

THAILAND, BORNEO, LAOS

JAN 14th - MAR 29th 2023



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Giant Pitta, Sepilok BORNEO

TRAIN & FLIGHTS

TRAIN DERBY TO BHI **£22** PP/EACH WAY

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

THAILAND with **AIR INDIA** **£881.64** RTN each 2x 25kg Checkin baggage + 7kg cabin.

14 JAN BHX 20.30 (VIA DELHI) 19.20 BKK +1 (12HRS 35 MINS + 3HRS 20 MINS STOPOVER)

29 MAR BKK 08.55 (VIA DELHI) 18.15 BHX +1 (13HRS 55 MINS + 1HR 25 MINS STOPOVER)

SABAH with **AIR ASIA** **£92.30** each outbound and **£80** each inbound 1x 25kg Outbound / 20kg return Checkin +7kg Cabin.

05 FEB DMK 19.05 – 23.05 BKK

19 FEB BKK 16.35 – 18.35 DMK

LAOS with **AIR ASIA** **£142.41** RTN each 1x 20kg Checkin +7kg Cabin

22 FEB 09.10 – 10.20 VTE

28 FEB 09.35 – 10.45 DMK

BHX	BIRMINGHAM
BKK	BANGKOK
DMK	DON MUEANG
BKK	KOTA KINABALU
VTE	VIENTIANE

**FREE SHUTTLE BUS TRANSFER FROM
BKK-DMK-BKK EVERY 30 MINS**

CAR RENTAL (all pre-booked online and no problems when returning all)

THAILAND

KEDDY/ EUROPCAR **£492 for 20 days**. Had an engine management light appear and a rattling engine noise after a few days so exchanged our cheapo car for a Nissan X-Trail in Chiang Rai with no fuss for a much better car.

VIP CARS/ THAIRENT A CAR **£460.83 for 28 days**. Toyota Yaris. Cheapest car available but too new and white !

SABAH

KLOOK/ SURIA **£329.55 for 14 days**. Toyota Yaris with lockable boot and had no problems. Cheapest car available

LAOS

HERTZ **£225 for 5 days**. Hyundai Creta SUV was the cheapest car available and helped with the shit roads.

MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

VISAS

THAILAND 45 DAY VISA WAIVER UK CITIZENS (RENEWED FOR 45 DAYS ON ENTRY FROM SABAH & LAOS).

SABAH / MALAYSIA 90 DAY VISA WAIVER UK CITIZENS.

LAOS 30 DAY +\$40 AND A PASSPORT STYLE PHOTO, VISA ON ARRIVAL.

EXCHANGE RATE **£1 = 40 BAHT**

£1 = 5 MYR

£1 = 20,000 KIP

ATM's Widely available in Thailand and Sabah but less so in Laos.

TIME THAILAND / LAOS +7hrs ahead of GMT

SABAH +8hrs ahead of GMT

Electrical sockets Thailand/ Laos 2 x combined flat and round pin type.

Sabah 3 pin UK type

BOOKS, MAPS, RECORDINGS ETC

LITERATURE

Birds of South-East Asia

Birds of the Indonesian Archipelago 2nd Ed

South-East Asia

Robson dated now and Merlin app easier to use.

Eaton et al. Up to date and easy to use with maps, text and plates all on same open page spread.

Merlin App needs more calls adding.

INTERNET TRIP REPORTS.

E-BIRD for new and current information and sites.

MAPSME to mark sites, hotels etc accurately, and to use as a Sat Nav.

SOUND RECORDINGS

Merlin app for **South-East Asia** with gaps filled in by **Xeno Canto**.

GUIDES

SABAH

BULWER'S PHEASANT; Bornean Endemic showing at a screened hide at **Trus Madi Jungle Girl Camp**.

Access is arranged by **Calvin** on **Whatsapp +60178989778** who replies quickly and also speaks good English.

He can also arrange or help with transport, accommodation and any queries you might have.

BORNEAN PEACOCK PHEASANT; Bornean Endemic showing at a private site near **Telupid**.

Access is arranged by **Khairul** on **Whatsapp +60128445561** who also replies quickly and speaks good English. We arranged a time and place to meet and followed him to a parking area by a house from where we all walked a short distance to a screened hide and waited all day. He can also arrange or help with transport, accommodation and any queries you might have.

Khairul is a bird guide and can arrange tours for those interested. He does know the birds well.

THAILAND

TURQUOISE-THROATED BARBET; Thai endemic only found in **Khao Luang National Park**. Split from Blue-throated Barbet.

Guide was **ROJ** who runs the **Wang Tey Guesthouse** <https://goo.gl/maps/NKbHYNtgEKRmtXjB8> in **Ban Kiriwong**.

Email monitored by his wife rojernow2513@gmail.com Mobile **+66(0) 819781352**.

He can guide on the trail towards **Khao Luang peak** for 1500 BHT/Day.

If only going for the Barbet you should only need to go to 850-900m asl and if you get the 30 minute motorbike ride up to c 670m asl it isn't very far to go, maybe an hour or so. I saw c 20 Barbets at this altitude by 8.30am.

We stayed at his Guesthouse but ate a few hundred m back in the village.

Roj can also provide you with meals and drinks and has a very friendly atmosphere at his place. He speaks quite good English.

SRI PHANG NGA

SAK is one of the Forest Wardens here and knows the roosting areas of **Gould's** and **Blyth's Frogmouths** and any other rarity in the park. He has sharp eyes and ears and helped me with **BLYTH'S FROGMOUTH** at night.

Mobile **+66 (0)897268851**. Sak speaks a little English and is speedy with Google Translate!

TRIP IN GENERAL

I always wanted to do a slow, winter South East Asia trip when I retired and this was the ideal time to do one with gas and electricity prices soaring at home. Add to that a potentially once-in-a-lifetime chance of Bulwer's Pheasant and Bornean Peacock-Pheasant and it was all too good to miss.

After a lot of time away in the previous 12 months I thought a 10 weeker would keep the wife happy as well, so quickly booked some flights and arranged the Bornean pheasants after returning from New Zealand on Dec 26th 2022.

Everything was easy to arrange so off we went on Jan 14th 2023!

We did the logistics a few weeks or even only days in advance so as not to have to work to a timetable and to get the best chances of seeing the targets and enjoying the places we visited. Thus the decision to start at **Chiang Rai** as there was a **Baer's Pochard** up that way started us off with the first part in Thailand travelling to the North. We also saw **Annam Limestone Babbler** nearby and then circled round west via **Doi Pha Hom Pok** where **Blyth's Leaf Warbler**, **Fire-capped Tit** and **Spot-winged Grosbeak** showed well.

Doi Inthanon finally gave up **Rufous-throated Partridge** and at **Tak**, **Olive Bulbul** was common along with **Variable Limestone Babbler**. Then across east to **Phu Suan Sai National Park** where I saw **Short-tailed Parrotbill**, **Rufous-throated Fulvetta** and **Buff-chested Babbler** and then down to Khao Yai. Near Bangkok, James Eaton kindly helped out with **Manchurian Reed Warbler** seen on a couple of days at Pathum Thani Rice fields.

Rob Hutchinson had told me previously that the weather in Borneo was very wet so we delayed going for the Pheasants till early Feb. This turned out to be a good decision as we had mostly dry weather which was good for viewing the **Bulwer's** and **Bornean Peacock-Pheasants** and as it turned out perfect timing for **Giant Pitta** and **Hose's Broadbill** and a very nice male **Narcissus Flycatcher** as well as the much wanted **Black-masked Kingfisher**.

In Borneo we also had some fantastic experiences with the Orangutans at Sepilok and the hilarious Proboscis Monkey troop at **Lubuk Bay Proboscis Monkey feeding Station** with young males slam-dancing across the wooden flooring through the school kids who had come to see them. Never to be forgotten.. I hope !

From our 2 weeks in Borneo we went back to Thailand and sorted the trip to **Laos** booking the return flight for 28th Feb as the Thai Gov website said we were only allowed a 30 day visa. Laos easily produced the **Bare-faced Bulbuls** and **Sooty Babblers**.

We could have spent less time in Laos as it wasn't that good away from Na Hin, and if we did I would have seen the Wood Snipe at Doi Inthanon. However this was not meant to be and I drove up there on 28th Feb to miss it by a day.

Returning to collect the wife from Saraburi we then went to Khao Yai and camped, having our tent up ended by the Pig-tailed Macaques but still no sign of Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo, however I did see my first **Sakhalin Leaf Warbler**.

From here we drove down the peninsular via Kaeng Krachan for **Indian Stone Culew** and **Baker's Olive Bulbul**, and Sri Phang Nga gaining some welcome new birds such as **Large Blue Flycatcher**, **Crow-billed Drongo** and **Blyth's Frogmouth** before driving east for the long shot at **Turquoise-throated Barbet** which turned out to be rather easy in the end!

Turning north from here we ended up at Khao Yai for the inevitable hard slog for **Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo**. As it transpired, and after a bit of sweating, I caught up with this much-wanted side-thorn on the 2nd day with incredible views 2 days later.. A fantastic end to my part of the trip.

The last week was spent in Pattaya with the dirty old men .. well certainly older than me ! and at Bangkok chilling out and thinking about the next trip (well at least I was).

All in all this was a fantastic trip, at a relaxed pace with plenty of time to secure the most wanted birds I've missed over the years... loved every minute.... except for the Wood Snipe dip

THAILAND

Jan 15th – Feb 5th & Feb 28th – Mar 29th 2023.

ITINERARY

JAN 14th Train to BHX and then had some difficulty checking in with Air India who said we needed a Visa and Health Insurance for Thailand, neither of which we did. In the end they had to over-ride the system to get us on the flight. UK citizens currently get a 45 day Visa waiver and the health Insurance was a temporary measure for those travelling onward from Thailand to countries that required a PCR test. Flight about half full.

15th Short 4 hr connecting flight to BKK arriving on time at 19.20.

Cash at K-Bank ATM and SIM card before getting shuttle bus to **The Great Residence Hotel** <https://goo.gl/maps/PZkxYfE1HkXkDFaV8> c 7km from the Airport.

16th Didn't wake up till gone midday! Fetched the car from the airport at 3pm and had a few beers.

17th Left at 5.45am, driving the 500 miles to Chiang Rai to **The Chian Guest House** <https://goo.gl/maps/3S437ngrGsbfgHXo7> arriving at dusk.

18th Up at 6am and drove the 19km to **Nong Luang Lake**, looking for **Baer's Pochards**, scanning the lake mainly north and a little south of the road bridge till 11.30am when the car started playing up so went back to The Chian Guest House in Chiang Rai. Car ok by the time I got there so had some lunch and went back out at 3pm till dusk trying the cycle path and scanning east from here <https://goo.gl/maps/gdMZcpz5bCya72xN9> finding a male and at least 1 female distantly.

19th **Nong Luang lake** early am. Early mist till c8am when hired a boatman from here <https://goo.gl/maps/2C54w15QP9iWfS6S8> for 500THB for 3hrs and tried to find the previous evenings birds. The mist lifted but all the birds on the lake were exceptionally wary. Managed to find the Baer's Pochards again and get a few distant photos. Headed back at 11am to get the faulty car sorted getting it swapped for a SUV Nissan X Trail for free! Rest of the day spent catching up on notes and planning the next stop.

20th Away at 6.30am to **Nam Kham Reserve** 8-11am <https://goo.gl/maps/wC9iF1FsoJ9mj7dJ7>. Back for lunch in Chiang Rai then out with Helen to walk around the limestone outcrop at **Pha Chang Park** <https://goo.gl/maps/cMVBKfMf2t343rPA> from 3 till 5.30pm for **Annam Limestone Babbler**.

21st Back out to **Pha Chang Park** at dawn till 9.30am walking around the limestone outcrop again for **Annam Limestone Babbler** and getting much better views and more birds. Picked up Helen from the Hotel at 10am and drove on to **Doi Pha Hom Pok** staying here <https://goo.gl/maps/3PwABaGwvtSqQRjz6> for 400 TBH/ night. Out to the park from 3pm (300TBH/pppd) till dusk.

22nd Away and into **Doi Pha Hom Pok** at 7 to 11.30am for **Claudia's Leaf Warbler**, **Fire-Capped Tit** and **Spot-winged Grosbeak**. No one on the gate so in for free. Walked the Park HQ and hot spring area and campsite till 11.30. Generally quite an open area with the area around the Hot Springs and Thermal Plant restaurant <https://goo.gl/maps/UKB4b1kQ8pmAKEcY6> most productive.

23rd Away into **Doi Pha Hom Pok** again 7-10am and again no one on the gate. Walked the same areas as yesterday. Picked up Helen from the lodge at 11am and drove on to **Chiang Mai** to stay at the **Little Village** 450 THB/night.

24th Up at 4am and drove to **Doi Inthanon** to get to the summit bog trail <https://goo.gl/maps/JB2hkMMsdbwG2VYSA> by dawn Walked the **Ang Ka loop trail** from dawn till 10am looking for, and seeing several **Rufous-throated Partridges** before driving back to Chiang Mai. Out again in the evening to **Mueang Lamphun paddies** till dusk then headed back to The Little Village....Great place but the alcoholic owner sang Karaoke till 10pm at max volume so we decided to clear off the next day.

25th Away at dawn to the **Takkatan Cave entrance rd** for a few hours then back to The Little Village Hotel to collect our gear and drove on to Tak to stay at the **Pingview Hotel** <https://goo.gl/maps/6qTUsQLWvXfVnZSXA>. Out to **Wat Tham Inthanin** <https://goo.gl/maps/X8Fv2jF5XW5tvGUA> for the last 2 hrs of the day for **Variable Limestone Babbler** and helped by a kind Monk from the temple seeing them by the kitchen area.

26th Dawn till 10am at **Taksin Maharaj National Park** <https://goo.gl/maps/rhtaTVGgpP7Vgch28> for **Olive Bulbul (Olive)**.

27th -28th Drove on **Sukathai** to stay at the **Thanawong Pool Villa** <https://goo.gl/maps/MPgFGmktGxfozPuy7>. Sorted out the next few phases of the trip and had a couple of visits to the Historical Park a couple of times.

29th Drove on at 8am to **Phu Suan Sai National Park**. 100 BHT entrance fee each and then 400 baht /night in the bamboo roadside bungalows. Gear in the hut and walked the road north taking in the bird hide and restaurant (open 8am-4pm).

30th **Phu Suan Sai National Park** all day. Saw Rufous-throated Fulvetta and Short-tailed Parrotbills walking the rd north from HQ in the morning. Checked the bird hide (which was a screen at the end of a drainage tunnel under the road c 1km from the visitor Centre) walking on to the 2nd Rd bridge and back. Knocked around the HQ and north from there for most of the day with a short drive to the east of the Park at the **Phu Hua Hom** **campsite** for **Buff-chested Babbler**.

31st **Phu Suan Sai National Park** till 8.30am then did the long drive for about 6 hours to **Khao Yai**. After looking around the best choice we had was here ; <https://goo.gl/maps/MzMaUPQbJJHy6oFy6> for 700 BHT/ night.

Feb 1st **Khao Yai** from opening at 6am till closing at 6pm. Walked the **km 33 trail** from dawn till midday and the rest of the afternoon/evening at the **Pha Klua Mai campground** searching unsuccessfully for **Coral-billed Ground cuckoo**.

2nd Decided to leave early and took the short drive around the north of Khao Yai National Park to Bangkok where we booked into the **Gold Airport Suites** <https://goo.gl/maps/VtwnMvMdC59uHPi3A> for £58/ 3 nights.

3rd Up and away at 6am to **Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre** for **Manchurian Reed Warbler**, teaming up with James Eaton at 7am. Walked and drove around the rice fields till 11am with expert insight from James. A fantastic place with large numbers of waders and other marsh/ water birds.

4th Afternoon visit to the **Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre** again having to contend with a film crew in attendance and some ignorant photographers blocking the tracks there.

5th Up late and packed. Returned car to Suvarnabhumi Airport at midday, where we got the free shuttle bus to Don Mueang Airport (50 mins). **Flight to Kota Kinabalu SABAH at 19.05 arriving 23.05 (8+ GMT) a 3 hr flight.**

FEB 6th to 19th SABAH, BORNEO. (see page 33)

FEB 19th - 22nd Bangkok, at **B your home** <https://goo.gl/maps/SuFYVfUrMfzmc12GA> sorting out flights and car hire etc for Laos. Walking distance from Don Mueang Airport and lots of amenities nearby. Rooftop pool too!

FEB 22nd to 28th LAOS. (see page 49)

FEB 28th Arrived back at Don Mueang Airport at 10.30 am and quickly went through Thai immigration again getting another 45 day visa waiver. We got new SIM cards from AIS for 899 BHT/ unlimited data for 30 days, withdrew cash out from the K BANK and then got to the Thai Rent Office half an hour early at 11.30. Swiftly got the car sorted and drove north to the **Bandara Resort at Saraburi** <https://goo.gl/maps/ov4tL42mZCHRUF3d6> . Left Helen here and drove north to **Doi Inthanon twitching the Wood Snipe** that had been there since 9th Feb. Stayed here <https://goo.gl/maps/XqyETCSt8yawBY9PA> for 600BHT.

MAR 1st All day at the Sacred Water Shrine at **Doi Inthanon Summit** trail. **No sign of the Wood Snipe.. missed it by a day !**

2nd **Tried the Wood Snipe site again from dawn for 3 hours but no sign. Drove the 9 hrs back to meet Helen.**

3rd – 5th Drove on early morning to **Khao Yai** to look for **Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo** again. **Camped at Lam Takhong** <https://goo.gl/maps/UXuCSW1tATxraiX7> for 2 nights leaving after eating at the fantastically good and cheap stalls at the main Visitor Centre. **AVOID WEEKENDS AT KHAO YAI IF POSSIBLE !!**

5th At midday we drove south to check a stake out for **Indian Stone Curlew** <https://goo.gl/maps/sudGo7GpUsBeAqzv9> before finding a hotel that was not as over priced as most of them seem to be near **Kaeng Krachan**. Stayed at the **Raisooksangchan Resort** <https://goo.gl/maps/4tf1h3kk82DRaWdg6> for 3 nights to get sorted for the next places and for Kaeng Krachan.

6th Just walked the Resort grounds and got up to date with notes and photos etc.

7th **Kaeng Krachan National Park all morning.** 300 BHT/pp +30 BHT/ car, seeing several **Olive Bulbuls (Baker's)**

8th Left the Hotel at 6.20am and drove south to the **Khao Lak Hillside Villa** <https://goo.gl/maps/UoYQBMOozvHiDjFd8> getting an upgrade to the family room for free. Stopped off on the way to check out **Sri Phang Nga National Park** and was almost immediately approached by a warden called **Sak** who took us to see a staked out **Gould's Frogmouth** and a **Large Blue Flycatcher** and also arrange for a search for **Blyth's Frogmouth** and **Crow-billed Drongo** the next Morning.

9th Away at 6.20am to **Sri Phang Nga** where met Sak for the search till 9.30am getting crap views of a **Crow-billed Drongo**. Left at 1pm and had the rest of the day with Helen.

10th **Back out to Sri Phang Nga** arriving by 7.15am and staying till midday, this time getting great views of **2 Crow-billed Drongos**. Returned with Helen at 4pm till dusk when we teamed up with Sak again to successfully search for **Blyth's Frogmouth** by 7.30pm.

- 11th** Up late and drove on to **Ao Nang** to stay at **Ao Nang Bamboo Pool Resort** <https://goo.gl/maps/AtduoiMGyZBNjQSx7> for 585 BHT/ night. Evening meal in Krabi.
- 12th** Early drive to Krabi for the whole day booking 2 nights at the **K Guesthouse** <https://goo.gl/maps/KtVLWmEtW6WRgtW9A> for 550 BHT/night double room. Booked tickets for day return to Phi Phi Island for tomorrow 900 BHT each.
- 13th** **Day trip to Phi Phi Island** 9am to 5.30pm (11am to 3.30pm on Phi Phi). Unbeivable transformation since 1989/ 2007 into a rammed and cramped tourist shithole.
- 14th** Left Krabi at 7am driving across to **Ban Kiriwong** to stay at **Wang Tey Guesthouse** <https://goo.gl/maps/NKbHYNgEKrmtXjB8> Here we spoke to the owner **Roj** who said he could guide me on the trail towards **Khao Luang peak** for 1500 BHT/Day. Room was 1000BHT/ night.
- 15th** **Away on the back of Roj's dirtbike at 6.30am for the 30 minute death defying ride to the forest at 680m asl. A rise of c600m in 5km up and down along narrow but concreted tracks through the mangosteen plantations.**
Felt like kissing the ground when we finally arrived and I could walk!
Easier coming down the hill with squealing brakes nearly all the way.
Roj parked up where we took a short cut through the forest along the blue water irrigation pipes but with little or no pathway. After a few hundred m of difficult scrambling through rattan and boulders, we dropped out on the trail and walking was then easy to 900m. As the **Turquoise-throated Barbet** was suddenly commonly calling around us, by 8am I decided to stay here in this area until the birds could be seen which didn't take long. Started walking back down at 10am and back at the Guesthouse by 12.
After a short cleanup me and Helen drove round to **Krung Ching** in the north of the same **Khao Luang Park** <https://goo.gl/maps/a27yJ9gBycid652v6> for a few hours till 4.30pm.
- 16th-18th** Up early and drove north to **Prachup Khiri khan** to the **Sun Beach Hotel** <https://goo.gl/maps/zCdhSmnhSCVKeHBX7> for a few days off for Helen.
- 19th** Away by 8am driving to **Khao Yai** by 3pm. We went to the Visitor Centre at the north entrance gate and were told we could only book 2 nights in the **Suraswadi Youth Lodge chalets** <https://goo.gl/maps/iHgDhEzJddZvmYtFA> for 800 baht (Sunday) and 560 baht (weekday) but we when at the main visitor Centre in the Park they said it would be no problem to stay extra nights. After a quick dinner we tried **Khao Khieo rd** till dusk where we picked up a superb male **Siamese Fireback** at the roadside but no sign of any **Coral-billed Ground Cuckoos**.
- 20th** Up and away at 06.15am to the **Khao Khieo rd** again to check for the Ground cuckoo c 11am. Tried the km 33 trail where I had sprinkled rice the night before and bumped into **Tony Broome**.
Went back to the lodge and found that the wife had audio recorded 2 Coral-billed Ground Cuckoos calling by the accommodation!!
Tried that area for a few hours before getting a phonecall from Tony Broome saying he had a Ground Cuckoo calling where I had been all morning!!
Raced up to hear the bird calling a few metres away but all I could do was hear it walk away.. disaster !
After waiting in the car for a while I got great, but only 5 second views of the calling bird at head height only 4m away!!
- 21st** Up and away at 6.30am trying for the Ground Cuckoo again at the same place but no sign.
Back to change rooms at 10am to 1pm then out again for the Ground Cuckoo and then night watching till 8pm.
- 22nd** Out early and waiked the road from the **Visitor Centre north along the river via Wang Jumpee and along to the Watch Tower and then down trail 5 to the Visitor Centre again by 12.30**. Met Helen for dinner at the stalls and then drove up to walk the **Watch Tower trail again**.
Helen picked out 2 more Ground Cuckoos calling in the distance which I got close to but couldn't cross the swampy area so decided to try the **Khao Khieo rd** Rd again at c3pm. Heard a pair within a few minutes on the south side this time and got great views till c4pm again only c 4m away.
- 23rd – 26th** Left Khao Yai after a few hours **along km 33 trail** at dawn, then drove down to Pattaya for 3 nights not birding !
- 26th – 27th** Bangkok, at **B your home** <https://goo.gl/maps/SuFYVfUrMfzmc12GA> checking in for the flights home etc.
Walking distance from Don Mueang Airport and lots of amenities nearby. Rooftop pool too!
- 28th** Returned the car to Don Mueang Airport and caught the free shuttle bus to Suvarnabhumi Airport.
Here we caught the Hotel shuttle bus to **Gold Airport Suites** <https://goo.gl/maps/VtwnMvMdC59uHPi3A>
- 29th** Up early for the 08.55 flight home via New Delhi with Air India. However , things had changed the night before with a few confusing emails from Air India and Lastminute.com about our flight being rescheduled for 31st. We carried on to the Airport anyway and found out our first flight out had been delayed by 4 hrs meaning our connection to BHX would have left.
The staff there got us a flight back with Emirates leaving at 9.30am and getting in to BHX at 7.40pm the same day. A great save!

SYSTEMATIC LIST (IOC WILDLIFE RECORDER 4 & IOC 12.2)

ENDEMIC = THAILAND ENDEMIC

1. **Lesser Whistling Duck** (*Dendrocygna javanica*) At least 200 at Nong Luang Lake, and c 100 near Doi Pha Hom Pok.
2. **Cotton Pygmy Goose** (*Nettapus coromandelianus*) c40 at Nong Luang Lake.
3. **Garganey** (*Spatula querquedula*) Up to 30 at Nong Luang Lake.
4. **Indian Spot-billed Duck** (*Anas poecilorhyncha*) 3 at Nong Luang Lake.
5. **Pochard** (*Aythya ferina*) 2, Jan 18th at Nong Luang Lake.



6. **BAER'S POCHARD** (*Aythya baeri*) Ad male and 2 female /imms Jan 18th and 19th, Nong Luang Lake. Took all day to find as they were not in the usual place by the small temple north of the bridge. Found them in the evening at range from the cycle path on the west side of the lake south of the bridge. The following morning on 19th I hired a fisherman to take me out to the same area where I eventually found the birds again and got some distant photos above. Very flighty and wary. The male was easy to identify at range but the females/imms' were similar to the duller looking Ferruginous Ducks. The females/imm's showed a more "bump-nosed" appearance with the forehead sloping straight into the beak. Also the greenish sheen could be seen on the crown and nape and showed a little contrast with the large rusty loreal patch. Some Ferruginous Ducks showed a very similar pattern and looked very dull brown at range. They would also show a little white variably extending up from the water line.
7. **Ferruginous Duck** (*Aythya nyroca*) 50+ Nong Luang Lake in groups up to 15.
8. **Tufted Duck** (*Aythya fuligula*) 2 birds seen both days at Nong Luang Lake.



9. **RUFIOUS-THROATED PARTRIDGE** (*Arborophila rufogularis*) 6, Jan 23rd in 2 groups of 3 at the Summit Trail at Doi Inthanon. The 1st group walked right under the wooden walkway very close and in the open but still too fast for the camera in the gloom. Also a few heard there on the second visit in March.



10. **Silver Pheasant** (*Lophura nycthemera*) Up to 3 males and 6 females on each visit to Khao Yai along the Khao Khieo Rd just up the hill from the first Shrine near 3 small road bridges. The males were often squabbling and the females just following them around.



11. **Siamese Fireback** (*Lophura diardi*) c3 males and a female at close range along the Khao Khieo Rd at Khao Yai most mornings and a male at the Pha Klua Mai campsite. Stunning birds now much easier to see than on previous visits for some reason?

12. **Green-legged Partridge (Scaly-breasted)** (*Tropicoperdix chloropus* [chloropus-group]) Commonly heard at Khao Yai with a pair seen well by the path close to the road along the km33 trail March 23rd.
13. **Red Junglefowl** (*Gallus gallus*) Common and easy to see at Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan with other look-a-likes in unlikely places.
14. **Great Eared Nightjar** (*Lyncornis macrotis*) Heard only a few times at Khao Yai.



15. **Large-tailed Nightjar** (*Caprimulgus macrurus*) Sev at Khao Yai and up to 4 birds seen at our Hotel on 5th - 8th Mar where photod.



16. **Gould's Frogmouth** (*Batrachostomus stellatus*) A day roosting bird Mar 8th Sri Phang Nga.



17. **BLYTH'S FROGMOUTH (INDOCHINESE)** (*Batrachostomus affinis continentalis*) A male, Mar 10th Sri Phang Nga on the edge of the campsite at dusk. Responded and came in fairly quickly staying put for several minutes before flying off. Quite surprised how small it appeared in the bamboo. Did a range of calls spontaneously.
18. **Crested Treeswift** (*Hemiprocne coronata*) A few noted.
19. **Whiskered Treeswift** (*Hemiprocne comata*) 4 birds at Sri Phang Nga by the main car park beyond the Visitor Centre.
20. **Himalayan Swiftlet** (*Aerodramus brevirostris*) Common up in the north and Khao Yai? (assumed to be this sp)
21. **Germain's Swiftlet** (*Aerodramus germani*) Common down the peninsula? (assumed to be this sp)

22. **Silver-rumped Spinetail** (*Rhaphidura leucopygialis*) 4+ at Sri Phang Nga.
23. **Brown-backed Needletail** (*Hirundapus giganteus*) A few flocks up to 20 birds around Khao Yai and drinking at the pool on the east side of the Rd a few km south of the main Visitor Centre.
24. **Asian Palm Swift** (*Cypsiurus balasiensis*) Small numbers noted.
25. **House Swift** (*Apus nipalensis*) A few birds noted.
26. **Greater Coucal (Greater)** (*Centropus sinensis* [sinensis-group]) Common by voice and best seen early mornings on the roadsides.



27. **CORAL-BILLED GROUND CUCKOO** (*Carpococcyx renauldi*) 1, Mar 20th and a pair on 22nd on the Khao Khieo rd when photod. Also 2 birds calling in the forest Nth East of the Observation Tower on 22nd and 2 calling right by our hut at the Suraswadi Camp (Audio recorded by Helen when I wasn't there) and another 2 along the km33 trail on 23rd. After years of trying and never even hearing one, suddenly they were everywhere! The views were fantastic down to 3-4m calling for 30-40 minutes but always remaining partially hidden but not bothered about me in the car at all. An incredible bird to watch and one I thought was just not going to happen! The pair on 22nd were possibly different to the single bird on the other side of the road 2 days before? We did notice that the best time for them calling (5 birds) was c 2pm although Helens pair were at 10.15am and I had 2 calling on the km 33 trail around 8.30am.

28. **Green-billed Malkoha** (*Phaenicophaeus tristis*) c10 seen in all, easiest at Khao Yai.
29. **Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** (*Clamator coromandus*) 1 Mar 23rd km33 trail at Khao Yai hunting quietly in the low forest undergrowth.
30. **Asian Koel** (*Eudynamys scolopaceus*) Common.
31. **Asian Emerald Cuckoo** (*Chrysococcyx maculatus*) 1 seen at Sri Phang Nga.
32. **Plaintive Cuckoo** (*Cacomantis merulinus*) Common.
33. *Indian Cuckoo* (*Cuculus micropterus*) Heard at Sri Phang Nga and Khao Luang.
34. **Red Collared Dove** (*Streptopelia tranquebarica*) Common.
35. **Spotted Dove (Eastern)** (*Spilopelia chinensis* [chinensis-group]) Common.
36. **Common Emerald Dove** (*Chalcophaps indica*) 2 seen a Taksin.
37. **Zebra Dove** (*Geopelia striata*) Common especially around human habitation.
38. **Thick-billed Green Pigeon** (*Treron curvirostra*) Common at Khao Yai.
39. **White-bellied Green Pigeon** (*Treron sieboldii*) A single female type at Taksin Jan 26th.
40. **Mountain Imperial Pigeon** (*Ducula badia*) Common at Khao Yai.
41. **Pied Imperial Pigeon** (*Ducula bicolor*) 2 flying overhead from the town on Ko Phi Phi.



42. **Slaty-breasted Rail** (*Lewinia striata*) 1-2 at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
43. **Moorhen** (*Gallinula chloropus*) Common at Nong Luang.
44. **Coot** (*Fulica atra*) Common at Nong Luang.
45. **White-breasted Waterhen** (*Amaurornis phaeiurus*) A few noted.
46. **Grey-headed Swamphen** (*Porphyrio poliocephalus*) Common at Nong Luang.
47. **Little Grebe** (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*) Common at Nong Luang where tight flocks of c100 birds were seen.



48. **INDIAN STONE-CURLEW** (*Burhinus indicus*) 2 birds, Mar 5th at some old gravel / sand pits near Kaeng Krachan (on ebird) and also another 2 birds at our hotel at Kaeng Krachan at night. Called mainly at dusk and around dawn and seen a few times in flight but generally very wary.

49. **Black-winged Stilt** (*Himantopus himantopus*) Fairly common bird of the wet paddies.
50. **Red-wattled Lapwing** (*Vanellus indicus*) Common.



51. **Pacific Golden Plover** (*Pluvialis fulva*) A few at Pathum Thani rice fields and 20+ just north of Prachup Khiri Khan (above).
52. **Little Ringed Plover** (*Charadrius dubius*) A few at Pathum Thani rice fields.
53. **Lesser Sand Plover (Tibetan)** (*Charadrius mongolus* [atrifrons-group]) Common at Prachup Khiri Khan.
54. **Greater Sand Plover** (*Charadrius leschenaultii*) Noted at Krabi and a few at Prachup Khiri Khan.
55. **Pheasant-tailed Jacana** (*Hydrophasianus chirurgus*) Common at Nong Luang Lake.
56. **Whimbrel** (*Numenius phaeopus*) A few in the Krabi area.
57. **Black-tailed Godwit (Siberian)** (*Limosa limosa melanuroides*) Noted at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
58. **Ruff** (*Calidris pugnax*) Noted at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
59. **Broad-billed Sandpiper** (*Calidris falcinellus*) 1 noted at Prachup Khiri Khan.
60. **Curlew Sandpiper** (*Calidris ferruginea*) 1, Prachup Khiri Khan.
61. **Temminck's Stint** (*Calidris temminckii*) Noted at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
62. **Long-toed Stint** (*Calidris subminuta*) Several noted at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
63. **Red-necked Stint** (*Calidris ruficollis*) Noted at Krabi and a few at Prachup Khiri Khan.
64. **Sanderling** (*Calidris alba*) 2 at Prachup Khiri Khan.
65. **Snipe** (*Gallinago gallinago*) Several noted at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
66. **Terek Sandpiper** (*Xenus cinereus*) 1 at Krabi and a few at Prachup Khiri Khan.
67. **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*) Several noted throughout.
68. **Redshank** (*Tringa totanus*) 3 at Krabi.
69. **Marsh Sandpiper** (*Tringa stagnatilis*) Common at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
70. **Wood Sandpiper** (*Tringa glareola*) Several noted throughout.
71. **Spotted Redshank** (*Tringa erythropus*) Common at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
72. **Oriental Pratincole** (*Glareola maldivarum*) 2+ at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
73. **Lesser Crested Tern** (*Thalasseus bengalensis*) Common at Krabi to Phi Phi.
74. **Little Tern** (*Sternula albifrons*) 1 at Krabi.
75. **Black-naped Tern** (*Sterna sumatrana*) 2 at Phi Phi.
76. **Whiskered Tern** (*Chlidonias hybrida*) Common or noted in many fresh or saltwater habitats.
77. **White-winged Black Tern** (*Chlidonias leucopterus*) 30+ between Krabi and Phi Phi.
78. **Asian Openbill** (*Anastomus oscitans*) Abundant at times.
79. **Oriental Darter** (*Anhinga melanogaster*) 1 at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
80. **Little Cormorant** (*Microcarbo niger*) Regularly noted, even in the forest streams at Khao Yai.
81. **Black-headed Ibis** (*Threskiornis melanocephalus*) 4 at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
82. **Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) Several noted.

83. **Yellow Bittern** (*Ixobrychus sinensis*) 4 birds seen in all.
84. **Night-Heron (Eurasian)** (*Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*) a few noted in northern Thailand.
85. **Striated Heron (Old World)** (*Butorides striata* [atricapilla-group]) Noted at Krabi.
86. **Chinese Pond Heron** (*Ardeola bacchus*) Ad in SP at Khao Yai March 22nd.
87. **Javan Pond Heron** (*Ardeola speciosa*) Ad in SP at Krabi March 13th.
88. **Eastern Cattle Egret** (*Bubulcus coromandus*) Common.
89. **Grey Heron (Grey)** (*Ardea cinerea* [cinerea-group]) A few noted.
90. **Purple Heron (Purple)** (*Ardea purpurea* [purpurea-group]) Several birds noted, usually in flight.
91. **Great White Egret (Eastern)** (*Ardea alba modesta*) A few noted.
92. **Intermediate Egret** (*Ardea intermedia*) Several noted.
93. **Little Egret (Western)** (*Egretta garzetta garzetta*) Common.
94. **Pacific Reef Heron** (*Egretta sacra*) noted at Krabi and 4 at Prachup Khiri Khan.
95. **Chinese Egret** (*Egretta eulophotes*) 1, Krabi.
96. **Black-winged Kite (Asian)** (*Elanus caeruleus vociferus/hypoleucus*) Several birds noted mainly in the north, west and Khao Yai.
97. **Crested Honey Buzzard** (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*) c10 noted in all.
98. **Black Baza** (*Aviceda leuphotes*) 1, Jan 22nd on wires at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
99. **Crested Serpent Eagle (Crested)** (*Spilornis cheela* [cheela-group]) A few heard only.
100. **Black Eagle** (*Ictinaetus malaiensis*) 1, Phu Suan Sai National Park.
101. **Crested Goshawk** (*Accipiter trivirgatus*) 4-5 birds noted in all.
102. **Shikra (Asian)** (*Accipiter badius* [badius-group]) Fairly common.
103. **Eastern Marsh Harrier** (*Circus spilonotus*) 1, Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
104. **Pied Harrier** (*Circus melanoleucos*) 4, Nong Luang Lake and Nam Kham and 1 Phu Suan Sai National Park
105. **Brahminy Kite** (*Haliastur indus*) Commoner down the Thai peninsular
106. **White-bellied Sea Eagle** (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*) 1 near Krabi.
107. **Lesser Fish Eagle** (*Haliaeetus humilis*) 1 at Sri Phang Nga
108. **Rufous-winged Buzzard** (*Butastur liventer*) 1, Jan 20th near Nam Kham.
109. **Brown Hawk-owl** (*Ninox scutulata*) Heard at Phu Suan Sai, Sukathai and Khao Yai.
110. **Collared Owlet** (*Taeniopteryx brodiei*) Commonly heard at Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan.



111. **Asian Barred Owlet** (*Glaucidium cuculoides*) Up to 3 at Doi Pha Hom Pok where easily seen.
Heard at Phu Suan Sai most days and also at Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan.

112. *Collared Scops Owl* (*Otus lettia*) Heard only at Phu San Soi, Khao Yai and at the resort at Kaeng Krachan.
113. **Red-headed Trogon** (*Harpactes erythrocephalus*) A few at Khao Yai.
114. **Hoopoe (Eurasian)** (*Upupa epops* [epops-group]) At least 10 seen and several more heard only.
115. **Great Hornbill** (*Buceros bicornis*) Several birds noted at Khao Yai, Kaeng Krachan and Sri Phang Nga.
116. **Oriental Pied Hornbill** (*Anthracoceros albirostris*) Small numbers at Khao Yai, Kaeng Krachan and Sri Phang Nga.
117. **Austen's Brown Hornbill** (*Anorrhinus austeni*) 4 birds Mar 4th and 1 on 22nd.
118. **Wreathed Hornbill** (*Rhyticeros undulatus*) Fairly common at Khao Yai, Kaeng Krachan and Sri Phang Nga.



119. **Indochinese Roller** (*Coracias affinis*) Commonly seen throughout. Photod above at Pathum Thani Rice fields.
120. **Oriental Dollarbird** (*Eurystomus orientalis*) Several birds seen on all Khao Yai visits.
121. **Banded Kingfisher (Banded)** (*Lacedo pulchella pulchella/amabilis*)
Nice views of a male at Khao Yai where increasingly easier to hear as we went into March. Also heard at Sri Phang Nga.
122. *Stork-billed Kingfisher* (*Pelargopsis capensis*) Heard and glimpsed at Khao Yai.
123. **White-throated Kingfisher** (*Halcyon smyrnensis*) Commonly noted along the roadsides.
124. **Collared Kingfisher (Oriental)** (*Todiramphus chloris* [humii-group]) c4 at Krabi.
125. **Kingfisher (Common)** (*Alcedo atthis* [atthis-group]) Noted at Nong Luang Lake, Doi Pha Hom Pok and Khao Yai.
126. **Asian Green Bee-eater** (*Merops orientalis*) Fairly common throughout.
127. **Blue-tailed Bee-eater** (*Merops philippinus*) A few noted
128. **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** (*Merops leschenaulti*) Easily seen at Khao Yai.
129. *Great Barbet* (*Psilopogon virens*) Heard only at Taksin Maharat National Park and Phu Suan Sai National Park.
130. **Lineated Barbet** (*Psilopogon lineatus*) Commonly heard and a few seen, often near or at fruiting trees.
131. *Golden-whiskered Barbet (Golden-whiskered)* (*Psilopogon chrysopogon chrysopogon/laetus*)
Several heard at Khao Luang when at c 750-900m asl while looking for Turquoise-throated Barbets.
132. **Blue-throated Barbet (Blue-crowned)** (*Psilopogon asiaticus davisoni*)
A few noted at Doi Pha Hom Pok and at a nest hole at Sri Phang Nga.



133. **TURQUOISE-THROATED BARBET** (*Psilopogon chersonesus*)
 20+, Mar 15th at Khao Luang at 850 - 900m asl. Suddenly I could hear them everywhere around us once we got to c 850m asl. They did prove difficult to see, even though close, as they remained in the canopy and didn't move much. Eventually, after finding a restricted view over a valley I noticed several birds flying up into the canopy of a distant, but fairly open tree and then there were about 10+ together with a few still calling. The best way to see them seemed to be to wait and scan a likely looking tall tree. I didn't take a scope (which would have been very useful) due to weight on the motorbike so had to do with bins views only. IOC Split from Blue-throated Barbet. Note extensive blue crown (top) and broad black rear supercillium.
134. **Moustached Barbet** (*Psilopogon incognitus*) A few heard at Khao Yai.
135. **Blue-eared Barbet (Blue-eared)** (*Psilopogon duvaucelii* [cyanotis-group])
 1 noted at Taksin Maharat National Park, and heard only at Khao Luang.
136. **Coppersmith Barbet** (*Psilopogon haemacephalus*) Common.
137. **Wryneck** (*Jynx torquilla*) 1 at Pha Chang Park and also at the restaurant on Jan 20th near our accom.
138. **Heart-spotted Woodpecker** (*Hemicircus canente*) A few at Khao Yai.
139. **Grey-headed Woodpecker (Black-naped)** (*Picus canus* [guerini-group]) 1 at the Raisooksangchan Resort.
140. **Greater Flameback** (*Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus*) Several noisy birds noted.
141. **Great Slaty Woodpecker** (*Mulleripicus pulverulentus*) A noisy pair along km33 at Khao Yai.
142. **Peregrine** (*Falco peregrinus*) 1+ at Nong Luang Lake
143. **Vernal Hanging Parrot** (*Loriculus vernalis*) Common.



144. **Long-tailed Broadbill** (*Psisomus dalhousiae*) 2+ Khao Yai, including this stunner at the main visitor centre which appeared to be nesting in the tree at the toilet area of the restaurant.
145. *Black-and-yellow Broadbill* (*Eurylaimus ochromalus*) Heard several times at Kaeng Krachan, Sri Phang Nga and Khao Luang.
146. *Eared Pitta* (*Hydrornis phayrei*) Heard very close at Khao Yai along km33 trail but not seen.



147. **Malayan Banded Pitta** (*Hydrornis irena*) 2 males, Mar 8th and 10th seen at Sri Phang Nga. Stunners!



148. **Blue Pitta** (*Hydrornis cyaneus*) 1 seen and at least 3 heard at Khao Yai 21st-22nd March.
149. **Hooded Pitta** (*Pitta sordida*) A few heard usually early morning or evening when still quite dark.
150. **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** (*Hemipus picatus*) 2 at Phu Suan Sai National Park.
151. **Large Woodshrike** (*Tephrodornis virgatus*) 1 Sri Phang Nga.
152. **Ashy Woodswallow** (*Artamus fuscus*) Common.
153. **Common Iora** (*Aegithina tiphia*) A few noted.
154. **Long-tailed Minivet** (*Pericrocotus ethologus*) 5 at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
155. **Scarlet Minivet (Scarlet)** (*Pericrocotus speciosus* [speciosus-group]) Identified at a few forest sites.
156. **Swinhoe's Minivet** (*Pericrocotus cantonensis*) c14 noted in all at Khao Yai.
157. **Black-winged Cuckooshrike** (*Lalage melaschistos*) A few noted at Khao Yai and Sri Phang Nga.
158. **Brown Shrike (Brown)** (*Lanius cristatus cristatus/confusus*) A few noted throughout.
159. **Burmese Shrike** (*Lanius collurioides*) Male at Nong Luang Lake.
160. **Long-tailed Shrike** (*Lanius schach*) A few noted.
161. **Grey-backed Shrike** (*Lanius tephronotus*) 2 noted at Phu Suan Sai National Park.
162. **White-bellied Erpornis** (*Erpornis zantholeuca*) Several birds at Phu Suan Sai and Khao Yai National Parks.



163. **Black-hooded Oriole** (*Oriolus xanthornus*) 4 noted at Doi Pha Hom Pok

164. **Black-naped Oriole (East Asian)** (*Oriolus chinensis diffusus*) 3-5 birds at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
1 at Sri Phang Nga (East Asian/Sunda ssp).

165. **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** (*Dicrurus remifer*) A few noted.



166. **CROW-BILLED DRONGO** (*Dicrurus annectens*) 1, Mar 9th Sri Phang Nga showed poorly, but 3 x 1st winter birds there the next day showed really well. The 1st bird was in the bamboo by the river and restaurant toilets (above left) and a 2nd bird showed on the trail by the toilets at the end of the track car park. Another was seen near there briefly although all birds were located by their calling, and then immediately confirmed by the obvious white-spotted underparts. It's taken a while to see this one!

167. **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** (*Dicrurus paradiseus*) A few at Doi Pha Hom Pok, Taksin Maharat and Kaeng Krachan.

168. **Hair-crested Drongo** (*Dicrurus hottentottus*) Common.

169. **Ashy Drongo** (*Dicrurus leucophaeus*) Dark birds common in Northern Thailand.

Ashy Drongo (Chinese White-faced) (*Dicrurus leucophaeus leucogenis/salangensis*) Several noted at Khao Yai.

170. **Black Drongo** (*Dicrurus macrocerus*) Common along the roadside fields.

171. **White-throated Fantail** (*Rhipidura albicollis*) Noted at Phu Suan Sai and several around Krabi mangroves.

172. **Malaysian Pied Fantail** (*Rhipidura javanica*) Common.

173. **Black-naped Monarch** (*Hypothymis azurea*) Common throughout in forest.

174. **Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher** (*Terpsiphone affinis*)

A white Ad male at Phu Suan Sai was notable and also seen at Sri Phang Nga and Khao Yai.



175. **Jay (White-faced)** (*Garrulus glandarius leucotis/haringtoni*) 2-5 birds at Doi Pha Hom Pok.

176. **Red-billed Blue Magpie** (*Urocissa erythroryncha*) 2-4 birds at Taksin Maharat National Park.
177. **Common Green Magpie (Common)** (*Cissa chinensis* [chinensis-group]) Seen at Khao Yai.
178. **Racket-tailed Treepie** (*Crypsirina temia*) 2 at Nam Kham and several roadside birds while heading south to Khao Lak.
179. **Large-billed Crow (Large-billed)** (*Corvus macrorhynchos* [macrorhynchos-group]) Common.
180. **Yellow-bellied Fantail** (*Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus*) A few at the summit bog trail at Doi Inthanon.
181. **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*) Noted at Doi Pha Hom Pok, Phu Suan Sai and Khao Luang.



182. **FIRE-CAPPED TIT** (*Cephalopyrus flammiceps*) 2, Jan 22nd Doi Pha Hom Pok of which at least 1 was a male (above left). Also 2 females/imm's at the same place the next day (above centre and right). These tiny birds kept to the mid height tree tops feeding like Siskins and were very inconspicuous due to the range and size of the birds. There had been up to 20 birds recorded in the area in Jan 2023 hanging around but gradually reducing in numbers.

183. **Sultan Tit** (*Melanochlora sultanea*) 3 at Khao Yai and also a few at Kaeng Krachan.
184. **Japanese Tit (Japanese)** (*Parus minor* [minor-group]) 4+ at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
185. **Hairy-backed Bulbul** (*Tricholestes criniger*) A few at Sri Phang Nga.
186. **Ochraceous Bulbul** (*Alophoixus ochraceus*) Common down the Thai peninsular.
187. **Puff-throated Bulbul (Puff-throated)** (*Alophoixus pallidus* [pallidus-group]) Common in Khao Yai.



188. **OLIVE BULBUL (Olive)** (*Iole viridescens viridescens/lekhakuni*) 8+, Jan 26th Taksin Maharat National Park. The birds were easy to find along the road heading north from the Park HQ and usually found by their calls. This race was quite yellowish-toned on the underparts and warm, almost rusty toned on the wings and tail.

Olive Bulbul (Baker's) (*Iole viridescens cinnamomeoventris*) 5+, Mar 7th Kaeng Krachan. These birds looked a lot dingier olive-greyish on the underparts with noticeable rusty under tail covs. The iris colour of all the birds photod, of both races appeared to be the same as the Grey-eyed Bulbuls photod in Khao Yai. Call and range were the best ways to identify these extremely similar species.



189. **Grey-eyed Bulbul (Grey-eyed)** (*Iole propinqua* [propinqua-group]) A few at Phu Suan Sai and very common at Khao Yai (above). Very similar to Olive Bulbul, differing very subtly in plumage colour and tone, but more so by voice and range. I personally could't see any difference in iris colour with both this sp and both ssp groups of Olive Bulbul appearing to have grey/greyish irides.
190. **Mountain Bulbul** (*Ixos mcclellandii*) 2 at Doi Inthanon.
191. **Black Bulbul** (*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*) Fairly common at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
192. **Black-headed Bulbul** (*Brachypodius melanocephalus*) 50+ Doi Pha Hom Pok around a fruiting tree at the first campsite.
193. **Spectacled Bulbul** (*Ixodia erythrophthalmos*) 1, Sri Phang Nga.
194. **Black-crested Bulbul** (*Rubigula flaviventris*) Often the commonest Bulbuls with the birds at Khao Yai showing the ruby throat.
195. **Streak-eared Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus conradi*) Common throughout.
196. **Stripe-throated Bulbul (Stripe-throated)** (*Pycnonotus finlaysoni finlaysoni/eous*) Common at Pha Chang Park Khao Yai and Khao Luang at least.
197. **Flavescent Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus flavesens*) A few at Phu Suan Sai National Park.
198. **Red-whiskered Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus jocosus*) Commoner in the north than in the south. Still a few in Khao Yai.
199. **Yellow-vented Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus goiavier*) Only c 4 noted in the north.
200. **Sooty-headed Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus aurigaster*) Common in the north and west of Thailand.
201. **Pacific Swallow (House)** (*Hirundo tahitica* [javanica-group]) Common in the south ie Krabi and in the Gulf of Thailand.
202. **Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*) Flocks building up into March.
203. **Red-rumped Swallow (Asian)** (*Cecropis daurica* [daurica-group]) A few noted, especially in the far north.
204. **Striated Swallow** (*Cecropis striolata*) A few near Chiang Rai.
205. **Pygmy Cupwing** (*Pnoepyga pusilla*) 1 seen and a few more heard at Doi Inthanon.
206. **Yellow-bellied Warbler** (*Abroscopus superciliaris*) 10+ noted at Taksin Maharat, Phu Suan Sai and Sri Phang Nga National Parks.
207. **Mountain Tailorbird** (*Phyllergates cucullatus*) 1, Doi Inthanon.
208. **Slaty-bellied Tesia** (*Tesia olivea*) 2 at Doi Inthanon Mar 2nd.
209. **Ashy-throated Warbler** (*Phylloscopus maculipennis*) A few at Doi Inthanon.
210. **Hume's Warbler (Eastern)** (*Phylloscopus humei mandellii*) A few at Phu Suan Sai calling frequently.
211. **Yellow-browed Warbler** (*Phylloscopus inornatus*) Common nearly everywhere.
212. **Radde's Warbler** (*Phylloscopus schwarzi*) 1 noted at Taksin Maharat and 2 at Khao Yai.
213. **Dusky Warbler** (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*) Common up in the north.
214. **Eastern Crowned Warbler** (*Phylloscopus coronatus*) 1 at Phu Suan Sai National Park.
215. **Two-barred Warbler** (*Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*) Fairly common by voice and a few birds seen at Doi Pha Hom Pok.

216. **Pale-legged Leaf Warbler** (*Phylloscopus tenellipes*) 2 calling birds Mar 7th at Kaeng Krachan and also 8+calling birds at Khao Yai gave plenty of opportunities to practice listening to the call. All birds seen were either on the ground or under 2m.
217. **SAKHALIN LEAF WARBLER** (*Phylloscopus borealoides*) 1, Mar 5th Khao Yai just north of the main Visitor Centre along the roadside river, and another bird was seen Mar 21st, again at Khao Yai main Visitor Centre Car park.
The 1st bird was quickly, although tentatively, identified on call and then confirmed by alternately playing calls of Sakhalin and Pale-legged Leaf Warbler while it called for c 10 minutes. Always in the vine tangles at c 3m height.
Plumage wise I couldn't see any definite differences from Pale-legged Leaf Warbler but I did think when heard close and well that the calls were, with practice, quite different being less high-pitched and a slightly longer note.
Couldn't get any to sing, despite trying several times, although the 2 Sakhalins did approach quickly when the Sakhalin song was played but also very quickly moved back so not sure if that means anything at all!
218. **CLAUDIA'S LEAF WARBLER** (*Phylloscopus claudiae*) 1, Jan 22nd and 23rd Doi Pha Hom Pok was the first ones identified since the split and then commonly heard calling at and singing at Khao Yai where very common, especially into March when heard singing frequently. Split from Blyth's Leaf Warbler. Obviously saw them years ago but wanted to see them post split.
219. **Davison's Leaf Warbler** (*Phylloscopus intensior*) Common at the summit bog boardwalk at Doi Inthanon.
220. **Oriental Reed Warbler** (*Acrocephalus orientalis*) Noted at Nong Luang and Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
221. **Black-browed Reed Warbler** (*Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*) 5+ at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.



222. **MANCHURIAN REED WARBLER** (*Acrocephalus tangorum*) 2 birds, Feb 3rd Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
Great to team up with James Eaton for some expert advice on this species.
Seen well but briefly at 2 different areas within the same location. Both birds were calling and responsive but would keep well hidden until popping up closely and briefly before disappearing. Both birds were in the loose company of several of the commoner Black-browed Reed Warbler which was good for comparison and surprisingly similar on brief views.
Quite a big looking warbler (as James called it a Paddyfield on steroids) compared to the Black-broweds with a larger looking heavy bill and a long tailed appearance. The supercilium was broader in front of the eye and showed much more contrast than Paddyfield or Blunt-winged Warblers but was a different shape to Black-browed.
I did enjoy watching these birds becoming more familiar with time. Just frustrating that I couldn't get a clear photo.
223. **Thick-billed Warbler** (*Arundinax aedon*) 2 noted near Chiang Mai.
224. **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** (*Helopsaltes certhiola*) 2+ noted at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
225. **Lanceolated Warbler** (*Locustella lanceolata*) 1+ noted at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
226. *Baikal Bush Warbler* (*Locustella davidi*) 1 heard at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
227. **Zitting Cisticola** (*Cisticola juncidis*) Several noted at Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.



228. **Golden-headed Cisticola** (*Cisticola exilis*) 10+, Mar 22nd Khao Yai along the open track from the car park to the Observation Tower all singing in the morning and allowing close approach. The above bird dropped down to the almost bare, previously burnt ground and promptly disappeared!
229. **Rufescent Prinia** (*Prinia rufescens*) A few up in the north seen well enough to be identified.
230. **Grey-breasted Prinia** (*Prinia hodgsonii*) A few up in the north seen well enough to be identified.
231. **Yellow-bellied Prinia (Yellow-bellied)** (*Prinia flaviventris* [flaviventris-group]) Noted at Nong Luang Lake and Pathum Thani.
232. **Plain Prinia** (*Prinia inornata*) Noted at Nam Kham, Khao Yai and Pathum Thani Rice Research Centre.
233. **Common Tailorbird** (*Orthotomus sutorius*) Common.
234. **Dark-necked Tailorbird** (*Orthotomus atrogularis*) Noted a few times.



235. **SHORT-TAILED PARROTBILL** (*Neosuthora davidiana*) 3, Jan 30th Phu Suan Sai National Park. Faint calls were heard from the roadside bamboo 50m north of the northern end of the Birdwatching Trail in the morning. Eventually this small party of 3 birds came out to the road calling from the bamboo. They were also picked out again after flying across the road and moving back towards the Birdwatching Trail. Superb little birds.
236. **Striated Yuhina (Grey-crowned)** (*Staphida castaniceps*) 3, Mar 26th at Taksin Maharat National Park.
237. **Swinhoe's White-eye** (*Zosterops simplex*) Fairly regularly seen, commoner in the north.

238. **Indian White-eye** (*Zosterops palpebrosus*) 5 at Taksin Maharat National Park.
239. **Pin-striped Tit-Babbler (Pin-striped)** (*Mixornis gularis* [gularis-group]) Common.
240. **Golden Babbler** (*Cyanoderma chrysaeum*) A few at Phu Suan Sai National Park.
241. **Chestnut-winged Babbler** (*Cyanoderma erythropterum*) 4 birds at Sri Phang Nga.
242. **Rufous-fronted Babbler** (*Cyanoderma rufifrons*) 7+ in smaller groups at Sri Phang Nga.



243. **BUFF-CHESTED BABBLER** (*Cyanoderma ambiguum*)

1, Jan 30th at Phu Suan Sai at the Pha Hua Hom car park area in the dense bamboo on the south side of the car park there. It came in strongly to playback of Buff-chested Babbler song and sounded identical to the Melin app song.

This is a very confusing bird in the literature and when compared with ebird records and BOW accounts.

An IOC split from Rufous-fronted Babbler, the song of Buff-chested and Rufous-fronted Babblers is very similar and on Xeno Canto appears pretty much the same to my ears.

Ebird shows some considerable range overlap between the 2 species in Thailand, contradicting the HBW ranges for each sp but only Buff-chested is noted for the Phu Suan Sai area on ebird.

There appear to be no consistent, reliable or useful, in-the-field plumage features between this and Rufous-fronted Babbler?

According to BOW and HBW, Rufous-fronted Babbler occurs in W Thailand and Buff-chested in N and NE Thailand although there are quite a few ebird records of Rufous-fronted from NE Thailand (within the range of Buff-breasted).

Also, the race of Buff-chested in Thailand is listed as **adjuncta** and described as “has rather darker crown and upperparts, strong contrast of throat and breast, darker on lower underparts” whereas this bird looked paler on the flanks/vent area than the illustrations of this race but did show a very contrasting white throat and perhaps a darker rufous crown.

Some of the plumage characters mentioned to help separate this sp from Rufous-fronted Babbler, and of the different races, didn't seem to hold up in the photos in the Macaulay Library (if indeed the photos are correctly labelled) and appear to be work-in-progress.

244. **White-browed Scimitar Babbler** (*Pomatorhinus schisticeps*) Several noted at Phu Suan Sai and Khao Yai.
245. **Rufous-winged Fulvetta** (*Schoeniparus castaneiceps*) Common at the summit bog trail at Doi Inthanon.



246. **RUFIOUS-THROATED FULVETTA** (*Schoeniparus rufogularis*) 5+, Jan 30th Phu Suan Sai in two groups along the main rd north of the Main Visitors Centre, feeding low down mainly on the ground in the leaf litter.
247. **Puff-throated Babbler** (*Pellorneum ruficeps*) Seen at Phu Suan Sai and Khao Yai.



248. **Buff-breasted Babbler** (*Pellorneum tickelli*) 5+ at Phu Suan Sai.
249. **Abbott's Babbler** (*Malacocincla abbotti*) 1 at Khao Yai.



250. **VARIABLE LIMESTONE BABBLER** (*Gypsophila crispifrons*) 5+, Jan 25th Wat Tham Inthanin west of Tak, where a few kindly Monks pointed me in the right direction to see a few pairs at the back of the kitchen on the bare limestone rocks.



251. **ANNAM LIMESTONE BABBLER** (*Gypsophila annamensis*) 1, Jan 20th Pha Chang Park in the evening and 4 there the next morning showing well with another 2 heard. This site has only just been found recently but is a really easy place to get to and walk round. Compared to Variable, Annam said to be;
1. Darker grey on foreparts.
 2. More contrastingly coloured.
 3. More distinctly streaked on throat.
 4. More rufous on the wings, tail and rear body.
- No known range overlap.**

252. **Brown-cheeked Fulvetta** (*Alcippe poioicephala*) 6+ at Phu Suan Sai in a mixed species flock.
253. **Silver-eared Laughingthrush** (*Trochalopteron melanostigma*) Common at Doi Inthanon at the summit bog.
254. **Dark-backed Sibia** (*Heterophasia melanoleuca*) Several at the top of Doi Inthanon.



- 255. **Bar-throated Minla** (*Actinodura strigula*) Common at the summit of Doi Inthanon.
- 256. **White-crested Laughingthrush** (*Garrulax leucolophus*) Common at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai in groups of up to 15 birds.
- 257. **Asian Fairy-bluebird** (*Irena puella*) Several noted.
- 258. **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** (*Sitta frontalis*) 2 at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
- 259. **Asian Glossy Starling** (*Aplonis panayensis*) Several noted down the peninsular.
- 260. **Golden-crested Myna** (*Ampeliceps coronatus*) 1 seen at Doi Pha Hom Pok and a few at Khao Yai.
- 261. **Common Hill Myna (Common)** (*Gracula religiosa* [religiosa-group]) Several pairs at Khao Yai.
- 262. **Great Myna** (*Acridotheres grandis*) Common, seen most places and especially along the road systems.
- 263. **Common Myna** (*Acridotheres tristis*) Noted at most places.
- 264. **Black-collared Starling** (*Gracupica nigricollis*) c25 noted in the north of Thailand.
- 265. **Siamese Pied Myna** (*Gracupica floweri*) Small numbers noted throughout.
- 266. **Chestnut-tailed Starling (Eastern)** (*Sturnia malabarica nemoricola*) 22+ noted in the north.



- 267. **Dark-sided Thrush** (*Zoothera marginata*) 1 scruffy individual at dawn, Jan 24th (above) Doi Inthanon at the Summit Visitor Centre but at least 3 birds feeding along the stream along the Summit Bog boardwalk there Mar 1st-2nd.
- 268. **Orange-headed Thrush (Orange-headed)** (*Geokichla citrina* [citrina-group]) 4 birds along km 33 trail at Khao Yai Feb 1st and 3 birds at Sri Phang Nga on Mar 9th-10th.
- 269. **Eyebrowed Thrush** (*Turdus obscurus*) 1, Doi Pha Hom Pok, 1, Khao Yai and 3-6 at Doi Inthanon along the summit bog boardwalk.

270. **Grey-sided Thrush** (*Turdus feae*) 3+ at Doi Inthanon along the summit bog boardwalk.
271. **Oriental Magpie-robin (Oriental)** (*Copsychus saularis* [saularis-group]) Common.
272. **White-rumped Shama** (*Copsychus malabaricus*) Fairly common.
273. **Dark-sided Flycatcher** (*Muscicapa sibirica*) 1, Khao Luang.
274. **Asian Brown Flycatcher (Northern)** (*Muscicapa dauurica dauurica*) 6 in total at Kaeng Krachan, Sri Phang Nga and Khao Luang.
275. **Hainan Blue Flycatcher** (*Cyornis hainanus*) 2+ Khao Yai Mar 5th.
276. **Hill Blue Flycatcher** (*Cyornis whitei*) A few noted at Khao Yai.



277. **LARGE BLUE FLYCATCHER** (*Cyornis magnirostris*) Ad male, Mar 8th - 9th Sri Phang Nga.
The bird had been present at the feeding station for several weeks, hanging around for free mealworms from the photographers.
278. **Indochinese Blue Flycatcher** (*Cyornis sumatrensis*) Singing birds at Doi Pha Hom Pok, Taksin Maharat and Phu Suan Sai.
279. **Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher** (*Cyornis olivaceus*) 1, Khao Luang at c 700m asl.
280. **Verditer Flycatcher** (*Eumyias thalassinus*) Noted at Taksin Maharat and fairly common at Khao Yai.
281. **Himalayan Shortwing** (*Brachypteryx cruralis*) A pair at the Doi Inthanon summit bog.
282. **Bluethroat** (*Luscinia svecica*) 1 female type at Pathum Thani Rice Centre.
283. **Siberian Rubythroat** (*Calliope calliope*) 1+ male at Nam Kham Reserve.



284. **White-tailed Robin (White-tailed)** (*Myiomela leucura leucura/montium*)
2+, Jan 29th-30th at Phu Suan Sai along the road to, and at the bird hide under the road.

285. **Red-flanked Bluetail** (*Tarsiger cyanurus*) 2 at Doi Inthanon summit bog boardwalk.

286. **Chestnut-naped Forktail** (*Enicurus ruficapillus*) 2 at Sri Phang Nga and 1 at Khao Luang on the motorbike ride up.



287. **White-crowned Forktail (Northern)** (*Enicurus leschenaulti sinensis/indicus*) 1, Phu Suan Sai at the bird hide.



288. **Blue Whistling Thrush (Yellow-billed)** (*Myophonus caeruleus* [flavirostris-group])
A few up in the northern hills, all identified as the yellow-billed types as above at Doi Inthanon.



289. **Slaty-backed Flycatcher** (*Ficedula erithacus*) A male at Phu Suan Sai Jan 30th.
 290. **Snowy-browed Flycatcher** (*Ficedula hyperythra*) 2+ Doi Inthanon summit bog trail boardwalk Mar 1st-2nd.
 291. **Taiga Flycatcher** (*Ficedula albicilla*) Common just about everywhere.
 292. **Blue Rock Thrush (philippensis Group)** (*Monticola solitarius* [*philippensis*-group]) c 20 noted in all, commoner in the north.



293. **Amur Stonechat** (*Saxicola stejnegeri*) Fairly common throughout.
 294. **Pied Stonechat** (*Saxicola caprata*) A few birds noted in the farmlands of the north.
 295. **Blue-winged Leafbird** (*Chloropsis moluccensis*) Several at Doi Pha Hom Pok, Taksin Maharat, Doi Inthanon and Khao Yai.
 296. **Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** (*Prionochilus maculatus*) 2+ Sri Phang Nga.
 297. **Thick-billed Flowerpecker (obsoletum Group)** (*Dicaeum agile* [*obsoletum*-group]) A few at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
 298. **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** (*Dicaeum chrysorrheum*) A few at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
 299. **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker (Cambodian)** (*Dicaeum ignipectus cambodianum*) Several at Khao Yai.
 300. **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** (*Dicaeum cruentatum*) Males at Pha Chang and near Krabi.
 301. **Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** (*Chalcoparia singalensis*) Several at Khao Yai.

302. **Plain Sunbird** (*Anthreptes simplex*) Noted at Sri Phang Nga.
303. **Purple Sunbird** (*Cinnyris asiaticus*) A couple of males near Chiang Rai and also seen at Khao Yai.



304. **Green-tailed Sunbird (Doi Inthanon)** (*Aethopyga nipalensis angkanensis*) Common at Doi Inthanon at the summit bog trail.
305. **Black-throated Sunbird (Black-throated)** (*Aethopyga saturata* [saturata-group]) Common at Doi Inthanon at the summit bog trail, a few at Phu Suan Sai and also at Khao Yai.
306. **Purple-naped Sunbird** (*Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum*) 1 at Sri Phang Nga.
307. **Little Spiderhunter** (*Arachnothera longirostra*) Noisy and conspicuous at several forested sites.
308. **Grey-breasted Spiderhunter** (*Arachnothera modesta*) 1, Sri Phang Nga.
309. **Streaked Spiderhunter** (*Arachnothera magna*) Noted at Taksin Maharat and Phu Suan Sai.
310. **Tree Sparrow** (*Passer montanus*) Common.
311. **Plain-backed Sparrow** (*Passer flaveolus*) A few at Khao Yai and a group of c 15 at Pathum Thani Rice fields.
312. **House Sparrow (Indian)** (*Passer domesticus* [indicus-group]) A few noted.
313. **Asian Golden Weaver** (*Ploceus hypoxanthus*) Several noted at Pathum Thani Rice fields.
314. **Streaked Weaver** (*Ploceus manyar*) Several noted at Pathum Thani Rice fields.
315. **Baya Weaver** (*Ploceus philippinus*) Several noted at Pathum Thani Rice fields.
316. **Scaly-breasted Munia (Scaled)** (*Lonchura punctulata* [nisoria-group]) Scattered records with c 50+ Mueang Lamphun paddies.
317. **White-rumped Munia** (*Lonchura striata*) A few noted at Phu Suan Sai and Pathum Thani rice fields.
318. **Red Avadavat (Red-bellied)** (*Amandava amandava amandava/punicea*) 2 at Pathum Thani rice fields.
319. **Forest Wagtail** (*Dendronanthus indicus*) Noted at Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan.
320. **Eastern Yellow Wagtail (Manchurian)** (*Motacilla tschutschensis macronyx*) Several identified at Pathum Thani rice fields.
321. **Citrine Wagtail (Citrine)** (*Motacilla citreola citreola*) A few near Chiang Rai.
322. **Grey Wagtail** (*Motacilla cinerea*) Frequently encountered along streams and rivers.
323. **Pied Wagtail (Chinese)** (*Motacilla alba leucopsis*) This form identified at Doi Pha Hom Pok.
324. **Richard's Pipit** (*Anthus richardi*) 2+ at Pathum Thani rice fields.
325. **Paddyfield Pipit** (*Anthus rufulus*) Seen throughout in paddies and easy to see well at Khao Yai.
326. **Olive-backed Pipit** (*Anthus hodgsoni*) Common up north.



327. **SPOT-WINGED GROSBEAK** (*Mycerobas melanozanthos*) c20, Jan 22nd-23rd by the geyser at Doi Pha Hom Pok. The birds would often be concealed in the dense foliage before erupting noisily out and flying round a while before landing.

328. **Common Rosefinch** (*Carpodacus erythrinus*) 100+ near Takatan in the farmed fields.

MAMMALS

1. **Asian Elephant** (*Elephas maximus*) 2 groups at Khao Yai in 2 evenings one with a small young one, and right by the roadside feeding and destroying a few small trees.
2. **Northern Pig-tailed Macaque** (*Macaca leonina*) Commoner now at Khao Yai causing havoc at the Visitor Centre Restaurant and campsites where brazen theft was the norm ! Bag and food snatching now seems to be quite common with a few large males being resistant to scaring off with sticks. Broke into our tent scattering the contents outside (no food left inside) so opening zips is no barrier to them (or the Samba Deer who can open a zip now with their lips!)
3. **Long-tailed Macaque** (*Macaca fascicularis*) Common down the peninsular coastal areas near towns with rocky outcrops.
4. **Dusky Langur** (*Trachypithecus obscurus*) Several seen at Kaeng Krachan.
5. **Lar Gibbon** (*Hylobates lar*) Common at Khao Yai where great views were had and heard at Sri Phang Nga.
6. **Malayan Porcupine** (*Hystrix brachyura*) 6+ over a few nights at Khao Yai along the roads and around the campsite.
7. **Black Giant Squirrel** (*Ratufa bicolor*) Heard at a few places but easiest to see at Khao Yai.
8. **Northern Red Muntjac** (*Muntiacus vaginalis*) A few at Khao Yai out with the Sambar in the evenings.
9. **Sambar** (*Rusa unicolor*) Common and very approachable at Khao Yai.
10. **DHOLE** (*Cuon alpinus*) Adult looking individual, Feb 1st on km33 trail, Khao Yai at c7.30am walking quite noisily through the leaf-litter till it saw me and then scarpered. Superb and close views. Apparently doing well at Khao Yai now.
11. **Golden Jackal** (*Canis aureus*) 4 Adults and at least 8 pups at a burrow in the grasslands at Khao Yai south of the main Visitor Centre. Watched from the road in the evenings bringing food back to the pups and also seen in the dark along the same road ranging from the campsite turn off back nearly to the main Visitor Centre

SABAH, BORNEO Feb 6th – 19th 2023.

ITINERARY

Feb 5th Arrived on time at **Kota Kinabalu Airport at 11pm**. Cash out from ATM, SIM card for unlimited data for 35 MYR and a taxi to **Oyo Grapevine Hotel** <https://goo.gl/maps/pM9Pg5oXo8Jp648u6> . 94 MYR.

6th Collected car at 9.30am (1.5 hrs late due to an office mistake and several phonecalls to incorrect numbers) and drove on to the **Sento Hotel** <https://goo.gl/maps/bfTSjxSQtHeJtL8j6> in Keningau via the **Gunung Alab Restaurant** in the Crocker Range. Teamed up with John Gregory for a meal in the evening.

7th Left the hire car at the Sento Hotel and away at 6am with Jimmy for the 2 hr+ drive to **Trus Madi Jungle Girl Camp** stopping off at the **Bulwer's Pheasant** Hide for 3 hours on route. Up to the Camp for a few hours and then back to the hide from 2-4.30 pm.

8th Up at 7am and birded the **Jungle Girl Camp access rd** till 11am then drove back down to Kenningau. John went off to Kota Kinabalu while we drove up to **Ranau** to stay at **OYO Kampung Stay** <https://goo.gl/maps/q6nwp9tvoYpUuPWE9> for 30 MYR.

9th Up late and off to **Poring Hot Springs**. 50 MYR entrance plus extra fees for parking (5 MYR) and the Canopy Walkway (10 MYR) for the day. Stayed there till 4pm walking mainly around the Canopy walkway, Hot Springs and Butterfly Farm. Teamed up later at OYO Kampung Stay with John Gregory again and got sorted out for the next day.

10th Up at 4am with John Gregory and drove the shite road 78km to meet Khairul. We followed him to a house a few miles back up the road and were taken the 20 minute walk to the hide. In the hide all day from c8am to c5.15pm, finally getting spectacular, close views of the male **Bornean Peacock-Pheasant** at 4.30-5.15pm. Drove back to Ranau to celebrate!

11th Said goodbye to John and drove 4hrs check in to the **Sepilok Jungle Resort** <https://goo.gl/maps/NUomPFoR2Z2pJzNq9> £131/ 3 nights plus 10myr /night per room Tourist tax. Went for a short walk around the **Sepilok Rainforest Discovery Centre** in the afternoon walking the Canopy walkway and **hearing a Giant Pitta almost immediately!** Got closer along the trail and heard it calling again a few times before it disappeared.

12th Dawn to midday walking the area of the previous afternoons Giant Pitta calling and then early onto the Pitta Trail from the south end. **Success by c9am even getting the wife onto another male Giant Pitta!** What a morning! Back out in the afternoon again up the Pitta Trail and back for dusk.

13th Out to the RDC by 7.30am till midday. Went to the **Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre** from 2-4pm.

14th Up early and off to **Lubuk Bay Proboscis Monkey feeding Station** being treated to a fantastic encounter with a troop of the monkeys up close and very personal ! At c 10 am we drove on back west to **Poring Hot Springs** to book into the **Poring Vacation Lodge** <https://goo.gl/maps/SUe8nZHvRJ1BCS2t7> 230 myr for 2 nights in the aircon room.

15th Away up the **Langanan Trail** at 6am getting to the 2.5km marker by 7.30 am where I wrestled with a **Hose's Broadbill** and staked out a fruiting tree till c 3.30pm when I walked down to get another ticket for 50 MYR for another attempt at better views tomorrow.

16th Walking up again at 6am and at the 2.5km mark by 7.10am waiting till c10.30 before returning back to Poring Vacation Lodge. **Drove on to Kota Kinabalu** to book 3 nights at the **Chaya Hotel** <https://goo.gl/maps/5a2Z7Bqf9zgAdJX57> with a rooftop swimming pool to keep the wife happy!

17th Away at 5am driving to **Klias Peat Swamp arriving c7am**. And walked the far end and also the whole loop till c 2pm when drove back to Kota Kinabalu. Frustratingly heard a **Black-and-white Bulbul** close but no views.

18th Checked out **Sugud Ecoland forest** <https://goo.gl/maps/RbYuWsBfUbctWKSv8> where a pair of **Black and White Buleuls** had been lurking for a few weeks till midday. Rest of day planning Laos trip.

19th Early morning till 10am back at the area for **Black-and-White Bulbul**, probably hearing one calling as I was doing a 10 point turn ! Flight at 4.35pm arriving at **Don Mueang, Bangkok at 18.30**. Walked to the **B Your Home Hotel** <https://goo.gl/maps/HtzQEscxaRn4W7eU8> in 20 minutes and chilled out in the Batman apartment block.



1. **BULWER'S PHEASANT** (*Lophura bulweri*) 2 males and 2 females, Feb 7th Trus Madi Forest Reserve near the Jungle Girl Camp. Both photos above are of the same male as the 2nd male came in in very dark conditions. The females were far more wary and usually arrived with the male but kept to the back of the open viewing area and were often concealed. Spectacular birds feeding for extended periods and quite close too although the light was often very dim. The views were unbelievable though as they hoovered up the corn left for them. The blue horns and drooping wattles remained retracted and the male above appeared to be missing a drooping wattle on its left side. A fantastic once-in-a-lifetime experience worth every penny! Thanks Calvin and team!!



2. **Bornean Crested Fireback** (*Lophura ignita*) Male and 3 females Feb 10th Telupid area. These birds came through all together towards dusk to feed on the grain left out but were aggressive towards the Bornean Peacock-Pheasant chasing it off!



3. **Great Argus** (*Argusianus argus*) This female came through Feb 7th Trus Madi Forest Reserve at the Bulwer's feeding area in the evening to put on a show. Spectacular and prolonged views, the best I've seen. Also heard at Trus Madi Forest Reserve several times, as well as at Sepilok, Poring Hot Springs and Sugud Ecoland forest.



4. **BORNEAN PEACOCK-PHEASANT** (*Polyplectron schleiermacheri*) Male, Feb 7th Telupid area. A bit tense as we spent all day waiting and luckily Khairul heard it coming in after 5pm. Suddenly it appeared nearby but wouldn't leave cover due to the aggressive Crested Firebacks nearby which soon chased it off. I then glimpsed it scuttling round the back bypassing the Firebacks and it soon popped out at the corn feeding area where it posed out in the open for c15 minutes often freezing for photos. Again, another once-in-a-lifetime experience and a great day with Khairul, his friend and John Gregory. Superb!

5. **Grey-rumped Treeswift** (*Hemiprocne longipennis*) c10 birds noted in all.
6. **Plume-toed Swiftlet** (*Collocalia affinis*) Watching the breeding swiftlets at the Gunung Alab Restaurant, it certainly appeared that they were not Bornean Swiftlets to me, but Plume-toed. But I stand to be corrected !!
7. **Brown-backed Needletail** (*Hirundapus giganteus*) 5 birds on 11th Feb near Sepilok.
8. **Greater Coucal (Greater)** (*Centropus sinensis* [sinensis-group]) Frequently heard throughout.
9. **Raffles's Malkoha** (*Rhinortha chlorophaea*) Single birds at Sepilok and Sugud Ecoland forest.
10. **Chestnut-breasted Malkoha (Chestnut-breasted)** (*Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* [curvirostris-group]) 1, Sepilok.
11. **Plaintive Cuckoo** (*Cacomantis merulinus*) Frequently heard but only a few seen.
12. **Square-tailed Drongo-cuckoo** (*Surniculus lugubris*) A few heard but only 1 seen at Sugud Ecoland forest.
13. **Indian Cuckoo** (*Cuculus micropterus*) Heard at Poring and a Sugud Ecoland forest.
14. **Spotted Dove (Eastern)** (*Spilopelia chinensis* [chinensis-group]) Fairly common.
15. **Little Cuckoo-dove** (*Macropygia ruficeps*) 6 noted at Poring Hot Springs area.
16. **Common Emerald Dove** (*Chalcophaps indica*) 2 Trus Madi and 4 Sugud Ecoland forest.
17. **Zebra Dove** (*Geopelia striata*) Several at Sugud Ecoland forest.
18. **Little Green Pigeon** (*Treron olax*) A few at Sepilok.



19. **Pink-necked Green Pigeon** (*Treron vernans*) 11 birds noted in all.
20. **Jambu Fruit Dove** (*Ptilinopus jambu*) A pair eating in a fruiting tree at Klias peat swamp boardwalk.
21. **Green Imperial Pigeon (Green)** (*Ducula aenea* [aenea-group]) Several birds noted and easy at Kota Kinabalu.
22. **White-breasted Waterhen** (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*) A few birds crossing the roads along the Oil Palm plantations.
23. **Common Sandpiper** (*Actitis hypoleucos*) 2 on the river at Ranau.
24. **Storm's Stork** (*Ciconia stormi*) A single bird disturbed by some forest being logged on the way to Sepilok... very depressing.
25. **Intermediate Egret (Intermediate)** (*Ardea intermedia intermedia*) Common along the roadsides.
26. **Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*) A few noted.
27. **Crested Serpent Eagle (Crested)** (*Spilornis cheela* [cheela-group]) A few heard calling but only 2 seen at Sepilok.
28. **Blyth's Hawk-Eagle** (*Nisaetus alboniger*) 1 at Trus Madi Jungle Girl Camp.
29. **Brahminy Kite** (*Haliastur indus*) Several noted near coastal areas.
30. **Diard's Trogon** (*Harpactes diardii*) A pair at Sepilok and a male at Sugud Ecoland forest.
31. **Scarlet-rumped Trogon** (*Harpactes duvaucelii*) 2 males at Sugud Ecoland forest.
32. **White-crowned Hornbill** (*Berenicornis comatus*) 1 at Sepilok.
33. **Rhinoceros Hornbill** (*Buceros rhinoceros*) Heard only at Trus Madi and at the Peacock-Pheasant hide.
34. **Oriental Pied Hornbill** (*Anthracoceros albirostris*) A few at Sepilok.
35. **Black Hornbill** (*Anthracoceros malayanus*) 2 birds at Sepilok.
36. **Oriental Dollarbird** (*Eurystomus orientalis*) 1, Sepilok.



37. **Rufous-collared Kingfisher** (*Actenoides concretus*) Nice views of one over the path at Poring Hot Springs.



38. **Banded Kingfisher (Black-faced)** (*Lacedo pulchella melanops*) Males at Poring Hot Springs Feb 9th and 2 heard on 16th there. The male photod above was outside the Peacock-Pheasant hide and showed really well. A superb forest kingfisher.

39. **Stork-billed Kingfisher** (*Pelargopsis capensis*) 1 at the main lake at Sepilok.
40. **Collared Kingfisher (Collared)** (*Todiramphus chloris* [chloris-group]) A few seen or heard along the route.
41. **Blue-eared Kingfisher** (*Alcedo meninting*) 1, Feb 13th at Sepilok.



42. **Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Rufous-backed)** (*Ceyx erithaca rufidorsa/motleyi*) 3+ at Sepilok (above) and 1+ Klias Peat Swamp.
43. **Red-bearded Bee-eater** (*Nyctornis amictus*) 2 at Trus Madi and heard at Sugud Ecoland forest.
44. **Blue-throated Bee-eater** (*Merops viridis*) A few noted.



45. **Red-crowned Barbet** (*Psilopogon rafflesii*) 4+ seen at Klias Peat Swamp.
46. **Red-throated Barbet** (*Psilopogon mystacophanos*) 2+ along the Langanan Trail at Poring Hot Springs.
47. **Grey-and-buff Woodpecker (Grey-and-buff)** (*Hemicircus concretus sordidus*) 1 along the Langanan Trail at Poring Hot Springs.
48. **White-bellied Woodpecker** (*Dryocopus javensis*) 1, Sepilok.
49. **Crimson-winged Woodpecker** (*Picus puniceus*) 1, Trus Madi at the Jungle Girl Camp.
50. **Maroon Woodpecker** (*Blythipicus rubiginosus*) 1 at Poring Hot Springs.
51. **Long-tailed Parakeet (Common)** (*Psittacula longicauda longicauda/defontainei*) c20 Klias Peat Swamp and c10 Kota Kiabalu.
52. **Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot** (*Loriculus galgulus*) Several flying over at Sepilok.
53. **Black-and-yellow Broadbill** (*Eurylaimus ochromalus*) Heard frequently but only seen once at Sugud Ecoland Forest.

54. *Green Broadbill* (*Calyptomena viridis*) Heard at Poring Hot Springs lower down the slope.

55. **HOSE'S BROADBILL** (*Calyptomena hosii*) 1-2 birds, Feb 15th Poring Hot Springs at the 2.5km post along the Langanan Trail. First heard calling at c 7am by a fruiting tree and it remained hidden until I flushed it off a bare branch. Still calling frequently and close, I got some very obscured views of a males underparts in a fruiting tree with what appeared to be another bird with it. Staking out the tree for the rest of the day I got another obscured view at about 2.30pm.



56. **GIANT PITTA** (*Hydrornis caeruleus*) 1 heard Feb 11th and another male seen Feb 12th with another calling back to it along the Pitta Trail, all at Sepilok RDC. First heard calling while on the Canopy walkway at c4pm but it remained out of view despite calling closely for c 30mins. No sign at dawn the next morning so decided to try the Pitta Trail and heard one calling at c8.30am. Went in after about 20 minutes of it not moving and found it calling straight away. Watched it for c20 mins then went to fetch Helen and we both watched it for another 30 mins leaving it, and another more distant bird, calling. Bird of the trip for me..

57. *Bornean Banded Pitta* (*Hydrornis schwaneri*) Heard only at Poring on the Langanan Trail.



58. **Black-crowned Pitta** (*Erythropitta ussheri*) 2 seen and at least 4+ calling at Sepilok.

59. *Hooded Pitta (Sunda)* (*Pitta sordida mulleri/bangkana*) Heard calling at the Telupid site and commonly at Sepilok.

60. **Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike** (*Hemipus hirundinaceus*) A few at Sepilok and Sugud Ecoland.

61. **Rufous-winged Philentoma** (*Philentoma pyroptera*) 2 at the Peacock-Pheasant site.



62. **Maroon-breasted Philentoma** (*Philentoma velata*) Pair, Feb 16th Poring Hot Springs along the Langanan Trail near the 2.5k post.

63. **White-breasted Woodswallow** (*Artamus leucorhynchus*) Common

64. **Common lora** (*Aegithina tiphia*) A few noted at Lubuk Bay.

65. **Green lora** (*Aegithina viridissima*) 1, Klias Peat Swamp.

66. **Scarlet Minivet (Scarlet)** (*Pericrocotus speciosus* [speciosus-group]) Common at Trus Madi and a few at Sepilok.

67. **Sunda Cuckooshrike** (*Coracina larvata*) 2+ at Poring Hot Springs.

68. **Long-tailed Shrike (bentet)** (*Lanius schach bentet*) Seen along the road to Ranau.



69. **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** (*Dicrurus paradiseus*) Noted at Sepilok, Poring and Klias Peat Swamp.
Note vestigial frontal tuft, different sized tail streamers and dark eye distinctive of the Bornean ssp *brachyphorus* (Eaton et al).
70. **Ashy Drongo** (*Dicrurus leucophaeus stigmatops*) Several noted at Trus Madi.
71. **Malaysian Pied Fantail** (*Rhipidura javanica*) Fairly common.
72. **Spotted Fantail** (*Rhipidura perlata*) A few at Trus Madi.



73. **Black-naped Monarch** (*Hypothymis azurea*) Regularly noted. Photod at Sepilok.
74. **Crested Jayshrike** (*Platylophus galericulatus*) 2 at Trus Madi and 2 at Poring Hot Springs.
75. **Bornean Black Magpie** (*Platysmurus aterrimus*) 1 at Sugud Ecoland.
76. **Slender-billed Crow (Sunda)** (*Corvus enca compilator*) 1 at Sepilok.
77. **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*) 1 at Poring Hot Springs.
78. **Hairy-backed Bulbul** (*Tricholestes criniger*) Several at Poring Hot Springs and 1 at Sugud Ecoland.
79. **Yellow-bellied Bulbul** (*Alophoixus phaeocephalus*) c4+ at the fruiting tree on the langanan Trail at the 2.5km mark.
80. **Penan Bulbul** (*Alophoixus ruficrissus*) 4 at Trus Madi and several at Poring Hot Springs.
81. **Charlotte's Bulbul** (*Iole charlottae*) Several at Trus Madi and several at Poring Hot Springs.
82. **Cinereous Bulbul (Green-winged)** (*Hemixos cinereus connectens*) Several at Trus Madi.

- 83. **Streaked Bulbul** (*Ixos malaccensis*) 1 at Trus Madi and 3+ at Poring Hot Springs.
- 84. **Black-headed Bulbul** (*Brachypodius melanocephalos*) Common.
- 85. **Spectacled Bulbul** (*Ixodia erythrophthalmos*) A few at Sugud Ecoland.
- 86. **Bornean Bulbul** (*Rubigula montis*) 6+ at Trus Madi.
- 87. **Cream-vented Bulbul (Red-eyed)** (*Pycnonotus simplex perplexus*) A few red-eyed birds at Sugud Ecoland.
- 88. **Asian Red-eyed Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus brunneus*) Several noted although not easy to separate from Cream-vented Bulbul.



- 89. **Cream-eyed Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus pseudosimplex*) 4, Feb 18th and 5+ on 19th Sugud Ecoland at the same fruiting tree or nearby.
- 90. **Yellow-vented Bulbul** (*Pycnonotus goiavier*) Common.
- 91. **Pacific Swallow (House)** (*Hirundo tahitica [javanica-group]*) Common.
- 92. **Swallow** (*Hirundo rustica*) Common.
- 93. **Yellow-bellied Warbler** (*Abroscopus superciliaris*) 1 at Trus Madi and 1 at Poring.
- 94. **Dark-necked Tailorbird** (*Orthotomus atrogularis*) Noted at Trus Madi and Klias Peat Swamp.
- 95. **Rufous-tailed Tailorbird** (*Orthotomus sericeus*) 1 at Trus Madi.
- 96. **Ashy Tailorbird** (*Orthotomus ruficeps*) 2 at Trus Madi and a few at Sugud Ecoland.
- 97. **Chestnut-crested Yuhina** (*Staphida everetti*) 60+ at Trus Madi and a few noted at Sepilok and Poring.



- 98. **Pygmy White-eye** (*Heleia squamifrons*) At least 5 birds (4+ in one group) at Trus Madi near the Jungle Girl Camp.

99. **Bold-striped Tit-Babbler** (*Mixornis bornensis*) Only a few seen but also several heard at Trus Madi and Sugud Ecoland.
100. **Grey-hooded Babbler** (*Cyanoderma bicolor*) Noted at Poring and Klias Peat Swamp.
101. **Sunda Scimitar Babbler** (*Pomatorhinus bornensis*) 2 at the Telupid area.
102. **Black-throated Babbler** (*Stachyris nigricollis*) 2 at Sepilok.
103. **Grey-headed Babbler** (*Stachyris poliocephala*) 2 at Trus Madi.
104. **Bornean Black-capped Babbler** (*Pellorneum capistratoides*) 1 at the Telupid site.
105. **Short-tailed Babbler** (*Pellorneum malaccense*) 2 at the Telupid site.
106. **Brown Fulvetta** (*Alcippe brunneicauda*) Several birds at Trus Madi and Poring Hot Springs.
107. **Asian Fairy-bluebird** (*Irena puella*) Several noted.
108. **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** (*Sitta frontalis*) 2 at Sugud Ecoland.
109. **Asian Glossy Starling** (*Aplonis panayensis*) Common.
110. **Common Hill Myna (Common)** (*Gracula religiosa* [religiosa-group]) 14 birds in pairs at Klias Peat Swamp.
111. **Oriental Magpie-robin (Black)** (*Copsychus saularis* [amoenus-group]) Several noted.
112. **Rufous-tailed Shama** (*Copsychus pyrropygus*) A male at Klias Peat Swamp.
113. **White-crowned Shama** (*Copsychus stricklandii*) 4 males seen and also a few unseen birds heard singing a few times.
114. **Grey-streaked Flycatcher** (*Muscicapa griseisticta*) 2 birds at Trus Madi.
115. **Dark-sided Flycatcher** (*Muscicapa sibirica*) 1st yr at Sugud Ecoland still quite heavily spotted.
116. **Asian Brown Flycatcher (Northern)** (*Muscicapa dauurica dauurica*) 4-5 birds at least.



117. **Pale Blue Flycatcher (Hartert's)** (*Cyornis unicolor cyanopolia*) Male at Poring 9th Feb.



118. **Dayak Blue Flycatcher** (*Cyornis montanus*) 4 birds at the Pheasant hide at Trus Madi.

119. **Blue-and-white Flycatcher** (*Cyanoptila cyanomelana*) 2 males and a female at Trus Madi and a female at Poring.
 120. **Verditer Flycatcher** (*Eumyias thalassinus*) Common and conspicuous at clearings and forest edge at Trus Madi.



121. **NARCISSUS FLYCATCHER** (*Ficedula narcissina*) Male, Feb 8th Trus Madi at the Jungle Girl Camp, came in to some pishing at the clearing just down from the Lodge and showed well to me and John. What a cracker !!



122. **Bornean Leafbird** (*Chloropsis kinabaluensis*) 6+ Trus Madi by the Jungle Girl Camp.
 123. **Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** (*Prionochilus maculatus*) Noted at the Jungle Girl Camp, Klias Peat Swamp and Sugud Ecoland.
 124. **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** (*Dicaeum chrysorrheum*) A few at Trus Madi.
 125. **Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker** (*Dicaeum xanthopygius*) A few at Trus Madi.
 126. **Orange-bellied Flowerpecker** (*Dicaeum trigonostigma* [trigonostigma-group]) Several at Trus Madi and also at Klias Peat Swamp.
 127. **Black-sided Flowerpecker** (*Dicaeum monticolum*) Male at Trus Madi.
 128. **Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** (*Chalcoparia singalensis*) Males at Trus Madi and the Telupid site.
 129. **Plain Sunbird** (*Anthreptes simplex*) A few at Trus Madi.

130. **Brown-throated Sunbird (Brown-throated)** (*Anthreptes malacensis* [malacensis-group]) Several at Sepilok.
131. **Olive-backed Sunbird (Olive-backed)** (*Cinnyris jugularis* [jugularis-group]) 1 noted on Feb 16th.



132. **Crimson Sunbird (Crimson)** (*Aethopyga siparaja* [siparaja-group]) 2 at Poring Hot Springs.
133. **Temminck's Sunbird** (*Aethopyga temminckii*) Several at Trus Madi.
134. **Purple-naped Sunbird** (*Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum*) 1 at Poring Hot Springs.
135. **Little Spiderhunter** (*Arachnothera longirostra*) Common.



136. **Yellow-eared Spiderhunter** (*Arachnothera chrysogenys*) 1 at Sugud Ecoland.
137. **Tree Sparrow** (*Passer montanus*) Common.
138. **Chestnut Munia (Chestnut)** (*Lonchura atricapilla* [atricapilla-group]) A few noted on Feb 16th.
139. **Dusky Munia** (*Lonchura fuscans*) 2 birds at Kota Kinabalu when walking from the hostel to pick up the car.
140. **Grey Wagtail** (*Motacilla cinerea*) Regularly noted.

MAMMALS

1. **Sunda Pig-tailed Macaque** (*Macaca nemestrina*) Troops of bad attitude monkeys wandering around Sepilok.
2. **Long-tailed Macaque** (*Macaca fascicularis*) A few roadside animals.
3. **Maroon Langur** (*Presbytis rubicunda*) 1 at Poring Hot Springs, formally known as Red Leaf Monkey.



4. **Proboscis Monkey** (*Nasalis larvatus*) 40+ at Lubuk Bay Sanctuary put on a real entertaining show for us storming through the feeding centre slamming the wooden flooring, wooden furniture and tiled roof to the horror of the attending school children! No harm was done as they were just showing off. Fantastic animals.
5. **East Bornean Grey Gibbon** (*Hylobates funereus*) 2 and others heard at Poring Hot Springs.



6. **Bornean Orangutan** (*Pongo pygmaeus*) 5+ at Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre at feeding time.

7. **Black Giant Squirrel** (*Ratufa bicolor*) Several at Sepilok viewable from the Canopy Walkway.

8. **Tufted Pygmy Squirrel** (*Exilisciurus whiteheadi*) 1 at Trus Madi.

9. **Prevost's Squirrel** (*Callosciurus prevostii*) Common at Sepilok.



10. **Red Giant Flying Squirrel** (*Petaurista petaurista*) 2 along the Canopy Walkway at Sepilok.



11. **Malay Civet** (*Viverra zibetha*) 1 watched closely at the Jungle Girl Camp at Trus Madi.

ITINERARY

Feb 22nd Arrived on time at **Vientianne** and then had some beurocracy at the immigration having to fill in the same form twice. Picked up the car quickly from Hertz and headed off south to **Na Hin** along the crap road for 284km taking over 6 hrs. Arrived c 6.30pm at the **Sanhak Guesthouse** <https://goo.gl/maps/mXceS45ErBxhXZyKA> (\$15/night for a double room) and eventually collapsed into bed.

23rd Up at 5.30am and out to walk the Walkway at the **Rock Viewpoint** <https://goo.gl/maps/AegrMDoKgRHHhQXB6> till 10am. Tried a few other limestone locations along the road back to Na Hin till 11.30. Great views of the easy **Bare-faced Bulbuls**, **Sooty Babblers** and several **Laotian Langurs** along the Boardwalk Loop there. Out again at 2.30 to the **Dragon Cave** <https://goo.gl/maps/vUtDcAc4eFPtmj8W7> at km 78 for **Limestone Leaf Warbler** but still no sign. Back at dusk.

24th Up early and out to **Konglor Cave** <https://goo.gl/maps/VLk1EXdRaG6MY22i9> walking over the river and south and returning to Na Hin at 1pm. Out at the **Rock Viewpoint** in the evening (**50k Kip each**) not seeing much except the same birds as the morning before but no Laotian Langurs this time.

25th Drove down to walk around the limestone karst <https://goo.gl/maps/ThaPGtjzAr1Cws36> near the **Spring River Resort** and also the nearby **Konglor Cave** again in the morning before dropping Helen off back at the Hotel and trying more areas unsuccessfully for Limestone Leaf Warbler till dusk.

26th Up early to walk the boardwalk at the **Rock Viewpoint** again. Spent the rest of the day driving back along the shit roads to **Vientianne** to stay at the **Chandara Boutique Hotel** <https://goo.gl/maps/mm9eHb8L75ws55Xo8> for \$40-\$45. Returned car early.

27th Easy day sorting out the next few days in Thailand.

28th Up and away to Wattay Airport for the 9.35am flight back to **Don Mueang Airport, THAILAND**.

SYSTEMATIC LIST (IOC WILDLIFE RECORDER 4 & IOC 12.2) ENDEMIC = ENDEMIC

1. **House Swift** (*Apus nipalensis*) A few noted.
2. **Greater Coucal (Greater)** (*Centropus sinensis* [sinensis-group]) A few roadside birds..
3. **Red Collared Dove** (*Streptopelia tranquebarica*) Several on the drive from/to Vientianne.
4. **Spotted Dove (Eastern)** (*Spilopelia chinensis* [chinensis-group])
5. **Asian Barred Owlet** (*Glaucidium cuculoides*) 1 seen and 1 heard at Konglor Cave.
6. **Coppersmith Barbet** (*Psilopogon haemacephalus*) A few noted.
7. **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** (*Yungipicus canicapillus*) 1 at the Rock Viewpoint.
8. **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** (*Hemipus picatus*) A few at the Rock Viewpoint.
9. **Ashy Woodswallow** (*Artamus fuscus*) Several noted.
10. **Scarlet Minivet** (*Pericrocotus speciosus*) A few at the Spring River Resort area.
11. **Brown Shrike (Brown)** (*Lanius cristatus cristatus/confusus*) 2 birds noted.
12. **White-bellied Erpornis** (*Erpornis zantholeuca*) 2 birds at Konglor Cave.
13. **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** (*Dicrurus paradiseus*) Noted at Konglor Cave.
14. **Ashy Drongo (Sooty)** (*Dicrurus leucophaeus* [leucophaeus-group]) Several seen.
15. **Black-naped Monarch** (*Hypothymis azurea*) 4 at Konglor Cave and also near the Spring River Resort.
16. **Large-billed Crow (Large-billed)** (*Corvus macrorhynchos* [macrorhynchos-group]) Several noted.
17. **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*) 6 birds at Konglor Cave and the Rock Viewpoint.
18. **Green-backed Tit** (*Parus monticolus*) 4+ near the Spring River Resort mainly around the limestone Karsts.
19. **Puff-throated Bulbul (Puff-throated)** (*Alophoixus pallidus* [pallidus-group]) Several at the Rock Viewpoint.
20. **Black-headed Bulbul** (*Brachypodius melanocephalus*) A few at the Rock Viewpoint.
21. **Black-crested Bulbul** (*Rubigula flaviventris*) Common at the Rock Viewpoint.



22. **BARE-FACED BULBUL** (Nok hualon) 3-6 birds, Feb 23rd-24th at the Rock Viewpoint Walkway giving the best views at the lowest part of the walkway. They were always in a group of 3 birds and were moving around a lot so it was quite difficult to be sure how many birds there were but some were seen very distantly and were thought to be another group. Quite confiding here giving close views especially early to mid morning before it got too hot. They also performed well in the evening of 24th when it had cooled down.

23. **Stripe-throated Bulbul (Stripe-throated)** (*Pycnonotus finlaysoni finlaysoni/eous*) A few at the Rock Viewpoint.
24. **Dusky Crag Martin** (*Ptyonoprogne concolor*) A few at the Rock Viewpoint.
25. **Asian House Martin** (*Delichon dasypus*) 100+ just west of the Rock Viewpoint in the evening.
26. **Red-rumped Swallow (Asian)** (*Cecropis daurica* [daurica-group]) Several birds noted on 25th.
27. **Yellow-browed Warbler** (*Phylloscopus inornatus*) Common.
28. **Common Tailorbird** (*Orthotomus sutorius*) 1 on 24th.
29. **Pin-Striped Tit-Babbler** (*Mixornis gularis*) A few seen at the Rock Viewpoint area.



30. **SOOTY BABBLER** (*Stachyris herberti*) 25 birds in a few different groups, Feb 23rd and 10 on 24th at the Rock Viewpoint along the Walkway. Also 6 birds on 24th Konglor Cave area and another 10 birds on 25th around the Karst hill next to the Spring River Resort. Confiding birds watched down to a few feet at times as they moved about the rock crevices in groups of up to 10 birds. Again, these were much more active in the early mornings and evenings.

31. **Common Myna** (*Acridotheres tristis*) Common.
32. **Oriental Magpie-robin (Oriental)** (*Copsychus saularis* [saularis-group]) 1, Konglor Cave.
33. **White-rumped Shama** (*Copsychus malabaricus*) 3 birds noted in all.
34. **Asian Brown Flycatcher (Northern)** (*Muscicapa dauurica dauurica*) 1, the Rock Viewpoint.
35. **Taiga Flycatcher** (*Ficedula albicilla*) A few noted most days.
36. **Blue Whistling Thrush** (*Myophonus caeruleus*) 1 at Konglor Cave.
37. **Blue Rock Thrush (philippensis Group)** (*Monticola solitarius* [philippensis-group]) Female at Konglor Cave.
38. **Amur Stonechat** (*Saxicola stejnegeri*) Several birds thought to be Amur.
39. **Pied Bush Chat** (*Saxicola caprata*) 1 on 24th.
40. **Grey Bush Chat** (*Saxicola ferreus*) 2 males and a female at Na Hin.
41. **Blue-winged Leafbird** (*Chloropsis moluccensis*) 2 at the Rock Viewpoint.
42. **Orange-bellied Leafbird** (*Chloropsis hardwickii*) A male noted at the Rock Viewpoint.
43. **Thick-billed Flowerpecker (obsoletum Group)** (*Dicaeum agile* [obsoletum-group]) A few at the Rock Viewpoint.
44. **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** (*Dicaeum chrysorrheum*) A few at the Rock Viewpoint.
45. **Plain Flowerpecker** (*Dicaeum minullum*) 1+ at the Rock Viewpoint.
46. **Crimson Sunbird (Goulpourah)** (*Aethopyga siparaja* [seheriae-group]) Several at the Rock Viewpoint.
47. **Purple-naped Sunbird** (*Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum*) 1 noted on 24th.
48. **Tree Sparrow** (*Passer montanus*) Common
49. **Grey Wagtail** (*Motacilla cinerea*) Several birds.
50. **Paddyfield Pipit** (*Anthus rufulus*) A few noted.
51. **Olive-backed Pipit** (*Anthus hodgsoni*) 2 at Konglor Cave.

MAMMALS



VARIABLE or **FINLAYSON'S SQUIRREL** (*Callosciurus finlaysonii*)? Several of these around the Rock Viewpoint walkway sunning themselves on the rocks in the morning of Feb 23rd. Currently seems to be an undescribed endemic colour variation/ ssp ?



LAOTIAN LANGUR (*Trachypithecus laotum*) c 10 noted in all, Feb 23rd at the Rock Viewpoint Wakway including at the walkway bar/café there early on the first morning and not subsequently. Watched at close range for a while

THAILAND NEW SPECIES **ENDEMIC**

1. **BAER'S POCHARD** (*Aythya baeri*)
2. **RUFIOUS-THROATED PARTRIDGE** (*Arborophila rufogularis*)
3. **BLYTH'S FROGMOUTH (INDOCHINESE)** (*Batrachostomus affinis continentalis*)
4. **CORAL-BILLED GROUND CUCKOO** (*Carpococcyx renauldi*)
5. **INDIAN STONE-CURLEW** (*Burhinus indicus*)
6. **TURQUOISE-THROATED BARBET** (*Psilopogon chersonesus*)
7. **CROW-BILLED DRONGO** (*Dicrurus annectens*)
8. **FIRE-CAPPED TIT** (*Cephalopyrus flammiceps*)
9. **OLIVE BULBUL (Olive)** (*Iole viridescens viridescens/lekhakuni*)
10. **SAKHALIN LEAF WARBLER** (*Phylloscopus borealoides*)
11. **CLAUDIA'S LEAF WARBLER** (*Phylloscopus claudiae*)
12. **MANCHURIAN REED WARBLER** (*Acrocephalus tangorum*)
13. **SHORT-TAILED PARROTBILL** (*Neosuthora davidiana*)
14. **BUFF-CHESTED BABBLER** (*Cyanoderma ambiguum*)
15. **RUFIOUS-THROATED FULVETTA** (*Schoeniparus rufogularis*)
16. **ANNAM LIMESTONE BABBLER** (*Gypsophila*)
17. **VARIABLE LIMESTONE BABBLER** (*Gypsophila crispifrons*)
18. **LARGE BLUE FLYCATCHER** (*Cyornis magnirostris*)
19. **SPOT-WINGED GROSBEAK** (*Mycerobas melanozanthos*)

NEW SSP GROUPS, POTENTIAL SPLITS, OR SPLIT BY OTHERS

1. **Olive Bulbul (Baker's)** (*Iole viridescens cinnamomeoventris*)

SABAH NEW SPECIES **ENDEMIC**

1. **BULWER'S PHEASANT** (*Lophura bulweri*)
2. **BORNEAN PEACOCK-PHEASANT** (*Polyplectron schleiermacheri*)
3. **HOSE'S BROADBILL** (*Calyptomena hosii*)
4. **GIANT PITTA** (*Hydrornis caeruleus*)
5. **NARCISSUS FLYCATCHER** (*Ficedula narcissina*)

NEW SSP GROUPS, POTENTIAL SPLITS, OR SPLIT BY OTHERS

1. **Banded Kingfisher (Black-faced)** (*Lacedo pulchella melanops*)

LAOS NEW SPECIES **ENDEMIC**

1. **BARE-FACED BULBUL** (*Nok hualon*)
2. **SOOTY BABBLER** (*Stachyris herberti*)

Flycatcher sp,
Initially thought to be Pale Blue Flycatcher
(Hartert's) (Cyornis unicolor cyanopolia)
(Male at Poring 9th Feb) mainly due to ;

1. Its blue colour.
2. Mid canopy, dark forest habitat.
3. Instant response to Pale Blue Fly tape.

But not sure now, as inspection of the photo I got shows dark centres to the undertail covs.

Although evident in some ebird photos of Pale Blue Fly I'm not sure several of those have been identified correctly and may be Verditeres.
Currently investigating further