



THAILAND TOUR REPORT

20th Jan to 8th Feb
2015

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Rufous-throated Partridge
- Bar-backed Partridge
- Scaly-breasted Partridge
- Siamese Fireback
- Hume's Pheasant
- Brown-cheeked Rail
- Pied Harrier
- Black-thighed Falconet
- Nordmann's Greenshank
- Asiatic Dowitcher
- Spoon-billed Sandpiper
- Malaysian Plover
- White-faced Plover
- Black-headed Woodpecker
- Banded Woodpecker
- Great Slaty Woodpecker
- Great Hornbill
- Tickell's Brown Hornbill
- Red-headed Trogon
- Asian Emerald Cuckoo
- Blossom-headed Parakeet
- Great Eared Nightjar
- Yellow-vented Green-Pigeon
- Blue Pitta
- Black-and-red Broadbill
- Black-and-yellow Broadbill
- Banded Broadbill
- Dusky Broadbill
- Long-tailed Broadbill
- Ratchet-tailed Treepie
- Dark-sided Thrush
- Mugimaki Flycatcher
- Ultramarine Flycatcher
- Siberian Blue Robin
- Himalayan Bluetail
- Firethroat
- Black-backed Forktail
- Golden-crested Myna
- Giant Nuthatch
- Blyth's Reed Warbler
- Chestnut-headed Tesia
- Black-throated Laughingthrush
- Silver-eared Mesia
- Large Scimitar-Babbler
- Limestone Wren-Babbler
- Clicking Shrike-Babbler
- Collared Babbler
- Grey-headed Parrotbill
- Spot-breasted Parrotbill
- Spot-winged Grosbeak

SUMMARY:

The above list of great birds seen on our annual visit to Central and Northern Thailand says it all really. As ever we encountered many truly iconic south-east Asian birds, obtaining wonderful views of most of them along the way. Beginning in the north, the bird-filled mountains of Doi Ang Khang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon were as good as ever, and we even saw the first Firethroat for Thailand as well. Heading further south to the forests of Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachen we did particularly well seeing 5 species of broadbill. There was also plenty of time spent with the shorebirds of Pak Thale and our sighting of 6 Spoon-billed Sandpipers at Pak Thale was extraordinary. In fact this is probably the No 1 site for waders in the world and an amazing experience. For the most complete birding experience in Asia, then Thailand remains the no 1 destination.

Days 1 - 2 20th to 21st January

Following an 11 hour overnight direct flight with British Airways we arrived in Bangkok around 9am and were soon on our way in a taxi to the Don Mueang Domestic Airport for an afternoon flight to Chiang Mai. There was a lot of waiting around but everything ran smoothly and we arrived at a decent hotel around 6pm.

Day 3 Thursday 22nd January

Well what a leisurely start to this tour as we had arrived up here in Chiang Mai a day ahead of our usual schedule so we enjoyed a huge buffet breakfast at 8am before a little scanning from the balcony across some waste ground with tall trees and bushes. Actually nothing fantastic but still nice views of a male **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** from two metres away, along with **Streak-eared** and **Red-whiskered Bulbuls**, **Coppersmith Barbet**, **Greater Coucal**, **House Swifts** and **Common Tailorbird**. If you've never been to Asia then these are all new birds and this was the case for some of the group today. How exciting!

Anyway, met up with Nick Upton at 11am and then we were heading out into the countryside and up the winding mountain road of Doi Ang Khang, but not before ticking off a perched **Rufous-winged Buzzard**. Just a shame that a singing **Siberian Rubythroat** didn't show itself. Nevertheless we knew we would get that baby sooner or later, and up at the old cemetery area a fruiting tree seemed like a good place to stop. Sure enough we were soon watching a gathering of **Crested Finchbills**, **Sooty-headed**, **Ashy**, **Red-whiskered** and **Brown-breasted Bulbuls** along with a **Blue-throated Barbet** glowing in the afternoon sunshine. Moving on to a nice section of road we enjoyed the last couple of hours of sunshine seeing **Grey-cheeked Fulvetta**, **Orange-bellied Leafbird**, **Verditer Flycatcher**, **Black-breasted Thrush**, **Stripe-breasted Woodpecker**, **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch**, and both **Bronzed** and **Ashy Drongos**. A pair of **Bay Woodpeckers** did their usual thing of playing hard to get but we had several flight views and a couple of brief perched views which isn't bad considering this species' notorious reputation. And that was all for today and a quick couple of minutes drive saw us reach our usual lodge where the temperature soon plummeted to around 5 degrees centigrade and a real contrast to the hot lowlands.

Day 4 Friday 23rd January

After a very chilly night we left after breakfast and had a quick and spectacularly unsuccessful search for **Mrs Hume's Pheasant** before driving to one of our favourite spots. We then spent the next couple of hours watching a sunlit hillside below us where numerous birds were coming in to feed and what a great time we had.

Highlights here were both **Lesser** and **Greater Yellownapes**, **Golden-throated Barbet**, **Striated Bulbul**, **Long-tailed Minivet**, **Brown Shrike**, **Spectacled Barwing**, a couple of **Grey-headed Parrotbills**, a stunning **Scarlet-faced Liocichla**, **Grey Treepie**, and a brief **Chestnut Bunting**. A short walk produced **Grey Bushchat**, **Buff-throated Warbler**, and **Grey-breasted Prinia** before reaching the road again. Here a large flowering tree was attracting lots of **Mrs Gould's Sunbirds**, **Blyth's Shrike-Babbler**, **Blue-winged Minla**, **Buff-barred Warbler**, **Japanese Tit** and a brief **Black-throated Sunbird**.



Streaked Wren-Babbler

Then we drove to the Royal Project and at the feeding station watched several **Black-breasted Thrushes**, **White-tailed Robin**, an immature male **Siberian Blue Robin** and best of all, a **Streaked Wren-Babbler** feeding just a couple of metres away, whilst nearby we saw **Taiga Flycatcher** and a **Martens's Warbler**. After an enjoyable time here we drove up to the border post with Myanmar and quickly found a **Daurian Redstart**, **White-browed Scimitar-babbler** and several **Yellow-streaked Warblers**.

Back at the lodge we enjoyed numerous bulbuls coming down to feed including some **White-headed Bulbuls**, along with **Olive-backed Pipit**, before heading down to the rice fields near Thaton. Here we walked along the track and had a few **Eastern Marsh Harriers**, **Green Sandpiper**, **Citrine Wagtail**, **Eurasian Wryneck**, **Bluethroat**, numerous **Dusky Warblers**, a couple male **Siberian Rubythroats** and **Black-collared Starling**.

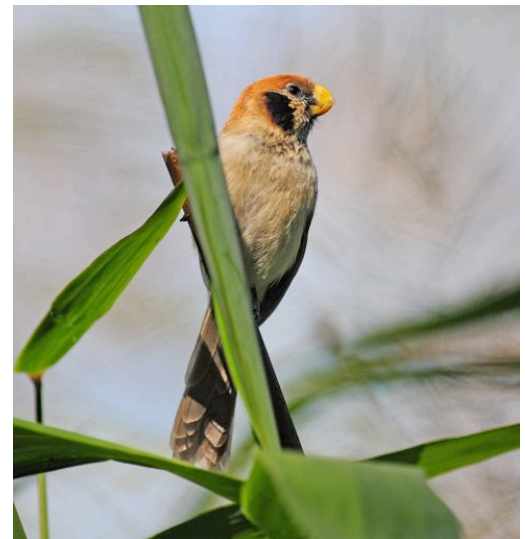
Day 5 Saturday 24th January

Began the day at a lowland site where we found **White-capped** and **Plumbeous Water-Redstarts**, **Slaty-backed Forktail** and **Striated Heron** along a narrow stream, as well as a tree full of **Pin-tailed Green-pigeons** with a few **Thick-billed Green-pigeons** and **Great Barbet** mixed in as well. We also saw **Golden-fronted Leafbird**, **Black-capped Kingfisher**, **Blue Rock Thrush** and **Asian Barred Owlet** here as well. The main prize was a flock of **Spot-winged Grosbeaks** perched at the top of some tall trees and were quite active. There was also numerous **Asian Fairy Bluebirds** feeding in some fruiting trees with lots of **Coppersmith Barbets**, **Thick-billed Flowerpecker** and a **Blue-throated Barbet**. The distinctive local race of **Eurasian Jay** with a white face and **Short-billed Minivet** was also much appreciated.

Heading up into the beautiful forest of Doi Lang we had a great start with a male **Ultramarine Flycatcher** and a pair of **Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrushes** at a feeding station. Further on we quickly nailed a pair of **Giant Nuthatches** feeding close to the road, as well as a fine male **Little Pied Flycatcher**, **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** and **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**.

Higher up in a shady area of tall forest we visited a number of feeding stations set up by the local Thai birding community and although it was late morning we really enjoyed close views of species such as 3 separate **Siberian Rubythroats**, male **Himalayan Bluetail**, **White-gorgeted Flycatcher**, **Large Niltava**, **Lesser Shortwing**, with a **Hume's Treecreeper** and **Rufous-backed Sibia** feeding in the surrounding forest. An extremely obliging **Spot-**

breasted Parrotbill was calling and displaying aggressively for a long time along the road and gave us unparalleled photo opportunities as well.



Spot-breasted Parrotbill

The early to mid afternoon birding session driving across the ridge and birding from the road was really quiet as it was so hot but when the temperature dropped later we picked up **Sapphire Flycatcher** and both **Yellow-breasted** and **Crested Buntings** which we don't normally see on this tour – so very pleasing! Returning to the feeding station area we picked up **White-browed Laughingthrush**, **Silver-eared Laughingthrush**, **White-browed Scimitar-babbler** and a female **Slaty-blue Flycatcher** and both **Pallas's Warbler** & **Grey-backed Shrike** in the surrounding forest. At the end of the day a large number of **Cook's Swifts** were streaming overhead and we had a **Hume's Warbler** as well, whilst driving back down the mountain a **Mrs Hume's Pheasant** and **Yellow-throated Marten** were patrolling the road in front of us to end a fantastic day.

Day 6 Sunday 25th January

Today we visited the Thaton side of Doi Lang, and as access has been restricted to 4-wheel drive vehicles only with minibuses not allowed we headed up in a local songthaew bus. Our first stop produced a **White-throated Fantail**, **Grey-chinned Minivet**, **Grey-eyed Bulbul**, **Collared Owlet**, **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo**, and a flyby **Eye-browed Thrush**, with a **Red Junglefowl** being seen on the road as well. Further up we had **Grey-faced Buzzard** and **Oriental Turtle-Dove**.

Upon reaching the top we spent some time taking photos of **Dark-backed Sibias**, **Chestnut-crowned Warbler** and eventually a group of confiding **Scarlet-faced Liocichlas**. There was also a calling **Spotted Elachura** that

failed to appear, but more obvious species included **Rufous-gorgeted** and **White-gorgeted Flycatchers**, **Yellow-bellied Fantail**, **Davison's Warbler**, **Golden Babbler**, **Rufous-winged Fulvetta** and **Black-eared Shrike-Babbler**.

Lunch was taken at the scenic viewpoint where it was very hot and birdless, although an **Eastern Buzzard** was nice and 5 **Himalayan Griffons** flying over were a write-in for the tour. So we returned to the barrier area and had further intimate liocihla views, as well as close **Large Niltava**, both races of **Blue Whistling-Thrush**, **Silver-eared Laughingthrush**, and spectacular views of a **Chestnut-headed Tesia** dancing along a branch on the slope below us. By mid-afternoon we decided to head downhill and birded some lower elevation areas but it was still too hot although there were a few **Chestnut-flanked White-eyes** and a **Two-barred Warbler**.



Scarlet-faced Liocichla

Day 7 Monday 26th January

Today we headed to the Golden Triangle area and after a 5am departure we reached a small reserve near Chiang Saen Lake shortly after sunrise at 7am. We had taken something of a gamble coming here but were quickly rewarded with views of a **Brown-cheeked Rail** (also known as **Eastern Water Rail**) – a split from the more familiar species seen in Europe. It was working its way along a narrow channel at the back of a muddy area and often obscured by tall grasses but with persistence we had decent views, although not as good as a much closer bird later today! At the same marshy spot we also had a pair of **Ruddy-breasted Crakes** feeding out in the open and showing rather well. Moving on, we followed a path along a channel filled with water and as we crossed a clearing a bird flew across that set alarm bells ringing. In the brief glimpse I had I thought it looked like the **Firethroat** that had first been seen at the end of December. However, knowing that it was extremely elusive and some birders had spent days looking for it, I thought “what are the chances...” But when your luck is in – it is well and truly in, as shortly after it began singing! And after half an hour or so of waiting patiently, the bird began to reveal itself and we had brief glimpses in the dense tangle along the water's edge. But it never came right out into the open, which was a bit frustrating.



Firethroat - 1st for Thailand

Just then Nick came running as he had just seen a **Jerdon's Bushchat** literally around the corner, so after a frantic couple of minutes the bird was in the bag and the scope views were superb! A great bird and not that easy to get here. So we were about to leave and head to pastures new when Nick and I changed our minds and went to check out a small hide that the **Firethroat** had occasionally been seen from. I was kind of dumbstruck when it literally hopped out right in front of us! Panic set in and the group was quickly scrunched into the tiny photo blind (it was too small to be a hide!) and we waited, and waited. Nothing happened for 20 minutes but all of a sudden it appeared and stayed about 3 metres out in the open right in front of us for at least a minute before melting back into the dense grasses. Unbelievable! And with smiles all round we left and headed to Chiang Saen Lake, where we saw hundreds

of **Lesser Whistling Ducks**, female **Pied Harrier**, a **Burmese Shrike**, **Oriental Reed Warbler** and a brief **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** amongst others. By now it was late morning so headed to the Golden Triangle for lunch at a restaurant, but along the way noticed that there was still some habitat left on the Mekong River so took a detour. Just as well as the water level was low and there was quite a lot of exposed sand and gravel banks with 70+ **Small Pratincoles** present – what a bonus!

After lunch we returned to the lake and took a boat out to the far side but apart from some commoner waterfowl there was only **Ferruginous Duck** and **Indian Spot-billed Ducks** of note. So we returned to the Mekong River and this time found a pair of **River Lapwings**, as well as getting much better views of **Grey-throated Martins**, plus a male and few female **Red Avadavats**.

The final stop of the day was at the harrier roost where 50+ **Pied Harriers** flew in with plenty more **Eastern Marsh Harriers**, and boy what a bird. We watched the **Pied Harriers** flying over the marsh in front of us, as well as scoping some as they landed in an open area. Amazing! There was also a **Striated Grassbird**, **Racket-tailed Treepie**, **Chestnut-tailed Starling**, **Black-browed Reed Warbler** and another brief **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler**. What a day!

Day 8 Tuesday 27th January

A rather quiet day by Doi Lang standards started with a calling **Giant Nuthatch** beside the road, with a pair of **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-babblers**, 3 **Olive-backed Pipits** and a brief **Chestnut Bunting** nearby. The top forest held a large flock that we just caught the tail-end of with several **Grey-headed Parrotbills**, **Short-billed Minivet**, **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, **Rufous-backed Sibia** and others. Along the road a flock of **Grey-cheeked Fulvettas** held both **Golden** and **Rufous-fronted Babblers**. The **Spot-breasted Parrotbill** was also in attendance, along with **Himalayan Bluetail**, **Siberian Rubythroat**, and a few **Silver-eared Laughingthrushes**.



Male Himalayan Bluetail

Driving down the mountain a pair of **Giant Nuthatches** looked fantastic in the scope and we came across another flock of **Grey-headed Parrotbills**, and a group of **Black-throated Bushtits**. Just a shame a **Speckled Piculet** flew off before everybody saw it. And then it was a long drive to the Inthanon Highland Resort where we will be staying for the next 3 nights.

Day 9 Wednesday 28th January

After a full English breakfast we drove up to the entrance gate to Doi Inthanon, the highest mountain in Thailand. We began with excellent views of **Black-backed Forktail** along a quiet mountain stream before heading to our favourite trail. After quite a tussle a **Silver-eared Mesia** got the ball rolling here, and at the same spot a couple of us watched a pair of **Grey-throated Babblers** carrying nesting material across the track. Walking up into good forest we had a successful couple of hours with **Clicking Shrike-Babbler**, **Maroon Oriole**, **Orange-bellied Leafbird**, and a very cooperative **Pygmy Wren-babbler**.

Had lunch at Mr Daeng's with two different **Siberian Blue Robins** and a **Lesser Shortwing** mooching around below the restaurant. Then we headed for the summit and had great close-up views of all the main birds, beginning with a male **Green-tailed Sunbird**, here of the blue-tailed race endemic to this mountain. There was also **Ashy-throated**, **Yellow-browed**, **Davison's**, **Claudia's** and **Blyth's Leaf-warblers** to sort through, **Yellow-browed Tit**, a cracking male **Clicking Shrike-babbler**, **Rufous-winged Fulvettas**, **Dark-backed Sibias** and

Chestnut-tailed Minlas all feeding right in front of us. Along the boardwalk a **Dark-sided Thrush** fed quietly amongst the leaf litter below us, and we even heard it call which was a new experience for me, and a **Eurasian Woodcock** showed well. However, a **White-browed Shortwing** only gave the briefest of glimpses and with the light going we decided to leave, but not before a **Rufous-throated Partridge** appeared right beside the boardwalk giving outstanding views. Wow! We ended the day with a large flock of birds comprising all the previously seen mountain species right beside the minibus to round off a glorious day.



Rufous-throated Partridge

Day 10 Thursday 29th January

After a 5.30am breakfast we headed up to the higher reached of Doi Inthanon and parked up alongside the road in readiness for the early morning sunshine to hit the tops of the trees. Sure enough within a few minutes we were scoping several **Speckled Woodpigeons** perched up in the scope – a scarce bird in Thailand. I always think it bodes well for the day when you get the first target bird of the day quite easily. Anyway, we then visited the summit boardwalk where, with a bit of perseverance, we saw a **Snowy-browed Flycatcher** and eventually a **White-browed Shortwing**. We did also get great looks at a **Chestnut-headed Tesia** picking its way out in the marsh and right out in the open – a very unusual sighting indeed. And we also had nice views of a **Slaty-bellied Tesia** dancing along an exposed branch in a rather more gloomy section of moss-encrusted forest. Shortly after, a nice warming cup of coffee was needed to help thaw out our shivering bones, and as we enjoyed this were able to enjoy all the usual ‘summit’ birds at close quarters once again. As luck would have it, some friends of Nick had found a **Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker** which showed rather well in the bright morning sunshine.

Moving to a lower elevation, a female **Small Niltava** and female **White-browed Shortwing** appeared beside the minibus as soon as we parked up. Then along a narrow trail we had a male **Small Niltava**, but I remember this walk for the invisible calling **Green Cochoa** and a ‘mega-flock’ feeding high in the canopy. There were so many birds and I can’t remember ever seeing a bigger flock on this mountain before. We picked up loads of previously seen species such as **Maroon Oriole**, **Yellow-browed** and **Yellow-cheeked Tits**, as well as **White-bellied Erpornis** amongst others.

A quick check of a more open area after lunch gave us another big flock with **Speckled Piculet**, **Scarlet Minivet**, and a **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, plus a few **Hill Blue Flycatchers** nearby. Then we drove to the base of the mountain and enjoyed scope views of a male **Blossom-headed Parakeet** perched on top of a tree, plus Nick U picked up a perched **Collared Falconet** which was a nice bonus bird. A **Freckle-breasted Woodpecker** was also quite special and we saw a few other lowland birds such as a soaring **Shikra** and **Burmese Shrike** before returning to our nearby hotel a little earlier than usual.

Day 11 Friday 30th January

One last time up onto the slopes of Doi Inthanon and what a great result to start the day as we scoped a cracking **Asian Emerald Cuckoo** as it sat calling from the top of a sunlit tree. Wow! And eventually we also found our other target bird, when a small group of **Black-throated Parrotbills** passed close by in company with some **Golden Babblers**. Apart from that, we saw a close male **Clicking Shrike-Babbler**, **Grey-throated Babbler**, some close **Silver-eared Mesias**, **Rufous-backed Sibia**, and other previously seen species. Then we headed off to Chiang Mai airport for our afternoon flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival we checked in to the Amari Don Muang Hotel and then had a nice little birding session nearby with **Red-rumped Swallow**, **Germain’s Swiftlet**, **Yellow-vented Bulbul** and best of all, a few **Java Sparrows**.

Day 12 Saturday 31st January

Left Bangkok early doors and headed to the usual stake-out for **Limestone Wren-Babbler**, which duly performed right on cue with nice, close views. Moving on to Khao Yai we spent a little while watching a flock of **Red-breasted Parakeets** before heading up into the hills to take a look at the **Mugimaki Flycatcher** which has returned to winter in its usual area of the park. Then a short walk to an open area proved to be very successful as we had a pair of **Banded Broadbills**, followed by **Orange-breasted Trogon**, **Laced Woodpecker**, **Greater Flameback**, a flock of **White-crested Laughingthrushes** and a couple **Common Green Magpies**.

After lunch we drove to one of the campsites where we saw **Hainan Blue Flycatcher**, **Orange-headed Thrush**, **Pin-striped Tit-Babbler**, **Swinhoe's Minivet**, **Puff-throated Babbler**, **Alstrom's Warbler**, a gorgeous male **Siberian Blue Robin** and a **White-rumped Shama**. It was just a shame that the calling **Blue Pitta** and **Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo** weren't more responsive! So leaving here we birded along the road which turned out to be very quiet apart from a **Heart-spotted Woodpecker** and male **Siamese Fireback**.

We ended the day watching **Brown-backed Needletails** flying low over the treetops, and at dusk at least 4 **Great Eared Nightjars** flying overhead. Oh and on the way out of the park, narrowly missed a huge bull **Gaur** crossing the road in the dark right in front of us!

Day 13 Sunday 1st February

Drove through Khao Yai and on reaching the far side of the park were greeted by a group of confiding **Black-throated Laughingthrushes** feeding close to our minibus. It was a little cool and windy but despite this we still managed to find a perched **Mountain Imperial-Pigeon**, several **Barred Cuckoo-Doves** and a **Common Green Magpie**. Birding lower down the road proved to be tricky as the forest was quiet, although several **Orange-breasted Trogons** showed very well, as did **Heart-spotted Woodpecker**, **Dark-necked Tailorbird**, **Puff-throated Babbler**, **Blue-winged Leafbird**, and a few **Sulphur-breasted Warblers**.

So we drove to a different section of forest and after getting a close encounter with an **Asian Elephant**, walked along a trail which was very good and birdy despite several groups of annoying tourists passing by. Best of all was a pair of **Red-headed Trogons**, followed by a flock of **White-crested Laughingthrushes** that also held **White-browed Scimitar-Babbler** and **Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush**. Also here were **Black-naped Monarch**, more **Sulphur-breasted Warblers**, **Claudia's Warbler**, and we had the first of two flyby glimpses of **Wreathed Hornbill** for the day. I love birding these forest trails!

After lunch we drove along the road looking for pheasants without any luck, although did get **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**, *Philippensis* **Blue Rock Thrush** (a future split...) and a **Richard's Pipit**. So following this we birded around one of the campsites seeing **Blue-eared Barbet**, a pair of **Orange-headed Thrushes**, **Abbott's Babbler**, **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker**, and both **Yellow-browed** and **Two-barred Warblers**.

We ended the day watching a flock of **Common Hill-Mynas** in a flowering tree, and eventually picked up a couple of distant **Golden-crested Mynas**, plus several **Oriental Pied Hornbills** as well. Leaving the park at dusk I was amazed to see a **Dhole** (Asiatic Wild Dog) crossing the road in front of us, and we finished with a superb **Great Hornbill** perched prominently in a bare tree to round off a good day.



Red-headed Trogon

Day 14 Monday 2nd February

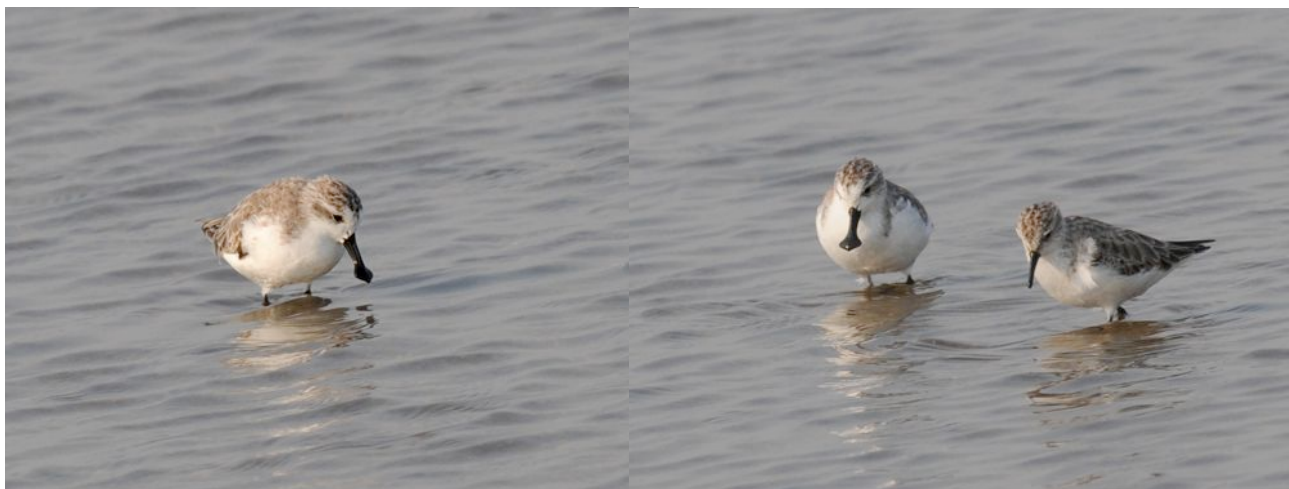
We were back in the park at first light, enjoying our picnic breakfast from a fine viewpoint and spent a very nice hour or so scanning the remarkably tall roadside trees that were laden with fruit. Many **Spangled Drongos** were in attendance, along with **Blue-eared, Moustached** and **Green-eared Barbets**, **Stripe-throated Bulbuls**, **Blue-winged Leafbird** and many **Asian Fairy Bluebirds**, whilst several **Vernal Hanging-Parrots** showed well in the scope and a couple of **Oriental Pied Hornbills** flew by. Best of all a huge **Great Hornbill** put in an appearance before flying across in front of us – absolutely brilliant. It was good fun to be able to scan lots of birds perching in the treetops. We then tried a trail that was practically birdless before driving across the park and enjoying both **Van Hasselt's** and **Crimson Sunbirds** perching in the treetops. Nearby, we watched a **Crested Goshawk** soaring overhead, **Black-capped Kingfisher**, a flyover **Dollarbird**, **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**, and we also found a huge **Burmese Python** coiled in a large tree. Then at a car park further down the same road we had much closer views of both sunbirds, as well as a **Little Spiderhunter**.

It took just a little over 4 hours to drive to the Phetchaburi rice fields where we spent the late afternoon birding along a relatively quiet road scanning the marshes and pools. At the first stop there was a mixed flock of **Baya**, **Streaked** and **Asiatic Golden Weavers**, as well as **Brahminy Kite**, **Oriental Reed Warbler**, **Red Collared Dove**, **Plain-backed Sparrow** and **Yellow-bellied Prinia**. Moving on, a wet, ploughed field held lots of **Long-toed Stints**, **Wood Sandpipers**, **Eastern Yellow Wagtails**, and a lone **Grey-headed Lapwing**. Further on and another 'wet' field held lots of **Black-winged Stilts**, our first **Bronze-winged Jacana**, and a really good find was a **Watercock**, with several **Pink-necked Green-Pigeons**, **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **Stork-billed Kingfisher**, **Chestnut-capped Babbler**, and a **Racket-tailed Treepie** seen nearby.

Our last stop along a dirt track led us to a pool where 30+ **Cotton Pygmy Geese** were seen, plus a couple of **Pheasant-tailed Jacanas**. We spent a good while scanning the area and also saw **White-browed Crake**, **Yellow Bittern**, close **Black-browed Reed Warbler**, **Chestnut Munia**, a calling **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler**, and a few **Ashy Minivets** flew high overhead calling. Our hotel was only a short distance away and we celebrated a good day with some nice cold Changs!

Day 15 Tuesday 3rd February

It is always a highlight of our Thailand tour to visit the shorebird mecca of Pak Thale and today did not disappoint because within literally a few seconds of setting up our scopes we were watching the first of six **Spoon-billed Sandpipers** seen this morning. In fact all six were in the same saltpan right in front of us at one stage and we spent a rather long time soaking up the views of this mega, which is classified as Critically Endangered by BirdLife International. It's always a trifle difficult to focus on one species here as there are just so many birds present, but this is such a rare bird and we were treated to the best views I've ever had here.



We were pleasantly surprised to see 6 Spoon-billed Sandpipers this morning.

Meanwhile, all around us were large gatherings of other waders with **Great Knot**, **Marsh Sandpiper**, both **Greater** and **Lesser Sandpipers**, **Broad-billed Sandpipers**, and other more familiar species such as **Dunlin**, **Red Knot**, **Curlew Sandpiper** and others. Once we were done with the Spoonie we nailed a **Far Eastern Curlew**



Asiatic Dowitchers

hiding pretty well in a huge flock of **Eurasian Curlews** before checking out an area which gave us **Chinese Egret**, a couple of **Terek Sandpipers** and **Golden-bellied Gerygone** as well. There was also some **Gull-billed**, **Little**, **Caspian**, and both **Greater** and **Lesser Crested Terns** seen this morning as well.

As we had been watching the Spoonie for so long the flock of **Nordmann's Greenshanks** had moved from their regular area so we drove around for a while

until we came across four of them in a flock that also had 29 **Asiatic Dowitchers** as well. Wow! Plenty more photos were taken although they weren't that close but our drive around these salt pans gave us numerous opportunities to get extremely close views of a variety of other waders such as **Spotted Redshank**, **Pacific Golden Plover**, **Temminck's Stint** and yet more **Broad-billed Sandpipers**.

Following lunch we headed out to the sandspit at Laem Pak Bia where both **Malaysian** and **White-faced Plovers** showed well, along with **Pacific Reef** and **Chinese Egrets**, **Great Crested Tern**, and also 5 **Pallas's Gulls** as well. Leaving here we found a few **White-shouldered Starlings** and an **Indochinese Bushlark** before heading to another area where we enjoyed great views of **Indian Cormorants** and **White-winged Terns**, as well as **Pin-tailed Snipe**, **Ruddy-breasted Crake**, **Black-crowned Night heron**, and at dusk an **Indian Nightjar** was found. Literally 1000's of **Lyle's Flying Foxes** flying overhead from their roost site was a quite spectacular sighting to end a fantastic day.



White-faced Plover

Day 16 Wednesday 4th February

It took a while this morning, but eventually we tracked down a **Black-headed Woodpecker** and enjoyed prolonged scope views in the morning sunshine. So with the major target bird under our belts we drove to a nice lodge near Kaeng Krachan National Park and were able to enjoy a little 'free time' before meeting for lunch. Anyway, a few of us saw **Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler** and an **Eastern Crowned Warbler** near the dining room, along with both **Greater** and **Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrushes**.

After lunch we drove to one of the secluded drinking pools and settled into the photo blinds and waited to see what would appear. As it happens it took several hours for things to kick off and apart from the Laughingthrushes again nothing much happened for a while. Over the next hour or so birds started to trickle in with **Brown-cheeked Fulvetta**, **Racket-tailed Treepie**, **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** and others. Eventually, 3 **Scaly-breasted Partridges** came in and I breathed a huge sigh of relief when a lone **Bar-backed Partridge** started feeding in front of us. Later in the afternoon more and more birds flew in to bathe and we saw several

Tickell's Blue Flycatchers, a single female **Blue-throated Flycatcher**, **White-bellied Erpornis**, **Pied Fantail**, **Puff-throated** and **Abbott's Babblers**, and a couple of **Lesser Mouse Deers** also appeared. Best bird was the extremely shy **Large Scimitar-babbler** that appeared a couple of times – wow!! Driving back to the lodge we stopped as a **Large-tailed Nightjar** was sat on the road and giving fine views.



Large Scimitar-babbler



Scaly-breasted Partridge

Day 17 Thursday 5th February

There are a number of iconic SE Asian birds present in Kaeng Krachen National Park and I'm pleased to report that we saw a good selection today. We began with 4 **Great Slaty Woodpeckers** scoped at some distance along the main park road, followed by a pair of cracking **Black-thighed Falconets**. We followed this with **Black-and-yellow Broadbill** and a skulking **Blue Pitta**. Not bad for a morning! Other species seen between 6am – 12noon included **Cinnamon Bittern**, **Crested Serpent-Eagle**, **Common** and **Greater Flamebacks**, **Grey-headed**



Ratchet-tailed Treepie

Woodpecker, **Eye-browed Thrush**, **Ochraceous** and **Black-headed Bulbuls**, **Dark-necked Tailorbird**, **Thick-billed Warbler**, **Sultan Tit**, **Ruby-cheeked Sunbird**, **Thick-billed Flowerpecker**, and a **Golden-crested Myna**. During lunch a **Blue-eared Barbet** was seen excavating a nesting hole beside the restaurant.

We spent the afternoon 'up the hill' in search of one of the rarest birds of the tour – **Ratchet-tailed Treepie**. It took several hours but eventually we were rewarded with prolonged and close views of this strange-looking species. We came across a couple of large mixed-species flocks as well that held many previously seen birds including **Sulphur-breasted Warbler**, **Swinhoe's Minivet**, **Black-naped Monarch**, **Yellow-bellied Warbler**, and **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** amongst others.

We also found **Rosy Minivet**, **Asian Paradise-Flycatcher** and at least 4 delightful **Long-tailed Broadbills** that were all new for the trip. Overhead, a **Rufous-bellied Eagle** was a new raptor for us, to add to the **Mountain Hawk-Eagle** we had seen on the drive up.

Day 18 Friday 6th February

You can't get much better than starting the day with a pair of **Black-and-red Broadbills** beside the trail we were following this morning. To then see a close **Blue-bearded Bee-eater** sunning itself in a bare tree right overhead was an even better start! We then birded the forest road between the three streams and bumped into a big flock with a **Banded Woodpecker** being something of a surprise, along with **Greater Yellow-nape** and **Bay Woodpecker** seen nearby. Then 6 **Tickell's Brown Hornbills** flew over and landed in a large tree right overhead and we followed this with a pair of **Dusky Broadbills** feeding and called right overhead.

After lunch we drove up the hill to a fruiting tree where **Greater Green Leafbird** and scope views of **Yellow-vented Green-Pigeon** was very satisfying indeed. Lots of **Thick-billed Green-Pigeons** were also present, with a good selection of barbets as well. Afterwards we had a brief **Rufous-browed Flycatcher**, and eventually a group of **Collared Babblers** appeared. We finished with another large flock that held **Swinhoe's Minivets**, more **Collared Babblers**, and other previously seen species. Then a **Dark-sided Flycatcher** was spotted on the drive down to end yet another great day in Thailand.

Day 19 Saturday 7th February

Left early and headed to the Phetchaburi area and staked out a small marshy area where we saw some **Greater Painted Snipes**, along with **Chestnut Munia**, **Brown Shrike** & many **Germain's Swiftlets**, whilst some **Plain-backed Sparrows** and **Chestnut-tailed Starlings** were inspecting holes in bamboo poles. Across the road we had a **Plaintive Cuckoo**, **Black-headed Ibis**, and a frantic pair of **Freckle-breasted Woodpeckers** that were partaking in some courtship display. Our next stop was near the abandoned building in the salt pans where an odd reed warbler type got our pulses racing and it certainly sounded and looked to me like **Blyth's Reed Warbler** – one of less than ten records for Thailand. Moving on to another set of salt pans we spent some time with the waders again and as well as getting more close-ups of **Broad-billed** and **Marsh Sandpipers**, both **Greater** and **Lesser Sandplovers**, **Long-toed Stints**, **Pied Avocet** and **Pacific Golden Plovers**, we also found 3 **Asiatic Dowitchers** and 14 **Nordmann's Greenshanks**. We ended with a **Ruddy Shelduck**, **Oriental Skylark** and flyby **Black-eared Kite** to bring our trip list up to 462 species seen in wonderful Thailand.

All that was left was to say goodbye to Nick Upton who had shown us an incredible selection of birds in his adopted homeland and been an excellent guide and good friend. And after our final dinner together we flew back to the UK the following morning where the tour concluded.

Nick Bray



Clicking Shrike-Babbler - Doi Inthanon



Racket-tailed Treepie - Kaeng Krachen

SYSTEMATIC LIST – THAILAND JAN/FEB 2015

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ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Lesser Whistling Duck	<i>Dendrocygna javanica</i>
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>
Indian Spot-billed Duck	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

Rufous-throated Partridge	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>
Bar-backed Partridge	<i>Arborophila brunneopectus</i>
Scaly-breasted Partridge	<i>Arborophila chloropus</i>
Mountain Bamboo Partridge (L)	<i>Bambusicola fytchii</i>
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>
Kalij Pheasant	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>
Siamese Fireback	<i>Lophura diardi</i>
Mrs. Hume's Pheasant	<i>Syrnaticus humiae</i>
Grey Peacock-Pheasant (H)	<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>

PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae

Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
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CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae

Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>
Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>

PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>
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PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>
Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Chinese Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>
Javan Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola speciosa</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus coromandus</i>
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Pacific Reef Heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
Chinese Egret	<i>Egretta eulophotes</i>

SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Little Cormorant
Indian Cormorant
Great Cormorant

Microcarbo niger
Phalacrocorax fuscicollis
Phalacrocorax carbo

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae

Western Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite
Oriental Honey Buzzard
Himalayan Vulture
Crested Serpent Eagle
Mountain Hawk-Eagle
Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle
Crested Goshawk
Shikra
Eastern Marsh Harrier
Pied Harrier
Black-eared Kite
Brahminy Kite
Rufous-winged Buzzard
Grey-faced Buzzard
Eastern Buzzard

Elanus caeruleus
Pernis ptilorhynchus
Gyps himalayensis
Spilornis cheela
Nisaetus nipalensis
Lophotriorchis kienerii
Accipiter trivirgatus
Accipiter badius
Circus spilonotus
Circus melanoleucos
Milvus lineatus
Haliastur indus
Butastur liventer
Butastur indicus
Buteo japonicus

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

Brown-cheeked Rail
White-breasted Waterhen
Black-tailed Crake (H)
Ruddy-breasted Crake
White-browed Crake
Watercock
Purple Swamphen
Common Moorhen
Eurasian Coot

Rallus indicus
Amaurornis phoenicurus
Porzana bicolor
Porzana fusca
Porzana cinerea
Gallixrex cinerea
Porphyrio porphyrio
Gallinula chloropus
Fulica atra

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt
Pied Avocet

Himantopus himantopus
Recurvirostra avosetta

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

River Lapwing
Grey-headed Lapwing
Red-wattled Lapwing
Pacific Golden Plover
Grey Plover
Little Ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
White-faced Plover
Malaysian Plover
Lesser Sand Plover
Greater Sand Plover

Vanellus duvaucelii
Vanellus cinereus
Vanellus indicus
Pluvialis fulva
Pluvialis squatarola
Charadrius dubius
Charadrius alexandrinus
Charadrius dealbatus
Charadrius peronii
Charadrius mongolus
Charadrius leschenaultii

CHARADRIIFORMES: Rostratulidae

Greater Painted-snipe

*Rostratula benghalensis***CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae**

Pheasant-tailed Jacana

Hydrophasianus chirurgus

Bronze-winged Jacana

*Metopidius indicus***CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae**

Eurasian Woodcock

Scolopax rusticola

Pin-tailed Snipe

Gallinago stenura

Common Snipe

Gallinago gallinago

Asian Dowitcher

Limnodromus semipalmatus

Eastern Black-tailed Godwit

Limosa limosa melanuroides

Bar-tailed Godwit

Limosa lapponica

Whimbrel

Numenius phaeopus

Eurasian Curlew

Numenius arquata

Far Eastern Curlew

Numenius madagascariensis

Spotted Redshank

Tringa erythropus

Common Redshank

Tringa totanus

Marsh Sandpiper

Tringa stagnatilis

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

Nordmann's Greenshank

Tringa guttifer

Green Sandpiper

Tringa ochropus

Wood Sandpiper

Tringa glareola

Terek Sandpiper

Xenus cinereus

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

Great Knot

Calidris tenuirostris

Red Knot

Calidris canutus

Sanderling

Calidris alba

Red-necked Stint

Calidris ruficollis

Temminck's Stint

Calidris temminckii

Long-toed Stint

Calidris subminuta

Curlew Sandpiper

Calidris ferruginea

Dunlin

Calidris alpina

Spoon-billed Sandpiper

Eurynorhynchus pygmeus

Broad-billed Sandpiper

Limicola falcinellus

Ruff

*Philomachus pugnax***CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae**

Oriental Pratincole

Glareola maldivarum

Small Pratincole

*Glareola lactea***CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae**

Brown-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus

Heuglin's Gull

Larus heuglini

Pallas's Gull

Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus

Gull-billed Tern

Gelochelidon nilotica

Caspian Tern

Hydroprogne caspia

Greater Crested Tern

Thalasseus bergii

Lesser Crested Tern

Thalasseus bengalensis

Little Tern

Sternula albifrons

Common Tern

Sterna hirundo

Whiskered Tern
White-winged Tern

Chlidonias hybrida
Chlidonias leucopterus

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock Dove
Speckled Wood Pigeon
Oriental Turtle Dove
Red Turtle Dove
Spotted Dove
Barred Cuckoo-Dove
Common Emerald Dove
Zebra Dove
Pink-necked Green Pigeon
Thick-billed Green Pigeon
Pin-tailed Green Pigeon
Yellow-vented Green Pigeon
Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon
Mountain Imperial Pigeon

Columba livia
Columba hodgsonii
Streptopelia orientalis
Streptopelia tranquebarica
Spilopelia chinensis
Macropygia unchall
Chalcophaps indica
Geopelia striata
Treron vernans
Treron curvirostra
Treron apicauda
Treron seimundi
Treron sphenurus
Ducula badia

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

Greater Coucal
Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo (H)
Green-billed Malkoha
Asian Koel
Asian Emerald Cuckoo
Banded Bay Cuckoo
Plaintive Cuckoo
Large Hawk-Cuckoo (H)

Centropus sinensis
Carpococcyx renauldi
Phaenicophaeus tristis
Eudynamys scolopaceus
Chrysococcyx maculatus
Cacomantis sonneratii
Cacomantis merulinus
Hierococcyx sparverioides

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

White-fronted Scops Owl (H)
Collared Scops Owl (H)
Oriental Scops Owl (H)
Collared Owlet
Asian Barred Owlet
Spotted Owlet
Brown Hawk-Owl

Otus sagittatus
Otus lettia
Otus sunia
Glaucidium brodiei
Glaucidium cuculoides
Athene brama
Ninox scutulata

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae

Great Eared Nightjar
Large-tailed Nightjar
Indian Nightjar

Lyncornis macrotis
Caprimulgus macrurus
Caprimulgus asiaticus

APODIFORMES: Hemiprocnidae

Crested Treeswift (L)
Grey-rumped Treeswift

Hemiprocne coronata
Hemiprocne longipennis

APODIFORMES: Apodidae

Himalayan Swiftlet
Germain's Swiftlet
Brown-backed Needletail
Asian Palm Swift

Aerodramus brevirostris
Aerodramus germani
Hirundapus giganteus
Cypsiurus balasiensis

Pacific Swift
Cook's Swift
House Swift

[Apus pacificus](#)
[Apus cooki](#)
[Apus nipalensis](#)

TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae

Orange-breasted Trogon
Red-headed Trogon

[Harpactes oreskios](#)
[Harpactes erythrocephalus](#)

CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae

Indian Roller
Oriental Dollarbird

[Coracias benghalensis](#)
[Eurystomus orientalis](#)

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

Banded Kingfisher (L)
Stork-billed Kingfisher
White-throated Kingfisher
Black-capped Kingfisher
Collared Kingfisher
Common Kingfisher
Pied Kingfisher

[Lacedo pulchella](#)
[Pelargopsis capensis](#)
[Halcyon smyrnensis](#)
[Halcyon pileata](#)
[Todiramphus chloris](#)
[Alcedo atthis](#)
[Ceryle rudis](#)

CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae

Blue-bearded Bee-eater
Green Bee-eater
Blue-tailed Bee-eater
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

[Nyctyornis athertoni](#)
[Merops orientalis](#)
[Merops philippinus](#)
[Merops leschenaulti](#)

BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe

[Upupa epops](#)

BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae

Great Hornbill
Oriental Pied Hornbill
Tickell's Brown Hornbill
Wreathed Hornbill

[Buceros bicornis](#)
[Anthracoceros albirostris](#)
[Anorrhinus tickelli](#)
[Rhyticeros undulatus](#)

PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae

Great Barbet
Lineated Barbet
Green-eared Barbet
Golden-throated Barbet
Blue-throated Barbet
Moustached Barbet
Blue-eared Barbet
Coppersmith Barbet

[Megalaima virens](#)
[Megalaima lineata](#)
[Megalaima faiostricta](#)
[Megalaima franklinii](#)
[Megalaima asiatica](#)
[Megalaima incognita](#)
[Megalaima duvaucelii](#)
[Megalaima haemacephala](#)

PICIFORMES: Picidae

Eurasian Wryneck
Speckled Piculet
Heart-spotted Woodpecker
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker
Freckle-breasted Woodpecker

[Jynx torquilla](#)
[Picumnus innominatus](#)
[Hemicircus canente](#)
[Dendrocopos canicapillus](#)
[Dendrocopos analis](#)

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker
Crimson-breasted Woodpecker (L)
Banded Woodpecker
Greater Yellownap
Lesser Yellownap
Laced Woodpecker
Black-headed Woodpecker
Grey-headed Woodpecker
Common Flameback
Greater Flameback
Bay Woodpecker
Great Slaty Woodpecker

Dendrocopos atratus
Dendrocopos cathpharius
Chrysophlegma miniaceum
Chrysophlegma flavinucha
Picus chlorolophus
Picus vittatus
Picus erythropygius
Picus canus
Dinopium javanense
Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus
Blythipicus pyrrhotis
Mulleripicus pulverulentus

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae

Collared Falconet
Black-thighed Falconet
Common Kestrel
Peregrine Falcon

Microhierax caerulescens
Microhierax fringillarius
Falco tinnunculus
Falco peregrinus

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae

Vernal Hanging Parrot
Blossom-headed Parakeet
Red-breasted Parakeet

Loriculus vernalis
Psittacula roseata
Psittacula alexandri

PASSERIFORMES: Eurylaimidae

Black-and-red Broadbill
Long-tailed Broadbill
Banded Broadbill
Black-and-yellow Broadbill
Dusky Broadbill

Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos
Psarisomus dalhousiae
Eurylaimus javanicus
Eurylaimus ochromalus
Corydon sumatranus

PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae

Blue Pitta

Hydrornis cyaneus

PASSERIFORMES: Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone

Gerygone sulphurea

PASSERIFORMES: Tephrodornithidae

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike
Large Woodshrike (H)

Hemipus picatus
Tephrodornis virgatus

PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow

Artamus fuscus

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae

Common Iora
Great Iora

Aegithina tiphia
Aegithina lafresnayei

PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae

Large Cuckooshrike (H)
Black-winged Cuckooshrike
Rosy Minivet

Coracina macei
Coracina melaschistos
Pericrocotus roseus

Swinhoe's Minivet
Ashy Minivet
Grey-chinned Minivet
Long-tailed Minivet
Short-billed Minivet
Scarlet Minivet

[Pericrocotus cantonensis](#)
[Pericrocotus divaricatus](#)
[Pericrocotus solaris](#)
[Pericrocotus ethologus](#)
[Pericrocotus brevirostris](#)
[Pericrocotus speciosus](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae

Brown Shrike
Burmese Shrike
Long-tailed Shrike
Grey-backed Shrike

[Lanius cristatus](#)
[Lanius collurioides](#)
[Lanius schach](#)
[Lanius tephronotus](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae

White-bellied Erpornis
Blyth's Shrike-babbler
Black-eared Shrike-babbler
Clicking Shrike-babbler

[Erpornis zantholeuca](#)
[Pteruthius aeralatus](#)
[Pteruthius melanotis](#)
[Pteruthius intermedius](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae

Black-naped Oriole
Black-hooded Oriole (H)
Maroon Oriole

[Oriolus chinensis](#)
[Oriolus xanthornus](#)
[Oriolus traillii](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae

Black Drongo
Ashy Drongo
Bronzed Drongo
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo
Hair-crested Drongo
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

[Dicrurus macrocercus](#)
[Dicrurus leucophaeus](#)
[Dicrurus aeneus](#)
[Dicrurus remifer](#)
[Dicrurus hottentottus](#)
[Dicrurus paradiseus](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae

White-throated Fantail
Malaysian Pied Fantail

[Rhipidura albicollis](#)
[Rhipidura javanica](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch
Asian Paradise Flycatcher

[Hypothymis azurea](#)
[Terpsiphone paradisi](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

Eurasian Jay
Common Green Magpie
Rufous Treepie
Grey Treepie
Racket-tailed Treepie
Ratchet-tailed Treepie
Eastern Jungle Crow

[Garrulus glandarius](#)
[Cissa chinensis](#)
[Dendrocitta vagabunda](#)
[Dendrocitta formosae](#)
[Crypsirina temia](#)
[Temnurus temnurus](#)
[Corvus leuillanti](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae

Yellow-bellied Fantail
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher

[Chelidorhynch hypoxantha](#)
[Culicicapa ceylonensis](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Paridae

Yellow-browed Tit
Sultan Tit
Japanese Tit
Yellow-cheeked Tit

Sylviparus modestus
Melanochlora sultanea
Parus minor
Machlolophus spilonotus

PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae

Indochinese Bush Lark
Oriental Skylark

Mirafra erythrocephala
Alauda gulgula

PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae

Crested Finchbill
Striated Bulbul
Black-headed Bulbul
Black-crested Bulbul
Red-whiskered Bulbul
Brown-breasted Bulbul
Sooty-headed Bulbul
Stripe-throated Bulbul
Flavescent Bulbul
Yellow-vented Bulbul
Streak-eared Bulbul
Puff-throated Bulbul
Ochraceous Bulbul
Grey-eyed Bulbul
Mountain Bulbul
Ashy Bulbul
Black Bulbul
White-headed Bulbul

Spizixos canifrons
Pycnonotus striatus
Pycnonotus atriceps
Pycnonotus flaviventris
Pycnonotus jocosus
Pycnonotus xanthorrhous
Pycnonotus aurigaster
Pycnonotus finlaysoni
Pycnonotus flavescens
Pycnonotus goiavier
Pycnonotus blanfordi
Alophoixus pallidus
Alophoixus ochraceus
Iole propinqua
Ixos mccllellandii
Hemixos flava
Hypsipetes leucocephalus
Cerasophila thompsoni

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae

Grey-throated Martin
Barn Swallow
Barn Swallow
Asian House Martin
Red-rumped Swallow
Striated Swallow

Riparia chinensis
Hirundo rustica
Hirundo rustica tytleri
Delichon dasypus
Cecropis daurica
Cecropis striolata

PASSERIFORMES: Pnoepygidae

Pygmy Wren-babbler

Pnoepyga pusilla

PASSERIFORMES: Cettiidae

Yellow-bellied Warbler
Mountain Tailorbird
Aberrant Bush Warbler (H)
Slaty-bellied Tesia
Chestnut-crowned Bush Warbler (H)
Chestnut-headed Tesia

Abroscopus superciliaris
Phyllergates cuculatus
Horornis flavolivaceus
Tesia olivea
Cettia major
Cettia castaneocoronata

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae

Black-throated Bushtit

Aegithalos concinnus

PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae

Dusky Warbler
Buff-throated Warbler
Yellow-streaked Warbler
Radde's Warbler
Buff-barred Warbler
Ashy-throated Warbler
Pallas's Leaf Warbler
Yellow-browed Warbler
Hume's Leaf Warbler
Greenish Warbler
Two-barred Warbler
Pale-legged Leaf Warbler
Eastern Crowned Warbler
Blyth's Leaf Warbler
Claudia's Leaf Warbler
Davison's Leaf Warbler
Sulphur-breasted Warbler
Grey-crowned Warbler (H)
Martens's Warbler
Alström's Warbler
Chestnut-crowned Warbler

Phylloscopus fuscatus
Phylloscopus subaffinis
Phylloscopus armandii
Phylloscopus schwarzi
Phylloscopus pulcher
Phylloscopus maculipennis
Phylloscopus proregulus
Phylloscopus inornatus
Phylloscopus humei
Phylloscopus trochiloides
Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus
Phylloscopus tenellipes
Phylloscopus coronatus
Phylloscopus reguloides
Phylloscopus claudiae
Phylloscopus davisoni
Phylloscopus ricketti
Seicercus tephrocephalus
Seicercus omeiensis
Seicercus soror
Seicercus castaniceps

PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae

Oriental Reed Warbler
Black-browed Reed Warbler
Blyth's Reed Warbler
Thick-billed Warbler

Acrocephalus orientalis
Acrocephalus bistrigiceps
Acrocephalus dumetorum
Iduna aedon

PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler
Striated Grassbird

Locustella certhiola
Megalurus palustris

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola
Hill Prinia
Rufescent Prinia
Grey-breasted Prinia
Yellow-bellied Prinia
Plain Prinia
Common Tailorbird
Dark-necked Tailorbird

Cisticola juncidis
Prinia superciliaris
Prinia rufescens
Prinia hodgsonii
Prinia flaviventris
Prinia inornata
Orthotomus sutorius
Orthotomus atrogularis

PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae

Large Scimitar Babbler
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler
White-browed Scimitar Babbler
Grey-throated Babbler
Rufous-fronted Babbler
Golden Babbler
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler
Chestnut-capped Babbler

Pomatorhinus hypoleucos
Pomatorhinus erythrogenys
Pomatorhinus schisticeps
Stachyris nigriceps
Stachyridopsis rufifrons
Stachyridopsis chrysaea
Macronus gularis
Timalia pileata

PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae

Rufous-winged Fulvetta
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta
Grey-cheeked Fulvetta
Limestone Wren-Babbler
Streaked Wren-Babbler
Collared Babbler
Abbott's Babbler
Spot-throated Babbler (H)
Puff-throated Babbler

[Alcippe castaneiceps](#)
[Alcippe poioicephala](#)
[Alcippe morrisonia](#)
[Napoothera crispifrons](#)
[Napoothera brevicaudata](#)
[Gampsorhynchus torquatus](#)
[Malacocincla abbotti](#)
[Pellorneum albiventre](#)
[Pellorneum ruficeps](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae

White-crested Laughingthrush
White-necked Laughingthrush (H)
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush
Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush
Black-throated Laughingthrush
White-browed Laughingthrush
Silver-eared Laughingthrush
Blue-winged Minla
Bar-throated Minla
Scarlet-faced Liocichla
Spectacled Barwing
Silver-eared Mesia
Rufous-backed Sibia
Dark-backed Sibia

[Garrulax leucolophus](#)
[Garrulax strepitans](#)
[Garrulax monileger](#)
[Garrulax pectoralis](#)
[Garrulax chinensis](#)
[Garrulax sannio](#)
[Trochalopteron melanostigma](#)
[Minla cyanouroptera](#)
[Minla strigula](#)
[Liocichla ripponi](#)
[Actinodura ramsayi](#)
[Leiothrix argentauris](#)
[Heterophasia annectans](#)
[Heterophasia melanoleuca](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae

Black-throated Parrotbill
Grey-headed Parrotbill
Spot-breasted Parrotbill

[Suthora nipalensis](#)
[Psittiparus gularis](#)
[Paradoxornis guttaticollis](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae

Whiskered Yuhina
Chestnut-flanked White-eye
Oriental White-eye

[Yuhina flavicollis](#)
[Zosterops erythropleurus](#)
[Zosterops palpebrosus](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Irenidae

Asian Fairy-bluebird

[Irena puella](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Elachuridae

Spotted Elachura (H)

[Elachura formosa](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch
Giant Nuthatch

[Sitta nagaensis](#)
[Sitta frontalis](#)
[Sitta magna](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae

Hume's Treecreeper

[Certhia manipurensis](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae

Golden-crested Myna
Common Hill Myna
White-vented (Great) Myna
Common Myna
Black-collared Starling
Asian Pied Starling
White-shouldered Starling
Chestnut-tailed Starling

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

Orange-headed Thrush
Dark-sided Thrush
Black-breasted Thrush
Eye-browed Thrush
Green Cochoa (H)

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae

Oriental Magpie-Robin
White-rumped Shama
Dark-sided Flycatcher
Asian Brown Flycatcher
White-gorgeted Flycatcher
Rufous-browed Flycatcher
Hainan Blue Flycatcher
Hill Blue Flycatcher
Tickell's Blue Flycatcher
Blue-throated Flycatcher
Rufous-bellied Niltava
Large Niltava
Small Niltava
Verditer Flycatcher
Lesser Shortwing
White-browed Shortwing
Siberian Blue Robin
Bluethroat
White-bellied Redstart
Siberian Rubythroat
Firethroat
White-tailed Robin
Himalayan Bluetail
Black-backed Forktail
Slaty-backed Forktail
Blue Whistling Thrush
Mugimaki Flycatcher
Slaty-backed Flycatcher
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher
Taiga Flycatcher
Snowy-browed Flycatcher
Little Pied Flycatcher
Ultramarine Flycatcher
Slaty-blue Flycatcher
Sapphire Flycatcher

[Ampeliceps coronatus](#)
[Gracula religiosa](#)
[Acridotheres grandis](#)
[Acridotheres tristis](#)
[Gracupica nigricollis](#)
[Gracupica contra](#)
[Sturnia sinensis](#)
[Sturnia malabarica](#)

[Geokichla citrina](#)
[Zoothera marginata](#)
[Turdus dissimilis](#)
[Turdus obscurus](#)
[Cochoa viridis](#)

[Copsychus saularis](#)
[Copsychus malabaricus](#)
[Muscicapa sibirica](#)
[Muscicapa latirostris](#)
[Anthipes monileger](#)
[Anthipes solitarius](#)
[Cyornis hainanus](#)
[Cyornis banyumas](#)
[Cyornis tickelliae](#)
[Cyornis rubeculoides](#)
[Niltava sundara](#)
[Niltava grandis](#)
[Niltava macgrigoriae](#)
[Eumyias thalassinus](#)
[Brachypteryx leucophris](#)
[Brachypteryx montana](#)
[Larvivora cyane](#)
[Luscinia svecica](#)
[Luscinia phoenicuroides](#)
[Calliope calliope](#)
[Calliope obscura](#)
[Myiomela leucura](#)
[Tarsiger rufilatus](#)
[Enicurus immaculatus](#)
[Enicurus schistaceus](#)
[Myophonus caeruleus](#)
[Ficedula mugimaki](#)
[Ficedula hodgsonii](#)
[Ficedula strophinata](#)
[Ficedula albicilla](#)
[Ficedula hyperythra](#)
[Ficedula westermanni](#)
[Ficedula superciliaris](#)
[Ficedula tricolor](#)
[Ficedula sapphira](#)

Daurian Redstart
Plumbeous Water Redstart
White-capped Redstart
Blue Rock Thrush
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush
Stejneger's Stonechat
Pied Bush Chat
Jerdon's Bush Chat
Grey Bush Chat

[Phoenicurus aureus](#)
[Phoenicurus fuliginosus](#)
[Phoenicurus leucocephalus](#)
[Monticola solitarius](#)
[Monticola rufiventris](#)
[Saxicola stejnegeri](#)
[Saxicola caprata](#)
[Saxicola jerdoni](#)
[Saxicola ferreus](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae

Greater Green Leafbird
Blue-winged Leafbird
Golden-fronted Leafbird
Orange-bellied Leafbird

[Chloropsis sonnerati](#)
[Chloropsis cochinchinensis](#)
[Chloropsis aurifrons](#)
[Chloropsis hardwickii](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae

Thick-billed Flowerpecker
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker
Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker
Plain Flowerpecker
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

[Dicaeum agile](#)
[Dicaeum chrysorrheum](#)
[Dicaeum melanoxanthum](#)
[Dicaeum minullum](#)
[Dicaeum ignipectus](#)
[Dicaeum cruentatum](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird
Brown-throated Sunbird
Van Hasselt's Sunbird
Purple Sunbird
Olive-backed Sunbird
Mrs. Gould's Sunbird
Green-tailed Sunbird
Black-throated Sunbird
Crimson Sunbird
Fire-tailed Sunbird (L)
Little Spiderhunter
Streaked Spiderhunter

[Chalcoparia singalensis](#)
[Anthreptes malacensis](#)
[Leptocoma brasiliana](#)
[Cinnyris asiaticus](#)
[Cinnyris jugularis](#)
[Aethopyga gouldiae](#)
[Aethopyga nipalensis](#)
[Aethopyga saturata](#)
[Aethopyga siparaja](#)
[Aethopyga ignicauda](#)
[Arachnothera longirostra](#)
[Arachnothera magna](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae

House Sparrow
Plain-backed Sparrow
Eurasian Tree Sparrow

[Passer domesticus](#)
[Passer flaveolus](#)
[Passer montanus](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae

Asian Golden Weaver
Streaked Weaver
Baya Weaver

[Ploceus hypoxanthus](#)
[Ploceus manyar](#)
[Ploceus philippinus](#)

PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae

Red Avadavat
Scaly-breasted Munia
Chestnut Munia

[Amandava amandava](#)
[Lonchura punctulata](#)
[Lonchura atricapilla](#)

Java Sparrow

Lonchura oryzivora

PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae

Forest Wagtail
Eastern Yellow Wagtail
Citrine Wagtail
Grey Wagtail
White Wagtail
Richard's Pipit
Paddyfield Pipit
Olive-backed Pipit
Red-throated Pipit

Dendronanthus indicus
Motacilla tshutschensis
Motacilla citreola
Motacilla cinerea
Motacilla alba ocularis
Anthus richardi
Anthus rufulus
Anthus hodgsoni
Anthus cervinus

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae

Spot-winged Grosbeak
Common Rosefinch

Mycerobas melanozanthos
Carpodacus erythrinus

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae

Crested Bunting
Yellow-breasted Bunting
Chestnut Bunting

Emberiza lathamii
Emberiza aureola
Emberiza rutila

OTHER ANIMALS

White-handed Gibbon
Pileated Gibbon
Long-tailed Macaque
Pig-tailed Macaque
Banded Langur
Dusky Langur
Stump-tailed Macaque
Variable Squirrel
Cambodian Striped Squirrel
Black Giant Squirrel
Grey-bellied Squirrel
Burmese Striped Squirrel
Pallas's Squirrel
Northern Tree-shrew
Sambar
Red Muntjac
Lesser Mouse Deer
Siamese hare
Gaur
Asian Elephant
Lyle's Flying Fox
Yellow-throated Marten
Dhole
Burmese Python
Asian Water Monitor

Hylobates lar
Hylobates pileatus
Macaca fascicularis
Macaca nemestrina
Trachypithecus barbei
Trachypithecus obscurus
Macaca arctoides
Callosciurus finlaysonii
Tamiops rodolphii
Ratufa bicolor
Callosciurus caniceps
Tamiops mccllellandii
Callosciurus erythraeus
Tupaia belangeri
Rusa unicolor
Muntiacus muntjak
Tragulus kanchil
Lepus peguensis
Bos gaurus
Elephas maximus
Pteropus lylei
Martes flavigula
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