

CENTRAL AND NORTHERN THAILAND CUSTOM TOUR TRIP REPORT

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We saw a couple of **Banded Kingfishers** during the tour, fantastic-looking birds.



Overview

This three-week custom birdwatching tour of Central and Northern Thailand commenced in Bangkok on the 24th of February 2019 and ended back there on the 15th of March 2019. The tour was based on our Central and Northern Thailand set-departure itineraries with a few slight modifications to fit the timescale allowed. We birded areas around the Gulf of Thailand for shorebirds and Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai National Parks in the central region before flying north for a birding circuit from and back to Chiang Mai, which included visits to Doi Inthanon and Doi Pha Hom Pok National Parks (Doi Lang and Doi Ang Khang), Chiang Dao Wildlife Sanctuary, and Chiang Saen Lake. We also visited a couple of incredible temples along the way.

A total of 442 bird species were seen (plus 4 species heard only). Full species lists are provided at the end of this report.

Highlight birds seen were many and during our time in the central Thailand region included a couple of **Spoon-billed Sandpipers**, a large flock of **Nordmann's Greenshanks**, and hundreds of **Terek Sandpipers** on the saltpans among about 40 species of shorebirds, with several 'White-faced' **Kentish Plovers**, **Malaysian Plovers**, and **Chinese Egrets** on the nearby beach. A lake and rice fields near the coast hosted **Spot-billed Pelican**, **Asian Dowitcher**, **Greater Spotted Eagle**, and **Black-headed Ibis**. Forest birding around Kaeng Krachan National Park was highly productive with **Black-and-yellow** and **Black-and-red Broadbills** seen very well, along with **Blue Pitta**, **Buffy Fish Owl**, **Kalij Pheasant**, **Red Junglefowl**, **Black-thighed Falconet**, **Common Green Magpie**, **Orange-breasted Trogon**, and a host of woodpeckers. A stop at Khao Yai National Park for a couple of days was also fantastic with great views of **Great**, **Wreathed**, **Oriental Pied**, and **Austen's Brown Hornbills** all enjoyed, along with **Siamese Fireback**, **Silver Pheasant**, **Red-headed Trogon**, **Red-breasted Parakeet**, **Long-tailed** and **Banded Broadbills**, **Banded Kingfisher** (see trip report cover image), **Blue-eared Kingfisher**, and numerous other species. However, the real highlight here (and 'animal of the trip') was the incredible sighting we had of a huge **Asian Elephant!** Wow. Simply amazing.

Our time in northern Thailand was no less impressive, and we found numerous highly-sought species one after the other. We were afforded some of the best views imaginable of a pair of Whitecrowned Forktails that showed to a matter of a few feet as well as seeing both Slaty-backed and Black-backed Forktails, White-capped Redstart, and nesting Small Pratincole along various waterways. Forest birding was wonderful; we had great views of some skulking species such as Mrs. Hume's Pheasant, Rufous-throated Partridge, Mountain Bamboo Partridge, Siberian Rubythroat, White-bellied Redstart, Dark-sided and Scaly Thrushes, and Himalayan Shortwing. Other exciting species included Amur Paradise Flycatcher, Black-headed Woodpecker, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Collared Falconet, Daurian Redstart, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Ultramarine Flycatcher, Spectacled Barwing, Silver-eared Mesia, and Scarletfaced Liocichla, but one of the major highlights was watching a pair of feeding Rusty-naped Pittas right out in the open – a magical moment! Birding in the rice paddies and wetlands along the Thai-Myanmar-Laos border produced further great birds such as Yellow-breasted and Chestnut-eared Buntings, Blunt-winged Warbler, and an incredible spectacle of around a hundred **Pied Harriers** coming in to roost. We even found another rarity while here, a stunning male **Mandarin Duck** that was actively displaying to anything that looked its way!



Detailed Report

Day 1, 24th February 2019. Bangkok to the Laem Pak Bia area

The group met in our very comfortable hotel in Bangkok before we left the city after breakfast and drove to the Bay of Bangkok. Once the majority of the drive was behind us we stopped for our first birding session of the tour in some fishpond areas, where we found numerous birds, all new ones too! Birds were coming thick and fast, but some of the highlights were **Oriental Pratincole**, 300 **Cotton Pygmy Geese**, **Pheasant-tailed** and **Bronze-winged Jacanas**, **Northern Pintail**, **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **White-throated Kingfisher**, **Yellow-bellied Prinia**, **Black-browed** and **Oriental Reed Warblers**, **Asian Openbill**, **Chinese** and **Javan Pond Herons** (both in breeding plumage), **Purple Heron**, and too many others to list.

After checking into our hotel, and after the heat of the day had subsided, we ventured into the saltpans where we found yet more new birds, including the magnificent (and beautiful) **Painted Stork**, **Ruddy-breasted Crake**, **Green Bee-eater** (extremely close views), and **Collared Kingfisher**. We also continued to grow our shorebird list in earnest with great views of **Long-toed Stint**, **Temminck's Stint**, **Ruff**, **Marsh Sandpiper**, and **Spotted Redshank** (among many more).

Day 2, 25th February 2019. Pak Thale and the Laem Pak Bia area

There was just one bird on our minds this morning, and we made it a priority to find... We left our hotel in darkness to make the short journey up the coast to the world-famous Pak Thale shorebird site. Here (once we'd had a snack and hot drink) we headed into the saltpans. As the sun started to rise the shorebirds started to move around a bit, and we headed into position. After not too long, while scanning a pan full of birds, we picked up a **Spoon-billed Sandpiper** busily feeding. Success! It took a while for everyone to get good views of it, as it was rapidly moving around. Eventually, though, everyone got good views of this highly-sought and Critically Endangered (BirdLife International) species.



Spoon-billed Sandpiper, picture taken a few days before we saw them at the same spot.



Once the "Spoonie" was under the belt we could concentrate on some of the other birds, and we found Red-necked Phalarope, Terek Sandpiper (over 300!), Broad-billed Sandpiper, Greater and Lesser Sand Plovers, Kentish Plover, Eurasian Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, Red Knot, Sanderling, and Red-necked Stint.

In the afternoon we took a boat out to the Laem Pak Bia Sandspit, where we had great success and found all of our target species here, which included **Chinese Egret**, **Pacific Reef Heron**, **Kentish** 'White-faced' **Plover** (surely a potential split), and gorgeous **Malaysian Plovers** at close range. We also had lots of terns loafing on the beach, with **Caspian**, **Greater Crested**, **Common**, **Whiskered**, **White-winged**, and **Little Terns** all present. Both **Collared** and **Black-capped Kingfishers** were noted too.

Day 3, 26th February 2019. Laem Pak Bia area

We spent the morning back in the Laem Pak Bia saltpans, where a vast array of shorebirds were evident as they roosted during the high tide period. **Great Knots** were abundant and we got our first views of them, along with a brief **Red Knot**. However, one of our big targets was **Nordmann's Greenshank**, and we found a flock of over 80 of these Endangered (BirdLife International) species. Plenty of other birds were also on offer, including **Pied Avocet**, **Terek Sandpiper**, **Greater Sand Plover** (some in breeding plumage), **Lesser Sand Plover**, **Little Ringed Plover**, **Kentish Plover**, **Long-toed**, **Red-necked**, and **Temminck's Stint**, and all the other usual suspects (**Broad-billed Sandpiper**, **Curlew Sandpiper**, and **Marsh Sandpiper** etc....). An unusual sighting was a **White-bellied Sea Eagle** that was perched in a tree, no wonder the birds were so flighty at times! A few other birds gave brief views, such as **Yellow Bittern**, **Striated Heron**, and **Javan Pond Heron** (in breeding plumage). We also improved our views of **Collared** and **Black-capped Kingfishers** as we made our way around the various waterways.

Passerines were thin on the ground, but we did find Common Iora, Indochinese Bush Lark, Plain-backed Sparrow (actually really beautiful), and Dusky Warbler.

After sitting out the heat of the middle of the day we headed to some nearby rice paddies, where in a short space of time we amassed a decent species list. Some of the new birds for us included Common Kingfisher, Freckle-breasted Woodpecker, Asian Koel, Greater Coucal, Asian Palm Swift, Eastern Marsh Harrier, Common Kestrel, Zitting Cisticola, Richard's and Paddyfield Pipits, Baya Weaver, and Scaly-breasted Munia. We also got further views of popular birds such as Oriental Pratincole, Green Bee-eater, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Black Drongo, Stejneger's Stonechat, and Plain-backed Sparrow. The latter bathed in glorious late-afternoon golden sunshine.

Day 4, 27th February 2019. Laem Pak Bia to Kaeng Krachan (via Phetchaburi Rice Fields) After breakfast we started our journey to Kaeng Krachan. Our first stop was at a lake, where we found Spot-billed Pelican, Asian Dowitcher, Black-headed Ibis, Common Kingfisher, Garganey, Eurasian Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Pied Avocet, and Goldenbellied Gerygone, along with a large number of species we'd seen over the previous days. Once we'd had our fill of these birds we headed into the rice fields, where we quickly found Greater Spotted Eagle, Eastern Marsh Harrier (a very smart male), Black Kite, and Brahminy Kite. The air was full of Germain's Swiftlets and Barn Swallows, thousands of birds. A recently-harvested rice field yielded Red-throated and Paddyfield Pipits along with one or two Stejneger's Stonechats. Here we also found breeding-plumaged Asian Golden Weaver and Streaked Weaver, both looking rather spectacular.



After lunch in the rice paddies we continued out journey to Baan Maka, our favorite accommodation near Kaeng Krachan. Here a quick walk gave us plenty of new birds, including Coppersmith Barbet, Greater Flameback, Eyebrowed Thrush, Taiga Flycatcher, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, Blue Whistling Thrush, Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker, and Black-crested Bulbul. At the end of the day we finished by watching the local starlings roost. Highlight here was a pair of Vinous-breasted Starlings that gave good views along with wonderful looks at a pair of stunning Indian Rollers. Near dusk a Grey-rumped Treeswift gave a good, prolonged flyover.



Green Bee-eater frequently gave excellent close views throughout the tour.

Day 5, 28th February 2019. Kaeng Krachan area

We had a seriously exciting day birding around the Kaeng Krachan area, with some excellent views of numerous highly-sought species. We spent the morning birding along a small area of the national park entrance road. We didn't go very far, mainly because we didn't need to. Birds were everywhere! The list of highlights was long and included **Great**, **Wreathed**, and **Oriental Pied Hornbills**, **Rufous**, **Heart-spotted**, and **Streak-breasted Woodpeckers**, **Greater Yellownape**, **Common** and **Greater Flamebacks**, **Blue-eared** and **Green-eared Barbets**, **Black-thighed Falconet**, **Jerdon's Baza**, **Sultan Tit**, **Thick-billed Green Pigeon**, **Green-billed Malkoha**, **Asian Emerald Cuckoo**, **Large-tailed Nightjar**, **Asian Barred Owlet**, **Brown-backed Needletail**, **Oriental Dollarbird**, **Vernal Hanging Parrot**, **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Asian Fairy-bluebird**, **Common Hill Myna**, and **Golden-crested Myna**.

Over lunch we added Brown Hawk-Owl, Kalij Pheasant, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Brown-throated Sunbird, Eastern Crowned Warbler, and Puff-throated Babbler. Our afternoon waterhole stakeout yielded Red Junglefowl, Green-legged Partridge, Large Scimitar Babbler, Abbott's Babbler, Black-naped Monarch, Chinese Blue Flycatcher, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Siberian Blue Robin, Racket-tailed Treepie, Common Emerald Dove, and, most-spectacular, Common Green Magpie. Several mammals were present and included Lesser



Oriental Chevrotain, a tiny animal (formerly known as Lesser Mouse Deer). An **Eared Pitta** called a couple of times as it got dark, and we found another **Large-tailed Nightjar** on the road near our accommodation as we drove back for another wonderful meal.



Common Green Magpie is one of those standout birds that is always popular.

Day 6, 1st March 2019. Kaeng Krachan area

Another incredible day birding in the Kaeng Krachan area, which was a riot of color from start to finish. First we headed into a forest, where we sat in a blind (hide) and patiently waited for our target bird to show. We didn't need to wait long, as it happened, since within a few minutes we were watching a stunning male **Blue Pitta!** What a shock of color to kick-start our day! A female was also present, but she stuck to the shadows. Also keeping to the edges of the opening was a pair of **Bar-backed Partridges**. But wow, what a bird!

Our next stop was in Kaeng Krachan National Park, where we found plenty to get us excited, with the following coming hot on each others' heels: **Black-and-red Broadbill**, **Black-and-yellow Broadbill**, **Orange-breasted Trogon**, and a very welcome surprise **Buffy Fish Owl**! Plenty of other birds were seen during the day, many we'd seen the previous day but lots of new ones too, such as **Great Iora**, **Pacific Swift**, and **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher**.

Our afternoon continued the theme of great and colorful birds with Common Green Magpie glowing at a waterhole. Other prized birds included White-crested Laughingthrush, Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher, great looks at Bar-backed Partridge, Red Junglefowl, Large Scimitar Babbler, and a stunning male Crimson Sunbird. The birds we'd enjoyed over the last two days were simply breathtaking.





Blue Pitta was an early highlight on the tour.



Black-and-yellow Broadbill dropped down nice and low, which was a real treat.

Day 7, 2nd March 2019. Kaeng Krachan to Khao Yai

Essentially a day of travel as me moved northeast from Kaeng Krachan to Khao Yai. Before we started our journey we birded a couple of hours around our accommodation at Baan Maka, recording over 70 species in no time at all! Most of what we saw we'd seen over the last few days, but it was nice to cement some of these great birds in our memories (Black-hooded and Black-naped Orioles, Bronze-winged Jacana, Indian Roller, Green-billed Malkoha, White-breasted



Waterhen, Black-capped, White-throated, and Common Kingfishers, Pacific Swift, Hair-crested Drongo, and lots more). Several new birds seen included Lineated Barbet, Purple Sunbird, Cinnamon Bittern, White-rumped Munia, and Siberian Rubythroat.

A stop along the route gave us some fantastic views of a roosting colony of Lyle's Flying Foxes, which was a spectacular sight, sound, and smell! A **Shikra** flew through and caused all sorts of pandemonium but allowed us some very close flybys!

Day 8, 3rd March 2019. Khao Yai National Park

We spent the full day birding our way around Khao Yai National Park and had an amazing day! After a fairly early start we headed straight for the higher-elevation sections of the park. One of the highlights of the day (and in fact of the whole tour) came early in the day, when we rounded a corner in the road to come face to face with a large bull **Asian Elephant!** With great driving by our excellent driver, Chod, we were able to get amazing views of this huge creature from a safe distance. It was a magnificent specimen, and we felt very lucky to have such an incredible encounter.



Asian Elephant was a much hoped-for mammal, and we got some rather good looks at a big one!

Once the excitement of the elephant had subsided we started birding, and over the course of the morning found plenty of other reasons to get excited, such as Silver Pheasant, Red-headed Trogon, Common Green Magpie, Black-throated Laughingthrush, Great and Wreathed Hornbills, Ruby-cheeked and Black-throated Sunbirds, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Barred Cuckoo Dove, Puff-throated, Ashy, and Red-whiskered Bulbuls, White-bellied Erpornis, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, Blue-throated and Moustached Barbets, Olive-backed Pipit, and Hill Blue Flycatcher.

During a break for lunch and through the heat of the day we found **Blue-eared Kingfisher**, **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**, **House Swift**, **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Sand Martin**, **Asian Fairy-bluebird**, and **Oriental Pied Hornbill**.



The afternoon birding session yielded fewer species but included some fantastic birds, with a calling **Banded Kingfisher** eventually tracked down and with a showy pair of **Banded Broadbills** giving good views too. Further excitement came with **Siamese Fireback**, **Great Iora**, **Thick-billed Green Pigeon**, and another **Great Hornbill**. Our final stop of the day was at a pre-roost site for the beautiful **Red-breasted Parakeet**. Our arrival was right on cue, and we had at least 35 birds on view. A great way to end a long but fruitful day.



The uncommon **Blue-eared Kingfisher** was a nice treat while we took a rest during the heat of the middle of the day.

Day 9, 4th March 2019. Khao Yai National Park

This was another great day birding in Khao Yai National Park with plenty of exciting new birds discovered, along with improved views of several we'd already seen. Our day started by birding a quiet section of the park, and very quickly we were watching a nesting pair of the outrageouslyplumaged Long-tailed Broadbills. Here we also saw the stunning Scarlet Minivet and Asian Fairy-bluebird incredibly close. However, as far as incredible close views go, our next exciting bird was not far away. We had some amazing, prolonged views of a **Great Hornbill** feeding, not on fruit as usual, but rather we could watch it strip bark off a tree as it foraged for insects, reptiles, and even took out a bees' nest! We were just speechless by how unconcerned by our presence this humongous bird was. There were several other vibrant birds in the area here too, such as Wreathed Hornbill, Crimson Sunbird, (another) Common Green Magpie, and Siberian Blue Robin. As we made our way around a few different sections of the park before lunch we saw another Banded Kingfisher. After working hard for our sighting yesterday this one was a little different and allowed a better view too! Here we also saw Collared Owlet, a nesting Moustached Barbet, a breeding-plumaged Taiga Flycatcher, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, and Common Kingfisher. After lunch we took a walk at a few different spots and found several more good species, such as Large Hawk-Cuckoo, Rosy Minivet, Grey-backed Shrike, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, eye-level views of Brown-backed and Silver-backed Needletails, Oriental Pied



Hornbill, and, best of all, excellent looks at Austen's Brown Hornbill. But now after two highly enjoyable days birding in Khao Yai National Park it was time to bid farewell.



This Great Hornbill gave us some prolonged and very close views as it fed.

Day 10, 5th March 2019. Khao Yai to Chiang Mai via Bangkok

Today was a travel day as we drove from Khao Yai to Bangkok before flying to Chiang Mai, where we spent the night before commencing our northern Thailand birding circuit. A birding stop along the way to Bangkok produced the main target of the day, **Limestone Wren-Babbler**, this subspecies a much-touted potential split. While searching for the wren-babbler we were lucky to encounter an **Eastern Barn Owl** – brief but exciting views. Several other common but no less impressive species included **Coppersmith Barbet**, **Black-crested Bulbul**, **Blue Whistling Thrush**, **Oriental Magpie Robin**, and **White-rumped Shama**.

We arrived in Chiang Mai in the early evening, where we stayed for the night.

Day 11, 6th March 2019. Doi Inthanon National Park

After an early breakfast we left Chiang Mai and headed to the southwest to spend a couple of days birding around Thailand's highest peak, Doi Inthanon. Along the way we made a brief stop at a river, where we enjoyed some of the best views imaginable of the rather cute **Small Pratincole**. Some insects hatching out was also attracting a huge number of **Black Drongos**, but more exciting were the **Plaintive**, **Banded Bay**, and **Indian Cuckoos** that showed well.

On arriving at Doi Inthanon we spent the remainder of the morning birding a trail and finding plenty of new and exciting birds, such as Clicking Shrike-babbler, Little Pied Flycatcher, Darkbacked Sibia, Striated and Mountain Bulbuls, Golden-throated Barbet, Mountain Tailorbird, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Grey-chinned Minivet, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, and many more.





We had spectacular views of the tiny Small Pratincole on our way to Doi Inthanon.

After lunch we headed to the summit area, where a whole new set of birds awaited us, including some very impressive ones like Rufous-throated Partridge, Himalayan Shortwing, Dark-sided Thrush, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Bar-throated Minla, Grey-sided Thrush, Black-throated, Green-tailed, and Mrs. Gould's Sunbirds, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, Ashy-throated Warbler, Yellow-browed Tit, and several other species. It was a really enjoyable day venturing into a totally new set of habitats, and the birding was all set in stunning forest with incredible mountain views throughout the day.

Day 12, 7th March 2019. Doi Inthanon National Park

We enjoyed another magical day on Doi Inthanon with a long list of highlight birds. We started our birding in the lower elevations of the mountain with a couple of **Black-backed Forktails** feeding in the river, with **Eurasian** (White-faced) **Jay** and **Common Kingfisher** also present. The forest nearby gave us the stunning **Black-headed Woodpecker** and a copulating pair of the tiny **Collared Falconet**. A **Red-billed Blue Magpie** was glimpsed, and **Golden-fronted Leafbird** was very showy. A nearby waterfall provided a male **Plumbeous Water Redstart**, a brief **Slaty-backed Forktail**, and a welcome cup of tea/coffee as well as a good view of a beautiful waterfall. We then birded a trail and found plenty of new and very exciting species, such as **Silver-eared Mesia**, **Spectacled Barwing**, **Blyth's Shrike-babbler**, **Golden-throated Barbet**, **Chestnut-vented** and **Velvet-fronted Nuthatches**, **Slaty-bellied Tesia**, **Pygmy Cupwing**, **Stripe-breasted Woodpecker**, and **Short-billed Minivet**.

After lunch we headed to another waterfall, where we had simply breathtaking views of a pair of White-crowned Forktails feeding within 8 feet of us (surely a 'Bird of the Trip' contender?). We also saw an extremely close-range White-capped Redstart, another Plumbeous Water Redstart, Grey Wagtail, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Striated Swallow, House Swift, and Asian House Martin. On returning to our accommodation we enjoyed watching a Spotted Owlet standing to attention against a tree trunk. A great way to end a wonderful day!





To see White-crowned Forktail is one thing, but to get the views we had was just breathtaking!

Day 13, 8th March 2019. Doi Inthanon to Chiang Dao

We had a brief birding session at the foot of Doi Inthanon, where we found plenty to keep us occupied before we headed north to Chiang Dao. Morning birding near our accommodation gave great views of numerous **Blossom-headed Parakeets** (a really attractive species of parrot), **Burmese Shrike**, **Striated Swallow**, **Pintail Snipe**, **Greater Painted-snipe**, and **Grey-headed Lapwing** along with a number of more common species.

Later in the afternoon, after checking into our accommodation, we took a quick trip around the nearby rice paddies, finding numerous **Grey-headed Lapwings**, **White Wagtail**, **Chinese Pond Heron**, **Golden-headed Cisticola** (along with **Zitting Cisticola**), and several other common species.

Day 14, 9th March 2019. Doi Chiang Dao

At an earlyish start we jumped into a couple of 4x4s and headed up the mountain in darkness. We arrived near the top in time for a beautiful sunrise and quickly started birding (not before seeing three Black-backed Forktails, White-rumped Shama, and Blue Whistling Thrush in the dawn light). As the sun lit up the treetops birds started moving, and we started adding new birds to our growing trip lists. Long-tailed Minivets were fairly showy, as were Olive-backed Pipits walking around our feet. A Grey Bush Chat came to investigate us, and Mountain Imperial Pigeons were rather vocal and flying over a clearing, as too were several Cook's Swifts, Grey Treepies, Eyebrowed Thrushes, and Large Cuckooshrikes. After a short time we had good views of perched Slender-billed Orioles (with Maroon Orioles seen briefly later too) and Common Iora. A Black Bulbul came into a fruiting tree, as did Grey-eyed, Red-whiskered, Sooty-headed, and Flavescent Bulbuls. Blue-eared and Great Barbets were very vocal, and several other species flew through a clearing (Chestnut Bunting, Common Rosefinch, Blue Rock Thrush, and Verditer Flycatcher, to name a few). One of the best birds of the early morning was a Scaly Thrush that was flushed from behind the toilet block and then showed briefly a couple of times.



While on the mountain we took a couple of walks to explore the area and found several other interesting species. Highlights included Lesser Yellownape, Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Eurasian (White-faced) Jay, Large Woodshrike, Grey-crowned Warbler, Orange-bellied and Golden-fronted Leafbirds, Rufescent Prinia, Slaty-backed Flycatcher, Swinhoe's White-eye, Ashy, Lesser Racket-tailed, and Hair-crested Drongos, but best of all was a pair of Grey-headed Parrotbills.

As we drove down the mountain after lunch (in increasing wind and heat) a splash of color was provided by several **Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters** and an **Indian Roller**. The remainder of the afternoon was spent relaxing around our accommodation before another wonderful meal.

Day 15, 10th March 2019. Doi Chiang Dao and Fang Paddies

A post breakfast walk near our accommodation was very successful with some great views of several new species for the trip, such as Violet Cuckoo, Crested Treeswift, Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Blue-throated Barbet, Buff-breasted Babbler, Purple-naped Sunbird, Thick-billed Flowerpecker, and Yellow-bellied Warbler. We also improved our visuals of several other species, such as Grey-throated Babbler, Claudia's Leaf Warbler, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Black-hooded Oriole, Hume's White-eye, Crimson Sunbird, Little Spiderhunter, and House Swift. Streaked Wren-Babbler was glimpsed but unfortunately didn't show for everyone.

Before lunch we briefly visited the Chiang Dao Paddies, where we quickly found a pair of **Wiretailed Swallows** that gave great views, and soon after we found a wonderful restaurant for lunch, where we also enjoyed seeing the striking **Blue Crested** (Forest) **Lizard**. Then it was time to continue north to the town of Fang, our base for the next three nights, from where we would bird the mountains along the Thai-Myanmar border.

A birding session in the late afternoon was made to an area of rice paddies not far from our hotel, where we searched for and eventually found Yellow-breasted and Chestnut-eared Buntings. We also saw several larks, pipits, and wagtails in the rice fields, some in the fresh crops, others in the stubbles, such as Citrine and White Wagtails, Richard's, Paddyfield, and Red-throated Pipits, Oriental Skylark, and Horsfield's Bush Lark. However, the real highlight here came with our first sighting of the simply stunning Pied Harrier – one of the best-looking raptors in the world! Always great to see, and a fantastic way to end the day!

Day 16, 11th March 2019. Doi Ang Khang

We had a wonderful day birding along the Thai-Myanmar border in Doi Pha Hom Pok National Park at Doi Ang Khang. On arrival at the top of the mountain we started finding new birds; one of the first was **Eurasian Hoopoe**. Initially it had been just a flyby, but we eventually tracked it down to where it was feeding and had some great views. Here we also found nesting **Burmese Shrikes** (quite fitting given our location), **Blue Rock Thrush**, **Stripe-breasted Woodpecker**, **Spectacled Barwing**, **White-browed Laughingthrush**, **Verditer Flycatcher**, and **Long-tailed Shrike**. We then found a bird gathering near our breakfast stop, where we saw **Little Pied Flycatcher**, **Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher**, **Yellow-cheeked Tit**, **Long-tailed Minivet**, **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch**, **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker**, **Blue-winged Minla**, **Grey Bush Chat**, **Mrs. Gould's Sunbird**, and a plethora of *Phylloscopus* warblers. A short way along the road we found ourselves looking at the rather huge **Giant Nuthatch** that gave decent enough views and was seen much better later in the day too. Here we also found our first **Crested Finchbills** of the trip and a few **Ashy Drongos** for good measure!



Over the late morning and early afternoon period we relaxed around the gardens of the area, but in doing so we found plenty of great birds. Highlights included Amur Paradise Flycatcher, White-tailed Robin, Daurian Redstart, Spot-winged Grosbeak, Dark-sided, Black-breasted, and Eyebrowed Thrushes, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Streaked Wren-Babbler, Silver-eared Mesia, Mountain Bulbul, Chestnut-flanked, Hume's, and Swinhoe's White-eyes, Streaked Spiderhunter, Chinese Leaf Warbler, and Cook's Swift.



Daurian Redstart is an uncommon wintering species in Thailand, so we were pleased to see this one so well in a beautiful garden setting.

Later in the afternoon before driving down the mountain we found several other great birds, such as Scarlet-faced Liocichla, Hill Prinia, Spot-winged Grosbeak, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, Giant Nuthatch, Black Bulbul, Grey-backed Shrike, and Brown-breasted Bulbul. It was a great day set in some beautiful habitat, and it was interesting to see the way of life in a very rural part of northern Thailand.

Day 17, 12th March 2019. Doi Lang West and Thaton Paddies

The earliest start of the tour saw us heading up Doi Lang in the dark with the aim of being in place before the sun was up. This we did, and after putting some grain and meal worms out we waited for the birds to do their bit. We didn't have too long to wait before our various target birds started appearing. The main target was Mrs. Hume's Pheasant, and we had great, prolonged views of two females with a rather shy male being glimpsed by a few of us. Mountain Bamboo Partridges were also present, and we found Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, Siberian Rubythroat (a young male), Ultramarine Flycatcher, White-browed Laughingthrush, and plenty more. After a picnic breakfast we moved along the mountain ridge and found several further target birds, such as White-gorgeted Flycatcher, Slaty-blue Flycatcher, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, Siberian Rubythroat (an adult male), Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Hill Prinia, Blackthroated Bushtit, Crested Finchbill, Brown-breasted Bulbul, and a range of warblers.



Yet another spectacular bird, Siberian Rubythroat gave fantastic views.

After our picnic lunch we decided to drive off the mountain to go to the rice paddies. But before that we found another group of **Mrs. Hume's Pheasants**, and this one included a male and after a bit of work we were able to get great views of it. What a simply stunning bird, definite a contender for 'Bird of the Trip'!



We all had some great looks at this male Mrs. Hume's Pheasant, an often very secretive bird, and it was great to see the male after we had enjoyed prolonged views of two females.



On the way down the mountain we found a male White-bellied Redstart, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Long-tailed Minivet, Maroon Oriole, and several other species.

Our late-afternoon walk through some nearby rice paddies yielded a couple of nice surprises, such as **Blunt-winged Warbler**, **Baikal Bush Warbler**, **Yellow-breasted**, **Chestnut-eared**, and **Black-faced Buntings**, **Bluethroat**, **Richard's**, **Red-throated**, and **Paddyfield Pipits**, **Kentish Plover**, **Small Pratincole**, and **Citrine Wagtail**. A huge **Peregrine Falcon** was perched on a sand island, and two male **Pied Harriers** circled overhead. A perfect end to another great day.

Day 18, 13th March 2019. Fang to Chiang Saen

We allowed ourselves a slightly later start after the very long previous day. We headed north of Fang and drove up into the mountains for a final time on this tour, where we had one main target in mind... We entered a botanical garden along the Thai-Myanmar border and made our way to our stakeout site, put out our mealworms, and sat and waited. The wait was minimal, and suddenly right before our eyes we were watching a pair of the often extremely-tough-to-see **Rusty-naped Pittas** feeding right there, not more that 12 feet from us! What a spectacular way to see this highly-sought species, and a great way to start our final full days birding of this bird-filled tour. Once the pitta sighting had sunk in we walked back to our van to have a picnic brunch. Along the way we found a female **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Slaty-backed Flycatcher**, **Blue-winged Minla**, and several **Blue Whistling Thrushes**. While eating we were temporarily distracted by a couple of **Grey-faced Buzzards** overhead, along with several **Asian House Martins**. A post-brunch walk gave us a nice mix of birds, such as **Grey-crowned Warbler**, **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher**, and a stunning male **Himalayan Bluetail**, along with many *Phylloscopus* warblers.



To watch a pair of **Rusty-naped Pittas** feeding out in the open was incredible!

We then headed to the Mekong River, where over lunch we found **Grey-throated Martin** cruising along the river, with a **Eurasian Hoopoe** and **Baikal Bush Warbler** in the restaurant garden.



Our afternoon birding was as exciting as the morning. A visit to Chiang Saen Lake had us looking at ducks (and **Striated Grassbird**) with **Indian Spot-billed Duck** and **Ferruginous Duck** being new for the trip and thousands of **Garganey** present and looking extremely dashing. A **Pied Kingfisher** gave us some entertainment and actually led us to find a simply stunning male **Mandarin Duck** that was busily displaying to anything that was nearby! This was a Thai rarity, so another great find on the tour. Here too we also found **Pheasant-tailed** and **Bronze-winged Jacanas**, **Purple Heron**, hundreds of **Grey-headed Swamphens**, and **Peregrine Falcon**.



We ended the tour in style by finding another rarity, a stunning male **Mandarin Duck** that was happily and busily displaying to anything or anyone that would look!

We ended our day, and the final full day's birding of the tour at a nearby harrier roost, where, as the sun set, the sky became full of amazing **Pied Harriers** and **Eastern Marsh Harriers**, and there was even another rarity present for us in the form of **Western Marsh Harrier**. Many of the harriers landed right in front of our hide, and we had some exceptional looks. A day full of highlights!

Day 19, 14th March 2019. Chiang Saen to Chiang Mai

We spent the morning back around Chiang Saen Lake; however, the visibility was fairly poor due to dense smoke in the atmosphere. Waterfowl was much harder to come by than on the previous day, with only a handful of ducks found and nothing new. We did, however, find our first Eurasian Wrynecks of the trip, and having not seen one during the previous 18 days we found two different birds within an hour this morning! Funny how that happens sometimes. We also had our best views of a pair of Chestnut-tailed Starlings along with a few more Striated Grassbirds (very showy and vocal), Baikal Bush Warbler and Black-browed Reed Warbler (both extremely shy), and Pheasant-tailed Jacana, along with all the usual suspects here, e.g. Ferruginous Duck, Greyheaded Lapwing, Chinese Pond Heron, etc.



In the mid-morning we started our journey back to Chiang Mai. Along the way we stopped at Wat Rong Seur Ten, the 'Blue Temple' and Wat Rong Khun, the 'White Temple', both near Chiang Rai and both totally spectacular sights and a real privilege to see.

We arrived back in Chiang Mai in the late afternoon in time for a relaxed evening.

Day 20, 15th March 2019. Chiang Mai to Bangkok

We departed Chiang Mai in the mid-morning for our flight back to Bangkok, where we arrived at lunchtime. The afternoon was spent at leisure (enjoying Pink-necked Green Pigeons, Red Collared Doves, and Asian Koel for the final time) before we took our final meal of the tour together and discussed the 'Bird of the Trip'. The selection process was tough with so many amazing birds seen during the tour, with Great Hornbill, Blue Pitta, Common Green Magpie, Mandarin Duck, Painted Stork, and White-crowned Forktail coming out high in the rankings, although the clear favorite was Mrs. Hume's Pheasant.

Day 21, 16th March 2019. International departure from Bangkok and tour concluded The group departed from Bangkok during the day as this tour concluded.

Bird List - Following IOC (9.1)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen.

The following notation after the common names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened.

Common Name	Scientific Name
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatida	ne)
Lesser Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna javanica
Mandarin Duck	Aix galericulata
Cotton Pygmy Goose	Nettapus coromandelianus
Garganey	Spatula querquedula
Northern Shoveler	Spatula clypeata
Eurasian Wigeon	Mareca penelope
Indian Spot-billed Duck	Anas poecilorhyncha
Northern Pintail	Anas acuta
Ferruginous Duck - NT	Aythya nyroca
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Pheasants and Allies (Phasian	idae)
Rufous-throated Partridge	Arborophila rufogularis
Bar-backed Partridge	Arborophila brunneopectus
Green-legged Partridge	Arborophila chloropus



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Mountain Bamboo Partridge	Bambusicola fytchii	
Red Junglefowl	Gallus gallus	
Kalij Pheasant	Lophura leucomelanos	
Silver Pheasant	Lophura nycthemera	
Siamese Fireback	Lophura diardi	
Mrs. Hume's Pheasant - NT	Syrmaticus humiae	
Grebes (Podicipedidae)		
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	
Storks (Ciconiidae)		
Painted Stork - NT	Mycteria leucocephala	
Asian Openbill	Anastomus oscitans	
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Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)		
Black-headed Ibis - NT	Threskiornis melanocephalus	
Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)		
Yellow Bittern	Ixobrychus sinensis	
Cinnamon Bittern	Ixobrychus cinnamomeus	
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	
Striated Heron	Butorides striata	
Chinese Pond Heron	Ardeola bacchus	
Javan Pond Heron	Ardeola speciosa	
Eastern Cattle Egret	Bubulcus coromandus	
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea	
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	
Great Egret	Ardea alba	
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia	
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	
Pacific Reef Heron	Egretta sacra	
Chinese Egret - VU	Egretta eulophotes	
Pelicans (Pelecanidae)		
Spot-billed Pelican - NT	Pelecanus philippensis	
Commonanta Chaca (Dhalasses	avasidas)	
Cormorants, Shags (Phalacroc		
Little Cormorant	Microcarbo niger	



Common Name	Scientific Name
Indian Cormorant	Phalacrocorax fuscicollis
Great Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo
Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitr	ridae)
Black-winged Kite	Elanus caeruleus
Crested Honey Buzzard	Pernis ptilorhynchus
Jerdon's Baza	Aviceda jerdoni
Crested Serpent Eagle	Spilornis cheela
Greater Spotted Eagle - VU	Clanga clanga
Crested Goshawk	Accipiter trivirgatus
Shikra	Accipiter badius
Western Marsh Harrier	Circus aeruginosus
Eastern Marsh Harrier	Circus spilonotus
Pied Harrier - NT	Circus melanoleucos
Black Kite	Milvus migrans
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus
White-bellied Sea Eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster
Grey-faced Buzzard	Butastur indicus
Eastern Buzzard	Buteo japonicus
Rails, Crakes and Coots (Ralli	dae)
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus
Ruddy-breasted Crake	Porzana fusca
Grey-headed Swamphen	Porphyrio poliocephalus
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus
Eurasian Coot	Fulica atra
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus himantopus
Pied Avocet	Recurvirostra avosetta
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Grey-headed Lapwing	Vanellus cinereus
Red-wattled Lapwing	Vanellus indicus
Pacific Golden Plover	Pluvialis fulva
Grey Plover	Pluvialis squatarola
Little Ringed Plover	Charadrius dubius
Kentish Plover	Charadrius alexandrinus



Common Name	Scientific Name
["White-faced Plover"]	[C. a dealbatus]
Malaysian Plover - NT	Charadrius peronii
Lesser Sand Plover	Charadrius mongolus
Greater Sand Plover	Charadrius leschenaultii
Painted-snipes (Rostratulidae)	
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula benghalensis
Jacanas (Jacanidae)	
Pheasant-tailed Jacana	Hydrophasianus chirurgus
Bronze-winged Jacana	Metopidius indicus
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacida	
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus
Eurasian Curlew - NT	Numenius arquata
Bar-tailed Godwit - NT	Limosa lapponica
Black-tailed Godwit - NT	Limosa limosa
Great Knot - EN	Calidris tenuirostris
Red Knot - NT	Calidris canutus
Ruff	Calidris pugnax
Broad-billed Sandpiper	Calidris falcinellus
Curlew Sandpiper - NT	Calidris ferruginea
Temminck's Stint	Calidris temminckii
Long-toed Stint	Calidris subminuta
Spoon-billed Sandpiper - CR	Calidris pygmaea
Red-necked Stint - NT	Calidris ruficollis
Sanderling	Calidris alba
Asian Dowitcher - NT	Limnodromus semipalmatus
Pin-tailed Snipe	Gallinago stenura
Common Snipe	Gallinago gallinago
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus cinereus
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
Common Redshank	Tringa totanus
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa stagnatilis
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola
Spotted Redshank	Tringa erythropus
Common Greenshank	Tringa nebularia



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Nordmann's Greenshank - EN	Tringa guttifer	
Coursers, Pratincoles (Glareolic	,	
Oriental Pratincole	Glareola maldivarum	
Small Pratincole	Glareola lactea	
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Larida	ae)	
Brown-headed Gull	Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus	
Caspian Tern	Hydroprogne caspia	
Greater Crested Tern	Thalasseus bergii	
Little Tern	Sternula albifrons	
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo	
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus	
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)		
Rock Dove	Columba livia	
Red Turtle Dove	Streptopelia tranquebarica	
Spotted Dove	Spilopelia chinensis	
Barred Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia unchall	
Common Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica	
Zebra Dove	Geopelia striata	
Pink-necked Green Pigeon	Treron vernans	
Thick-billed Green Pigeon	Treron curvirostra	
Pin-tailed Green Pigeon	Treron apicauda	
Mountain Imperial Pigeon	Ducula badia	
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)		
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	
Lesser Coucal (H)	Centropus bengalensis	
Green-billed Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus tristis	
Asian Koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus	
Asian Emerald Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx maculatus	
Violet Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus	
Banded Bay Cuckoo	Cacomantis sonneratii	
Plaintive Cuckoo	Cacomantis merulinus	
Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	Surniculus lugubris	
Large Hawk-Cuckoo	Hierococcyx sparverioides	



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Indian Cuckoo	Cuculus micropterus	
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Barn Owls (Tytonidae)		
Eastern Barn Owl	Tyto javanica	
Owls (Strigidae)		
Collared Scops Owl (H)	Otus lettia	
Buffy Fish Owl	Ketupa ketupu	
Collared Owlet	Glaucidium brodiei	
Asian Barred Owlet	Glaucidium cuculoides	
Spotted Owlet	Athene brama	
Brown Hawk-Owl	Ninox scutulata	
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Nightjars (Caprimulgidae) Lorgo toiled Nightier Caprimulous magnusus		
Large-tailed Nightjar	Caprimulgus macrurus	
Treeswifts (Hemiprocnidae)		
Crested Treeswift	Hemiprocne coronata	
Grey-rumped Treeswift	Hemiprocne longipennis	
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Swifts (Apodidae)		
Himalayan Swiftlet	Aerodramus brevirostris	
Germain's Swiftlet	Aerodramus germani	
Silver-backed Needletail	Hirundapus cochinchinensis	
Brown-backed Needletail	Hirundapus giganteus	
Asian Palm Swift	Cypsiurus balasiensis	
Pacific Swift	Apus pacificus	
Cook's Swift	Apus cooki	
House Swift	Apus nipalensis	
Trogons (Trogonidae)		
Orange-breasted Trogon	Harpactes oreskios	
Red-headed Trogon	Harpactes erythrocephalus	
Rollers (Coraciidae)		
Indian Roller	Coracias benghalensis	
Oriental Dollarbird	Eurystomus orientalis	



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)		
Banded Kingfisher	Lacedo pulchella	
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis	
Black-capped Kingfisher	Halcyon pileata	
Collared Kingfisher	Todiramphus chloris	
Blue-eared Kingfisher	Alcedo meninting	
Common Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	
Pied Kingfisher	Ceryle rudis	
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)		
Green Bee-eater	Merops orientalis	
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Merops orientaris Merops philippinus	
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	Merops leschenaulti	
Chestnat headed Bee cater	nierops resenentum	
Hoopoes (Upupidae)		
Eurasian Hoopoe	Upupa epops	
Hornbills (Bucerotidae)		
Great Hornbill - VU	Buceros bicornis	
Oriental Pied Hornbill	Anthracoceros albirostris	
Austen's Brown Hornbill - NT	Anorrhinus austeni	
Wreathed Hornbill - VU	Rhyticeros undulatus	
Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)		
Great Barbet (H)	Psilopogon virens	
Lineated Barbet	Psilopogon lineatus	
Green-eared Barbet	Psilopogon faiostrictus	
Golden-throated Barbet	Psilopogon franklinii	
Blue-throated Barbet	Psilopogon asiaticus	
Moustached Barbet	Psilopogon incognitus	
Blue-eared Barbet	Psilopogon duvaucelii	
Coppersmith Barbet	Psilopogon haemacephalus	
Woodpeckers (Picidae)		
Eurasian Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	
Heart-spotted Woodpecker	Hemicircus canente	
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Yungipicus canicapillus	
Freckle-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos analis	



Common Name	Scientific Name		
Stripe-breasted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos atratus		
Greater Yellownape	Chrysophlegma flavinucha		
Lesser Yellownape	Picus chlorolophus		
Streak-breasted Woodpecker	Picus viridanus		
Black-headed Woodpecker	Picus erythropygius		
Common Flameback	Dinopium javanense		
Greater Flameback	Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus		
Rufous Woodpecker	Micropternus brachyurus		
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	1.0		
Collared Falconet	Microhierax caerulescens		
Black-thighed Falconet	Microhierax fringillarius		
Common Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus		
Oriental Hobby	Falco severus		
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus		
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae			
Blossom-headed Parakeet - NT	Psittacula roseata		
Red-breasted Parakeet - NT	Psittacula alexandri		
Vernal Hanging Parrot	Loriculus vernalis		
Broadbills (Eurylaimidae)			
Black-and-red Broadbill	Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos		
Long-tailed Broadbill	Psarisomus dalhousiae		
Banded Broadbill	Eurylaimus javanicus		
Black-and-yellow Broadbill - NT	Eurylaimus ochromalus		
Pittas (Pittidae)			
Eared Pitta (H)	Hydrornis phayrei		
Rusty-naped Pitta	Hydrornis oatesi		
Blue Pitta	Hydrornis cyaneus		
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Australasian Warblers (Acanthizidae)			
Golden-bellied Gerygone	Gerygone sulphurea		
Vangas and Allies (Vangidae)	T ** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *		
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Hemipus picatus		
Large Woodshrike	Tephrodornis virgatus		



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Woodswallows, Butcherbirds and Allies (Artamidae)		
Ashy Woodswallow	Artamus fuscus	
Ioras (Aegithinidae)		
Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia	
Great Iora	Aegithina lafresnayei	
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagida	ae)	
Grey-chinned Minivet	Pericrocotus solaris	
Short-billed Minivet	Pericrocotus brevirostris	
Long-tailed Minivet	Pericrocotus ethologus	
Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus speciosus	
Swinhoe's Minivet	Pericrocotus cantonensis	
Rosy Minivet	Pericrocotus roseus	
Large Cuckooshrike	Coracina macei	
Black-winged Cuckooshrike	Lalage melaschistos	
Shrikes (Laniidae)		
Brown Shrike	Lanius cristatus	
Burmese Shrike	Lanius collurioides	
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	
Grey-backed Shrike	Lanius tephronotus	
Vireos, Greenlets, Shrike-babb	olers (Vireonidae)	
White-bellied Erpornis	Erpornis zantholeuca	
Blyth's Shrike-babbler	Pteruthius aeralatus	
Clicking Shrike-babbler	Pteruthius intermedius	
Fighinds Orioles Turnages (C	neialidaa)	
Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (C Slender-billed Oriole	Oriolus tenuirostris	
	Oriolus chinensis	
Black-naped Oriole Black-hooded Oriole	Oriolus chinensis Oriolus xanthornus	
Maroon Oriole	Oriolus xantnornus Oriolus traillii	
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Drongos (Dicruridae)		
Black Drongo	Dicrurus macrocercus	
Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus	



Common Name	Scientific Name		
Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus		
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus remifer		
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus		
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus		
Fantails (Rhipiduridae)			
Malaysian Pied Fantail	Rhipidura javanica		
Monarchs (Monarchidae)			
Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis azurea		
Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone affinis		
Amur Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone incei		
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)			
Eurasian Jay	Garrulus glandarius		
Red-billed Blue Magpie	Urocissa erythroryncha		
Common Green Magpie	Cissa chinensis		
Grey Treepie	Dendrocitta formosae		
Racket-tailed Treepie	Crypsirina temia		
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos		
Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)			
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis		
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Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)			
Yellow-browed Tit	Sylviparus modestus		
Sultan Tit	Melanochlora sultanea		
Japanese Tit	Parus minor		
Yellow-cheeked Tit	Machlolophus spilonotus		
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Larks (Alaudidae)			
Horsfield's Bush Lark	Mirafra javanica		
Indochinese Bush Lark	Mirafra erythrocephala		
Oriental Skylark	Alauda gulgula		
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)			
Crested Finchbill	Spizixos canifrons		
Striated Bulbul	Pycnonotus striatus		



Common Name	Scientific Name
Black-headed Bulbul	Pycnonotus atriceps
Black-crested Bulbul	Pycnonotus flaviventris
Red-whiskered Bulbul	Pycnonotus jocosus
Brown-breasted Bulbul	Pycnonotus xanthorrhous
Sooty-headed Bulbul	Pycnonotus aurigaster
Stripe-throated Bulbul	Pycnonotus finlaysoni
Flavescent Bulbul	Pycnonotus flavescens
Yellow-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus goiavier
Streak-eared Bulbul	Pycnonotus conradi
Puff-throated Bulbul	Alophoixus pallidus
Olive Bulbul	Iole viridescens
Grey-eyed Bulbul	Iole propinqua
Mountain Bulbul	Ixos mcclellandii
Ashy Bulbul	Hemixos flavala
Black Bulbul	Hypsipetes leucocephalus
Swallows, Martins (Hirundi	nidae)
Grey-throated Martin	Riparia chinensis
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Wire-tailed Swallow	Hirundo smithii
Asian House Martin	Delichon dasypus
Red-rumped Swallow	Cecropis daurica
Striated Swallow	Cecropis striolata
Cupwings (Pnoepygidae)	
Pygmy Cupwing	Pnoepyga pusilla
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	Abroscopus superciliaris
Yellow-bellied warbier	• •
	Phyllergates cucullatus
Mountain Tailorbird	Phyllergates cucullatus Horornis flavolivaceus
Mountain Tailorbird Aberrant Bush Warbler	
Yellow-bellied Warbler Mountain Tailorbird Aberrant Bush Warbler Slaty-bellied Tesia Bushtits (Aegithalidae)	Horornis flavolivaceus



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Buff-barred Warbler	Phylloscopus pulcher	
Ashy-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus maculipennis	
Hume's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus humei	
Yellow-browed Warbler	Phylloscopus inornatus	
Chinese Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus yunnanensis	
Yellow-streaked Warbler	Phylloscopus armandii	
Radde's Warbler	Phylloscopus schwarzi	
Dusky Warbler	Phylloscopus fuscatus	
Buff-throated Warbler	Phylloscopus subaffinis	
Eastern Crowned Warbler	Phylloscopus coronatus	
Grey-crowned Warbler	Phylloscopus tephrocephalus	
Bianchi's Warbler	Phylloscopus valentini	
Alström's Warbler	Phylloscopus soror	
Two-barred Warbler	Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus	
Greenish Warbler	Phylloscopus trochiloides	
Pale-legged Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus tenellipes	
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	Phylloscopus castaniceps	
Sulphur-breasted Warbler	Phylloscopus ricketti	
Blyth's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus reguloides	
Claudia's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus claudiae	
Davison's Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus intensior	
Dood Wowhlang and Alling (A amon	anhalidaa)	
Reed Warblers and Allies (Acroco	-	
Black-browed Reed Warbler	Acrocephalus orientalis	
	Acrocephalus bistrigiceps	
Blunt-winged Warbler Thick-billed Warbler	Acrocephalus concinens Arundinax aedon	
Thick-billed warbier	Arunainax aeaon	
Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)		
Baikal Bush Warbler	Locustella davidi	
Russet Bush Warbler	Locustella mandelli	
Striated Grassbird	Megalurus palustris	
Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)		
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola juncidis	
Golden-headed Cisticola	Cisticola exilis	
Hill Prinia	Prinia superciliaris	
Rufescent Prinia	Prinia rufescens	



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Grey-breasted Prinia	Prinia hodgsonii
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris
Plain Prinia	Prinia inornata
Common Tailorbird	Orthotomus sutorius
Dark-necked Tailorbird	Orthotomus atrogularis
Babblers, Scimitar Babblers (Tim	naliidae)
Large Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus hypoleucos
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus erythrogenys
Red-billed Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps
Grey-throated Babbler	Stachyris nigriceps
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	Macronus gularis
Chestnut-capped Babbler	Timalia pileata
Fulvettas, Ground Babblers (Pello	orneidae)
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	Alcippe castaneceps
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	Alcippe poioicephala
Yunnan Fulvetta	Alcippe fratercula
Limestone Wren-Babbler	Napothera crispifrons
Streaked Wren-Babbler	Napothera brevicaudata
Abbott's Babbler	Malacocincla abbotti
Spot-throated Babbler	Pellorneum albiventre
Puff-throated Babbler	Pellorneum ruficeps
Buff-breasted Babbler	Pellorneum tickelli
Laughingthrushes and Allies (Lei	othrichidae)
Silver-eared Laughingthrush	Trochalopteron melanostigma
Bar-throated Minla	Actinodura strigula
Spectacled Barwing	Actinodura ramsayi
Blue-winged Minla	Actinodura cyanouroptera
Rufous-backed Sibia	Leioptila annectens
Silver-eared Mesia	Leiothrix argentauris
Scarlet-faced Liocichla	Liocichla ripponi
Dark-backed Sibia	Heterophasia melanoleuca
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush	Garrulax monileger
White-crested Laughingthrush	Garrulax leucolophus
Black-throated Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus chinensis



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Greater Necklaced	Pterorhinus pectoralis
Laughingthrush	
White-browed Laughingthrush	Pterorhinus sannio
Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)	
Grey-headed Parrotbill	Psittiparus gularis
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)	
Striated Yuhina	Yuhina castaniceps
Chestnut-flanked White-eye	Zosterops erythropleurus
Swinhoe's White-eye	Zosterops simplex
Hume's White-eye	Zosterops auriventer
Fairy-bluebirds (Irenidae)	
Asian Fairy-bluebird	Irena puella
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Nuthatches (Sittidae)	
Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	Sitta nagaensis
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Sitta frontalis
Giant Nuthatch - EN	Sitta magna
Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae	a)
Golden-crested Myna	Ampeliceps coronatus
Common Hill Myna	Gracula religiosa
Great Myna	Acridotheres grandis
Common Myna	Acridotheres tristis
Vinous-breasted Starling	Acridotheres burmannicus
Black-collared Starling	Gracupica nigricollis
Pied Myna	Gracupica contra
Chestnut-tailed Starling	Sturnia malabarica
Rosy Starling	Pastor roseus
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Thrushes (Turdidae)	
Scaly Thrush	Zoothera dauma
Dark-sided Thrush	Zoothera marginata
Black-breasted Thrush	Turdus dissimilis
Grey-sided Thrush - VU	Turdus feae
Eyebrowed Thrush	Turdus obscurus



Common Name	Scientific Name
Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)
Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis
White-rumped Shama	Copsychus malabaricus
Asian Brown Flycatcher	Muscicapa dauurica
White-gorgeted Flycatcher	Anthipes monileger
Hill Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis banyumas
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis tickelliae
Chinese Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis glaucicomans
Rufous-bellied Niltava	Niltava sundara
Large Niltava	Niltava grandis
Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias thalassinus
Himalayan Shortwing	Brachypteryx cruralis
Siberian Blue Robin	Larvivora cyane
Bluethroat	Luscinia svecica
White-bellied Redstart	Luscinia phaenicuroides
Siberian Rubythroat	Calliope calliope
White-tailed Robin	Myiomela leucura
Himalayan Bluetail	Tarsiger rufilatus
Black-backed Forktail	Enicurus immaculatus
Slaty-backed Forktail	Enicurus schistaceus
White-crowned Forktail	Enicurus leschenaulti
Blue Whistling Thrush	Myophonus caeruleus
Slaty-backed Flycatcher	Ficedula hodgsonii
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	Ficedula strophiata
Taiga Flycatcher	Ficedula albicilla
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	Ficedula hyperythra
Little Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula westermanni
Ultramarine Flycatcher	Ficedula superciliaris
Slaty-blue Flycatcher	Ficedula tricolor
Daurian Redstart	Phoenicurus auroreus
Plumbeous Water Redstart	Phoenicurus fuliginosus
White-capped Redstart	Phoenicurus leucocephalus
Blue Rock Thrush	Monticola solitarius
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	Monticola rufiventris
Stejneger's Stonechat	Saxicola stejnegeri
Pied Bush Chat	Saxicola caprata



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Grey Bush Chat	Saxicola ferreus
Leafbirds (Chloropseidae)	
Blue-winged Leafbird	Chloropsis cochinchinensis
Golden-fronted Leafbird	Chloropsis aurifrons
Orange-bellied Leafbird	Chloropsis hardwickii
Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)	
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum agile
Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker	Dicaeum melanoxanthum
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum ignipectus
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum cruentatum
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	Chalaanania sinaalansia
Brown-throated Sunbird	Chalcoparia singalensis
	Anthreptes malacensis
Purple Sunbird	Cinnyris asiaticus
Olive-backed Sunbird	Cinnyris jugularis
Mrs. Gould's Sunbird	Aethopyga gouldiae
Green-tailed Sunbird	Aethopyga nipalensis
Black-throated Sunbird	Aethopyga saturata
Crimson Sunbird	Aethopyga siparaja
Purple-naped Sunbird	Kurochkinegramma
Little Spiderhunter	hypogrammicum Arachnothera longirostra
Streaked Spiderhunter	Arachnothera magna
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Old World Sparrows, Snowfin	ches (Passeridae)
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus
Plain-backed Sparrow	Passer flaveolus
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus
Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceid	lae)
Asian Golden Weaver - NT	Ploceus hypoxanthus
Streaked Weaver	Ploceus manyar
Baya Weaver	Ploceus philippinus
Waxbills, Munias and Allies (E	Estrildidae)



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White-rumped Munia	Lonchura striata
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulata
Chestnut Munia	Lonchura atricapilla
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla tschutschensis
Citrine Wagtail	Motacilla citreola
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea
White Wagtail	Motacilla alba
Richard's Pipit	Anthus richardi
Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus
Olive-backed Pipit	Anthus hodgsoni
Red-throated Pipit	Anthus cervinus
Finches, Euphonias (Fringillida	e)
Spot-winged Grosbeak	Mycerobas melanozanthos
Common Rosefinch	Carpodacus erythrinus
Buntings (Emberizidae)	
Chestnut-eared Bunting	Emberiza fucata
Yellow-breasted Bunting - CR	Emberiza aureola
Chestnut Bunting	Emberiza rutila
Black-faced Bunting	Emberiza spodocephala

Total seen	442
Total heard only	4
Total recorded	446

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Deer (Cervidae)	
Southern Red Muntjac	Muntiacus muntjak
Sambar	Rusa unicolor
Chevrotains (Tragulidae)	
Lesser Oriental Chevrotain	Tragulus kanchil



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Elephants (Elephantidae)	
Asian Elephant	Elephas maximus
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Old World Fruit Bats (Pteropo	didae)
Lyle's Flying Fox	Pteropus lylei
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Rhinolophidae (Horseshoe Bats	s)
Great Woolly Horseshoe Bat	Rhinolophus luctus
Old World Monkeys (Cercopit	hecidae)
Northern Pig-tailed Macaque	Macaca leonina
Crab-eating Macaque	Macaca fascicularis
Dusky Leaf-monkey	Trachypithecus obscurus
Gibbons (Hylobatidae)	
Lar Gibbon	Hylobates lar
Pileated Gibbon	Hylobates pileatus
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Squirrels (Sciuridae)	
Grey-bellied Squirrel	Callosciurus caniceps
Variable Squirrel	Callosciurus finlaysonii
Berdmore's Squirrel	Menetes berdmorei
Black Giant Squirrel	Ratufa bicolor
Himalayan Striped Squirrel	Tamiops macclellandii
Treeshrews (Tupaiidae)	
Northern Treeshrew	Tupaia belangeri
Total Seen	17
Total Seen	1/

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Agamids (Agamidae)	
Oriental Garden Lizard	Calotes versicolor
Blue Crested (Forest) Lizard	Calotes mystaceus



Common Name	Scientific Name
Spotted Flying Dragon	Draco maculatus
Common Butterfly Lizard	Leiolepis belliana
Gekkonidae (Geckos)	
Common House Gecko	Hemidactylus frenatus
Tokay Gecko	Gekko gecko
Asian (Flat-tailed) House Gecko	Hemidactylus platyurus
Monitors (Varanidae)	
Common Water Monitor	Varanus salvator
Skinks (Scincidae)	
Grass Sun Skink	Eutropis macularia
Keelbacks (Natricidae)	
Checkered Keelback	Xenochrophis piscator
Total Seen	10

