



THAILAND

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Thailand encompasses huge climatic and habitat variation, from the semi-evergreen forests of central Thailand, to the moist deciduous dipterocarp forests grading into montane rainforests in the northwest, and lowland tropical rainforests and mangroves in the south, not forgetting areas of rice cultivation and coastal mudflats and salt farms in between. Not surprisingly, Thailand holds huge avian diversity and on this trip we had almost 500 species on a 16-day tour with a 6-day extension to the south. The quality of birds on this trip rivals anywhere in the world and included several coveted families such as broadbills, pittas and hornbills. A selection of highlights from the tour included: finding Spoon-billed Sandpiper along with thousands of other shorebirds in the gulf of Thailand; visiting 2 hides outside Kaeng Krachan NP where we saw partridges, pheasants and the awesome Blue Pitta; enjoying the spectacle of huge hornbills at Khao Yai NP; seeing the beautiful 'Doi Ang Khang' Sunbird on Thailand's highest mountain and a myriad of other cool birds on the 'Dois' of the north; seeing Mangrove Pitta & Brown-winged Kingfisher in the mangroves of Ao Phang Nga; and finally the incredible Gould's Frogmouth and Malayan Banded Pitta in the southern rainforests. With awesome food, comfortable lodging, great roads, well organized parks, friendly people and being one of the safest countries in the world, Thailand is hard to beat as a birding destination.

MAIN TOUR

18th January – Khok Kham, Mahachai & Laem Pak Bia.



Collared Kingfisher is a common mangrove resident.

We met in the lobby at 7am and went to look at a few birds while we waited for everyone to arrive. It was pretty active, and we saw **Red Collared- & Zebra Doves**, a mating pair of **Pink-necked Green-Pigeons**, **Germain's Swiftlet** zipping to and fro, a flock of **Oriental Pratincoles** winging their way by, plus a few other common birds like **Malaysian Pied-Fantail**, **Yellow-vented & Streak-eared Bulbuls**. Once everybody had arrived, we drove about an hour to our first birding stop at the Khok Kham Bird Center. Just by the parking lot we had a very close **Asian Brown Flycatcher** and female **Brown-throated Sunbird**. We started scanning the nearby salt pans where we saw **Black-winged Stilt**, **Black-bellied & Lesser Sand-Plovers**, **Black-tailed Godwit**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Broad-billed, Curlew & Marsh Sandpiper** and **Red-necked Stint**. Unfortunately, no **Spoon-billed Sandpipers** were evident. There were plenty of other birds too, including **Brown-headed Gull**, **Little, Whiskered & Common Terns**, many **Painted Storks** and **Little & Indian Cormorants**. We set off and had a short coffee break at a rest area where we also saw more **Painted Storks** in flight, plus **Coppersmith Barbet** and several **Scaly-breasted Munias**. Next, we moved on to the Mahachai Mangroves where spent a couple of hours on the boardwalk. During our time, we picked up **Brahminy Kite**, **Green-billed Malkoha**, many **Golden-bellied Gerygones**, **Common Iora**, **Malaysian Pied-Fantail**, **Yellow-browed & Dusky Warblers**, **Swinhoe's White-eye**, **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** and **Olive-backed Sunbird**. We heard **Collared Kingfishers** all the way round, but we only managed views right at the end when we had one perched out in the open for a few seconds.



White-faced Plover is a brand new split, and considered Data deficient.

After a quick lunch en route, we made our way to Laem Phak Bia where we were staying for just 1 night. After settling into our rooms, we planned to go out for a couple of hours. I first wanted to drop by the house of a local boat man to see if I could arrange a boat ride for tomorrow. The boatman was out but his daughter called him for us and he let us know that the tides were no good tomorrow but he could fit us in this afternoon. He was on his way back with some other birders and as we waited for him, we took a look behind his house to find **Greater Coucal**, **Asian Koel**, **Black-capped Kingfisher**, **Black-naped Oriole** and a surprise **Chinese Egret**. A short while later, he turned up with another boat man and we boarded the 2 boats and started chugging our way to the Laem Pak Bia sandspit. On the way, we had nice views of **Collared & Black-capped Kingfishers**. We took off our shoes for a wet landing and the cool water felt wonderful on our feet. We had a great time on the sandspit and quickly found our target **Malaysian & White-faced Plovers**. Both pretty rare species. We also had **Sanderling**, **Kentish**, **Lesser & Greater Sand-Plovers** and a pair of **Pacific Reef-Herons** making a nest in the lighthouse. On the way back we had dozens of **Brown-headed Gulls** flying to roost, and on the mudflats, **Whimbrel**, **Eurasian Curlew**, **Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Terek Sandpiper**, **Common Greenshank & Striated Heron**. When we got back to his house we thanked him and agreed to meet up tomorrow for some shore birding. Back at the hotel, we came across an **Indian Nightjar** which had got trapped inside the corridor of the hotel and took a quick picture before releasing it.

19th January – Pak Thale to Kaeng Krachan



A distant photo of a flagged Spoon-billed Sandpiper.

After an early breakfast, we drove up to Pak Thale to start our morning of shorebirding. There were huge numbers of shorebirds here and we started off by seeing **Whimbrel**, both **Far Eastern & Eurasian Curlews**, **Bar-tailed Godwit**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Great & Red Knots**, **Broad-billed, Marsh & Curlew Sandpipers**, **Dunlin**, and **Spotted & Common Redshanks**. We knocked off 2 of the big targets, with **Asian Dowitcher & Nordmann's Greenshank**, but scanning through the **Red-necked Stints**, I didn't manage to find our main target, the **Spoon-billed Sandpiper**. The guide hadn't shown up yet so I gave him a call. He was actually supposed to be guiding some other birders today but they had cancelled so he said he could help us. After he arrived, he took us to an area we hadn't tried yet and we started scanning. We added **Long-toed Stint**, and he spotted a sleeping bird that he thought might be the **Spoon-billed Sandpiper**. We watched it through the scope for quite a while and it finally took its bill out and started walking around. What a relief, and what a bird! We continued birding together and we saw a couple of rare **Slender-billed Gulls** mixed in with the common **Brown-headed Gulls**, plus a mega rare **Milky Stork** mixed in with the **Painted Storks**. We also added **Gull-billed, Caspian & Lesser Crested Terns** before it was time to head back to our hotel to check out and have lunch.



Common Green Magpie has a dazzling array of emerald hues.

We even picked up our first **Paddyfield Pipit** in the garden. On our drive to Kaeng Krachan, we saw our first **Asian Openbills** and **Red-wattled Lapwings**. We had a short time to settle into our rooms before heading out to a hide that a local man had set up for photography. We spent an amazing couple of hours photographing and watching at close range a whole host of difficult forest birds which came in either to bathe or feed on the grain that had been scattered around. Some of the birds we saw, included **Scaly-breasted Partridge**, **Red Junglefowl**, **Asian Emerald Dove**, **Banded Bay Cuckoo**, **Streak-breasted Woodpecker**, **Malaysian Pied-Fantail**, **Bronzed & Greater Racket-tailed Drongos**, splash-bathing **Black-naped Monarchs**, **Racket-tailed Treepie**, **Black-crested & Stripe-throated Bulbuls**, **White-browed Scimitar-Babbler**, **Brown-cheeked Fulvetta** and the gregarious **Lesser & Greater Necklaced Laughingthrushes**. We even saw a **Streak-breasted Woodpecker** perched in a nearby tree. There was a constant turnover of birds, and later on, we added **White-rumped Shama**, **Puff-throated Babbler**, **Large Scimitar-Babbler**, **Indochinese Blue Flycatcher**, **Abbott's Babbler** and the bird of the afternoon, the spectacular **Common Green-Magpie**. What a day it had been.

20th February – Kaeng Krachan NP



The female Fea's Muntjac sports impressive black brows.

Today, the plan was to explore the lower section of the national park and the following day, the upper section. The entrance road itself was excellent and we started by flushing a **Large-tailed Nightjar** from the road on the way in. Once through the gates, we made several stops, and at the first saw a ton of birds, with **Rusty-cheeked & Oriental Pied-Hornbills**, **Blue-eared & Green-eared Barbets**, **Common Flameback**, **Gray-headed Woodpecker**, **Greater Yellowname**, **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, **Ashy**, **Bronzed & Greater Racket-tailed Drongos**, **Sultan Tit**, **Black-headed Bulbul**, **Common Hill Myna** and **Asian Fairy-bluebirds**. In the Km.9 vicinity, we saw several **Thick-billed Green-Pigeons**, an **Oriental Honey-buzzard** flying over, **Indochinese Roller**, **Dollarbird**, **Greater Flameback**, the interesting 'Chinese White-faced' **Ashy & Hair-crested Drongos** and **Plain Flowerpecker**. We stopped at a couple of ponds, where we looked for **Black-and-red Broadbills**, but instead found **Himalayan Swiftlet**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Crested Serpent-Eagle**, **Crested Goshawk** and nice scope views of our first **Asian Barred Owlet**. One of the best spots for birding in the lower section is the 3 Streams area and here we saw the beautiful **Red-bearded Bee-eater**, **Black-and-yellow Broadbill**, **White-bellied Erpornis**, **Dark-necked Tailorbird**, **Ochraceous & Olive Bulbuls**, **Sulphur-breasted Warbler** and **Hainan Blue**, **Chinese Blue & Verditer Flycatchers**. We drove back for lunch at our lodge, and after some downtime in the heat of the day, the lodge manager showed us a **Ruddy-breasted Crake** which was coming into mealworms and a day roosting **Brown Boobook**. On the way back into the park in the afternoon we saw our first **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, and at the gate, **Asian Green Bee-eater**, **Lineated Barbet** and **Red-rumped Swallow**. We did a bit more birding along the entrance road but it was pretty quiet. We did see my first ever **Fea's Muntjac** at a waterhole, and near the Bang Krang campground **Oriental Pied-Hornbill** and **Silver-breasted Broadbills** going to roost. It had been a fantastic day of birding.

21st February – Kaeng Krachan NP



Today was our day to hit the upper section of the park called Panoen Tung. Our van wouldn't make it up there so we had secured the services of a local driver with a 4x4 pickup. We drove up the gravel road, slowly gaining altitude. We had a quick stop on the way up for **Greater Flameback**, plus a few other things like **Himalayan Swiftlet**, **Yellow-bellied Warbler** and **Hill Blue Flycatcher**. Our main birding started at around Km.27, and from here we would walk up to the top at km 30. The driver had to go on ahead as it was a timed 1-way system and cars would start coming down soon. We had good activity along here including several flocks containing such species as **Scarlet Minivet**, a nice long-tailed male **Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher**, **Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher**, **Sulphur-breasted Warbler**, **Golden**, and **Rufous-fronted & Collared Babblers**, **Hill Blue Flycatcher**, and **Blue-winged Leafbird**. Some other nice birds included **Orange-breasted Trogon**, **Black-throated Sunbird**, **Streaked & Gray-breasted Spiderhunters**. We reached the top by late morning, but things were still pretty active. We found a great overlook where we had great views of a pair of **Crested Treeswifts**, **Dark-sided Flycatcher** and **Flavescent Bulbul**. Our driver told us about a fruiting tree nearby and we went up to check it out. It was really good with lots of birds coming in very close and we saw **Blue-eared & Blue-throated Barbet**, **Olive**, **Ashy Bulbul & Mountain Bultuls**, **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** and **Greater Green Leafbird**. We also had **Great Barbet** in a tree nearby. We took a walk to a helipad where we had a rest in the shade before heading back to the car. Just then we heard the woosh of wings and had a spectacular pair of **Wreathed Hornbills** flying over. From here we also had our best views of **Dollarbird** in great light and **White-browed Shrike-Babbler**. We started walking back down until the car was able to leave at 4pm. Just as we set off we came across some seeding bamboo with our first perched **Vernal Hanging-Parrot** feeding on it. We had no luck with our target Ratchet-tailed Treepie on the way down, but we had nice views of **Oriental Honey-buzzard**, **Mountain Hawk-Eagle**, **Silver-breasted Broadbill** and **Golden Babbler**. The driver caught up and we started the long steep drive downhill to the lower section. Our last bird of the day was a **Gray-faced Buzzard** on our way back to the hotel.

22nd February – Kaeng Krachan to Khao Yai

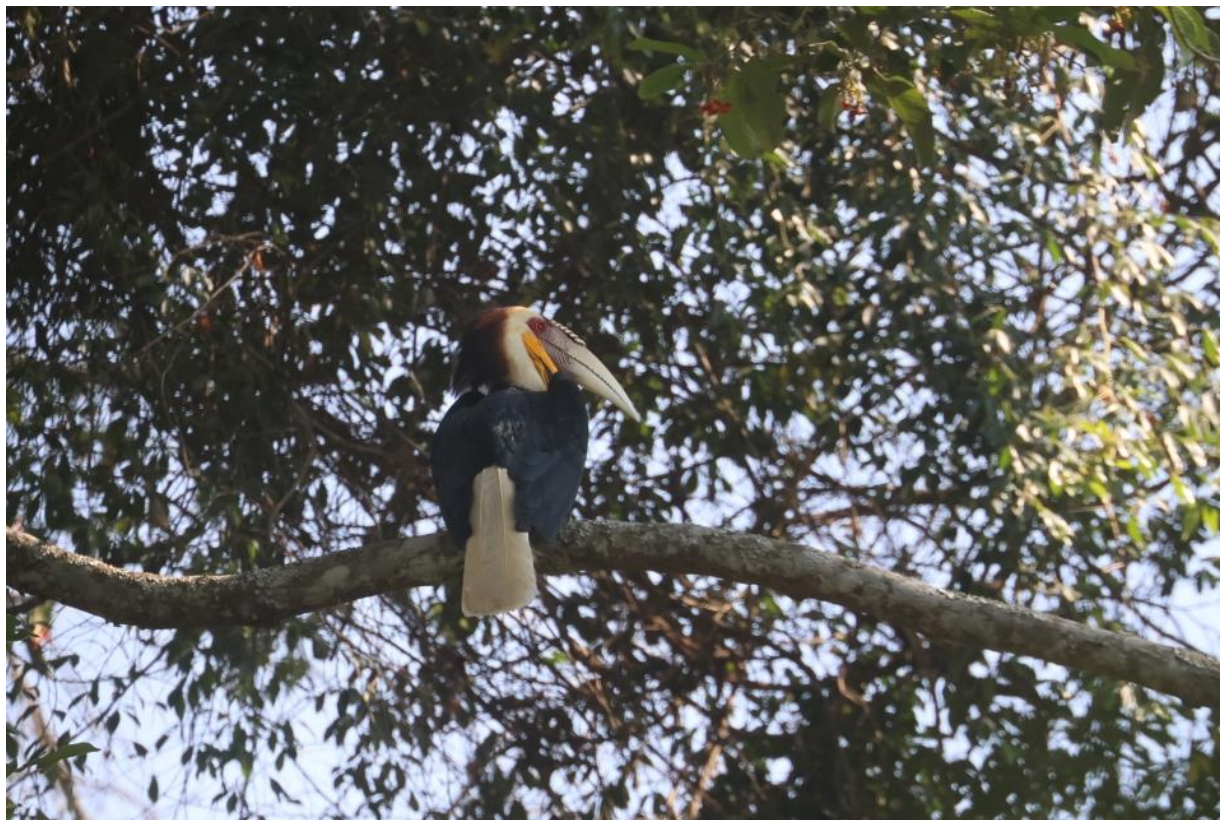


Blue Pitta like all pittas are a devil to see in the forest. Getting them at a hide is a gift.

We had booked ourselves into a local photographic blind called Dab Toon's hide. A local entrepreneur started feeding birds on his property, and he was getting some really good ones coming in. We followed the very detailed instructions on how to get there and the chap soon showed up to take us into the blind. We saw many of our old friends again, like **Red Junglefowl**, **Stripe-throated Bulbul**, **Large Scimitar-Babbler**, **Puff-throated Babbler**, **Lesser & Greater Necklaced Laughingthrushes**, **Taiga Flycatcher** and **Indochinese Blue Flycatcher**, although with some better views and photos. The real attraction of the blind though were some new ones, which included **Bar-backed Partridge**, **Kalij Pheasant** and **Siberian Blue Robin**. The highlight though was a male **Blue Pitta** which performed amazingly and posed for photos. We had a long driving day today with some very specific stops at various stakeouts. The first was my stakeout for the **Indian Thick-knee**. They were on a small island visible from the main road, although it was Ann that finally spotted them. Next, it was on to a famous raptor watching spot called Nong Pla Lai. Today was a bit slow for raptors with only **Brahminy Kite** and **Eastern Marsh-Harrier** but it was more than made up for by some other rarities. We stopped at some flooded fields full of **Black-winged Stilts**, **Asian Openbill** and **Painted Storks** and a couple of **Black-headed Ibises**, and then shortly after a muddy field with **Gray-headed Lapwing**, **Little Ringed Plover**, **Wood Sandpiper** and **Eastern Yellow Wagtail**. After seeing a few other bits and bobs, like **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **Malaysian Pied-Fantail**, **Plain Prinia** and **Asian Golden Weaver**, we set off once more. Our last stakeout was at Bang Tabun where we added the rare **Spot-billed Pelican**, before we continued on for a late lunch. It was a long driving day, but we arrived safely and in good spirits at our luxurious but quirky British-style holiday resort just outside Khao Yai National Park.

23rd February – Khao Yai NP

We had 2 full days to explore the park and we started off at the Km.30 viewpoint. It always has plenty of activity in the early morning and today was no exception with a long list of species, including **Blue-bearded & Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters**, **Blue-eared & Green-eared Barbets**, **Greater Flameback**, **Black-naped Oriole**, **Great Iora**, **Hair-crested Drongo**, **Gray-backed Shrike**, **Chestnut-flanked**, **Swinhoe's & Hume's White-eyes**, **Verditer Flycatcher** and **Golden-fronted Leafbird**. The highlight was the tiny **Collared Owlet** which gave us the run around for a while before showing well in the scope. We drove on further into the park and flushed the MEGA **Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo** from the side of the road. We reversed up but the bird had made itself scarce. Next, we went to the Pha Trom Jai Viewpoint where we saw **Barred Cuckoo-Dove**, **Himalayan Swiftlet**, a young **Rufous-bellied Eagle**, **Moustached Barbet**, **Ashy Bulbul**, **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** and **Black-throated Sunbird**. We moved down the hill a bit to the boardwalk to the Pha Dieo Dai viewpoint. Here we had a pair of very distant **Wreathed Hornbills** and walking through the forest, **Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher**, **Eastern Crowned & Sulphur-breasted Warblers**. We drove down to the headquarters for lunch but squeezed in a quick walk along the river to a fruiting tree which held **Gray-eyed Bulbul** and **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker**. After a leisurely lunch of 'street food' we took another walk around which produced **Little Cormorant**, **Great Hornbill** and **Common Kingfisher**. We drove up to the Haew Suwat Waterfall famous for its appearance in the movie, 'The Beach'. There weren't too many birds around, although we did pick up **Blue Whistling-Thrush** down by the river. Next, we took a walk around the Pha Klui Mai campground which produced another close **Collared Owlet**, plus **Rosy Minivet**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Common Hill Myna** and **Olive-backed Sunbird**. Our last birding stop of the day was the TAT pond where swifts turn up at 5pm to drink. There were **Silver-backed & Brown-backed Noddy-tails**, doing bombing runs and when they dipped down or banked, you could catch the color of their backs which was the best way to tell them apart. After a fantastic day, we added one more species which was **Red-breasted Parakeet** perched in a large tree across from the hotel.

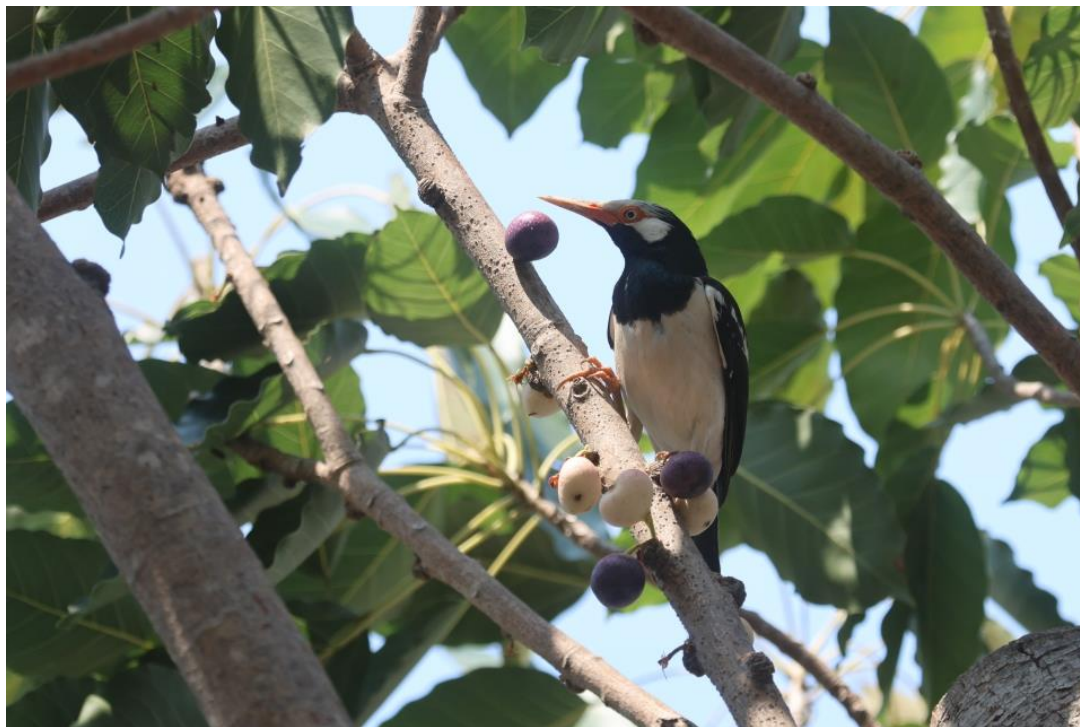
24th February – Khao Yai NP

We continued our search for the Siamese Fireback along the Khao Khieo Road, driving slowly along the best stretch without a sign. We did however see **Barred Cuckoo-Dove**, **Puff-throated Bulbul**, **White-crested & Black-throated Laughingthrushes**. We stopped to eat our packed breakfasts in an open area and had fly overs of **Oriental Honey-buzzard & Wreathed Hornbills**; **Rufescent Prinia**, **Golden-headed Cisticola** and **Amur Stonechat** in the grass and **Black-headed & Red-whiskered Bulbuls** in nearby trees and bushes. Our main birding site of the morning was the Km.33 Trail. We started with a pair of **Banded Broadbills** by the road, then **Scarlet Minivet**, **Hainan Blue Flycatcher** and **Asian Fairy-bluebird** along the trail. We crossed paths with another birding group who had just seen **Eared Pitta** and we heard it, but it seemed to be already played out. We picked off good birds one by one, with **Banded Kingfisher**, **Blue-bearded Bee-eater**, **Heart-spotted Woodpecker**, and some people a **Red-headed Trogon**. The 2 highlights of the morning were a close male **Wreathed Hornbill** that seemed to be visiting a nesting cavity, and a group of huge **Great Slaty Woodpeckers**. We went back to the hotel and rested up during the heat of the day before venturing back in. In the mid-afternoon, we went by the Wang Jampi which had **White-rumped Shama**, **Black-throated Sunbird** and **Blue-winged Leafbird**, although the trail to the river seemed to have grown over during the pandemic. Afterwards, we went back to the Km.33 Trail. Some of the highlights were flushing a **Scaly-breasted Partridge** from the trail, spotting soaring **Crested Goshawk** and **Japanese Sparrowhawk**, adding the tiny **Gray-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** and coming across an understory flock with **White-browed Scimitar-Babbler**, **White-crested & Black-throated Laughingthrushes**. We tried again for the **Eared Pitta** which was again only heard, and finished off with a nice perched **Common Hill Myna**. At dusk went to my **Great Eared-Nightjar** stakeout where we saw a **Malayan Porcupine**, before this huge nightjar came straight out, and flew around over the forest. On the way we saw half a dozen **Large-tailed Nightjars** on the helipad before driving back to the hotel for a late dinner.



Great Slaty Woodpecker

25th February – Khao Yai to Bueng Boraphet



There were a couple of pesky misses back in Khao Yai NP, and with the small amount of time available to us, we decided to shoot back in for one last try at the Eared Pitta and Siamese Fireback. It was cool and windy today and stepping into the forest, it was eerily quiet. I was confident that the pittas would be calling in the same spot, but despite our efforts, we heard not a peep. The majority of the group decided to stay back and enjoy a later breakfast and we all met up for check out before setting off towards Phra Phuttabat Noi Temple, about an hour away. Thailand has only 2 full geopolitical endemics and this morning we tried for the **Rufous Limestone Babbler**. As the name suggests, it is found in limestone areas, and we started searching some interesting limestone forest near the temple. It was already pretty warm by the time we got there, and we heard just one short reply nearby, but the birds remained elusive and we left empty handed. From here, we had some ground to cover and drove a couple of hours to a roadside diner for lunch. There were a few interesting birds around here including some very tame **Red Collared-Doves**, a **Black-winged Kite** flying over and a tree full of **Siamese Pied Starlings** feeding on berries. We drove on towards Nakhon Sawan seeing hundreds of **Black-winged Stilts** and **Asian Openbills** in the flooded fields. After settling in to our hotel, we drove out to the Waterbird Park at Bueng Boraphet getting nice views of **Blue-tailed Bee-eater** on the way. We got to the edge of the water where I quickly organized a boat ride for tomorrow with a local boat man, then we looked at a few birds on the water's edge, like **Greater Coucal**, **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** and a nice **Freckle-breasted Woodpecker** up in the trees. There was a nice view out over the lake and we saw added **Oriental & Small Pratincoles**, **Whiskered Tern**, **Oriental Darter**, **Eastern Marsh-Harrier**, **Common & White-throated Kingfishers** and a **Bank Swallow** in amongst the large flocks of **Barn Swallows**. There had been some interesting ducks seen at a spot nearby we drove there to search for them, but only found paddies. Still we added **Plain Prinia**, **Streaked & Asian Golden Weavers**. We decided to head back to the park and finished the day at a nice overgrown overlook where we had **Gray-headed Swamphen**, **Yellow Bittern**, **Bronze-winged Jacana**, **Striated Grassbird** and **Black-browed Reed Warbler** and on the way back saw a nice **Shikra**.

26th February – Bueng Boraphet to Doi Inthanon



Today was mainly a travel day to the north of Thailand but we did have a boat ride planned on the lake this morning. After breakfast we drove straight down to the water's edge where our boat man was waiting for us. A few people spotted a **White-breasted Waterhen** nearby as we got ready to board. From the Waterbird Park, we chugged out through the open water. On the way out, we picked up a few common birds such as **Whiskered Tern**, **Oriental Darter** and **Little Cormorant**. He took us first west along the south side of the lake, where there was a huge concentration of **Asian Openbills**. He came to a stop, and we scanned carefully through the aquatic vegetation to see there were large numbers of **Cotton Pygmy-Goose**, **Garganey**, **Little Grebe**, **Eurasian Coot** and **Pheasant-tailed Jacana**. It was quite an impressive scene. I figured that there must be some other ducks mixed in, and after some careful searching, I found a single female **Northern Pintail**. Next, he took us all the way over to the eastern end of the lake with a few other species on the way, like **Northern Shoveler**, **Northern Pintail** and **Tufted Duck**. All of which are common species elsewhere but rarities in Thailand. This end of the lake had a muddy edge and very different set of birds, with **Black-winged Stilt**, **Gray-headed Lapwing**, **Little Ringed Plover**, **Temminck's Stint**, **Brown-headed Gull**, **Painted Stork**, **Black Kite** and a huge raft of **Indian Cormorants**. He did the usual trick of turning the 2 hour boat ride into 3 hours, but this was expected. From here it was a long drive to the north of Thailand broken up for a pizza lunch in the mall and a few green tea stops. We finished out the day at the Ban Hong Non-hunting Area where our target was the beautiful **Green Peafowl**. Driving along the entrance road, it didn't take long before we found one and also added the pretty **Purple Sunbird**. After a very long driving day, I was relieved to get in to our hotel where we would be staying for the next 3 nights.

27th February – Doi Inthanon NP

This race of Green-tailed Sunbird is restricted to the summit of Doi Inthanon.

We were going to start our birding in the national park at the very top. In fact, at the highest place in Thailand. We stopped a short distance below the summit where we checked for wood pigeons that are sometimes seen here. Here we saw our first **Green-tailed Sunbird**, **Black-backed Sibia** and **Snowy-browed Flycatcher**, before continuing on to the top. It was cool up there, but not as cold as most people had expected. We started our birding on the edge of the parking lot where we quickly found **Ashy-throated & Blyth's Leaf Warblers**, **Rufous-winged Fulvetta**, **Silver-eared Laughingthrush**, **Chestnut-tailed Minla** and the beautiful **Mrs. Gould's Sunbird**, and all were surprisingly approachable. We walked up the path to the actual summit where we took some tourist shots in front of the sign, but also picked up a couple of new birds, **Buff-barred Warbler** and **Gray-sided Thrush**, which were feeding on a fruiting tree. Next, we walked down to the Ang Kha nature trail, a lovely new boardwalk around a Sphagnum moss bog and Rhododendron forest. We crossed paths with another birding group and chatting with the tour leader I found there was a MEGA bird being photographed by some Thais nearby. This turned out to be a lifer for me, which after 12 years guiding here and 4 years living here, doesn't happen very often. The bird was the **Wood Snipe**, a plump, forest-dwelling shorebird. We had plenty of other nice birds along the boardwalk, including **Himalayan Shortwing**, **Chestnut-flanked White-eye**, **Rufous-throated Partridge**, **Dark-sided & Eyebrowed Thrushes**. It was very enjoyable birding indeed. Next we move downslope to the Mae Ouam road at Km 34.5.



White-capped Redstart is always found by clear mountain streams.

It was already pretty warm and activity had slowed down, but we still saw **Golden-throated Barbet**, **Gray-chinned Minivet**, **White-browed Shrike-Babbler**, **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Davison's Leaf Warbler**, **Blue-winged Minla**, **Spectacled Barwing**, **Rufous-backed Sibia**, **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** and **Blue Whistling-Thrush**. We walked further up the road and through an overgrown pine plantation with **Silver-breasted Broadbill**, **Asian Emerald Cuckoo**, **White-throated Fantail**, **Large & Small Niltavas**, **Slaty-backed & Little Pied Flycatchers** and **Black-throated Sunbird**. We drove back down to Mr Daeng's Birding Information Centre and restaurant where we met the famous Mr Daeng, known to most Thai birders. The afternoon was spent visiting a few other sites to try and pick up the odd new species. We started at the mini power station where we scanned the stream to find our target **White-capped Redstart**, plus **Ashy Drongo**, **Indian White-eye** and **Hill Blue Flycatcher**. Near the Siriphum Waterfall, we had **Brown Shrike**, **Hill & Gray-breasted Prinias** and many **White-rumped Munias** feeding on seeding bamboo. Our last stop on the mountain was at the impressive Vachirathan Waterfall where we found another **White-capped Redstart**. We aimed to spend the late afternoon at the Blossom-headed Parakeet Conservation Area where a friend of mine had a viewing tower to see **Blossom-headed Parakeets**. He called in a 3 parakeets which we saw well through the scope, but we also had **White-breasted Waterhen**, **Coppersmith Barbets** mating, **Black-naped Oriole**, **Hair-crested Drongo**, **Red-billed Blue-Magpie**, **Racket-tailed Treepie** and **Purple Sunbird**, but the biggest surprise was a vagrant **Brahminy Starling** which only I saw. We had packed a lot into the day and went back to the hotel tired but happy.

28th February – Doi Inthanon

Having pretty much cleaned up at the summit yesterday, today we only went up as far as Checkpoint #2. We enjoyed a productive hour of birding here with many mid elevation species like **Gray-chinned & Long-tailed Minivets**, **Clicking Shrike-Babbler**, **Chestnut-crowned Warbler**, **Mountain Tailorbird**, **Spectacled Barwing**, **Rufous-backed Sibia**, **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** and **Black-throated Sunbird**. We heard a couple of real skulkers and spent some time calling out **Slaty-bellied Tesia** and **Pygmy Cupwing** but were only rewarded with quick glimpses of twitching leaves. We moved on to the Km 34.5 road that we had birded yesterday but today tried to get there a little earlier. We saw a fare amount of stuff, including **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo**, the dainty **Yellow-cheeked Tit**, **Yunnan Fulvetta**, **Black-backed Sibia**, **Hume's Trecreeper**, **Large Niltava**, **Little Pied Flycatcher** and the much hoped for **Long-tailed Broadbill**. We walked futher on than yesterday passing through an open area and some small forest patches beyond. Here we saw a noisy group of **Silver-eared Mesias**, **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, **Flavescent Bulbul**, **Verditer Flycatcher**, the tiny **Plain Flowerpecker**, but only heard the beautiful song of the **Spot-throated Babbler**. High above we had **Striated Swallow** and **Asian House-Martin** flying over. We had just enough time before lunch to check out the Mae Klang Stream where we succeeded in finding the gorgeous **Slaty-backed Forktail**, and a pair performed particularly well. After a nice lunch at the cafeteria, we visited the Siriphum Waterfall which was beautiful, and here we added **Blue-throated Barbet** and **Orange-bellied Leafbird**. We also tried anoth couple of waterfalls in the park, but struck out on the normally common Plumbeous Redstart. To finish out the day, we drove all the way down to Km 13 and enjoyed a walk along the river there, which produced **Striated Heron**, **Red-billed Blue-Magpie** and **Blue Whistling-Thrush**. After a lot of long birding days recently, we rewarded ourselves with a bit of extra downtime before dinner but did venture out afterwards on an owl prowl where we heard **Spotted Owlet** but saw our first **Collared Scops-Owl**.

1st March – Doi Inthanon to Chiang Dao



We had left the birding at lower section of the park for this morning as it was a travel day and we had less time available. The famous Km 13 leads to a small village and passes through some nice dry deciduous forest. In recent years, **Green Peafowl** seem to have got a lot more common in this area and their loud calls echoed across the valley. One of our main targets was the beautiful **Black-headed Woodpecker** and we heard it at every stop, but it always seemed to remain at a distance. We did add a few other nice birds including **Eurasian Jay**, **Radde's Warbler** and **Purple Sunbird**. The other must-see bird along here is the **Collared Falconet**, and today we found them easily and had great scope views. We drove back to the lodge and packed up our bags before heading out. We were going to have lunch in Chiang Mai but we had enough time to bird along the way at an area called Doi Lo. At the first stop we went to check a Savanna Nightjar roost, but instead we flushed a pair of **Barred Buttonquails** and saw several **Asian Green Bee-eaters**. We had a very productive time at the Doi Lo paddies and saw **Eurasian Moorhen**, **White-breasted Waterhen**, **Common & Pin-tailed Snipes**, **Pied Harrier**, **Common & White-throated Kingfishers**, **Siamese Pied Starling**, **Amur Stonechat** and **Richard's Pipit**. Just before we left. Ann spotted some birds in a ditch which turned out to be **Greater Painted-Snipe**. We drove north to Chiang Mai for lunch and added **Wire-tailed Swallow** in a city canal at a traffic light. From there, we drove about 90 minutes to Chiang Dao and checked in to our lodge for a 1-night stay. We walked up the 300 or so temple steps to Wat Tham Pha Plong and on the way up saw **Scarlet Minivet**, **White-throated Fantail**, **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Gray-eyed Bulbul** and after considerable effort, **Streaked Wren-Babbler**. We reached the top and had a look inside the cave temple, before scanning from the elevated position to see **Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon**, **Mountain Imperial-Pigeon**, **Blue-throated Barbet**, **Black-headed, Puff-throated & Black Bulbul**, a beautiful male **Crimson Sunbird**, **Asian Fairy-bluebird** and **Golden-fronted Leafbird**. Back down at the bottom of the steps, we saw a pair of **Oriental Pied-Hornbills** perched up on a huge dead tree in the distance and Mike found his hoped for **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**, before we went back to the lodge.

2nd March – Chiang Dao to Fang



We were back at the temple in the morning, and before breakfast concentrated the forest around the parking lot, which is usually pretty active in the early morning. **Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon** and **Mountain Imperial-Pigeon** showed particularly well and were able to study them at our leisure in the scope. I found a flowering tree too that was bringing plenty of birds in, with **Stripe-throated, Puff-throated & Black Bulbuls**, our target **Striated Yuhina** and several **Greater Necklaced Laughingthrushes**. Other notable birds included **Blue-eared, Great & Blue-throated Barbets, Black-hooded Oriole, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, Golden-fronted Leafbird** and finally **Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo**. We enjoyed a nice outdoor breakfast back at the lodge and had several **Striated Swallows** coming and going, and also better views of **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**. After breakfast, we went back to the temple but this time climbed the steps again up to the Gulley Trail. At the very bottom we had great views of a young male **Blue Rock-Thrush**. On the trail itself we had **Little Spiderhunter, Black-naped Monarch** and **Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher**, but by the bridge at the start, **Indian White-eye, Buff-breasted Babbler, Thick-billed & Plain Flowerpeckers**, and **Claudia's Leaf Warbler** which turned out to be Ann's 3,000th species. Congratulations! Next it was on to the Chiang Dao paddies where we drove around exploring the fields, in various states: Some ploughed, some flooded, some planted. This too was a very birdy area and we found plenty of good birds, with **Plaintive Cuckoo, Gray-headed Lapwing, Rufous-winged Buzzard, White-throated Kingfisher, Eurasian Kestrel, Oriental Skylark, Wire-tailed Swallow, Siamese Pied Starling, Amur Stonechat, White Wagtail** and **Red-throated Pipit**.

3rd March – Doi Ang Khang



Scarlet-faced Liocichla is my favourite bird in Thailand.

We drove up the 50 minutes to the Doi Ang Khang army checkpoint to arrive at dawn. It wasn't that cold, maybe because of all the smoke in the air from burning. We started our birding, and the first birds we saw were a pair of **Spot-winged Grosbeak** perched in a nearby tree, followed by **Black-backed Sibia**, **White-browed Laughingthrush** and **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch**. We started walking along the road towards the campground and had an **Oriental Honey-buzzard** flying over, plus **Speckled Piculet**, **Short-billed & Long-tailed Minivets**, **Hume's Warbler** and **Blue-winged Minla**. The main target was **Giant Nuthatch**, which I heard, but it flew off before we could spot it in the tree. When we arrived at the campground, we found a few **Olive-backed Pipits** feeding on the ground, then went to wait behind the bathroom block where after a while, we saw **Silver-eared Mesia** and **Scarlet-faced Liocichlas** at their usual spot. We drove down to the Mae Per Trail which was already pretty hot and quiet, but we did get **Stripe-breasted Woodpecker**, **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**, plus brief views of **Greenish Warbler**, **White-necked Laughingthrush**, **White-crowned Forktail** but only heard a very close **Pygmy Cupwing**. At the Doi Angkhang Royal Agricultural Station we saw **Oriental Honey-buzzard**, **Eastern Buzzard** and **Gray Bushchat** on the way in. We drove straight up to the auditorium feeding site and sat on some overturned plant pots and buckets while we waited for the birds to arrive.



White-tailed Robin rules the roost at the auditorium stakeout.

We took pictures of **Hill Blue Flycatcher** and **White-tailed Robin** feeding on mealworms and I also added the cryptic **Martens's Warbler** nearby. We had a nice lunch made from local produce from the royal project, after which we took a walk down into the gardens where we saw a rather tame **Gray-backed Shrike**. We went to a spot behind the restaurant where the water from the kitchen came out leaving bits of rice and other tasty morsels. Here we found **Streaked Wren-Babbler**, **Silver-eared Mesia**, **Dark-sided Thrush** and **Black-breasted Thrushes** which posed nicely for photos. On the way out of Doi Ang Khang we stopped at the Km. 21 Trail where we added **Striated Bulbul**. I had promised a tourist stop at the border with Myanmar where we took our pictures in front of the border sign. We endeavored to get a bird over the fence and start our Myanmar lists. Fittingly our first bird was the **Burmese Shrike**. We would have been happy with that one bird, but it turned out to be pretty birdy and we added **Gray-capped Pygmy Woodpecker**, **Long-tailed Shrike**, **Brown-breasted Bulbul** and **Black-collared Starling**. We had just enough time before we drove back down to Fang to visit one more birding site, and that was the Chinese Cemetery. One bird that always seems to be around here, very fittingly again, was the **Chinese Leaf Warbler** and we saw one almost immediately, identified by its face pattern and distinctive call note. We also had several **Cook's Swift** flying over and a pair of **White-browed Laughingthrushes** crossing the road before we called it a day and drove in low gear all the way down the steep road back to our comfortable hotel for another lovely dinner.

4th March – Doi Lang to Thaton



White-bellied Redstart has understated beauty.

Today was one of our earliest departures of the trip. We were heading up to Doi Lang, or more accurately Doi San Ju where there are a bunch of feeding sites of difficult birds. We had to be there pre-dawn which meant leaving in the dark. On the drive up we flushed several **Gray Nightjars** which indicated that we maybe the first car up. Sure enough, we reached the stakeout for **Hume's Pheasant** and we were the only car. We got out and had our packed breakfasts while we waited to see if the pheasants would show up. We had a few good birds here, including **Oriental Turtle-Dove, Japanese Tit, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, Slaty-backed, Rufous-gorgeted & Ultramarine Flycatchers, Gray Bushchat** and **Olive-backed Pipits**, but no pheasant. We actually heard them very close beating their wings, even some rustling and clucking just off the road, but they didn't want to come out. In the end we had to give up on them and head to the feeding sites further along the road. We enjoyed the rest of the morning watching some great birds coming into the feeding sites that had been set up by photographers, which had **Hill Blue Flycatcher, Rufous-bellied Niltava, White-bellied Redstart, Blue Whistling-Thrush**, plus **Slaty-blue & Rufous-gorgeted Flycatchers**. I left the clients at one feeding site and went to check another one ahead but had to come running back to get them when I found a group of **Mountain Bamboo-Partridges** by the side of the road.



This Chestnut-capped Babbler gave us quite a show.

We had **Spectacled Barwing** and **Silver-eared Mesia** coming into a flowering tree, plus plenty of mixed flocks with **Gray-chinned & Long-tailed Minivets**, **White-browed Shrike-Babbler**, **Bronzed & Lesser Racket-tailed Drongos**, **Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher** and **Hume's Treecreeper**. There was great general birding along here with **Crested Goshawk**, **Long-tailed Shrike**, **Crested Finchbill**, **Puff-throated Babbler**, **Scarlet-faced Liocichla**, **White-browed Laughingthrush**, **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** and a **Blue Rock-Thrush** perched where it should be, on a rock. It had been a great morning's birding and we drove back down to Fang for a nice pizza lunch in the mall before driving on to the nearby town of Thaton where we checked in to our nice resort and rested out the heat of the early afternoon. Once it had cooled down a bit in the late afternoon, we went out to the 'water tower vicinity' hotspot, where we saw a few nice species, including a flock of **Lesser Whistling-Ducks**, **Black-winged Kite**, a beautiful male **Pied Harrier**, **Asian Green Bee-eater**, **Long-tailed Shrike**, **Yellow-bellied Prinia** and **Black-collared Starling**. From there we drove to the nearby Mae Ai paddies to finish out the day. We spent a fantastic hour of birding here and picked up **Greater Coucal**, **Common Kingfisher**, **Baikal Bush Warbler**, **Striated Grassbird**, up-close-and-personal views of **Chestnut-capped Babbler**, our first **Chestnut-tailed Starlings** and large numbers of **Baya Weavers**. Our target here though was the critically endangered **Yellow-breasted Bunting** which I had staked out at a roost site. Sure enough they flew in and gave us great views of some beautiful yellow males with white shoulder patches. A great end to a wonderful day's birding.

5th March – Chiang Saen to Bangkok



Today was the last day of the main tour and our last chance for some new birds. We opted for a sit down breakfast and after checking out, drove about an hour and a half to a spot called Nong Luang that had some recent interesting observations. It was a spherical lake with a large island in the middle accessible by land bridges. I hadn't been there before but a local farmer pointed us to an ornamental platform in the middle that offered fine views of the shallow lake all around. One of the most surprising things we saw were the sheer number of **Ruddy Shelducks** with several dozen, but also hundreds of **Lesser Whistling-Ducks**, **Indian Spot-billed Ducks** and **Black-winged Stilts**. Mixed in were a good diversity of other species of other birds with singles or small groups of **Northern Shoveler**, **Northern Pintail**, **Gray-headed Swamphen**, **Temminck's Stint**, **Spotted Redshank**, **Marsh Sandpiper**, **Oriental Pratincole**, **Purple Heron**, **Eastern Marsh- & Pied Harriers**, **Common Kingfisher**, **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **Long-tailed Shrike**, **Yellow-bellied Prinia** and **Eastern Yellow Wagtail**. We were some distance south of Chiang Saen Lake here, but there seemed no main road joining the 2 and Google Maps took us on a very interesting scenic route which felt more like an African safari. We finally arrived at the southern edge of the lake along a very bumpy road through farmland. It was a relief to arrive and I soon located a flock of our target **Ferruginous Duck** which I put in the scope, but a fisherman soon came by in his boat and flushed them up and they landed behind vegetation in the distance. In the end I had to climb a low tree, balancing the tripod on the lower limbs to show everyone the bird. We also picked up more **Ruddy Shelducks**, plus many **Garganey**, **Indian Spot-billed Duck**, **Little Grebe**, **Black-winged Stilt**, a **Pheasant-tailed Jacana** and on the way out **Black-collared & Chestnut-tailed Starlings**. Having had our birds flushed by the fisherman, we were unable to scan the flock thoroughly for the Baer's Pochard which had been around recently. We left the spot and made our way to the paved roads and on to Chiang Saen town. We drove to the north of town to the Rim Khong Restaurant area where we looked across into Laos and also picked up a few species on the river island, including **Large Hawk-Cuckoo**, **Common & Green Sandpipers** and **Common Greenshank**. After a nice final lunch at the restaurant, we made our way to the Chiang Rai airport for our evening flight to Bangkok where we finished the main tour.

SOUTHERN THAILAND EXTENSION

6th March – Ao Phang Nga



Mangrove Pitta, where else but on a mangrove root.

The southern extension started with a mid-morning flight to the island of Phuket. After some usual hassle with the car hire company we were on our way to Ao Phang Nga NP. We checked in to our rather ostentatious hotel, and once it had cooled off a bit, we drove down to the national park. We had an hour before the park closed and we made a good start with our mangrove birding along the boardwalk through beautiful mangrove forest. We saw a few common birds like **Little Cormorant** and **Striated Heron** plus **Brahminy Kite** soaring lazily over. We then came upon a mixed flock which had **Streak-breasted Woodpecker**, **Chestnut-bellied Malkoha**, **Mangrove Whistler** and the blackish form of **Ashy Drongo**. On the way out, we heard our target **Brown-winged Kingfisher** and Mike spotted it from the bridge, hidden in a nearby tree. We repositioned ourselves to try and get the best views and some photos before it took off. We drove out at closing time and swung by a side road outside the park that also had excellent mangrove. Here, we had our bird of the day, **Mangrove Pitta**, which flew in and gave us extended close up views. We drove passed the mangrove to the Tha Dan Harbor area where we finished out the day with several new species for the trip, namely **Pacific Swallow**, **Rufous-bellied Swallow** and **Asian Glossy Starling**, before heading back for dinner at our well-situated hotel.

7TH March – Ao Phang Nga NP to Khao Sok NP



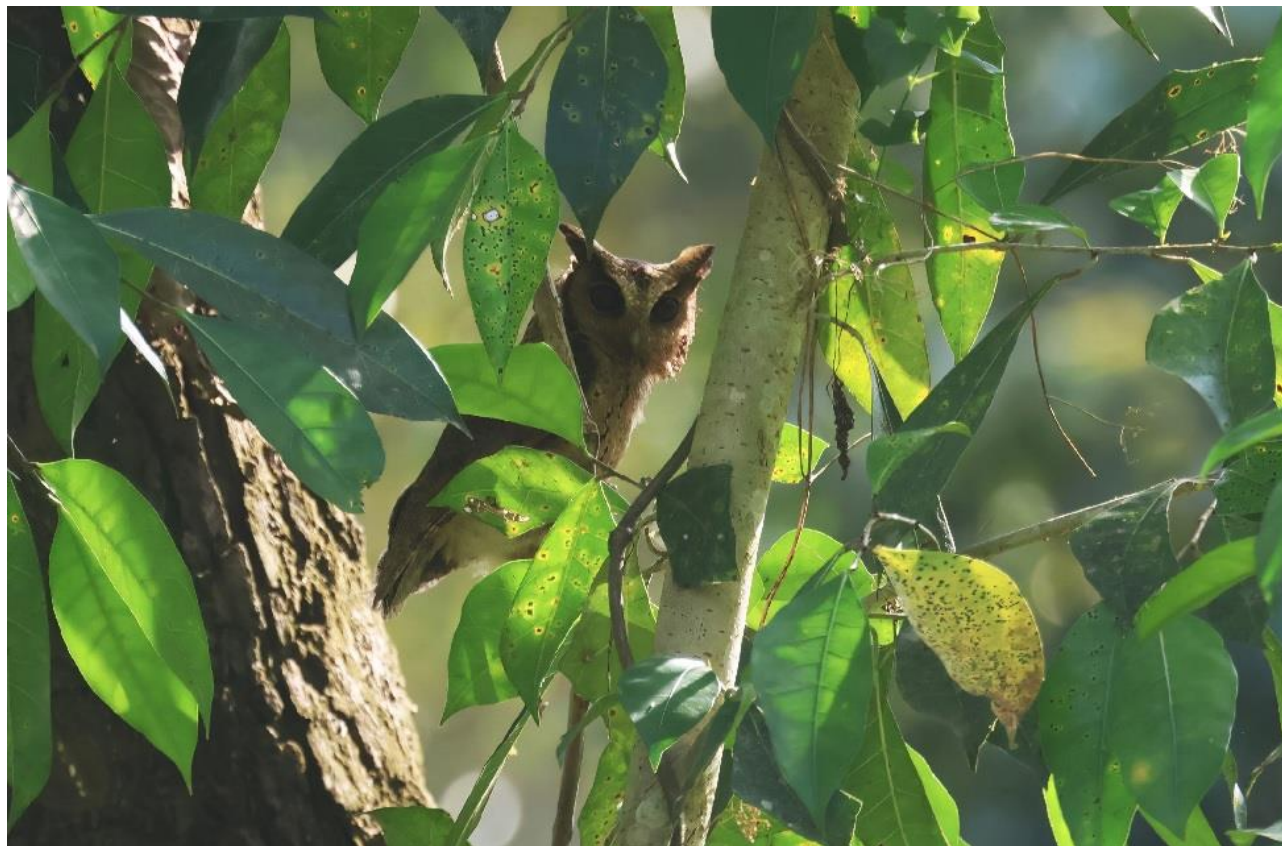
We gathered outside the hotel and looked at a few birds while we waited for people to arrive, with **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, several **Rufous-bellied Swallows** and a surprising **Oriental Hobby** which flew quickly over. Once everybody had gathered, we drove the short distance to the Somdet Phra Srinagarindra Park where we started our birding for the day. We saw a good range of common birds here, including **Green-billed Malkoha**, **Coppersmith & Lineated Barbets**, **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Stripe-throated Bulbul**, **Blue Whistling-Thrush** and **Orange-bellied Flowerpecker**, but a mating pair of **Black-thighed Falconets** stole the show. From here we drove down to the Ao Phang-nga NP headquarters where we took another walk on the boardwalk and had improved views of the beautiful **Brown-winged Kingfisher**. We again moved onto the local road through the mangroves which produced better sightings, with **Chestnut-bellied Malkoha**, **Greater Flameback**, a beautiful pair of **Black-and-red Broadbills**, **Arctic Warbler** and **Ruby-cheeked Sunbird**. It was hot already, so we retreated to our air-conditioned rooms to pack up and check out before lunch. Our destination was Khao Sok National Park but we had a brief stop on the way at a bridge over Takua Pa River where we picked up **Red-wattled Lapwing**, **White-throated Kingfisher**, **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** and a distant **River Lapwing**. We checked in to our hotel just outside Khao Sok NP and we had a rest until it had cooled down a bit before driving down to the headquarters for a bit of birding. We had a productive time at a fruiting tree with a wide variety of common southern Thai birds, with **Black-naped Oriole**, **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**, **Spectacled Bulbul**, **Thick-billed**, **Yellow-vented & Orange-bellied Flowerpecker**, **Brown-throated Sunbird**, **Asian Fairy-bluebird** and **Lesser Green Leafbird**. We also got scope views of our first **Red-throated Barbet** before calling it a day.

8th March – Sri Phang Nga & Laem Pakarang

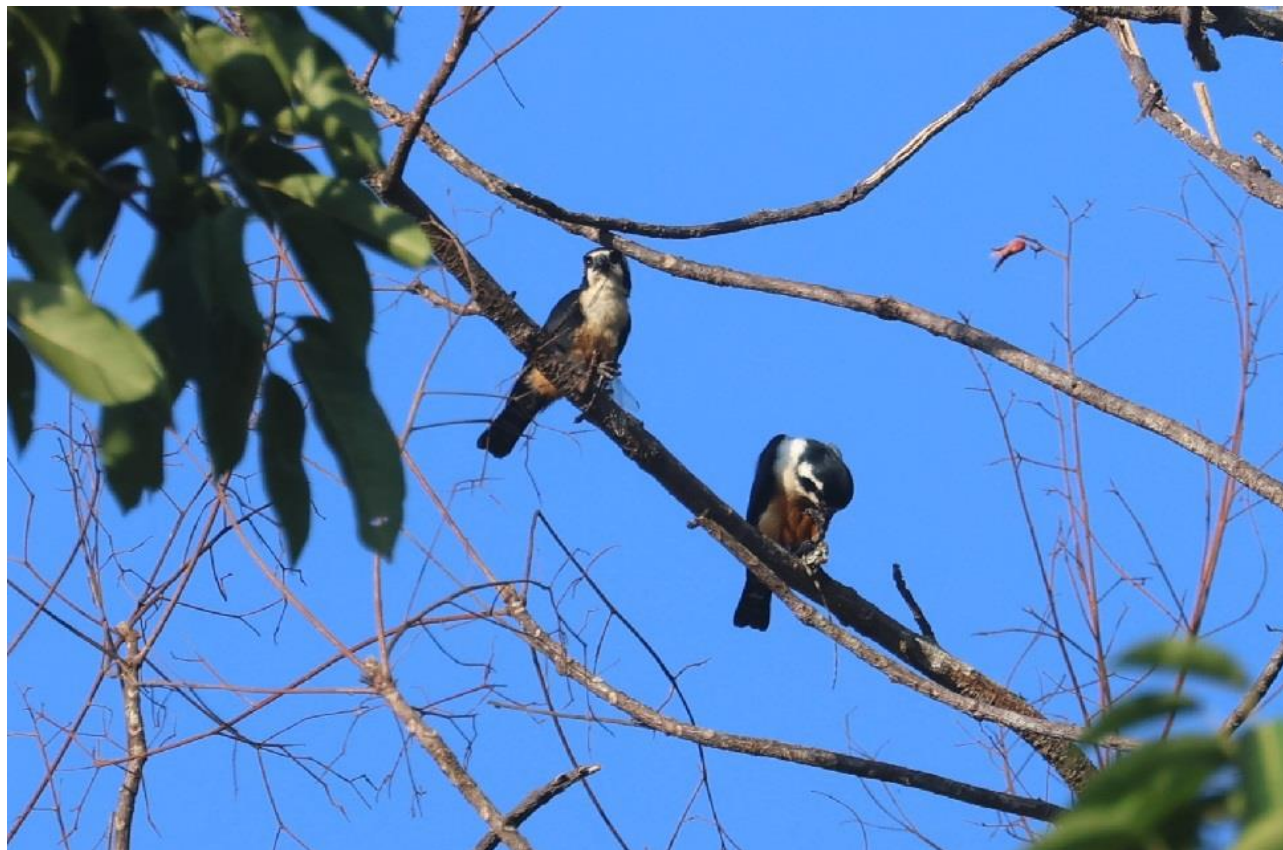


Today we took a day trip Sri Phang-nga NP which had no hotel nearby and required an hour's drive to get there. As soon as we arrived at the parking lot at the end of the road, we started seeing lots of birds, with **Little & Gray-breasted Spiderhunters**, **Gray-bellied & Buff-vented Bulbuls** in a fruiting tree, and **Crow-billed Drongo**. From here we walked down to a viewpoint over the river, where we had several **Silver-rumped Needletails**, plus **Common Kingfisher** and **Sooty Barbet**. We took a side trail along to a **Malayan Banded-Pitta** blind. There was a pair of **White-rumped Shamas** impatiently waiting for a handout, and within just a few seconds, a male **Malayan Banded-Pitta** came in and posed for us. What a bird! We walked along the river a bit and found a pair of **Chestnut-naped Forktails**, which quickly flew away, but at least we all had looks. We walked back to the parking lot and started along the main trail to a large waterfall. Passing through an area of bamboo, I heard and called in the rare **Large Blue Flycatcher**. We had a productive walk along the trail and saw a wide variety of species, including soaring **Crested Serpent-Eagle** and **Lesser Fish-Eagle**, a beautiful male **Crimson Sunbird**, **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**, **Black-headed, Spectacled & Ochraceous Bulbuls**, **Eastern Crowned & Yellow-bellied Warblers**. Back at the parking lot, one of the park guards asked us if we had seen **Gould's Frogmouth**. Of course, the answer was no, so we followed him in our van and he led us down a trail and we got looks at the **Gould's Frogmouth** on a day roost. To finish off we had a walk around the main camp where we saw **Wreathed Hornbill**, **Gray-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** and some **Blue-tailed Bee-eaters**. After lunch, we went to check out a coral sandspit called Laem Pakarang. It was baking hot, but luckily we were able to scope out a few shorebirds from the shade, and we saw **Black-bellied, Lesser & Greater Sand-Plover**, **Whimbrel**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Red-necked Stint**, **Terek Sandpiper**, **Gray-tailed Tattler** and **Common Greenshank**. We also found our first **Osprey** of the trip. On the way back, we checked out the Ban Thung Yai meadowlands hoping that the Oriental Plovers that were seen here a few days ago were still around. They weren't, but we did see **Red-wattled Lapwing**, **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**, and several **Eastern Yellow Wagtails** before driving back.

9th March – Khao Sok to Krung Ching



It was our last morning at Khao Sok so we went in early with our tickets that we had bought yesterday. We had a good walk along the river trail and saw a good variety of common species, including **Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Black-headed, Black-crested, Stripe-throated & Ochraceous Bulbuls, Yellow-bellied & Pale-legged Leaf Warblers, Chestnut-winged, Rufous-fronted & Abbott's Babblers, Siberian Blue Robin, Plain Sunbird** and **Gray-breasted Spiderhunters**. We checked the river carefully for kingfishers, but had to make do with a lone **Striated Heron** fishing in the rapids. We added a couple of **Pacific Swifts** mixed in with the numerous **Germain's Swiftlets**, but probably the best birds were a group of **Great Hornbills** which noisily winged their way by. We had a long drive today to our last site of the extension which was about 3 hours away. We got to the seaside resort of Tha Sala on the other side of the peninsular in time for a late lunch after which we had a rest before driving an hour to the Krung Ching campground about an hour away. We bought our tickets from the friendly staff before starting our birding. There was a really good fruiting tree right by the HQ and we spent some time picking out **Thick-billed Green-Pigeon, Sooty, Blue-eared & Red-throated Barbets, Scaly-breasted & Red-eyed Bulbuls**. We took a short walk around the campground afterwards and had one of the luckiest sightings of the whole trip. I saw a brown bird fly into a tree nearby which at first I thought was an owlet, but on closer inspection I found to be a **Sunda Scops-Owl**. Unfortunately it had its head turned away for most of the time. It was getting mobbed by **Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker** and **Gray-breasted Spiderhunter** along with others but I tried to stay on the owl in case it turned its head which it did very briefly. It flew to another tree and then moved again and we lost it. We finished off at the helipad viewpoint where we saw a few **Silver-rumped Needletails**, a distant **Wallace's Hawk-Eagle** and a **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** mimicking it, before we set off back to the hotel.

10th March – Krung Ching

As it was quite a drive to Krung Ching, we were going for a full day. We left nice and early and started our birding at the helipad which offered a wonderful view over the nearby trees. We spent about an hour here and saw quite a few good birds, including **Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo**, **Silver-rumped Needletail**, **Buff-rumped Woodpecker**, a very distant **Black-thighed Falconet**, the attractive **Banded Broadbill**, **Stripe-throated Bulbul**, **Yellow-eared Spiderhunter**, but only heard the distinctive vocalization of the **Rufous-tailed Tailorbird**. We drove down into the Krung Ching campground where we checked out some of the fruiting trees there, which brought in **Thick-billed Green-Pigeon**, **Blue-eared & Red-throated Barbets**, **Asian Fairy-bluebird** and **Dark-throated Oriole**. We had a juvenile **Oriental Honey-buzzard** and a few other bits and bobs, like **Brown-streaked Flycatcher**, **Brown-throated Sunbird** and **Little Spiderhunter**. By mid-morning we started along the waterfall trail, which is usually very good but today, rather slow. We did find a nice fruiting tree with nice views of **Sooty Barbet**, and a few other birds along the trail, with **Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** and **Siberian Blue Robin**, and heard some distant **Great Argus** calling. We did get one big surprise which was the rare **Maroon-breasted Philentoma**, spotted by Lynn. It was hot and quiet, so late morning we turned back and walked back down the trail to the campground. For lunch we drove 30 minutes to a rest area with a bunch of different food options and an air-conditioned café. In the afternoon, we were back at the Krung Ching campground and spent some more time around the fruiting trees with better views of **Sooty Barbet**, **Black-headed & Scaly-breasted Bulbuls**, **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker**, and **Lesser Green Leafbird**. In the late afternoon, we walked the first bit of the trail listening out for Green Broadbill but instead found our first **Gray-headed & Black-capped Babblers**. After a long day, we set off back to the hotel on the coast, and saw a few things on the way, like **Gray-rumped Treeswift**, **Shikra** and a couple of **Asian Glossy Starlings**.

11th March – Krung Ching

It was the last morning of the extension and we intended to make it count. We had received some gen yesterday about the location of a **Rufous-collared Kingfisher** and we arrived early at the trailhead. This species only calls early in the morning so there was no time to lose. As soon as we got out of the van, I heard the distinctive call of a distant **Green Broadbill**, which we hoped to come across this morning as well. We walked down the trail and heard the kingfisher call but it refused to come in closer, and the broadbill remained unresponsive too. We did add our first **Moustached Babbler** of the trip before walking out and setting off along the Krung Ching Waterfall trail. We enjoyed a good morning along here, with such treats as **Black-capped Babbler**, a neck-breaking **Brush Cuckoo** up in the canopy, **Maroon Woodpecker**, **Ochraceous Bulbul**, a very furtive **Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher**, **Plain Sunbird** and **Purple-naped Spiderhunter**. The bird of the morning though was the stunning **Scarlet-rumped Trogon** which wowed everybody and finally showed well after giving us the run around. We spend a bit of time back at the fruiting trees in the campground where we saw **Blue-eared & Red-throated Barbet**, **Black-headed & Scaly-breasted Bulbuls**, **Asian Fairy-bluebird** and **Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker**. We were just about to leave when I heard the **Gold-whiskered Barbet** again and we walked over to a tall tree where we tracked down this tricky species. It was the end of a great extension with many memorable birds. Everybody enjoyed freshening up and a rest before lunch, apart from me as I had to drive back and pick up my scope which I had forgotten. Of course, it being Thailand, it was exactly where I had left it, and we all drove on to the airport for our flights back to Bangkok.

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Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)

Lesser Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>	
Ruddy Shelduck		
Cotton Pygmy-Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	
Garganey	<i>Spatula querquedula</i>	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>	
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies (Phasianidae)

Rufous-throated Partridge	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>	
Bar-backed Partridge	<i>Arborophila brunneopectus</i>	
Hume's Pheasant	<i>Syrnaticus humiae</i>	H
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>	
Great Argus	<i>Argusianus argus</i>	H
Green Peafowl	<i>Pavo muticus</i>	
Scaly-breasted Partridge	<i>Tropicoperdix chloropus</i>	
Mountain Bamboo-Partridge	<i>Bambusicola fytchii</i>	
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	

Grebes (Podicipedidae)

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	
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Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

Rock Pigeon (Introduced)	<i>Columba livia</i>	
Ashy Wood-Pigeon	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>	GO
Oriental Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>	
Red Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	
Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>	
Barred Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>	
Asian Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	
Zebra Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	
Pink-necked Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron vernans</i>	
Thick-billed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron curvirostra</i>	
Pin-tailed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron apicauda</i>	
Mountain Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>	

Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo	<i>Carpococcyx renauldi</i>	
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Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	
Raffles's Malkoha	<i>Rhinorhiza chlorophaea</i>	
Chestnut-bellied Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus sumatranus</i>	
Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>	
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	<i>Clamator coromandus</i>	NG
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>	
Asian Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx maculatus</i>	
Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>	
Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	
Brush Cuckoo		
Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	
Large Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx sparveroides</i>	
Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	

Frogmouths (Podargidae)

Gould's Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus stellatus</i>	
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Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

Great Eared-Nightjar	<i>Lyncornis macrotis</i>	
Gray Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus jotaka</i>	
Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	
Indian Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus asiaticus</i>	

Swifts (Apodidae)

Silver-rumped Needletail	<i>Rhaphidura leucopygialis</i>	
Silver-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus cochinchinensis</i>	
Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus giganteus</i>	
Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>	
Germain's Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus germani</i>	
Pacific Swift	<i>Apus pacificus</i>	
Cook's Swift	<i>Apus cooki</i>	
House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>	
Asian Palm Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	

Treeswifts (Hemiprocnidae)

Crested Treeswift	<i>Hemiprogne coronata</i>	
Gray-rumped Treeswift	<i>Hemiprogne longipennis</i>	

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	
Gray-headed Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus</i>	
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	
Ruddy-breasted Crake	<i>Zapornia fusca</i>	

Thick-knees (Burhinidae)

Indian Thick-knee *Burhinus indicus*

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)

Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii*
Gray-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus*
Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*
Lesser Sand-Plover *Charadrius mongolus*
Greater Sand-Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*
Malaysian Plover *Charadrius peronii*
Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*
White-faced Plover *Charadrius dealbatus*
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Painted-Snipes (Rostratulidae)

Greater Painted-Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*

Jacanas (Jacanidae)

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*
Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*

Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
Far Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*
Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*
Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*
Red Knot *Calidris canutus*
Ruff *Calidris pugnax*
Broad-billed Sandpiper *Calidris falcinellus*
Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*
Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*
Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pygmaea*
Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*
Sanderling *Calidris alba*
Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus*
Wood Snipe *Gallinago nemoricola*

Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>
Gray-tailed Tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Nordmann's Greenshank	<i>Tringa guttifer</i>
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>

Buttonquail (Turnicidae)

Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>
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Pratincoles and Coursers (Glareolidae)

Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>
Small Pratincole	<i>Glareola lactea</i>

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</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>
Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>

Storks (Ciconiidae)

Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>
Milky Stork	<i>Mycteria cinerea</i>
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>

Anhingas (Anhingidae)

Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>
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Cormorants and Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)

Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>
Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>

Pelicans (Pelecanidae)

Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>
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Hérons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
Gray Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>
Chinese Egret	<i>Egretta eulophotes</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Pacific Reef-Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
Chinese Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>

Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)

Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>

Osprey (Pandionidae)

Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
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Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

Black-winged Kite	<i>Elanus caeruleus</i>
Oriental Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
Black Baza	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>
Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
Wallace's Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nanus</i>
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>
Rufous-winged Buzzard	<i>Butastur liventer</i>
Gray-faced Buzzard	<i>Butastur indicus</i>
Eastern Marsh-Harrier	<i>Circus spilonotus</i>
Pied Harrier	<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>
Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Japanese Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter gularis</i>
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
Lesser Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus humilis</i>
Himalayan Buzzard	<i>Buteo refectus</i>
Eastern Buzzard	<i>Buteo japonicus</i>

Owls (Strigidae)

Mountain Scops-Owl	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>
Collared Scops-Owl	<i>Otus lettia</i>

Sunda Scops-Owl
Asian Barred Owlet
Collared Owlet
Spotted Owlet
Brown Boobook

Otus lempiji
Glaucidium cuculoides
Taeniopteryx brodiei
Athene brama
Ninox scutulata

Trogon (Trogonidae)

Scarlet-rumped Trogon
Red-headed Trogon
Orange-breasted Trogon

Harpactes duvaucelii
Harpactes erythrocephalus
Harpactes oreskios

Hoopoes (Upupidae)

Eurasian Hoopoe

Upupa epops

Hornbills (Bucerotidae)

Great Hornbill
Rusty-cheeked Hornbill
Oriental Pied-Hornbill
Wreathed Hornbill

Buceros bicornis
Anorrhinus tickelli
Anthracoceros albirostris
Rhyticeros undulatus

Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

Common Kingfisher
Banded Kingfisher
Brown-winged Kingfisher
White-throated Kingfisher
Black-capped Kingfisher
Collared Kingfisher
Rufous-collared Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis
Lacedo pulchella
Pelargopsis amauroptera
Halcyon smyrnensis
Halcyon pileata
Todiramphus chloris
Actenoides concretus

Bee-eaters (Meropidae)

Red-bearded Bee-eater
Blue-bearded Bee-eater
Asian Green Bee-eater
Blue-tailed Bee-eater
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

Nyctyornis amictus
Nyctyornis athertoni
Merops orientalis
Merops philippinus
Merops leschenaulti

Rollers (Coraciidae)

Indochinese Roller
Dollarbird

Coracias affinis
Eurystomus orientalis

Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)

Sooty Barbet
Coppersmith Barbet
Blue-eared Barbet
Great Barbet

Caloramphus hayii
Psilopogon haemacephalus
Psilopogon duvaucelii
Psilopogon virens

Red-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon mystacophanos</i>
Green-eared Barbet	<i>Psilopogon faiostriatus</i>
Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>
Golden-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon franklinii</i>
Gold-whiskered Barbet	<i>Psilopogon chrysopogon</i>
Moustached Barbet	<i>Psilopogon incognitus</i>
Blue-throated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon asiaticus</i>

Woodpeckers (Picidae)

Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>
Heart-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Hemicircus canente</i>
Gray-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>
Freckle-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos analis</i>
Stripe-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos atratus</i>
Maroon Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus rubiginosus</i>
Bay Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>
Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>
Buff-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Meiglyptes tristis</i>
Common Flameback	<i>Dinopium javanense</i>
Streak-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridanus</i>
Gray-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus canus</i>
Black-headed Woodpecker	<i>Picus erythropygius</i>
Banded Woodpecker	<i>Chrysophlegma miniaceum</i>
Greater Yellownape	<i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>
Great Slaty Woodpecker	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>

Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)

Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>
Black-thighed Falconet	<i>Microhierax fringillarius</i>
Eurasian Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Oriental Hobby	<i>Falco severus</i>

Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)

Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>
Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>
Vernal Hanging-Parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>

African and Green Broadbills (Calyptomenidae)

Green Broadbill	<i>Calyptomena viridis</i>	H
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Asian and Grauer's Broadbills (Eurylaimidae)

Long-tailed Broadbill	<i>Psarisomus dalhousiae</i>
Silver-breasted Broadbill	<i>Serilophus lunatus</i>
Black-and-red Broadbill	<i>Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus</i>
Banded Broadbill	<i>Eurylaimus javanicus</i>

Black-and-yellow Broadbill

*Eurylaimus ochromalus***Pittas (Pittidae)**

Eared Pitta

Hydronis phayrei

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Malayan Banded-Pitta

Hydronis irena

Blue Pitta

Hydronis cyaneus

Mangrove Pitta

*Pitta megarhyncha***Thornbills and Allies (Acanthizidae)**

Golden-bellied Gerygone

*Gerygone sulphurea***Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)**

Gray-chinned Minivet

Pericrocotus solaris

Short-billed Minivet

Pericrocotus brevirostris

Long-tailed Minivet

Pericrocotus ethologus

Scarlet Minivet

Pericrocotus speciosus

Brown-rumped Minivet

Pericrocotus cantonensis

Rosy Minivet

Pericrocotus roseus

Large Cuckooshrike

Coracina macei

Black-winged Cuckooshrike

*Lalage melaschistos***Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (Vireonidae)**

White-browed Shrike-Babbler

Pteruthius aeralatus

Clicking Shrike-Babbler

Pteruthius intermedius

White-bellied Erpornis

*Erpornis zantholeuca***Whistlers and Allies (Pachycephalidae)**

Mangrove Whistler

*Pachycephala cinerea***Old World Orioles (Oriolidae)**

Dark-throated Oriole

Oriolus xanthonotus

Black-naped Oriole

Oriolus chinensis

Slender-billed Oriole

Oriolus tenuirostris

Black-hooded Oriole

*Oriolus xanthornus***Woodswallows, Bellmagpies, and Allies (Artamidae)**

Ashy Woodswallow

*Artamus fuscus***Vangas, Helmetshrikes, and Allies (Vangidae)**

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

Hemipus picatus

Maroon-breasted Philentoma

*Philentoma velata***Ioras (Aegithinidae)**

Common Iora

Aegithina tiphia

Great Iora

Aegithina lafresnayei

Fantails (Rhipiduridae)

Malaysian Pied-Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*
White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Drongos (Dicruridae)

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*
Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
Crow-billed Drongo *Dicrurus annectens*
Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*
Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

Monarch Flycatchers (Monarchidae)

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*
Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis*

Shrikes (Laniidae)

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*
Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurioides*
Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
Gray-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*

Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*
Red-billed Blue-Magpie *Urocissa erythroryncha*
Common Green-Magpie *Cissa chinensis*
Gray Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae*
Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia*
Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)

Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)

Sultan Tit *Melanochloa sultanea*
Japanese Tit *Parus minor*
Yellow-cheeked Tit *Machlolophus spilonotus*

Larks (Alaudidae)

Indochinese Bushlark *Mirafra erythrocephala*
Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*

Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*

Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>
Ashy Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus ruficeps</i>
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sericeus</i>
Hill Prinia	<i>Prinia superciliaris</i>
Rufescent Prinia	<i>Prinia rufescens</i>
Gray-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>
Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
Golden-headed Cisticola	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>

Reed Warblers and Allies (Acrocephalidae)

Black-browed Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus bistrigiceps</i>
Oriental Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>

Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Helopsaltes certhiola</i>
Baikal Bush Warbler	<i>Locustella davidi</i>
Striated Grassbird	<i>Cincloramphus palustris</i>

Cupwings (Pnoepygidae)

Pygmy Cupwing	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>
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Swallows (Hirundinidae)

Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Wire-tailed Swallow	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>
Striated Swallow	<i>Cecropis striolata</i>
Rufous-bellied Swallow	<i>Cecropis badia</i>
Asian House-Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>

Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)

Black-headed Bulbul	<i>Brachypodius melanocephalos</i>
Spectacled Bulbul	<i>Rubigula erythroptalmos</i>
Gray-bellied Bulbul	<i>Rubigula cyaniventris</i>
Scaly-breasted Bulbul	<i>Rubigula squamata</i>
Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Rubigula flaviventris</i>
Crested Finchbill	<i>Spizixos canifrons</i>
Striated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus striatus</i>
Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>
Brown-breasted Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xanthorrhous</i>
Sooty-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus aurigaster</i>
Stripe-throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus finlaysoni</i>

Flavescent Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus flavescens</i>
Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus goiavier</i>
Streak-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus conradi</i>
Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus brunneus</i>
Ochraceous Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus ochraceus</i>
Puff-throated Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus pallidus</i>
Buff-vented Bulbul	<i>Iole crypta</i>
Gray-eyed Bulbul	<i>Iole propinqua</i>
Olive Bulbul	<i>Iole viridescens</i>
Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>
Ashy Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flavala</i>
Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mccllellandii</i>

Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)

Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>
Buff-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus pulcher</i>
Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>
Hume's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>
Chinese Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus yunnanensis</i>
Radde's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>
Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>
Eastern Crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus coronatus</i>
Martens's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus omeiensis</i>
Alström's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus soror</i>
Greenish Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochiloides</i>
Two-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus</i>
Pale-legged Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus tenellipes</i>
Sakhalin Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealoides</i>
Arctic Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus castaniceps</i>
Sulphur-breasted Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus ricketti</i>
Blyth's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>
Claudia's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus claudiae</i>
Davison's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus intensior</i>

Bush Warblers and Allies (Scotocercidae)

Slaty-bellied Tesia	<i>Tesia olivea</i>
Yellow-bellied Warbler	<i>Abroscopus superciliaris</i>
Mountain Tailorbird	<i>Phyllergates cucullatus</i>
Aberrant Bush Warbler	<i>Horornis flavolivaceus</i>

Sylviid Warblers, Parrotbills, and Allies (Sylviidae)

Spot-breasted Parrotbill	<i>Paradoxornis guttaticollis</i>
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White-eyes, Yuhinas, and Allies (Zosteropidae)

Striated Yuhina	<i>Staphida castaniceps</i>
Chestnut-flanked White-eye	<i>Zosterops erythropleurus</i>
Swinhoe's White-eye	<i>Zosterops simplex</i>
Indian White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>
Hume's White-eye	<i>Zosterops auriventer</i>

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

Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	<i>Mixornis gularis</i>
Golden Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma chrysaemum</i>
Chestnut-winged Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma erythropterum</i>
Rufous-fronted Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma rufifrons</i>
White-browed Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</i>
Large Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Erythrogeus hypoleucos</i>
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Erythrogeus erythrogeus</i>
Gray-throated Babbler	<i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>
Gray-headed Babbler	<i>Stachyris poliocephala</i>

Ground Babblers and Allies (Pellorneidae)

Moustached Babbler	<i>Malacopteron magnirostre</i>	
Collared Babbler	<i>Gampsorhynchus torquatus</i>	
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	<i>Schoeniparus castaneiceps</i>	
Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	
Black-capped Babbler	<i>Pellorneum capistratum</i>	
Spot-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum albiventris</i>	
Buff-breasted Babbler	<i>Pellorneum tickelli</i>	
White-chested Babbler	<i>Pellorneum rostratum</i>	H
Abbott's Babbler	<i>Malacocincla abbotti</i>	
Streaked Wren-Babbler	<i>Gypsophila brevicaudata</i>	
Rufous Limestone Babbler	<i>Gypsophila calcicola</i>	H

Laughingthrushes and Allies (Leiothrichidae)

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe poiocephala</i>
Yunnan Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe fratercula</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>
Spectacled Barwing	<i>Actinodura ramsayi</i>
Silver-eared Mesia	<i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>
Rufous-backed Sibia	<i>Leioptila annectens</i>
Scarlet-faced Liocichla	<i>Liocichla ripponi</i>
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax monileger</i>
White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>

White-necked Laughingthrush
 Black-throated Laughingthrush
 White-browed Laughingthrush
 Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush

Garrulax strepitans
Pterorhinus chinensis
Pterorhinus sannio
Pterorhinus pectoralis

Nuthatches (Sittidae)

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch
 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch
 Giant Nuthatch

Sitta nagaensis
Sitta frontalis
Sitta magna

Treecreepers (Certhiidae)

Hume's Treecreeper

Certhia manipurensis

Starlings (Sturnidae)

Asian Glossy Starling
 Common Hill Myna
 Black-collared Starling
 Siamese Pied Starling
 Brahminy Starling
 Chestnut-tailed Starling
 Common Myna
 Great Myna

Aplonis panayensis
Gracula religiosa
Gracupica nigricollis
Gracupica floweri
Sturnia pagodarum
Sturnia malabarica
Acridotheres tristis
Acridotheres grandis

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Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)

Dark-sided Thrush
 Green Cochoa
 Black-breasted Thrush
 Gray-sided Thrush
 Eyebrowed Thrush

Zoothera marginata
Cochoa viridis
Turdus dissimilis
Turdus feae
Turdus obscurus

Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)

Dark-sided Flycatcher
 Asian Brown Flycatcher
 Brown-streaked Flycatcher
 Oriental Magpie-Robin
 White-rumped Shama
 Hainan Blue Flycatcher
 Chinese Blue Flycatcher
 Large Blue Flycatcher
 Hill Blue Flycatcher
 Indochinese Blue Flycatcher
 Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher
 Large Niltava
 Small Niltava
 Rufous-bellied Niltava

Muscicapa sibirica
Muscicapa dauurica
Muscicapa williamsoni
Copsychus saularis
Copsychus malabaricus
Cyornis hainanus
Cyornis glaucicomans
Cyornis magnirostris
Cyornis whitei
Cyornis sumatrensis
Cyornis olivaceus
Niltava grandis
Niltava macgrigoriae
Niltava sundara

Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>
Himalayan Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx cruralis</i>
Siberian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora cyane</i>
White-bellied Redstart	<i>Luscinia phaenicuroides</i>
Blue Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus</i>
White-crowned Forktail	<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>
Chestnut-naped Forktail	<i>Enicurus ruficapillus</i>
Black-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i>
Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>
White-tailed Robin	<i>Myiomela leucura</i>
Slaty-backed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula erithacus</i>
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula tricolor</i>
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula strophiiata</i>
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>
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>

Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Prionochilus maculatus</i>
Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Prionochilus percussus</i>
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile</i>
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum chrysorrheum</i>
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum trigonostigma</i>
Plain Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum minullum</i>
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters (Nectariniidae)

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Chalcoparia singalensis</i>
Plain Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes simplex</i>
Brown-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>
Purple Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris asiaticus</i>
Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</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>
Purple-naped Spiderhunter	<i>Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum</i>
Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysogenys*
Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*
Gray-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera modesta*

Fairy-bluebirds (Irenidae)

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

Leafbirds (Chloropseidae)

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati*
Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon*
Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*
Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*
Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

Weavers and Allies (Ploceidae)

Streaked Weaver *Ploceus manyar*
Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*
Asian Golden Weaver *Ploceus hypoxanthus*

Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*
White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*
White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*
Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*
Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*
Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*
Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

Spot-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas melanozanthos*
Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

Old World Buntings (Emberizidae)

Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola*

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GIBBONS: Hylobatidae

White-handed Gibbon *Hylobates lar*

OLD WORLD MONKEYS: Cercopithecidae

Dusky Langur *Trachypithecus obscurus*

Stump-tailed Macaque *Macaca arctoides*

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*

Northern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca leonina*

Southern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca nemestrina*

TREE SHREWS: Tupaiidae

Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belangeri*

SQUIRRELS: Sciuridae

Gray-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps*

Variable Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysonii*

Pallas's Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus*

Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus*

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*

Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandi*

Cambodian Striped Tree Squirrel *Tamiops rodolphei*

Low's Squirrel *Sundasciurus lowii*

OLD WORLD PORCUPINES: Hystricidae

Malayan Porcupine *Hystrix brachyura*

MONGOOSES: Herpestidae

Small Asian Mongoose *Herpestes javanicus*

DEER: Cervidae

Sambar Deer *Cervus unicolor*

Fea's Muntjac *Muntiacus feae*

Southern Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*

MOUSE DEER: Tragulidae

Lesser Mouse Deer *Tragulus javanicus*