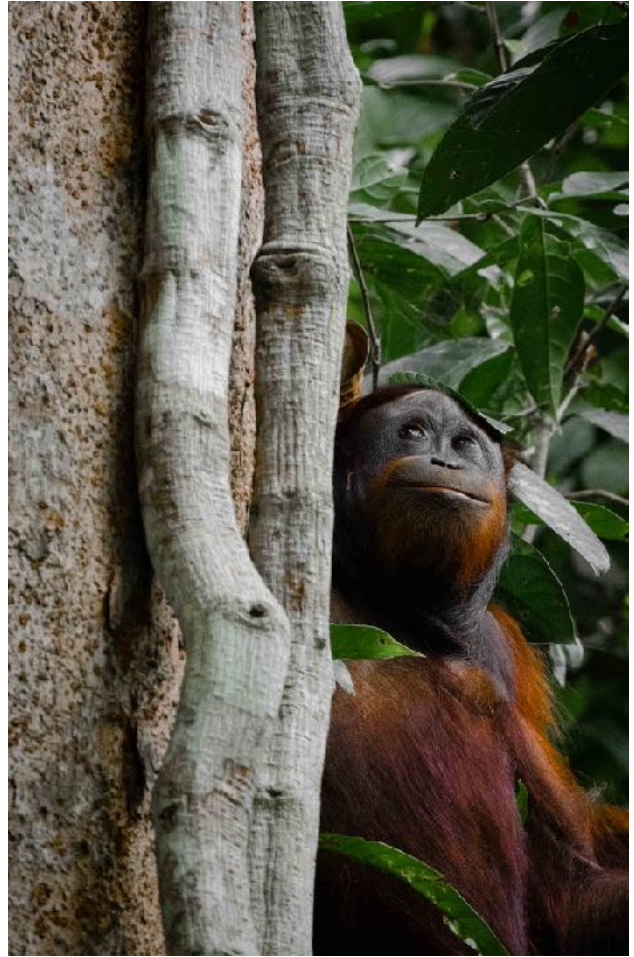
Black Magpie: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Chestnut-breasted Malkoha: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Blue-throated Bee-eater: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Orangutan: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Rufous-collared Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-capped Babbler: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

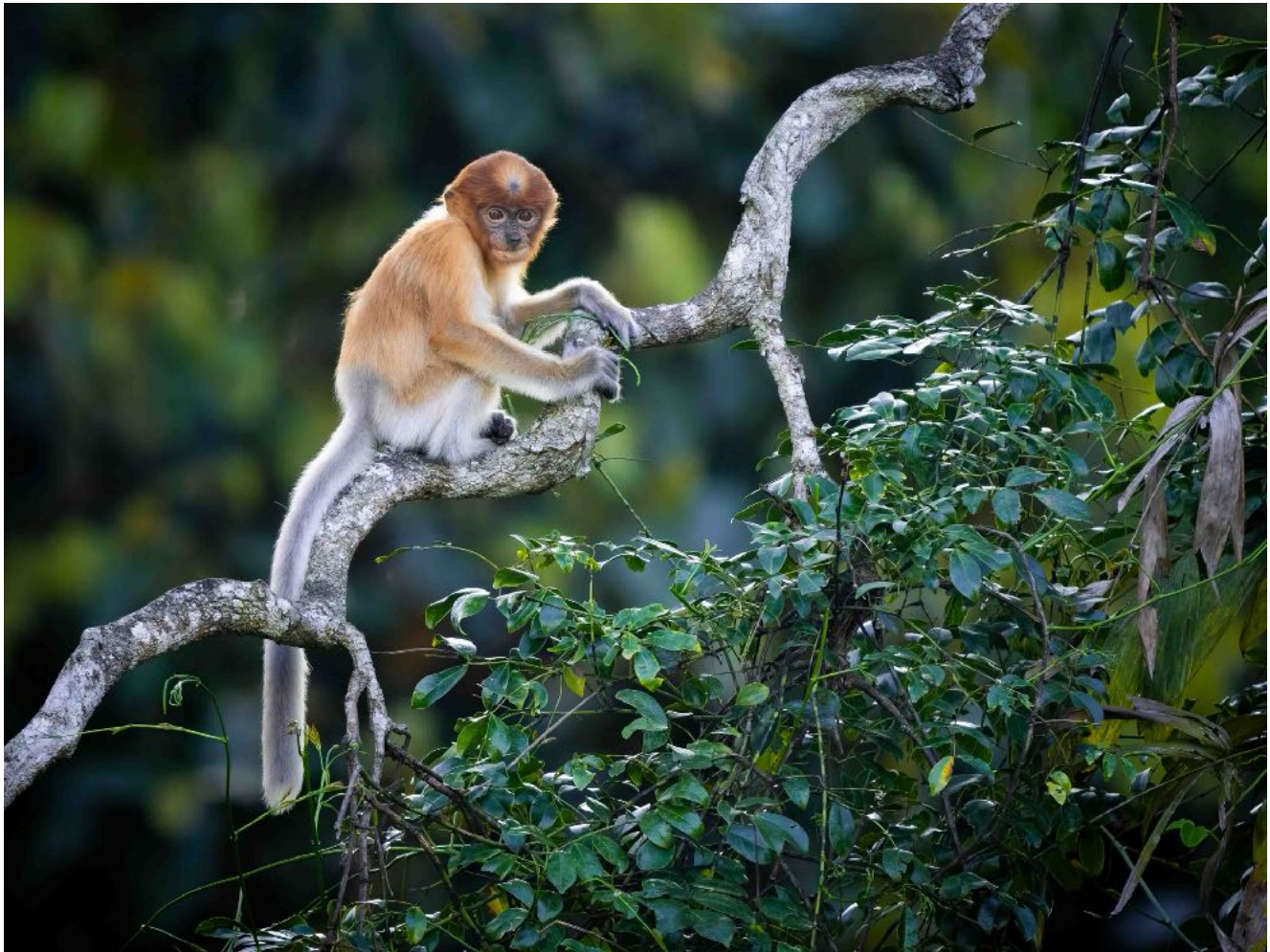


Buff-necked Woodpecker: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

Mid-morning on the 29th we began our journey towards Sukau. This is quite a fun little adventure as the only access to this lodge is via water so after a nice lunch, we hopped on our transfer boat and began our 2hr journey towards the lodge. The boat is loud, packed with people and moves fast so communicating sightings was difficult. We did see our first and only **Saltwater Crocodile**, the first of many **Proboscis Monkeys** and several “guide-only” sightings including **Great Crested Tern** and **Great Slaty Woodpecker**. Once we arrived at our lodge, we had a quick rest and then a quick “into boat tour” before dinner. We also had our first of three evening cruises. More details on what we were able to see on our river cruises are in the following paragraphs.

**August 29th (afternoon) - 31st: Sukau River Cruises**

During our stay at [Sukau Rainforest Lodge](#), we spent the mornings, afternoons and evenings out on the main river, several small tributaries and one oxbow lake to see all we could see. Among the already named animals we also added **Silvered Langur**, **Bornean Pygmy Squirrel**, **Whiskered Myotis** and **Long-tailed Macaque**, several species of small snakes including a **Reticulated Python** and some cute little frogs to help bolster our list. Bird wise we did exceedingly well, sighting birds like; **Straw-headed Bulbul**, **Sooty-capped and White-breasted Babbler**, **Blue-eared and Stork-billed Kingfisher**, **Bat Hawk**, **Crested-serpent Eagle**, **Jerdon's Baza**, **Besra**, **White-nest Swiftlet**, **Little Fish Eagle**, **Brahminy Kite**, **White-breasted Waterhen**, **Dollarbird**, **Green Imperial Pigeon**, **Purple Heron**, **Intermediate Egret**, **Storm's Stork**, **Oriental Darter**, **Common Sandpiper**, **Hooded Pitta**, **Rufous-tailed and Ashy Tailorbird**, **Bushy-crested**, **Wreathed**, **Wrinkled**, **Helmeted**, **White-crowned**, **Black**, **Rhinoceros**, and **Oriental Pied Hornbills**, **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker**, **Malaysian Blue Flycatcher**, **Black-and-red Broadbill**, **Yellow-bellied and Rufescent Prinia**, **Large Frogmouth**, **Malaysian Pied Fantail**, and the local and incredibly tame **Buffy Fish Owl**.



Proboscis Monkey (juvenile): Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Wrinkled Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Wreathed Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



White-crowned Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Oriental Pied Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Hooded Pitta: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Plume-toed Swift: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Large Frogmouth: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Long-tailed Macaque: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Stork-billed Kingfisher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Silvered Langur: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



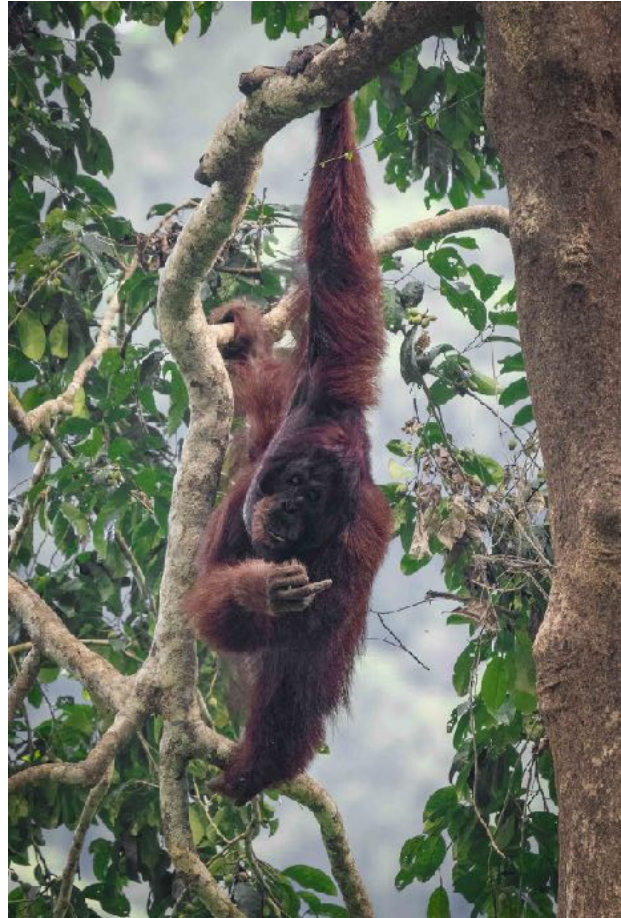
Buffy Fish Owl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

### **September 1st: Sukau to Danum Valley**

The morning of the 1st was dedicated to travel. From about 8am until about 12:30pm we were traveling by both boat and 4x4 to reach our final destination on Borneo, [Borneo Rainforest Lodge in Danum Valley](#). After a lovely lunch at the lodge, we checked in to our fantastic rooms, met our guide Ali and then went out for some afternoon birding. Danum valley is tough. Hot, leech infested trails, difficult birding and dense jungle made this area difficult but lots of fun.

**September 1st (afternoon), 2nd & 3rd: Danum Valley**

We had two full days with Ali to explore the local trails, main road and their canopy walk. Over these few days we saw lots of cool stuff and we started off with another great **Orangutan** sighting as well as adding **Maroon Langur**. Other animals came mostly at night and included highlights like; **Philippine Slow Loris, Angle-headed Lizard, Bornean Colugo, Rough-necked and Water Monitor Lizards**, two species of **Latern Bug, Palm Island Civet and Thomas's Flying Squirrel**.



Orangutan: Photos by guide - Ben Knot

Bird wise we added; **Bornean Bristlehead, Banded Broadbill, Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Great Argus, Fluffy-backed Tit Babbler, Black-throated Wren Babbler, Blue-crowned Pitta, Bornean Spiderhunter, Bornean Blue Flycatcher, Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher, White-crowned Forktail, Bornean Crested Fireback, Whiskered Treeswift, Brown-backed and Silver-rumped Needletail, House Swift, Rufous Woodpecker, Cream-eyed Bulbul, Striped Wren Babbler, Yellow-bellied Bulbul, Brown Wood Owl, Rufous-tailed Shama, Barred Eagle Owl, White-fronted Falconet, Hairy-backed Bulbul, Blythe's Paradise Flycatcher, Gray-headed Canary Flycatcher, Yellow-breasted and Orange-bellied Flowerpecker and Bold-striped Tit Babbler.**



Whiskered Treeswift: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Blythe's Paradise Flycatcher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-naped Monarch: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Chestnut-naped Forktail (Guide-Only): Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Bornean Blue Flycatcher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Hairy-backed Bulbul: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Yellow-bellied Prinia: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

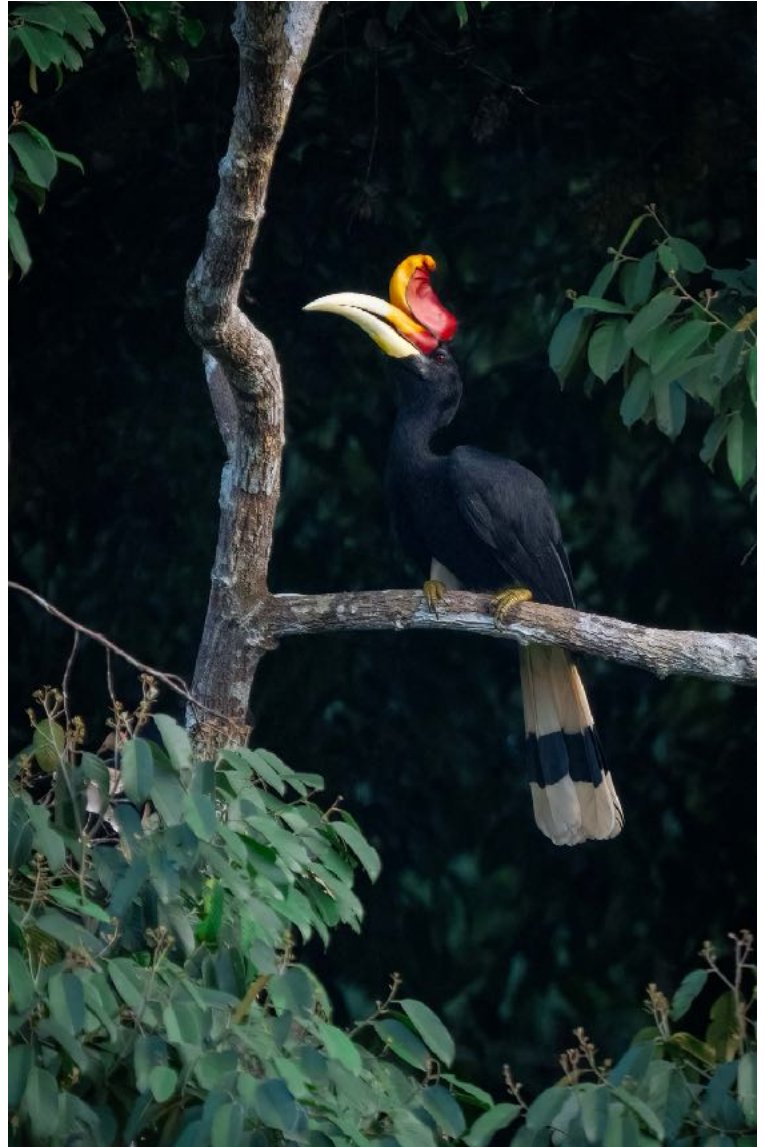


Bold-striped Tit-Babbler: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot





Barred Eagle Owl: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Rhinoceros Hornbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

### **September 4th: Danum to Kuala Lumpur**

This day was entirely travel. We opted not to do any birding in the morning in order to avoid sweating too much before all of our airplane travel. After the 3hr 4x4 journey back to civilization, we began our travel by air. First up was our flight to Kota Kinabalu and then after a small layover, back to Kuala Lumpur. We checked into our old friend the Sama-Sama, had a good nights rest and prepped ourselves for the last leg of our tour, the Fraser's Hill area.

### **September 5th: The Gap and Fraser's Hill**

This is an easy going morning as we need to wait for the store that sells grain and mealworms to open in downtown Kuala Lumpur. So after a nice breakfast, and a quick drive into town we hit the road towards Fraser's Hill. This is a slow, twisty road up and it was made even slower due to a torrential down-pour. It stopped for a few moments right when we arrived at "The Gap" so we birded around just a bit but the weather was still pretty tough and the birds weren't overly active. We did manage; **Black-crested Bulbul, Verditer Flycatcher, Bronzed Drongo, Oriental Magpie Robin, Silver-rumped Needletail, and Large-billed Crow**. Overall the weather kept the bird activity low so after "the Gap" we made our way slowly up the mountain, trying to listen for and spot some bird activity. We ran into one crazy flock which had a lot of new birds for us, things like: **Blue-winged Leafbird, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Yellow-bellied Warbler, Streaked Spiderhunter, Black-throated Sunbird, Scarlet Minivet, and Bar-winged Shrike-Flycatcher**.



Black-crested Bulbul: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

### **September 6th & 7th: Fraser's Hill**

Now in [Fraser's Hill](#), we spent the next few days birding the roads. Overall Fraser's Hill was quite bird rich. It was cool, no rain (except at nights) and our accommodations though a bit different than we were expecting were interesting so it made our time in Fraser's Hill a great last leg of the tour. Highlights from our bird list in Fraser's Hill were; [Black-browed](#), [Fire-tufted](#), and [Red-throated Barbet](#), [Long-tailed Sibia](#), [Large Niltava](#), [Orange-bellied Leafbird](#), [Red-headed Trogon](#), [Velvet-fronted Nuthatch](#), [Pygmy Cupwing](#), [Sultan Tit](#), [Orange-backed Woodpecker](#), [Black-thighed Falconet](#), [Malayan Partridge](#), [Green-billed Malkoha](#), [Black Eagle](#), [Oriental Honey](#)

Buzzard, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Lesser and Greater Yellownape. Common Green Magpie, Rufous-bellied Swallow, Malayan Laughingthrush, Fiery Minivet, Chestnut-tailed and Blue-winged Minla, and Rufous-browed Flycatcher. We did see a few new mammals including Himalayan Striped Squirrel, Dusky Leaf Monkey and a fantastic encounter with a group of Bearded Pig.



Velvet-fronted Nuthatch: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Long-tailed Sibia: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Pygmy Cupping: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Malayan Partridge: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-browed Barbet: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

### **September 8th: Fraser's Hill to Kuala Lumpur via Bukit Tinggi**

The original plan for this day was to bird Fraser's Hill in the morning, and then head back to Kuala Lumpur. However, early on in the trip, one of the guests mentioned they'd like to try for a bird located about 2.5hrs away. This bird needs to be visited early but there's a catch...the entrance gate. If you stay in the area, you stay within the boundary of the gate and thus can enter the area at any time. If you don't however (as was our situation) you are a bit handcuffed. After explaining all of this, the guests still wanted to give it a try so we left nice and early and after 2.5hrs arrived at the gate of [Bukit Tinggi](#) just minutes after it opened. We high-tailed it up to the hide where we hoped to find our special bird. Unfortunately, we had met a few photographers who told us our bird, the Mountain Peacock Pheasant had left about 25min ago...we waited for a

bit, did a few laps of the area, waited some more but unfortunately, it seemed that the bird had had its fill of grain and was taking the rest of the morning off. Too bad but it was definitely worth a try. Even though we missed this species, we did pick up some new ones like; **Red-billed Malkoha, Gold-whiskered Barbet, Sooty Barbet, Gray-rumped Treeswift, Germain's Swift, Yellow-crowned Barbet, Stripe-throated Bulbul, Little and Gray-breasted Spiderhunter, Orange-breasted Trogon, Black-and-yellow Broadbill, Asian Emerald Dove, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Sunda Scimitar-Babbler, and Asian Fairy Bluebird.**

After a lovely lunch at Colmar Tropicale, a weird medieval French style town and castle, we drove our final 1.5hr stint back towards Sama-Sama, checked into our rooms and wrapped up what I thought was a very successful tour. Until next time Malaysia!



Gray-breasted Spiderhunter: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Little Spiderhunter: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot

**\*Below are a few extra images I captured of birds not seen by clients or that were captured on my recon trip before the tour.**





Long-tailed Broadbill: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Red-headed Trogon: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Gray-throated Babbler: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Black-throated Sunbird: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



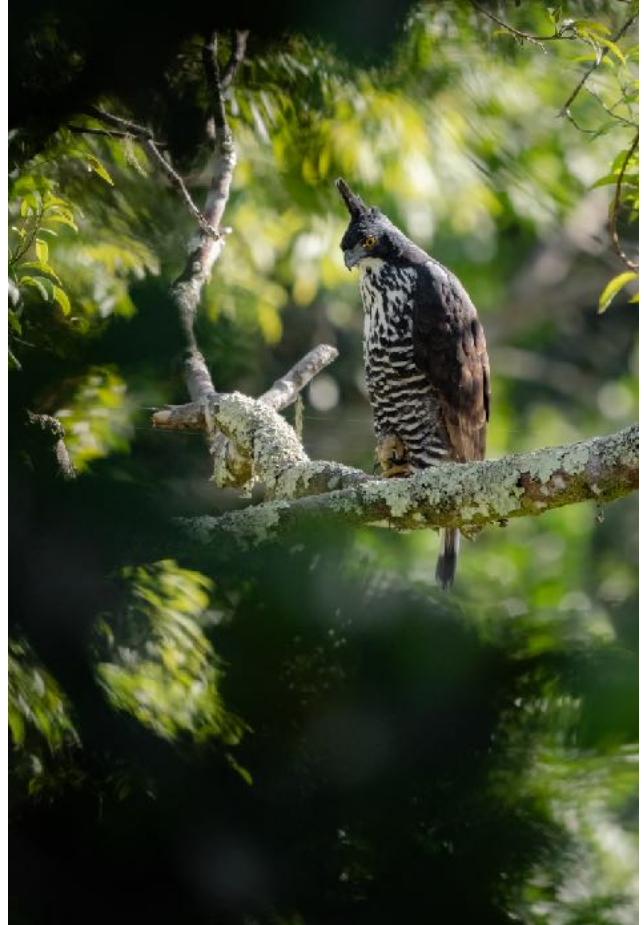
Colugo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



File-eared Frog: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Plaintive Cuckoo: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Blythe's Hawk Eagle: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Rufous-browed Flycatcher: Photo by guide - Ben Knoot



Lantern Bug: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Lantern Bug: Photo by guide - Ben Knot



Little Cuckoo Dove: Photo by guide - Ben Knot

## Species Account

\*Below is a list of species seen. For a species to count on the tour, the guide and at least one member of the group has to have seen it, otherwise, it is a “guide-only”.

## Guests Top 5 of the Trip

Since there were only two guests on this custom tour, there wasn’t much compromising that needed done. Below were their favorites.

## Trip List of Birds and “Other Animal” Species with Annotations

### List Summary:

- 275 Bird species seen by group
- 30 Birds species seen by guide only
- 01 Bird species seen by guest and not the guide (verified with photo)
- 306 Birds total species seen on tour

### Key

- Bornean endemic birds are highlighted in **PINK**
- “Guide-Only with Clients Present” are highlighted in **LAVENDER**
- “Guide-Only with out Clients Present” are highlighted in **SAGE**

	Notes
<b>Bird Species by Family</b>	
<b>Pheasant, Grouse and Allies: Phasianidae</b>	
Red-breasted Partridge	Seen a few times in Mount Kinabalu NP
Malayan Partridge	Seen at a makeshift feeding station in Fraser’s Hill
Bornean Crested Fireback	First seen was a male roosting at night and then several females with chicks were seen on a trail walk
Great Argus	Seen in Danum Valley
Crimson-headed Partridge	Seen several times, including a family unit with chicks in Mount Kinabalu NP
<b>Pigeons and Doves: Columbidae</b>	
Rock Pigeon	Seen around towns, villages, airports, etc.
Spotted Dove	Seen around the MY Resort in Sepilok

	Notes
Little Cuckoo-Dove	Seen often in flight but a few nice perched views in Fraser's Hill
Asian Emerald Dove	Seen feeding on the roadside up to Bukit Tinggi
Zebra Dove	Common around Sepilok
Little Green Pigeon	Seen around Rainforest Discovery Center and in Sukau
Green Imperial Pigeon	First seen in Kota Kinabalu and then many seen on the river cruises in Sukau
Mountain Imperial Pigeon	First seen in Mount Kinabalu NP and then again in Fraser's Hill
<b>Cuckoos: Cuculidae</b>	
Greater Coucal	Seen by guide only in Rainforest Discovery Center
Lesser Coucal	Seen in Sukau
Raffle's Malkoha	Seen often in Rainforest Discovery Center
Red-billed Malkoha	Two birds seen in Bukit Tinggi Japanese Gardens
Chestnut-breasted Malkoha	Seen often in Rainforest Discovery Center
Green-billed Malkoha	One bird seen in Fraser's Hill
Violet Cuckoo	Seen by guide only in Rainforest Discovery Center
Plaintive Cuckoo	Seen by guide only first in MY Resort in Sepilok and then again at Borneo Rainforest Lodge
<b>Frogmouths: Podargidae</b>	
Large Frogmouth	Seen on a night excursion in Sukau
<b>Swifts: Apodidae</b>	
Silver-rumped Needletail	Seen in Sepilok, Danum Valley and Fraser's Hill
Brown-backed Needletail	Seen in Sepilok, Danum Valley and Bukit Tinggi
Bornean Swiftlet	Many around Mount Kinabalu NP
Plume-toed Swiftlet	Most common swift on tour. Seen in almost every location on almost everyday
Black-nest Swiftlet	Seen in Borneo Rainforest Lodge
White-nest Swiftlet	Seen in Sukau
Germain's Swiftlet	Guide only in Bukit Tinggi
House Swift	Seen in Danum Valley

	Notes
<b>Treeswifts: Hemiprocnidae</b>	
Gray-rumped Treeswift	Seen well in Sepilok and Bukit Tinggi
Whiskered Treeswift	Seen well in Danum Valley
<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots: Rallidae</b>	
White-breasted Waterhen	Several seen in Sukau
<b>Sandpipers and Allies: Scolopacidae</b>	
Common Sandpiper	Several seen in Sukau
<b>Gulls, Terns and Skimmers: Laridae</b>	
Great Crested Tern	Seen by guide only on transfer boat to Sukau Lodge
<b>Storks: Ciconiidae</b>	
Storm's Stork	A few seen in Sukau
Lesser Adjutant	A few seen in Sukau
<b>Anhingas: Anhingidae</b>	
Oriental Darter	Seen mostly in Sukau
<b>Hérons, Egrets and Bitterns: Ardeidae</b>	
Purple Heron	Seen well in Sukau
Great Egret	Seen well in Sukau
Intermediate Egret	Seen well in Sukau
Little Egret	Seen well in Sukau
Cattle Egret	See in a marsh land outside of Kota Kinabalu
Striated Heron	Seen well in Sukau
Black-crowned Night Heron	Seen well in Sukau
<b>Hawks, Eagles, and Kites: Accipitridae</b>	
Oriental Honey Buzzard	Seen circling with a Black Eagle in Frasers Hill
Jerdon's Baza	Seen well in Sukau
Crested Serpent Eagle	Seen well in Sukau
Bat Hawk	A pair seen distantly with a nest in Sukau
Wallace's Hawk Eagle	Nesting bird (and juvenile) first seen in Sepilok and several adults seen well in Sukau

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Blythe's Hawk Eagle	A pair was seen briefly but well ripping through the forest in Danum Valley
Changeable Hawk Eagle	A light and dark morph seen together at the entrance of Rainforest Discovery Center
Rufous-bellied Eagle	Seen well in Fraser's Hill
Black Eagle	Seen circling with Oriental Honey Buzzard in Frasers Hill
Crested Goshawk	Seen well in Sukau
Besra	Seen well in Sukau
Brahminy Kite	Seen well in Sukau
White-bellied Sea Eagle	Seen well in Sukau
Lesser Fish Eagle	Seen well in Sukau
<b>Owls: Strigidae</b>	
Buffy Fish Owl	Seen well in Sukau
Barred Eagle Owl	A roosting bird first seen in Rainforest Discovery Center and then a stunning adult seen well in Danum Valley
Collared Owlet	Seen in Fraser's Hill
Brown Wood Owl	Seen first at a distance in Sukau and then well in Danum Valley
<b>Trogons: Trogonidae</b>	
Red-naped Trogon	Several birds seen in Rainforest Discovery Center
Diard's Trogon	A bird seen in Rainforest Discovery Center
Whitehead's Trogon	See exceptionally well in Mount Kinabalu
Scarlet-rumped Trogon	Seen in Danum Valley
Red-headed Trogon	Seen well in Fraser's Hill
Orange-breasted Trogon	A female see well in Bukit Tinggi
<b>Hornbills: Bucerotidae</b>	
White-crowned Hornbill	Seen well in Sukau
Helmeted Hornbill	Seen well in Sukau
Rhinoceros Hornbill	Seen well in Sukau
Bushy-crested Hornbill	Seen well in Sukau



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Black Hornbill	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center and Sukau
Oriental Pied Hornbill	Seen well in Sukau
Wreathed Hornbill	Seen well in Sukau and Danum Valley
Wrinkled Hornbill	Seen well in Sukau
<b>Kingfishers: Alcedinidae</b>	
Blue-eared Kingfisher	Seen on a night-time boat ride in Sukau and then on a morning ride
Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher	Seen well in Danum Valley
Banded Kingfisher	A female seen well on a night walk in Danum Valley
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Seen on several night rides in Sukau
Collared Kingfisher	Seen by guide only while on the road towards Sukau
<b>Bee-eaters: Meropidae</b>	
Red-bearded Bee-eater	Two birds seen in Bukit Tinggi Japanese Gardens
Blue-throated Bee-eater	Many seen in Sepilok and Sukau
<b>Rollers: Coraciidae</b>	
Dollarbird	Very common during our time in Sukau
<b>Asian Barbets: Megalaimidae</b>	
Sooty Barbet	Several birds seen well in Bukit Tinggi
Brown Barbet	First seen in Crocker Range and then many seen in Rainforest Discovery Center
Blue-eared Barbet	A nesting bird seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Bornean Barbet	Seen briefly perched by guide only and then seen while in flight
Fire-tufted Barbet	A nesting bird seen well in Frasers Hill
Red-throated Barbet	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Golden-naped Barbet	Many seen in Mount Kinabalu
Yellow-crowned Barbet	Seen well in Bukit Tinggi
Mountain Barbet	Seen well in Crocker Range
Gold-whiskered Barbet	Seen well in Bukit Tinggi
Black-browed Barbet	A nesting bird seen well in Frasers Hill

	Notes
<b>Woodpeckers: Picidae</b>	
Gray-and-buff Woodpecker	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Maroon Woodpecker	Several birds seen well in Mount Kinabalu
Orange-backed Woodpecker	Seen well in Fraser's Hill
Rufous Woodpecker	Seen in Danum Valley
Buff-necked Woodpecker	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Buff-rumped Woodpecker	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Lesser Yellownappe	Seen well in Frasers Hill
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Crimson-winged Woodpecker	First seen in Rainforest Discovery Center then in Frasers Hill
Banded Woodpecker	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Checker-throated Woodpecker	Seen by guide only in Frasers Hill
Great Slaty Woodpecker	Seen by guide only on transfer boat to Sukau Lodge
White-bellied Woodpecker	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
<b>Falcons and Caracara: Falconidae</b>	
Black-thighed Falconet	Several individuals seen well in Frasers Hill
White-fronted Falconet	Seen from canopy walk in Danum Valley
<b>Old World Parrots: Psittaculidae</b>	
Long-tailed Parakeet	All seen while in flight over Rainforest Discovery Center
Black-crowned Hanging Parrot	Most seen in flight. Seen perched by guide only in Frasers Hill
<b>African and Green Broadbills: Calypotomenidae</b>	
Whitehead's Broadbill	Several birds seen well in Mount Kinabalu
<b>Asian and Grauer's Broadbills: Eurylaimidae</b>	
Long-tailed Broadbill	A small group seen well in Frasers Hill
Dusky Broadbill	A pair seen by guide only in Danum Valley
Black-and-red Broadbill	Seen well in Sukau
Banded Broadbill	Seen exceptionally well in Danum Valley

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Black-and-yellow Broadbill	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center, Danum Valley, and Frasers Hill
<b>Pittas: Pittidae</b>	
Black-crowned Pitta	Performed beautifully in Rainforest Discovery Center
Blue-headed Pitta	Distance, dark but recognizable views in Danum Valley
Hooded Pitta	Sweet views in Sukau
<b>Hornbills and Allies: Acanthizidae</b>	
Golden-bellied Gerygone	Several birds seen in Crocker Range
<b>Cuckooshrikes: Campephagidae</b>	
Fiery Minivet	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Scarlet Minivet	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Gray-chinned Minivet	Seen well in Crocker Range and Mount Kinabalu
Sunda Cuckooshrike	Seen by guide only in Mount Kinabalu
Large Cuckooshrike	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Lesser Cuckooshrike	Seen well in Frasers Hill
<b>Vireos, Shrike-Babblers and Erpornis: Vireonidae</b>	
Black-eared Shrike-Babbler	Many birds seen in Frasers Hill
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	Seen in Mount Kinabalu and Frasers Hill
White-bellied Erpornis	First seen in Rainforest Discovery Center then in Frasers Hill
<b>Whistlers and Allies: Pachycephalidae</b>	
Bornean Whistler	Few birds seen in Mount Kinabalu
<b>Old World Orioles: Oriolidae</b>	
Dark-throated Oriole	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley
Black-and-crimson Oriole	Seen well in Mount Kinabalu and Frasers Hill
Black-naped Oriole	Seen by guide only upon arrival in Sama-Sama on the last day
<b>Woodswallows, Bellnagpies and Allies: Artamidae</b>	
White-breasted Woodswallow	Seen in Sukau

	Notes
<b>Vangas, Helmetshrikes and Allies: Vangidae</b>	
Large Woodshrike	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley and Frasers Hill
Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike	Seen in Crocker Range and Frasers Hill
Black-winged Flycatcher Shrike	Seen in MY Resort in Sepilok and often in Rainforest Discovery Center
Rufous-winged Philentoma	Seen in Rainforest Discovery Center
Maroon-breasted Philentoma	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley
<b>Bristleheads: Pityriaseidae</b>	
Bornean Bristlehead	First seen by guide only in Rainforest Discovery Center and then by everyone in Danum Valley
<b>Ioras: Aegithinidae</b>	
Common Iora	Seen in Sukau
Green Iora	Seen in Rainforest Discovery Center
<b>Fantails: Rhipiduridae</b>	
Spotted Fantail	One individual seen in Danum Valley
Malaysian Pied Fantail	Seen often in Sepilok, Sukau and Danum Valley
White-throated Fantail	Seen in Mount Kinabalu and Frasers Hill
<b>Drones: Dicruridae</b>	
Ashy Drongo	Seen in Mount Kinabalu
Bronzed Drongo	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Hair-crested Drongo	Seen in Mount Kinabalu
<b>Monarch Flycatchers: Monarchidae</b>	
Black-naped Monarch	Seen in Rainforest Discovery Center and Danum Valley
Blythe's Paradise Flycatcher	Seen in Danum Valley
<b>Crows, Jays and Magpies: Corvidae</b>	
Black Magpie	A pair seen in Rainforest Discovery Center and in Sukau
Common Green Magpie	An adult and juvenile seen well in Frasers Hill

	Notes
Bornean Green Magpie	Seen in Mount Kinabalu
Bornean Treepie	Several seen in Mount Kinabalu and Crocker Range
House Crow	Seen around cities
Slender-billed Crow	Seen in Sukau
Large-billed Crow	Seen in “The Gap”
<b>Fairy Flycatchers: Stenostiridae</b>	
Gray-headed Canary Flycatcher	Seen well in Danum Valley
<b>Tits, Chickadees and Titmice: Paridae</b>	
Sultan Tit	Seen in Fraser’s Hill
<b>Cisticolas and Allies: Cisticolidae</b>	
Common Tailorbird	Several observations in Frasers Hill
Dark-necked Tailorbird	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley
Ashy Tailorbird	Seen in multiple locations. One of the most common birds on the trip
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird	Seen well in Sukau
Rufescent Prinia	Seen well in Sukau
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Seen well in Sukau
<b>Couplings: Pnoepygidae</b>	
Pygmy Cupwing	Seen exceptionally well in Frasers Hill
<b>Swallows: Hirundinidae</b>	
Pacific Swallow	Seen in multiple locations. One of the most common birds on the trip
Rufous-bellied Swallow	A small flock seen in Frasers Hill
<b>Bulbuls: Pycnonotidae</b>	
Black-headed Bulbul	First seen in Mount Kinabalu and then in Danum Valley
Spectacled Bulbul	Seen in numerous locations throughout the tour
Black-crested Bulbul	Seen in Frasers Hill
Bornean Bulbul	Seen well in Crocker Range
Straw-headed Bulbul	Seen well in Sukau

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Stripe-throated Bulbul	Seen well in Bukit Tinggi
Flavescent Bulbul	Several birds seen in Mount Kinabalu
Yellow-vented Bulbul	Seen in numerous locations throughout the tour
Olive-winged Bulbul	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Cream-eyed Bulbul	Seen in Danum Valley
Cream-vented Bulbul	Seen in Rainforest Discovery Center
Red-eyed Bulbul	Seen in Rainforest Discovery Center
Hairy-backed Bulbul	First seen in Sukau and then in Danum Valley by guide only
Yellow-bellied Bulbul	Seen in Danum Valley
Penan Bulbul	Seen in Crocker Range and Mount Kinabalu
Charlotte's Bulbul	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Ochraceous Bulbul	Seen in Frasers Hill
Buff-vented Bulbul	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Mountain Bulbul	Seen many times in Frasers Hill
Streaked Bulbul	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
<b>Leaf Warblers: Phylloscopidae</b>	
Eastern Crowned Warbler	Seen by guide only in Frasers Hill
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	Many seen in Frasers Hill
Yellow-breasted Warbler	Many seen in Mount Kinabalu
Mountain Leaf Warbler	Many seen in Mount Kinabalu
<b>Bush-Warblers and Allies: Cettiidae</b>	
Bornean Stubtail	Seen well in Mount Kinabalu
Mountain Tailorbird	A few individuals seen in Mount Kinabalu
Aberrant Bush Warbler	Several birds seen in Mount Kinabalu
<b>White-eyes, Yuhinas and Allies: Zosteropidae</b>	
Chestnut-crested Yuhina	Seen on numerous occasions in Mount Kinabalu
Mountain Black-eye	A few sightings in Mount Kinabalu
Black-capped White-eye	Seen in Mount Kinabalu

	Notes
Hume's White-eye	Guide only in Frasers Hill
Swinhoe's White-eye	Seen well in Frasers Hill
<b>Tree-Babblers, Scimitar-Babblers and Allies: Timaliidae</b>	
Bold-striped Tit Babbler	Seen well in Danum Valley
Fluffy-backed Tit Babbler	Seen well in Danum Valley
Golden Babbler	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Gray-hooded Babbler	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Bare-headed Laughingthrush	Seen in Mount Kinabalu
Sunda Scimitar Babbler	Seen well in Bukit Tinggi
Chestnut-rumped Babbler	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley
Gray-throated Babbler	Seen in Mount Kinabalu
Gray-headed Babbler	Two birds seen in Danum Valley
<b>Ground Babblers and Allies: Pellorneidae</b>	
Black-throated Wren Babbler	One bird seen in Danum Valley
Sooty-capped Babbler	First seen in Sukau, then in Danum Valley
Rufous-crowned Babbler	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley
Black-capped Babbler	Amazing views in Rainforest Discovery Center
Buff-breasted Babbler	Many seen in Frasers Hill
Temminck's Babbler	Seen in Mount Kinabalu
White-chested Babbler	A few birds seen in Sukau and one seen in Danum Valley
Ferruginous Babbler	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley
Striped Wren Babbler	Seen exceptionally well in Danum Valley
Horsfield's Babbler	Two sightings in Danum Valley
Mountain Wren Babbler	Seen well in Mount Kinabalu
Streaked Wren Babbler	Seen well in Frasers Hill
<b>Laughingthrushes and Allies: Leiothrichidae</b>	
Brown Fulvetta	Seen in flocks in Danum Valley
Mountain Fulvetta	Seen in flocks in Frasers Hill

	Notes
Malayan Laughingthrush	A pair seen well in Frasers Hill
Long-tailed Sibia	Common in Frasers Hill
Blue-winged Minla	One small flock seen in Frasers Hill
Chestnut-tailed Minla	A pair seen well in Frasers Hill
Silver-eared Mesia	Several seen in mixed flocks on Frasers Hill
Sunda Laughingthrush	Typically seen in mixed flocks in Fraser's Hill
Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrush	Typically seen in mixed flocks in Fraser's Hill especially with Sunda Laughingthrush
Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush	Common in Frasers Hill
<b>Nuthatches: Sittidae</b>	
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	One seen in Mount Kinabalu and a pair seen in Frasers Hill
<b>Starlings: Sturnidae</b>	
Asian Glossy Startling	Best view came just outside of the airport on a palm tree
Common Hill Myna	Seen several times in Sepilok and Sukau
Common Myna	Seen only once but clearly in Sukau
Javan Myna	Most common Myna on tour
Crested Myna	Seen only once but clearly Kuala Lumpur
<b>Thrushes and Allies: Turdidae</b>	
Everett's Thrush	Seen well in Mount Kinabalu
Fruit-hunter	A pair seen well in Mount Kinabalu
Orange-headed Thrush	One bird seen well in Mount Kinabalu
<b>Old World Flycatchers: Muscicapidae</b>	
Dark-sided Flycatcher	One bird seen in Danum Valley
Ferruginous Flycatcher	One bird seen well in Mount Kinabalu
Oriental Magpie Robin	Very common in Frasers Hill
Rufous-tailed Shama	A pair seen in Danum Valley
White-crowned Shama	Common around Danum Valley
Rufous-browed Flycatcher	Several sightings around Frasers Hill



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Pale Blue Flycatcher	A pair seen at "The Gap"
Malaysian Blue Flycatcher	First seen in Sukau and then in Danum Valley
Bornean Blue Flycatcher	A male seen exceptionally well in Danum Valley
Large Niltava	Seen numerous times in Frasers Hill
Indigo Flycatcher	Common in Mount Kinabalu
Verdier Flycatcher	Seen in "The Gap"
Eyebrowed Jungle Flycatcher	Seen in Mount Kinabalu
Bornean Shortwing	One bird seen in Mount Kinabalu
Bornean Whistling Thrush	Very common in Mount Kinabalu
White-crowned Forktail	A pair seen regularly in Danum Valley
Bornean Forktaill	Seen regularly in Mount Kinabalu
Chestnut-naped Forktail	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley
Slaty-backed Forktaill	Seen by guide only on the road up to Frasers Hill
White-tailed Robin	One bird seen in Fraser's Hill
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	Commonly encountered in Mount Kinabalu
Little Pied Flycatcher	Seen first in Mount Kinabalu and then again in Frasers Hill
<b>Flowerpeckers: Dicaeidae</b>	
Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker	Several guide only spotting in Danum Valley
Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker	Seen well in Danum Valley numerous times
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	Seen well in Suka
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker	Most common flowerpecker encountered in the lowlands after Mount Kinabalu and before Frasers Hill
Plain Flowerpecker	One pair encountered in Rainforest Discovery Center
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Black-sided Flowerpecker	Seen numerous times in Mount Kinabalu
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	Seen in Sepilok and Sukau
<b>Sunbirds and Spiderhunters: Nectariniidae</b>	
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	Several great views in Rainforest Discovery Center

	Notes
Plain Sunbird	Several great views in Rainforest Discovery Center
Brown-throated Sunbird	Several great views in Rainforest Discovery Center
Red-throated Sunbird	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Van Hasselt's Sunbird	One individual seen in Sukau
Olive-backed Sunbird	Seen well in Rainforest Discovery Center
Black-throated Sunbird	Regularly encountered in Frasers Hill
Temmincks Sunbird	Seen several times in Mount Kinabalu
Crimson Sunbird	Great looks in Rainforest Discovery Center
Purple-naped Spiderhunter	First seen in Sepilok then in Sukau and then in Danum Valley
Thick-billed Spiderhunter	Seen well in Sepilok
Long-billed Spiderhunter	Seen well by guide only in Rainforest Discovery Center
Little Spiderhunter	Seen well in Bukit Tinggi, Danum Valley and Sepilok
Yellow-eared Spiderhunter	Seen well by guide only in Rainforest Discovery Center
Spectacled Spiderhunter	Rainforest Discovery Center and Sukau
Streaked Spiderhunter	Common in Frasers Hill
Bornean Spiderhunter	Seen well in Danum Valley
Gray-breasted Spiderhunter	Seen well in Bukit Tinggi
<b>Fairy-Bluebirds: Irenidae</b>	
Asian Fairy-Bluebird	First seen in Danum Valley and then in Bukit Tinggi
<b>Leafbirds: Chloropseidae</b>	
Greater Green Leafbird	Seen a few times in Sepilok, mostly on the grounds of MY Resort
Lesser Green Leafbird	Seen throughout the tour
Bornean Green Leafbird	Seen well in Crocker Range
Orange-bellied Leafbird	Numerous sightings in Frasers Hill
Blue-winged Leafbird	Seen several times in the "The Gap" and in Frasers Hill
<b>Waxbills and Allies: Estrilidae</b>	

	Notes
White-rumped Munia	Seen well by guide only in Sukau and Frasers Hill
Dusky Munia	Seen well in Danum Valley
White-bellied Munia	Seen by guide only in Sukau
Chestnut Munia	Seen in Sepilok
Pin-tailed Parrotfinch	A small flock seen in Frasers Hill
Old World Sparrows: Passeridae	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Encountered mostly around towns
Wagtails and Pipits: Motacillidae	
Gray Wagtail	Seen well in Fraser's Hill
<b>Mammal and Other Animal Species</b>	
Large Flying Fox	Seen by guide only in Sukau
Wrinkle-lipped Bat	Seen by guide only in Danum Valley
Whiskered Myotis	Seen throughout the tour in various destinations
Common Treeshrew	Seen several times throughout the tour but mostly by guide only, once by group in Sukau
Bornean Colugo	Seen well in Danum Valley
Philippine Slow Loris	Seen on a night hike in Danum Valley
Maroon Langur	Danum Valley
Silvered Langur	Sukau
Proboscis Monkey	Most common monkey in Sukau
Long-tailed Macaque	Common everywhere after Sepilok
Pig-tailed Macaque	Sepilok and Sukau
Bornean Orangutan	Great views! Sepilok and Danum Valley
Kinabalu Squirrel	Mount Kinabalu
Prevosts Squirrel	Encountered in most locations

	Notes
Horse-tailed Squirrel	Seen by guide only in Rainforest Discovery Center
Jentink's Squirrel	Mount Kinabalu
Low's Squirrel	Frasers Hill
Plantain Squirrel	Sukau
Ear-spot Squirrel	Seen by guide only in Sepilok
Bornean Black-banded Squirrel	Seen many times in Mount Kinabalu
Bornean Pygmy Squirrel	A pair seen in Sukau
Whitehead's Pygmy Squirrel	A few sightings in Mount Kinabalu
Giant Squirrel	Seen in Mount Kinabalu and Sepilok
Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel	Mount Kinabalu
Himalayan Striped Squirrel	Seen several times but mostly in Frasers Hill
Three-striped Ground Squirrel	Frasers Hill
Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel	Frasers Hill
Asian House Rat	Seen a few times in Danum Valley
Yellow-throated Marten	Awesome animal seen at "The Gap"
Island Palm Civet	Night drive in Danum Valley
Bearded Pig	A group seen in close quarters in Frasers Hill
Lesser Mousedeer	Danum Valley
Greater Mousedeer	Danum Valley
Sambar Deer	Danum Valley
Bornean Yellow Muntjac	Seen on the road into Danum Valley
Rajah Brooke's Birdwing	Seen well in Frasers Hill
Ashy White Tree Nymph	Seen in numerous locations throughout the tour
Giant Pill Millipede	Danum Valley
Lantern Bug ( <i>Saiva transversolineata</i> )	Danum Valley
Lantern Bug ( <i>Pyrops whiteheadi</i> )	Danum Valley
Saltwater Crocodile	Seen on the transfer boat ride to Sukau
Crested Green Lizard	Seen by guide only in Sukau

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Common Gliding Lizard	Seen in Rainforest Discovery Center and Frasers Hill
Bornean Angle-headed Lizard	Danum Valley
Bartlett's Flying Dragon	Danum Valley
Formosa Gliding Lizard	Frasers Hill
Spotted Gliding Lizard	Frasers Hill
Titiwangsa Horned Lizard	Frasers Hill
Bronze Grass Skink	Frasers Hill
Bornean Striped Skink	Danum Valley
Paradise Tree Snake	Sukau
Reticulated Python	Sukau
Painted Bronze-backed Snake	Sukau
Green Paddy Frog	Sukau
Dark-eared Frog	Danum Valley
File-eared Frog	Danum Valley
Harlequin Flying Frog	Danum Valley
Asian House Gecko	Seen in numerous locations throughout the tour
Whip-tailed Scorpion	Danum Valley
Long-horned Spider	Danum Valley
Tiger Leech	Danum Valley
Water Monitor	Seen in Sepilok, Sukau and Danum Valley
Rough-necked Monitor	Danum Valley
Rafflesia Flower	Seen in Crocker Range

## *Guests Favorite Images and Top 5's*

### **Top 5 Birds**

- 1) Whitehead's Trogon
- 2) Black-capped Pitta
- 3) Rhinoceros Hornbill
- 4) Great Argus
- 5) Two-way Tie
  - i) Black-browed Barbet
  - ii) Orange-backed Woodpecker

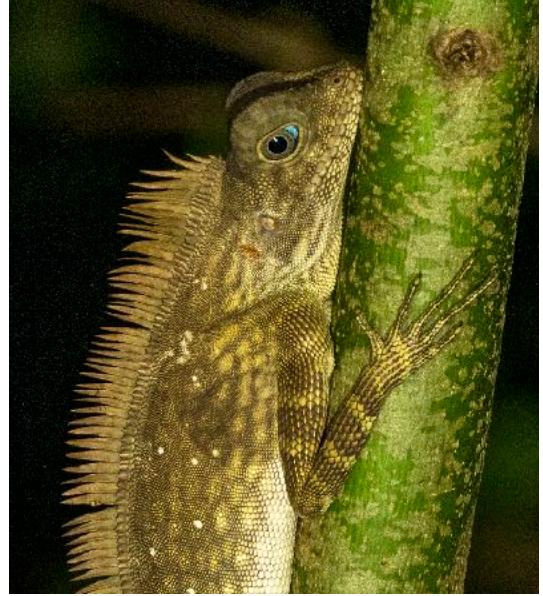
### **Top 5 Mammals**

- 1) Proboscis Monkey
- 2) Bornean Orangutan
- 3) Red Giant Flying Squirrel
- 4) Two-way Tie
  - i) Slow Loris
  - ii) Bearded Pig
- 5) Two-way Tie
  - i) Pig-tailed Macaque
  - ii) Whitehead's Pygmy Squirrel

### **Top 5 "Others"**

- 1) Paradise Tree Snake
- 2) Rajah Brooke's Birdwing
- 3) Bornean Angle-headed Lizard
- 4) Lantern bug (both species)
- 5) Long Horned Orb Weaver (spider)









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