CAMBODIA

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Angkor Thom

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INTRODUCTION
From 28 February to 15 March 2014 I made a trip to Cambodia in the company of my brother Frans and Peter Logtmeijer.
In the initial stages when preparing this trip, I intended to combine Cambodia with a few days Laos. But in the end we decided to bird Cambodia more thoroughly, skip Laos, and to include sites like Seima Forest and especially Mount Aural in our itinerary, which are not often birded by visiting birders. This gave us a good chance to find all the Cambodian endemics and specialties. At the last moment we made another change to our program, as we found out that recently a new site was found for Chinese Grassbird.
I can only conclude that our trip was a great success, as the 20 target species (lifers) I could see, were all found with the exception of Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo which occurs on Mount Aural but was seen nor heard.
When reading trip reports it became clear to me that the best thing to do was to contact the Sam Veasna Center to arrange this trip in Cambodia. After several emails we came to a final itinerary and they arranged transport, booked the accommodation, boat trips, porters for our trekking up Mount Aural and provided us with a birding guide. The Sam Veasna Center has trained several birding guides and they gave us Chea, a young and enthusiastic guide. I can only conclude that we had a great time with him. Though he was still learning, he made great progress, knew all the target species and was besides that good company, who always tried his utmost to make this trip a success. In the end he told us that he had a supertour with us, which gave him 3 lifers!!

VISA
You do need a visa for Cambodia. This is easily arranged when you arrive in the country. Make sure you have a photograph with you and after paying 20$ you get your document.

GETTING THERE – FLIGHT
We flew with KLM from Amsterdam to Bangkok for which we paid 690€. We flew with Air Asia from Bangkok to Siem Reap for which we paid 45€. We flew with Thai Airlines from Phnom Penh to Bangkok for which we paid 120€. Keep in mind that the Air Asia flight is from the domestic airport of Don Mueang. Because of lack of time we had to take the more expensive Thai flight back from Phnom Penh to Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok. A regular free shuttle bus service is running from Suvarnabhumi International Airport to the domestic Airport of Don Mueang. This takes about 45 - 50 minutes.

MONEY
The currency in Cambodia is the riel. During our stay the exchange rate was: 10,000 Riel = 1.78 € = 2.46$

GETTING AROUND – CAR – ACCOMMODATION – FOOD & DRINKS
During the first 2 days around Siem Reap we had a spacious minibus with AC and for the rest of our trip a Toyota Landcruiser with AC. The accommodation was generally ok. Basic but clean rooms with attached bathrooms. Accommodation at Tmat Boey was basic and spending the 3 cold nights in hammocks on
Mount Aural was very basic. No toilet facilities and washing had to be done in a nearby stream.
Food was also ok. Of course a lot of rice with vegetables, chicken or fish. We often had breakfast and/or lunch in the field and we asked for sandwiches with egg, cheese and bananas. Some places, as a result of French influences you can get croissants and French bread. The food on Mount Aural was rather basic and we were glad that we took some fruit bars from home with us.
Chea made sure that we had tea and coffee in a thermos in the field and provided us with plenty of mineral water.

HEALTH & SAFETY
During our stay we all had a few days with minor stomach problems.
I suffered from some rash on my legs, which itched unpleasantly.
We hardly encountered mosquitoes, though we took profilaxis against malaria (Malarone)
The biggest problems were the numerous ticks on Mount Aural. Though we were warned by Chea, who showed us his scarfs from his last trip, and we especially bought an extra bottle of repellent which we sprayed plenty on our legs, we were hit hard. Frans had 10 and Peter and I 6 ticks attached to our bodies. In the evening we were removing ticks from each other with a pair of tweezers. And they do itch like hell. In fact they still do.
Cambodia is a very relaxed country to travel around and we always felt safe.
I was told that in Phnom Penh you have to be aware of pickpockets.

WEATHER
The weather during our stay was hot to very hot and dry. On our last morning on Mount Bokor we encountered fog, which made birding impossible higher on the mountain. The nights on Mount Aural (1100m.alt.) were unexpectedly cold.

BIRDING
The birding was great. The only site we did not include in our itinerary was the site for White-winged Wood-Duck, which I had seen before but was a lifer for the 2 others. So add another 2/3 days to this itinerary and you have an even more complete Cambodian trip.

EQUIPMENT
We brought one telescope with us which we used regularly.
Peter and I also brought mp-3 players with us, with a selection of Cambodian songs on it, but as Chea had also those recordings available, we did not use them much.

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USEFUL ADDRESSES
www.samveasna.org
On this website you are able to find the info about ALL birding sites in Cambodia. They provide info about logistics, bird lists of the different sites and contact info.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday 27 February
Frans and I took the 13.05 train from Eindhoven to Schiphol Airport, where we met Peter.
At 17.25 we flew with KLM from Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam to Bangkok.

Day 2: Friday 28 February
After an uneventful flight and 6 films later, we arrived at Savumabhumi International Airport, Bangkok at 10.15 am.
It took some time to get through customs and after collecting our luggage we walked outside to the location where the free shuttle busses leave for the Don Mueang Airport.
After showing our Air Asia tickets for Siem Reap, we were allowed on board and after a 50 minute bus ride we arrived at Don Mueang.
We had lunch at one of the small restaurants and spent the remainder of the afternoon in the lobby of the airport hotel, drinking tea.
At 18.00 pm we checked in and at 20.00 we flew with Air Asia to Siem Reap where we arrived at 21.00 pm. After receiving our visa and collecting our luggage we were greeted by Chea, who would be our guide for the next 16 days.
After a short drive we arrived at our hotel, (Angkor Pearl Hotel) and after a nice cool beer we went to bed.

Day 3: Saturday March 1
At 05.00 am we were picked up by Chea and we drove the short distance to the back side of Angkor Wat before dawn.
Today we were accompanied by another local guide who gave us additional info about all the different sites we were going to visit today in the Angkor Wat area.
It turned out to be a really interesting day, we really were impressed by the total ambiance of the sites and in the progress we observed quite some good species.
At dawn we first located a Brown Wood Owl with prey, which was chased by an Asian Barred Owlet. A third owl species, Brown Boobook, was heard in the distance. We slowly walked along the waterway at the back side of Angkor Wat.
A nice Black Baza was studied in the scope and we also saw Changeable Hawk Eagle, Crested Honey-Buzzard and Shikra on the raptor front.
Other species encountered were our only Orange-breasted Pigeon of the trip, Black-capped Kingfisher, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Lineated Barbet, Coppersmith Barbet, Ashy Drongo, Black-naped Monarch, Black-crested Bulbul, Stripe-throated Bulbul, Yellow-browed Warbler and Taiga Flycatcher.
Just outside the ruins, we had our pre-arranged breakfast.
We heard Hainan Flycatcher singing and it did not take long before we had great views of a nice male. A flock of Ashy Minivets was observed as well as several Swinhoe’s Minivets.
Later that morning we visited Angkor Thom and around this site we observed Alexandrine and Red-breasted Parakeets, Blue Rock Thrush and a couple of soaring Black Baza’s. As it was already becoming rather hot, bird activity ceased obviously. A display flight by 3 Shikra’s was also notable.
After lunch we first drove to a small marshy area, just outside the wall, which circles around the complex. We saw some heron species and a family of Bronze-winged Jacana’s with chicks. Then we decided to visit Ta Phrom Hill. A trail ascends through a nice tract of forest to a temple which is favoured by tourists to watch the sun go down as it gives a great view of the surrounding landscape.
On our walk up we heard and saw our first Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler, Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Oriental Magpie Robin and a few Pin-striped Tit-Babblers.
At the top we saw Needletails flying around, which I tried to photograph, without much success. In the progress we identified Brown Needletails and also some Silver-backed Needletails. Frans and Peter also saw a single White-throated Needletail.
Then we decided to walk back down again as a constant stream of tourists were coming up the hill. A couple of Indochinese Cuckoo-Shrikes were seen as well as a single Green-billed Malkoha. We called it a day and had a couple of cold beers at one of the local shops.

Day 4: Sunday March 2
Left the hotel again at 05.30 am and drove to the jetty at the shore of Tonle Sap lake. Here we bumped for the first time into a Birdquest group with Craig Robson. We boarded our boat and enjoyed the crossing over Tonle Sap (almost 2 hours) to the Prek Toal area. Whiskered Terns were common on the lake. We had some delay because our boat got stuck a couple of times in a fishing net. When we arrived in the area we saw our only Black-necked Stork of our trip. Here we transferred to a smaller boat and together with Birdquest we started our trip in Prek Toal. The numbers of Oriental Darters were astonishing. I never saw so many Darters in one single area. We saw many heron species and it did not take long before we saw our first Painted Storks, Asian Openbills and Spot-billed Pelicans. Highlight was the close observation of a gorgeous Milky Stork, a rare bird and with an estimated breeding population of 15-20 pairs in the area. Several times we heard Pallas’s Grasshopper Warbler singing but no views. At least 5 Grey-headed Fish-Eagles were observed along the canals and also 3 Black-headed Ibis were notable. Finally we arrived at a small platform, some 5 meters above the water level and which had to be climbed by a wooden ladder, which did not look too stable, along a tree.

When one of the Birdquest members (not the smallest person I have to admit) stepped up the first, it broke off! As only 5 people were allowed to ascend to the platform, we waited until the other group had finished their observations and had come down. We now knew from them that one of our targets, the Greater Adjutant, was easily spotted from the platform. We counted some 30 Greater Adjutants from the platform, which gave reasonable views in the scope. Surprisingly we only identified 1 single Lesser Adjutant. After 30 minutes we decided to leave and went back in the boat. Slowly we travelled back to our big boat and we were lucky to spot a second Milky Stork on our way back. Several Cinnamon and Yellow Bitterns were seen and twice a Black Bittern.

With the big boat we went to one of the floating restaurants in the floating village where we had lunch. Because it was soaring hot we stayed a couple of hours on this boat, waiting for the temperatures to drop. We crossed the Tonle Sap lake again to our starting point and from there drove the short distance to a site called Phnom Kram. Here we found rice paddies, interspersed with patches of dry scrub. A possible ssp. lucionenses of Brown Shrike gave some discussion and we observed a few Thick-billed Warblers, Oriental Reed-Warblers and Black-browed Reed-Warblers in the scrub. We slowly walked along a track on the edge of some ricefields. We had several good views of a couple of showy Lanceolated Warblers and we flushed an adult Watercock from a wet paddy, which gave nice views in flight. A single Racket-tailed Treepie and 2 Large-Hawk-Cuckoos were seen and we also witnessed small numbers of migrating Plaintive Cuckoos in the area.

Other species recorded in the area included Little Ringed Plover, Green Sandpiper, Ruff, Oriental Pratincole, Green-billed Malkoha, Lesser Coucal, Striated Grassbird, Golden-headed Cisticola and Black-collared Starling.

We bumped again into Craig Robson. They had observed good numbers of Long-toed Stint, further along the track but we ran out of time.

We did see another imm. Watercock in flight and on our way back to the car good views of a tape responsive Chestnut-capped Babbler.

Back to our hotel, shower and beer.

Day 5: Monday March 3
As a normal routine we left our hotel again before dawn at 5.30 am. Our first site was an area of fields which is reliable for the sharpie ssp. of Sarus Crane. As it became light we discovered some cranes in the distance. With our Landcruiser we drove over a dirt track closer to the birds. Together with Birdquest again. With the scope
we observed the birds and meanwhile scanned the surrounding fields. After having our breakfast we started to bird the area.

Chea told us that he had the impression that a small flocks of waders had landed in a field in the far distance. We decided to check this out and when we plotted along over the dry fields, we hit the jackpot as Frans found 3 Oriental Plovers. This was one of our most wanted species and we studied the birds in detail in the scope. It turned out later that the whole group, scattered in the fields, contained 27 birds, several males in gorgeous breeding plumage. Before we went closer to try to photograph the birds we let Chea phone to the Birdquest group to tell them about our find. It did not take long before we all enjoyed the sighting. Photographing was more difficult than I thought because the birds were shyer as I expected the species to be.

Other species we observed in the general area were Black-shouldered Kite, Great Spotted Eagle, Oriental Pratincole, and Australasian Bush Lark.

At 9.30 we left for the short drive to the ranger station where we picked up our ranger for our visit to Ang Trapaeng, a protected area mainly for the rare Eld’s Deer. Our target was Spotted Wood Owl though. When we arrived at the known stake-out, the birds were nowhere to be seen, which was not strange as a tree, close to their roosting site was felt this very morning. We searched the area with some 15 birders and finally one of the local guides found 1 bird and later another one. We had absolutely fabulous views in broad daylight of this beautifully patterned owl. While searching for the owl we found no less than 4 different Western Barn Owls. Rufous-winged Buzzard was also seen several times, soaring over the area. In the soaring heat we drove to the ranger station where we had lunch. After lunch we took some rest.

Then we drove to a marshy corner of Tonle Sap where we spent some time. White-browed Crake showed nicely at the edge of the swamp and we observed plenty of heron species, Spot-billed Pelicans, Pheasant-tailed Jacanas, Lesser Whistling Ducks and Cotton Pygmy Goose. Eastern Marsh Harriers patrolled the area, a single Great Spotted Eagle high in the sky and in the adjoining trees we found a single Freckle-breasted Woodpecker and finally some Plain-backed Sparrows gave great views.

Late afternoon we drove back to Siem Reap.

Day 6: Tuesday March 4
We left our hotel at 05.00 am with all our luggage as we would continue our trip to Tmat Boey today. We had to leave early because we had to be in the florican grasslands at dawn. But it took longer than we anticipated, also because we had to make a detour to pick up some binoculars at another hotel which were left behind by one of the Birdquest members. So better to start even earlier.

At around 07.00 we drove into the favourable habitat of the florican and suddenly the car came to an abrupt halt as at less than 30 meters from the car, we spotted an adult male Bengal Florican. We all had great views except Frans, because his views were blocked by Chea and Peter. As we opened the window, the bird flew off and landed somewhere in the distance. We continued and had several times Small Buttonquails, walking on the track in full view. But we continued because we want to be on the spot for the Manchurian Reed Warbler as soon as possible. Here we met Craig and his team again. They had good views of 2 birds. From reading reports I had the impression that this species is mainly found in tall grass but according to Craig it is the other way around and the species is best located in some of the sparse bushes in the grasslands.

Fact is that we had good views the next 30 minutes or so and I was able to get some reasonable shots as well. We then walked over the grassy plains, searching for the Florican. A Pallas’s Grasshopper Warbler was briefly seen but it took a while before we flushed another Bengal Florican, which was seen well in flight.

A couple of Sarus Cranes flew by but we did not want to stay too long in the area, because on the way to Tmat Boey, Chea knew a stake-out of White-rumped Falcon and if we arrived too late at this site, it would be very difficult to locate it.
We arrived at 10.30 am at this site but despite intensive searching for 45 minutes we found nothing. We did see a pair of Collared Falconet, which was seen very well and our first Neglected Nuthatch.

We continued to a small restaurant where we had lunch. Meanwhile Chea had contacted some rangers by phone and got news that at this very moment at a small farm, just near a bridge along the main road a White-rumped Falcon was present. It took only 20 minutes to reach this site but all we saw, was the tree in which the bird was seen perched, pointed out by the farmer.

We decided to leave and drove straight to the Tmat Boey ecolodge. We were greeted by a deafening chorus of cicadas. It really hurts your ears.

After dumping our gear, and some tea we left with a local ranger to an area, where we would have a chance to observe Giant Ibis in one of its regular feeding areas. Before we reached the spot where we would start the walk, we had a nice sighting of at least 3 Black-headed Woodpeckers.

We slowly walked through the very dry area and suddenly, when rounding a corner at the edge of a field, we flushed 3 Giant Ibises from the ground, just 40 meters away from us. They are really huge ibises and we saw them well in flight and fortunately they landed in a large tree with bare branches. Now we could study them for as long as we wanted in the scope. Brilliant.

After this quick and great success we decided to go to another place which is frequently visited by the other endemic ibis species, the White-shouldered Ibis.

When walking back to the car, Chea suddenly discovered a White-shouldered Ibis, which flew straight past us, giving great views.

So within an hour, on our first afternoon, we scored both target species.

As the ranger had an idea where the ibis had landed we walked in that direction and indeed we rediscovered the bird and studied it foraging unconcerned at the edge of the field. Showy White-bellied Woodpeckers were also around and we also had good views of Brown Prinia, a lifer for all 3 of us.

So very satisfied with our success we returned to our lodge where we had a couple of beers and realised how lucky we had been. I had spoken to Craig Robson and it took them almost 48 hours to obtain good views of the Giant Ibis and they succeeded at the very last moment. And as they had 3 nights and we only 2 nights at this location, I was worried that we might be pressed for time.

Day 7: Wednesday March 5

At dawn we drove a short distance to a forest patch, which is the territory of a pair of White-rumped Falcons. As soon as we arrived and Chea played the tape, first the male flew in and soon it was joined by the female.

What a great little raptor and we could observe it for several minutes.

We then walked into the direction of a calling Chinese Francolin of which we had only fleeting glimpses.

The ranger showed us a nest of a White-shouldered Ibis, just close to the road, and we could see an adult bird sitting on the nest.

After this success we decided to visit a waterhole, which is frequently visited by pigeons, more importantly Pale-capped Pigeon, one of our targets.

When we arrived we flushed some Yellow-footed Pigeons but not much else.

We birded the general area, but when we returned, I suddenly noticed 2 Pale-capped Pigeons, landing in a tree just next to the waterhole. After some manoeuvring we all had good views of a perched bird but when we made too much noise 2 birds flew out but gave nice views in flight.

Another addition was a single White-shouldered Starling.

As it was getting pretty hot we decided to return to the lodge for lunch and a midday rest.

At 15.00 we visited the same waterhole area again, but we failed to find any Pale-capped Pigeons. We did see twice a White-shouldered Ibis. The first one was flushed from a small waterhole and the second bird was seen perched and in flight. Another single White-shouldered Starling was seen. We had poor views several times of
**Chinese Francolin** but on our way back, Frans spotted from the car a **Chinese Francolin**, just next to the track on a bare branch. We had great views and later the bird dropped down and was seen slowly walking out of sight. This francolin was commonly heard but it was with relief that we were able to observe it that well.

An **Asian Barred Owl** called near to our accommodation in the evening.

Day 8: Thursday March 6
Having seen all our targets, we decided to spend our last morning at the river bank. From 06.00 – 08.00 we birded that site. Species seen at the river include **Rufous-winged Buzzard, Grey-headed Fish-Eagle, Yellow-footed Pigeon, Green Imperial Pigeon, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Black-capped Kingfisher, Streak-throated Woodpecker, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Great Iora, Large Cuckoo-shrike, Black-hooded Oriole, Black-naped Monarch and Streak-eared Bulbul.** On our way back to the lodge we made a stop at a known breeding site of **Brown Fish Owl**. Shortly after we arrived we observed 2 birds in the vicinity of their nest. As the birds did not allow close approach and as we did not want to disturb them any further we left quickly.

After packing our stuff we left for the long drive to Kratie. We arrived at 16.00 pm at Kratie and immediately went to a nearby area of rice fields and scrub. Our main target was **Asian Golden Weaver**, of which we saw several nice males in breeding plumage. We tried for good views of **Pallas’s Grasshopper Warbler** but failed in finding any.

In the process we observed **Black Bittern**, a small flock of **White-shouldered Starlings**, **Black-browed Reed Warblers** and a lot of **Dusky Warblers**.

At dusk we drove to our hotel in Kratie (Oudam Sambath hotel)

Day 9: Friday March 7
Dawn found us at the boat ramp on the shore of the Mekong river, a 20 minute drive from our hotel. As we boarded our boat, a group of Field Guides with Phil Gregory arrived and with 2 more boats we sailed on the river. Our target was the **Mekong Wagtail**, which can be found on the small islands in the middle of the Mekong River. It did not take long before we found our first bird but with 3 boats, it was just too much. So we took a different direction and in the next hour we had several more birds, which were seen well. We all also managed one way or another satisfying views of the Irrawaddy Dolphin, which is highly threatened.

2 resting **Small Pratincoles** on one of the small islands could be approached quite close, allowed great photographic opportunities.

At 08.30 we were back ashore and when walking to the car we had a **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** in a tree.

Then we left Kratie for the drive to Seima forest. After lunch we hit the ONP (Orange-necked Partridge Trail). Though it was rather hot we managed a nice selection of species. Our main target here was of course **Orange-necked Partridge**, which Frans and I dipped in Cat Tien, Vietnam but Peter had seen well at that site. At the start of the trail we had a female **Red Junglefowl** on the nest. The bird was in full view as the surrounding area was recently burnt. We wondered about the state of the eggs, she was sitting on!

We had a fly-bye **Emerald Dove**, we heard twice **Orange-breasted Trogon**, a single **Lesser Yellownape**, great views of a **Black & Buff Woodpecker**, a single **Vernal Hanging-Parrot**, a male **Blue-rumped Pitta, Great Iora, Bronzed Drongo, Black-naped Monarch** but initially no ONP.

But on our way back to the road, I discovered an **Orange-necked Partridge**, walking in the middle of a small side trail. But the bird quickly walked into the forest. Chea jumped behind it and at first we did not know what his intentions were, but it became clear that he was trying to push the birds (there were 3 birds around) back to the main track. The trick is to stand still on the trail, no movements and then you could hear the partridges coming up towards the trail, on the very dry leaves.
This time I was lucky as one bird walked straight up to me and passed me at less than 2 meters!! I never even lifted my bins.

Frans and Peter also had views but not as good.

After this great success we walked back to the car on the main road. We drove to a place called Sen Monorom, where we would stay overnight. (1 hour drive)

We made a stop at a stake-out for Green Peafowl and sure enough, within 5 minutes we had great scope views of 2 males in a tree. A fly by Great Hornbill was also notable. During the drive we also had a Large-tailed Nightjar along the road. Night in hotel Mondulkui.

Day 10: Saturday March 8

Before dawn we were on the road again, back to the edge of Seima Forest, where we had breakfast. First we tried another trail but as this was rather disappointing we opted for the ONP trail again, where we would spend most of the day.

Here Frans had astonishing views of a female Banded Kingfisher, a lifer for him. Unfortunately the bird flew off before we all could focus on it. Continuing along the trail we heard Scaly-breasted Partridge and found among others Orange-breasted Trogon, Pale-legged Leaf Warbler, Dark-necked Tailorbird, some Grey-faced Tit-Babbler, Puff-throated Babbler and Buff-breasted Babbler.

Woodpeckers were also well presented. Besides Greater Flameback, at least 3 very vocal and showy Great Slaty Woodpeckers, we also observed a pair of Pale-headed Woodpeckers, though not everyone saw the birds well.

Peter briefly saw a female Bar-bellied Pitta and Frans hit the jackpot in briefly observing a male Japanese Flycatcher, which we could not relocate!

Further along the trail we came extremely close to a calling Germain’s Peacock Pheasant, but it just refused to take the last step into the open.

Tickell’s Blue Flycatcher was also observed and 2 single males Siberian Blue Robins were hopping in front of us on the trail.

We were also lucky in observing a small family of Black-shanked Doucs, an endangered primate species.

So, all in all, we had a very productive birding day in Seima forest.

Late afternoon we drove back to Sen Monorom.

Day 11: Sunday March 9

Again before dawn we drove to Seima forest. We took all our gear with us, as we would later continue towards Phnom Penh.

We birded the ONP trail again from 06.00 – 9.30 am.

This time we all had great views of a male Banded Kingfisher. A Blue-winged Pitta was heard but too far to have a chance of actually see it. But we did have astonishing views of at least 2 different males Blue-rumped Pittas.

Again views of Orange-breasted Trogons, Great Slaty Woodpeckers, better views of Pale-headed Woodpecker and also a single Bay Woodpecker.

At 09.30 we left Seima and just before Phnom Penh, we left the main road and stopped at some scrubby habitat. It was around 14.00 pm, very hot, but despite the heat within minutes after Chea played the call of the Cambodian Tailorbird, a bird responded, flew in and gave amazing views. The next 20 minutes I photographed the bird and we saw at least 3 to 4 birds in a rather small area.

It is remarkable that this bird was only recently discovered, as it is not uncommon in its habitat and it even occurs on the outskirts of the city of Phnom Penh. But maybe that is the reason as not many birders go birding in that area.

After this successful intermezzo we passed Phnom Penh and late afternoon we arrived at Kampong Speu.

Chea went to the market to buy food supplies for our trekking up Mount Aural, the next day. We also bought extra insect repellent spray, as Chea warned us of the huge numbers of ticks present on the mountain. He showed us his scarfs on his ankles, he had contracted during his first trip to mount Aural 1 month earlier.
**Day 12: Monday March 10**

At 05.00 am we left our hotel in Kampong Speu and after a 3 hour drive, over some very bad roads, especially the last stretch, we arrived at the village of SreKen. Here we changed to motorbikes and after another 45 minutes on the motorbike on small dirt tracks, we arrived at the foot of Mount Aural.

With 2 porters and a ranger we started at just after 10.00 am our ascend of Mount Aural. Preferable we should have started at dawn as by now it was already pretty hot. Slowly we ascended the mountain and my portable walking stick was very handy in ascending some of the very steep stretches of the trail. It took us about 4 hours to reach our base camp at around 1100 meter alt. We sweated a lot and drank plenty of water.

Just before we arrived at our camp we heard *Chestnut-headed Partridges* call. We sat down along the trail and Chea tried to tape them in. And sure enough 2 birds came running up the slope, coming straight towards us, making a lot of noise on the dry leaves. As soon as we had the birds in our bins, one of us (not me) stood up to get better views which made the birds flew off, which was a pity.

Meanwhile our porters had made camp. The situation was rather basic, no toilet facilities, washing had to be done in a small nearby stream and we slept in hammocks, sheltered by some plastic. In the middle of the clearing they made a wooden fire on which they boiled water and cooked our food. No initiative was made to construct some kind of structure on which you could sit and we found rubbish all over the place. I think that if in the future a regular bird tour company will make the trip up this mountain, the situation have to be improved significantly. During our stay our porters only lied down in their hammocks while Chea cooked our food. They could have used their time to clean the place, construct something to sit on and to build a basic toilet facility.

The little birding we did during our ascend resulted in observing, besides the *Chestnut-headed Partridges* in great views of a male *Banded Kingfisher*, a few *Great Hornbills*, *Grey-chinned Minivets*, *White-bellied Erpornis*, many singing *Kloss’s Leaf Warblers*, while *Moustached Barbet* and *Blue Pitta* were heard.

But the birding highlight came in the late afternoon as at one time the distinctive calls of *Cambodian Laughingthrush* were heard, our main reason for visiting this place. It did not take long before a group of this endemic laughingthrushes showed itself along the edge of the clearing of our camp. Really great to set eyes on a species which has not been observed by many global birders.

In the evening we had our first meal of rice, vegetables and canned Tuna. At 21.00 we crawled into our hammock for what turned out to be a very cold and uncomfortable night.

**Day 13: Tuesday March 11**

After a cold and uncomfortable night we got up at dawn. We really had underestimated how cold it would get, during especially the second half of the night. We did not bring any sleeping bags, so we just had our cotton sleeping bag and a very small, thin blanket to keep us warm. We also forgot to check if our hammocks were properly adjusted, as it turned out that we hit the ground floor and roots beneath the hammock as soon as you moved a bit.

First we made sure that our hammocks were properly and more straight adjusted and also promised ourselves that we would wear our socks and clothes when we would turn in the next night.

After breakfast, we started to bird in the immediate vicinity of our base camp. We returned to the site where we saw the partridge yesterday and again we got a fast response and several times birds walked towards us, which gave us various opportunities to observe this endemic partridge. At least 9 birds were seen altogether.

Another highlight was the superb observation of a male *Blue Pitta*. When at one time the bird was hopping on the trail in full view it was joined by an *Orange-headed Ground Thrush*. A soaring *Black Eagle* was briefly seen and other species encountered this morning were *Mountain Imperial Pigeon*, *Indian Cuckoo* (commonly heard), *Great Hornbill*, *Wreathed Hornbill*, *Puff-throated Bulbul*, *Ochraceous Bulbul* and *Mountain Bulbul*. *Banded Kingfisher* was heard.
Several times we had small groups of Cambodian Laughingthrushes around our camp. When having a rest in our hammock at midday, Peter decided to check the nearby stream for dragon flies. After 10 minutes he came back, very excited. He had just seen a Green Cochoa coming down to the stream and had been able to photograph it. Amazing. During the next hour or so I spent time around the stream and was lucky enough to observe the Cochoa again as it briefly returned to the stream. Unfortunately Frans and Chea were unable to focus on the bird before it disappeared. A Green Cochoa was also heard but not seen. Other species seen around the stream were Red-headed Trogon and Silver-breasted Broadbill.

In the afternoon we birded around the clearing, a little up from base camp and along the trail going to higher elevations. (to 1250 m. alt.) We were hoping for the interesting subspecies of Blue-winged Minla and White-tailed Robin. We briefly saw the robin and also Large Niltava. Around the clearing we had good views of Moustached Barbet, Grey-chinned Minivet, Blyth’s Shrike-Babbler, a single Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and another Red-headed Trogon. But no sign of the hoped for Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo.

Dinner was again rice, vegetables and canned fish. This time we were prepared for the night and despite the cold we slept reasonably well. In the evening we heard Great Eared Nightjar but no owls.

**Day 14: Wednesday March 12**

After breakfast we left camp for our hike up the mountain. We would go as far as needed for the minla. On our way up we had good views of White-tailed Robin, Large Niltava and as we studied a skulking Streaked Wren-Babbler, suddenly a pair of Chestnut-headed Partridges broke cover at close range, but flew off before we could focus on them.

When we reached a ridge at 1600 m. alt. we had an immediate response of the call of Blue-winged Minla. When we played the call of Collared Owlet a pair flew in and gave great views and I was able to make some good photos. Kloss’s Leaf Warbler, Blyth’s Leaf Warbler, Oriental White-eye and Black-throated Sunbird were also attracted to the tape.

After achieving our goal we slowly descended. A single Snowy-browed Flycatcher was a nice addition to our list and a lifer for Chea.

After lunch we birded around our camp and of course around the stream, hoping for a return visit of the Cochoa, but only Red-headed Trogon was seen by me. I went with Chea to look for Chestnut-headed Partridges again, hoping for better views and photos. Frans meanwhile saw Silver-breasted Broadbill and a single Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush.

After another meal of rice, vegetables and canned fish we went into our hammocks for the last time. Great Eared Nightjar and a Brown Boobook were heard in the distance.

**Day 15: Thursday March 13**

After breakfast, mainly fruit bars we brought ourselves, we left for our descent of the mountain. On our way back we had again astonishing views of a very responsive Blue Pitta. Low down on the mountain we were lucky to find of a pair of Pileated Gibbons, who showed nicely in the top of a large tree.

It took us 3 hours to reach the spot where the motorbikes were already waiting for us. When we got back at the village, we said goodbye to our porters and ranger and drove towards Pursat. Somewhere along the road we had lunch and here we ordered some French fries, which tasted delicious.

When we arrived at Pursat (hotel Phnom Penh), we enjoyed a decent shower and then we discovered that we all had several ticks attached to our bodies. Peter and I some 4 to 6 and Frans even 10. So we spent some time to remove these with a pair of tweezers. Remarkably not one tick on our lower legs, which we sprayed deliberately but mostly, upper leg, upper body and even head. And I can tell you that they do itch, actually they still do after a couple of weeks!
Day 16: Friday March 14
We left at 05.30 am for our drive to an area where recently Chinese Grassbird has been discovered to occur. It took a little longer to reach the site as expected and in retrospect it would have been better to leave at 05.00 am. We arrived at 6.45 at the grassland area and it was already very hot. We decided first to look for the grassbird and have breakfast afterwards. After entering the grasslands Chea played the tape and we got a response but it took a while before the bird showed itself. It climbed up to the top of a bush, stayed there for 10 seconds and then flew off into the grass. So we saw the details of the bird well when perched and also in flight but it turned out this was all we were going to see of the species. Despite hearing it, or another bird, call several times we never saw one again. At 8.30 am we stopped searching, had breakfast in the field and left for the long drive to Kampot. When we arrived at Kampot at 16.30 pm., we drove straight to the nearby saltpans. Until 18.00 pm we birded the area and here we scored a whole set of waders. An different looking Greenshank at a distance caused some excitement but turned out just to be a Common Greenshank. We observed a single Grey Plover, Pacific Golden Plover, Mongolian Sand Plover, Greater Sand Plover, a single male Kentish Plover, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Wood Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Marsh Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Red-necked Stint and Longtoed Stint. Additional species observed include Caspian Terns, Oriental Pratincole and Oriental Pipit. At dusk we drove to our hotel. (hotel Kampot Diamond)

Day 17: Saturday March 15.
We had one last morning left for birding and our plan was to bird at Bokor mountain, not far from Kampot. Chea had received some vague info about a location of Spot-bellied Eagle Owl along the way up and Peter was eager to find Large-billed Scimitar Babbler, a species which had eluded him all these years during his travels in the orient. The first hour was spent at lower altitude, along the main road up the mountain. We failed to locate Spot-bellied Eagle Owl but new additions to our list were Himalayan Buzzard and Thick-billed Pigeon. When we continued along the road we found out that the higher reaches of the mountain were completely covered in fog. We stopped at the top at a small restaurant, where we had breakfast. It was cold and foggy. We decided to go down again to look what we could find but in the end we decided to return to the salt pans to end our trip there in glorious sunshine. So we ended up at the salt pans again where we made a leisurely stroll along a dyke. Not many waders but we observed both Common and Pintail Snipe, good views of several Ruddy-breasted Crakes and Frans and Chea saw a single Slaty-breasted Rail. We returned to our hotel to take a shower and change clothes for our flight to Bangkok early in the evening. We had a last lunch, overlooking the Mekong river in one of the restaurants along the boulevard in Kampot. Then an uneventful drive from Kampot to the airport of Phnom Penh. When arriving in Phnom Penh we saw a never ending stream of open trucks, completely packed with employees working for one of the many cloth making factories in the city, who were transported home for the week-end. At 17.30 pm we arrived at the airport and we said goodbye to Chea and Mr.Lee, our driver for the trip. At 20.40 pm we flew with Thai Airways to Bangkok where we arrived 45 minutes later. After collecting our luggage we took a taxi to Airport hotel

Day 18: Sunday March 16
After a rather basic breakfast we took the shuttle bus from our hotel to the nearby airport. We checked in at 09.30 am and at 12.20 pm we left for Amsterdam, where we arrived at 18.25 pm. Here we said goodbye to Peter and Frans and I took the train home where we arrived at 21.00 pm.
SHORT ITINERARY

27-02: Flight Amsterdam – Bangkok
01-03: Temple area of Angkor Wat – Ta Phrom Hill. Siem Reap.
02-03: Tonle Sap – Prek Toal – Phnom Kram ricefields. Siem Reap.
03-03: Ang Trapang. Siem Reap.
04-03: Florican grasslands – Tmat Boey. Tmat Boey eco lodge.
05-03: Tmat Boey. Tmat Boey eco lodge.
08-03: Seima Forest. Sen Monorom.
11-03: Mount Aural. Mount Aural base camp.
12-03: Mount Aural. Mount Aural base camp.
13-03: Mount Aural – Sre Ken – Pursat.
16-03: Flight Bangkok - Amsterdam
SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

PHASIANIDAE
Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus*
Daily heard at Tmatboey and 4 seen on 2 dates at Tmatboey.
14-03: heard at grassland area near Pursat.
Blue-breasted Quail *Coturnix chinensis*
14-03: 1 at grassland area near Pursat.
Orange-necked Partridge *Arborophila davidii*
07-03: 3 seen along ONP trail, Seima. 1 bird seen at less than 2 metres.
Chestnut-headed Partridge *Arborophila cambodiana*
Daily heard at Mount Aural. A total of 14 seen on 3 dates.
Scaly-breasted Partridge *Arborophila brunneopectus*
08/09-03: heard at Seima
Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*
Heard at Tmatboey.
Daily heard at Seima and 3 seen on 2 dates at Seima.
1 fem. was sitting in full view on a nest, next to the ONP trail at a recently burnt area.
Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus*
07: 2 males at a stake-out along the main road between Seima and Sen Monorom.
09-03: 1 male in same area.

ANATIDAE
Lesser Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna javanica*
03-03: 100+ at Ang Trapaeng.
06-03: 30 swamp near Kratie.
Cotton Pygmy-goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*
01-03: 12 at lake, Angkor Wat.
02-03: 5 Prek Toal area.
03-03: 5 at Ang Trapaeng
Indian Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha*
02-03: 3 at Prek Toal area.
07-03: 8 during boat trip on the Mekong at Kratie.
14-03: 4 grassland area near Pursat and 2 near Kampot salt pans.

PODICIPEDIDAE
Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
Up to 10 daily in the area around Siem Reap. (Angkor Wat, Ang Trapang and Prek Toal)
06-03: heard Kratie swamp.

CICONIIDAE
Milky Stork *Mycteria cinerea*
02-03: 2 during the boat trip at Prek Toal. Some great views of this rare species.
Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*
02-03: 100+ at Prek Toal.
03-03: 100+ at Ang Trapang
14-03: 100+ at grassland area near Pursat.
Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*
02-03: 50+ at Prek Toal.
03-03: common at Ang Trapang.
Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*
A total of 6 on 2 dates at Tmatboey area.
Black-necked Stork *Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*
02-03: a single bird at the edge of Tonle Sap.
Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*
02-03: 2 at Prek Toal.
Single birds on 2 dates at Tmatboey area.
**Greater Adjutant** *Leptoptilos dubius*
02-03: 30+ from the observation tower at Prek Toal. Rather distant but nice views in the scope.

**ARDEIDAE**

**Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*  
02-03: 6 during boat trip at Prek Toal.

**Cinnamon Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*  
02-03: 4 during boat trip at Prek Toal.

**Black Bittern** *Dupetor flavicollis*  
02-03: 2 single birds during boat trip at Prek Toal.
03-03: a single bird at Ang Trapang.
06-03: a single bird at Kratie swamp area.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
02-03: common at Prek Toal.
03-03: common at Ang Trapang.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*  
01-03: a single bird near Angkor Wat.
02-03: 3 during boat trip at Prek Toal.
07-03: 3 near Kratie.

**Chinese Pond Heron** *Ardeola bacchus*  
Observed on 11 dates.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*  
Observed on 6 dates.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*  
02-03: 20 during boat trip at Prek Toal.
06-03: a single bird near Kratie.
13-03: 2 seen on transit between Aural and Pursat.
14-02: a single bird at grassland area near Pursat.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*  
02-03: 6 during boat trip at Prek Toal.
03-03: 3 at Ang Trapang.

**Eastern Great Egret** *Ardea modestus*  
Observed on 9 dates.

**Intermediate Egret** *Mesophoyx intermedia*  
01-03: 1 near Angkor Wat.
03-03: 10 at Ang Trapang.
14-03: 1 grassland area near Pursat.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*  
02-03: 50+ at Prek Toal.
03-03: 100+ at Ang Trapang.
14-03: 6 at grassland area near Pursat.

**PELECANIDAE**

**Spot-billed Pelican** *Pelecanus philippensis*  
02-03: 50 during boat trip at Prek Toal.
03-03: 20 at Ang Trapang.

**PHALACROCORACIDAE**

**Little Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax niger*  
02-03: 20 at Prek Toal.
06-03: large flocks near Kratie in the afternoon.
07-03: 100 + near Kratie along the Mekong river.

**Indian Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
02-03: 100 + at Prek Toal.
03-03: 100 + at Ang Trapang.
14-03: a few grassland area near Pursat.
Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*
02-03: 10 at Tonle Sap.
07-03: 100 at Kratie.

**ANHINGIDAE**
*Oriental Darter* *Anhinga melanogaster*
01-03: 3 near Siem Reap.
02-03: hundreds during boat trip at Prek Toal. Astonishing numbers of this species.
03-03: 10 at Ang Trapang.
07-03: 2 at Kratie.

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE**
*Black-headed Ibis* *Threskiornis melanocephalus*
02-03: 3 during boat trip at Prek Toal.
*White-shouldered Ibis* *Pseudibis davisoni*
04-03: a single bird seen in flight and later foraging on the ground, Tmatboey area.
05-03: one bird on the nest, one flushed from a waterhole and another bird perched in a tree in a different area.
As the species is breeding at this time of the year, they do not occur in larger groups.
*Giant Ibis* *Pseudibis gigantean*
04-03: 3 birds flushed from the ground while rounding a corner, Tmatboey area, giving great views. The same birds gave excellent views in the scope, perched in a bare tree.

**PANDIONIDAE**
*Osprey* *Pandion haliaetus*
07-03: a single bird flew over the Mekong, Kratie.

**ACCIPITRIFORMES**
*Black Baza* *Aviceda leuphotes*
01-03: 5 birds during the day at Angkor Wat.
3 seen on 2 dates at Seima.
*Oriental Honey-buzzard* *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
01-03: 2 at Angkor Wat.
*Black-shouldered Kite* *Elanus caeruleus*
03-03: 3 at fields near Ang Trapang.
Single birds on 2 dates near Kratie.
14-03: 4 at grassland area near Pursat.
*Black Kite* *Milvus migrans*
03-03: 2 near Ang Trapang.
*Himalayan Buzzard* *Buteo burmannicus*
15-03: 1 at Bokor.
*Grey-headed Fish-eagle* *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*
02-03: 5 during boat trip to Prek Toal.
06-03: a single bird near river, Tmatboey.
*Crested Serpent-eagle* *Spilornis cheela*
01-03: 2 Angkor Wat area.
A total of 5 on 3 dates at Tmatboey area.
09-03: 1 at Seima forest.
*Eastern Marsh-harrier* *Circus spilonotus*
03-03: 4 at Ang Trapang.
04-03: 4 at florican grasslands.
*Shikra* *Accipiter badius*
01-03: 5 Angkor Wat area.
03-03: 1 at Ang Trapang.
A total of 9 on 3 dates in the Tmatboey area.
08-03: 1 at Seima.
10-03: 1 lower area, mount Aural.
Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*
A total of 3 on 2 dates at Seima.

Rufous-winged Buzzard *Butastur liventer*
03-03: 2 at Ang Trapang area.
A total of 16 at Tmatboey area.

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*
11-03: 1 adult at Mount Aural.

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*
03-03: 3 Ang Trapang area.

Changeable Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus limnaeetus*
01-03: 2 at Angkor Wat

OTIDIDAE

Bengal Florican *Houbaropsis bengalensis*
04-04: 2 males at florican grasslands.

RALLIDAE

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
06-03: 1 at Kratie swamp.

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca*
15-03: 5 at Kampot saltlands.

White-browed Crake *Porzana cinerea*
03-03: 6 at Ang Trapang.

Slaty-breasted Rail *Gallirallus striatus*
15-03: 1 at Kampot saltlands.

Watercock *Gallirrex cinerea*
02-03: 1 adult and 1 imm. at ricefields, Phnom Kram.

Black-backed Swamphen *Porphyrio indicus/viridus*
02-03: 1 at Prek Toal.
03-03: 15 at Ang Trapang.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
02-03: ricefields at Phnom Kram.

GRUIDAE

Sarus Crane *Grus Antigone ssp. sharpie*
03-03: 6 at Ang Trapang.
04-03: 4 at florican grasslands.

RECURVIROSTRIDAE

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*
02-03: 10 at Prek Toal + 6 at ricefields, Phnom Kram.
03-03: 4 at Ang Trapang.

CHARADRIIDAE

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
14-03: a single bird at Kampot saltlands.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
A total of 11 on 2 dates at Kampot saltlands.

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*
03-03: a single bird at Ang Trapang.
05-03: a single bird at Tmat Boey area.

Lesser Sand-plover *Charadrius mongolus*
A total of 110 on 2 dates, Kampot saltlands.

Greater Sand-plover *Charadrius leschenaultia*
A total of 14 on 2 dates, Kampot saltlands.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrines*
14-03: a male at Kampot saltlands.
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
02-03: 2 near Phnom Kram.
07-03: a single bird near Kratie, along the Mekong.
09-03: a single bird near Phnom Penh.

Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus*
03-03: a flock of 27 was found on a field near Ang Trapang. Great views, including several birds in breeding plumage.

**JACANIDAE**

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*
02-03: 3 near Phnom Kram.
03-03: 40 at Ang Trapang.

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*
01-03: 6 near Siem Reap.
03-03: 4 at Ang Trapang.

**SCOLOPACIODAE**

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucus*
A total of 6 on 2 dates at Kampot saltflats.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*
02-03: 2 at Phnom Kram.
14-03: 1 at Kampot saltflats.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*
14-03: 1 at grassland area, Pursat.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
04-03: 1 florican grasslands.
14-03: 1 grassland area, Pursat.
14-03: 20+ at Kampot saltflats.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
02-03: 1 near Phnom Kram.
14-03: 10 at Kampot saltflats.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
A total of 6 on 2 dates at Kampot saltflats.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*
15-03: a single bird at Kampot saltflats.

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*
02-03: 4 at ricefields, Phnom Kram.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*
14-03: 10 at Kampot saltflats.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*
14-03: 5 at Kampot saltflats.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*
14-03: 20 at Kampot saltflats.

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*
06-03: 3 at Kratie swamp.
15-03: 4 at Kampot saltflats.

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*
06-03: 1 at Kratie swamp.
15-03: 3 at Kampot saltflats.

**TURNICIDAE**

Small Button Quail *Turnix sylvatica*
03-03: 2 at Ang Trapang.
04-03: 5 at florican grasslands.
14-03: 2 at grassland area, Pursat.
Some great and close views on the ground of this species.
GLAREOLIDAE
Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*
02-03: 30+ Phnom Kram.  
03-03: 40 at Ang Trapang.  
04-03: 40+ florican grasslands.  
09-03: 8 on transit.  
14/15-03: 10+ at Kampot salt pans.

LARIDAE
Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*
14/15-03: 3+3 at Kampot salt pans.  
Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrid*
02-03: 50+ at Tonle Sap.

COLUMBIDAE
Pale-capped Pigeon *Columba punicea*
05-03: 3 at Tmat Boey. In flight and good views of a perched bird.  
Red-collared Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*
A total of 60 on 7 dates.  
Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*
Observed on 10 dates.  
Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*
07-03: 1 at Seima.  
12-03: 3 on Mount Aural.  
15-03: 1 on Bokor.  
Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*
02/03-03: 2+2 near Siem Reap.  
Orange-breasted Pigeon *Treron bicinctus*
01-03: 1 near at Angkor Wat.  
Thick-billed Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*
15-03: 10 at Bokor.  
Yellow-footed Pigeon *Treron phoenicopterus*
A total of 30 on 3 dates, Tmat Boey area.  
Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*
A total of 12 on 2 dates, Tmat Boey area.  
Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*
Daily heard on Mount Aural.  
11-03: 2 seen.

CUCULIDAE
Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides*
02-03: 2 at Phnom Kram.  
09-03: 1 at Seima.  
Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*
Daily heard on Mount Aural.  
Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*
Heard on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.  
Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*
02-03: 12 at ricefields, Phnom Kram. Migrating through the area.  
03-03: 3 at Ang Trapang.  
Heard and 1 seen during our stay at Tmat Boey.  
Drongo Cuckoo *Surniculus dicruroides*
Daily heard at Mount Aural.  
Asian Koël *Eudynamys scolopaceus*
Recorded on 8 dates. At least 7 birds seen.  
Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*
A total of 8 seen on 4 dates at sites around Siem Reap.
Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*
Recorded on 9 dates.

**Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis*
02-03: 2 at scrub, Phnom Kram.
14-03: 10 at grassland area, Pursat.

**Tytonidae**

**Western Barn Owl** *Tyto alba*
03-03: 4 at Ang Trapang area.

**Strigidae**

**Brown Fish-Owl** *Ketupa zeylonensis*
06-03: 1 pair at Tmat Boey.

**Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei*
Daily heard at Mount Aural.

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*
01-03: heard and 1 seen at Angkor Wat.
Daily/nightly heard at Tmat Boey.
Heard on 2 dates at Seima.

**Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama*
03-03: 1 seen at daytime roost near Ang Trapang.

**Spotted Wood-Owl** *Strix seloputo*
03-03: Great views of 2 birds at Ang Trapang.

**Brown Wood-Owl** *Strix leptogrammica*
01-03: 1 with prey at dawn near Angkor Wat.

**Brown Boobook** *Ninox scutulata*
01-03: Heard at Angkor Wat.
12-03: Heard at Mount Aural.

**Caprimulgidae**

**Great Eared Nightjar** *Lyncornis macrotis*
Nightly heard at Mount Aural.

**Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus*
08-03: 1 seen in flight near Sen Monorom.

**Apodidae**

**White-throated Needletail** *Hirundapus caudacutus*
01-03: 1 identified at Angkor Wat.

**Silver-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus cochinchenensis*
01-03: 3 identified at Angkor Wat.

**Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus*
01-03: 10 at Angkor Wat.

**Germain’s Swiftlet** *Aerodramus germani*
The swiftlets observed around Siem Reap, around Kratie and Kampot, believed to be this species. Swiftlets were seen on 8 dates.

Probably overlooked Himalayan Swiftlets as we did not pay enough attention to swiftlets!

**Asian Palm-Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*
Observed on 10 dates.

**Hemiprocnidae**

**Crested Treeswift** *Hemiprocne coronata*
A total of 26 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey area. (04/04-03)
07-03: 1 at Seima forest.

**Trogonidae**

**Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus*
A total of 5 observed on 2 dates at Mount Aural. Heard on 3 dates.
Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*
09-03: 2 males seen at Seima forest. Heard on 3 dates.

ALCEDINIDAE

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*
02-03: 20+ at Prek Toal.
03-03: 4 at Ang Trapang.
06-03: 1 at river of Tmat Boey and 1 at Kratie swamp.
A total of 8 on 2 dates at Kampot salt pans.

**Banded Kingfisher** *Lacedo pulchella*
08-03: Heard twice at Seima forest and great views of a female.
09-03: 1 male at Seima forest at very close range.
10-03: 1 male at Mount Aural. Heard on 3 dates at Mount Aural.

**Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis*
06-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.

**White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*
03-03: 1 at Ang Trapang.
05-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.
06/07-03: 2+2 at Seima.

**Black-capped Kingfisher** *Halcyon pileata*
A total of 3 on 2 dates near Siem Reap.
06-03: 1 at river, Tmat Boey.

**Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis*
03-03: 2 near Ang Trapang.
07-03: 2 near Kratie.
13-03: 1 on transit between Aural – Pursat.

MEROPIDAE

**Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis*
A total of 8 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.
14-03: 10 at grassland area, Pursat.

**Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippensis*
Observed on 9 dates.

**Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenaultia*
06-03: 2 at Kratie swamp.
07-03: 1 at boat ramp, Kratie

CORACIIDAE

**Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis*
Observed on 7 dates

**Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*
04-03: 1 on transit to Tmat Boey.
08-03: 2 at edge of Seima forest.

UPUPIDAE

**Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*
05-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.
15-03: 1 on transit near Phnom Penh.

BUCEROTIDAE

**Oriental Pied Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris*
01-03: 3 at Angkor Wat area.
3 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.
Single birds on 2 dates at Seima forest.

**Great Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis*
08-03: 1 along the road between Seima and Sen Monorom.
A total of 5 on 3 dates Mount Aural.
15-03: 2 at Bokor.

**Wreathed Hornbill** *Aceros undulates*
A total of 4 on 2 dates at Mount Aural.

**MEGALAIMIDAE**

**Lineated Barbet** *Megalaima lineata*
01-03: common Angkor Wat area.
03-03: 1 at Ang Trapang.
A total of 6 on 4 dates at Tmat Boey.
14-03: heard grassland area, Pursat.

**Green-eared Barbet** *Megalaima faiosticta*
08-03: 2 heard and 1 seen at Seima forest.

**Moustached Barbet** *Megalaima incognita*
Daily heard at Mount Aural. A few seen well.

**Blue-eared Barbet** *Megalaima australis*
Heard on 2 dates at Seima forest.

**Coppersmith Barbet** *Megalaima haemacephala*
01-03: 8 Angkor Wat area.
Daily heard and 2 seen at Tmat Boey.

**PICIDAE**

**Grey-capped Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus*
A total of 5 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.
13-03: 1 lower stretch of Mount Aural.

**Freckle-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos analis*
03-03: 1 at Ang Trapang.

**White-bellied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus javensis*
A total of 4 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey. Some great views.

**Lesser Yellownape** *Picus chlorolophus*
07-03: 1 at Seima forest.

**Greater Yellownape** *Picus flavinucha*
05-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.

**Streak-throated Woodpecker** *Picus xanthopygaeus*
06-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.

**Black-headed Woodpecker** *Picus erythropygius*
04-03: 3 at Tmat Boey.

**Grey-faced Woodpecker** *Picus canus*
09-03: 1 at Seima forest.

**Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense*
01-03: 1 at Angkor Wat.
A total of 9 on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.

**Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*
06-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.
A total of 3 on 2 dates at Seima forest.

**Pale-headed Woodpecker** *Cecinulus grantia*
08/09-03: 2 at Seima forest.

**Bay Woodpecker** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*
09-03: 1 at Seima forest.

**Black & Buff Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes jugularis*
07-03: 1 at Seima forest.

**Great Slaty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*
08-03: 3 at Seima forest.
08/09-03: heard at Seima forest.

**FALCONIDAE**

**White-rumped Pygmy-falcon** *Polihierax insignis*
05-03: astonishing views of a pair at Tmat Boey.
Collared Falconet *Microhierax coerulescens*
04-03: a pair along the road to Tmat Boey.

Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*
02-03: a single bird at Phnom Kram.

**PSITTACIDAE**

Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria*
01-03: 4 at Angkor Wat area.
05-03: 5 at Tmat Boey.
12/13-03: 2 at Mount Aural.

Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseate*
A total of 34 on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*
01-03: 20 at Angkor Wat area.
03-03: 1 at Ang Trapang.
A total of 16 at Tmat Boey.
09-03: 1 at Seima forest.

Vernal Hanging-Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*
04-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.
A total of 5 on 2 dates at Seima forest.

**EURYLAIMIDAE**

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus*
11/12-03: 2+1 around our camp on Mount Aural.

**PITTIDAE**

Blue-rumped Pitta *Pitta soror*
07-03: 1 male at Seima forest.
09-03: 2 males at Seima forest. Some amazing views.

Blue Pitta *Pitta cyanea*
Daily heard and seen at Mount Aural.
A total of 6 seen on 3 dates. Again great views as this must be one of the best sites to observe this species so well.

Bar-bellied Pitta *Pitta elliotii*
08-03: a female was briefly seen by Peter L.

Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta moluccensis*
09-03: heard at Seima forest but too far to tape it in.

**VANGIDAE**

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis*
05-03: 2 at Tmat Boey.

Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*
A total of 5 on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus picatus*
12-03: 1 on Mount Aural.
15-03: 1 at Bokor.

**ARTAMIDAE**

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*
08-03: 3 at edge of Seima forest.
13-03: 2 along the road between Aural to Pursat.

**AEGITHINIDAE**

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*
04-03: heard at Tmat Boey.
05-03: 3 at Tmat Boey.
**Great Iora** *Aegithina lafresnayei*  
06-03: 2 at Tmat Boey.  
07/08-03: 2 + 1 at Seima forest.

**CAMPEPHAGIDAE**  
**Small Minivet** *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*  
A total of 6 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.  
**Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris*  
A total of 10 on 2 dates at clearing near our campsite on Mount Aural.  
**Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus speciosus*  
05-03: 4 at Tmat Boey.  
**Ashy Minivet** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*  
01-03: 25 at Angkor Wat.  
**Swinhoe’s Minivet** *Pericrocotus cantonensis*  
01-03: 3 at Angkor Wat.  

**Large Cuckooshrike** *Coracina macei*  
A total of 33 on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.  
10-03: 1 lower area of Mount Aural  
**Black-winged Cuckooshrike** *Lalage melaschistos*  
15-03: 2 at Bokor.  
**Indochinese Cuckooshrike** *Lalage polioptera*  
01-03: 3 at Angkor Wat.  
04-03: 3 at Tmat Boey.

**LANIIDAE**  
**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*  
Observed on 8 dates.  
02-03: 1 *s.p. lucionensis* was probably observed at Phnom Kram scrub.

**VIREONIDAE**  
**Blyth’s Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius aerulatus*  
Daily heard on Mount Aural.  
A total of 9 seen on 3 dates on Mount Aural.  
**White-bellied Erpornis** *Erpornis zantholeuca*  
Up to 10 daily at Mount Aural.

**ORIOLIDAE**  
**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*  
01-03: 10+ at Angkor Wat.  
A total of 8 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.  
09-03: heard at Seima forest.  
**Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornis*  
A total of 11 seen on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.  
08-03: 1 at Seima forest.

**DICRURIDAE**  
**Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macroserus*  
Observed  
**Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus*  
01-03: 10+ Angkor Wat area.  
**Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus*  
08-03: 1 at Seima forest.  

**Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer*  
Common at Mount Aural.  
**Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*  
A total of 6 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.
13-03: 2 at Mount Aural.

**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus*
01-03: 4 at Angkor Wat.
A total of 6 on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.
A total of 4 on 2 dates at Seima forest.

**RHIPIDURIDAE**

**Malaysian Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica*
02-03: 1 at Prek Toal.
03-03: 6 at Ang Trapang.
05-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.
A total of 3 on 2 dates at Seima forest.

**MONARCHIDAE**

**Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*
01-03: 6 at Angkor Wat.
Single birds on 2 dates at Seima forest.

**Japanese Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone atrocaudata*
08-03: 1 male at Seima forest. Frans H. only

**CORVIDAE**

**Red-billed Blue-Maggie** *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*
A total of 12 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.

**Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda*
A total of 6 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.

**Racket-tailed Treepie** *Crypsirina temia*
02-03: 1 at Phnom Kram scrub.
A total of 3 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.
09-03: 1 at site of Cambodian Tailorbird, near Phnom Penh.

**Eastern Jungle Crow** *Corvus levaillantii*
Small numbers observed on 7 dates.

**ALAUDIDAE**

**Australasian Bushlark** *Mirafra javanica*
03-03: 8 at Ang Trapang
14/15-03: a few at Kampot saltpans.

**Indochinese Bushlark** *Mirafra erythrocephala*
A total of 5 on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.

**Oriental Skylark** *Alauda gulgula*
03-03: 10+ at Ang Trapang.
04-03: Observed at florican grasslands

**HIRUNDINIDAE**

**Bank Swallow** *Riparia riparia*
02-03: 2 at Phnom Kram.
03-03: 10+ at Ang Trapang.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
Observed on 11 dates.

**Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica*
Observed on 7 dates.

**Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*
03-03: 3 at Ang Trapang.
04-03: 10 at florican grasslands.
09-03: 6 on transit near Phnom Penh.
11-03: 4 at Mount Aural.
STENOPSTIRIDAE
*Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher* *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
01-03: 1 at Angkor Wat.
07-03: 1 at Seima forest.

SITTIDAE
*Neglected Nuthatch* *Sitta neglecta*
A total of 5 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.
*Velvet-fronted Nuthatch* *Sitta frontalis*
11-03: 1 at Mount Aural.

PYCNONOTIDAE
*Black-crested Bulbul* *Pycnonotus flaviventris*
01-03: 4 at Angkor Wat.
06-03: 2 at Tmat Boey and 3 at Kratie swamp.
*Sooty-headed Bulbul* *Pycnonotus aurigaster*
A total of 23 on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.
*Stripe-throated Bulbul* *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*
01-03: 6 at Angkor Wat.
08-03: 3 at Seima forest.
*Yellow-vented Bulbul* *Pycnonotus goiavier*
Recorded on 7 dates.
*Streak-eared Bulbul* *Pycnonotus blanfordi*
02-03: 6 at scrub Phnom Kram.
06-03: 2 Tmat Boey.
*Puff-throated Bulbul* *Alophoixus pallidus*
09-03: 1 at Seima forest
A total of 7 on 3 dates at Mount Aural.
*Ochraceous Bulbul* *Alophoixus ochraceous*
11-03: 2 at Mount Aural.
*Mountain Bulbul* *Ixos mcclellandii*
A total of 22 on 3 dates at Mount Aural.

PHYLLOSCOPIDAE
*Dusky Warbler* *Phylloscopus fuscatus*
Locally common.
02-03: 5 seen + more heard at Prek Toal.
04-03: 2 seen and more heard at Ang Trapang.
06-03: 10+ at Kratie swamp.
08-03: heard at Seima forest.
14/15-03: common at Kampot saltpans.
*Yellow-browed Warbler* *Phylloscopus inornatus*
Recorded on 10 dates.
*Two-barred Greenish Warbler* *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*
06-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.
09-03: 1 at Seima forest.
*Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler* *Phylloscopus tenellipus*
01-03: 2 + more heard, Angkor Wat area.
06-03: heard at Kratie swamp.
08-03: 2 at Seima forest + more heard.
09-03: 2 at Seima forest + more heard.
12-03: 1 at Mount Aural.

*Kloss’s Leaf-Warbler* *Phylloscopus ogilviegranti*
Common on Mount Aural and daily heard and seen.
Split from *Davison’s/White-tailed Leaf Warbler* *Phylloscopus davisoni*
Blyth’s Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*
11/12-03: 2-3 higher levels of Mount Aural.

**ACROCEPHALIDAE**

*Thick-billed Warbler* *Iduna aedon*
02-03: 3 + more heard at Phnom Kram scrub.

*Black-browed Reed-Warbler* *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*
02-03: 6 at Prek Toal.
06-03: 2 at Kratie swamp.

*Manchurian Reed-Warbler* *Acrocephalus tangorum*
06-02: 2 at florican grasslands.

*Oriental Reed-Warbler* *Acrocephalus orientalis*
02-03: 2 at Prek Toal.
03-03: 3 at Ang Trapang.
06-03: 1 at Kratie swamp.

**LOCUSTELLIDAE**

*Striated Grassbird* *Megalurus palustris*
02-03: 2 at Phnom Kram scrub.
04-03: 6 at florican grasslands.
06-03: 2 at Kratie swamp.
14-03: 4 at grassland area near Pursat.

*Chinese Grassbird* *Graminicola striatus*
14-03: 1 seen and 2 heard at grassland area, Pursat.

*Pallas’s Grasshopper-Warbler* *Locustella certhiola*
02-03: heard twice at Prek Toal.
04-03: 1 flushed and seen in flight at florican grasslands.

*Lanceolated Warbler* *Locustella lanceolata*
02-03: 2 at Phnom Kram scrub.
04-03: 4 at florican grasslands.
06-03: 1 at Kratie swamp.

**CISTICOLIDAE**

*Zitting Cisticola* *Cisticola juncidis*
02-03: heard near Siem Reap.
04-03: heard florican grasslands.
06-03: 10 at Kratie swamp.

*Golden-headed Cisticola* *Cisticola exilis*
02-03: 2 at Phnom Kram rice fields.
14-03: 10 at Kampot salt pans.

*Common Tailorbird* *Orthotomus sutorius*
04-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.
07-03: 1 near Seima.

*Dark-necked Tailorbird* *Orthotomus atrogularis*
01-03: heard Angkor Wat.
02-03: heard Prek Toal.
06-03: 1 near Kratie.
08-03: 2 Seima forest.

*Cambodian Tailorbird* *Orthotomus chaktomuk*
09-03: 3/4 at stake-out near Phnom Penh.

*Brown Prinia* *Prinia polychroa*
A total of 4 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey. More were heard.

*Rufescent Prinia* *Prinia rufescens*
A total of 4 on 2 dates at Tmat Boey.
08-03: 1 at Seima forest.
Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*
02-03: 1 seen and heard Prek Toal.
04-03: 1 florican grasslands.
09-03: 2 at Cambodian Tailorbird stake out.

**Plain Prinia Prinia inornata**
02-03: 6 at Phnom Kram.
03-03: 6 at Ang Trapang.
06-03: 4 at Kratie swamp.
14-03: 2 at grassland area, Pursat.

ZOSTEROPIDAE
**Oriental White-eye Zosterops palpebrosus**
A total of 8 on 2 dates on Mount Aural.

TIMALIIDAE
**Chestnut-capped Babbler Timalia pileata**
02-03: 1 at Phnom Kram scrub.
**Pin-striped Tit-Babbler Mixornis gularis**
01-03: 2 at Angkor Wat.
**Grey-faced Tit-Babbler Mixornis kelleyi**
08-03: 6 at Seima forest.
**White-browed Scimitar-Babbler Pomatorhinus schisticeps**
A total of 5 on 2 dates on Mount Aural.
**Large Scimitar-Babbler Megapomatorhinus hypoleucos**
08-03: heard at Seima forest.

PELLOMEIDAE
**Puff-throated Babbler Pellorneum ruficeps**
08-03: 1 at Seima forest.
**Buff-breasted Babbler Pellorneum tickelli**
08-03: 6 at Seima forest.
**Streaked Wren-Babbler Turdinus brevicaudatus**
12-03: 1 on Mount Aural.

LEIOTHRICIDAE
**White-crested Laughingthrush Garrulax leucomelopus**
Heard Angkor Wat, Tmat Boey, Seima forest and lower area of Mount Aural. Several groups seen well.
**Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush Garrulax monileger**
12-03: 1 seen at stream behind our camp on Mount Aural. FH only.
**Cambodian Laughingthrush Garrulax ferrarius**
Daily small flocks around our campsite on Mount Aural.
**Blue-winged Minla Actinodura cyanouroptera ssp.rufodorsalis**
12-03: 3 on Mount Aural. (1600 m.alt.)

IRENIDAE
**Asian Fairy Bluebird Irena puella**
13-03: 2 lower area, Mount Aural.

MUSCICAPIDAE
**Asian Brown Flycatcher Muscicapa latirostris**
01-03: 3 at Angkor Wat.
03-03: 1 at Ang Trapang.
05-03: 2 at Tmat Boey.
09-03: 1 at Seima forest.
Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*
01-03: 1 at Angkor Wat.
03-03: 2 at Ang Trapang.
04-03: 1 at Tmat Boey.
06-03: heard at Tmat Boey.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*
07-03: 1 at Seima forest.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus*
01-03: 3 + more heard at Angkor Wat.
06-03: Heard and 1 female at Tmat Boey.
08-03: Heard at Seima forest.

Tickell’s Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*
08-03: 1 male at Seima forest.
09-03: heard at Seima forest.

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*
A total of 3 males on 2 dates on Mount Aural.

Siberian Blue Robin *Larvivora cyane*
08-03: 2 males on the ONP trail at Seima.

White-tailed Robin *Cinclidium leucurum*
A total of 5 on 2 dates on Mount Aural.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*
Daily heard around our campsite on Mount Aural.

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*
01-03: 2 seen + more heard t Angkor Wat.
03-03: 1 at Ang Trapang.
05-03: 3 at Tmat Boey.

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*
11-03: 1 female on Mount Aural.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*
12-03: 1 male on Mount Aural.

Blue Rock-Thrush *Monticola solitaries*
01-03: 1 male + 1 female, Angkor Wat area.
14-03: 1 male at Kampot saltpans.

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola Maura*
Observed on 9 dates.

Pied Stonechat *Saxicola caprata*
Daily small numbers at Tmat Boey.
14-03: 8 at grassland area, Pursat.

TURIDAE

Orange-headed Thrush *Geokichla citrina*
11-03: 1 on main trail on Mount Aural.

Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis*
Heard on 3 dates around our campsite on Mount Aural.
Great views of a bird who came to drink at small stream behind our campsite. PL only
who also made some great photographs.
Later the same bird was briefly seen by HH

STURNIDAE

White-vented Myna *Acridotheres grandis*
Up to 20 daily at the various sites around Siem Reap.
06-03: 4 at Kratie swamp.
14-03: 4 at Kampot.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*
Observed on 10 dates.

Vinous-breasted Starling *Acridotheres burmannicus*
08-03: 2 at Seima forest.
Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis*
02-03: 6 at Phnom Kram scrub.
03-03: 8 at Ang Trapang.
A total of 18 on 3 dates at Tmat Boey.
06-03: 2 at Kratie swamp.

Asian Pied Starling *Gracupica contra*
04-03: 10+ at florican grasslands.

White-shouldered Starling *Sturnia sinensis*
05-03: twice a single bird was seen at Tmat Boey.
06-03: a small flock (10) was observed at Kratie swamp.

**CHLOROPSEIDAE**

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*
A total of 6 on 2 dates around our lodge in the Tmat Boey area.

**DICAEIDAE**

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*
02-03: 2 Angkor Wat area.
06-03: 1 male at Tmat Boey river.

**NECTARINIIDAE**

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*
A total of 5 on 2 dates at Seima forest.

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus*
03-03: 4 at Ang Trapang.
Up to 4 daily at Tmat Boey.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*
Common at various sites around Siem Reap.
Daily up to 4 at Tmat Boey.

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturate*
12-03: 2 males on Mount Aural.

**MOTACILLIDAE**

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*
04-03: 2 at florican grasslands.

Mekong Wagtail *Motacilla samveasnae*
07-03: 4-5 during our boat trip on the Mekong river from Kratie.

Oriental Pipit *Anthus rufulus*
Regularly recorded.
Recorded on 7 dates.

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*
02-03: 2 at Phnom Kram scrub.
14-03: 20+ at grassland area, Pursat.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*
03-03: 10+ at Ang Trapang.

**PASSERIDAE**

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
03-03: 2 at Ang Trapang.

Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*
Observed.

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus*
03-03: 8 at Ang Trapang.
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PLOCEIDAE
**Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus*
03-03: 20+ at Ang Trapang.

**Asian Golden Weaver** *Ploceus hypoxanthus*
06-03: 2 males + 4 females at Kratie swamp.

ESTRILDIDAE
**Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava*
04-03: 1 near Pursat Grasslands.

**White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata*
06-03: 10 at Kratie swamp.

**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctualata*
02-03: 20 at Phnom Kram scrub.
06-03: 10 at Kratie swamp.

**Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla*
14-03: 2 at grassland area, Pursat.

*304 species recorded*
The following lists of mammals, dragonflies/damselflies, butterflies and amphibians was compiled by Peter Logtmeijer.

**Mammals:**
- **Black Giant Squirrel** *Ratufa bicolor* - Seima
- **Variable Squirrel** *Callosciurus finlaysonii*
- **Cambodian Striped Squirrel** *Tamiops rodolphei*
- **Lyle’s Flying Fox** *Pteropus lylei* - marsh near ATT
- **Black-bearded Thom Bat** *Taphozous melanopogon* - Angkor
- **Long-tailed Macaque** *Macaca fascicularis* - Angkor
- **Pileated Gibbon** *Nomascus pileatus* - Mount Aural
- **Black-shanked Douc** *Pygathrix nigripes* - 3-4 at Seima
- **Northern Slender-tailed Tree-Shrew** *Dendrogale murina* - one seen well at Seima
  (by Frans and Peter)
- **Irrawaddy Dolphin** *Orcaella brevirostris* - 4-5 at Kampi near Kratie
- **Indian Muntjac** *Muntiacus muntjak* - Tmatboey
- **Eld’s Deer** *Rucervus eldii* - ATT

**Dragonflies & Damselflies:**
- **Blue Adjudant** *Aethriamantha aethra* - a few at the rice fields near Siem Reap
- **Common Amberwing** *Brachythemis contaminata* - commonly seen
- **Oriental Scarlet** *Corochothemis servilia* - Angkor
- **Black-tipped Percher** *Diplacodes nebulosa* - marsh near ATT
- **Blue Percher** *Diplacodes trivialis* - Angkor and near Seima
- **Neurothemis fulvia** - Angkor
- **Neurothemis tullia** - Angkor, rice fields near Siem Reap and Kratie
- **Neurothemis intermedia** - Tmatboey and Mount Aural
- **Orthetrum triangulare** - Mount Aural
- **Slender Skimmer** *Orthetrum sabina* - commonly seen
- **Palpopleura sexmaculata** - a female near Seima
- **Wandering Glider** *Pantala flavescens* - commonly seen
- **Common Chaser** *Potamarcha congener* - a few near Seima
- **Banded Skimmer** *Pseudothemis jorina* - Angkor
- **Yellow-barred Flutterer** *Rhyothemis phyllis* - commonly seen
- **Picturewing** *Rhyothemis variegata* - rice fields near Siem Reap
- **Twister** *Tholymis tillarga* - rice fields near Siem Reap and Kratie
- **Crimson Dropwing** *Trithemis aurora* - Angkor
- **Dancing Dropwing** *Trithemis festiva* - Angkor and marsh near ATT
- **Rhinocypha fenestrella** - a few at Mount Aural
- **Euphaea** - several lower elevation Mount Aural
- **Pseudagrion rubriceps** - Angkor
- **Pseudagrion australasiae** - a few at the Florican Grasslands

**Butterflies:**
- **Common Tiger** *Danaus genutia* - commonly seen
- **Junonia atlites** - Angkor
- **Grey Count** *Tanaecia Iepidea* - Mount Aural
- **Lemon Butterfly** *Papilio demoleus* -marsh near ATT
- **Leopard Lacewing** *Cethosia cyane* - marsh near ATT
- **Common Map** *Cyrestis thyodames* - 3 at Mount Aural
- **Common Imperial** *Cheritra freja* - Angkor and commonly seen at Prek Toal
- **Anthene emolus** - several at Tmatboey

**Amphibian:**
- **House Tree-frog** *Rhacophorus leucomystax*
  In the bathrooms at Tmatboey
A photographic impression

Look out platform, Prek Toal

Grey-headed Fish-Eagle

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Milky Stork

Milky Stork
Cambodia March 2014

Spot-billed Pelican

Openbill Stork

Tonle Sap

Oriental Plovers

Oriental Plover
Florican Grasslands

Manchurian Reed Warbler

Tmat Boey Area

Spotted Wood Owl

Oriental Pratincole
Tmat Boey Ecolodge

Golden-fronted Leafbird

Chinese Francolin

White-rumped Pygmy Falcon

White-shouldered Ibis

Cambodian Tailorbird
Mekong river with the islands, home of the Mekong Wagtail

Small Pratincoles

Crested Serpent Eagle

Mekong Wagtail