



Taiwan Birding with a Camera

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Mikado Pheasant

Taiwan is a small island of 36,000 square kilometers located 180 km east of China. Also known as “Formosa”, a word that comes from the Portuguese ilha Formosa, which means Beautiful Island. Its capital is Taipei and is located in the north of the island.

Taiwan maintains an elegant combination of modern cities and Chinese temples.



Longfeng Temple



Zhon Kui



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On our tour, we covered different elevations, from 40 meters above sea level in Taipei, to 3,200 meters above sea level at Hehuan Mountain.

This tour was carried out in 10 days, the tour was mostly focused on photographing the edemics, we got 29 of the 32 endemic species.

Itinerary:

Day 1	Arrival in Taipei
Day 2	Dashueshan National Forest
Day 3	Dashueshan National Forest
Day 4	Dashueshan National Forest
Day 5	Dashueshan National Forest
Day 6	Dashueshan National Forest - Wushe
Day 7	Doulio
Day 8	Alishan
Day 9	Alishan
Day 10	Departure

Checklist at the end. After photots!

E = Endemic to Taiwan

Int = Introduced species

Essp = Subspecies endemic to Taiwan

bm = Breeding migrant

nbm = nonbreeding migrant

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies (Phasianidae)

E	Taiwan Partridge	<i>Arborophila crudigularis</i>
E	Taiwan Bamboo-Partridge	<i>Bambusicola sonorivox</i>
E	Mikado Pheasant	<i>Syrmaticus mikado</i>
E	Swinhoe's Pheasant	<i>Lophura swinhoii</i>

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

int	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
	Ashy Wood-Pigeon	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>
Essp	Oriental Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis orii</i>
	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>
	Asian Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
	White-bellied Pigeon	<i>Treron sieboldii</i>

Swifts (Apodidae)

bm	Pacific Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>
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Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

	Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

	Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
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Jacanas (Jacanidae)

	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>
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Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
	Malayan Night-Heron	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i>

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

	Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Essp	Crested (Taiwan) Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela hoya</i>

Owls (Strigidae)

Essp	Collared Scops-Owl	<i>Otus lettia glabripes</i>
	Northern Boobook	<i>Ninox japonica totogo</i>

Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)

E	Taiwan Barbet	<i>Psilopogon nuchalis</i>
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Woodpeckers (Picidae)

	Gray-capped (Pygmy-) Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>
Essp	White-backed (Taiwan) Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>

Pittas (Pittidae)

bm	Fairy Pitta	<i>Pitta nympha</i>
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Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (Vireonidae)

	White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>
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Old World Orioles (Oriolidae)

Essp	Maroon (Red) Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii ardens</i>
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Drongos (Dicruridae)

Essp	Black (Hartert's) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus harterti</i>
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Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)

Essp	Eurasian (Taiwan) Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius taivanus</i>
E	Taiwan Blue-Magpie	<i>Urocissa caerulea</i>
Essp	Gray (Formosan) Treepie	<i>Dendrocitta formosae formosae</i>
Essp	Eurasian (Owston's) Nutcracker	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes owstoni</i>
	Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>

Swallows (Hirundinidae)

	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>
	Striated Swallow	<i>Cecropis striolata</i>
	Asian House-Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>

Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)

Essp	Coal Tit	<i>Periparus ater ptilosus</i>
Essp	Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus insperatus</i>
E	Taiwan Yellow Tit	<i>Machlolophus holsti</i>

Long-tailed Tits (Aegithalidae)

	Black-throated Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus</i>
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Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)

Essp	Collared (Gray-headed) Finchbill	<i>Spizixos semitorques cinereicapillus</i>
Essp	Light-vented (Chinese) Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus sinensis formosae</i>
Essp	Black (Velvety) Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus nigerrimus</i>

Kinglets (Regulidae)

E	Flamecrest	<i>Regulus goodfellowi</i>
	Cupwings (Pnoepygidae)	
E	Taiwan Cupwing (Wren-Babbler)	<i>Pnoepyga formosana</i>

Bush Warblers and Allies (Scotocercidae)

	Rufous-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus albogularis</i>
Essp	Brownish-flanked (Strong-footed) Bush-Warbler	<i>Horornis fortipes robustipes</i>
Essp	Yellowish-bellied (Taiwan) Bush-Warbler	<i>Horornis acanthizoides concolor</i>

Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)

E	Taiwan Bush Warbler	<i>Locustella alishanensis</i>
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Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)

	Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>
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Parrotbills, Wrentit, and Allies (Paradoxornithidae)

E	Taiwan Fulvetta	<i>Fulvetta formosana</i>
Essp	Golden (Morrison's) Parrotbill	<i>Suthora verreauxi morrisoniana</i>

White-eyes, Yuhinas, and Allies (Zosteropidae)

E	Taiwan Yuhina	<i>Yuhina brunneiceps</i>
	Swinhoe's White-eye (Japanese)	<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>

Tree-Babblers, Scimitar-Babblers, and Allies (Timaliidae)

Essp	Rufous-capped (Bright-faced) Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma ruficeps praecognitum</i>
E	Taiwan Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus musicus</i>
E	Black-necklaced Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Megapomatorhinus erythrocnemis</i>

Ground Babblers and Allies (Pellorneidae)

Essp	Dusky (Brown) Fulvetta	<i>Schoeniparus brunneus brunneus</i>
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Laughingthrushes and Allies (Leiothrichidae)

E	Morrison's (Gray-cheeked) Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe morrisonia</i>
E	Taiwan Hwamei	<i>Garrulax taewanus</i>
E	Rufous-crowned Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla ruficeps</i>
E	Rusty Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla poecilorhyncha</i>
E	White-whiskered Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron morrisonianum</i>
E	White-eared Sibia	<i>Heterophasia auricularis</i>
E	Steere's Liocichla	<i>Liocichla steerii</i>
E	Taiwan Barwing	<i>Actinodura morrisoniana</i>

Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)

bm	Ferruginous Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa ferruginea</i>
int	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
Essp	Vivid (Taiwan) Niltava	<i>Niltava vivida vivida</i>
Essp	White-browed (Taiwan) Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx montana goodfellowi</i>
E	Taiwan (Formosan) Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus insularis</i>

Essp	White-tailed (Mountain) Robin	<i>Myiomela leucura montium</i>
Essp	White-browed Bush-Robin (Taiwan Robin)	<i>Tarsiger indicus formosanus</i>
E	Collared (Johnstone's) Bush-Robin	<i>Tarsiger johnstoniae</i>

Starlings (Sturnidae)

nbm	Chestnut-cheeked Starling	<i>Agropsar philippensis</i>
int	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>

Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)

Essp	Fire-breasted (Formosan) Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus formosum</i>
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Accentors (Prunellidae)

Essp	Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris fennelli</i>
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Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)

	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
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Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

E	Taiwan (Vinaceous) Rosefinch	<i>Carpodacus formosanus</i>
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Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>
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Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)

	Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin)	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
Essp	Chestnut (Black-headed) Munia	<i>Lonchura atricapilla formosana</i>

OLD WORLD MONKEYS: Cercopithecidae

E	Formosan Rock Macaque	<i>Macaca cyclopsis</i>
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SQUIRRELS: Sciuridae

Essp	Red-and-white Flying-Squirrel	<i>Petaurista alborufus lena</i>
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BOVIDS: Bovidae

E	(Formosan) Serow	<i>Capricornis swinhoei</i>
	Barking Deer	



Quite rare. Endemic subspecies! - Chestnut Munia



Collared Bush-Robin



Collared Finchbill



Collared Scops-Owl



Crested Goshawk



Fire-breasted Flowerpecker



Flamecrest



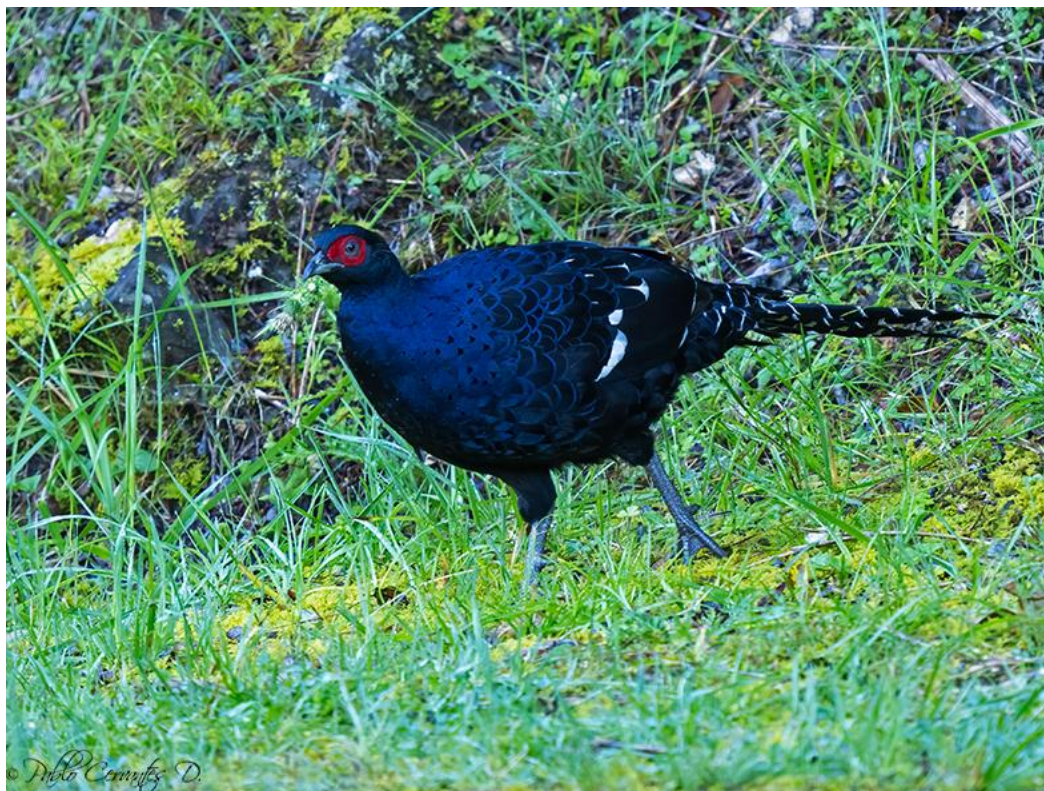
Another endemic subspecies - Golden Parrotbill



Malayan Night-Heron



Another one new Endemic subspecies.
Maroon Oriole



Mikado Pheasant



Morrison's Fulvetta



Oriental Honey-buzzard



Pheasant-tailed Jacana



Rufous-crowned Laughingthrush



Rusty Laughingthrush



Steere's Liocichla



Swinhoe's Pheasant



Taiwan Bamboo-Partridge



Swinhoe's White-eye



Taiwan Barbet



Taiwan Blue-Magpie



Taiwan Fulvetta



Taiwan Partridge



Taiwan Rosefinch



Taiwan Scimitar-Babbler



Taiwan Vivid Nitava



Endemic subspecies - White-backed Woodpecker



White-eared Sibia



White-whiskered Laughingthrush



Yellow-bellied Prinia



Ferruginous Flycatcher



Taiwan Yuhina



White-tailed Robin



Yellow-bellied Bush Warbler



White-browed Bush-Robin



Formosan Rock Macaque



Formosan Serow