Bali & East Java

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Bali Barat NP & surroundings.
Bedugul: Botanic Garden & Lake Buyant.
Sanur and Ulu Watu. Ubud.

Ijen NP.
Alas Purwo NP.
Baluran NP.

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Green Junglefowl - both sides of the javan Strait
Introduction.

Bali turned out to be an ideal spot to combine family-holiday (including 2 children of 13 years and 8 months) with some top-birding in South Asia. If you can leave the family business for at least 7 days for hard-core birding on especially 3 great localities: The Bali Barat NP & surroundings at the west tip of Bali, and on Java the fabulous mountain of Ijen and lowland forest of Alas Purwo a few hours’ drive after a short ferry from Bali. Also include Baluran NP on Java, and on Bali the highlands around Bedugul Botanic Garden where some species not available at Ijen can be added. And the near-by Lake Buyant.

Bali and Java have a very dense population and on Bali also an impact of tourism on a large scale. Still it is possible to escape to a survived nature and avifauna. As I had never been to Java before 76 of the 210 species of birds recorded on this trip were new.

Itinerary – and lodge:

9/2 – 12/2 Sanur. We stayed in nice cabins at the Tirta Ening Agung Hotel. From this urban area excursions can be made to the old temple of Ulu Watu at the south tip of the peninsula with some decent sea-watching from the cliffs. And to the near-by mangroves of Sanur and Sanagan Island.

13/2 – 15/2 Pemuteran on the much spacier western Bali and among many options choose the nice Arjuna Homestay. Ideal for the family including world-class snorkeling at the island of Menjangan and close to Bali Barat NP. We spent 2 whole days birding in and around Bali Barat returning to the family in the evening. Also the first part of 16/2 and on return from Java half of 20/2 and 21/2 were spent in this area.

16/2 – 19/2 trip to East Java. Gave us a half day in Baluran, 2 full days at Ijen and 1 day in Alas Purwo. Stayed at the Banyuwangi Hotel at Ketapang close to the ferry and within 1 -2 hours from all 3 main-localities. Rather big and not too recommendable, but ok for the purpose.

21/2 rejoining the family at Lovina at the rather expensive but very nice Rumah Cautic Hotel.

22/2 – 23/2 Bedugul in the Bali Highlands. Stayed at Strawberry Inn - recommendable - about 1 km from the entrance of the Botanic garden. And about 8 km from an early morning visit at Lake Buyant.

24/2 – 25/2 Ubud. Stayed in town-center at ADI-hotel and got one good and one bad room. Cultural center and a chance for Barong dance but also stuffed with tourists. Only got time for a short walk to the rice-fields.

Climate.

Many visit Bali in the dry season during the northern summer, but this was rainy season. The rains never seriously compromised our birding although some heavy rains did occur especially on Ijen. It leaves all beautifully lush and green, birds are generally active, and it added some wintering species. So we will recommend this time of the year which is also off-season for tourism. And an escape from the northern winter. This is close to the equator and it definitely turns hot in the lowlands during the day.

Transport.

Very pleasant flight with Singapore airlines Copenhagen – Singapore connected to Singapore – Denpasar, Bali. This was also the cheapest option. We hired driver + car for all our transports. Traffic is crowded and slow on small roads. Decent prices.
Guide and tour-operator.
The key is to get a deal with Hery Kusamanegara (hery_kn@yahoo.co.id) Hery is a senior ranger in Bali Barat, an expert on birds on both sides of the Javan Strait, a top guide, and a very pleasant company. He organized and guided the intensive period of 7 days in Bali Barat and on Eastern Java including lodge on Java, food, ferry, and car with his brilliant bird-driver Wagini. It was somewhat expensive being only the 2 of us (Jørgen Bech and Jette Lyager) but definitely worth it. Very good days in the field with Hery – highly recommendable. Places like Bedugul and around Sanur are quite easy to do on your own.

Localities on Bali:

Bali Barat NP: Covers a considerable area at the west tip of Bali and quite complex with many types of mainly forested habitats: The last monsoon forest of Bali of Tanjung Galap Bay, mixed primary and secondary forest of Tegal Bunder, and also ridges and hill-forest. Along the western coast is Gilimanuk Bay with good mangrove forest and a small cultural “savannah” at the boat-landing. Off the east coast the Menjangan Island. Further down the coast Banyuwedang with salt pans and a tidal coast, a shorebird hot-spot apart from the outer zone behind the coast being occupied by a prawn farm. This variation supports a very variable avifauna.

Bedugul highland: Bali Botanic Garden. Lake Buyant. Interior Highland forests are cleared long ago but some pockets of montane forest still exist at the border of the Bali Botanic Garden. Birding is particularly interesting at the western boundaries close to the forested ridge – the place to look for Sunda Thrush and Whistling-Thrush. Do not miss lake Buyant (signed road 8 km north of Botanical Garden, then find a track between the houses to the lake-shore after about 2 km). In Bedugul I focused on species I had not seen on Ijen: The two Thrushes (between the two last bridges of the western circuit), Honeyeater (anywhere inside the B.G.), and the easily seen Short-tailed Starling.

Around Sanur: Sanur mangroves and Sanagan Island. Ulu Watu. This is a very urban area, but excursions to near-by localities are possible. At Sanur and Sanagan island are tidal waters and mangroves, and the island is still very good for waterbirds with some grassland and tidal flats. Unfortunately I never found the roosts. Later I was told, that choosing the first road to the right after having passed the bridge to the Island would had lead me to the roosts. Ulu Watu is a famous old temple at the sea-side.
cliffs at the tip of the peninsula and a good spot for sea-watch (Frigatebirds, Tropicbird, Brown Booby). My watch was partly disturbed by rain.

Ubud rice-fields.
Only a few hours available, but Ubud is a quite easy acess to rice fields. The path out there is easily by-passed but a small sign just before the Puri Lukisan Temple at the busy Jl. Raya Ubud road will lead you to the fields.

Localities on East Java:

Ijen NP:
This is one of the few montane forests left on Java, as forest covers the southern and eastern slopes continuously from about 1000 m up to the burned and ragged zone at the crater (2300 m). Road to Pos Paltuding (1800 m), from where the volcano trails curls up another 3 km to the edge of the crater. Even though there will be no birds but Cave Swiftlets at the crater it is recommended to take the full climb, which is rewarded with a most spectacular sight. Sulphur is brought down from the crater by miners carrying about 80 kg up the crater and down to Pos P. Birding through the different zones can be done from the road with small walks inside the forest. In the rainy season often quite heavy rains in the afternoon. Great montane atmosphere and great birding!
Alas Purwo NP:
Lowland forest at the south-eastern corner of Java. Some logging has taken place but the forest still has many old trees and a very intact avifauna. Buffered by teak-plantations and protected by the local Hindu villages (alas = jungle, purwo = holy). There is a broad savannah inside the park at the ranger station that supports the Banteng. Very good birding at this place. Ideal for the low-land fauna after the highland-species of Ijen.

Baluran NP:
Only a half days visit to this place. The big Bekol Savannah and the coastal forest at Bama visited. No doubt more remote forested parts would produce more but we concentrated at Alas Purwo. Unfortunately poaching has reduced the Banteng to very few individuals.

Some favourites – a try for a top 15:
1. Bali Starling - the Bali Barat Icon and back in the wild!
2. J. Banded-Pitta - nothing compairs to the Pitta, great chances at B.Barat and Alas Purwo
3. J. Frogmouth - cryptic and this strange voice in the dark – Ijen middle altitude
4. J. Hawk-Eagle - endangered endemic raptor, soaring Mt.Ijen
5. Red-legged Crake - Pitta jumping and Crake walking at the same puddle inside B.Barat.
7. Pink-headed Fruit-Dove – at giant figs at Ijen about 1200 m at a most spectacular perch.
8. Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher – in the swampy, coastal forest at Bama, Baluran, perched on a twig
9. Great-billed Heron – few, but singles can be picked up esp. at low tides at both coasts at B. Barat.
10. Javan Plover – endemic shorebird easily seen in the Banyuwedang Saltpans
11. White-flanked Sunbird – endemic high-altitude beauty in the misteltoes at 2100 m, Ijen.
12. Small Blue Kingfisher – small blue/ cerulean gem of the mangroves
13. Checker-throated Woodpecker – great Picus at the figs at 1200 m, Ijen, even with Crimson-winged!
15. Sunda Thrush – odd, big and slender skulker of the mountains, at Bedugul Botanic garden.

Details for individual species are found in the Species Account.
Species Account: Birds (210 species)

White-tailed Tropicbird (Phaeton lepturus)
Bali: 12/2 1 flying high over the sea Ulu Watu with rapid, mechanical wingbeats, seen at some distance.

Lesser Frigatebird (Fregata ariel)
Bali: 12/2 12 in one flock Ulu Watu, moving towards the cliffs in the evening, 20/2 1 Bali Barat off Menjangan island.

Brown Booby (Sula leucogaster)
Bali: 12/2 1 + 2 Ulu Watu.
Java: 16/2 1 flying south Javan Strait, 20/2 1 + 1 Javan Strait.

Sunda Teal (Anas gibberifrons)
Bali: 14/2 2 and 21/2 17 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang salt pans (2 + 5) and reefs (12).

Grey-breasted (White-faced) Partridge (Arborophila(o) orientalis)
Java: 17/2 2 calling Ijen (ab. 1350 m) inside the forest, got very close, but no sightings.

Green Peafowl (Pavo muticus)
Java: 16/2 12+ Baluran, 19/2 6 Alas Purwo. This endangered species was easy to watch and enjoy.

Red Junglefowl (Gallus gallus)
Java: 17/2 1 heard Ijen, 18/2 1 imm male Ijen walking on the volcano trail at 1800 m during rain, 19/2 3 heard Alas Purwo.

Green Junglefowl (Gallus varius)
Bali: 15/2 and 16/2 1 Bali Barat at Gilimanuk Bay.
Java: 16/2 10+ Baluran, 19/2 5 Alas Purwo.

Lesser Adjutant (Leptoptilos javanicus)
Bali: 15/2 and 16/2 1 Bali Barat at Gilimanuk Bay.
Java: 19/2 3 Alas Purwo at the grassland.

Yellow Bittern (Ixobrychus sinensis)
Bali: 23/2 6 Lake Buyant.

Striated Heron (Butorides striata)
Bali: 9/2 1 Sanur, 14/2 1 Bali Barat, 15/2 1 Bali Barat, 21/2 4 Bali Barat.

Javan Pond Heron (Ardeola speciose)
Bali: 10/2 2 Sandakan Island (temple), 13/2 1 Sanur – Pemuteran, 21/2 8 Bali Barat, 22/2 20 (fly by) + 1 (paddy) Lovina, 23/2 30 Lake Buyant, 24/2 6 Bedugul, 25/2 30 Ubud. All in breeding plumage.

Eastern Cattle Egret (Bubulcus coromandus)
Bali: 9/2 1 Sanur, 13/2 2 Sanur-Pemuteran, 25/2 2 Ubud.

Great-billed Heron (Ardea summatrana)
Bali: 15/2 1 Bali Barat at Gilimanuk Bay flushed from the mangroves by boat during high-tide, 20/2 1 Bali Barat on the coast towards Menjangan Island roosting under a single mangrove-tree during high-tide (approached by boat), 21/2 1 Bali Barat flying on the coast at Banyuwedang at low tide.
A total of 3 seen at different localities around Bali Barat. Probably only about 8 specimens are around at West Bali. Breeds in solitary pairs in the mangroves. A wide-spread species, but suffering from heavy loss of habitat.
Great-billed Heron - high-tide roost.

**Purple Heron** (*Ardea purpurea*)
Bali: 10/2 2 Sanur mangroves, 14/2 1 Bali Barat, 15/2 1 Bali Barat.

**Great Egret** (*Ardea alba*)
Bali: 10/2 10 Sanur mangroves, 14/2 5+ Bali Barat, 22/2 1 Lovina.

**Intermediate Egret** (*Egretta intermedia*)
Bali: 25/2 3 Ubud.

**Little Egret** (*Egretta garzetta*)
Bali: 10/2 1 Sandakan Isl.(temple), 14/2 50+ Bali Barat, 16/2 4 Bali Barat, 20/2 10 Bali Barat, 21/2 15 Bali Barat, 22/2 2 Lovina, 25/2 1 Ubud.

**Pacific Reef Egret** (*Egretta sacra*)
Bali: 12/2 1 Ulu Watu (dark morph), 14/2 1 Bali Barat (dark), 21/2 2 Bali Barat (dark).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)
Bali: 10/2 2 – 3 fly over Sanur at 19:45 heard in the dark.

**Little Pied Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax melanoleucus*)
Bali: 10/2 1 Sandakan isl (temple).

**Little Black Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*)
Bali: 10/2 2 Sanur mangroves.
Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorynchus*
Bali: 15/2 1 Bali Barat.

Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela*
Java: 16/2 2 + 1 Baluran, 17/2 1 and 18/2 2 Ijen (ab.950 m at the border between the primary forest and the teak-plantation).

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus*
Bali: 15/2 1 Hawk-Eagle probably this species Bali Barat.
Java: 19/2 2 (a pair) Alas Purwo soaring and perched at the ridge bordering the savanna, both were dark morph.

Javan Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus bartelsi*
Bali: 15/2 1 ad Bali Barat (foto) – this endangered species recently found in the hills of Bali Barat.
Java: 17/2 1 ad Ijen – soaring over the primary forest, seen twice, but probably the same individual. Best watch-spot is at the border between teak and montane forest at about 1000 m.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
Bali: 23/2 1 ad Lake Buyant – away from the coast at a highland lake, seen flying by at close range.
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran, 19/2 1 + 2 Alas Purwo, the 2 were subadults just ahead.

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*
Bali: 20/2 2 Bali Barat – perched in a tree at a ridge through the monsoon forest, scoped at some distance. Tiny, probably smallest raptor of the world, but despite of the size with a tough look.

Red-legged Crane *Rallina fasciata*
Bali: 15/2 1 Bali Barat – one great moment in Bali Barat was, when a Red-legged Crane walked into sight on the forest bottom during a long “freeze” for Banded Pitta. Visited small puddles on the narrow, muddy trail, the Pitta being attracted to the same water. Later walked cheerful close by. Red legs indeed! Hery’s all-time third observation of this species and my first.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
Bali: 22/2 1 Lovina in a rice-paddy, 23/2 1 Lake Buyant.

White-browed Crane *Porzana cinerea*
Bali: 23/2 1 Lake Buyant walking on the floating vegetation and easy to scope.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
Bali: 23/2 25 Lake Buyant.

Dusky Moorhen *Gallinula tenebrosa*
Bali: 23/2 4 Lake Buyant – some Moorhen with very little white striping. Do they interbreed?

Small Buttonquail *Turnix sylvatica*
Bali: 16/2 1 zipped over a gravel road Bali Barat, so small – but no sightings of the more common Barred B.

Greater Painted Snipe *Rostratula bengalensis*
Bali: 21/2 2 (male, female) Bali Barat – Banyuwedang at a small patch of muddy wetland inside the saltpans and seen well in the grass and reeds.

White-headed Stilt *Himantopus novaehollandiae*
Bali: 14/2 2 + 2 Bali Barat at the Banyuwedang salt pans – 2 were in exited breeding-mode, 2 absolutely passive, 21/2 6 Bali Barat in the salt pans.

Beach Thick-Knee *Burhinus giganteus*
Bali: 14/2 and 21/2 2 (pair) Bali Barat at Banyuwedang on the sands and reefs of the coast.
Beach Thick-Knee at the Banyuwedang coast

**Grey Plover** *(Pluvialis squatarola)*

**Pacific Golden Plover** *(Pluvialis fulva)*
Bali: 14/2 2 and 21/2 7 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang mainly on the coast.

**Javan Plover** *(Charadrius javanicus)*
Bali: 14/2 12 and 21/2 10 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang in the saltpans. It is straight-forward to find this endemic Plover in the saltpans.

**Mogolian Plover** *(Charadrius mongolus)*
Bali: 14/2 10 and 21/2 25 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang. Some in breeding plumage.

**Greater Sand Plover** *(Charadrius leschenaultia)*
Bali: 14/2 18 Bali Barat (saltpans and reefs of Banyuwedang), 15/2 2 Bali Barat at G. Bay, 21/2 35 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang. Some in breeding plumage.

**Whimbrel** *(Numenius phaeopus)*
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat, 15/2 96 Bali Barat at a nice high-tide roost in G. Bay, 21/2 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang.

**Common Redshank** *(Tringa tetanus)*
Bali: 14/2 2 and 21/2 6 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang.
**Spotted Redshank (Tringa erythropus)**
Bali: 21/2 1 Bali Barat at the Banyuwedang coast during low tide. Seen at quite close range in the scope and locally a rare bird at this southern latitude. Winter-plumage. A larger and slimmer bird than Common Redshank with a slimmer bill, pronounced eye-brow, and unstreaked underpart. The double-note call heard x 1.

**Common Greenshank (Tringa nebularia)**
Bali: 14/2 4 and 21/2 3 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang.

**Marsh Sandpiper (Tringa stagnatilis)**
Bali: 14/2 1 and 21/2 2 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang in the salt pans.

**Wood Sandpiper (Tringa glareola)**
Bali: 14/2 2 and 21/2 10 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang, 23/2 20 Lake Buyant, 25/2 35 Ubud in some rice-fields.

**Terek Sandpiper (Tringa cinerius)**
Bali: 21/2 1 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang seen at the reefs on the coast during low-tide.

**Common Sandpiper (Tringa hyperoleus)**
Bali: 10/2 2 Sandakan Isl(temple), 14/2 4 Bali Barat, 15/2 1 Bali Barat, 21/2 10 Bali Barat.

**Grey-tailed Tattler (Tringa brevipes)**
Bali: 14/2 4 Bali Barat and 21/2 12 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang on the reefs at the coast.

**Ruddy Turnstone (Arenaria interpres)**
Bali: 14/2 1 and 21/2 30 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang on the reefs on the coast.

**Curlew Sandpiper (Calidris ferruginea)**
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang seen on the coastal reefs.

**Red-necked Stint (Calidris ruficollis)**
Bali: 14/2 12 and 21/2 35 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang seen mainly on the coastal reefs.

**Long-toed Stint (Calidris subminuta)**
Bali: 14/2 8 and 21/2 7 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang all seen on the salt pans.

**Swinhoe's Snipe (Gallinago megala)**
Bali: 23/2 6 Lake Buyant. At wet grass and abandoned low part of fields where they were flushed. Separation from Pintail Snipe not safe. Believed to be this species which some clues including the “squaak”-alarm call. Best referred to as Swinhoe's/Pintail.

**Greater Crested Tern (Sterna bergii)**
Bali: 12/2 1 Ulu Watu, 14/2 2 Bali Barat, 21/2 1 Bali Barat.
Java: 20/2 1 Javan Strait.

**Lesser Crested Tern (Sterna bengalensis)**
Bali: 14/2 14 Bali Barat, 20/2 2 + 1 Bali Barat off Menjangan Island, 21/2 8 Bali Barat, 22/2 55 off Lovina – distant and best regarded as Greater/Lesser Crested Tern.

**Little Tern (Sterna albilfrons)**
Bali: 14/2 2 and 21/2 8 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang seen at the coast.

**Rock Dove (Columba livia)**
Bali and Java: A few ferals seen at Bali Barat and on the Javan side.

**Island Collared Dove (Streptopelia bitorquata)**
Bali: 14/2 1 fly-by Bali Barat (G.Bay), 15/2 1 Bali Barat – after some glimpsed birds rushing into cover at last one to be seen on the ground. The habitat is a short-grass area behind Gilimanuk Bay (this area holds Oriental Plover in sep-nov).
Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*)
Bali: 9/2 25 Sanur, 10/2 30 Sandakan (temple), 12/2 10 Ulu Watu, 14/2 50+ Bali Barat (G.bay), 15/2 20 Bali Barat, 16/2 10 Bali Barat, 21/2 10 Bali Barat, 22/2 5+ Lovina
Java: 16/2 70+ Baluran, 18/2 15 Ijen at Pos Paltuding around the houses, 19/2 5 Alas Purwo.

Ruddy Cuckoo-Dove (*Macropygia emiliana*)
Java: 17/2 10 Ijen, 18/2 1 Ijen.

Little Cuckoo-Dove (*Macropygia ruficeps*)
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen.

Emerald Dove (*Chalcophaps indica*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat.
Java: 18/2 1 + 1 Ijen at 1100 m flying low and passing like bullits, 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

Zebra Dove (*Geopelia striata*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat.
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran.

Pink-necked Green Pigeon (*Treron vernans*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat, 15/2 2 Bali Barat.

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon (*Treron bicinctus*)
Bali: 14/2 1 + 2 Bali Barat, 15/2 8 Bali Barat.
Java: 16/2 3 Baluran,

Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon (*Treron griseicauda*)
Bali: 15/2 2 (male, female) Bali Barat, 20/2 2 (male, female) Bali Barat – all nicely perched, 22/2 4 Bedugul B.G.
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

Pink-headed Fruit-Dove (*Ptilinopus porphyreus*)
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen at about 1100m. Was foraging in a giant fig-tree and we had prolonged scope-views of this beautiful Dove. Also present in this marvelous tree were 2 fine Picus-woodpeckers and Blue Nuthatch!

Black-naped Fruit-Dove (*Ptilinopus melanospila*)
Bali: 15/2 1 Bali Barat – flew right over, and later was continuously vocal from – unfortunately - a hidden perch in the canopy.

Green Imperial Pigeon (*Ducula aenea*)
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran – perched, 19/2 2 fly + 2 heard Alas Purwo.

Dark-backed Imperial Pigeon (*Ducula laechnulata*)
Bali: 22/2 3 Bedugul B.G.
Java: 17/2 5 Ijen, 18/2 1 Ijen – this endemic more numerous at Ijen than at Bedugul.

Greater Coucal (*Centropus sinensis*)
Bali: 14/2 3 h Bali Barat, 15/2 3 (1 seen) Bali Barat

Lesser Coucal (*Centropus bengalensis*)
Bali: 15/2 1 Bali Barat

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha (*Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*)
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen and 18/2 1 Ijen seen inside the forest.

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo (*Cacomantis sepulcralis*)
Bali: 22/2 1 Lovina.
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.
Plaintive Cuckoo (*Cacomantis merulinus*)
Bali: 25/2 1 Ubud.

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo (*Surniculus lugubris*)
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran – nicely perched in a “woodland savanna”.

Sunda Cuckoo (*Cuculus lepidus*)
Bali: 12/2 1 fly by and heard Ulu Watu, 22/2 1 heard Bedugul B.G.
Java: 17/2 1 heard Ijen, 18/2 3 heard Ijen.

Sunda Scops Owl (*Otus lempiji*)
Bali: 11/2 2 heard Sanur about 20:30 and again 21:30, series from a male, sometimes duets with a female.

Javan Scops Owl (*Otus angilineae*)
Java: 18/2 1 Ijen at 1750 m at 19:15, heard calling close to the road and seen in the spotlight, then flew off and later kept silent. A species with very few localities left and maybe the first record from Ijen!

Javan Owlet (*Glaucidium castanopterum*)
Bali: 22/2 1 heard in late dusk Bedugul from a position in Botanic Garden close to the lake.

Savanna Nightjar (*Caprimulgus affinis*)
Bali: 14/2 1 at a day-roost Bali Barat at the grassland of Gilimanuk Bay.

Javan Frogmouth (*Batrachostomus javensis*)
Java: 17/2 1 male Ijen at 19:30 at about 1450 m, started to call from the forest in an area along a stream, came close and could be caught in the spotlight for a good watch. A great Ijen-bird!

Grey-rumped Treeswift (*Hemiprocne longipennis*)
Bali: 14/2 1 + 1 Bali Barat, 15/2 1 perched Bali Barat, 20/2 1 Bali Barat.
Java: 18/2 3 Ijen (low).

Cave Swiftlet (*Collocalia linchi*)
Bali: 10/2 10+ Sanur mangroves, 12/2 20 Ulu Watu, 14/2 150+ Bali Barat, 15/2 100+ Bali Barat, 16/2 + Bali Barat, 20/2 20+ Bali Barat (coast) and 500+ high over a ridge in the forest, 21/2 50+ Bali Barat, 22/2 50 Lovina, 22/2 30 Bedugul B.G.
Java: 16/2 50+ Baluran, 17/2 50+ Ijen – only bird to be seen at the crater, 18/2 30+ Ijen, 19/2 50+ Alas Purwo.

Edible-nest Swiftlet (*Aerodramus fulgiphagus*)
Bali: 9/2 30+ Sanur + daily, seems to dominate urban areas, noted at Bali Barat.

Pacific Swift (*Apus pacificus*)
Bali: 22/2 1 Lovina.
Java: 19/2 3 Alas Purwo.

House Swift (*Apus nipalensis*)
Bali: 22/2 1 Lovina.
Java: 20/2 25 Ketapang (ferry harbor).

Orange-breasted Trogon (*Harpactes oreskios*)
Java: 17/2 2 Ijen – a good observation inside the forest at about 1400 m.

Oriental Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*)
Java: 19/2 1 + 1 Alas Purwo – one had a black bill (first winter?).

Javan Kingfisher (*Halcyon cyanventris*)
Java: 17/2 and 18/2 2 Ijen Village at some rice-fields and seen from a restaurant inside the ricefields at lunch, 19/2 1 + 1 Alas Purwo at some ricefields in the plantations outside the park.
Collared Kingfisher *(Todiramphus chloris)*
Bali: 14/2 5 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang saltlans, 15/2 2 Bali Barat at G.Bay, 20/2 2 Bali Barat coast opposite
Menjangan, 22/2 2 Lovina.
Java: 16/2 1 + 1 Baluran, 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

Sacred Kingfisher *(Todirampus sacris)*
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat at Banyuwedang saltlans.

Small Blue *(Cerulean)* Kingfisher *(Alcedo coerulescens)*
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat in some mangroves behind the coast at Banyuwedang, 15/2 1 Bali Barat, mangroves of G.
Bay, 16/2 1 Bali Barat (G.Bay), 21/2 1 Bali Barat mangroves at Banyuwedang. 4 of this small beauty!

Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher *(Ceyx rufidorsa)*
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran – inside the coastal forest close to Bama. The bird called and was located on some twigs
inside dense forest. A real gem!

Banded Kingfisher *(Lacedo pulchella)*
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo – heard only.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *(Merops phillipinus)*
Bali: 14/2 7 Bali Barat (G.Bay), 15/2 45 Bali Barat (G.Bay), 20/2 4 Bali Barat, 21/2 3 Bali Barat.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *(Merops leschenaulti)*
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat – and only, overlooked?

Oriental Pied Hornbill *(Anthuraceros albirostris)*
Bali: 16/2 3 Bali Barat.
Java: 16/2 3 Baluran, 19/2 3 Alas Purwo.

Wreathed Hornbill *(Aceros undulates)*
Bali: 14/2 3 Bali Barat, 19/2 2 Alas Purwo.

Rhinocerous Hornbill *(Buceros rhinoceros)*
Java: 19/2 1 seen + 3 heard Alas Purwo – 3 spp. Hornbills including this giant still around.

Lineated Barbet *(Megalaima lineata)*
Bali: 14/2 1 + 1 Bali Barat, 15/2 1 Bali Barat.

Black-banded Barbet *(Megalaima javensis)*
Java: 19/2 1 seen + 3 heard Alas Purwo – 3 spp. Hornbills including this giant still around.

Flame-fronted Barbet *(Megalaima armillaris)*
Java: 17/2 15 Ijen – heard + several seen, 18/2 10 Ijen.

Little *(Blue-eared)* Barbet *(Megalaima (a) australis)*
Bali: 15/2 1 Bali Barat – in a huge, old figtree at a Hindu Temple, scoped for details. No red, instead a bright
yellow spot behind the eye, yellow under the black bar on the upper breast, and all blue crown. So in the field
very different from the Blue-eared Barbet. Another 5+ heard.
Java: 19/2 20 Alas Purwo.

Coppersmith Barbet *(Megalaima haemacephala)*
Bali: 14/2 4 Bali Barat, 16/2 2 Bali Barat, 20/2 3 Bali Barat – call seems softer than the Indian birds and the
plumage differs.
Java: 16/2 8 Baluran, 19/2 2 Alas Purwo.

Freckle-breasted Woodpecker *(Dendrocopos analis)*
Bali: 14/2 1 + 1 Bali Barat, 16/2 1 Bali Barat.
Crimson-winged Woodpecker *(*Picus puniceus*)
Java: 18/2 1 + 1 Ijen, the first seen close to 2 Checker-throated Woodpeckers at about 1100 meter, the second some 100 meters lower. Very good views of these 2 great Picus-species.

Checker-throated Woodpecker *(*Picus mentalis*)
Java: 18/2 2 + 2 Ijen at about 1100 meter foraging in big fig-trees close to the road, a great watch of two species of rare Picus-Woodpeckers and Blue Nuthatch + Pink-headed Fruit-Dove in the same trees.

Laced Woodpecker *(*Picus laceus*)
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

Javan Goldenback *(*Chrysocolaptes strictus*)
Bali: 20/2 2 (male, female) Bali Barat in hill forest (photo). It is new knowledge, that this vulnerable species occur in Bali Barat.
Java: 19/2 1 female Alas Purwo, the yellow cap of the female clearly distinguish this split from Greater Flameback.

Grey & Buff Woodpecker *(*Hemicircus concretus*)
Java: 18/2 1 Ijen at 1100 meter high up in the canopy, could be heard and seen flying off.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *(*Mulleripicus pulverulentus*)
Java: 19/2 4 Alas Purwo – classic small cackling flock of the now biggest woodpecker in the world.

Yellow-throated Hanging Parrot *(*Loriculus pusillus*)
Bali: 14/2 4 fly over + calls, 15/2 2 flew over + heard, 20/2 1 + 1 + 3 Bali Barat – fly over + call.
Java: 19/2 4 Alas Purwo – and at last 1 was seen in the canopy, fourage technique is very silent and careful, no movements created in the leaves, which make this species that seems “never to land” so difficult to find in a tree. This bird could be seen in the scope for a prolonged time hanging down and eating fruits (foto).

Yellow-throated Hanging Parrot - so difficult to find on a roost. Hanging far up in the canopy.

Red-breasted Parakeet *(*Psittacula alexandri*)
Bali: 14/2 2 Bali Barat (1 fly-by, 1 perched).
**Javan Banded Pitta** *(Hydrornis guajanus)*

Bali: 14/2 1 heard Bali Barat, 15/2 1 seen + 2 heard Bali Barat, a watch of a bird bathing in a puddle, 20/2 1 seen Bali Barat, very vocal, and seen on close range hopping through the forest bottom and later crossing the trail (photo).

Java: 19/2 5 Alas Purwo. 1 seen in secondary forest early morning just outside the park. We used the car as a hide and had absolutely close-up observations of this extreme beauty moving in and out of the scene for quite a while! Later another bird was seen briefly and 3 were heard inside the park.

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**Banded Broadbill** *(Eurylaimus javanicus)*

Java: 17/2 1 heard Ijen at 1350 m, though very vocal we got no sightings.

**Indonesian Honeyeater** *(Lichmera limbata)*

Bali: 23/2 12 Bedugul B.G., vocal loose group working through trees around the “rose garden” area, acrobatic and busy. Small typical Honeyeater, a Papuan element in the surrounding Asian avifauna.

**Golden-bellied Gerygone** *(Gerygone sulphurea)*

Bali: 10/2 2 Sandakan Isl mangroves.

**Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *(Hemipus hirundinaceus)*

Java: 18/2 2 Ijen (low), 19/2 2 Alas Purwo.

**White-breasted Woodswallow** *(Artamus leucorynchus)*

Bali: 14/2 3 Bali Barat, 22/2 2 Lovina.

Java: 19/2 5+ Alas Purwo.

**Common Iora** *(Aegithina tiphia)*

Bali: 14/2 12 (2 seen, 10 heard) Bali Barat, 15/2 and 16/2 some heard Bali Barat, 20/2 2 Bali Barat

Java: 19/2 2 Alas Purwo.

**Javan Cuckooshrike** *(Coracina javensis)*

Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat, 20/2 1 Bali Barat.

Java: 16/2 1 Baluran.

**Sunda Cuckooshrike** *(Coracina larvata)*

Java: 17/2 1 Ijen.
White-shouldered Triller  (*Lalage sueurii*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat seen + some heard.
Java: 16/2 3 Baluran.

Small Minivet  (*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*)
Bali: 14/2 4 Bali Barat.

Sunda Minivet  (*Pericrocotus miniatus*)
Java: 17/2 18 Ijen – 2 flocks of 8 + 10, 18/2 10 Ijen.

Scarlet Minivet  (*Pericrocotus flammeus*)
Java: 19/2 5 Alas Purwo – less scarlet, more orange-toned colour than western races.

Mangrove Whistler  (*Pachycephala cinerea*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat – very skulky species, but spotted and scoped through a small window in the vegetation.
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

Golden Whistler  (*Pachycephala pectoralis*)
Java: 17/2 1 male seen Ijen from the volcano trail around 1900 m. Bright yellow contrasting black in the highland scrub. The Golden Whistler is a complex of numerous races and some include this bird in the “fulvotincta-group” from further east in Lesser Sundas named Fulvous-tinted Whistler or Rusty-breasted Whistler (the Ijen bird not having any rust on the breast!).

Long-tailed Shrike  (*Lanius schach*)
Bali: 14/2 1 + 1 Bali Barat.
Java: 16/2 2 Baluran.

Tiger Shrike  (*Lanius tigrinus*)
Bali: 14/2 1 imm Bali Barat – in an open scrubby area.

Black-naped Oriole  (*Oriolus chinensis*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat.

Black Drongo  (*Dicrurus macrocercus*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat.
Java: 16/2 3 Baluran.

Ashy Drongo  (*Dicrurus leucophaeus*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat, 20/2 1 Bali Barat.

Hair-crested Drongo  (*Dicrurus hottentotus*)
Bali: 20/2 1 Bali Barat.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo  (*Dicrurus paradiseus*)
Java: 17/2 1 + 1 Ijen, 18/2 1 + 3 Ijen.

Pied Fantail  (*Rhipidura javanica*)
Bali: 14/2 1 + 1 Bali Barat, 21/2 1 Pemuteran, 22/2 1 Lovina.

White-bellied Fantail  (*Rhipidura euryura*)
Java: 17/2 1 +2 Ijen from the volcano trail of this montane endemic, 18/2 2 Ijen – one for a prolonged watch, did not fan as such, only made small twists.

Black-naped Monarch  (*Hypothymis azurea*)
Bali: 14/2 2 Bali Barat.

Racket-tailed Treepie  (*Crypsirina temia*)
Bali: 14/2 1 + 1 Bali Barat, scoped, blue eyes!
Slender-billed Crow  (*Corvus enca*)  
Bali: 10/2 4 Sandakan Isl.  
Java: 16/2 3 Baluran, 19/2 8 Alas Purwo (Sadengan).

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher  (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*)  
Java: 18/2 3 Ijen (low).

Cinerous Tit  (*Parus cinereus*)  
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen at 1800 m, 18/2 1 Ijen.

Blue Nuthatch  (*Sitta azurea*)  
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen at 1350 m, foraging on mossy trunks and a real Javan mountain beauty!, 18/2 1 Ijen.

Black-headed Bulbul  (*Pygnonotus atriceps*)  
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat.  
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

Ruby-throated Bulbul  (*Pygnonotus dispar*)  
Bali: 15/2 1 Bali Barat – scoped, a very distinct ruby throat and white eyes separates this split from Black-crested Bulbul, 20/2 2 Bali Barat.  
Java: 19/2 15 Alas Purwo.

Sooty-headed Bulbul  (*Pygnonotus aurigaster*)  
Bali: 14/2 5 Bali Barat.

Yellow-vented Bulbul  (*Pygnonotus goiavier*)  
Java: 16/2 50+ Baluran, 19/2 5 Alas Purwo.

Olive-winged Bulbul  (*Pygnonotus plumosus*)  
Java: 16/2 2 Baluran.

Cream-vented Bulbul  (*Pygnonotus simplex*)  
Java: 19/2 20 Alas Purwo.

Orange-spotted Bulbul  (*Pygnonotus bimaculatus*)
Java: 17/2 2 + 2 Ijen.

Sunda Bulbul  (*Iole virescens*)  
Java: 17/2 2 + 2 Ijen of this heavily streaked, highland Bulbul (1900-2100 m), 18/2 10 Ijen.

Paddyfield Pipit  (*Anthus rufulus*)  
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran.

Barn Swallow  (*Hirundo rustica*)  
Java: 16/2 2+ Baluran, 19/2 149 Alas Purwo – one roosting flock, at least dominated by this species.

Pacific Swallow  (*Hirundo tahitica*)  
Bali: 12/2 1 Ulu Watu, 14/2 2 Bali Barat  
Java: 16/2 15+ Baluran.

Striated Swallow  (*Cecropis striolata*)  
Bali: 10/2 2 Sandakan Isl – perched on a wire.

Common Tailorbird  (*Orthotomus sutorius*)  
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

Ashy Tailorbird  (*Orthotomus ruficeps*)  
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.
**Olive-backed Tailorbird** *(Orthotomus sepium)*
Bali: 14/2 2 Bali Barat.
Java: 18/2 4 Ijen.

**Mountain Tailorbird** *(Phyllergates cuculatus)*
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen, 18/2 1 Ijen.

**Mountain Leaf Warbler** *(Phylloscopus trivirgatus)*
Bali: 22/2 3 Bedugul B.G.
Java: 17/2 5 Ijen including good sightings at middle altitudes, 18/2 5 Ijen.

**Sunda Warbler** *(Seicercus grammiceps)*
Bali: 22/2 1 Bedugul B.G.
Java: 17/2 10 seen and heard Ijen in rich forest at middle altitude, 18/2 2 Ijen.

**Sunda Bush Warbler** *(Cettia vulcania) locustella?*
Java: 17/2 15 Ijen – singing + readily seen, mountain scrubs around 1800 – 1900 m.

**Russet Bush Warbler** *(Bradypterus seebohmi)*
Java: 17/2 4 heard Ijen around Pos Paltuding at 1800 m, down to 1 meter the bird managed to keep under cover in the scrubs, 18/2 4 Ijen in the same area calling, but only a glimpse of one bird.

**Striated Grassbird** *(Megalurus palustris)*
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat.
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran.

**Zitting Cisticola** *(Cisticola jundicis)*
Java: 16/2 5 Baluran.

**Golden-headed Cisticola** *(Cisticola exilis)*
Bali: 25/2 1 Ubud – seen/heard from a patch of high grass.

**Plain Prinia** *(Prinia inornata)*
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran.

**Bar-winged Prinia** *(Prinia familiaris)*
Bali: 14/2 6 Bali Barat, 15/2 2 Bali Barat, 22/2 1 Lovina.
Java: 18/2 2 Ijen at the border to the teak plantation.

**White-browed Shrike-Babbler** *(Pteruthius flaviscapis) J*
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen at 1950 m, seen about 1 km up the volcano trail.

**Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler** *(Pomotorhinus montaneus)*
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen seen from the volcano trail about 1900 m, the only observation of this fine local scimitar.

**Crescent-chested Babbler** *(Stachyris melanothorax)*
Bali: 15/2 2 Bali Barat.
Java: 17/2 4 Ijen, 18/2 3 Ijen.

**White-bibbed Babbler** *(Stachyris thoracica)*
Java: 18/2 1 Ijen seen, but noise from a small group.

**Temminck’s Babbler** *(Pellorneum pyrrogenys)*
Java: 19/2 3 Alas Purwo.

**Grey-cheeked Tit-Babbler** *(Mixornis flavicollis)*
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran, a loner and restless in the vegetation, 19/2 20 Alas Purwo.
Grey-throated Ibon (Javan Grey-throated White-eye) *(Lophozosterops javanicus)*
Java: 17/2 15+ Ijen at high altitude, the local “black-eye” being one of the the last birds in the scrubs before reaching the burned forest and the crater.

**Mountain White-eye** *(Zosterops montanus)*
Java: 17/2 30 + 10 Ijen at high altitude in two flocks.

**Lemon-bellied White-eye** *(Zosterops chloris)*
Bali: 20/2 20+ Bali Barat at Menjangan Island where conspicuous at the landing-site and around the temples and shrines. A typical island-White-eye dominating where competition is low. The species can also be found at the main island, at least seasonally, but as we did not succeed we went by boat to the island.

**Asian Glossy Starling** *(Aplonis panayensis)*
Bali: 14/2 2 + 2 Bali Barat.

**Short-tailed Starling** *(Aplonis minor)*

**Common Myna** *(Acridotheres tristis)* Introduced.
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat in Gilimanuk (introduced species).

**Javan Myna** *(Acridotheres javanicus)*
Bali: 12/2 8 Ulu Watu (flock) – an UW-specialty, 16/2 5 Bali Barat.

**Hill Myna** *(Gracula religiosa)*
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

**Black-winged Starling** *(Acridotheres melanopterus)*
Bali: 14/2 2 + 2 Bali Barat, perched in tree-tops for a prolonged watch, a critically endangered species.
Java: 16/2 5 Baluran.

**Bali Starling** *(Laucopsar rotchschildi)*
Bali: 14/2 2 (pair) Bali Barat in the monsoon forest of Tanjung Galap Bay, 1 ringed (released) and 1 unbanded (born in the wild) – in the same area as Black-winged Starling. Sunning in a tree-top after rains in the night. So this icon species and only Bali endemic is now back in monsoon forest. An estimated 49 birds are back in the wild by now. Habitats left for a maximum of 300 birds. (Birds are easily seen at the captive breeding center at Gilimanuk).
Sunda Whistling-Thrush (*Myophonus glaucinus*)
Bali: 22/2 1 + 1 Bedugul B.G., 1 bird perched low in a tree for a good view, later went down under cover with a harsh “trret-trret-t-t-t”.

Sunda Thrush (*Zoothera andromedae*)
Bali: 22/2 1 Bedugul B.G. at 18:20, a quite large and slim thrush. Rains had stopped at 16:30 so the evening was ideal for a thrush in the open. After a long search it suddenly appeared on the ground, seen for some seconds, then disappeared into the forest with a few long jumps.

Scaly Thrush (*Zoothera dauma*)
Java: 18/2 1 - 2 Ijen. After very heavy rains looked for in the evening around Pos Paltuding (1800 m) at the first part of the volcano trail and at last 1 or 2 birds came out for worms.

Lesser Shortwing (*Brachypteryx leucophris*)
Java: 17/2 1 singing Ijen at about 1800 m.

Oriental Magpie-Robin (*Copsychus saularis*)
Bali: 14/2 1 Bali Barat, 16/2 1 Bali Barat.

Indigo Flycatcher (*Eumyas indigo*)
Java: 17/2 1 + 1 + 1 Ijen in the forest at middle altitude, 18/2 1 Ijen.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher (*Ficedula hyperythra*)
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen.

Little Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula westermanni*)
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen.

Pied Bush-Chat (*Saxicola caprata*)
Java: 16/2 1 Baluran.

Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum sanguibolentum*)
Java: 17/2 10 Ijen – especially foraging in mistletoe at high altitude and seen from the volcano trail.

Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum trochileum*)
Bali: 10/2 1 female Sanur, 14/2 2 (male, female) Bali Barat, 16/2 4 Bali Barat, 22/2 1 male Lovina.

Olive-backed Sunbird (*Cinnysris jugularis*)
Java: 9/2- 5+ daily Sanur, 14/2 10+ Bali Barat, 15/2 2 Bali Barat, 20/2 6 Menjangan Island, 22/2 10 Lovina.
Java: 19/2 noted Alas Purwo.

Plain-throated Sunbird (*Anthreptes malaccensis*)
Bali: 15/2 1 Bali Barat.

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird (*Anthreptes singalensis*)
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

White-flanked Sunbird (*Aethopyga eximia*)
Java: 17/2 1 male + 1 Ijen – an endemic beautiful Sunbird of high altitude, especially attached to mistletoe in the low forest of about 1900 – 2000 m and seen from the volcano trail.

Little Spiderhunter (*Arachnothera longirostra*)
Java: 19/2 1 + 1 Alas Purwo.

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter (*Arachnothera affinis*)
Java: 19/2 2 Alas Purwo.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)
Bali: 9/2- 20+ daily Sanur, 14/2 – 16/2 + Bali Barat in villages + 5 crossing with the ferry between Bali and Java, 22/2 4+ Lovina. Java: noted in villages.
**Tawny-breasted Parrotfinch**  
Java: 17/2 1 Ijen in montane scrubs at the volcano trail (Hery).

**Javan Munia** (*Lonchura leucogastroides*)  
Bali: 10/2 2 Sanur, 15/2 2 Bali Barat, 24/2 1 Ubud, 25/2 5 Ubud.  
Java: 18/2 2 Ijen at Pos Paltuding.

**Scaly-breasted Munia** (*Lonchura punctulata*)  
Bali: 9/2 4, 10/2 3 Sanur, 14/2 1 Bali Barat, 15/2 15 Bali Barat, 20/2 1 Menjangan Island, 21/2 15 Bali Barat, 22/2 4 Lovina, 22/2 200+ Munia spp. during drive Lovina – Bedugul from some ripe fields, 24/2 2 Ubud, 25/2 20 Ubud.  
**White-headed Munia** (*Lonchua maja*)  
Bali: 14/2 2 + 2 Bali Barat saltpans at Banyuwedang, 22/2 2 Lovina, 24/2 2 Ubud, 25/2 10 Ubud.

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**Note on some birds not seen on this trip.**

Some very interesting species have a seasonal occurrence on Bali. Oriental Plover is regular during the autumn passage at short grass at Sanagan Island close to Sanur, and the Gilimanuk Bay at Bali Barat in September and October, some staying through November. In winter they are off to Australia and spring-migration do not cross Bali. Swinhoe’s Storm-Petrel probably has got the best chance in October during migration and the more windy conditions off the south coast or moving through the Javan Strait. I did not get the time to check the area off Lovina with the Dolphin-trips and tern roosts. Black-naped Tern will arrive to breed at western Bali in april and stay through northern summer.

Some species only occur on West Java as Sunda Forktail, Rufous-tailed Fantail, and Javan Tesia. Although there have been some reports of Dusky Woodcock on Ijen, they need confirmation. We did not find real good habitat and it was negative under Pos Paltuding at 1750 m (instead a surprise Javan Scops Owl!).

Some dips has to occur but they were very few do to the efficiency of Hery. One was Red-billed Malkoha missed in Alas Purwo. No Javan Sparrow. Ripe rice-fields is one clew to this heavily collected species but difficult to find in the rainy season. And no Spotted Kestrel – sadly vanished from the countryside.

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**Mammals + a single reptile.**

**Asian Palm Squirrel** (*Funambulus notatus*)  
Bali: 14/2 2 Bali Barat.  
Java: 16/2 3 Baluran, 19/2 5+ Alas Purwo.

**Black Giant Squirrel** (*Ratufa bicolor*)  
Bali: 23/2 2 Bali Barat – scoped in the trees of a ridge forest. For a squirrel a real giant.

**Brown Rat** (*Rattus norwegicus*)  
Bali: 12/2 2 in Sanur.

**Ebony Leaf Monkey (Javan Langur)** (*Trachypithecus auratus*)  
Java: 17/2 8 Ijen at high altitude, 19/2 2 + 10 Alas Purwo.

**Long-tailed Macaque** (*Macaca fascicularis*)  
Bali: 12/2 25 Ulu Watu (habituated), 14/2 10 Bali Barat, 23/2 10 Bali Barat inside the forest – slim and silent, not like the fat, diabetic temple-monkeys.
Wild Boar  (*Sus scrofa*)  
Bali: 14/2 6 Bali Barat.

**Rufa Deer** (*Rusa timorensis*)  
Java: 16/2 10 + 8 Baluran, 19/2 2 Alas Purwo.

**Water Buffalo**  
Java: 16/2 19 Baluran.

**Banteng** (*Bos javanicus*)  
Java: 19/2 16 Alas Purwo, seen on the grassland from a watch-tower at the ranger-station between 06:30 and 07:30 after which the flock moved into the forest to get shelter from the sun and heat. At Alas Purwo the wild cattle is protected through tradition from the surrounding Hindu-villages and further surrounding teak-plantations work as a buffer-zone. Contrary to Baluran where the Banteng has been heavily poached and only a few remains.

**Bat spp.**  
Bali: 10/2 10+ fruit-bat type Sanur.

**Water Monitor**  
Bali: 12/2 2 beach near Ulu Watu
Java: 19/2 1 Alas Purwo.

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*Green Peafowl, Baluran.*