

THAILAND, 01/01/2016 – 12/01/2016

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I chose Thailand as an obvious destination for my first time in South East Asia, with the Spoon-billed Sandpiper as my single well-defined target, plus in mind to see as much as I could of the regional bird diversity in an express 12-days trip. Bird trip reports about Thailand are so numerous that I doubt this one will add much to the extant ; I therefore concentrate on practical information that can complement pre-existing trip reports.

Photos on flickr - <https://flic.kr/s/aHskpAN5yN>

Google maps :

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zZSSYSCC6iG0.kw7HnayUBPFo&usp=sharing>

Logistics :

International flights :

30/12 : Paris (19.30) – Beijing (31/12 : 12.30) ; Beijing (01/01 : 00h15) – Bangkok (04h55)

13/01 : Bangkok (01h10) – Beijing (06h30) ; Beijing (13h30) – Paris (17h45)

Air China, booked 11/2015 : €560

Inland flights :

Bangkok Suvarnabhumi to Chiang Rai (return) : Bh 4560 (Thai Smile)

Inbound flight : 01/01, 08h20 -> 09h40

Outbound flight : 04/01, 20h40 -> 22h00

Nakhon Sri Thammarat to Bangkok Don Mueang (1 way): Bh 1094 (Nok Air)

12/01, 19h15 – 20h25

Train :

Night train from Hua Hin to Nakhon Sri Thammarat (1 way, upper bed with fan): Bh 470

09/01, 21h30 – 10/01, 10h30 (n°173)

Car rental :

Sixt (Chiang Rai Airport) : 3.5 days, unlim. mileage with CWM : € 140

Avis (Hua Hin city) : 5 days, unlim. mileage with CWM+ : € 162

Avis (Nakhon Sri Thammarat airport) : 3 days, unlim. mileage with CWM+ : €93

Note : driving easy and safe both at day and night. Driving times calculated by GPS accurate or high estimates. GPS essential as signposts are in thai only in most locations. Did not meet any major jam.

Food :

Buying food was unnecessary as there are small restaurants anywhere along roads. The only two exceptions are Doi Lang summit (last restaurant just before climbing along the western side of the lake, a 30' drive from the summit) and Krung Ching (HQ did not provide any food and the first restaurant was in Nopphitam, 30' driving back towards Tha Sala).

GPS :

I used the maps.me app on my smartphone. Generally accurate for both routing and timing.
Exceptions :

Doi Ang Khang : if coming from Doi Lang, routing is false as roads are closed by the army. The only way to reach Doi Ang Khang is to go back as far as Fang.

Krung Ching : roads are not recorded on google maps. However, the park is signposted in english language from the last possible waypoint (Noppitham).

Note : less efficient on trails due to low GPS signal. Also, most tracks are not recorded.

Maps and waypoints :

I uploaded and updated the google map associated to Bouwmeester et al's 2014 trip report before departure. The waypoints provided proved extremely time-saving once on maps.me, in spite of a few minor inaccuracies. Associated to the present trip report is a google map which may serve as a (limited) complement to Bouwmeester et al's map. Precision is by order of a few meters unless otherwise stated.

Link to the map :

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zZSSYSCCGiG0.kw7HnayUBPFo&usp=sharing>

Documents

Robson C., 2008. Birds of South-East Asia, Second Edition. Helm. Sufficient for general birding with the usual limitations of any generalist guide. Quite logically, revealed most limited with Sparrowhawk and Warblers. Absence of maps is annoying but not critical.

Parr, JWK., 2003. A guide to the large mammals of Thailand. Sarakadee Press. Texts limited and colour plates inaccurate. Choose something better if you can.

Bouwmeester, J., et al. Birding trip report : Central and Northern Thailand, January 01-20, 2014. (downloaded from cloudbirders.com) This trip report is so complete that it practically renders any other resource useless in the areas visited.

Lebrun, R. et al. Thailand : 23/12/2013 – 11/01/2014. (downloaded from cloudbirders.com) This trip report is also especially useful and accurate. I mostly used it to update Bouwmeester's google map before departure.

De Candido, R. et al. 2014. Flight identification and plumage descriptions of six Accipiter species on southbound migration at Khao Dinsor, Chumphon province, Thailand. BirdingASIA 21 : 52-62 A useful complement for sparrowhawks.

Online resources :

www.norththailandbirding.com

<http://souththailandbirding.com/>

www.thaibirding.com

These three websites are obvious resources and proved key in the trip preparation. In addition, this blog by a Thai birder proved useful in Doi Lang (<http://ayuwat.wordpress.com>)

Audio resources :

I uploaded a compilation of Xeno Canto files on my smartphone for use with a Radioshack amplifier. Although virtually no bird reacted to taping (seasonal ?), this additional resource revealed essential as an identification resource.

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Comments on the major spots visited

See detailed itinerary for more complete accounts. These comments are from my personal experience only and have to be taken as such...

Doi Lang :

The best area were **the immediate surroundings of the « do not feed the birds » signpost at the top of the hill**. While feeders need to be visited, I made more species by walking randomly along the road between the signpost and the first gate. The pine forest is worth a long stop and a bit of walk as well. Feeders become crowded with photographers by 10am, which does not prevent birds from

coming eating worms, but it noticeably decreases activity all around. The area around the 1st gate is excellent early morning but not as good late evening. **Walking along the road past the 2 gates** (no vehicle is allowed to cross the gates from the western side) is a good idea to catch a number of species incl. Crested Bunting, Silver-eyed Laughingthrush etc. I only made it for 4km but if more time can be allocated (1 day) it would certainly be a good idea to go as far as San Ju viewpoint. **The stretch of road from the 1st gate to the burmese border provided more species than any other part of the western slope of Doi Lang I visited.**

Chiang Saen :

The Rimkong restaurant is the best place I visited to catch all the local targets. Visiting the Golden Triangle is ok for a touristic break but birdless. Better to spend a bit of time searching for ducks around the reservoir. The Harrier roost also has great marshes which are worth visiting before the harriers come by just before dark.

Thaton :

could have avoided this place with mainly common species that I also had easily elsewhere. Could never locate the water tower and its Jerdon's Buschat, prepare the itinerary better than I did. Maps.me is unable to lead to their « water tower » waypoint due to lack of digitalized roads.

Laem Pak Bia :

It is a good idea to book Mr Daeng when arriving on the site in the morning. The abandoned building area is excellent but tricky as birds are spread over large extents of saltpans with only dirt tracks with dead-ends.

Kaeng Krachang :

I initially planned to walk all the way between the two campsites and happily I didn't as the flow of 4WD pick-ups makes it dusty and not enjoyable at all. **My idea of renting a guide for a day proved good.** Do not go onto the Nature Trail before 10am as it is shadowed and birdless before. About hides, **Lung Sing was clearly better than Ban Son Nok** for both species diversity and photography.

Krung Ching :

the hardest part of this trip due to dense forest and elusive birds often high in trees or skulking into the vegetation. The trail is good but harder to bird than the access road. The 1st shelter (usually called Sala 1) is now completely embedded into vegetation and is not a viewpoint anymore. The 2nd shelter is better (would it only be for Rail Babbler). **Start / end the day at the bus stop for good views above the canopy**, it's a good idea to wait for quite long there until the understorey is sufficiently lightened (about 9am ?) ; then only it becomes busy. The access road was busiest between 08am and 10am.

Comments on the itinerary

I covered 3 areas representing the widest range of biogeographic conditions that I could reasonably reach in 12 days without wasting too much time in driving. I made long drives by night or in mid-day

to save most time for birding, camped as much as possible, and saved a lot of time with cheap internal flight and a night train to Nakhon – all well on schedule and with excellent timetables. The hardest part was Krung Ching as I was clearly not skilled enough with calls and songs, and as my timing was inadequate, arriving there at 12.00 on the first day. Changes that I would suggest in the same 12 days at the same period and with the same basic itinerary are :

- Give up with Thaton and thus save half a day to walk along the road past the 1st gate at Doi Lang
- Spend more time in the King's Project at Doi Ang Khang instead of visiting the army camp. The Chinese cemetery is still worth a visit.
- Give up with the Golden Triangle and spend more time around Chiang Saen Reservoir (Rimkong Restaurant is still worth a visit)
- Give up with Petchaburi rice fields and spend more time in Laem Phak Bia
- Try to get a train earlier to Nakhon to pick the rental car earlier, then spend more time on the access road at Krung Ching rather than attempting to bird the waterfall trail mid-afternoon
- Leave Krung Ching earlier on the last day to have more time exploring the seashore between Tha Sala and Nakhon.
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Detailed Itinerary

Codes (2 letters / 2 numbers) refer to the google map.

30/12 inbound flight from Paris

31/12 stop-over in Beijing

As I had 10 hours left in Beijing I applied for a 72h transit visa and headed to the Olympic Park, which was the closest birding spot indicated on birdingbeijing.com . I had ~3h to bird the park before complete darkness.

transit visa : delivered for free upon justification of a short transit through Beijing with a total duration between 10h and 72h. Visas are delivered at a dedicated counter left to the standard police checks when leaving the aircraft disembarkation zone. The only documents required are the passport and the next flight card. Expect up to 1h to get out from the checkpoint.

Directions to the Olympic Park : Take the airport shuttle to the junction with line 10, then take line 10 to the junction with line 8, then take line 8 to the « Olympic Forest South Entrance » station. The total journey costs Y29 (have a bit of change) and lasts ~45'.

Directions inside the Olympic Park : The entrance is free. **Birding was expectedly quiet but two areas were relatively productive** :

BJ02 – a **wooded hill with numerous trails** with Vinous-breasted Parrotbill flocks mixed with Green-backed Tits, Eastern Great Tits and Grey-headed Woodpeckers

BJ04 – a **marshy areas with reedbeds** : Water Rail, Daurian Redstart, *blakistoni* Water Pipit

01/01 flights to Bangkok then Chiang Rai, Thaton

Some window birding in Bangkok airport sorted out flocks of Himalayan Swiftlets, Red-rumped Swallow, Pacific Swift. Uneventful flight to Chiang Rai, arrived 9h50. Headed to Thaton and birded surrounding fields to try for Jerdon's Buschat (dipped). **I never managed to find the « water tower » mentioned by other reports**, so went to the closest point as indicated by my gps and birded randomly around TH02 (cultivated fields with palms, edges and irrigation canals). Area dominated by Pied Buschat, Brown and Long-tailed Shrikes, Richard's and Paddyfield Pipits, Sooty-headed Bulbul – no particular highlight but this area made my only sighting of Chestnut-capped Babbler. Then headed to a rice field area (TH03-TH04) with good numbers of Pipits, Little ringed Plovers and a Pin-tailed Snipe (one flyover at TH04).

Accommodation : Fang (FA03) : decent hotel (name unknown, nothing in english) for 400Bh/large, clean double room. Good food in the small restaurant 50m past FA02.

02/01 Doi Lang

Went up to Doi Lang (45' from Fang). Spent early morning birding in **the lowlands between the lake and the bridge (DL01-02) : this is clearly a mistake** as this area revealed quite poor with only common species. DL02 (bridge) was worth a 5' stop however for my only sightings of Slaty-backed Forktail and Plumbeous Redstart. Then climbed the steep road and made a first stop at a feeder in the pine forest area (approx. DL04), with a near immediate sighting of Giant Nuthatch and Ultramarine Flycatcher. The immediate surroundings were birdy as well (incl. Hill Prinia and Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush) – **the pine forest probably deserves a bit more time than I spent there**. By noon I reached **the « do not feed the birds » signpost** (approx. DL05). Here a flock included two Himalayan Cutias as a major highlight. **It seems that this flock was well-known and wandered within a 200m radius around the signpost**. Several feeders were spread along the next 2km (around DL06, approx.). There were numerous birders around so information on birds to expect was easy to gather. The best strategy seems to locate feeders with a few photographers in hides, and wait behind for birds to get out the grass, feeding on worms. **However, feeders were not necessarily the most productive areas, and I sorted out far more species simply walking along the road and stopping at flowering trees and locating random birds foraging in the canopy**. I ended the day around the 1st gate and military camp (DL07-08), but birding had got low by then. I set my tent on the grass near the gate at DL07 after 2-3 night drives which met little success.

Accommodation : camping at the 1st gate, free

Note : worms can be purchased (ask for « Dounon ») in shops around Fang. It may be a good idea if one wants to visit the feeders before the rush of birders from 10am.

03/01 Doi Lang – night in Doi Ang Khang

An early (4h) morning drive came out with a singing Hodgson's Frogmouth in pines near the 1st feeder (DL03), which I never could locate (responded well to taping though). Then went back for the

first lights to the gate and military camp at DL07-08, which were far more birdy than the previous evening, with loads of Mrs Gould's Sunbirds and several Long tailed Sibias in the flowering trees surrounding the checkpoint. Several flocks were around, incl. Finchbills in low bushes just after the gate. No saloon car can go farther than this point but it's a good idea to walk along the road as far as possible. **The first km until the next gate (DL09) were excellent for close sightings of Leaf-Warblers, Finchbills, Shrikes (incl. Grey-backed)... Just past the 2nd gate there's an open area with fields where Crested Bunting was unmistakable**, simply feeding and singing on the sides of the road (DL10). Past this stretch of fields are woods of flowering trees crowded with Sunbirds, Bulbuls and White-eyes (could not secure any Japanese but some are certainly around). **The next kilometers (I went up to DL14) cross stretches of forest and more open areas with several viewpoints over Burma** ; nearly every 100m brought a few new species incl. e.g. Silver-eyed Laughingthrush and Crested Goshawk. For anyone having 1 day to spend around Doi Lang, I'd leave quite early from the 1st gate and go as far as possible on this road rather than spending time at the feeders where photographers tend to pack. I spent the last hours of the day driving back to Fang then Doi Ang Khang with little further sightings. Settled for the night at Doi Ang Khang (DAK03 campsite, free) .

Accommodation : camping, free

04/01 Doi Ang Khang until 11am then road to Chiang Saen area, flight back to Bangkok

Started the day at Ban Nor Lae military camp (DAK01), which was birdless. I quickly headed to the King's Project to try for the Rusty-naped Pitta at DAK09. I made it with the Pitta which stayed quite far inside the bamboo wood and appeared at the feeder only once birders outside hides were away. A hide thus seems far more necessary here than in Doi Lang, and worms would certainly be useful. **The workaround if no hide/worms available is to walk noisily to the feeder and quickly sit down in the background behind trees – birds appear within a minute hoping for worms. Besides the hide, the edges of the bamboo wood were especially productive** for Bulbuls, Starlings and Warblers. I visited the surroundings of the restaurants but by that time (10h) it had become crowded, so I went back for a quick stop at the Chinese cemetery. Bulbul flocks (incl. Brown breasted) were easy to find, but the nearby fields were empty of the promised buntings.

After 11am I made the 2h drive to Chiang Saen area and stopped at CS01 settling in **Rimkong restaurant. From the restaurant's terrace there's an access to the Mekong banks with views on several sandy islands** where several Small Pratincoles and a pair of River Lapwings were easy to find. Also a single Grey-throated Sand-Martin flying over the restaurant. My second try along the Mekong at the Golden Triangle proved birdless due to the absence of any sand bank, so I headed to Chiang Saen reservoir and birded CS04-05. I had only one hour left on the eastern side of the lake, so I concentrated on CS04/05 which give good views on the free water zone. There were virtually no ducks by scope distance, yet the **grassy banks of the reservoir were full of birds**, incl. Grey-headed Swamphen, Grey-headed Lapwing and waders. By 16.30 I headed to the harrier roost. It is worth exploring the ponds and bushes around CS08-09 while waiting for the harrier rush just before dark. Pied and Eastern Marsh Harriers are flying right over the dyke at CS08 by camera distance. Back at Chiang Rai airport for my flight to Bangkok at 20.40, then rented a taxi to drive to Hua Hin where I arrived by 01am

Note : maps.me is unable to reach CS08 as the roads are not recorded, yet they are driveable. Just follow on track from CS06, the way is straightforward.

Accommodation : King's Home, Hua Hin (HH02, pre-booked from France via the internet, Bh650).

05/01 Pak Thale – Laem Phak Bia

I explored Pak Thale salt pans from 11h to 13h45, parking at PT02, which is straightforward to find if following the main track which leaves road n°4028 just before Pak Thale village. Waders were quite clustered in multispecies groups spread all over the salt pans and it took a bit of time to eventually find a Spoon-billed Sandpiper at PT04, feeding with Red-necked Stints. I then headed to Laem Phak Bia for the sand-pit trip with Mr Daeng (2h-1000Bh, LPB09, booked in the morning on my way to Pak Thale) which was successful in finding White-faced and Malaysian Plovers. **The most productive places were the small sand island (LPB10, underwater at high tide) and the beach south to LPB12.** Once back in Laem Phak Bia I headed to the abandoned building. The area immediately around was quiet but **saltpans beyond LPB17 were watered and hosted a number of waders spread over vast extents**, with no specific highlight however. Birding was good up to LPB18 but the tracks are locally quite dirt – also mind that there's no way to the main road from there so one has to u-turn and go back through the abandoned building again. Made the way to Ban Maaka in Kaeng Krachang (1h30) at full darkness.

Accommodation : Ban Maaka, excellent and well-known resort, full-comfort double room for Bh1800. The kitchen serves very decent food and may prepare lunchboxes upon demand.

06/01 Kaeng Krachang : Lung Sing hide – road to Ban Krang – Ban Song Nok

I had pre-booked a seat in Lung Sing hide on the previous evening and stayed there from 6h30 to 11h. The hide mainly consists on a forest clearing with a small water pond in its middle. A first flock dominated by Greater/Lesser Laughingthrushes quickly came in and stayed for ~30', then replaced by Junglefowl. After a quiet period the hide's owner spread corn around, which attracted Junglefowl, Silver Pheasant and the flock of Laughingthrushes again plus numbers of Grey-bellied Squirrels, a Chevrotain and at least 1 Treeshrew. Apparently the presence of Junglefowl made other birds reluctant to come to the water pond. As I wanted to head to the park I left the hide quite early but it would be worth staying longer for anyone having more time left. I entered the park (Bh330) and birded along the main road. **Birding was intense from KK08** (steep descent with several fruiting trees on the right slope of a open hill), such that I didn't make it to Ban Krang. **Simply driving slowly and stopping at Barbet calls marking fruiting trees was efficient enough to add ~10 species per 15' stop.** A group of Stump-tailed Macaques displayed at KK09 and the open areas around KK10 were especially good for Babblers, Bulbuls and Hornbills. The bridge at KK11 had several flocks of Bulbuls and several Warbler species. The last place I visited was the KK13 parking lot, with a Dollarbird immediately above the parking and a roost of Oriental Pied Hornbills and Thick-billed Pigeons plus accompanying species at KK12 – proved to be the most productive place of the day. I kept the 3 last hours of the day staying at Ban Son Nok hide (KK03), but it didn't add any new species and views were not as good as in Lung Sing – **if to be done again I'd skip it and spend the first morning and last evening hours in the latter.** Back at Ban Maaka at night, several Large-tailed Nightjars were singing along open areas around KK02.

Accommodation : Ban Maaka

07/01 Kaeng Krachang from summit to lowlands

I rented a guide in Ban Maaka (« Mr Pia »), who asked Bh2700 for a full birding day from 06.30 to 17.30. Although the guide didn't speak English at all he definitely brought me more than I could have seen alone, driving me right to several targets and finding better than I would have done myself bird flocks and fruiting trees. However, I had to explicitly ask for a stop at km27 as he didn't seem too much preoccupied by target birds. **We drove to Khao Thaoneng viewpoint (KK30) at first light, then went slowly back during the day.** A few km before the viewpoint (KK29) a flock of 5-10 Pin-tailed Parrotfinch fed on young bamboos left to the road, and a flock of Silver-breasted Broadbill showed well at KK28, some hundred meters back. **Next stop was at Khao Paonen where birding was especially good at the SE end of the campsite and around the shelter,** incl. my single Blue-bearded Bee-eater of the trip, Grey-backed Shrike, and Vernal Hanging Parrot feeding on trees above the restaurant. We then parked at the « bird silhouette » signpost at km27 and explored the area around the water pond, which was expectedly quiet (11am). **I thus walked down the road for several hundred meters and encountered a mixed flock which I tracked from KK26 to KK25,** incl. White-crested Laughingthrush, Black-throated Laughingthrush, Rufous-browed Flycatcher, Grey-eyed and Flavescent Bulbuls, a single Rufous-browed Flycatcher and several other species. Interestingly, this was the only flock among those I encountered which was not dominated by a particularly abundant species. Just before KK25 a fruiting tree just above the road caught Barbets, Fairy Bluebirds, Ochraceous Bulbuls and accompanying species. A few meters below (just before the turnoff after KK25), the guide caught 2 Long-tailed Broadbill perched on young trees just above the road. Several Collared Babblers were also around, plus a group of >3 White-handed Gibbons. As driving down again we passed through a Red-headed Trogon perched on a branch above the road near KK24, which appeared to be accompanied by a 2nd individual ; both unfortunately quickly disappeared. We stopped again at KK23. From this point, the tracks goes down steeply. **A Moustached Barbet breeds in an obvious snag right to the road (looking downwards) at the top of the slope. We also heard Banded Kingfisher a few tenth of meters down (KK22)** but failed to attract the bird at the tape. A Black Eagle soared by KK22 meanwhile. We then resumed the drive down (~15h) and passed through the streams and Ban Krang as they were obviously quiet, but spent more time on the stretch of road that I had visited on the previous afternoon, which was productive again with more new species incl. Black-thighed Falconet on snags at KK12 and KK11. We got outside the park at dusk and I settled for the night at **Kum Nan Gpaya campsite at KK06, which turned out as an excellent spot for Large-tailed Nightjar** with a bird singing and showing well on the campsite fence during all the evening.

Accommodation : Kum Nan Gpaya campsite, Bh70 – good food at the associated restaurant

08/01 Ban Krang

I headed to Ban Krang campsite well before dawn and birded around the campsite during the first hours of the day. A single call of Great eared Nightjar in the latest half hour of night was my only contact with the species until Krung Ching. **The best area was around a water pond at KK17** (accessed by taking the track to the youth camp, keeping on the left branch of the track, then walking for a few hundred meters), where I spent over 30' on a large mixed flock including Orange-breasted Trogon, Crested Jay, Green Magpie, Greater Yellownape, both Necklaced Laughingthrushes, Slaty blue Flycatcher ... Numerous warblers around as well, yet I quickly gave up with them as the species diversity was too high to spend time on hard id issues which I'd never had solved myself. **By 10am I headed to the Nature Trail which starts from the campsite at KK18 and runs in the forest along the river bed for several km.** Again all the birds were concentrated in one single flock incl. both

Flamebacks, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Crested Jay ... I had an unsuccessful try for Blue-winged Pitta which had been photographed the day before around KK20 inside the dry river bed. By 13h I went outside the forest and hitch-hiked for a new try on upper altitudes, stopping at KK24 and walking downhill. However, birding was way quieter than the day before and I didn't manage to add any new species for the next 2 hours except a too short sighting of a flying over Banded Kingfisher, so I hitch-hiked down to the 3rd stream. There I met a group of >3 Silver Pheasant wandering on the understorey a few meters from the road, plus Ochraceous Bulbul and commoner species. A heavy rain put an end to my birding day by 17h, and it didn't stop raining until 19h. Then the sky quickly turned clear.

Accommodation : Ban Krang campsite – no charge. The restaurant serves basic yet decent food

09/01 Ban Krang – Petchaburi fields – Laem Phak Bia – night train to Nakhon Sri Thammarat

I set my clock at 1am to have a look at the garbage behind Ban Krang restaurant, which produced a Civet and two Porcupines. At 3am, I was awoken by two Oriental Bay Owl singing very close to the campsite. I went out and met a Thai photographer trying to find the birds as well. After a ~30' search we eventually found one of the bird singing in the understorey in the immediate vicinity of KK15. The bird stayed on a branch at a 3-4m height, providing excellent photo opportunities until we left it about 45' later without it having moved by a single centimeter. As I stayed for a moment in front of my tent, I noticed a White-fronted Scops Owl singing NW to the campsite, but it was way too far to try to catch it. I resumed birding at first light (~06h30) but it remained quiet until the sun started to climb. **The fruiting trees in front of the restaurant were full of Barbets, Bulbuls and Thick-billed Green Pigeons, plus a few Dusky Langur. A walk around the campsite revealed a male Heart-spotted Woodpecker, Golden-crested Mynas, and more common species. I visited the grassy area around the helicopter platform, which would have deserved more time as the area revealed especially birdy with warblers (incl. Thick-billed), Sultan Tit, several Flycatcher species ...** I then drove down, stopping quickly at the bridge (KK11) for my only sighting of Ashy Woodswallow and good views of Black-thighed Falconets. On my way back along the road, I met the group of Stump-tailed Macaques again at the same place (KK09) but didn't add any other species probably due to the relatively late morning (10h30) and the fact that I was hurrying a bit to keep in with my schedule. I made the short drive to Petchaburi Rice fields and visited the narrow track, irrigation canal and radio mast areas (PRF01 to PRF06), but apart from a few good birds (Greater spotted Eagle, Baya Weaver, Grey-headed Lapwing, lineatus Black Kite) it turned out to be a waste of time as birding was quiet and I spent most time driving in search for suitable areas to bird. I guess this place is better visited if one full day can be dedicated to it, **but with less time it's a better idea to head directly to the seashore.** In the early afternoon, I first search Nordmann's Greenshank in Laem Pak Bia salt pans and eventually got 2 small groups of these birds with large numbers of Great Knots, thanks to useful indications from Hungarian birders (LPB01-02). I missed the Asian Dowitcher that had been claimed earlier in the day within Great Knots however. I then had a try to the King's Project, which was not too productive as water in all ponds but one was high. As I wanted a new try to the Dowitcher I searched waders around the abandoned building but didn't catch new species. At full darkness I drove back to Hua Hin and caught my train to Nakhon Sri Thammarat at 21h30.

Accommodation : night in train

10/01 Krung Ching

I arrived in Nakhon at 10h30 well on schedule, yet I spent 2 hours reaching the airport, picking my rental car and needed 1 more hour to reach Krung Ching. When I arrived at the headquarters, birding was completely quiet and I added very few new species. I talked to the rangers but none of them understood english, and they didn't seem aware of the main target birds although they were clearly willing to help. I gave up trying to explain and headed to the waterfall trail where I spent most of the afternoon (14-17h) in a depressing attempt to locate birds caught by ear in the dense vegetation. I managed to catch quick views of Dusky Broadbills but never made it with several Banded Broadbill heard along the trail but which did not come to tape. I eventually went back to the HQ with a virtually empty basket and drove along the access road, which did not produce any new species as darkness was quickly falling. I headed back to Noppitham (KC09, 35') to have a decent dinner as this unproductive afternoon under warm weather had nearly made me down, then went back to the HQ to camp. A few stops along the access road made it with 2 singing Blyth's Frogmouths, which both responded to tape (at KC16 and KC17) but did not come close enough to expect any view. **An obliging pair of Buffy Fish Owl saved my day (at 22h) and displayed under the Maglite just above the stream 40m from the HQ** until I eventually settled for sleeping.

Note : maps.me fails to find the way to Krung Ching as roads are not digitalized in google maps. The workaround is to set KC09 on the GPS, then follow on track to KC18 (headquarters), which is easy as Krung Ching waterfall is well indicated throughout with english signposts. The only tricky point is just after the dirt bridge at KC13 : turn left, and immediately at the temple turn right : this is the start of the access road.

Accommodation : camping at the HQ (free)

11/01 Krung Ching

After the hard previous day I was eager for a revenge and headed early to the waterfall trail – too early actually as bird activity was at its best not earlier than by 9am. **On this trail more than anywhere else my Xeno Canto sound records (and the sound review I had made the previous evening) were extremely useful to locate a number of species**, some of which I never managed to catch by eye, incl. Diard's Trogon, Banded Broadbill and Maroon-breasted Philentoma. The first steep climb was birdless probably because sun was not high enough and the understorey was still near-dark. After ~30' of a slow walk, **I arrived in a forest clearing with several large trees which was crowded with birds**, although quite hard to see – so I stayed there for a long time and eventually located Maroon Woodpecker, several Babbler species, Rufous Piculet, Raffle's Malkoha, Red-eyed Bulbul ... I heard several Banded and Green Broadbill in the area but never saw any single bird. **The first shelter (Sala 1) was deceiving as the vegetation has grown all around**, letting no hope for most of the species mentioned in older reports from the time when it was a viewpoint (hard to imagine it has ever been given how it looks now with 10m high bamboos all around). **As birding got lower I went quicker on the trail and arrived soon at Sala 2 (2nd shelter, KC20) where I immediately caught the call of a nearby Rail Babbler.** I entered the understorey and located the bird after a 15' search. I sat down and remained with this charismatic, Courser-recalling species for more than half an hour. I then made my way to the waterfall, which was birdless but scenic enough to make it not a total waste of time. I went back quicker and added several more species on my way back, the most notable being Orange headed Thrush half way between Sala 1 and the forest clearing (which was still crowded, but with birds even more secretive than in the morning). Once at the near-bottom of the

steep slope which marks the first 300m of the trail, I encountered a group of White-crested Hornbills feeding on palms. I was back to the HQ at 16h45 and immediately went to the access road which was more birdy than the day before, with Spectacled Spiderhunter, Lesser Green Leafbird, Black bellied Malkoha. **I ended the day at the bus stop (KC17), probably the best place to spend the first/last hour of the day due to the overview on all the surrounding forest.** This produced Buff-rumped Woodpecker, flocks of roosting White-crested Hornbills (on the slope West to the HQ), Drongo-Cuckoo (my documentation prevented me to go further into taxonomic subtleties), a few Black-backed Swiftlets at dusk (see notes in the species list), and eventually 2 Green Broadbills responded to the tape, but I only caught a quick flyover view. At night a Great-eared Nightjar hunted for a few seconds over the bus stop. As it was my last day before flying back, I made the long 1h30 drive to Tha Sala to search for a decent accomodation.

Accomodation : Tha Sala Guesthouse (KC06), offering clean rooms for Bh480 and excellent food.

Note : my smartphone never made it with the gps on the trail so I have no precise locations for the species I encountered there, except the 2nd shelter which is well recognizable on google map satellite views.

12/01 Krung Ching – flight to Bangkok – flight to Beijing

I concentrated on the entrance road from the first light to 11h and added a number of new species in several flocks occuring in large fruiting trees between the HQ and the bus stop, which were clearly not there (or not calling) the previous day. Several raptors post-ided as Jerdon's Baza based on photos flyed over Eastwards by 09am ; other raptors included Crested Serpent Eagle, Crested Honey Buzzard and an unidentified crested raptor perched too far to put a name on. Down at the HQ, a large fruiting tree at the start of the access road had a number of Barbets incl. Brown, Golden-throated and Blue-eared. I had a quick try to the HQ area and first part of the trail which was as birdless as the two days before, so I went back to the access road which had become quiet by then. A pair of Black-thighed Falconets perched above the bus stop was my last sighting of this species during the trip. In mid-afternoon I went back to Tha Sala and made some random stops along the seashore in the vain hope of eventually making it with a sighting of a Gerygone – I heard several birds but without the adequate recording I failed to tape it and had to give up. Added Bronze-winged Jacana however at KC07 ; this area would deserve more than the 10' stop I manage to make there before having to get back to Nakhon airport. Waiting for my flight to Bangkok at 19h15, I visited the ponds surrounding the small temple along the access road to the airport, which provided Yellow Bittern as my last bird of the trip a few minutes before full darkness.

Accomodation : night in flight

13/01 outbound flight to Paris

I had a 7-hours stopover in Beijing but the police never accepted to let me out as I did on my journey on. It appears from chatting with other travellers that only people with >10h transit could make it outside.

Species list

Notes : CS = Chiang Saen ; DAK = Doi Ang Khang ; DL = Doi Lang ; KC = Krung Ching ; KK = Kaeng Krachang ; LPB = Laem Pak Bia ; PT = Pak Thale – all cited places can be found on my google map. P = photographed, ♪ = heard only

Species count (incl. species heard only): 354

Scaly-breasted Partridge *Arborophila chloropus* (P)

06/01 : 2 at Lung Sing hide (KK)

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* (P)

06/01 : >10 at, Lung Sing hide (KK), several ind. at Ban Son Nok hide(KK)

07/01 : (KK) several groups on the track between the two campsites

Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera* (P)

06/01 : 1♂1♀ Lung Sing hide (KK)

07/01 : 1 group at stream 3 (KK)

Common Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*

05/01 : 2 at PT salt pans

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

04/01 : >50 at Chiang Saen reservoir

05/01 : 1 group at PT on the ponds behind the temple

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

04/01 : several at Chiang Saen reservoir and at CS harrier roost

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

04/01 : several at Chiang Saen reservoir

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans* (P)

Seen at Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Chiang Saen, Pak Thale area

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger* (P)

Common in PT

10- Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis* (P)

Mainly seen on the way to LPB sand pit

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

12/01 : 1 at Nakhon airport, on the pond between the small temple and the terminal along the access road

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

05/01 : 1 at LPB near mr Daeng's house

12/01 : large numbers flying to roost above Nakhon airport

Little Heron *Butorides striatus*

05/01 and 09/01 : LPB, on salt pans around the abandoned building

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Common on suitable habitat

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

04/01 : 1 at Chiang Saen reservoir

05/01 : 1 near the abandoned building at LPB

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus* (P)

Common in suitable habitat

Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa* (P ?)

PT and LPB. Note : not safely separable from Chinese Pond Heron by winter plumage. According to several sources Chinese and Javan are clearly separated by habitat, the former using freshwaters and the latter saltwaters. I assumed that at least part of the herons seen on salt pans were Javan but the validity of this assumption can be discussed.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus* (P)

Common in fields and marshes

Great Egret *Ardea alba modestus*

Common in PT, LPB and regularly seen in marshes

20- Intermediate Egret *Mesophoyx intermedia*

04/01 : 1 bird at Chiang Saen reservoir (CS05)

05 and 09/01 : several individuals at various places of PT and LPB.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

01/01 : >5 along the runways at Bangkok airport

04/01 : 1 at Chiang Saen reservoir (CS05)

05 and 09/01 : common at PT and LPB

Pacific Reef Egret *Egretta sacra* (P)

05/01 : 2 to 3 at LPB sandpit on rocky dykes

Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes* (P)

05/01 : several individuals along the channel leading to LPB sandpit

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius* (P)

07/01 and 08/01 : several individuals on snags at KK10 and KK11

10/01 : KC - up to 5 inds. on a snag at the background of the HQ

12/01 : KC - a pair on a large tree above the bus stop

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

01/01 : 1 in Thaton fields

Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* (P)

12/01 : KC - several flocks of 2-3 individuals flying over the access road by 09am

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

04/01 : CS – 1 at the harrier roost

Black-eared Kite *Milvus lineatus*

08/01 : 3 inds flying over Petchaburi rice fields

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* (P)

Seen at PT and Petchaburi rice fields

30- Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* (P)

Several individuals at KK and KC

Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* (P)

04/01 CS - >20 inds flying towards the harrier roost at CS07, first birds 1h before sunset. Several individuals stop on a grassy patch 100m East to CS07

Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus* (P)

04/01 : CS - >10 inds at the harrier roost at CS07

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* (P)

03/01 – 1 at DL on the border road near DL13

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

02/01 : 1 near DL bridge at DL02

Besra *Accipiter virgatus*

06/01 : 1 at KK08

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo (japonicus ?)*

03/01 – 1 at DL on the border road a few km past DL13 – subspecies uncertain but jizz and general plumage features were typical of Common B.

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*

09/01 : 1 ad at Petchaburi rice fields

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*

07/01 : 1 ad flying over KK23

Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

10/01 : KC – 1 flying over the HQ in mid afternoon

12/01 : KC – 1 dark flying over the access road

40- White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus (P)*

04/01 : 1 at CS reservoir

05/01 : 1 near Mr Daeng's house at LPB

Grey-headed Swamphen *Porphyrio poliocephalus (P)*

04/01 : numerous at CS reservoir

12/01 : 2 at Tha Sala ponds

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

04/01 : 1 at CS reservoir

05/01 : LPB – 1 at the abandoned building

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Common to abundant at Petchaburi rice fields and PT/LPB

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avoceta*

05 and 09/01 : LPB - up to 5 individuals at the abandoned building

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* (P)

09/01 : 1 ♀ at Petchaburi rice fields

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*

12/01 : 1 family + 1 at Tha Sala ponds (KC07)

Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea* (P)

04/01 : 4 inds. on the Mekong sandy islands in front of Rimkong Restaurant (CS01)

River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii* (P)

04/01 : a pair in front of Rimkong Restaurant (CS01)

Grey-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus*

01/01 : 1 in Thaton fields

04/01 : 1 pair at Chiang Saen reservoir (CS05)

09/01 : 2 at Petchaburi rice fields along the narrow track

50- Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

Common on fields at Thaton and KK

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus* (P)

Common in PT / LPB

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

Common in PT / LPB – less numerous than Lesser SP. Easily identified to silhouette and bill shape in direct comparison with Lesser.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*

05/01 : >3 inds at PT and LPB around the abandoned building

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* (P)

05/01 : odd individuals here and there at PT and LPB

Little ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

01/01 : numerous in Thaton rice fields

04/01 seen at CS on the Mekong banks and at the reservoir

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* (P)

05/01 : quite numerous in PT and LPB

[outside count] White-faced Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus dealbatus* (P)

05/01 : 2♂ and 1♀ at LPB sandpit

Malaysian Plover *Charadrius peronii* (P)

05/01 : at least 2 inds at LPB sandpit

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*

01/01 : 1 flying over Thaton fields (TH04)

09/01 : 1-2 in LPB King's Project (LPB06), distinctively different from Common S. in flight

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

09/01 : probably up to 10 in LPB King's Project (LPB06)

60- Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

05-09/01 : small groups and isolated individuals spread over LPB and PT

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

05/01 : 2 at LPB sandpit and 1 at PT

12/01 : 2 at Tha Sala on the seashore

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

05/01 : LPB - >2 at King's Project

09/01 : LPB – 1 at King's Project

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

09/01 : 1 at LPB sandpit

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

04/01 : 1 at Rimkong restaurant, Chiang Saen, on the sand banks

05/01 : 1 at LPB sandpit

09/01 : 2-3 at LPB King's Project

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* (P)

05/01 and 09/01 : a few inds here and there at PT and LPB. Several inds at LPB King's Project, incl. a green-flagged individual

09/01 : 10 at Petchaburi rice fields along the narrow track

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

05/01 : 1 at the Spoon-billed Sandpiper location at PT

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

09/01 : LPB – a few individuals in the salt pans

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* (P)

05/01 and 09/01 : numerous individuals, mostly isolated but also small groups, spread over LPB and PT, particularly around the abandoned building. Note that most individuals have faint to no dark loreal stripe.

Nordmann's Greenshank *Tringa guttifer* (P)

09/01 – 5 at LPB01 with Great Knots and Common Greenshanks

70- Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

Most common wader at PT and LPB

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

05/01 : 1 at LPB, abandoned building

Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius*

05/01 : a group of >10-20 inds at the Spoon-billed Sandpiper site in PT

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

05/01 odd individuals here and there at PT – prob. no more than 10 inds.

Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pygmeus* (P)

05/01 : 1 ad. at PT04. Not ringed. Other birders saw a ringed individual a few days later. Feeding with Red-necked Stints yet quite aggressive against other waders. Quite hard to pick up at a distance in some positions, yet the overall plumage is whiter than RN Stint, recalling Sanderling.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta* (P)

05/01 : 1 at PT. Distinguished from RN Stints by silhouette (smaller, more rounded head, thinner - shorter, pointed bill), and lighter plumage with more marked supercilium lightly forked on forehead.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* (P)

05/01 : abundant at PT and LPB

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*

05/01 : quite common at PT and LPB, although far less numerous than RN Stint

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*

05/01 : up to 20 individuals in PT, mainly on the saltpans near the Spoon-billed Sandpiper site.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris* (P)

05/01 : a group arrives on LPB sandpit as tide is lowering

09/01 : several large groups of >100 to 300 inds on saltpans between PT and LPB

80- Dunlin *Calidris alpina*

05/01 and 09/01 : odd individuals to small groups on PT saltpans

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

05/01 and 09/01 : odd individuals to small groups on PT saltpans, more numerous than Dunlin

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

05/01 : seen at the Spoon-billed Sandpiper site in PT and at LPB sandpit

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

05/01 : seen at LPB sandpit, less common than Whiskered.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

05/01 : common at LPB sandpit

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

05/01 and 09/01 : common in PT / LPB area

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

05/01 : 2 at LPB sandpit

09/01 : 1 at LPB King's Project

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*

05/01 : >2 at PT, Spoon-billed Sandpiper site, also several at LPB sandpit

Lesser-crested Tern *Thalasseus bengalensis* (P)

05/01 : >10 at LPB sandpit, far less common than Great-crested Tern, yet distinctively smaller and differently shaped.

90- Great-crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii* (P)

05/01 : >100 at LPB sandpit

Pallas's Gull *Larus ichthyaetus* (P)

05/01 : 2 at PT, Spoon billed Sandpiper site, and 3 at LPB sandpit

Brown-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus* (P)

Abundant at PT/LPB and in Tha Sala. A photographed individual could be a Black-headed, but id too uncertain as some Brown-headed seem to retain dark eye on their 3rd summer after a complete moult to adult plumage.

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia* (P)

Isolated individuals seen / heard at DL past the 1st gate and along the border road, and in KK

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*

03/01 : a flock of ~5 inds seen at DL, army camp

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

Seen here and there, most clearly feral, a few with pseudo-wild plumage

Red-collared Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Common in wooded areas and near human settlements

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

Common in wooded areas and near human settlements

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata* (P)

Seen in Hua Hin and LPB (quite common at King's Project) ; also one at Rimkong Restaurant, Chiang Saen

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* (P)

Common in KK between the two campsites and at hides

100- Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra* (P)

Roosts at KK (Ban Krang campsite, KK12) and small groups everywhere along the road. Also seen at KC.

Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis* (P)

07/01 : 2 at Phanoeng Thung campsite (KK)

10/01 : 2 at KC bus stop

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* (P)

04/01 : 1 at CS harrier roost ; 12/01 : up to 5 inds along the access road at KC. Learn call.

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

06/01 : 1 at KK bridge (KK11)

Drongo Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* (P)

11-12/01 : at least 1 ind. on KC access road between the gate and the bus stop. Gave up with taxonomic subtleties due to lack of documentation. Bird photographed.

Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopaceus* ♪

Commonly heard everywhere south to Bangkok

Black-bellied Malkoha *Rhopodytes diardi*

11/01 : KC – 1 on the access road in a flock

Green-billed Malkoha *Rhopodytes tristis* (P)

08/01 : KK – 2 along the track from Ban Krang to KK17

12/01 : KC – 1 on the access road

Raffle's Malkoha *Rhinortha chlorophaeus* (P)

11/01 : 1 in a flock along KC nature trail

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Zanclostomus curvirostris*

08/01 : KK – 1 near Ban Krang (KK17)

110- Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* (P)

Common in semi-open areas

Oriental Bay Owl *Phodilus badius* (P)

08-09/01 : 1 individual, then 2, calling at night at KK, Ban Krang campsite, around 3am. Taped without result, did not insist. Tracked and eventually found 1 individual 50m outside the campsite, singing at 3-4m in the understorey. Observed and photographed during 45' without the bird moving from its branch.

White-fronted Scops Owl *Otus sagittatus* ♪

09/01 : 1 calling at 3.45am far from Ban Krang campsite. Not tracked.

Collared Scops Owl *Otus lettia* ♪

08/01 : KK – 1 ind. calling in Ban Krang at night – too far to be tracked

Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* ♪

02/01 : DL - >5 birds eared (none seen) at night along the road between the 1st gate and the pine forest

03/01 : 1 individual calling at DAK campsite (DAK03).

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei* ♪

03/01 : 2 individuals calling outside DAK past the chinese cemetery on Chiang Dao road (DAK11). Taped without success.

Buffy Fish Owl *Ketupa ketupu* (P)

10/01-11/01 : a pair in KC headquarters. First heard calling, then found the female perched at 2-3m height on the big tree that surrounds the small artificial fish pond at the bridge right to the HQ, then the ♂ perched along the river on the picnic area. Apparently a well-known pair.

Hodgson's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus hodgsoni* ♪

03/01 : 1 heard in DL pine forest along the road at night (~05am). Responded to tape but never found.

Javan (Blyth's) Frogmouth *Batrachostomus affinis* ♪

10-11/01 : KC – 1 at the gate and 1 at the bus stop (not seen). No spontaneous calls, both responded once or twice to random taping, then quiet.

Great-eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*

08/01 : 1 call at KK, Ban Krang campsite, just before dawn.

10/01 : 1 flying over the bus stop at KC. Really huge, reminiscent of a hawk for its size.

120- Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* (P)

06/01 : 2 calling on Ban Maaka access road at KK, not seen.

07/01 : 1 calling at the campsite before KK gate (KK06). Bird found and photographed on the fence along the road, then on the campsite fence. Particularly tame. At least 1 other ind. in the surroundings.

Himalayan Swiflet *Aerodramus brevirostris*

01/01 : several flying over Bangkok airport ; then seen in fields around Thaton and LPB (note : not all Swiflet checked during the trip, so could have been overlooked elsewhere)

Black-nest Swiflet *Aerodramus maximus*

10-11/01 : up to 5 inds at KC – bus stop attributed to this species based on similar plumage as Germain's Swiflet with greyish rump and contrast between throat and ear covers, but larger, bulkier, different flight (soaring/gliding with sequences of 5-6 fast wingbeats), overall darker plumage (nearly black).

Germain's Swiflet *Aerodramus germani*

10-11-12/01 : small numbers at KC, especially at dusk from the bus stop. Possibly with Glossy Swiflet, not recorded with certainty

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

04/01 : flyovers at the harrier roost in Chiang Saen

07/01 : KK - flyovers around Khao Thaoneng Thung viewpoint (« fog sea viewpoint »)

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*

01/01 : A few inds in Bangkok airport

02/01 : flyovers at DL above the feeders (Cook's Swift)

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata*

11-12/01 : up to a tenth of inds at KC waterfall and on the river.

Diard's Trogon *Harpactes diardii* ♪

11/01 : 1 heard only along KC trail

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios* (P)

08/01 : 1 at KK17

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

07/01 : a pair at KK24, briefly perched above the track

130- Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*

07/01 : a bird heard but not seen at KK23, taped without result. A very quick sighting at the same place on 08/01

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Common all throughout, mainly in semi-wooded and open areas near water. Especially abundant from the train to Nakhon. A roost at KC temple.

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata* (P)

Seen at KK11, LPB (near the abandoned building), and KC

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* (P)

05/01 : several on the channel to LPB sandpit and in irrigation channels near the abandoned building

09/01 : 1 at LPB King's Project

12/01 : 2 at Tha Sala ponds

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Odd birds here and there on ponds and rivers (eg. In Thaton fields, Chiang Saen reservoir, LPB)

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*

Mainly seen on the lowlands of KK

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* (P)

06/01 : 1 at KK13

08/01 : 1 at KK, Bang Krang campsite

Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus*

10/01 : 1 at KC headquarters

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*

07/01 : 1 at Phanoen Thung campsite, KK

Little Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*

Common in lowlands especially around LPB, PT, Fang and Thaton

140- Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus* (P)

09/01 : 2 inds on the fish pond road at Petchaburi rice fields

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis* (P)

09/01 : several inds on the fish pond road at Petchaburi rice fields with Blue-tailed BE

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti* (P)

07/01 : several inds at KK along the higher levels of the track

Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Odd individuals in open areas

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* (P)

06-09/01 : commonest hornbill in KK, several roosts along the road. A tame individual frequents Ban Krang campsite (near the restaurant), ideal for selfies.

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* (P)

06/01 : 1 at KK08

07/01 : several small groups between KK campsites along the track.

White-crowned Hornbill *Berenicornis comatus* (P)

11/01 : KC – seen mid-afternoon in the large trees that surround the start of the waterfall trail ; then roosting birds showed well on trees from the bus stop at dusk.

Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros undulatus*

07/01 : KK – 5 flyovers around KK26

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*

02/01 : DL – 1 near the army camp at the 1st gate

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*

Seen at KK, especially KK08

150- Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*

11/01 : 1 at KC headquarters, on a large fruiting tree at the base of the access road

Moustached Barbet *Megalaima incognita (P)*

07/01 : KK - several individuals seen, incl. a showy individual on an obvious snag right to the track (when looking down) at the start of a steep descent (KK23)

Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica*

03/01 : DL – 2-3 at the army camp near the 1st gate

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis (P)*

The commonest Barbet in DL, KK and KC

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

06/01 : KK – 1 at KK13 (fruiting tree)

Brown Barbet *Calorhamphus fuliginosus*

11-12/01 : KC - several individuals on fruiting trees along the access road, mainly near the gate and at the HQ

Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnormis*

11/01 : 1 in a flock along KC trail. Not much bigger than a kinglet.

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus (P)*

Several individuals in DL along the feeder area and at the 1st gate

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus (P)*

Several individuals in DL especially in the Cutia flock at the « do not feed the birds » signpost and near the army camp at the 1st gate

Streak-breasted Woodpecker *Picus viridianus*

08/01 : KK – 1 in a flock on the nature trail from Ban Krang

160- Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha*

02/01 : DL - 1 in the forest stand behind the « do not feed the bird » signpost

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

08/08 : KK – at least 2 in a flock at KK17

10/08 : KC – 1 heard near the HQ

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense* (P)

08/01 : >1 along KK Nature Trail at Bang Krang. Learn call.

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus*

11/01 : 2 along KC trail, in a flock after the first ascent

Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente* (P)

09/01 : KK – 1 near the start of the nature trail at the edge of Bang Krang campsite

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*

11/01 : KC - 1 on a large snag at the base of the access road, best watched from the bus stop

Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis*

10-12/01 : KC - several individuals calling especially along the access road. Only two birds seen flying and entering the dense vegetation near the bus stop on 11/01 evening. Learn calls

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* (P)

07/01 : KK - 2 individuals showing well on small trees, a few meters from the track near KK25

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus*

10-11/01 : KC – a flock of a few birds near a clearing along KC trail – got only brief views of flyovers. Learn calls.

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus*

07/01 : KK - a flock near the « fog sea viewpoint » on the waterfall track (KK28)

170- Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus* ♪

10-12/01 : KC - several individuals heard on the trail and the access road, not seen. None responded to taping. Learn call.

Rusty-naped Pitta *Pitta oatesi*

04/01 : 1 at DAK King's Project, at the usual feeder behind the auditorium (DAK09). Stays for long periods without moving under the shade of surrounding bamboos, check the background of the feeder and do not expect it to come unless every people is completely hidden.

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea* ♪

05-09/01 : abundant in mangroves at PT and LPB. Never seen (no recording to try some playback). Also heard (not seen) at Tha Sala on 12/01

Rail Babbler *Eupetes macrocerus* (P)

11/01 : KC – 1 individual heard then seen at the 2nd shelter (« sala 2 »). Bird heard from the shelter, tracked in the understorey, and found ~40m from the trail under dense bamboo growth. Watched for ~15' – quite confident.

White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis*

02-03/01 : DL – 1 in the Cutia flock near the « do not feed the birds » signpost.canary

Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Coracina melaschistos* (P)

Several individuals in DL

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus picatus*

06/01 : 1 at KK08

07/01 : KK – 1 at the « fog sea viewpoint »

10/01 : KC – 1 at the HQ

Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*

06/01 : KK – 1 pair at KK11 (bridge)

07/01 : 1 pair at KK26

Swinhoe's Minivet *Pericrocotus cantonensis* (P)

07/01 : KK - several individuals in flocks along the upper parts of the track incl. KK26

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

06/01 : KK – 1 at KK11 (bridge)

07/01 : KK - several individuals in flocks along the upper parts of the track

180- Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*

02/01 : DL - a few individuals in flocks between the pine forest and the « do not feed the birds » signpost

Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris* (P)

02/01 : DL – a pair in the pine forest near the first feeder

03/01 : DL – a few individuals near the « do not feed the birds » signpost

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*

12/01 : KC - only a pair seen in a large fruiting tree next to the gate

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus*

11/01 : KC – 1 along the access road

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* (P)

08/01 : 2 near KK17 (gate on track from Ban Krang)

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

09/01 : several individuals on a snag at KK bridge (KK11)

Maroon-breasted Philentoma *Philentoma velata* ♪

Heard, never seen, in KC along the access road and the trail (quite common)

Yellow-bellied Fantail *Chelidorhynch hypoxanta*

03/01 : DL – 1 along the border road near DL13

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

03/01 : 1 near DL13 on the border road

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica* (P)

Common in KK, PT, LPB and KC. Especially common in LPB where it even occurs in small restaurants and shops along the roads.

190- Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* (P)

Mainly seen in the hides at KK, also 1 at KC

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus* (P)

Common everywhere

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* (P)

Common along edges in KK and along the upper parts of the road at DL, mainly in higher altitudes

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

07/01 : KK – 1 near KK26 and 1 near KK23 – not all drongos checked

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* (P)

Uncommon yet regular in KK and KC

Large-billed Crow *Corvus japonensis*

05-09/01 : Individuals around PT / LPB.

Note : some crows could be Jungle Crows but given reported ID difficulties, limited time and limited interest for these birds I gave up spending time on them

Crested Jay *Platylophus galericulatus*

08/01 : KK – 1 near the gate at KK17 and 2 in a flock along the nature trail

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*

08/01 : 2 near the gate at KK17

Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia* (P)

06/01 : several individuals at Lung Sing hide

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

Odd individuals seen in various occasions in flocks in DL, DAK and KK

200- Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus* (*confusus*, *lucionensis*) (P)

Common to near-abundant in semi-open and open areas. Confusus dominant. At least 1 lucionensis ♂ at KC bus stop (11/01), not all individuals checked

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach longicaudatus*

Uncommon to common in fields around Thaton, Fang, Chiang Saen, LPB and along the railway to Nakhon

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus* (P)

03/01 : DL – 1 near the 2nd gate

07/01 : KK – 1 at Phanoen Thung campsite

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja* (P)

12/01 : KC – 1 at the base of the access road near the HQ

Mrs Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae* (P)

Common in flowering trees in DL incl. in the pine forest, also a few in DAK (chinese cemetery). Highest numbers in a patch of flowering trees just near the 1st gate on the track to the army camp.

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* (P)

02/01 : DL - 1 in the undergrowth behind the « do not feed the birds » signpost

03/01 : 1 in flowering trees near the 1st gate

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*

08/01 : KK – 1 near Ban Krang (KK17)

12/01 : KC - 1♂ along the access road

Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum*

11/01 : 2 along KC trail

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra (P)*

12/01 : KC – 1 along access road near the gate, feeding on lower bushy vegetation

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna (P)*

04/01 : 1 behind the restaurant at DAK King's Project

07/01 : 1 at KK26

210- Spectacled Spiderhunter *Arachnothera flavigaster (P)*

10-11/01 : KC – 1-3 individuals near the HQ

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnotera chrysogenys*

11/01 : KC – 1 on a large tree left to the HQ

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

09/01 : KK – 2 in Ban Krang

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus*

01/01 : 1 in Thaton fields

04/01 : >2 individuals at DAK army camp

Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile*

06/01 : 1 at KK13 (fruiting tree)

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

09/01 : KK – >2 in Ban Krang

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum maculatus (P)*

12/01 : KC – 1 along the access road

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

06/01 : 1 at KK09

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati*

11-12/01 : KC – a few individuals on large trees along the access road

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon*

12/01 : KC - at least 2 along the access road

220- Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

04/01 : unrecorded location at DAK

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons (P)*

03/01 : DL - 1 at the 1st gate at dawn

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

03/01 : 1 at DL along the border road near DL13

04/01 : 1 at DAK King's Project behind the restaurant

Asian Fairy Bluebird *Irena puella (P)*

Common in flocks at KK, noisy. Learn call.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

02/01 : a flock near DL02

Pin-tailed Parrotfinch *Erythrura prasina (P)*

07/01 : up to 4 inds in a young bamboo at KK29

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Common (less than Tree S.) in human settlements

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus (P)*

09/01 : a flock near LPB dump on the abandoned building road

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Common to abundant near humans

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

02-03/01 : DL – 2 on the army camp fence near the 1st gate

230- Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi (P)*

01/01 – common in Thaton fields

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

01/01 : several individuals in Thaton fields. Distinctively more slender, smaller than Richard's, with thinner bill and more patterned plumage.

04/01 : 1 at Rimkong restaurant, Chiang Saen

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

Seen here and there especially in the North and in PT / LPB. Subspecies not recorded.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

02/01 : 2 at DL bridge (DL02)

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

04/01 : 1 on a sand bank on the Mekong in front of Rimkong Restaurant, Chiang Saen

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*

09/01 : a few inds flying over LPB around the abandoned building

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*

03/01 : DL – 2 near the army camp at the 1st gate

04/01 : 2 near the bamboo stand at DAK auditorium

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*

09/01 : a flock along the railway crossing the narrow track at Petchaburi rice fields

Crested Bunting *Emberiza lathami* (P)

03/01 : DL - several birds, incl. 2♂, along the road in the field area past the 2nd gate

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

02-03/01 : DL - a few individuals seen between the pine forest and the « do not feed the birds » signpost. The hardest Nuthatch.

240- Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis* (P)

02-03/01 : common in Doi Lang

Giant Nuthatch *Sitta magna* (P)

02/01 : DL - a bird on a snag behind the first feeder in the pine forest

03/01 : DL – seen at DL12 and near the « do not feed the birds » signpost

White-vented Myna *Acridotheres grandis* (P)

Common in lowlands

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Common everywhere near humans except in large forested extents

Golden-crested Myna *Ampeliceps coronatus*

09/01 : KK - >2 inds. in Ban Krang campsite early morning, perched on treetops

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

08/01 : KK – 1 perched on a large tree between Ban Krang and the 1st stream before dusk

Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis*

Common in lowlands

Asian Pied Starling *Gracupica contra* (P)

Only seen at LPB, especially near the abandoned building

Orange-headed Thrush *Zoothera citrina*

11/01 : KC – 1 in the understorey a few hundred meters before the 1st shelter

250- Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

04/01 : 1♂ in the garden of Rimkong restaurant at Chiang Saen

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris* (P)

02-03/01 : several birds seen in DL especially in the pine forest

Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis* (P)

04/01 : 1 at DAK on the auditorium feeder

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* (P)

02/01 : DL – 1 at the army camp near the 1st gate

03/01 : DL - 1 on the border road near DL14

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura* (P)

04/01 : a pair at DAK feeder

White-bellied Redstart *Hodgsonius phaenicuroides*

02-03/01 : a pair on a feeder a few hundred m after the « do not feed the birds » signpost

Plumbeous Water Redstart *Rhyacornis fuliginosa*

02/01 : a ♀ or imm. on the river at DL02 (bridge)

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis (P)*

Odd individuals seen everywhere in wooded areas

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus (P)*

Quite common, seen mainly in semi-open areas like behind the restaurant at DAK King's Project

Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope (P)*

02/01 : DL - 1♂ at the 1st feeder after the « do not feed the birds » signpost, and 1♀ at the next feeder

260- Siberian Blue Robin *Luscinia cyane (P)*

06/01 : KK - at least a pair and an imm. ♂ at Lung Sing, and at least one other pair at Ban Son Nok

Grey Buschat *Saxicola ferreus (P)*

Common to abundant at DL

Eastern Stonechat *Saxicola maurus stejnegeri (P)*

Odd individuals at DL (especially near the 1st gate around the army camp) and in lowlands

Pied Buschat *Saxicola caprata*

01/01 : common in Thaton fields

04/01 : 1 at Chiang Saen reservoir near the harrier roost

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

02/01 : DL – only one bird, near the bridge at DL02

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae (P)*

06/01 : at least 1♂ and up to 3♀ at Ban Son Nok hide ; id. based on sharp orange demarcation on breast.

07/01 : 1 at « fog sea viewpoint » in the upper altitude of KK

11/01 : 1 along KC trail

Chinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis glaucicomans(P)*

06/01 : KK - at least 1 at Ban Son Nok hide

Note : some birds seen at KK, KC and DL could be Hill blue Flycatcher but I could not ascertain the id.

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara* (P)

04/01 : 1 ♀ at DAK on the auditorium feeder

Ultramarine Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris* (P)

02/01 : 1 ♂ at the 1st feeder in DL pine forest

Sapphire Flycatcher *Ficedula sapphira*

02/01 : DL - 1 ♂ wandering along the road past the « do not feed the birds » signpost

270- Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula solitaris* (P)

07/01 : KK – 1 in a flock along the track near KK26

Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*

08/01 : KK – 1 ♂ near KK17 (track from Ban Krang)

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla* (P)

Common in DL, DAK and KK, both in forest clearings, edges and open areas near fields (eg in Thaton)

Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

02/01 : DL – 1 in the feeder area, other individuals not recorded elsewhere

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

03/01 : DL – 1 near DL14

Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica* (P)

06-09/01 : KK - odd individuals along the road at all altitudes

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica* (P)

06-09/01 : KK – the commonest flycatcher

Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher *Rhinomyias olivacea*

11/01 : KC - 1 along the 1st third of the trail, seen in the afternoon on the way back

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* (P)

09/01 : KK – 1 at Ban Krang helicopter platform, at least one other individual not recorded elsewhere

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus* (P)

03/01 : DL - >2 near the campsite at the 1st gate at dawn

280- Japanese Tit *Parus minor*

02/01 : DL - >2 at the first feeder, in pines

04/01 : numerous in pines at DAK army camp

Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons* (P)

03/01 : DL – 2 at the 1st gate, 4 at the nearby army camp

04/01 : DAK – several inds near the auditorium feeder at the King’s Project and in the chinese cemetery

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus* (P)

Common in DAK and KK

Brown-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous* (P)

04/01 : DAK - over 10 inds at the Chinese cemetery mixed with other species

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster* (P)

The commonest Bulbul in the North (subsp. Klossi and thais present together at DAK – chinese cemetery)

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flava* (P)

03/01 : DL - at least 2 on the border road near DL13

Himalayan Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus concolor / leucothorax* (P)

03/01 : DL – seen along the border road near DL14 in a mixed Bulbul-drongo flock

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps* (P)

Common to abundant in KK, especially in fruiting trees around Ban Krang

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris* (P)

Common in DL and DAK, also seen in KC

290- Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni* (P)

06/01 : KK – a few individual seen at both hides

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens* (P)

Common in KK, also seen in DL at the army camp near the 1st gate

Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi* (P)

06/01 : KK – 1 at Lung Sing hide ; 1 at KK11

Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus* (P)

11/01 and 12/01 : several seen in KC in flocks along the trail and on large fruiting trees between the bus stop and the gate

Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua*

04/01 : 1 at Chiang Saen harrier roost

07/01 : KK – several individuals in fruiting trees incl. *eg.* KK26

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus*

07/01 : KK – several around KK26 in a fruiting tree, others not recorded elsewhere in KK

08/01 : KK - several along the nature trail in Ban Krang

12/01 : KC – several along the access road on fruiting trees

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Alophoixus bres*

11/01 : KC – 2 along the trail

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mcclllandii*

04/01 : DAK – 2-5 above the auditorium feeder

Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus (P)*

06/01 : KK – 1 at Lung Sing hide

Common Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

04/01 : numerous at Rimkong Restaurant, Chiang Saen, over the Mekong

300- Grey-throated Sand Martin *Riparia chinensis*

04/01 : 1 at Rimkong Restaurant, Chiang Saen

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Common in lowlands

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Mainly seen at Bangkok airport

Aberrant Bush Warbler *Cettia flavolivacea*

02-03/01 : DL - 2 heard and seen at the army camp near the 1st gate

Thick-billed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon*

06/01 : 1 at KK11 (bridge). Distinctive jizz with very large bill, overall plain pale coloration somewhat reminiscent of a large-billed, long tailed Garden Warbler

08/01 : KK – 1 near the gate at KK17

09/01 : KK – 1 at Ban Krang helicopter platform

Note on warblers : all warblers reported here have been identified either on the fields based on direct discussion with other birders, or after having photographs checked by others a posteriori – except for the most distinctive species. All dubious warblers (80% of non-inornatus birds) seen alone are excluded.

Plain-tailed Warbler *Seicercus soror* (P)

06/01 : KK – 1 at Lung Sing ; probable Marten’s Warbler yet no call heard

Eastern-crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*

02/01 : DL – 1 in the feeders area

Davison’s Warbler *Phylloscopus davisoni*

02/01 : DL – 1 near the Rubythroat feeder

Claudia’s Warbler *Phylloscopus claudiae*(P)

03/01 : DL – 1 bird seen well and photographed between the two gates

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

A few individuals in DL with distinctive wagtail-like calls

310- Two-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*

02/01 : DL – 1 near the 1st feeder in the pine forest

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*(P)

Common to abundant in DL, DAK and KK ; only 2 birds in KC

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliosus*

04/01 : DAK - >10 feeding in large trees above the bamboo stand behind the auditorium

Hume’s Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*

02/01 : DL – at least one bird with distinctive call and plumage

Chinese Warbler *Phylloscopus yunnanensis*

03/01 : DL – at least one near feeders

Radde’s Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* (P)

07/01 : KK – 1 near the fog sea viewpoint

08/01 : KK – 1 near Ban Krang campsite along the road from streams

Buff-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus subaffinis* (P)

02/01 : DL – 1 bird photographed near feeders. Jizz and overall plumage strongly recalls the brownest Chiffchaffs seen in Western Europe in autumn, but tone generally buffier, buffy supercilium and underparts.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

08/01 – KK : 1 near the gate at KK17

09/01 : LPB – 1 in the mangrove of King's Project

Spot-breasted Parrotbill *Paradoxornis guttaticollis* (P)

02/01 : DL - up to 3 birds in the open area right to the road 100m after the « do not feed the birds » signpost. Responds well to playback

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*

01/01 : 2 birds in Thaton fields (TH02)

320- Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron magnirostre*

10/01 : 1 along KC trail (on ground)

Grey-cheeked « Yunnan » Fulvetta *Alcippe fratercula* (P)

03/01 : DL – 1 bird in the Cutia flock near the « do not feed the birds » signpost

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poioicephala* (P)

06/01 : KK – at least 1 at Lung Sing hide

Brown Fulvetta *Alcippe brunneicauda*

11/01 : KC – 1 along the first ascent of the trail

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosteros erythropleurus* (P)

03/01 – common to abundant in mixed flocks in flowering trees

04/01 – a few individuals in DAK in the flowering trees of the army camp

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* (P)

03/01 – common to abundant in mixed flocks in flowering trees

04/01 – common in DAK in the flowering trees of the army camp

Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis*

11/01 : KC – 1 in the first ascent of the trail

Grey-headed Babbler *Stachyris poliocephala*

11/01 : KC – 4-5 along the trail

Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera*

11/01 : KC - >2 in a flock in a clearing after the 1st ascent of the trail

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps* (P)

06/01 : KK - >2 at Lung Sing hide

330- Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti* (P)

06/01 : KK – 2 at Ban Son Nok hide, several others not recorded in KK

11/01 : KC – 1 along the trail

Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyridopsis rufifrons*

03/01 : DL – 3 birds calling and showing along the border road between DL12 and DL13

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus gularis* (P)

Quite common in KK (especially in hides) ; also seen in KC. Birds in KK are distinctly brighter yellow than those in KC

Large Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos* (P)

06/01 : KK – 1 at Lung Sing hide

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*

02/01 : DL – 2 in the understorey on the first descent after the feeders

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis*

08/01 : KK – 1 on Ban Krang nature trail

White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* (P)

Common in flocks in DL, DAK and KK ; learn calls

Black-throated Laughingthrush *Dryonastes chinensis*

07/01 : KK – 1 in a flock at KK26

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*

07/01 : KK – 1 in a flock at KK26

08/01 : KK – 1 in a flock at KK17

Lesser necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger* (P)

06/01 : KK – several at hides mixed with Greater N.L., in slightly lower abundance

08/01 : KK - several in a flock at KK17

340- Greater necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax pectoralis* (P)

06/01 : KK – a flock in Lung Sing and several at Ban Son Nok

08/01 : KK - several in a flock at KK17 mixed with Lesser N.L. and other species

Silver-eared Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron peninsulae* (P)

03/01 : DL – 2 in the understorey near DL13 – learn the call

Himalayan Cutia *Cutia nipalensis* (P)

02-03/01 : DL - 2 birds in a flock wandering around the « do not feed the birds » signpost, quite high in trees. Few call heard.

Blue-winged Siva *Siva cyanouroptera* (P)

02-03-04/01 : quite common either in mono-specific small flocks or mixed with other species

Silver-eared Mesia *Mesia argenteauris*

04/01 : up to 10 inds in a flock at DAK feeder behind the auditorium

Collared Babbler *Gampsorhynchus torquatus torquatus* (P)

07/01 : KK - a flock of >5 inds at KK25

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides* (P)

03/01 : DL – 5 individuals in the flowering trees near the 1st gate

Dark-backed Sibia *Malacias melanoleucus* (P)

Among the commonest birds in DL and DAK. Learn calls.

Rufous-backed Sibia *Leioptila annectens* (P)

02-03/01 : DL - several individuals in the Cutia flock at the « do not feed the birds » signpost, and a few others seen here and there along the road always with other species

Spectacled Barwing *Actinodura ramsayi* (P)

02-03/01 : DL – a flock near the « do not feed the birds » signpost. Small flocks seen here and there along the road.

350- Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncundis* (P)

05/01 : seen along the abandoned building road at LPB. Also a calling bird at Petchaburi rice fields

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* (P)

11-12/01 : at least 2 Tailorbirds belonged to this species in KC but I did not check all Tailorbirds

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* (P)

Common especially in DAK

Hill Prinia *Prinia superciliaris* (P)

02/01 : DL - 2 in the grass along the road in the pine forest, and 1 ind. at the first feeder after the « do not feed the birds » signpost

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*

01/01 : >1 in Thaton fields

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*

01/01 : 1 in Thaton fields, direct comparison with R. Prinia

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris* (P)

03/01 : DL – 1 family on the border road between DL12 and DL13, in high grasses

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata* (P)

Common in grasses and fields in Thaton, Petchaburi and LPB

Species list – Beijing Olympic Park, 31-12-2016

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*

Azure-winged Magpie *Cyanopica cyanus*

Common Magpie *Pica pica*

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone orientalis*

Japanese Tit *Parus minor*

Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*

Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*

Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta blakistoni*

Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus*

Winter Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Vinous-throated Parrotbill *Paradoxornis webbianus* (P)

Mammal list (non exhaustive)

Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belangeri* (P)

At least 1 in KK – Lung Sing hide

Stump-tailed Macaque *Macaca nemestrina* (P)

A group of ~10 inds wandering around KK09 on 06 and 09/01

Banded Langur *Presbytis femoralis*

A group at mid-altitudes between the two campsites of Kaen Krachang

Dusky Langur *Semnopithecus cristatus* (P)

The most common monkey along the road at KK

White-handed Gibbon *Hylobates lar* (P)

A group near km 27 at KK, also heard calling in various places of the park

Siamese Hare *Lepus peguensis*

A few individuals in the fields of KK lowlands near Ban Maaka

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* (P)

KK - 1 near Ban Krang on the Youth Camp track

Pallas's Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus* (P)

KK – Lung Sing hide

Grey-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps* (P)

KK – numerous at both hides, calls elsewhere

Burmese Striped Squirrel *Tamiops mcclellandi* (P)

Mainly seen in the hides of KK

East-Asian Porcupine *Hystrix brachyura*

KK – several individuals feeding on waste at Ban Krang restaurant at night

Large Indian Civet *Viverra zibetha*

KK – 1 individual wandering around Ban Krang restaurant on 09/01 around 1am ; 2 individuals seen the previous night by an english birder at the same place

Lesser Oriental Chevrotain *Tragulus javanicus (P)*

KK – 1 at Lung Sing hide

Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*

KK – a ♀ and a young individual on Ban Krang nature trail