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## **SOUTHERN VIETNAM: EASY INDOCHINA**

**A Birding with a Camera  
Custom Tour**

**January 30-February 8, 2023  
Guides: Ken Behrens &  
Trần Nhật Tiên**

**All photos by Ken Behrens**

### **TOUR SUMMARY**

Vietnam is one of Asia's biologically richest countries. Unfortunately, it's also famous as a place that is over-hunted and over-trapped, and heavily populated, making the wildlife viewing quite difficult. The good news is that the creation of several bird feeding and watering stations with blinds have drastically improved this situation. These setups allow intimate views and good photography of the normally shy birds. Southern Vietnam has been transformed from one of the toughest birding areas of Southeast Asia to one of its easiest. This tour makes an excellent and easy introduction to the region, which has some of the world's coolest birds, but where birding can often be a challenge.

This custom tour's itinerary was built around places with good bird blind setups, and places that offered chances to photograph some of one participant's desired families, in his quest to photograph all the bird families of the world. Vietnam can be a frustrating place for hardcore birder who wants to "clean up" on localized endemics and other species, but a very enjoyable place for a

slower-paced “birding with a camera” approach. The accommodations are comfortable, and good food can be found everywhere, from fresh stir-fries to tasty Bánh mì sandwiches and steaming bowls of fragrant Phở.

The trip started with a morning in Ho Chi Minh City. There was some decent urban birding, including a couple species we wouldn't see again, including Ashy Tailorbird and Malaysian Pied Fantail. Local photographers had staked out an Oriental Reed-Warbler, and were feeding it crickets, for great photo opportunities! Heading east, we spent the next three days in and around the Tan Phu Forest. This area has recently emerged as a top birding site due to the creation of a couple excellent bird hides. We spent the majority of our time in these hides, and were rewarded with Siamese Fireback, Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher, Laced Woodpecker, Bar-bellied Pitta (both male and female), Blue-rumped Pitta, and a bunch of more common species.

Birding along roads and trails turned up different species, such as Common and Great loras, Banded Broadbill, and Green-billed Malkoha. We ventured out for some owling on two different nights. Large-tailed Nightjar and Oriental Scops-Owl were incredibly cooperative, whereas Oriental Bay-Owl and Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl were only heard.

About an hour's drive brought us to Cat Tien, Vietnam's best-protected and most diverse national park. Some time in a good hide gave us great views of Germain's Peacock-Pheasant and



**In Tan Phu, we came face-to-face with an Oriental Scops-Owl at incredibly close range.**

Scaly-breasted Partridge. These were joined by lots of other birds such as Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, White-rumped Shama, and a variety of babblers and bulbuls. We walked various roads and trails in search of other birds, and also sighted Black-shanked Douc Langur and Buff-cheeked Gibbon. One afternoon in the park's grassland area was a delight. There were several Green Peafowl sightings, plus a close-up encounter with a Banded Kingfisher. Great Eared-Nightjars hawked insects overhead at dusk.



**White-cheeked Laughingthrush on Da Lat. Hides area the best way to see shy birds like laughingthrushes in Vietnam.**

Di Linh pass was our first site in the mountains, a very different habitat and set of birds from the lowland semi-evergreen forests. The bird hides here have to count among the best in the world! There is great overall diversity, and some absolutely spectacular birds visit frequently. As evidence of this, the top two sightings from the trip occurred in these hides: Silver-breasted Broadbill and Indochinese Green-Magpie. There was also Large Scimitar-Babbler, Black-headed Parrotbill, Blue Pitta, Mugimaki Flycatcher, and many other species.

Heading north, we climbed onto the Da Lat Plateau, Vietnam's richest area for endemic birds. Although the birding here could formerly be bafflingly difficult, there are now several carefully constructed hides. Not only do these simply allow you to see most of the endemics, they allow you to see them vividly and intimately, and to take excellent photos. It's a different world from birding Da Lat ten years ago! Just a few of our prized hide sightings included Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler, Lesser Shortwing, Gray-bellied Tesia, and White-cheeked Laughingthrush. Pygmy Cupwing was a major target, but unfortunately it only vocalized at close range, and skittered through the forest behind the hide – never coming in for good views or photos. Birding along roads filled in a few other endemics like Vietnamese Cutia and Da Lat Shrike-Babbler.

A short domestic flight brought us back to Ho Chi Minh city, where we connected with our outbound international flights. It had been a short but sweet trip in southern Vietnam, which has rapidly emerged as one of Southeast Asia's premier birding and photography destinations.



At Di Linh, we had point-blank views of a female Blue Pitta.

## TOP 5 TOUR SIGHTINGS

*As voted by all the tour participants and guides*

- 1) **Silver-breasted Broadbill – 9 VOTES.** Broadbills were a major family target for this custom tour. Early in the trip, in Tan Phu, we had a good sighting of a Banded Broadbill, but photographic conditions were tough. So it was a great treat when a whole troop of around 20 Silver-breasted Broadbills dropped down to visit the water pool at one of the hides at Di Linh. This bird is rich in exquisite and gorgeous details, and also displays a surprising amount of variation among individuals.



2) **Indochinese Green-Magpie – 7 VOTES.** On our second day at Di Linh, the morning was slow, but our patience paid off when Indochinese Green-Magpie and Large Scimitar-Babbler visited in quick succession. Getting point-blank views of these extremely shy species was an unforgettable treat!



3) **Bar-bellied Pitta – 6 VOTES.** This pitta is perhaps the quintessential Indochinese bird species, and definitely one of the best-looking pittas on Earth to boot. In Tan Phu we had multiple looks at females, and a lengthy encounter with the stunning male shown below.



4) **Green Peafowl – 4 VOTES.** The grasslands of Cat Tien NP held a bunch of Green Peafowl. What a spectacular bird! Much harder to find than the better-known Indian Peafowl.



5) **Mountain Tailorbird – 3 VOTES.** Bumping into this long-billed, unusual, skulky little bird along the trail to one of the hides was an unexpected highlight for a couple of the participants.



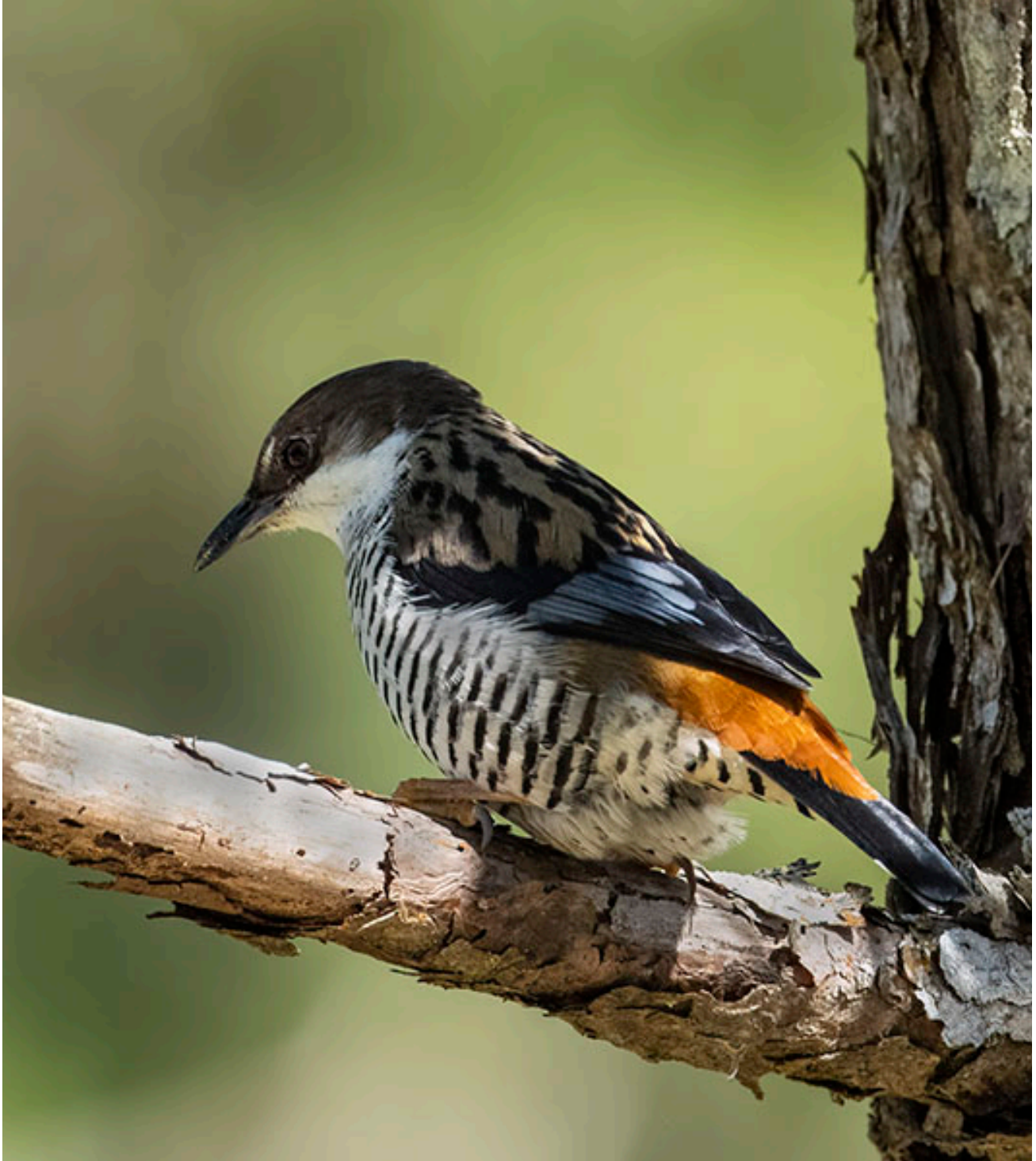


**Vernal Hanging-Parrot – 3 VOTES.** This was a new bird for Tiên, at least to have good perched views, so naturally it was his top trip bird!



**6) Oriental Scops-Owl – 2 VOTES.** On our second owling session in Tan Phu, we came face to face with an Oriental Scops-Owl that was perched **BELOW** eye level! All owl encounters are magical, but this one was special even by owl standards. See the photo earlier in the report.

7) **Vietnamese Cutia – 1 VOTE.** This big, unusual laughingthrush is endemic to south and central Vietnam. We had to search long and hard, but eventually located a pair, in some pine woods on Da Lat.



**Indochinese Barbet – 1 VOTE** Asian Barbets was one of the family targets for this trip. Photographing members of this family is rarely easy, as they are the size, color, and shape of a leaf, and generally stick to the canopy. With a lot of work, we eventually managed good shots of a couple of Indochinese Barbets on Da Lat. Like all members of this family, it's quite a good-looking bird.



## ITINERARY

January 30	Arrival in Saigon.
January 31	Birding in Saigon. Afternoon to Tan Phu.
February 1	Tan Phu Forest Reserve.
February 2	Tan Phu Forest Reserve.
February 3	Cat Tien National Park
February 4	Cat Tien NP morning. Afternoon Di Linh.
February 5	Morning Di Linh. Drive to Da Lat.
February 6	Da Lat Plateau.
February 7	Da Lat Plateau.
February 8	Flight from Da Lat to Saigon. Departure.



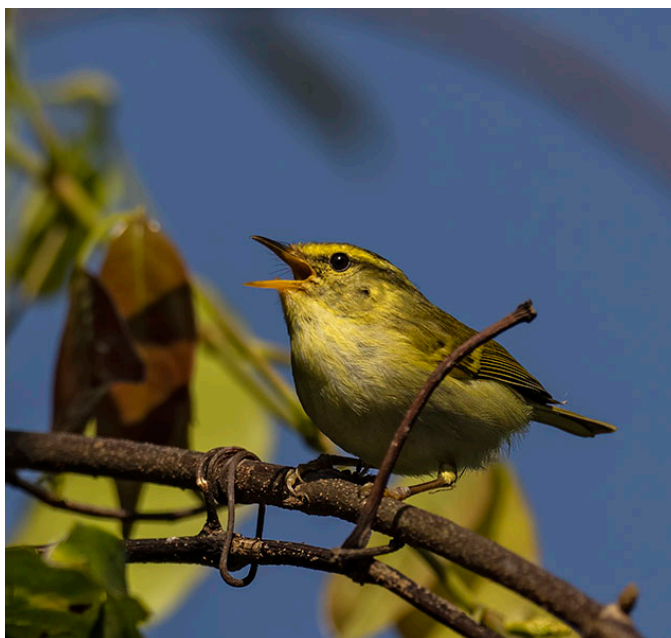
A mob (or is it a scrum?!) of White-cheeked Laughingthrushes on Da Lat.

## PHOTO GALLERY

A full [Flickr gallery](https://www.flickr.com/photos/kbehrens/albums/72177720306339240) of photos from this trip, organized chronologically, is on Ken's Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/kbehrens/albums/72177720306339240>



Siberian Blue Robin is a fairly common hide visitor.



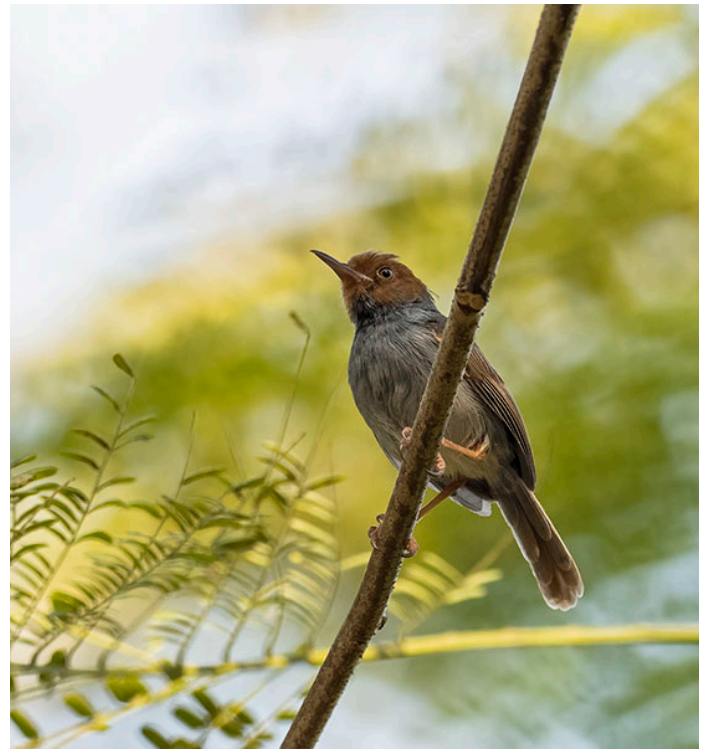
Brown-rumped Minivet (left) in Cat Tien and Kloss's Leaf-Warbler on Da Lat (right).



Flowerpeckers were a family photographic target, so it was great to have this Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker right from the balcony of our Cat Tien lodge.



Blue-rumped Pitta was a frequent hide visitor at Tan Phu and Di Linh.



A couple of Ashy birds: Ashy Woodswallow (left) in Cat Tien and Ashy Tailorbird (right) in Saigon.



Streaked Wren-Babbler made a brief visit to the "upper hide" at Da Lat.



Incredibly close views of Laced Woodpecker in Tan Phu.

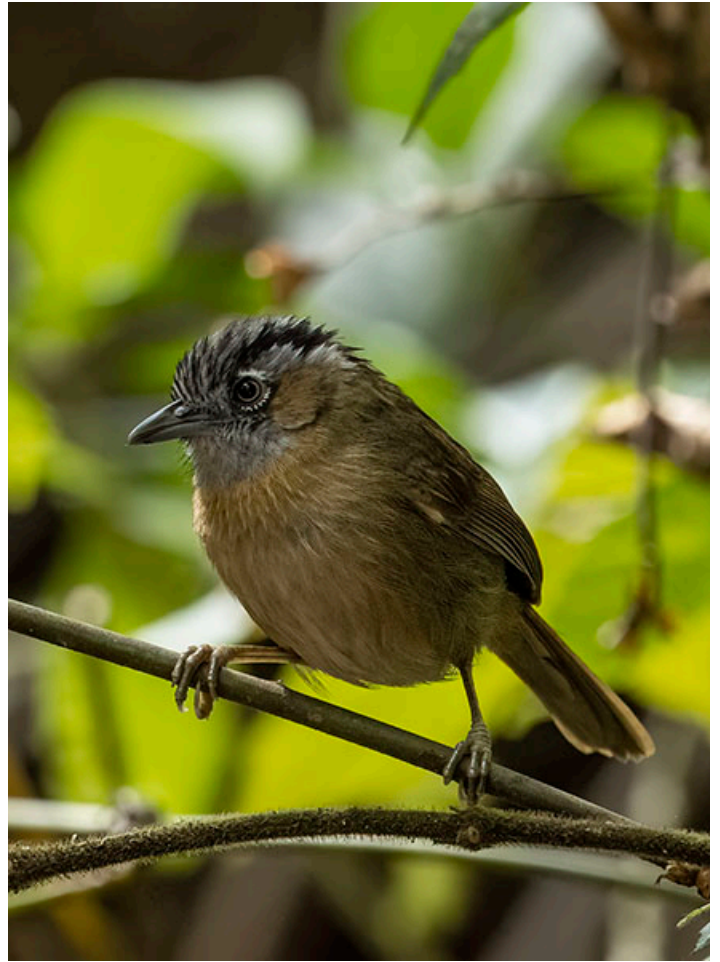




Da Lat's pine forests don't hold a lot of birds, but they are the preferred habitat of Slender-billed Oriole.



We had amazing, close-up views of the skulking Da Lat Bush Warbler.



Highland birds: Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher (left) and Gray-throated Babbler (right).



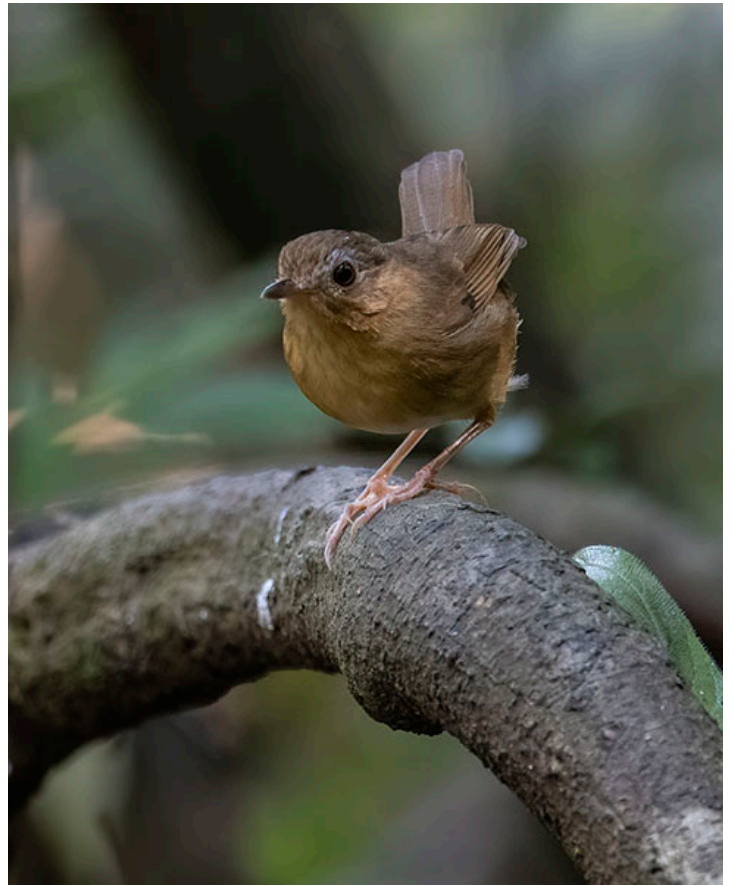
There were lots of beautiful butterflies like this Knight.



The Da Lat “white spectacted” subspecies of Black-headed Sibia is quite distinctive and is sometimes split.



We had multiple visits from huge “loaf of bread” Greater Coucals in the lowland hides.



**Black-and-buff Woodpecker (left) in Cat Tien and Buff-breasted Babbler (right) in Tan Phu.**



**Thick-billed Flowerpecker, an inconspicuous canopy species.**



Ioras were one of the top family targets, and we declared "mission accomplished" after seeing and photographing this Common Iora!



Displaying Crested Goshawk, with its white undertail puffed out, is such a distinctive bird!



**Brown-and-gray hide visitors: Lesser Shortwing (left) and Mountain Fulvetta (right).**



**This treeful of Golden-crested Mynas in Cat Tien was a beautiful and memorable sight.**



**Large Niltava female (left) is strikingly different from the male (right).**

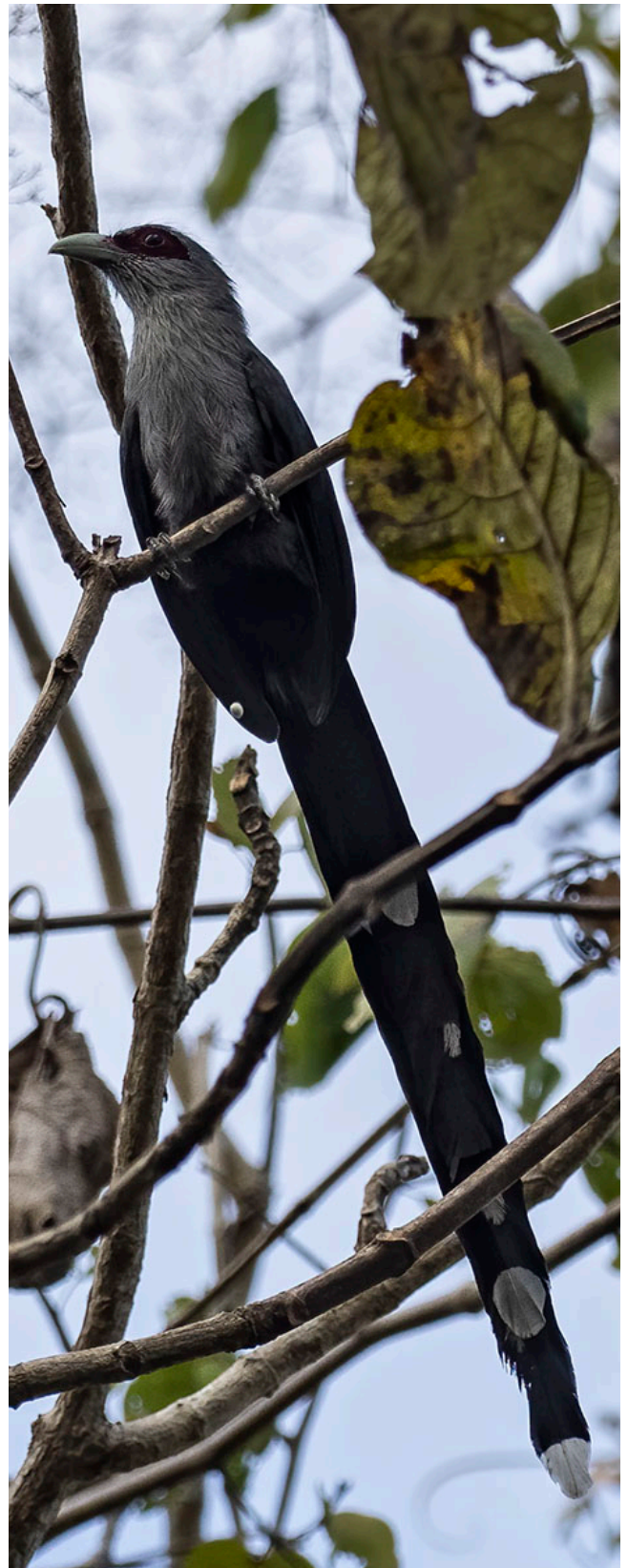


**Chinese Pond-Heron on the Saigon River.**



Greater Racket-tailed Drongo is quite a spectacular bird, and a frequent lowland hide visitor.





Dark-morph Oriental Honey-buzzard (left) and Green-billed Malkoha (right).



Seeing Large Scimitar-Babbler like this was a rare treat, at the Di Linh hides.



Streak-eared Bulbul is one of the more common lowland bird species.



There was a Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler regularly visiting one of the Tan Phu hides this year.



Out in "the wilds" along the forest roads in Tan Phu, we found this Orange-breasted Trogon.



Leafbirds don't usually descend to the hides, but we enjoyed this rare sighting of Blue-winged Leafbird.



Chestnut-vented Nuthatch (left) at Da Lat, and Abbott's Babbler (right) at Tan Phu.



**Germain's Swiftlet is incredibly common in the lowlands, partially due to swiftlet "farms".**



**Siamese Fireback pair at Tan Phu. One of the marquee birds of the region!**



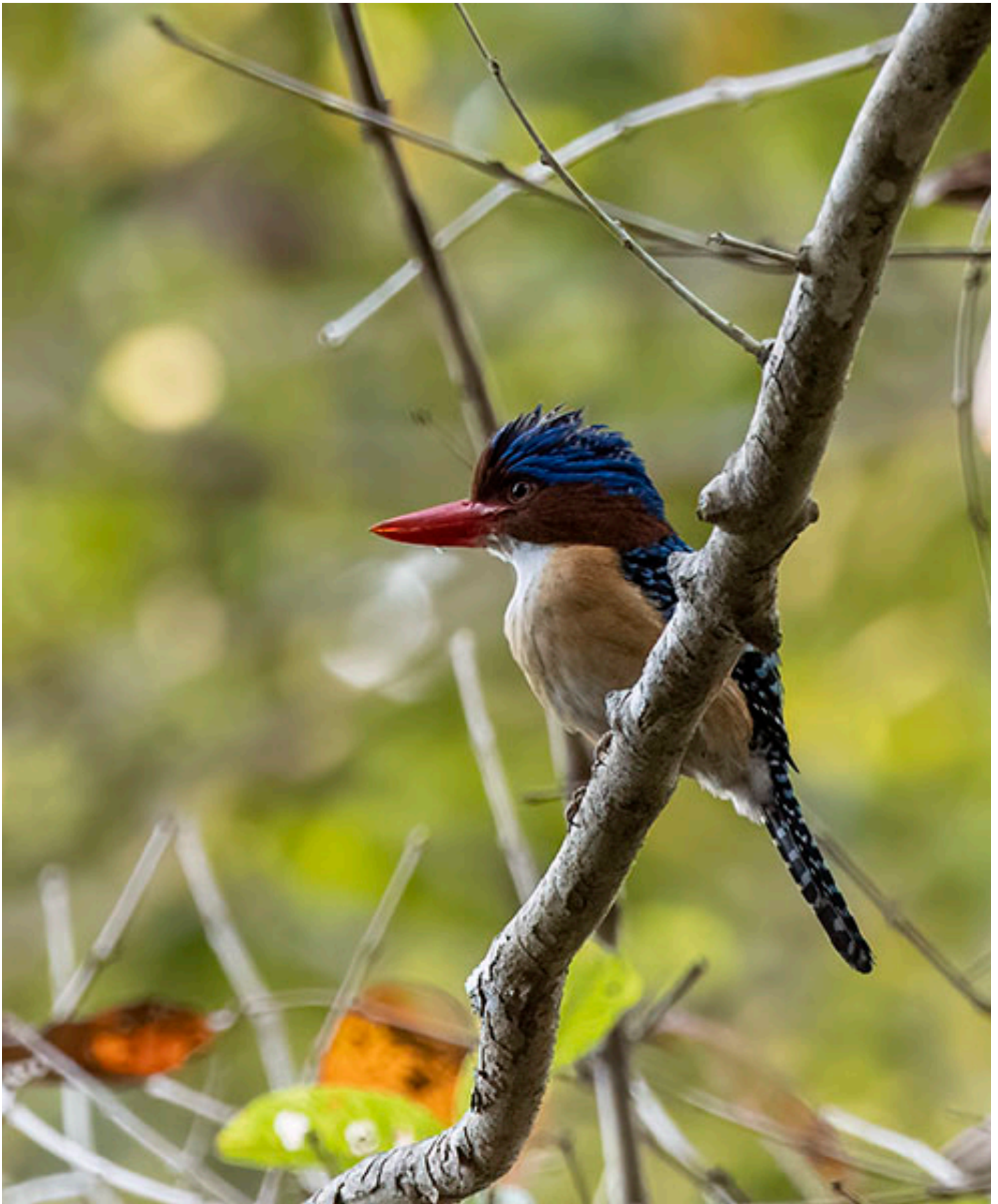
Stripe-throated Bulbul, a subtly handsome bird.



We sighted Black-hooded Parrotbills a couple times at Di Linh.



This Two-barred Warbler was sheltering under this huge leaf during a rainstorm!



**Banded Kingfisher in Cat Tien, a classic Southeast Asian forest bird.**





**Hainan Blue-Flycatcher (left) at Di Linh and Lesser Yellownape (right) in Cat Tien.**



**A skulking Yellow Bittern, on our first morning in Ho Chi Minh City.**



**Asian Palm-Swifts occasionally swooped overhead in Tan Phu and Cat Tien.**



**It required a long wait, but eventually a Germain's Peacock-Pheasant came in to the hide at Cat Tien.**



**Yellow-browed Warbler may be the most common bird in southern Vietnam in winter.**



**This Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher was regularly visiting one of the Tan Phu hides. A delightful surprise!**



**Red-breasted Parakeets honking noisily as they fly over Cat Tien.**



**The "Gray-crowned" Da Lat subspecies of Black-throated Tit is very distinctive, and is often split.**



White-browed Scimitar-Babbler is wonderfully easy to see in the highland hides.



Short-billed Scimitar-Babbler, one of the star birds at Da Lat.



**Vietnamese Greenfinch (left) on Da Lat and Indochinese Cuckooshrike (right) at Cat Tien.**



**Gray-eyed Bulbul, one of an array of bulbuls and babbler that visit the lowland hides.**



**Maroon Oriole (left) and White-bellied Erpornis (right), both at Di Linh.**



**Male Mugimaki Flycatcher is quite a beautiful bird, and a frequent Di Linh hide visitor.**



**White-throated Rock-Thrush female (above) and male (below) are strikingly different!**







**White-tailed Robins are so tame at the Da Lat hides that they sometimes come into the hide to look for mealworms!**



**White-spectacled Warbler, an inconspicuous highland species.**



**Pin-striped Tit-Babbler visits the lowland hides, but never lingers for long.**



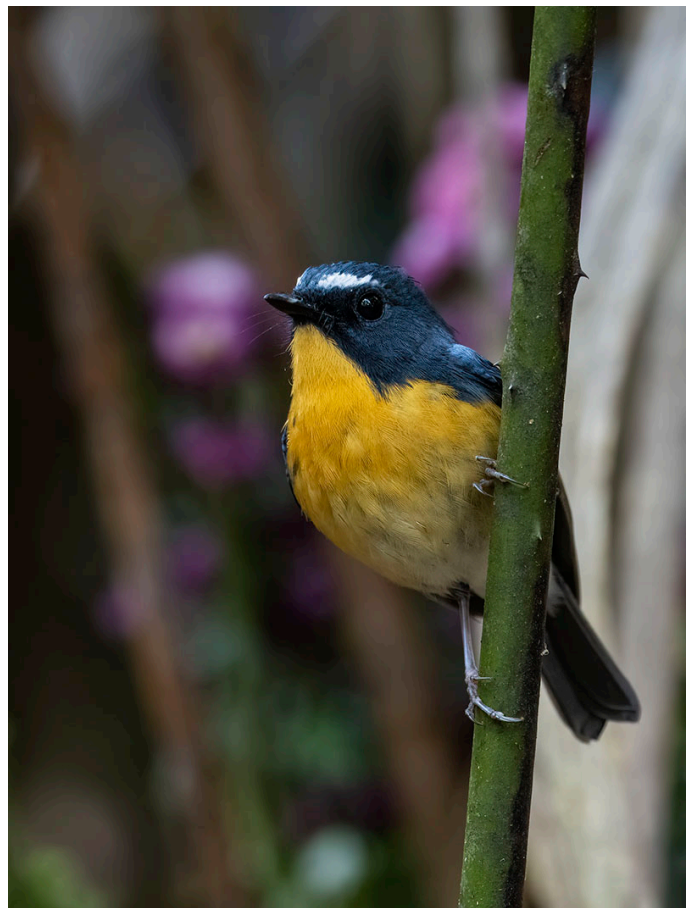
**Seeing the rare and incredibly shy Orange-necked Partridge at Tan Phu was a major highlight.**



**Vietnamese Cutia at eye level on Da Lat.**



**"Indochinese" Scaly-crowned Babbler, with a Puff-throated Babbler behind.**



**Mrs. and Mr. Snowy-browed Flycatcher, on Da Lat.**



**Seeing Rufous-throated Partridge this well was one of the highlights of Da Lat.**

## BIRD LIST

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow *The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World v2022* (including updates through October 2022).

The full list, including numbers and many other details, can be see as part of the [eBird trip report](https://ebird.org/tripreport/109299) for this trip: <https://ebird.org/tripreport/109299>

<b>GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae</b>			
	Rufous-throated Partridge	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Orange-necked Partridge	<i>Arborophila davidi</i>	
	Siamese Fireback	<i>Lophura diardi</i>	
	Green Peafowl	<i>Pavo muticus</i>	
	Scaly-breasted (Green-legged) Partridge	<i>Arborophila chloropus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Germain's Peacock-Pheasant	<i>Polyplectron germaini</i>	
	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	
<b>PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae</b>			
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	
<b>COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae</b>			
	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	
	Red Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	
	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	
	Barred Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>	G
	Asian (Gray-capped) Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	
	Zebra Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	
	Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>	
	Ashy-headed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron phayrei</i>	
	Thick-billed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron curvirostra</i>	
	Green Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	
	Mountain Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>	
<b>CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae</b>			
	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	
	Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>	
	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>	
	Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	H
	Violet Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus</i>	
	Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>	
	Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	

	Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	
	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	
<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae</b>			
	Great Eared-Nightjar	<i>Lyncornis macrotis</i>	
	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	
<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Apodidae</b>			
	Silver-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus cochinchinensis</i>	
	Himalayan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus brevirostris</i>	
	Germain's Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus germani</i>	
	House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>	
	Asian Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	
<b>GRUIFORMES: Rallidae</b>			
	Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae</b>			
	Red-wattled (Black-necked) Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus atronuchalis</i>	
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae</b>			
	Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
<b>CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae</b>			
	Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	
<b>SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae</b>			
	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	
<b>PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae</b>			
	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	
	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	
	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
	Chinese Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>	
	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>	
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae</b>			
	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	
<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae</b>			
	Oriental (Indomalayan) Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus ptilorhynchus</i>	
	Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	

	Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>	H
	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>	
	Rufous-winged Buzzard	<i>Butastur liventer</i>	
	Gray-faced Buzzard	<i>Butastur indicus</i>	
	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	
	Gray-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>	
<b>STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae</b>			
	Collared Scops-Owl	<i>Otus lettia</i>	H
	Oriental Scops-Owl	<i>Otus sunia</i>	
	Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl	<i>Ketupa nipalensis</i>	H
	Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	
	Collared Owlet	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>	H
	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	
	Brown Boobook	<i>Ninox scutulata</i>	H
<b>TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae</b>			
	Red-headed Trogon	<i>Harpactes erythrocephalus</i>	
	Orange-breasted Trogon	<i>Harpactes oreskios</i>	
<b>BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae</b>			
	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	
<b>BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae</b>			
	Oriental Pied-Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>	
<b>CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae</b>			
	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	
	Blue-eared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo meninting</i>	
	Black-backed (Oriental) Dwarf-Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>	
	Banded Kingfisher	<i>Lacedo pulchella</i>	
	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	
	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	
<b>CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae</b>			
	Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	<i>Merops leschenaulti</i>	
<b>CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae</b>			
	Indochinese Roller	<i>Coracias affinis</i>	
	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	
<b>PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae</b>			
	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	
	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Psilopogon duvaucelii</i>	

<b>NE</b>	Red-vented Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lagrandieri</i>	H
	Green-eared Barbet	<i>Psilopogon faiostrictus</i>	
	Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Necklaced Barbet	<i>Psilopogon auricularis</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Indochinese (Annam) Barbet	<i>Psilopogon annamensis</i>	
<b>PICIFORMES: Picidae</b>			
	Heart-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Hemicircus canente</i>	
	Gray-capped Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>	
	Bay Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>	
	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>	
	Black-and-buff Woodpecker	<i>Meiglyptes jugularis</i>	
	Common Flameback	<i>Dinopium javanense</i>	
	Lesser (Himalayan) Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus chlorolophus</i>	
	Laced Woodpecker	<i>Picus vittatus</i>	
	Greater Yellownape	<i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>	H
	Great Slaty Woodpecker	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>	H
<b>PSITTACIFORMES: Psittaculidae</b>			
	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>	
	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	
	Vernal Hanging-Parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Eurylaimidae</b>			
	Silver-breasted Broadbill	<i>Serilophus lunatus</i>	
	Banded Broadbill	<i>Eurylaimus javanicus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae</b>			
<b>NE</b>	Blue-rumped Pitta	<i>Hydronis soror</i>	
	Blue Pitta	<i>Hydronis cyaneus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Bar-bellied Pitta	<i>Hydronis elliotii</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae</b>			
<b>E</b>	Long-tailed (Annam) Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus annamensis</i>	
	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>	
	Ashy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus divaricatus</i>	
	Brown-rumped Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cantonensis</i>	
	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	
	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage melaschistos</i>	
	Indochinese Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage polioptera</i>	



<b>PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae</b>			
<b>E</b>	White-browed (Dalat) Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius aeralatus annamensis</i>	
	Clicking Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius intermedius</i>	
	White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae</b>			
	(Eastern) Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis diffusus</i>	
	Slender-billed Oriole	<i>Oriolus tenuirostris</i>	
	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	
	Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae</b>			
	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae</b>			
	Large Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis virgatus</i>	
	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	
	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae</b>			
	Common lora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	
	Great lora	<i>Aegithina lafresnayeii</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae</b>			
	Malaysian (Sunda) Pied-Fantail	<i>Rhipidura javanica</i>	
	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae</b>			
	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	
	Ashy (Sooty) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus leucophaeus</i>	
	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	
	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>	
	Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	
	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae</b>			
	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae</b>			
	(Northern) Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus cristatus</i>	
	Burmese Shrike	<i>Lanius colluriooides</i>	
	Gray-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>	

<b>PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae</b>			
	Eurasian (White-faced) Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius leucotis</i>	
	Indochinese Green-Magpie	<i>Cissa hypoleuca</i>	
	Racket-tailed Treepie	<i>Crypsirina temia</i>	
	Large-billed (Eastern Jungle) Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos levaillantii</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae</b>			
	Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Paridae</b>			
<b>E</b>	Green-backed (Langbian) Tit	<i>Parus monticolus legendrei</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae</b>			
	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	H
	Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>	
	Ashy Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus ruficeps</i>	
	Annam Prinia	<i>Prinia rocki</i>	G
	Hill Prinia	<i>Prinia superciliaris</i>	
	Rufescent Prinia	<i>Prinia rufescens</i>	
	Gray-breasted Prinia	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	H
	Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	
	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae</b>			
	Black-browed Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus bistrigiceps</i>	
	Oriental Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae</b>			
	Pallas's Grasshopper-Warbler	<i>Helopsaltes certhiola</i>	
<b>E</b>	Dalat Bush Warbler (Annam Grasshopper-warbler)	<i>Locustella idonea</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Pnoepygidae</b>			
	Pygmy Cupwing	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae</b>			
	(Eurasian) Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
	(Asian) Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	
	Striated Swallow	<i>Cecropis striolata</i>	
	Asian House-Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae</b>			
	Black-headed Bulbul	<i>Brachypodius atriceps</i>	
	Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Rubigula flaviventris</i>	

	(Southern) Sooty-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus aurigaster aurigaster</i>	
	Stripe-throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus finlaysoni</i>	
	Flavescent Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus flavescens</i>	
	(Sunda) Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus goiavier analis</i>	
	Streak-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus conradi</i>	
	Puff-throated Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus pallidus</i>	
	Ochraceous Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus ochraceus</i>	
	Gray-eyed Bulbul	<i>Iole propinqua</i>	
	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Ashy (Brown-backed) Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flavala remotus</i>	
	(Southern) Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mccllellandii tickelli</i>	H
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae</b>			
	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	
	White-spectacled Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus intermedius</i>	
	Gray-cheeked Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus poliogenys</i>	
	Two-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus</i>	
	Pale-legged Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus tenellipes</i>	
	Chestnut-crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus castaniceps</i>	H
	Blyth's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>	
	Kloss's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus ogilviegranti</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Scotocercidae</b>			
	Gray-bellied Tesia	<i>Tesia cyaniventer</i>	
	Mountain Tailorbird	<i>Phyllergates cucullatus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae</b>			
<b>NE</b>	Black-throated (Gray-crowned) Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus annamensis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae</b>			
<b>NE</b>	Black-headed Parrotbill	<i>Psittiparus margaritae</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae</b>			
	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>	
	Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	<i>Mixornis gularis</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Gray-faced Tit-Babbler	<i>Mixornis kelleyi</i>	
	Rufous-capped Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma ruficeps</i>	
	White-browed Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</i>	
	Large Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Megapomatorhinus hypoleucos</i>	
	Gray-throated Babbler	<i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>	

<b>PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae</b>			
<b>NE</b>	Scaly-crowned (Indochinese) Babbler	<i>Malacopteron cinereum indochinense</i>	
<b>E</b>	Black-crowned Fulvetta	<i>Schoeniparus klossi</i>	
	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	
	Buff-breasted Babbler	<i>Pellorneum tickelli</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Short-tailed (Indochinese) Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Napothera danjoui</i>	
	Abbott's Babbler	<i>Turdinus abbotti</i>	
<b>E</b>	(Annam) Streaked Wren-Babbler	<i>Turdinus brevicaudatus rufiventer</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae</b>			
	Mountain Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe peracensis</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Vietnamese Cutia	<i>Cutia legalleni</i>	
	(Eastern) White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus diardi</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Black-hooded Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax milleti</i>	H
<b>NE</b>	White-cheeked Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla vassali</i>	
<b>E</b>	Collared Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron yersini</i>	H
<b>E</b>	Black-headed (White-spectacled) Sibia	<i>Heterophasia desgodinsi robinsoni</i>	
	Rufous-backed Sibia	<i>Minla annectens annectens</i>	
<b>E</b>	Gray-crowned Crocias	<i>Crocias langbianis</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Blue-winged (Plain) Minla	<i>Actinodura cyanouroptera orientalis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae</b>			
	Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	<i>Sitta nagaensis</i>	
	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae</b>			
	Hume's (Manipur) Treecreeper	<i>Certhia manipurensis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae</b>			
	Golden-crested Myna	<i>Ampeliceps coronatus</i>	
	Black-collared Starling	<i>Gracupica nigricollis</i>	
	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	
	Vinous-breasted Starling (Myna)	<i>Acridotheres burmannicus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae</b>			
	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	
	Eyebrowed Thrush	<i>Turdus obscurus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Muscipidae</b>			
	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	
	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	

	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	
	Rufous-browed Flycatcher	<i>Anthipes solitarius</i>	
	Hainan Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis hainanus</i>	
	Indochinese Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis sumatrensis</i>	H
	Large Niltava	<i>Niltava grandis</i>	
	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Lesser (Langbian) Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx leucophris langbianensis</i>	
	Siberian Blue Robin	<i>Larivora cyane</i>	
	Blue (Yellow-billed) Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus flavirostris</i>	
	White-tailed Robin	<i>Myiomela leucura</i>	
	Mugimaki Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula mugimaki</i>	
	Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>	
	Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>	
	Taiga Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>	
	White-throated Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola gularis</i>	
	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	
	Gray Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae</b>			
	Thick-billed (Modest) Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile obsoletum</i>	
	Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum chrysorrheum</i>	
	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>	
	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae</b>			
	Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Chalcoparia singalensis</i>	
	Brown-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>	
	Van Hasselt's (Maroon-bellied) Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma brasiliana</i>	
	Olive-backed (Ornate) Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis ornatus</i>	
<b>E</b>	Black-throated (Langbian) Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata johnsi</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Mrs. Gould's (Annam) Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae annamensis</i>	
	Purple-naped Spiderhunter	<i>Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum</i>	H
	Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>	
	Streaked Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera magna</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Irenidae</b>			
	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae</b>			
	Blue-winged Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>	

	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae</b>			
	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae</b>			
	House (Indian) Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus indicus</i>	
	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae</b>			
	Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	
	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	H
	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae</b>			
E	Vietnamese Greenfinch	<i>Chloris monguilloti</i>	
	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	

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	Northern Treeshrew	<i>Tupaia belangeri</i>
	Northern Slender-tailed Treeshrew	<i>Dendrogale murina</i>
<b>NE</b>	Black-shanked Douc	<i>Pygathrix nigripes</i>
	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>
<b>NE</b>	Buff-cheeked Gibbon	<i>Nomascus gabriellae</i>
	Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>
	Pallas' Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus erythraeus</i>
	Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel	<i>Dremomys rufigenis</i>
	Cambodian Striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops rodolphei</i>
	Eastern Striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops maritimus</i>
	Indochinese Ground Squirrel	<i>Menetes berdmorei</i>



Indochinese Ground Squirrel, an almost constant presence at the lowland hides.