



The stunning Blue-banded Pitta (Craig Robson)

BORNEO (SABAH & SARAWAK)

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The second Birdquest to cover both states of Malaysian Borneo was another great success. There were some fantastic highlights amongst the total of 323 species, not least Storm's Stork, 'Bornean' Crested Fire-back, Mountain Serpent Eagle, Bornean Ground Cuckoo, Short-toed Coucal, 6 frogmouths, Whitehead's Trogon, Helmeted and Wrinkled Hornbills, 5 pittas (including Blue-banded), Whitehead's and Hose's Broadbills, Bornean Bristlehead, Black Oriole, Hook-billed Bulbul, White-necked, Bornean and Black-throated Wren-Babblers, Mountain Blackeye, and Whitehead's Spiderhunter. Mammals featured prominently too, with Bornean or Pygmy Elephant (the local form of Asian), Bornean Orangutan, Leopard Cat, and Proboscis Monkey.

Having all met up at the airport in Kota Kinabalu, around midday, we headed off birding for the rest of the day. First up was Lok Kawi Beach, where we enjoyed excellent views of the day's top target, a pair of dapper Malaysian Plovers. Moving on, we explored some areas near Papar, particularly Kampung Benoni Marsh. Here there were large numbers of Wandering Whistling Ducks, Lesser Adjutant, White-browed Crakes and Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker. Back in KK we paid a visit to Prince Philip Park, where Blue-naped Parrots and Long-tailed Parakeets showed at close range. Then, the tiny Sembulan River Park delivered close-ups of breeding Nankeen Night Herons. After dinner we visited another park, Taman Tun Fuad Stephen, where we spotlighted Sunda Frogmouth and heard a Sunda Scops Owl close by.



Black-capped White-eye (Craig Robson)

The next morning, with an early start, we headed inland to the Crocker Range. During our alfresco breakfast at the Rafflesia Reserve, we began to see some of the specialities of the Bornean highlands, like Black-and-crimson Oriole, Bornean Treepie, Sunda and Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrushes, Bornean and Cinereous Bulbuls, and Chestnut-crested Yuhina. A little further along the road we found Blyth's Hawk-Eagle, Mountain

and Bornean Barbets, Sunda Cuckooshrike, Grey-chinned (or Grey-throated) Minivet, Ochraceous (or Chestnut-vented) Bulbul, Mountain Leaf and Yellow-breasted Warblers, Grey-throated (or Montane) Babbler, Black-capped White-eye, Bornean Leafbird, and Temminck's Sunbird. A flighty Whitehead's Spiderhunter was seen in a tree-top by some of us. We continued the drive to our accommodation at Kundasang, for a four-night stay in the daunting shadow of Mt. Kinabalu.

In the afternoon we paid a short visit to the Zen Garden Resort, where we tracked a small flock of scarce Pygmy White-eyes, and a Plain Flowerpecker was the only one of the tour. The evening was spent making an initial visit to Kinabalu Park, but things were pretty quiet already.



One of our Male Whitehead's Trogons (Craig Robson)

Beautiful clear views of Mount Kinabalu were a constant delight from our accommodation and over the following three full days, we explored various elevations and trails at Kinabalu Park. Beginning at the highest drivable point, Timpohon Gate, we watched Bornean Whistling Thrushes at close range, and a small group of endemic Mountain Blackeyes foraged through some smaller tree tops. Indigo (or Rufous-vented) Flycatcher sat tamely on its strategic perches, while small bird flocks included Yellow-breasted Warbler and

Bornean Whistler. The local form of Flavescent Bulbul, which is usually now split as Pale-faced Bulbul, was also fortuitously found on one occasion. Further down the road there were several Sunda Bush Warblers, and at a well-known viewpoint, we had some distant but satisfactory views of several Giant Swiftlets. Along the various forest trails, on the way down to the headquarters buildings, we spent a long time tracking down the lovely Whitehead's Trogon, eventually getting some superb prolonged views. Two hulking Whitehead's Broadbills also caused much excitement. The trails also brought us into contact with the two local endemic partridges, Red-breasted and Crimson-headed. Mixed flocks of Sunda and Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrushes held the occasional Bare-headed Laughingthrush, which was tricky to see at times, unlike the ever-present Bornean Treepie and good numbers of gaudy Bornean Green Magpies. Down in the understorey we found an array of endemics, such as Bornean Stubtail with its ultra-high-frequency calls, chuntering Mountain Wren-Babblers, and Bornean Shortwing (a nailed-on split from White-browed). There were good numbers of odd-looking Eyebrowed Jungle Flycatchers, and several Bornean Forktails were noted along and near the mountain streams. Other good birds during our stay were the many Little Cuckoo-Doves, Gold-naped Barbets and Chestnut-crested Yuhinas, Checker-throated Woodpecker, Bornean Spangled Drongo (a split from Hair-crested), Temminck's Babbler, Black-capped White-eye and Black-sided Flowerpecker. Another Whitehead's Spiderhunter put in a very brief appearance.



Bornean Whistler (Craig Robson)

Just outside the park we found a young Orange-headed Thrush feeding along a track, as well as our first Bold-striped Tit-Babblers and Bornean Spiderhunter.

Leaving Kinabalu behind, we headed for the Kinabatangan River. We reached Gomantong Caves in time to spend several hours there, and quickly made our way to the main cavern where Mossy-nest, Black-nest and Edible-nest Swiftlets were all seen on their telltale nests. Back outside, as dusk approached, we racked-up a good list of birds including Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Black Hornbill, Black-and-yellow Broadbill, Sunda Blue Flycatcher, and Crimson Sunbird. Soon after the first Wrinkle-lipped Free-tailed Bats emerged, we noted our first Bat Hawk, and we enjoyed entertaining views of at least three. From here it was just a short drive and a five-minute boat ride to our riverside lodge near Bilit.



Storm's Stork along the Kinabatangan River (Craig Robson)

We had two days and an early morning to explore the forested stretch of the Kinabatangan River between Bilit and Sukau, as well as its major tributaries. Almost all of our birding was done in a pretty relaxed fashion from our boat. Perhaps our number one target, was the rare and retiring Bornean Ground Cuckoo and, thanks to Andrew's sharp eyes, we managed to get prolonged views of one standing on a branch at ground-level, although it required some careful and patient maneuvering. Nightbirds were also high on the agenda and required a couple of predawn starts under the cover of darkness. Two different Buffy Fish Owls were easily seen, while Large and Gould's Frogmouths required mooring the boat and stalking our targets for the desired close-up views. Other avian highlights were Chestnut-necklaced Partridge, several perched Storm's Storks, Jerdon's Baza, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo, Wrinkled Hornbill, a very obliging White-crowned Hornbill, our first Diard's Trogon, 'Bornean' Brown Barbet, Buff-necked Woodpecker, our

only White-fronted Falconet of the tour, a couple of smart Hooded Pittas, and Malaysian Blue Flycatcher. This was also a fantastic place for mammals. The narrower tributaries brought the best views of the wonderful Proboscis Monkeys, and we also found quite a few Silvery Lutungs (or Silvered Langurs). No fewer than three Bornean Orangutans were found in the vicinity of the huge fruiting fig trees, and a napping Binturong was a big bonus.



Bornean Orangutan by the Kinabatangan River (Craig Robson)

It was then time to cross the river to our waiting bus and commence the journey to Tabin Wildlife Reserve. After lunch at Lahad Datu we were transported through dull and depressing Oil Palm plantations, before finally emerging at our wonderfully situated accommodation at the forest edge. A recent addition to our Borneo itinerary, Tabin turned out to be an excellent and relatively undisturbed forest birding destination. With a keen local guide, we were able to explore several different areas, which we had completely to ourselves, and we also enjoyed two private night drives. Our first foray into the reserve brought great views of a Black-crowned Pitta and Black-faced Kingfisher (the local form of Banded), before we spent the rest of the late afternoon successfully stalking a calling pair of skulking Short-toed Coucals - a very difficult species to get to grips with. A very full day followed, highlighted by great views of 'Bornean' Crested Firebacks, fly-by Large Green Pigeons, Red-naped Trogon, Olive-backed and Buff-rumped Woodpeckers, a superb male Blue-headed Pitta, and Striped Wren- and Chestnut-rumped Babblers. Most of our mammals were seen during the night drives. Apart from two tour write-ins in the form of Malayan Porcupine and Sunda Stink Badger, we also had excellent views of Leopard Cat. The best nightbirds were Blyth's Frogmouth and yet another Buffy Fish Owl. Müller's Bornean Gibbons entertained some of us right by the lodge.

Moving on once more, we returned to Lahad Datu before being transported to the legendary Borneo Rainforest Lodge. Before long, we were travelling through an increasingly wild jungle landscape and, Just before arriving at the secluded BRL, we happened across a small group of rare 'Bornean' or 'Pygmy' Elephants (the local form of Asian), a very lucky encounter indeed.



Blue-headed Pitta (Craig Robson)

At BRL, we were allotted our guides, and over the following three days and a morning, we explored the entrance road, canopy walkway area, and various well-known side trails. Our primary target bird was Bornean Bristlehead. Being in its own family, it is always a big draw for birders visiting Borneo. Fortunately, a small group was still to be found in the vicinity of the canopy walkway and, before too long, we succeeded in getting prolonged views of them foraging and moving from tree-top to tree-top.

Down by the main river at the lodge, we enjoyed good views of Lesser Fish Eagle and Rufous-tailed Tailorbird, and we were lucky enough to see a superb pair of awesome Helmeted Hornbills flap slowly across in front of us. One of the smaller streams along the access road held our only Chestnut-naped Forktail of the tour. The relative openness of the access road made it easy to scan for a wide range of species, with non-passerines typically prominent, while fruiting and flowering trees attracted a selection of passerines too. Highlights were Whiskered Treeswift, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Yellow-crowned Barbet, Blue-rumped Parrot, Scaly-breasted and Streaked Bulbuls, Everett's (or Hume's) White-eye, both Spectacled and Yellow-eared Spiderhunters, and Red-throated and Van Hasselt's Sunbirds. One evening, we were lucky enough to locate a softly calling pair of day-roosting Sunda Frogmouths. After dark, a rather tame Brown Wood Owl was found

close to the lodge, perched on a low branch right above our heads, while a night walk produced good views of Oriental Bay Owl and a roosting female 'Bornean' Crested Fireback. The various secluded trails brought us into contact with Chestnut-necklaced Partridge (our best views), Green and Dusky Broadbills, Crested Jay, two potentially splittable bulbuls, Grey-cheeked (or Guttural) and Yellow-bellied (or Sabah Yellow-bellied), a wide range of babblers including the endemic Bornean and Black-throated Wren-Babblers, Bornean Blue and Grey-chested Jungle Flycatchers, and Rufous-tailed Shama. BRL is always excellent for mammals and, during our night drives and walks this year, we saw three species of flying squirrel, Sunda Flying Lemur, Leopard Cat, and Malay Civet. Several more Bornean Orangutans, as well as Bearded Pigs, were seen well during daylight hours.



Day-roosting Sunda Frogmouths at BRL (Craig Robson)

After an early lunch on our final day, we drove back to Lahad Datu and then flew to Kota Kinabalu where the main tour ended. Those continuing on the Sarawak extension had dinner near the airport, before driving on to Beaufort for an overnight stay.

Before dawn the following morning, we set off for nearby Klias Peatswamp Field Centre. The early morning hours were spent exploring the excellent boardwalk through this vital habitat. Top of our want-list was the extremely localized Hook-billed Bulbul. Expecting it to be very tricky, we were relieved to see a pair well, and relatively quickly and easily. Two other lowland forest highlights were Red-crowned Barbet and Scarlet-

breasted Flowerpecker, and we also found Great Slaty and Buff-necked Woodpeckers and Black-throated Babbler.

We continued south to Lawas where, after a nice lunch, we changed to four-wheel drive vehicles and continued to the remote settlement of Long Tuyu near the Kalimantan border in NE Sarawak. We found a few good birds during a late afternoon excursion around the village perimeter, with King Quail and Banded Woodpecker particularly notable.



Bornean Frogmouth at Paya Maga (Craig Robson)

After another early start, and a short drive, we were at the Paya Maga trail-head. The hike (or should I say leisurely walk) up to 'the hut' was very birdy. Our first attempt at seeing Blue-banded Pitta, which is not uncommon here, was a bit of a failure, with only just enough time to get one of the group onto it before it got disturbed. We had better luck with Rufous-collared Kingfisher, Finsch's Bulbul, and two tricky babblers, Grey-headed and White-necked (or Fluting) - the later a potential split. Once at the hut, where our camp was set up, it was but a matter of minutes before we had seen our first Black Oriole - at pretty much its only well-known site. The afternoon and the following day were spent searching for some of the most mouth-watering

specialities of the tour. By day, we had great views of two unexpected Jambu Fruit Doves, a superb male Bornean Banded Pitta, a lovely female Hose's Broadbill, and 'Dayak' Blue Flycatcher (a split from Hill). The best of the rest consisted of Black-bellied Malkoha, Banded (or Black-faced) Kingfisher, Buff-rumped Woodpecker, Crested Jay, Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler, Pygmy White-eye, White-rumped Shama, Eyebrowed (or Sunda) Wren-Babbler, and Rufous-chested Flycatcher. A pre-dawn try for Bornean Frogmouth continued into the early morning hours as we painstakingly searched for a calling bird at its roost. How difficult they can be to see, even when they seem so close in broad daylight. Minutes turned to hours! Eventually Yeo finally spotted the bird and we were able to enjoy it through the scope for as long as we wanted. The best bird was saved until last however as, on our way back down to the trail-head near Long Tuyo, with some careful planning and staging, we all managed to get unbelievably good walk-away views of Blue-banded Pitta.



Dulit Frogmouth (Craig Robson)

Once back at Long Tuyo, we ate lunch and then continued by a good unpaved road to Ba'kelalan, our final destination of the tour. After settling-in to our comfortable homestay accommodation, we were taken to an area of roadside forest outside the village. As dusk approached, we positioned ourselves and, after a rather tense wait, we eventually heard a calling Dulit Frogmouth. Soon afterwards, a dark shape was seen arrowing across the road and when we checked the area where it appeared to have landed with spotlights there it was, perched fully in the open at close range. During the course of the following day, we spent most of our time along a steep mountain road that followed the Kalimantan border. Time spent at a good vantage point paid dividends, with excellent overhead views of the scarce and localized endemic Mountain Serpent Eagle. The local form of Collared Owlet, a good split as Sunda Owlet, was scoped nearby and during the late afternoon, the same area brought us great views of Whitehead's Spiderhunter. Dusk at the other side of the vil-

lage was the venue for some great views of Malaysian Eared Nightjars. Other good birds on our final day were Philippine Cuckoo-Dove, Orange-breasted (or Spice) Trogon, Bornean Barbet, Black-thighed Falconet, Streaked Bulbul, Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler, Pygmy White-eye, and Bornean Leafbird.

The tour reached its conclusion with a rather thrilling flight in a small aircraft back to Lawas, from where we continued by road to the airport at Kota Kinabalu.



Mount Kinabalu from our accommodation (Craig Robson)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

BIRDS

Total of bird species recorded: 323.

Wandering Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata* About 120 at Kampung Benoni Marsh, near Papar.

King Quail *Excalfactoria chinensis* One at Long Tuyo, Sarawak.

Red-breasted Partridge *Arborophila hyperythra* Good views of a pair at Kinabalu Park.

Chestnut-necklaced Partridge *Arborophila charltonii* Brilliant views at BRL and also seen along Kinabatangan R.

Crimson-headed Partridge *Haematortyx sanguiniceps* Multiple sightings at Kinabalu Park.

Crested Fireback (Bornean C F) *Lophura ignita* A group of 5 at Tabin; a male and then a roosting female at BRL.

Great Argus *Argusianus argus* (H) Many heard, but never close.

Storm's Stork *Ciconia stormi* At least 3 along Kinabatangan R., with some nice perched views.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus* A couple near Papar and 30+ along the Kinabatangan.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*



Nankeen Night Heron (Craig Robson)

Nankeen Night Heron (Rufous N H) *Nycticorax caledonicus* 20 at a small breeding colony in Kota Kinabalu.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
Great Egret *Ardea alba*
Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*
Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra* Four at Lok Kawi Beach.
Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster* Two near Papar, and several along Kinabatangan.
Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
Crested Honey Buzzard (Sunda H B) *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* Easily seen along the Kinabatangan R., with seven logged.
Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*
Mountain Serpent Eagle *Spilornis kinabaluensis* Three above Ba'kelalan, Sarawak, with one circling right above us.



Mountain Serpent Eagle (Craig Robson)

Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus* Great views of up to three hunting emerging bats at Gomantong Caves.
Blyth's Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus alboniger* Scattered sightings in both states.
Wallace's Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nanus* A juvenile at Gomantong; heard at BRL.
Rufous-bellied Eagle *Lophotriorchis kienerii* Singles at BRL, Paya Maga and Ba'kelalan.
Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis* Two at Tabin, and another at BRL.
Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*
White-bellied Sea Eagle (W-b Fish E) *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
Lesser Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus humilis* One seen twice at BRL.
Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaeus* A couple along the Kinabatangan R.; great views.
White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
White-browed Crake *Porzana cinerea* Two at Kampung Benoni Marsh.
Black-backed Swampphen *Porphyrio indicus* 12 at Kampung Benoni Marsh.
Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* One at Lok Kawi Beach.

Malaysian Plover *Charadrius peronii* A pair at Lok Kawi Beach.
Whimbrel (Eurasian W) *Numenius phaeopus* Five at Lok Kawi Beach.
Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* One at Lok Kawi Beach.
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* (NL) One at Ba'kelalan.
Little Tern *Sternula albifrons* Two at Lok Kawi Beach.
Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*
Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia*
Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*
Philippine Cuckoo-Dove (Ruddy C-D) *Macropygia tenuirostris* One at Ba'kelalan.
Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps* Widespread and common in highland areas.
Common Emerald Dove (Asian E D) *Chalcophaps indica*
Zebra Dove (introduced) *Geopelia striata*
Little Green Pigeon *Treron olax* Well scattered, and some nice views.
Pink-necked Green Pigeon *Treron vernans*
Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*
Large Green Pigeon *Treron capellei* Just two fly-by's at Tabin's mud volcano, a traditional site.
Jambu Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus jambu* Two were seen quite nicely at Paya Maga, an unexpected bonus.
Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*
Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*



'Sunda' Owlet (Craig Robson)

Short-toed Coucal *Centropus rectunguis* Pretty reasonable views of pair at Tabin (after much work); heard at BRL.
Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*
Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*
Bornean Ground Cuckoo *Carpococcyx radiceus* Prolonged views of one at Silau Tenegang, Kinabatangan.
Raffles's Malkoha *Rhinortha chlorophaea*
Red-billed Malkoha *Zanclostomus javanicus* One at Tabin and two at Ba'kelalan.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi* Just one, at Paya Maga, Sarawak.

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* One seen in the Kinabatangan R. area.

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo (Indonesian Brush C) *Cacomantis sepulcralis* Seen well at Tabin, heard at Paya Maga.

Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx vagans* 1 seen well at Menanggal R., Kinabatangan; heard at several sites.

Sunda Cuckoo *Cuculus lepidus* (H) At Kinabalu Park.



Brown (or Bornean) Wood Owl (Craig Robson)

Oriental Bay Owl *Phodilus badius* One seen well, and another heard at BRL.

Reddish Scops Owl *Otus rufescens* (H) Heard at Tabin, but far away.

Sunda Scops Owl *Otus lempiji* (H) In Kota Kinabalu and at Ba'kelalan - where I don't know how we missed it!

Barred Eagle-Owl *Bubo sumatranus* (H) Calling loudly at Ba'kelalan, but unresponsive when we had time.

Buffy Fish Owl *Ketupa ketupu* Great views near Bilit, at Tabin, and at BRL; at least four in all.

Brown Wood Owl (Bornean W O) *Strix leptogrammica* A very tame bird at BRL.

Collared Owlet (Sunda O) *Glaucidium [brodiei] sylvaticum* Great scope views at Ba'kelalan; the only one heard.

Brown Hawk-Owl (B Boobook) *Ninox scutulata* Seen poorly at Klias Peatswamp Field Centre. Heard at Tabin.

Large Frogmouth *Batrachostomus auritus* One spotlighted at Silau Tenegang; heard at BRL.

Dulit Frogmouth *Batrachostomus harterti* Amazing spotlight views of one near Ba'kelalan.

Gould's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus stellatus* Excellent close-ups of one, pre-dawn, near Bilit, Kinabatangan.

Bornean Frogmouth *B. mixtus* After a very long search, Yeo finally located a day-roosting bird at Paya Maga.

Blyth's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus affinis* Just one, during a night drive at Tabin.

Sunda Frogmouth *B. comutus* One spotlighted at Taman Tun Fuad Stephen, KK and a day-roosting pair at BRL

Malaysian Eared Nightjar *Lyncornis temminckii* A pair were seen really well near Ba'kelalan, Sarawak.

Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata*



Black-nest Swiftlets at Gomantong (Craig Robson)

Giant Swiftlet (Waterfall S) *Hydrochous gigas* Distant views of at least three at Kinabalu, but distinctive nonetheless.

Plume-toed Swiftlet *Collocalia affinis* Formerly lumped in Glossy Swiftlet.

Bornean Swiftlet *Collocalia dodgei* Formerly lumped in Cave (or Linchi) Swiftlet. Sabah montane endemic.

Mossy-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus salangana* This and the next two species were on nests at Gomantong Caves.

Black-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus maximus*

Edible-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus fuciphagus*

Silver-rumped Spinetail (S-r Swift) *Rhaphidura leucopygialis* Only seen along the river at BRL.
Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*
Red-naped Trogon *Harpactes kasumba* Seen at Tabin and BRL.
Diard's Trogon *Harpactes diardii* Seen at Kinabatangan, Tabin and BRL.
Whitehead's Trogon *Harpactes whiteheadi* Two males and two females at Kinabalu Park, after a long search.
Scarlet-rumped Trogon *Harpactes duvaucelii*
Orange-breasted Trogon (Spice T) *H. [oreskios] dulitensis* One seen, and one heard near Ba'kelalan, Sarawak.



Orange-breasted (or Spice) Trogon (Craig Robson)

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*
Rufous-collared Kingfisher *Actenoides concretus* Heard at Tabin, and then seen en route to Paya Maga.
Banded Kingfisher (Black-faced K) *Lacedo [pulchella] melanops* Females were noted at Tabin and Paya Maga.
Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis* A couple along the Kinabatangan R.
Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*
Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting* Common along the Kinabatangan.
Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Rufous-backed K) *Ceyx [erithaca] rufidorsa* Widespread sightings. Endemic *motleyi*.
Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus* Scattered sightings, often rather too brief.
Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

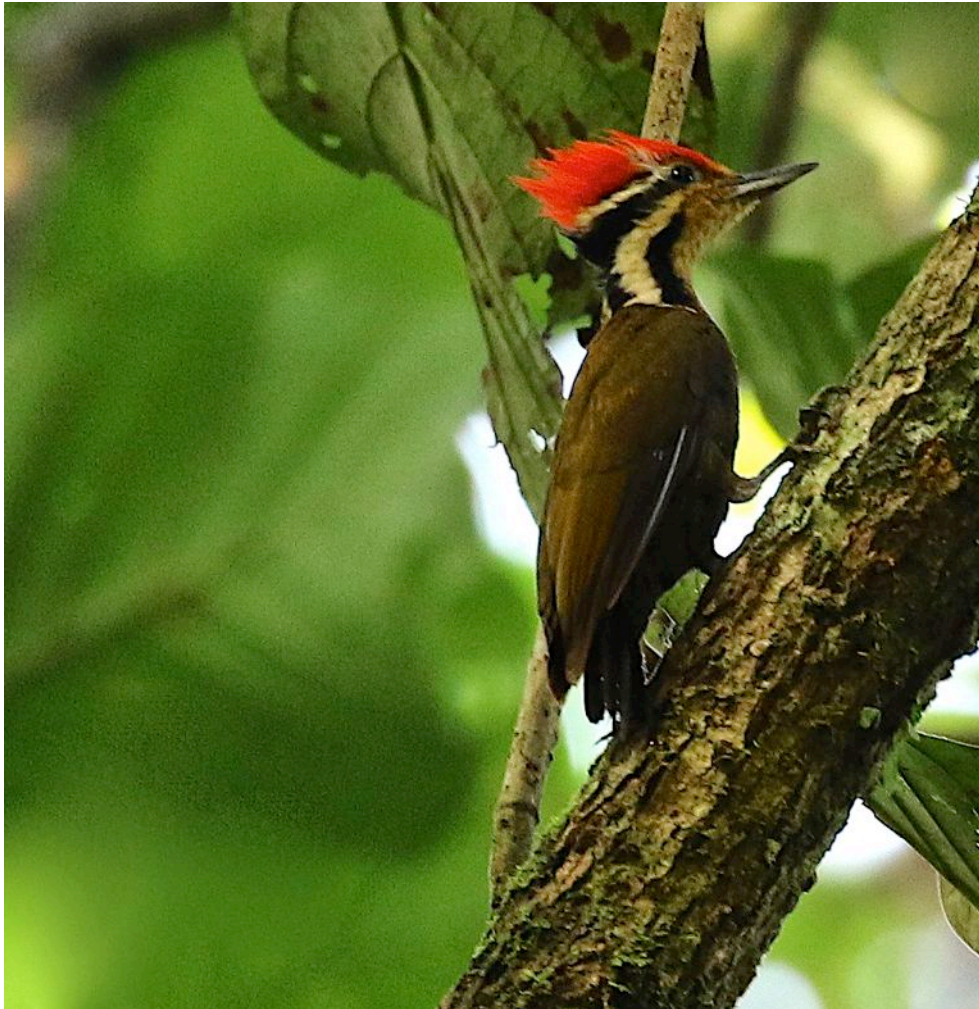
White-crowned Hornbill *Berenicornis comatus* Singles at the Menanggol R. and Tabin. Superb view at former.
Rhinoceros Hornbill *Buceros rhinoceros* Several great encounters in the lowlands.
Helmeted Hornbill *Rhinoplax vigil* Pairs were seen at BRL and at Paya Maga. Often heard.
Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*
Black Hornbill *Anthracoceros malayanus*
Bushy-crested Hornbill *Anorrhinus galeritus* Occasional small flocks noted.
Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus*
Wrinkled Hornbill *Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus* Great views near Bilit, Kinabatangan R. 19 logged.



White-crowned Hornbill at the Kinabatangan River (Craig Robson)

Golden-whiskered Barbet (Golden-faced B) *Psilopogon [chrysopogon] chrysopsis* Just 2 seen; many heard.
Red-crowned Barbet *Psilopogon rafflesii* One seen and three heard at Klias Peatswamp FC.
Red-throated Barbet *Psilopogon mystacophanos*
Mountain Barbet *Psilopogon monticola* Three seen in the Crocker Range; heard Kinabalu Park, and in Sarawak.
Yellow-crowned Barbet *Psilopogon henricii* Singles seen at BRL, and at Paya Maga, Sarawak.
Golden-naped Barbet *Psilopogon pulcherrimus* Common in montane Sabah.
Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon duvaucelii*
Bornean Barbet *Psilopogon eximius* Two seen in the Crocker Range, common at Ba'kelalan, Sarawak.
Brown Barbet (Bornean B B) *Caloramphus fuliginosus* Common near Bilit, Kinabatangan R.

Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnormis* Just two seen at Tabin.
Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker (Sunda W) *Yungipicus moluccensis* Two near Papar.
White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis* (H)
Banded Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma miniaceum* Two at Long Tuyo, Sarawak.
Checker-throated Woodpecker (Chequer-t Yellownape) *Chrysophlegma [mentale] humii* Many sightings.
Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus* Just a couple seen in Sarawak.
Olive-backed Woodpecker *Dinopium rafflesii* Two males and a female seen very well at Tabin.



Olive-backed Woodpecker (Craig Robson)

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus*
Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus*
Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes [tristis] grammithorax* A pair at Tabin and several at Paya Maga.
Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki* Singles seen at Kinabatangan R., Klias, and Paya Maga.
Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* A scattering.
Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius* Four together near Ba'kelalan, Sarawak.
White-fronted Falconet *Microhierax latifrons* Just one at the Menanggol R., Kinabatangan.
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* One hunting bats at Gomantong Caves.
Blue-rumped Parrot *Psittinus cyanurus* Seven noisy fly-overs at BRL.
Blue-naped Parrot *Tanygnathus lucionensis* Five showed nicely at Prince Philip Park, Kota Kinabalu.
Long-tailed Parakeet *Psittacula longicauda* Widespread sightings and some very good views.
Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot *Loriculus galgulus*
Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis* Just one seen at BRL; surprisingly scarce.
Hose's Broadbill *Calyptomena hosii* Great views of a female at Paya Maga, Sarawak.

Whitehead's Broadbill *Calyptomena whiteheadi* Two different males were seen well at Kinabalu Park.

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus*

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus* A pair at Tabin were the only ones seen.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus* A nice group of five at BRL.



Hose's Broadbill at Paya Maga (Craig Robson)

Blue-headed Pitta *Hydrornis baudii* A lovely male along the mud-volcano trail at Tabin.

Bornean Banded Pitta *Hydrornis schwaneri* Great views of a male at Paya Maga.

Blue-banded Pitta *Erythropitta arquata* At least 2 superb males at Paya Maga. Unsurprisingly voted bird of the trip.

Black-crowned Pitta (Black-and-crimson P) *Erythropitta ussheri* Brilliant views of one at Tabin.

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida* Two seen at the Kinabatangan; nice views.

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea*

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus hirundinaceus*

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus* Just two seen at BRL. Endemic *frenatus*.

Rufous-winged Philentoma *Philentoma pyrhoptera*

Maroon-breasted Philentoma *Philentoma velata*

Bornean Bristlehead *Pityriasis gymnocephala* Good views of a group of four at BRL, near the canopy walkway.

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

Common lora *Aegithina tiphia*

Green lora *Aegithina viridissima*

Sunda Cuckooshrike (Black-faced C-S) *Coracina larvata* Occasional scattered sightings in both states.

Lesser Cuckooshrike *Coracina fimbriata*

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra* Two near Papar.

Grey-chinned Minivet (Grey-throated M) *Pericrocotus [solaris] montanus* Frequent montane Sabah; 1 Ba'kelalan.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*

Bornean Whistler *Pachycephala hypoxantha* Common at Kinabalu Park; heard at Ba'kelalan.
White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*
Blyth's Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* Frequent in montane Sabah; 1 at Ba'kelalan.
Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus*
Black Oriole *Oriolus hosii* Easily seen around our camp at Paya Maga; probably at least five birds.
Black-and-crimson Oriole *Oriolus cruentus* One in the Crocker Range, two at Kinabalu Park, and two at Ba'kelalan.



Black Oriole (Craig Robson)

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*
Hair-crested Drongo (Bornean Spangled D, B Blue D) *D. [hottentottus] borneensis* Not uncommon in mountains.
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*
White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*
Malaysian Pied Fantail (Sunda P F) *Rhipidura javanica*
Spotted Fantail *Rhipidura perlata* Occasional throughout.
Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*
Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher (Asian P F) *Terpsiphone affinis* Just two at BRL.
Crested Jay (Jay Shrike) *Platylophus galericulatus* Pairs were seen at BRL and Paya Maga.
Black Magpie (Bornean B M) *Platysmurus [leucopterus] atterimus* Just one seen all too briefly at Tabin.
Bornean Green Magpie *Cissa jefferyi* At least ten of these beauties at Kinabalu Park.
Bornean Treepie *Dendrocitta cinerascens* Common in the highlands throughout.
Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca*

Rail-babbler *Eupetes macrocerus* (H) A couple were calling at Paya Maga, but not when we wanted!!
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis* (H)
Straw-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* (H) Heard briefly at BRL. Very frustrating.
Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*
Bornean Bulbul *Pycnonotus montis* Fairly common at mid-elevations in Sabah and Sarawak.
Scaly-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus squamatus* A couple at BRL, and eight in Sarawak. A smart bulbul.
Puff-backed Bulbul *Pycnonotus eutilotus* Just one seen well at Tabin.
Flavescent Bulbul (Pale-faced B) *P. [flavescens] leucops* An unexpected bonus at Timpohon, Kinabalu; just one.



'Pale-faced' Bulbul (Craig Robson)

Yellow-vented Bulbul (Sunda Y-v B) *Pycnonotus [goiavier] analis*
Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus*
Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex* One at the Kinabatangan R., and three at BRL.
Asian Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus* One at Tabin and two at BRL.
Spectacled Bulbul *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos*
Finsch's Bulbul *Alophoixus finschii* Two seen well at Paya Maga, Sarawak.
Ochraceous Bulbul (Chestnut-vented B) *Alophoixus [ochraceus] ruficrissus* Widespread in upland areas.
Grey-cheeked Bulbul (Guttural B) *Alophoixus [bres] gutturalis* Small numbers at Tabin and BRL.
Yellow-bellied Bulbul (Sabah Y-b B) *Alophoixus [phaeocephalus] connectens* A couple at both Tabin and BRL.
Hook-billed Bulbul *Setornis criniger* A pair at Klias Peatswamp showed surprisingly well.
Hairy-backed Bulbul (Sabah H-b B) *Tricholestes [criniger] ssp.* Common in lowland forests.
Charlotte's Bulbul (Buff-vented B) *Iole charlottae*
Streaked Bulbul *Ixos malaccensis* One at BRL and two at Ba'kelalan.
Cinereous Bulbul *Hemixos cinereus* Not uncommon in the submontane forests.
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*
Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* One seen, and another heard at Ba'kelalan (*schwaneri*).
Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cuculatus* Frequently encountered in the Sabah highlands (*cinereicollis*).

Sunda Bush Warbler *Horornis vulcanius* A few at higher elevations in Kinabalu Park.
Bornean Stubtail *Urosphena whiteheadi* Good views of one at Kinabalu Park. Many heard.
Mountain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus* Fairly common at Kinabalu Park.
Yellow-breasted Warbler *Seicercus montis* Common at Kinabalu Park.
Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris* A couple near Papar.
Yellow-bellied Prinia (Bornean P) *Prinia [flaviventris] latrunculus*
Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus*
Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*



Pygmy White-eye (Craig Robson)

Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler (Sunda S B) *Pomatorhinus [montanus] bornensis* Kinabalu, BRL & Ba'kelalan.
Grey-throated Babbler (Montane B) *Stachyris [nigriceps] larvata* Quite numerous in montane Sabah.
Grey-headed Babbler *Stachyris poliocephala* Three at Paya Maga, Sarawak. Tricky.
Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata* Best seen at Tabin; a pair.
White-necked Babbler (Fluting B) *Stachyris [leucotis] obscurata* Surprisingly good views of one at Paya Maga.
Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis* A pair from the Klias Peatswamp boardwalk.
Chestnut-winged Babbler (Bicoloured B) *Stachyris [erythroptera] bicolor*
Rufous-fronted Babbler (Sunda Leaf B) *Stachyridopsis [rufifrons] poliogaster* Singles Tabin, BRL & Paya Maga.
Bold-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus bornensis*
Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler *Macronus ptilosus* Occasional in more lowland forests.
Brown Fulvetta (Bornean F) *Alcippe [brunneicauda] eriphaea*
Bornean Wren-Babbler *Ptilocichla leucogrammica* One at BRL showed really well.
Black-throated Wren-Babbler *Napothera atrigularis* An elusive bird at Tabin, then seen really well at BRL (two).
Mountain Wren-Babbler *Napothera crassa* Great views at Kinabalu Park two pairs.
Eyebrowed Wren Babbler (Sunda W-B) *Napothera epilepidota* One performed well, at Paya Maga, Sarawak.
Horsfield's Babbler (Salvadori's B) *Malacocincla [sepiaria] rufiventris* Only seen at BRL (four).
Short-tailed Babbler (Leaflitter B) *Malacocincla [malaccensis] sordidum*

Moustached Babbler (Sabah M B) *Malacopteron [magnirostre] ssp.* Just one at Tabin.
Sooty-capped Babbler *Malacopteron affine*
Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum*
Rufous-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron magnum*
White-chested Babbler *Trichastoma rostratum*
Ferruginous Babbler *Trichastoma bicolor* One performed well at BRL.
Striped Wren-Babbler *Kenopia striata* Great views of one at Tabin, and another at BRL.
Temminck's Babbler *Pellorneum pyrrogenys* Widespread in uplands, but only seen at Kinabalu Park.
Black-capped Babbler (Bornean B-c B) *Pellorneum [capistratum] capistratoides*
Sunda Laughingthrush *Garrulax palliatus* Common in Montane Sabah.
Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrush *Garrulax treacheri* Common at higher elevations throughout.
Bare-headed Laughingthrush *Garrulax calvus* Tricky, but 4-6 seen at Kinabalu Park.
Chestnut-crested Yuhina *Yuhina everetti* Common in the highlands throughout.
Pygmy White-eye (P Ibon) *Oculocincta squamifrons* 6 Kundasang, 6 Paya Maga, and 6 Ba'kelalan.
Mountain Blackeye *Chlorocharis emiliae* At least five at Timpohon Gate, Kinabalu Park.
Black-capped White-eye *Zosterops atricapilla*
Everett's White-eye (Hume's W) *Zosterops [everetti] auriventer* 15 at a fruiting tree at BRL. Heard in Sarawak.



Bornean Whistling Thrush (Craig Robson)

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* A few seen at Kinabalu Park.
Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*
Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*
Crested Myna (introduced) *Acridotheres cristatellus* Five in the Kota Kinabalu area.
Javan Myna (introduced) *Acridotheres javanicus* Scattered sightings.
Orange-headed Thrush *Geokichla citrina* Just a single juvenile near Kinabalu Park.
Everett's Thrush *Zoothera everetti* (H) What was thought to be this species; along the Bukit Ular Trail, Kinabalu.
Oriental Magpie-Robin (Black M-R) *Copsychus [sularis] amoenus*
Rufous-tailed Shama *Copsychus pyrropygus* One at BRL, for the lucky few.
White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* One at Paya Maga, and others heard in the vicinity.
White-crowned Shama *Copsychus stricklandii* Often heard and occasionally seen in the Sabah lowlands.

Hill Blue Flycatcher (Dayak B F) *Cyornis [banyumas] montanus* One seen, and another heard at Paya Maga.
Sunda Blue Flycatcher (Large-billed B F) *Cyornis caerulatus* A pair at Gomantong and a couple at BRL.
Bornean Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis superbus* A pair at BRL.
Malaysian Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis turcosus* Small numbers near Bilit, Kinabatangan R. and at Tabin.
Grey-chested Jungle Flycatcher *Cyornis umbratilis* A single singing bird at BRL.
Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*
Indigo Flycatcher (Rufous-vented F) *Eumyias [indigo] ruficrissa* Frequent in the higher montane areas.
White-browed Shortwing (Bornean S) *Brachypteryx [montana] erythrogyna* Common Kinabalu. Nest with 3 eggs.
Eyebrowed Jungle Flycatcher (White-browed J F) *Vauriella gularis* 11 logged at Kinabalu Park.
Chestnut-naped Forktail *Enicurus ruficapillus* Rather brief but reasonable views of one at BRL.
White-crowned Forktail (Malayan F) *Enicurus [leschenaulti] frontalis* Two at Paya Maga, but elusive.
Bornean Forktail *Enicurus borneensis* Three at Kinabalu Park, and some reasonable views.
Bornean Whistling Thrush *Myophonus borneensis* Quite common at Kinabalu Park.
Rufous-chested Flycatcher *Ficedula dumetoria* A pair at Paya Maga, Sarawak.
Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*
Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*
Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati*
Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon*
Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* Three at Paya Maga, Sarawak.
Bornean Leafbird *Chloropsis kinabaluensis* A handful in the Crocker Range and one at Ba'kelalan.
Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculatus* A handful at BRL.
Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker *Prionochilus xanthopygius* Widespread away from the higher mountains.
Scarlet-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus thoracicus* A female at Klias Peatswamp.
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* (NL) One was seen at BRL.
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*
Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum* One at the Garden Resort, Kundasang.
Black-sided Flowerpecker *Dicaeum monticolum* Often seen in montane areas throughout.
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*
Plain Sunbird *Anthreptes simplex*
Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*
Red-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes rhodolaemus* Six noted at BRL, and some good close views.
Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum*
Van Hasselt's Sunbird (Purple-throated Sunbird) *Leptocoma brasiliana* A smart male at BRL.
Olive-backed Sunbird (Ornate S) *Cinnyris [jugularis] ornatus*
Crimson Sunbird (Lesser C S) *Aethopyga siparaja* A pair at Gomantong, and a male at Tabin.
Temminck's Sunbird *Aethopyga temminckii* Common in montane areas throughout.
Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*
Spectacled Spiderhunter *Arachnothera flavigaster* Two singles at BRL.
Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysogenys* Just one at BRL.
Bornean Spiderhunter *Arachnothera everetti* One near Kinabalu and four at BRL.
Whitehead's Spiderhunter *A. juliae* Fleeting singles at Crocker Range & Kinabalu; great views of one at Ba'kelalan.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow (introduced) *Passer montanus*
Dusky Munia *Lonchura fuscans*
Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*
Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*
Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* (NL) One was seen at Ba'kelalan.
Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

MAMMALS

Total of mammal species recorded: 35.

Asian Elephant (Indian E) *Elaphas maximus* Four seen near BRL, were a great surprise.

Sunda Flying Lemur (Colugo, Malayan F L) *Cynocephalus variegatus* Two at Danum.

Lesser Tree Shrew (Pygmy T S) *Tupaia minor* One at Kinabalu Park.

Mountain Tree Shrew *Tupaia montana* One at Kinabalu Park.

Large Tree Shrew *Tupaia tana* One along the Kinabatangan.

Crab-eating Macaque (Long-tailed M) *Macaca fascicularis*

Southern Pig-tailed Macaque (Sunda P-t M) *Macaca nemestrina*

Proboscis Monkey *Nasalis larvatus* Common near Bilit, Kinabatangan R., with c.60 noted.

Maroon Langur (M Leaf Monkey, Red L M) *Presbytis rubicunda*

Silvery Lutung (Silvered Langur, S Leaf Monkey) *Trachypithecus cristatus* Nine near Bilit, Kinabatangan R.

Müller's Bornean Gibbon (Bornean G) *Hylobates muelleri* Several seen at both Tabin and Paya Maga.

Bornean Orangutan *Pongo pygmaeus* Three along the Kinabatangan and three more at BRL; great views.



'Bornean' (or 'Pygmy') Elephants (Craig Robson)

Short-tailed Gymnure (L Moonrat) *Hylomys suillus* One was seen by some of us at Kinabalu Park.

Malayan Porcupine *Hystrix brachyura* One during a night drive at Tabin.

Black Flying Squirrel *Aeromys tephromelas* At least two of this and the next species, during night drives at BRL.

Thomas's Flying Squirrel *Aeromys thomasi*

Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus*

Bornean Black-banded Squirrel *Callosciurus orestes*

Prevost's Squirrel *Callosciurus prevostii*

Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel *Dremomys everetti* Nine logged for Kinabalu Park.

Least Pygmy Squirrel (Plain P S) *Exilisciurus exilis* One at Tabin and two at BRL.

Tufted Pygmy Squirrel (Whitehead's P S) *Exilisciurus whiteheadi* 2 at Kinabalu Park; 1 at Paya Maga. Great ears!

Common Giant Flying Squirrel (Red G F S) *Petaurista petaurista* One spotlighted at BRL.

Pale Giant Squirrel (Common G S, Cream-coloured G S) *Ratufa affinis* Just one at Ba'kelalan.

Jentink's Squirrel *Sundasciurus jentinki*

Leopard Cat *Prionailurus bengalensis* Two during night drives at Tabin, and another at BRL.

Binturong *Arctictis binturong* One lazing in the upper branches of a fruiting fig, along the Kinabatangan R.

Small-toothed Palm Civet (Three-striped P C) *Arctogalidia trivirgata* Singles spotlighted at Tabin and Paya Maga.

Malay Civet *Viverra zibellina* One during our night walk at BRL.

Sunda Stink-badger *Mydaus javanensis* One during a night drive at Tabin.

Bearded Pig *Sus barbatus*

Greater Oriental Chevrotain (G Mouse-Deer, G Malay C) *Tragulus napu* (NL) One was seen at BRL.

Bornean Yellow Muntjac *Muntiacus atherodes* One at Tabin.

Wrinkle-lipped Free-tailed Bat *Tadarida plicatus* Countless numbers leaving at Gomantong Caves at dusk.

Island Flying Fox (Variable F F) *Pteropus hypomelanus* Four at Tabin.



NOTES T

Crested Fireback (Bornean C F) *Lophura ignita*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) treat the endemic nominate form as a distinct species, Bornean Crested Fireback.

Brown Wood Owl (Bornean W O) *Strix leptogrammica*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) treat the nominate form as a distinct species, Bornean Wood Owl.

Collared Owlet (Sunda O) *Glaucidium [brodiei] sylvaticum*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) treat this form as a distinct species, Sunda Owlet *Glaucidium sylvaticum*. The voice of Bornean birds is certainly unrecognisable as Collared Owlet *G. brodiei*.

Orange-breasted Trogon (Spice T) *Harpactes [oreskios] dulitensis*

Some authorities suggest treating the form that we saw on this tour as a distinct species, Spice Trogon *Harpactes dulitensis*.

Banded Kingfisher (Black-faced K) *Lacedo [pulchella] melanops*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) treat the endemic Bornean form as a distinct species, Black-faced Kingfisher *L. melanops*.

Golden-whiskered Barbet (Golden-faced B) *Psilopogon [chrysopogon] chrysopsis*

Some authorities suggest treating the endemic Bornean form as a distinct species, Golden-faced Barbet *Psilopogon chrysopsis*.

Checker-throated Woodpecker (Chequer-t Yellownape) *Chrysophlegma [mentale] humii*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) split off the endemic Javan subspecies as a distinct species, Javan Yellownape *Chrysophlegma mentale*. The residual forms (including the one seen on this tour) are then treated as Chequer-throated Yellownape *C. humii*.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes [tristis] grammithorax*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) split off the endemic Javan subspecies as a distinct species, White-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*. The residual forms (including the one seen on this tour) are then treated as Buff-rumped Woodpecker *M. grammithorax*.

Grey-chinned Minivet (Grey-throated M) *Pericrocotus [solaris] montanus*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) treat the two Sundaic forms as a distinct species, Grey-throated Minivet *Pericrocotus montanus*.

Hair-crested Drongo (Bornean Spangled D, Bornean Blue D) *Dicrurus [hottentottus] borneensis*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.* and BirdLife/HBW) treat the endemic form seen on this tour as a distinct species, Bornean Spangled or Bornean Blue Drongo *Dicrurus borneensis*.

Black Magpie (Bornean B M) *Platysmurus [leucopterus] atterimus*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) split off this endemic form as a distinct species, Bornean Black Magpie *Platysmurus atterimus*.

Flavescent Bulbul (Pale-faced B) *Pycnonotus [flavescens] leucops*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) split off this endemic form as a distinct species, Pale-faced Bulbul *Pycnonotus leucops*.

Yellow-vented Bulbul (Sunda Y-v B) *Pycnonotus [goiavier] analis*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) suggest splitting off Sundaic forms (from Philippine forms) as a distinct species, Sunda Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus analis*.

Ochraceous Bulbul (Chestnut-vented B) *Alophoixus [ochraceus] ruficrissus*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) split off this endemic form as a distinct species, Chestnut-vented Bulbul *Alophoixus ruficrissus*.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul (Guttural B) *Alophoixus [bres] gutturalis*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) suggest splitting off this endemic form as a distinct species, Guttural Bulbul *Alophoixus gutturalis*.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul (Sabah Y-b B) *Alophoixus [phaeocephalus] connectens*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) suggest splitting off this endemic form as a distinct species, Sabah Yellow-bellied Bulbul *Alophoixus connectens*.

Hairy-backed Bulbul (Sabah H-b B) *Tricholestes [criniger] ssp.*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) suggest splitting off the Sabah form as a distinct species, Sabah Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes ssp.*

Yellow-bellied Prinia (Bornean P) *Prinia [flaviventris] latrunculus*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off this endemic form as a distinct species, Bornean Prinia *Prinia latrunculus*.

Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler (Sunda S B) *Pomatorhinus [montanus] bornensis*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off the Java and Bali forms as a distinct species, Javan Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus montanus*. The residual forms (including the one seen on this tour) are then treated as Sunda Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus bornensis*.

Grey-throated Babbler (Montane B) *Stachyris [nigriceps] larvata*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*, BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off this endemic form or group of forms as a distinct species, Montane (or Southern Grey-throated) Babbler *Stachyris larvata*.

White-necked Babbler (Fluting B) *Stachyris [leucotis] obscurata*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) suggest splitting off this endemic form as a distinct species, Fluting Babbler *Stachyris obscurata*.

Chestnut-winged Babbler (Grey-hooded B) *Stachyris [erythroptera] bicolor*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) split off Bornean forms as a distinct species, Grey-hooded Babbler *Stachyris (or Cyanoderma) bicolor*.

Rufous-fronted Babbler (Sunda Leaf B) *Stachyridopsis [rufifrons] poliogaster*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) suggest splitting off Sundaic forms as a distinct species, Sunda Leaf Babbler *Stachyridopsis poliogaster*.

Brown Fulvetta (Bornean F) *Alcippe [brunneicauda] eriphaea*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) suggest splitting off the Bornean form as a distinct species, Bornean Fulvetta *Alcippe eriphaea*.

Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler (Sunda W-B) *Napothera epilepidota*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off the forms (including the nominate) occurring on Sumatra, Java and Borneo as a distinct species, Sunda Wren-Babbler *Napothera epilepidota*.

Horsfield's Babbler (Salvadori's B) *Malacocincla [sepiaria] rufiventris*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off the Bornean forms as a distinct species, Salvadori's Babbler *Malacocincla rufiventris*.

Short-tailed Babbler (Leaflietter B) *Malacocincla [malaccensis] sordidum*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et. al.*) suggest splitting off this form as a distinct species, Leaflietter Babbler *Malacocincla sordidum*.

Moustached Babbler (Sabah M B) *Malacopteron [magnirostre] ssp.*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et al.*, BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off the local form as a distinct species, Sabah Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron ssp.* or Bornean Moustached Babbler *M. cinereocapilla*.

Black-capped Babbler (Bornean B-c B) *Pellorneum [capistratum] capistratoides*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off the Bornean forms as a distinct species, Bornean Black-capped Babbler *Pellorneum capistratoides*.

Everett's White-eye (Hume's W) *Zosterops [everetti] auriventer*

Some authorities consider that the form seen on this tour (which was previously assigned to Oriental White-eye *Z. palpebrosus*) should be regarded as a distinct species, Hume's White-eye *Zosterops auriventer*.

Oriental Magpie-Robin (Black M-R) *Copsychus [saularis] amoenus*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off the forms occurring from E Java and Bali to Borneo as a distinct species, Black Magpie-Robin *Copsychus amoenus*.

Hill Blue Flycatcher (Dayak B F) *Cyornis [banyumas] montanus*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting off this endemic form as a distinct species, Dayak Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis montanus*.

Indigo Flycatcher (Rufous-vented F) *Eumyias [indigo] ruficrissa*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) split off the Sumatran and Bornean forms as a distinct species, Rufous-vented Flycatcher *Eumyias ruficrissa*.

White-browed Shortwing (Bornean S) *Brachypteryx [montana] erythrogyna*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) split off the endemic Bornean form as a distinct species, Bornean Shortwing *Brachypteryx erythrogyna*.

White-crowned Forktail (Malayan F) *Enicurus [leschenaulti] frontalis*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et al.*) suggest splitting off certain southern lowland forms as a distinct species, Malayan Forktail *Enicurus frontalis*.

Olive-backed Sunbird (Ornate S) *Cinnyris [jugularis] ornatus*

Some authorities (e.g. Eaton *et al.*, BirdLife/IBW) split off or suggest splitting off Sundaic forms as a distinct species, Ornate Sunbird *Cinnyris ornatus*.

APPENDIX 1 - Top 5 birds of the tour

- 1st** Blue-banded Pitta
- 2nd** Dulit Frogmouth
- 3rd** Bornean Frogmouth

- 4th Hose's Broadbill
Rhinoceros Hornbill
- 5th Bornean Banded Pitta
Bornean Bristlehead

APPENDIX 2 - Other fauna & flora recorded

REPTILES

- Saltwater Crocodile *Crocodylus porosus*
Horned Gliding Lizard *Draco cornutus* Bornean endemic.
Borneo Skink *Dasia vittata* Bornean endemic.
Common House Gecko (Asian H G) *Hemidactylus frenatus*
Smith's Green-eyed Gecko *Gekko smithi*

BUTTERFLIES

- Common Imperial *Cheritra freja*
Common Archduke *Lexias pardalis*
Blue Admiral *Kaniske canacre*

BUGS

- Bornean Lantern Bug *Pyrops whiteheadi* Bornean endemic seen at Gomantong.
Giant green katydid *Pseudophyllus sp.* Tabin.
Giant stick insect *Haaniella cf. dehaani* BRL.



Yum yum (Craig Robson)