



## Thailand: Birding Mythical Asia

Main Tour: February 17 - March 3, 2024

Extension March 4 - 9, 2024

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### Summary

Thailand hosts in excess of 1000 bird species, and this tour - especially with the extension - is designed to find a wide sample of those. From coastal salt pans to interior jungles, and from northern pines to southern mangroves, we saw pheasants, malkohas, frogmouths, drongos, shorebirds, raptors, hornbills, trogons, kingfishers, bee-eaters, barbets, woodpeckers, broadbills, minivets, bulbuls, leaf warblers, babblers, laughingthrushes, sunbirds, spiderhunters, and many others. Among nearly-500 species, the critically-endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper, the endemic Rufous Limestone Babbler, the incomparable Mrs. Hume's Pheasant, and the psychedelic Malayan Banded Pitta (photo below by client Kelly Fletcher) were highlights. Beyond those, we scored Asiatic Elephant, Lar (White-handed) Gibbon, Dusky Langur, and the cat-sized Small Mouse Deer. Throw in good roads, friendly people, beautiful temples, and incredible food, and it's easy to see why Thailand is one of the world's most popular tourist destinations! Please read on for a day-by-day recap. Thanks to those who joined this year! Hopefully we'll see the rest of you on a future year!



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**Day 1 - Saturday, February 17 - Khok Kham and Laem Pak Bia**

While our buffet breakfast at the Amaranth hotel was uneventful, the same cannot be said for our subsequent Bangkok escape. Torrential downpour and associated thunder presented as we climbed into the vehicle, and visibility was severely limited as we steered through puddles and cascades, water pouring from the overhead highway onto the underlying surface streets. Fortunately, the deluge abated across the next hour, and we set to throngs of shorebirds when we arrived at Khok Khom. **Tibetan** and **Greater Sand-Plovers** offered comparison views, and we scored **Red-necked Stint**, **Great Knot**, and **Curlew** and **Broad-billed Sandpipers** as our scopes swept across the impoundments. None among **Black-bellied Plover**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Black-tailed Godwit**, **Marsh Sandpiper**, **Common Redshank**, and **Common Greenshank** escaped our gaze. Wonderful as those waders were, a (and possibly two) **Spoonbill Sandpiper** carried the morning! The adorable bird is nearing extinction — current population estimates suggest there are < 500 remaining — so it was a huge win on this first morning. Beyond that prize, we also tallied **Asian Koel**, **Painted Stork**, **the Little/Medium/Great Egret trio**, **Malaysian Pied-Fantail**, and **Zitting Cisticola**. The rain made for a nervous start, but it turned into a great morning! Complete checklist from Khok Khom: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161758979>.



**Spoon-billed Sandpiper (right) w/ Red-necked Stints**

We piled into the van, grabbed lunch, and continued to Laem Pak Bia, where we'd arranged a boat trip with Mr Daeng. Boarding two small craft, we chugged through mangroves — **Collared** and **Common Kingfishers**, **Little Cormorant**, **Common Sandpiper**, **Brahminy Kite** — to reach a small island, where we soaked in **Brown-headed Gull** and six species of terns: **Little**, **Caspian**, **White-winged**, **Common**, **Lesser Crested**, and **Greater Crested**. Moving to a larger, rockier outcropping, we intersected **Pacific Reef-Heron**, **Sanderling**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, and **Kentish** and **Malaysian Plovers**. Though we dipped on White-faced Plover, we did add **Pacific Golden-Plover** and **Eurasian Curlew** (and mango sticky rice) as consolation. With several clients reeling from jetlag, we folded the final hour of daylight and continued to the iTara hotel. A few of us made a lap of the grounds, but we didn't find much beyond **Zebra** and **Red-collared Doves**, **Coppersmith Barbet**,

**Common** and **Great Mynas**, and **Ornate Sunbird**. Checklist from Laem Pak Bia mangroves: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161773153>. Checklist from Laem Pak Bia sandspit: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161773115>. Checklist from hotel: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161775263>.

## Malaysian Plover



### **Day 2 - Sunday, February 18 - Pak Thale, Laem Pak Bia, Baan Maka, and Dab Toon's hide**

Pak Thale is a traditional spot for Spoon-billed Sandpiper, but we largely ignored the hoards of peeps with which the species usually associates because we observed it at Khok Khom yesterday. Focusing on other shorebirds, again with Mr Daeng's help, we found many of the same shorebirds as yesterday plus **Little Ringed Plover, Whimbrel, Bar-tailed Godwit, Asian Dowitcher, Red-necked Phalarope, Wood Sandpiper, Red Knot, Long-toed Stint**, and the range-restricted **Nordmann's Greenshank**. Other notable birds included a lone **Chinese Egret** working the waterline and several **Indian Cormorants**, at least one posing for comparison views with a **Little**. It was waterbird overload! Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161943993>.

Moving down the road a bit, toward Laem Pak Bia, we added **Pied Avocet** (big group) and **Spotted Redshank** (loner). **Gray Herons** glided across the water, **Barn Swallows** swooped overhead, and a lone **Little Bittern** gave us a quick view after we flushed it from a roadside ditch. Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161944002>. From there, and after adding **Temminck's Stint** along the road, we continued to the Environmental Research and Development Center. The place looked like a weird tourist attraction, but we found a nice mix of birds including **Little Grebe, Red-wattled Lapwing, Eastern Cattle Egret, Siamese Pied Starling, Eastern Yellow Wagtail**, and **Golden-bellied Gerygone** (heard-only). And — to everyone's delight — pond-herons were in ample supply. Sadly, differentiating between Chinese and Javan proved impossible in their non-breeding plumage. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161944021>.

The midday heat gathering and our time on the coast expiring, we pulled up stakes and began the drive to Baan Maka, where we ate an excellent lunch. After a bit of post-meal downtime, we enjoyed a pair Brown Boobooks roosting in a tree. Those birds ticked, we piled into the van and headed towards our afternoon hide appointment. It was very warm beneath the concealing netting,

but our patience was rewarded with the gallinaceous-like of **Red Junglefowl** (the original 'rooster'), **Kalij Pheasant**, **Gray Peacock-Pheasant** (!!!) and **Ferruginous** and **Scaly-breasted Partridges**. But wait - there's more! How about **Greater** and **Lesser necklaced Laughingthrushes**? Hell yes! And why not throw in some **Asian Emerald Dove**, **Brown-cheeked Fulvetta**, and **White-browed Scimitar-Babbler**, and **Indochinese Blue Flycatcher**?!? And — thankfully — we scored **Black-crested Bulbul** because we didn't expect to see that bird again during the tour! Hint: That's sarcasm. Joking aside, it was a sweltering but productive afternoon. Yay us. Here's the checklist from our time in the hide: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S161974622>.



### **Day 3 - Monday, February 19 - Kaeng Krachan**

A quick breakfast and a short drive delivered us to the park at 7am. Wandering the campground, we connected with **Thick-billed Green-Pigeon**, **Blue-winged Leafbird**, **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**, and **Ashy Drongo** before staking out a fruiting tree near the restaurant. From our elevated vantage, we had close looks at **Black-naped Oriole**, **Golden-crested** and **Common Hill Mynas**, **Asian Fairy Bluebird**, **Scarlet-backed** and **Yellow-vented Flowerpeckers**, **Green-** and **Blue-eared Barbets**, and a variety of **bulbuls**: **Ochraceous**, **Olive**, **Black-headed**, **Black-crested**, **Streak-eared**, and **Stripe-throated**. Wonderful as those birds were, an Oriental Pied Hornbill proved most memorable, the huge bird gobbling berries ten feet from us! It was incredible. It was tough to pull ourselves away from the tree, but we earned views of **Large Woodshrike**, **Sultan Tit**, **Ashy** and **Brown-rumped Minivets**, **Verditer Flycatcher**, **Hainan** and **Indochinese Blue Flycatchers**, and **Silver-breasted Broadbill** (quick views). Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162155061>.

Gray Peacock-Pheasant



Oriental Pied-Hornbill



Moving to the shaded confines of the 'Three Streams', we were greeted by a raucous pair of **Greater Flamebacks**. A staked-out **White-fronted Scops-Owl** (quite rare) offered close views, and we soaked in **Little Cuckoo Dove**, **Chestnut-breasted Malkoha**, **Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo**,

### White-fronted Scops-Owl



**Dusky Broadbill**, **Scarlet Minivet**, **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, and **Bronzed** and **Hair-crested Drongos**. We also had nice looks at **Asian Barred Owlet** as we walked back to the van. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162155061>. Returning to Baan Maka, we ate lunch and enjoyed a siesta. The few (i.e. Lori, Kelly) who forwent downtime and braved the after-lunch heat were treated to **Eurasian Hoopoe**, **Dollarbird**, **Gray-headed Woodpecker**, **Racket-tailed Treepie**, **Asian Brown** and **Taiga Flycatchers**, and **Black-browed Reed Warbler**. Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162170037>.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent at Dab Toon's other/second hide. There was much species overlap with the hide we visited yesterday, but **Bar-backed Partridge** and **White-crested Laughingthrush** were crowd pleasers. The activity slowed as 5pm neared (full hide checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162166495>), so we left the hide and returned to Baan Maka for a bit of bonus birding, that outing yielding **Ruddy-breasted Crake** (heard only),

**Lineated Barbet**, **Ashy Woodswallow**, **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Common Tailorbird**, and **Scaly-breasted Munia** (Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162169510>). We tried looking for nightbirds after dinner but managed only several heard-only **Large-tailed Nightjars** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163682768>). It's worth noting that we observed **Dusky Langurs** swinging through the trees at several points today.

### Day 4 - Tuesday, February 20 - Upper reaches of Kaeng Krachan

This morning started at 6am, when we piled into a pair of pickup trucks. Equipped with benches in the back, they would carry us to the upper reaches of the park. The ride was slow, bouncy, and very long, but we scored two really cool creatures as we ascended: a comical group of **White-handed Gibbons** swinging/leaping through the canopy and a stunning pair of **Red-headed Trogons** lurking at the roadside. We didn't reach the summit until 8:30. Despite the already-gathered heat, we set to

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our birding task and found **Himalayan Swiftlet**, **Brown-backed Needletail**, **Blue-throated Barbet**, **Gray-headed Canary Flycatcher**, **Mountain and Flavescent Bulbuls**, **Striated Yuhina**, and **Hill Blue Flycatcher** (point blank views of a pair). Some had quick glimpses of **Mountain Imperial-Pigeon** while others scored **Crested Goshawk** and **Rufous-bellied Eagle** soaring overhead. Birding was generally slow, so we took advantage of the switch in traffic flow and started downhill (Checklist from the top: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162326406>) at 11am.

We made several stops on the way down, **Great Hornbill** our only notable find after we struck out on Ratchet-tailed Treepie. We ate a nice lunch at the park restaurant — the sugary slushies were a big hit — and resumed birding between streams 1 and 3 (which we visited yesterday). **Rusty-cheeked Hornbill** showed for some, and we scored **Asian Emerald Cuckoo**, **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, **Ochraceous Bulbul**, and **Pin-striped Tit-Babbler**. Activity was low, but we kept pressing despite the heat, those efforts rewarded when we connected with **Common Green-Magpie** and **Orange-breasted Trogon**, the second singing from an eye-level perch ten feet off the road for fifteen minutes. It was an amazing encounter! Diligence always pays off (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162341364>)! Exiting the park, we made our final stop at Kilometer 9, where we found **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**, **Indochinese Roller**, **Dollarbird**, and **Common Flameback** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162341432>). We walked a loop of Baan Maka after dinner, but managed only a heard-only **Collared Scops-Owl** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163556671>).

### White-crested Laughingthrush



**Day 5 - Wednesday, February 21 - Baan Maka and drive to Khao Yai**

We'd largely neglected Baan Maka during our stay, offering it only midday filler time, so we decided to use this final morning to bird the property before departing. We had nice comparison views of **Black-naped** and **Black-hooded Orioles** right off the bat, and we added **Ruddy Crane** (heard only), **White-throated Kingfisher**, **Hair-crested Drongo**, **Common Tailorbird**, **White-rumped Shama**, and **Thick-billed** and **Scarlet-backed Flowerpeckers**. **Little Spiderhunter** was a savory victory. It took some time, but we eventually pulled a bird in for close inspection! Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162426328>.



Starting the long drive to Khao Yai, we made a roadside stop for **Indian Thick-knee** and scored a pair of birds with minimal effort (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162426341>). Continuing into the Nong Pla Lai paddies, we made two more stops. At the first, we found **Oriental Pratincole**, **Purple Heron**, **Bank** and **Red-rumped Swallows**, **Red-Whiskered Bulbul**, and **Amur Stonechat** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S1624263520>); at the second, we added **Bronze-winged Jacana**, **Asian Openbill**, **Black Drongo**, and **Plain Prinia** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162426441>). At that point, we piled into the vehicles and began the circumnavigation of Bangkok. Construction made driving a challenge, but we survived and reached our Black Canyon lunch destination. That meal was substandard, so we decided we'd stick to more authentic dining options moving forward.

Resuming our northeastern course, we escaped the metropolis and rolled into less developed surrounds as we closed the distance to our next stop: Wat Phra Puttabat Noi. We arrived at the



temple complex at 3:30. It was hotter than hell, and a very loud festival cast serious doubt on our singular birding goal: the endemic **Rufous Limestone Babbler**. We tried playing tape at the recommended spot, but the music was so loud that we could barely heard ourselves think. Unwilling to fold the prize, we moved to another area and managed to elicit a response vocalization. Keeping after the shy bird, we strategically repositioned ourselves and managed great looks at a pair of birds as they bounced about the understory. I don't think any of us thought we stood a chance at the bird when we arrived, so it was a tremendous victory under the noisy/chaotic circumstances. Passing through the festival on our exit, we enjoyed a variety of sugary snack. Other notable birds at the temple included **Asian Green Bee-eater** and **Blue Rock Thrush** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162432699>).

### **Day 6 - Thursday, February 22 - Khao Yai, full day 1**

An early start delivered us to the top of the park, where cloud and wind made our box breakfast pure joy (again, sarcasm). We set to birding but found little activity given the conditions. Everyone had eye-level views of **Yellow-browed Warbler**, and we soaked in extended views a cooperative **Gray-backed Shrike**. A lucky few managed glimpses of **Moustached Barbet** as it sang from the top of tree (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162507314>). Moving downhill to shelter from the wind, we walked the Pha Dieo Dai Board walk and connected with a male **Silver Pheasant** as it slinked through the understory. Most had only quick views, but those were enough to take breaths away! Exploring the road after existing the boardwalk, we found **Ashy Bulbul** and **Pale-legged Leaf Warbler** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162518200>). A third stop yielded better views of **Moustached Barbet** as well as a very active feeding group. It was really, really hard to get individual clients onto individual birds, but some were able to get their binoculars on **Puff-throated Bulbul**, **Black-throated Sunbird**, and **Cambodian Flowerpecker** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162518151>). A fourth stop didn't yield much beyond **Eurasian Kestrel** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162518141>); a fifth revealed **Shikra** and **Paddyfield Pipit** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162517984>).

**Gray-backed Shrike**



Slow birding and gathering heat suggested lunch, so we ducked into to the park 'restaurant' to eat, relax, and regroup. Afterwards, we drive 30 air-conditioned minutes to the Haew Narok Waterfall Trail, where we found better birding. While we were watching a pair of **Dark-necked Tailorbirds**, a **White-breasted Waterhen** scampered along the slow-running stream. Despite the fact the waterfall was too dry to run, we improved on our previous views of **Blue-bearded** and **Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters** from the overlook. Retracing out steps back to the parking lot, we played a bit of Collared Owlet tape and attracted a large mass of birds. And from that noisy mob materialized not only a **Crimson Sunbird** but also the prized **Van Hasselt's Sunbird**, the male's green crown, purple throat, and maroon belly gleaming in the afternoon sun (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162523882>). We imagined that bird would be the day's highlight — until we intersected an **Asiatic Elephant** on our return drive. Those of us in the van will never forget Michelle's shriek of joy as we rounded the bend and the huge beast came striding towards us! And then, as if on cue, the massive beast walked within thirty feet of our car when we pulled over to let it pass. It was a truly unforgettable experience! And, as the icing on the proverbial cake, we scored **Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl** and **Red-breasted Parakeet** at the local administrative building across the street from our Thames Valley digs (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162526100>)! So.....while the day started slowly, we managed to grind out some really nice stuff by the time we sat down to dinner at Sireena. Italian/pizza was a nice/needed break from Thai food! Highly recommended!

## Van Hasselt's Sunbird





**Asian Elephant**

**Day 7 - Friday, February 23 - Khao Yai, full day 2**

We started into the park before dawn and found our second **Asiatic Elephant** pushing through the roadside grass. It didn't stick around, so we continued to Lam Takhong Campground, where we hoped to find Siamese Fireback. We didn't connect with that prize but enjoyed a nice mix of birds including **Green-billed Malkoha**, **Vernal Hanging-Parrot**, and **Rosy Minivet**. Backtracking to the van, we flushed a **Himalayan Cuckoo** off the ground at the entrance to the campground; the views were quick, but the photos were diagnostic! A subsequent loop through the campground yielded **Striated Heron**, **Common Kingfisher**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, and **Common Hill Myna**. Though we didn't find a ton of new birds, the steady activity was a nice change from yesterday's doldrums. Complete checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162616129>.

Moving toward headquarters, we had crushing views of **Cambodian Flowerpecker**; those redeemed our poorer views of that species yesterday. We also caught up with **Hume's White-eye** and **Two-barred Warbler**, another member of the confusing *Phylloscopus* genus (full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162616106>). We next walked loop of the Kong Kaew trail. A keen-eyed Mag picked out a **Collared Owlet**, but that was the singular highlight of the hour-long schlep. We'd hoped to find Brown Hornbill, which was nesting in the area, but there wasn't space inside or outside the hide! As a result we folded the bird and returned to headquarters, where Dorian's friend

pointed us towards a resting **Green Viper**! It was a needed boost after a sad, sad walk (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162616148>).

Given the crushing heat and slow birding, we opted to exit the park and eat lunch at a nice restaurant (Roma). That proved a wise decision as it gave everyone the time to rest and recharge. Returning to the park mid-afternoon, we headed for Pha Kluai Mai, where we finally found some activity. **White-throated Rock-Thrush** showed immediately, and **Green-eared Barbet** put in an appearance shortly thereafter. Staking out a position under a fruiting tree, we observed **Black-naped Oriole** and **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** before venturing onto an elevated overlook. Dorian called out a **Blue-eared Kingfisher** as it rocketed along the river, but not everyone was able to get onto the tiny speedster. Otherwise it was mostly previously-observed species, but the 'pop' of birds was appreciated nonetheless. Complete checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162616212>.

Departing the area on the main road, Dorian saw the lead car flush something off the road. Slowing, he and those in the van had quick but diagnostic views of a male **Siamese Fireback**! While we couldn't see the namesake feature, the bright red face and smooth gray back sealed the identification. It was a bittersweet encounter as those in the lead car had continued without noticing the bird (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162616774>). We made one final stop at an elevated overlook and found **Eurasian Hoopoe**, **Great Hornbill**, **Oriental Pied Hornbill**, and **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S162616475>). Janpha was a good dinner choice.

## Red Muntjak (aka Barking Deer)



**Day 8 - Saturday, February 24 - Khao Yai mop-up and drive to Bueng Borophet**

Yesterday was painfully slow at several points, but we returned to Khao Yai determined to fill in a few holes in our list. As we found decent activity Pha Klui Mai yesterday afternoon, we decided we'd



head there right out of the gate. As it turned out, that proved a very wise move! The usual suspects — **Moustached Barbet, Black-crested Bulbul, Dark-naped Oriole, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Yellow-browed Warbler, Black-throated Sunbird** — were present, and we pulled a number of new birds from their swirling ranks. **Wreathed Hornbill, Laced Woodpecker, and Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** were good finds, and we enjoyed quick views of **White-crested Laughingthrushes** as they bounced through the midstory. That bird is regular at hides, but it was fun to see the quartet under natural circumstances. Wonderful as those birds were, they paled in comparison to **Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon**, a bird which is exceedingly rare in and around Khao Yai. It wasn't on our pre-trip radar, so it was a really good find on this morning!

Given the hot hand we were working with, Dorian decided to split the group and send those who missed yesterday's **Siamese Fireback** down the road in the pick-up truck. And wouldn't you know it? The plan worked! That group had great views of what was likely the same male that other half the group saw yesterday! And they scored **Long-tailed Broadbill**, another new bird, to boot! Those of us who remained enjoyed additional view of

the green-pigeon and other birds. The checklist from our highly-successful morning at Pha Klui Ma is herei: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162697289>.

Our time at Khao Ya expiring, we closed up shop, turned tail, and began the ~4 hour drive to Nakhon Sawan. For future reference, we stopped at this restaurant (ครัวบ้าน โดก, 15.071471066612437, 100.71584261247448) for lunch en route. It was very good and nicely broke up the drive. Continuing from there on full stomachs, we reached the southern shores of Bueng Borophet just after 3pm and found loads of new birds in the marshy surrounds. Everyone had nice views of **Oriental Darter, Glossy Ibis, Plain-backed Sparrow, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, and Pheasant-tailed Jacana. Pied Kingfisher** proved more cooperative than **Black-capped Kingfisher**; while everyone saw the first, only a subset of clients got eyes on the latter, a true

stunner. Regardless, everyone enjoyed the easier birding in the wide open surrounds. Dinner hour approaching, we hopped into the van and drove the remaining 30 minutes to our high-rise hotel in downtown Nakhon Sawan. Full checklist from our afternoon outing: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162714556>.

### **Day 9 - Sunday, February 25 - Bueng Borophet and long drive to Doi Inthanon**

With the afternoon allocated to driving, we used the morning to explore Bueng Borophet by boat. The craft looked a bit ramshackle, but it was steady enough as we chugged away from the landing.

**Gray-headed Swampheens** showed immediately, and we added **Small Pratincole** shortly thereafter. Wait - what was that? **Black-headed Ibis** flying by! And over there? **Purple Heron** stalking prey! And who doesn't love our best friend, the ever-present **Chinese Pond-Heron**! Waders weren't the only birds demanding our attention; an **Eastern Marsh Harrier** drifted over the reed, a **Black-winged Kite** departed its bamboo pole perch, **Whiskered Terns** swirled overhead, and shorebirds — **Black-winged Stilts**, **Wood Sandpipers**, **Temminck's Stint**, etc — scampered over exposed mud. With **Striated Grassbird** singing from the top of bush, it was bird overload!

Continuing into open water, we found several flocks of **Lesser Whistling-Ducks** and a large group of **Garganey** with a few **Northern Shovelers** and **Northern Pintails** mixed in. Our hope was to continue to an area known to hold additional waterfowl, but our engine died in the middle of the lake (cue the Gilligan's Island soundtrack). No worries - our skipper summoned help, and we were back on course after thirty minutes adrift. We found zero ducks for the subsequent 30 minutes, but our patience was rewarded when we spied a **Bar-headed Goose** associating with 38 **Ruddy Shelducks**! BHGO is really rare in Thailand, so it was a great get! Returning to port, we added **Osprey**, **Baya Weaver**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, and — drumroll please — **Cotton Pygmy-Goose**! We were on fire. And then the engine died. Again. Less than 100 meters

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**Long-tailed Broadbill**

**Gray-headed Swamphen**



**Asian Openbill**



from the landing. Again - no big deal. Our skipper hopped out of the boat, cleared the propeller of strangling debris, and returned us to shore unscathed. It was an adventure, but the quantity and quality of birds made it worthwhile! And it wouldn't be fun without a story, right?!?! Complete checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162824886>.

Back in the van, we paused for a riverside lunch in Tak (16.8616, 99.1217) before continuing north, the day expiring as we closed the distance to Touch Star. When we arrived, we discovered the property overrun with tweens, a circumstance which forced us off property for a late dinner. The food was substandard - at best - and David's comment about needing steel teeth to eat his steak drew grins from everyone at the table. From start to finish, it was a good day.

## Green-tailed Sunbird (Doi Inthanon)



### Day 10 - Monday, February 26 - Doi Inthanon, full day 1

At 8,415', Doi Inthanon is the highest mountain in Thailand and hosts a number of elevational species. The summit takes a bit of time to warm up each morning, so we paused our ascent at Huai Sai Lueang Waterfall for some en route birding. We found **Orange-bellied Leafbird**, **Eurasian Jay**, and **Black Bulbul** in the clearing, all trip firsts, and we added **White-capped Redstart** after a short walk to the waterfall. And yes! This waterfall had water - and was it falling! It was nice change from the sad trickles we'd found elsewhere. Checklist from this stop: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162959369>.

We reached the summit after that ninety-minute warm-up. And man, did the birdlife change in a hurry! Of the seventeen species we observed from the woodland boardwalk, sixteen of them were new for the trip! **Himalayan Shortwing** and **Scaly Thrush** scampered beneath the walkway, **Rufous-winged Fulvetta**s and **Chestnut-tailed Minlas** explored the midstory, and **Blyth's Leaf Warblers** and **Green-tailed Sunbirds** bounced about the tree tops. The last of those is of particular interest as the Doi Inthanon subtype might be awarded full species status as some point. That trivia



aside, we enjoyed great looks at **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Snowy-browed Flycatcher**, and **Blue Whistling-Thrush**. **Yellow-browed Tit** showed briefly. **Large Niltava** proved recalcitrant, but everyone eventually secured glimpses. Full list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162959312>. Departing the boardwalk, we made a faster (but by no means fast) loop of the paved trail on the other side of the road. That netted us **Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantail**, **Yellow-browed Tit**, **Silver-eared Laughingthrush**, **Black-backed Sibia**, and **Gray-sided Thrush**. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162959287>.

The summit got super crowded at that point, so retired to lower elevations to eat. After lunch, we connected with **Japanese Tit**, **Flavescent Bulbul**, **Yellow-bellied Warbler**, **Slaty-backed Forktail**, and **Indian** and **Chestnut-flanked White-eyes**. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162965825>.

We spent the remainder of the afternoon in another forest hide. Species diversity was fairly low, but **Gray-throated Babbler**, **Buff-throated Babbler**, **Siberian Blue Robin**, and **White-tailed Robin** were all new for us. A few had quick looks at **Streaked Spiderhunter** earlier in the day, but the blind offered us point-blank views of the incredible bird! And **Little Spiderhunter** came to the same bowl of nectar a few minutes later. It was pretty sweet (the birds, not the nectar). Activity eventually slowed down, so we packed up and returned to Touch Star for dinner. It was nice to close up shop on the early side after a longer evening last night! Full checklist from the blind: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S162965801>.

**Streaked Spiderhunter**



### **Day 11 - Tuesday, February 27 - Doi Inthanon, full day 2**

Returning to Doi Inthanon, we made a quick stop at Checkpoint Two but folded that effort when we didn't find much beyond **Mountain Tailorbird** and **Silver-eared Mesia** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/p.17>)

S163059662). Opting for the summit, we found much better birding. We fought a protracted but

## Pygmy Cupwing



successful battle with **Pygmy Cupwing**. The boardwalk was quiet, but we did improve on yesterday's minimal looks at **Slaty-bellied Tesia**. The road was where it was as at on this morning. **Eyebrowed Thrush** explored the margin, and we redeemed yesterday's miss on **Yellow-cheeked Tit**. Beyond those, we grew we grew the trip list with this likes of **Ashy Wood-Pigeon**, **Golden-throated Barbet**, **Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush**, **Little Pied Flycatcher**, and **Fire-breasted** and **Yellow-bellied Flowerpeckers** (full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163056810>)

The summit got super crowded by late-morning, so we took a break from birding and explored the incredible purple pagodas as we dropped elevation. Dorian promised they would be worthwhile, and clients were blown away by the architecture and the landscaping. It was the perfect midday diversion. And the dried strawberries weren't bad either! I think clients cleared the vendor out! We also had nice looks at **Davison's Warbler** at that stop

(<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163059617>).

We ate lunch at the same place as yesterday (good, fast) and returned to the field at Baan Yee Lee. In the shade of creekside trees - exactly what we needed in the midday heat - we found our second **Slaty-backed Forktail**. It was amazing how it clambered up the wet rocks next to the waterfall. Other notable birds included **Pied Bushchat** and **Common Rosefinch**. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163066629>. From there we headed to Mae Ouam (Km 34.5) and connected with a nesting **Hodgson's Frogmouth**. We had amazing views as the cryptic bird incubated eggs on a branch ten feet above our heads. Activity was generally low, but we squeezed out **Long-tailed Broadbill**, **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Hume's treecreeper** (like a brown creeper on steroids), and **Small Niltava** to complement yesterday's Large. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163066611>.

From there we began the decent to Touch Star. We made a quick stop in the drier forest to the bottom and added **Collared Falconet** when Ball spotted the impossibly-small raptor at the top of a distant snag. It was shortly joined by two others, and we soaked in closer views of the trio after

walking down the road a piece. It was a really nice ending to a super productive day (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163067683>)!

## Collared Falconet



### **Day 12 - Wednesday, February 28 - Doi Inthanon wrap-up and roadside birding to Chiang Dao**

We enjoyed a relatively-leisurely breakfast before undertaking the short drive to the Blossom-headed Parakeet Conservation area. Perched atop the observation tower, we soaked in sunrise views of the surrounding hillsides and agricultural parcels. The bird activity started with **Green Peafowl**; we enjoyed the massive stunners in trees, in flight, and on the ground. They were awesome. Full stop. And the fun continued when **Purple** and **Brown-throated Sunbirds** allowed prolonged, eye-level views with - wait for it - the scope! Sunbirds rarely sit still, so our extended study of these two was a real treat. **Blossom-headed Parakeets** offered several fly-bys, and we eventually nailed a perched example, again with the scope. We also managed to get the scope on **Greater Coucal**, a bird most had missed to this point. Same for **Sooty-headed Bulbul**. Overhead, **Asian Palm Swifts** knifed through the air as an **Oriental Honey-buzzard** caught a rising thermal. Though **Common Iora**, **Lineated Barbet**, and **Eurasian Hoopoe** weren't new for the trip, it was nice to improve upon our previous views of them. And the icing on the cake? A **Rufous Treepie** which flew in right as we wrapped up, it too perching long enough to allow scope views! After a lot of walking the last few days, it was great to allow so many birds to come to us on this morning. Complete list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163146573>.

## Blossom-headed Parakeet



Back in the van and moving north, we made a stop in some dry scrubland, where we flushed several **Savannah Nightjars**. An immature **Pied Harrier** cruised by while **Asian Green Bee-eaters** hawked insects from high perches. A lucky few glimpsed a **Lesser Coucal** which the lead car flushed from the roadside brush. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163150355>. It was hotter than hell by the time we reached the Doi Lo paddies, but we took a short walk and found a number of nice/new birds including **Common Snipe**, **Plain Prinia**, **Scaly-breasted Munia**, **Black-browed Reed Warbler** (heard-only, ugh), and **Oriental Reed Warbler** (also heard only, double ugh). The clear highlight was **Eurasian Wryneck**. It did its best to escape our gaze, but everyone eventually secured views of the bizarrely-beautiful bird! Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163153998>.

We made two more en route stops. The first, at Mae Taeng, yielded **White-breasted Waterhen**, **Little Ringed Plover**, **Green Sandpiper**, and **Wire-tailed Swallow** (quick views, full list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163157465>). The second stop, at Huai Bong Reservoir, produced a billion **Lesser Whistling-Ducks**, two dozen **Garganey**, three **Eurasian Moorhens**, and a partridge in a pear tree. That's total nonsense, but we did pull a single **Green-winged Teal** from the hoards of waterfowl. A cheap bird for the trip list - booyah! And a lucky few got quick views of **Red-billed Blue Magpie**. Ain't no mistaking that incredible bird. Woulda been nice to get everyone onto it, but them's the breaks, right? Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163160460>. Dinner at Nest Two was good but featured tiny portions. It's not the nest spot for big eaters! After dinner owling at the nearby Wat Tham Pha Plong temple was an exercise in frustration. We elicited strong responses from two **Mountain Scops-Owls** but couldn't get eyes onto either! Win some, lose some (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163174897>)

**Day 13 - Thursday, February 29 - Chiang Dao and Mai Ai Paddies**

We grabbed an early breakfast at 7-11 and headed back to the temple, where we found a familiar complement of birds in/around the parking area: **Blue-eared Barbet**, **Gray-eyed Bulbul**, **Oriental Magpie-Robin**, and **Streaked Spiderhunter**. We also had great views of **Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon**, that bird new for the trip. Starting up the temple stairs, we intersected a pair of **Streaked Wren-Babbler**. A bit farther up, we found **Striated Yuhina**, **Golden-fronted Leafbird**, and **Banded Bay Cuckoo**, another new bird for us. It was a slow and fairly steep ascent, but it was totally worth it for the views from the temple at the top. We lounged for a while, taking in treetop views of **Little Spiderhunter** and **Black Bulbul**, before starting down. Among the birds we found on our descent, **White-throated Fantail** was the most notable; it was our only encounter of the entire trip. Full checklist here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163229454>. We made an additional stop at the nearby Chiang Dao Research Station. It was quiet but we did add **White-rumped Munia**. We also had **Chinese Pond-Heron** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163230495>). That was good since it was like 12 hours since we'd last seen one. A day without pond-heron is no day at all. Glad we avoided that fate.

We started toward Chiang Mai, where we lunched, and continued to the lovely Gumbie House in Fang. The property was wonderful, so we gave clients some much needed down time before heading out to explore the Mai Ai paddies in the late afternoon, those wide-open fields offering easier birding than in the forest. We found **Citrine** and **White Wagtails** scampering on the berms, and a short walk into the habitat produced **Yellow-breasted Bunting**, **Baya Weaver**, **Yellow-vented Bulbul**, and **Chestnut-capped Babbler**. Returning to the paved road, we found **Black-collared Starling**, **Amur Stonechat**, **Pied Harrier** (beautiful!), and **Baikal Bush Warbler** (head-only). Full checklist here: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163244564>. We enjoyed the sunset and started back towards Fang and Gumbie. We ate dinner and stocked up on breakfast supplies at Lotus's. What a zoo! At least the selection was better than 7-11!

**Day 14 - Friday, March 1 - Doi Angkhang**

Toting enough breakfast provisions to feed a small army, we gained elevation into the mountains on the Burmese/Myanmar border. The different ranges in the region hold vastly different complements of birds, and this day was our only crack at this particular site. We reached the military checkpoint shortly after sunrise and set to eating and birding. New birds were everywhere. The action started with the nondescript **Buff-throated Warbler**, the brilliant **Long-tailed Minivet**, and the shifty **Hill Prinia**. Walking the road towards the summit, we found **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch**, **Yunnan Fulvetta**, **Rufous-backed Sibia**, and **Gray Bushchat**. We'd struggled on woodpeckers, so it was great to connect with **Stripe-breasted** and **Gray-capped Pygmy**. We also had comparison views of **Burmese** and **Long-tailed Shrikes**. Everyone enjoyed **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** commuting up and down the tree trunks (full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163311652>), and we had a number of **Spot-winged Grosbeaks** in a flowering tree.

Moving to the area outside the Chinese Cemetery, we found little activity but managed to squeeze out **Greenish Warbler**, **Indian White-eye**, and **Flavescent** and **Brown-breasted Bulbuls** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163311661>). With activity waning in the midday heat, we moved to a feeding station and added **Silver-eared Mesia** and **Black-breasted Thrush** from the comfort of shaded chairs (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163311681>). Those birds secured, we moved towards the restaurant at the Royal Agricultural Station. Beyond fantastic food, that open-air establishment offered excellent views of birds as they visited a fruiting tree very near our assigned table. It was great to see **Blue-winged Minla** so well after more distant views on the road.

We walked the adjacent gardens after lunch and found them loaded with birds. We'd had quick/unsatisfactory views of **Ms. Gould's Sunbirds** across several days, but they were everywhere - and close! - on this afternoon. We also had great looks at **Scaly Thrush**, the bird standing on a rock for the better part of ten minutes. Otherwise, **Crested Finchbill** and **Gray-backed Shrike** were new for the trip (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163410563>). Knowing tomorrow would be a very long day, we departed the mountain, returned to the Gumbie House, relaxed for a bit, ate dinner, and braved Lotus's again.

### **Day 15 - Saturday, March 2 - Doi Lang (west)**

This was arguably the most important day of the tour, so we departed Gumbie house before dawn and gained elevation on a decaying, single-lane road, which is used almost exclusively by birders and military personnel. Our plan was to race to the top of the ridge where we'd claim a prime view to a feeding station for the rare and stunning **Mrs. Hume's Pheasant**. We were encouraged to see only one car positioned ahead of us, and any concern about how long we'd need to wait for the birds evaporated when we saw 5 pheasants (1M, 4F) pecking at the roadside grass! The views were amazing. We were shortly joined by another, much larger birding tour, but the pheasants hung in long enough for everyone to see them. It was a great way to start the day. We also scored **Olive-back Pipit**, **Oriental Turtle-Dove**, and **Rufous-gorgetted Flycatcher** at that same spot.



**Mrs. Hume's Pheasant**

Continuing up the ridge, we found an array of striking birds as we approached the Burmese/ Myanmar border: **Gray-chinned Minivet**, **White-browed Shrike-Babbler**, **Maroon Oriole**, and **Scarlet-faced Liocichla**. As the temperature climbed, we focused our birding on a particular wooded area. There, across the next several hours, we found **Hodgson's Frogmouth**, **Pale Blue Flycatcher**, **Rufous-bellied Niltava**, **Bay Woodpecker**, and **Striated Bulbul**. Wonderful as those



**Hodgson's Frogmouth**

were, the highlight was a trio of **Himalayan Cutias**! Working in conjunction with a Rockjumper group, the guides managed to get several scopes on the birds so all clients on both tours could enjoy them. It was really good teamwork!

We enjoyed a shaded roadside lunch and made several additional passes of areas we'd covered earlier. Those efforts netted us **Black-throated Tit**, **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler**, **Gray Treepie**, **Slaty-backed Flycatcher**, and **Great Barbet** (heard-only for clients, leaders saw). In that vein, the leaders had views of **Giant Nuthatch**, **Sapphire Flycatcher**, and **White-bellied Redstart** but were unable to get any clients onto the respective birds before they vanished.

We ended the day back at the pheasant feeding station, where an **Ultramarine Flycatcher** had been reported on-and-off for the previous week. While the group pulled out foldable stools and watched the feeding station, Dorian wandered down the road and found the sought bird as it fed in the mid-story. Everyone had good views of the flycatcher after he called everyone over. From there, we started down the mountain. We thought it would be a straight-shot down the hill, but Ball had one more trick hidden up his sleeve. Pulling over and playing tape for **Gray-headed Parrotbill**, he pulled four examples from the

surrounding habitat! Coupled with quick glimpses of **Slender-billed Oriole** at that same spot, it was a great final stop. Pretty good day, huh? And that's without mentioning birds additional birds like **Golden-throated Barbet**, **Long-tailed Broadbill**, **Scarlet Minivet**, **Davison's Leaf Warbler**, **Yunnan Fulvetta**, **Silver-eared Laughingthrush**, and **Orange-bellied Leafbird**. And, I almost forgot, the lead car had quick views of **Gray Nightjar** on the morning ascent. I mean, gimme a break. All those birds in one day? Amazing! Complete checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163411165>. Our lodging for the night, Maekok River Village Resort, was really nice! It woulda been cool to explore the grounds, but our after-dinner arrival leave any daylight to make that happen!

**Rufous-bellied Niltava****Day 16 - Sunday, March 3 - Chiang Rai and surrounds**

This day, the last of the main tour, was mostly a travel day, but that didn't stop us from squeezing in some morning birding before we headed for the Chiang Rai airport. Last night's lodging was 90 minutes from Nong Bong Khai, so we made a predawn start so as to arrive at that lake/marsh before the heat gathered. Arriving at 7am, we found all sorts of birds. **Little Grebe, Gray-headed Swamphen, White-breasted Waterhen, Oriental Darter, Purple Heron, and White-throated Kingfisher** were familiar from earlier phases of the tour, and we grew cumulative total list with the likes of **Indian Spot-billed Duck, Ferruginous Duck, and Great Cormorant**. We also improved upon our earlier views of **Gray-headed Lapwing** (walking this time versus flying previously), and we finally pinned down **Dusky Warbler**, a leader-only species to this point. Throw in **Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Asian Green Bee-eater**, and everyone's favorite, **Chinese Pond-Heron (!!!)**, and it was a successful morning! Complete list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163514124>.

Afterwards, we made a stop at one of Ball's secret spots and scored our last new bird of the main tour, **Gray-headed Martin** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163520243>). From there, we continued to the Golden Triangle — where Thailand, Laos, and Burma/Myanmar converge — for a bit of sightseeing (elephant pants - woo hoo!). We did a bit of birding from the elevated viewpoint but didn't find much (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163513642>). At that point, we ate lunch and headed for the airport. And how sweet was it to find a Dairy Queen before we boarded the plane?!?! Our flight to Bangkok was uneventful, and we found Mr. Pink without much effort. We fought to secure seats in the shuttle and were whisked away to the familiar Hotel Amaranth, where we had dinner. The continuing quartet bid the departing four farewell, and — with that — the main tour concluded. Boo hoo. Guess you'll have to join another TB tour to rekindle the birding adventure!



# Peninsula Extension

## Day 1 - Monday, March 4 - Travel day and mangrove introduction

There isn't much to report from this travel day. We spent the morning flying from Bangkok to Phuket and the midday driving to Ao Phang-nga National Park. The midday heat was crushing, so we sheltered at the hotel through the early part of the afternoon. Regrouping at 3pm, we ventured to the park and connected with a limited number of high-quality birds. The first of these was **Brown-headed Kingfisher**, a bulky bird with limited distribution in Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and India. The huge red beak was super cool. Though more widespread in Southeast Asia, **Ruddy Kingfisher** was another good get. Our best bird, however, was **Mangrove Pitta**. The pair was very flighty, but most got decent looks at their rainbow bodies and hefty beaks. **Black-and-red Broadbill** was more cooperative, a pair offering killer views from a nearby boardwalk. Other new bird included **Pacific** and **Rufous-bellied Swallows** and **Arctic** and **Sakhalin Leaf Warblers**, the later heard-only.

### **Black-and-red Broadbill**



## Day 2 - Tuesday, March 5 - Ao Phang-nga and Khao Sok

This morning started a public, neighborhood-type park very near our hotel. The open surroundings made for easy birding, and we connected with old friends like **Green-billed Malkoha**, **White-breasted Waterhen**, **Coppersmith Barbet**, and **Malaysian Pied Fantail**. In the new bird department, **Pink-necked Green-Pigeon** elicited much excitement. The same for **Banded**

**Woodpecker.** Though **Common Flameback** was already on the trip list as heard-only, it was also nice to secure views of it. Most were also able to get their binoculars onto **Olive-winged Bulbul**. Outside of those trip firsts, **Lineated Barbet**, **Common Iora**, and **Brown-throated Sunbird** rounded out a nice morning of birding. Don had identifiable looks of **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler**, but everyone else was left wanting more. Complete checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163760037>.

We scored Jungle Myna (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163760063>) en route to the Ban Bang Phat mangroves. Reaching that area, we followed a concrete walkway into the habitat and had views of **Collared Kingfisher** and **Dark-necked Tailorbird** before bumping into **Buffy Fish-Owl**. The bird fled us, but we managed decent views after it landed. We missed that bird in Khao Yai, so the encounter was hard-earned redemption! The outgoing portion of our walk was otherwise quiet, but our fortunes turned when we found a female **Copper-throated Sunbird** coming to a nest! We bumped into the male on our return, and a **Chestnut-bellied Malkoha** interrupted our views of **Mangrove Whistler** shortly thereafter. With **Ashy Tailorbird**, **White-chested Babbler**, and **Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** in the mix, it was a bit chaotic as everyone tried to secure views of so many amazing birds! Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163760109>.

With a bit of time to spare ahead of lunch, we revisited the Ao Phang-nga mangroves with hopes of securing better views of **Mangrove Pitta**. We were mostly successful at that task, but the birds didn't come terribly close and didn't stay perched for long (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163760139>).

We spent the early afternoon driving towards Khao Sok, where the Rainforest Resort proved very nice. We rested there through the heat of the afternoon before heading into the park at 4pm. The trail was loaded with day hikers — Khao Sok is a popular stop on the backpacker circuit — but we squeezed out **Olive** and **Red-eyed Bulbuls**, **Yellow-bellied Warbler**, **Orange-bellied Flowerpecker**, and **Ornate Sunbird**. The bird of the day - and maybe bird of this trip to this point - was a **Banded Kingfisher**. Responding to a bit of playback, a stunning male perched right off the trail. All enjoyed scope views of the multicolored bird, and we were able to share it with multiple passers-by because it stayed put for nearly twenty minutes. It was a really memorable encounter! We explored additional habitat but folded as 6pm neared. Returning to the hotel, we enjoyed the first of several excellent meals at the attached restaurant. Checklist from the afternoon: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163768621>.

Mangrove Pitta



## Banded Kingfisher



### Day 3 - Wednesday, March 6 - Sri Phang-nga National Park

We wanted to be at Sri Phang-nga at daybreak, so we departed Khao Sok very early. A massive group of Boy and Girl Scouts threatened to clear a local 7-11 of food, but we scraped together sustenance and headed into the park, where the kids - all 400 of them - were camped. Fortunately, they were confined to the front portion of the reserve and therefore didn't interfere with our birding. Our first target required a bit of patience at an established feeding station, but our efforts were rewarded when a male **Malayan Banded Pitta** materialized from the understory. The bird is an incredible blend of yellow, orange, blue, and black and is sometimes included in the discussion of the world's most beautiful birds (non-breeding pond-heron is not in that discussion). We had amazing views of the multicolored skulker as it explored the rocks and roots twenty feet from us. It was the best way to start the day.

Taking to the trails after moving deeper into the reserve, we found **Chestnut-breasted Malkoha**, **Whiskered Treeswift**, **Crested Jayshrike** (heard-only), and **Maroon** and **Bamboo Woodpeckers**. **Bulbuls** were well represented; we were familiar with **Ochraceous**, **Black-headed**, **Black-crested**, and **Red-eyed** (from yesterday), but **Streaked**, **Spectacled**, and **Gray-bellied** were all new for the trip. Same for **Violet Cuckoo**, **Crow-billed Drongo**, **Chestnut-winged Babbler**, **Eastern Crowned Warbler** (another Leaf Warbler) and **Chestnut-naped Forktail**, the last viewed by clients after Dorian pushed it up the stream bed. We also had nice views of **Crested Serpent-Eagles** as a pair rode a midday thermal.

Braving the throngs of scouts again, we enjoyed lunch at the park restaurant before initiating our afternoon bout of birding. Activity was depressed compared to our morning session, but we persevered with the likes of **Silver-rumped Spinetail** and - after much hoping - **Red-bearded Bee-eater**! We were also treated to crushing views of two **Gould's Frogmouths**, adult and immature, when a park ranger led us to a known roost. Their big googly eyes were fun! As a final coup, we ticked **Large Blue Flycatcher** when a female came to a feeding station (a different one than where we observed the pitta). The species is very limited in number and distribution, so it was a nice surprise! At 3:30, and after 8.5 hours at the reserve, we pulled up stakes and headed out. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163862066>.

We made two stops on our return to Khao Sok. The first was on the side of the road and netted us views of **Gray-rumped Treeswift** (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S163862047>); the second was at a farm pond which held **Oriental Pratincole**, **Oriental Darter**, **White-throated Kingfisher**, and **River Lapwing**, our primary motivation for the pause! As a bonus, we also spied a **Peregrine Falcon** on a nearby power tower. It was so much redder/buffier than the North American race. Checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163862011>.

### Black-and-yellow Broadbill



#### Day 4 - Thursday, March 7 - Khao Sok mop-up and drive to coast

As the hotel breakfast didn't start until 7am, we decided to make a pre-meal sweep of the park's entrance area since it was only five minutes down the road. It was very quiet save for the song of **Oriental Magpie-Robins**, but we scored a win when a **Black-and-yellow Broadbill** perched in the open. Activity still lagging as 7:30 approached, we returned to the hotel to eat.

We returned to the park after dining but discovered it closed due to an unruly elephant on the main trail! We tried birding the entrance area while we waited for the trail to reopen, but the area was as quiet as it was earlier. Given the uncertainty surrounding when (and if) the park would open, we bandied about the idea of leaving Khao Sok and applying the saved time at the other end of our long drive. We'd basically made the decision to do that when the park reopened. Sticking to our original plan, we ventured forth. We hadn't taken ten steps towards the trail when a **Zappey's Flycatcher** appeared! The range-restricted bird nests in a small region of eastern China and winters in Peninsular Malaysia and Indonesia, so connecting with the presumed passage migrant was very lucky! Pushing into the habitat, we added **Blue-eared Barbet**, **Rufous-fronted Babbler**, **Bamboo Woodpecker**, **Green Iora**, and **various bulbuls**. Poor looks at **Golden-whiskered Barbet**, and **Purple-naped** and **Gray-breasted Spiderhunters** would be redeemed across the final two days. Full checklist: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S163942284>.

I (Dorian) think we ate lunch at the hotel, but I honestly can't remember what the heck we did and didn't do on Day 20 of a 22-day trip report. Regardless, we survived the long drive to the eastern side of the peninsula and checked into our beachfront hotel. The setting was awesome. With the infinity pool facing the ocean, the place could be used to film a reality show. We'd been pressing pretty hard, so we enjoyed some much needed down time, mostly in the pool. Cocktails were had, etc etc etc. Dinner was slow but good.



Ochraceous Bulbul

**Day 5 - Friday, March 8 - Khao Luang National Park / Krung Ching Waterfall**

We left the hotel an hour before dawn and sped toward the national park. Don had communicated to Dorian that the walking on this morning would be very difficult - hence Dorian's embellished forewarning about the Krung Ching 'death march' - but it wasn't nearly as bad as advertised.

Starting up a gradual slope, we scored an immediate victory with views of **Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher**. **Green Broadbill** proved more frustrating; only Dorian got eyes on it before it vanished. Activity was low as we ascended but improved (marginally) towards the top section, where we had awesome views of **Moustached Babbler** and **Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler**. **Banded Broadbill** and **Black-bellied Malkoha** showed nicely, and we had quick looks at **Buff-rumped Woodpecker** in an overhead tangle.

Reaching the far shelter, we rested before retracing our tracks. We intersected a female **Rufous-winged Philentoma** as she worked on her nest, and we spied **Hairy-backed Bulbuls** and **White-bellied Erpornis** as we closed the distance to the van. We fought a protracted battle with **Scarlet-rumped Trogon**, the bird calling from a tangled hillside, but only Dorian got eyes on it when perched on an exposed vine. Sadly, it vanished after that split-second glimpse. So, we can chalk it up as 'heard only' or 'leader only'; either way it's a bit of a kick in the teeth! We also had quick views of **Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher** on the descent. Back in the parking area, we ticked **Spectacled Spiderhunter** in a flowering tree. With only 19 species recorded across 5.5 hours, it was an admittedly slow morning (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S164050913>).

**Siberian Blue Robin**

Lunch at the Krung Ching Hill Resort was fine. As a bonus, we had our best views of **Crimson Sunbird** as several came and went from a nearby flowering tree. Otherwise, **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** and **Large Woodshrike** were flitting about the tree tops (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S164052651>).

We spent the remainder of the afternoon in a local hide. While we didn't tally any new **bulbuls**, we had fantastic views of **Ochraceous, Olive, Black-headed, Black-crested, Spectacled, Red-eyed, and Stripe-throated**. An angelic, white-morph **Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher** thrilled everyone as it flipped its long tail. We'd had only quick/poor views of that species to this point, so it was perfect timing on this final afternoon. As the hoards of bulbuls dispersed towards 4pm, other species felt comfortable approaching. First came **White-bellied Erpornis**, then **Black-naped Monarch**. Next up? **Abbott's Babbler, Siberian Blue Robin** (several males), and **Chinese Blue Flycatcher!** Our plan was to be in the hide from 2-4:30, but heightened bird activity and renewed client enthusiasm kept us rapt until 5:30! By the time we scored point-blank views of **Sakhalin Leaf Warbler** and **Purple-naped** and **Gray-breasted Spiderhunters**, the time flew by! After the morning's slow birding, it was a great way to end the day (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S164078483>).



**Day 6 - Saturday, March 9 - Khao Luang National Park / Krung Ching Waterfal and Departures**

Despite our afternoon success, we still had some major holes in our bird list. That consideration motivated our early-morning return to Krung Ching. Sticking to the parking area and road with the limited time we had, we found non-stop action! **Broadbills** starred; we had bonus views of **Dusky, Banded,** and **Black-and-yellow,** and we managed to get everyone clear views of **Green** to negate yesterday's struggle with that species. Some glimpsed **Crested Jayshrike** as it moved through vertical tangles; all got eyes on **Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** and **Sooty Barbet.** And we finally spied **Red-throated Barbet** after hearing it non-stop for four consecutive days! Moving to the helipad and walking the road from there, the hits kept coming: **Lesser Cuckooshrike** (feeding young), **Dark-throated Oriole** (pair), **Streak-breasted Woodpecker** (leaders only), **Gray-and-buff-Woodpecker** (everyone, with difficulty), and **Greater** and **Lesser Leafbirds** (to give us all the leafbirds possible on this tour). But we weren't done, a group of **Raffle's Malkohas** joining the action! And a **Plaintive Cuckoo** singing from the top of a bare tree! And then a **Golden-whiskered Barbet** out in the open, for all to see! And we even heard a **Great Argus** whistling in the distance! Throw in an assortment of **drongos** and **bulbuls** and it was an action-packed morning (<https://ebird.org/checklist/S164163179>).

We departed on that high note, returned to the hotel, and let everyone shower ahead of their afternoon flights from Surat Thani. Lunch was had en route to that destination, and I bid everyone farewell before driving the van back to Phuket through the afternoon. I did not crash, so that was good! And there you have it. 9,500 words (11,300 with bird list!). It's done. I'm kaput. And that's three full days of my life I don't get back, so you better like it!

**Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher**



**Photo credits**

**Client Kelly Fletcher:** Malayan Banded Pitta, Orange-breasted Trogon, Gray-backed Shrike, Van Hasselt's Sunbird, Asia Elephant, Green-tailed Sunbird, Collared Falconet, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Mrs. Hume's Pheasant, Black-and-red Broadbill, Banded Kingfisher, Black-and-yellow Broadbill

**Client David Graham:** Oriental Pied-Hornbill, Red Muntjak, Siamese Fireback, Long-tailed Broadbill, Gray-headed Swamphen, Asian Openbill, Rufous-bellied Niltava,

**Guide Dorian Anderson:** Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Malaysian Plover, Ferruginous Partridge, Gray Peacock-Pheasant, White-fronted Scops-Owl, White-crested Laughingthrush, Streaked Spiderhunter, Pygmy Cupwing, Hodgson's Frogmouth, Mangrove Pitta, Ochraceous Bulbul, Siberian Blue Robin, Chinese Blue Flycatcher, Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher

**Bird Lists**

Here is the eBird report for the main tour: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/212221>

Here is the eBird report for the extension: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/212225>

Here is the eBird report for main tour plus the extension: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/212226>

Please note - eBird customizes the trip report to each account, so the species total you'll see after logging into eBird reflects the number of species YOU SAW (assuming you removed the birds you didn't see from each list). Also note - Don and I saw White-bellied Sea-Eagle while we were driving on the extension. I didn't stop to make a list at that moment since no clients saw it. Though that bird isn't in any version of the electronic summary, it's included below because I entered it manually (and as 'leader only').

**Birds in bold** below were observed ONLY on the extension

Total: 473 species

Common/English name	Scientific/Latin name	Notes
Lesser Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna javanica	
Bar-headed Goose	Anser indicus	
Ruddy Shelduck	Tadorna ferruginea	
Cotton Pygmy-Goose	Nettapus coromandelianus	
Garganey	Spatula querquedula	
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata	
Indian Spot-billed Duck	Anas poecilorhyncha	
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta	
Green-winged Teal	Anas crecca	

Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	
Ferruginous Partridge	<i>Caloperdix oculeus</i>	
Bar-backed Partridge	<i>Arborophila brunneopectus</i>	
Mrs. Hume's Pheasant	<i>Syrmaticus humiae</i>	
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	
Silver Pheasant	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	
Siamese Fireback	<i>Lophura diardi</i>	
<b>Great Argus</b>	<i>Argusianus argus</i>	Heard only
Green Peafowl	<i>Pavo muticus</i>	
Scaly-breasted Partridge	<i>Tropicoperdix chloropus</i>	
Gray Peacock-Pheasant	<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	
Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	
Ashy Wood-Pigeon	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>	
Oriental Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	
Red Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	
Little Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia ruficeps</i>	
Asian Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	
Zebra Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	
<b>Pink-necked Green-Pigeon</b>	<i>Treron vernans</i>	
Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>	
Thick-billed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron curvirostra</i>	
Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron apicauda</i>	
Mountain Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>	
Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	
Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>	
<b>Raffles's Malkoha</b>	<i>Rhinortha chlorophaea</i>	
Chestnut-breasted Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus curvirostris</i>	
<b>Chestnut-bellied Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus sumatranus</i>	
<b>Black-bellied Malkoha</b>	<i>Phaenicophaeus diardi</i>	
Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>	

Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	
Asian Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx maculatus</i>	
<b>Violet Cuckoo</b>	<i>Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus</i>	
Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>	
<b>Plaintive Cuckoo</b>	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	
Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	
Himalayan Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>	
<b>Gould's Frogmouth</b>	<i>Batrachostomus stellatus</i>	
Hodgson's Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus hodgsoni</i>	
Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	Heard only
Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>	
Gray Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus jotaka</i>	Ball's truck only
<b>Silver-rumped Spinetail</b>	<i>Rhaphidura leucopygialis</i>	
Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>	
Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>	
Germain's Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus germani</i>	
<b>House Swift</b>	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>	
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	
<b>Gray-rumped Treeswift</b>	<i>Hemiprocne longipennis</i>	
<b>Whiskered Treeswift</b>	<i>Hemiprocne comata</i>	
Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	
Gray-headed Swamphe	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	
Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Zapornia fusca</i>	
Indian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>	
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	
Pacific Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	
<b>River Lapwing</b>	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	
Gray-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>	

Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	
Tibetan Sand-Plover	<i>Anarhynchus atrifrons</i>	
Greater Sand-Plover	<i>Anarhynchus leschenaultii</i>	
Malaysian Plover	<i>Anarhynchus peronii</i>	
Kentish Plover	<i>Anarhynchus alexandrinus</i>	
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	
Bronze-winged Jacana	<i>Metopidius indicus</i>	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	
Asian Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i>	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	
Nordmann's Greenshank	<i>Tringa guttifer</i>	
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	
Great Knot	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	
Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris falcinellus</i>	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	
Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>	
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	
Spoon-billed Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pygmaea</i>	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	
Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>	

Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>	
Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>	
Brown-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</i>	
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>	
Great Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	
Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	
Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	
Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	
Pacific Reef-Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>	
Chinese Egret	<i>Egretta eulophotes</i>	
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	
Chinese Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>	
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>	
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	
Medium Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	
Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	
Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>	

Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>	
<b>White-bellied Sea Eagle</b>	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	Dorian, Don
Eastern Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus spilonotus</i>	
Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>	
Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	
White-fronted Scops-Owl	<i>Otus sagittatus</i>	
Mountain Scops-Owl	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>	Heard only
Collared Scops-Owl	<i>Otus lettia</i>	Heard only
<b>Buffy Fish-Owl</b>	<i>Ketupa ketupu</i>	
Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl	<i>Ketupa nipalensis</i>	
Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	
Collared Owlet	<i>Taenioptynx brodiei</i>	
Brown Boobook	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	
Orange-breasted Trogon	<i>Harpactes oreskios</i>	
<b>Diard's Trogon</b>	<i>Harpactes diardii</i>	Heard only
<b>Scarlet-rumped Trogon</b>	<i>Harpactes duvaucelii</i>	Heard only, Dorian saw
Red-headed Trogon	<i>Harpactes erythrocephalus</i>	
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	
Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	
Rusty-cheeked Hornbill	<i>Anorrhinus tickelli</i>	
Oriental Pied-Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>	
Wreathed Hornbill	<i>Rhyticeros undulatus</i>	
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	
Blue-eared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo meninting</i>	
<b>Banded Kingfisher</b>	<i>Lacedo pulchella</i>	
<b>Brown-winged Kingfisher</b>	<i>Pelargopsis amauroptera</i>	
<b>Ruddy Kingfisher</b>	<i>Halcyon coromanda</i>	
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	
Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>	

Collared Kingfisher	Todiramphus chloris	
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	
<b>Red-bearded Bee-eater</b>	Nyctyornis amictus	
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis athertoni	
Asian Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis	
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Merops philippinus	
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	Merops leschenaulti	
Indochinese Roller	Coracias affinis	
Dollarbird	Eurystomus orientalis	
<b>Sooty Barbet</b>	Caloramphus hayii	
Coppersmith Barbet	Psilopogon haemacephalus	
Blue-eared Barbet	Psilopogon cyanotis	
Great Barbet	Psilopogon virens	Clients heard, Dorian and Don saw
<b>Red-throated Barbet</b>	Psilopogon mystacophanos	
Green-eared Barbet	Psilopogon faiostriatus	
Lineated Barbet	Psilopogon lineatus	
Golden-throated Barbet	Psilopogon franklinii	
<b>Gold-whiskered Barbet</b>	Psilopogon chrysopogon	
Moustached Barbet	Psilopogon incognitus	
Blue-throated Barbet	Psilopogon asiaticus	
Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	
<b>Gray-and-buff Woodpecker</b>	Hemicircus concretus	
Gray-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Yungipicus canicapillus	
Stripe-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos atratus	
<b>Maroon Woodpecker</b>	Blythipicus rubiginosus	
Bay Woodpecker	Blythipicus pyrrhotis	
Greater Flameback	Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus	
<b>Buff-rumped Woodpecker</b>	Meiglyptes grammithorax	
<b>Bamboo Woodpecker</b>	Gecinulus viridis	
Common Flameback	Dinopium javanense	Heard only on main, seen on extension
<b>Streak-breasted Woodpecker</b>	Picus viridanus	
Laced Woodpecker	Picus vittatus	

Gray-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>	
<b>Banded Woodpecker</b>	<i>Chrysophlegma miniaceum</i>	
Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>	
Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>	
Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	
Vernal Hanging-Parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>	
<b>Green Broadbill</b>	<i>Calyptomena viridis</i>	
Long-tailed Broadbill	<i>Psarisomus dalhousiae</i>	
Dusky Broadbill	<i>Corydon sumatranus</i>	
Silver-breasted Broadbill	<i>Serilophus lunatus</i>	
<b>Black-and-red Broadbill</b>	<i>Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos</i>	
<b>Banded Broadbill</b>	<i>Eurylaimus javanicus</i>	
<b>Black-and-yellow Broadbill</b>	<i>Eurylaimus ochromalus</i>	
<b>Malayan Banded-Pitta</b>	<i>Hydornis irena</i>	
<b>Mangrove Pitta</b>	<i>Pitta megarhyncha</i>	
Golden-bellied Gerygone	<i>Gerygone sulphurea</i>	
Gray-chinned Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>	
Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>	
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>	
Ashy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus divaricatus</i>	
Brown-rumped Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cantonensis</i>	
Rosy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus roseus</i>	
Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage melaschistos</i>	
<b>Lesser Cuckooshrike</b>	<i>Lalage fimbriata</i>	
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius aeralatus</i>	
<b>White-bellied Erpornis</b>	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>	
<b>Mangrove Whistler</b>	<i>Pachycephala cinerea</i>	
<b>Dark-throated Oriole</b>	<i>Oriolus xanthonotus</i>	
Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>	
Slender-billed Oriole	<i>Oriolus tenuirostris</i>	
Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	



Maroon Oriole	Oriolus traillii	
Ashy Woodswallow	Artamus fuscus	
Large Woodshrike	Tephrodornis virgatus	
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Hemipus picatus	
<b>Rufous-winged Philentoma</b>	Philentoma pyrhoptera	
Common lora	Aegithina tiphia	
<b>Green lora</b>	Aegithina viridissima	
Great lora	Aegithina lafresnayeii	
Malaysian Pied-Fantail	Rhipidura javanica	
White-throated Fantail	Rhipidura albicollis	
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	
Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus	
<b>Crow-billed Drongo</b>	Dicrurus annectens	
Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus	
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus remifer	
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus	
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus	
Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis azurea	
<b>Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher</b>	Terpsiphone affinis	
<b>Crested Jayshrike</b>	Platylophus galericulatus	
Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus	
Burmese Shrike	Lanius collurioides	
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	
Gray-backed Shrike	Lanius tephronotus	
Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius	
Red-billed Blue-Magpie	Urocissa erythroryncha	
Common Green-Magpie	Cissa chinensis	
Rufous Treepie	Dendrocitta vagabunda	
Gray Treepie	Dendrocitta formosae	
Racket-tailed Treepie	Crypsirina temia	
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	
Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantail	Chelidorhynchus hypoxanthus	
Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis	

Yellow-browed Tit	<i>Sylviparus modestus</i>	
Sultan Tit	<i>Melanochloa sultanea</i>	
Japanese Tit	<i>Parus minor</i>	
Yellow-cheeked Tit	<i>Machlolophus spilonotus</i>	
Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	
Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>	
<b>Ashy Tailorbird</b>	<i>Orthotomus ruficeps</i>	
Hill Prinia	<i>Prinia superciliaris</i>	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	Dorian, Ball
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	
Black-browed Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus bistrigiceps</i>	
Oriental Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>	Heard only
Baikal Bush Warbler	<i>Locustella davidi</i>	Heard only
Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella certhiola</i>	Don saw, others glimpsed
Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris</i>	
Pygmy Cupwing	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>	
Gray-throated Martin	<i>Riparia chinensis</i>	
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	
<b>Pacific Swallow</b>	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>	
Asian House-Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>	
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	
Striated Swallow	<i>Cecropis striolata</i>	
<b>Rufous-bellied Swallow</b>	<i>Cecropis badia</i>	
<b>Hairy-backed Bulbul</b>	<i>Tricholestes criniger</i>	
<b>Gray-cheeked Bulbul</b>	<i>Alophoixus tephrogenys</i>	
Ochraceous Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus ochraceus</i>	
Puff-throated Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus pallidus</i>	
Striated Bulbul	<i>Alcurus striatus</i>	
Olive Bulbul	<i>Iole viridescens</i>	
Gray-eyed Bulbul	<i>Iole propinqua</i>	

Ashy Bulbul	Hemixos flava	
<b>Streaked Bulbul</b>	Ixos malaccensis	
Mountain Bulbul	Ixos mccllellandii	
Black Bulbul	Hypsipetes leucocephalus	
Black-headed Bulbul	Microtarsus melanocephalus	
<b>Spectacled Bulbul</b>	Rubigula erythroptalmos	
<b>Gray-bellied Bulbul</b>	Rubigula cyaniventris	
<b>Scaly-breasted Bulbul</b>	Rubigula squamata	
Black-crested Bulbul	Rubigula flaviventris	
Crested Finchbill	Spizixos canifrons	
<b>Olive-winged Bulbul</b>	Pycnonotus plumosus	
<b>Red-eyed Bulbul</b>	Pycnonotus brunneus	
Streak-eared Bulbul	Pycnonotus conradi	
Stripe-throated Bulbul	Pycnonotus finlaysoni	
Flavescent Bulbul	Pycnonotus flavescens	
Brown-breasted Bulbul	Pycnonotus xanthorrhous	
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus	
Yellow-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus goiavier	
Sooty-headed Bulbul	Pycnonotus aurigaster	
Ashy-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus maculipennis	
Yellow-browed Warbler	Phylloscopus inornatus	
Hume's Warbler	Phylloscopus humei	
Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuscatus	
Buff-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus subaffinis	
<b>Eastern Crowned Warbler</b>	Phylloscopus coronatus	
Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides	
Two-barred Warbler	Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus	
Pale-legged Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus tenellipes	
<b>Sakhalin Leaf Warbler</b>	Phylloscopus borealoides	
<b>Arctic Warbler</b>	Phylloscopus borealis	
Blyth's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus reguloides	
Davison's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus intensior	
Slaty-bellied Tesia	Tesia olivea	

Yellow-bellied Warbler	<i>Abroscopus superciliaris</i>	
Mountain Tailorbird	<i>Phyllergates cucullatus</i>	
Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>	
Gray-headed Parrotbill	<i>Psittiparus gularis</i>	
Striated Yuhina	<i>Staphida castaniceps</i>	
Chestnut-flanked White-eye	<i>Zosterops erythropleurus</i>	
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	
Hume's White-eye	<i>Zosterops auriventer</i>	
Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>	
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	<i>Mixornis gularis</i>	
<b>Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler</b>	<i>Macronus ptilosus</i>	
<b>Chestnut-winged Babbler</b>	<i>Cyanoderma erythropterum</i>	
<b>Rufous-fronted Babbler</b>	<i>Cyanoderma rufifrons</i>	
White-browed Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</i>	
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Erythrogonys erythrogonys</i>	
Gray-throated Babbler	<i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>	
<b>Moustached Babbler</b>	<i>Malacopteron magnirostre</i>	
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	<i>Schoeniparus castaneiceps</i>	
Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	
Buff-breasted Babbler	<i>Pellorneum tickelli</i>	
<b>White-chested Babbler</b>	<i>Pellorneum rostratum</i>	
<b>Abbott's Babbler</b>	<i>Malacocincla abbotti</i>	
Streaked Wren-Babbler	<i>Gypsophila brevicaudata</i>	
Rufous Limestone Babbler	<i>Gypsophila calcicola</i>	
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poioicephala</i>	
Yunnan Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe fratercula</i>	
Himalayan Cutia	<i>Cutia nipalensis</i>	
Silver-eared Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron melanostigma</i>	
Black-backed Sibia	<i>Heterophasia melanoleuca</i>	
Blue-winged Minla	<i>Actinodura cyanouroptera</i>	
Chestnut-tailed Minla	<i>Actinodura strigula</i>	
Silver-eared Mesia	<i>Leiothrix argenteauris</i>	
Rufous-backed Sibia	<i>Leioptila annectens</i>	

Scarlet-faced Liocichla	Liocichla ripponi	
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush	Garrulax monileger	
White-crested Laughingthrush	Garrulax leucolophus	
Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus pectoralis	
Giant Nuthatch	Sitta magna	Dorian only
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Sitta frontalis	
Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	Sitta nagaensis	
Hume's Treecreeper	Certhia manipurensis	
<b>Asian Glossy Starling</b>	Aplonis panayensis	
Golden-crested Myna	Ampeliceps coronatus	
Common Hill Myna	Gracula religiosa	
Black-collared Starling	Gracupica nigricollis	
Siamese Pied Starling	Gracupica floweri	
Chestnut-tailed Starling	Sturnia malabarica	
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis	
<b>Jungle Myna</b>	Acridotheres fuscus	
Great Myna	Acridotheres grandis	
Scaly Thrush	Zoothera dauma	
Black-breasted Thrush	Turdus dissimilis	
Gray-sided Thrush	Turdus feae	
Eyebrowed Thrush	Turdus obscurus	
Asian Brown Flycatcher	Muscicapa dauurica	
Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis	
White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus	
Large Niltava	Niltava grandis	
Small Niltava	Niltava macgrigoriae	
Rufous-bellied Niltava	Niltava sundara	
<b>Zappey's Flycatcher</b>	Cyanoptila cumatilis	
Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias thalassinus	
Hainan Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis hainanus	
Pale Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis unicolor	
<b>Chinese Blue Flycatcher</b>	Cyornis glaucicomans	

<b>Large Blue Flycatcher</b>	<i>Cyornis magnirostris</i>	
Hill Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis whitei</i>	
Indochinese Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis sumatrensis</i>	
<b>Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher</b>	<i>Cyornis olivaceus</i>	
Himalayan Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx cruralis</i>	
Siberian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora cyane</i>	
White-bellied Redstart	<i>Luscinia phaenicuroides</i>	Dorian, Don only
Blue Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>	
<b>Chestnut-naped Forktail</b>	<i>Enicurus ruficapillus</i>	
Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>	
White-tailed Robin	<i>Myiomela leucura</i>	
Himalayan Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger rufilatus</i>	
Slaty-backed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula erithacus</i>	
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>	
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophciata</i>	
Sapphire Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula sapphira</i>	Dorian, Don only
Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>	
Ultramarine Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula superciliaris</i>	
Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	
White-capped Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus leucocephalus</i>	
Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>	
White-throated Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola gularis</i>	
Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	
Amur Stonechat	<i>Saxicola stejnegeri</i>	
Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	
Gray Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>	
<b>Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker</b>	<i>Prionochilus maculatus</i>	
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>	
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum chrysorrheum</i>	
Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum melanozanthum</i>	
<b>Orange-bellied Flowerpecker</b>	<i>Dicaeum trigonostigma</i>	
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>	

Cambodian Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cambodianum</i>	
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>	
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Chalcoparia singalensis</i>	
<b>Plain Sunbird</b>	<i>Anthreptes simplex</i>	
Brown-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>	
Van Hasselt's Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma brasiliana</i>	
<b>Copper-throated Sunbird</b>	<i>Leptocoma calcostetha</i>	
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>	
Ornate Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris ornatus</i>	
Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>	
Mrs. Gould's Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae</i>	
Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>	
Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja</i>	
<b>Purple-naped Spiderhunter</b>	<i>Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum</i>	
Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>	
<b>Spectacled Spiderhunter</b>	<i>Arachnothera flavigaster</i>	
Streaked Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera magna</i>	
<b>Gray-breasted Spiderhunter</b>	<i>Arachnothera modesta</i>	
Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	
<b>Greater Green Leafbird</b>	<i>Chloropsis sonnerati</i>	
<b>Lesser Green Leafbird</b>	<i>Chloropsis cyanopogon</i>	
Blue-winged Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis moluccensis</i>	
Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	
Orange-bellied Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii</i>	
Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>	
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	
White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	
Plain-backed Sparrow	<i>Passer flaveolus</i>	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	
Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla tschutschensis</i>	
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	

Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus	
Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni	
Spot-winged Grosbeak	Mycerobas melanozanthos	
Common Rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus	
Yellow-breasted Bunting	Emberiza aureola	

**Mammals (as best as I can remember)**

Lar (White-handed) Gibbon

Dusky Langur

Banded Langur

Stump-tailed Macaque

Long-tailed Macaque

Northern Pig-tailed Macaque

Northern Treeshrew

Gray-bellied Squirrel

Himalayan Striped Squirrel

Cambodian Striped Tree Squirrel (?)

Small Asian Mongoose (I think Don saw this run across the trail at Krung Ching.

Yellow-throated Martin

Sambar Deer

Red Muntjak (aka Barking Deer)

Lesser Mouse Deer

Walrus (just wanted to see if anyone was still awake 48 pages in)

Asiatic Elephant