



*Oriental Bay Owl (Craig Robson)*

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This year's tour saw several additions to the itinerary, with Okoki, Phnom Aural and Pursat Grasslands. The main highlights amongst our total of 331 Species were: Chestnut-headed Partridge, Siamese Fireback, Milky Stork at the nest, Greater Adjutant, Giant and White-shouldered Ibises, White-rumped Vulture, Bengal Florican, Oriental Bay Owl, Blyth's Frogmouth, White-rumped Falcon, Bamboo Woodpecker, Bare-faced Bulbul, Cambodian Tailorbird, Cambodian Laughingthrush, Sooty Babbler, Chinese Grassbird, Green Cochoa, Jerdon's Bush Chat, Asian Golden Weaver, and Mekong Wagtail. Irrawaddy Dolphin headed-up the mammal list as usual.

The tour began in the morning on day one at our hotel in Siem Reap, Cambodia. After all meeting-up, we spent the late morning birding in the fields at Phnom Krom, not far south of town. Despite the late time of day and apparent dryness, we had a good introduction to Cambodian birds with the likes of Asian Openbill, Painted Stork, Oriental Pratincole, Pin-tailed Snipe, Oriental, Black-browed Reed, and Lanceolated Warblers, and Plain-backed Sparrow.

After lunch at the hotel, our guide Lean took us on a whistle-stop tour of archaeological sites, taking-in Angkor Wat, The Bayon with its amazingly well-preserved galleries, and then the lovely Ta Prohm. The most noteworthy birds on display were the Alexandrine and Red-breasted Parakeets that favor the tall *Lagerstroemia* trees for their natural nesting cavities, but we also saw two Forest Wagtails at Angkor Wat. In the evening we were entertained and fed at the Cambodia Bird Guide Association headquarters near our hotel.



*Ta Prohm, Angkor (Craig Robson)*

Our first full day in the field in Cambodia was spent around the Great Lake (Tonle Sap). We boarded a large seated motorboat before sunrise in order to reach the Prek Toal Bird Sanctuary on the far shore by early morning, eating our breakfast en route. On arrival, we transferred to two smaller boats in order to negotiate the shallower channels. As we navigated the various creeks, we passed concentrations of Oriental Darters and Spot-billed Pelicans, mixed flocks of cormorants and egrets, Yellow, Cinnamon and Black Bitterns, Black-crowned Night Herons, and the odd Grey-headed Fish Eagle. Lean wanted to get us to a large dry area, where we could walk to the edge of the main large waterbird breeding colony. Right at the limit of this cleared area, we did well to find at least three adult Milky Storks and two occupied nests, each with at least two well-grown young. This is perhaps the first time that the species has actually been seen at the nest by Birdquest in Cambodia. As the temperature rose, flocks of Painted Storks and Asian Openbills took to the air. There were



good numbers of Lesser Adjutants, and we were also fortunate to pick out two circling Greater Adjutants, although rather distant. After skirting a wet area, which held four species of *Tringa* sandpipers and 'Eastern' Black-tailed Godwit, we headed back to the mother-ship to eat a well prepared box lunch.



*Oriental Darter (Craig Robson)*

We headed back across the lake and spent a pleasant hour swinging in hammocks, sipping coffee and tea until the temperature dropped. We then got straight back into the birding at Phnom Krom, working a different area to where we went on day one. We enjoyed lots of Pheasant-tailed Jacanas, Grey-headed Swampphen, good numbers of Common Snipe, small numbers of Kentish Plovers and Long-toed Stints, Pied Kingfisher, and Black-collared Starling. Two Small Pratincoles with a group of Oriental Pratincoles were completely unexpected.

Our second day's birding in Cambodia took us to the seasonally inundated grasslands of the Tonle Sap floodplain, near Kompong Thom. Beginning in Preahoot Grasslands, we set off in search of the much wanted Bengal Florican. A team of guides led us to and fro, and just when we were losing hope of seeing this critically endangered bustard, a hulking male took flight closer than expected. A few other good birds were on show, like Eastern Marsh and Pied Harriers, Horsfield's Bush Lark, and Oriental Skylark, and we flushed a couple of Common (or Small) Buttonquails. With temperatures rising once more, we moved the short distance east to Pralay Grasslands, and headed to a spot for the scarce Manchurian Reed Warbler. Although we located a vocalizing bird in one of its usual places, the wind had got up and, combined with the excessive temperature, hampered our efforts to get satisfactory views.

We drove north-westwards, stopping for lunch in a busy temple-tourist area en route to the ibis haven of Tmatboey in remote Preah Vihear province. We stopped to do some birding in the dry forests along the roadside. Another much wanted bird, White-rumped Falcon, was on the menu, and thanks to Lean we had a nice perched female under-the-belt after less than half an hour. Before long we were checking into the community guest house at Tmatboey.

We began our exploration of the area in the afternoon. The next two-and-a-half days were spent thoroughly exploring the Tmatboey area, with a good proportion of it on foot! Obviously, our initial efforts focused on getting good views of the two endangered ibis species, the amazing prehistoric-looking Giant and striking



White-shouldered. This year, a pair of Giant ibises were relatively easy to get to grips with - mainly perched on a dead tree branch, but also briefly on the ground. We only observed a single White-shouldered, but it was a very satisfying lengthy scope view, following good flight views. Much of our birding was done in the fairly open dry woodlands, which have a grassy understorey and are interspersed with small areas of rice-paddy. Several Chinese Francolins showed really well, as did numerous Rufous-winged Buzzards, Brown Fish Owl, Spotted and Brown Wood Owls, White-browed Fantail, Burmese Shrike, Indochinese Bush Lark, Burmese Nuthatch, and Brown, Rufescent and Grey-breasted Prinias. Woodpeckers are a feature of this habitat, and this time included Rufous-bellied, Yellow-crowned, Black-headed, White-bellied and Great Slaty. Time spent by a secluded river brought us Violet and Banded Bay Cuckoos, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Swinhoe's Minivet, Scaly-crowned Babbler, and superb little Van Hasselt's Sunbirds. Elsewhere, dusk and post-dusk night-birding brought us a cracking Oriental Scops Owl, and good views of Savanna Nightjar.



*Female White-rumped Falcon near Tmatboey (Craig Robson)*

From Tmatboey, we drove to our first new destination of the tour, Okoki. Situated in a remote area of forest close to the border with SW Laos, the site gained prominence for its White-winged Ducks, and a safari-style camp was set-up. The ducks are not guaranteed however, and on this occasion, we were out of luck. Another star-bird, Bar-bellied Pitta, is also found in low numbers in evergreen forest pockets, but although we heard it at close range, it also managed to evade us during our short stay. Most of our good luck revolved around the nightbirds that are found close to the camp. A superb encounter with Oriental Bay Owl resulted in it being voted bird of the trip, and we also had descent views of Blyth's Frogmouth. Sightings from the two blinds that overlook forest ponds were highlighted by a fantastic group of three male and three female Siamese Firebacks that came to drink.

Leaving Okoki behind, we began the drive to Kratie. Before very long however, we had a very lucky sighting of a soaring adult White-rumped Vulture, a population of which still survives in this remote part of Cambodia.

By mid-afternoon, we were at Kampi, north of Kratie, where we boarded boats in order to explore the Mekong River channel and islands. Our target bird here was the regionally endemic Mekong Wagtail, and it



wasn't too long before we spotted our first. Maneuvering the boats carefully - difficult with the firm current - we were able to get nice views. Moving back towards shore then enabled us to experience the other main attraction in this area, an inland population of rare Irrawaddy Dolphins, one of the last along the Mekong.



*Cambodian Tailorbird (Craig Robson)*

From Kampi we drove to the outskirts of Kratie itself, where Lean guided us to a good spot for the localized Asian Golden Weaver. There were at least three males almost in breeding plumage, as well as a single female; while other good birds included Watercock and a couple of Pallas's Grasshopper Warblers that showed rather well.

From Kratie we had a pretty long drive to the base of Phnom Aural, Cambodia's highest peak. Before lunch, on the outskirts of Kampong Cham, we stopped at a typically scrubby site for the recently described and endemic Cambodian Tailorbird. This was the first time that we had seen the species east of the Mekong River, and a pair were typically responsive and showy.

Arriving mid-afternoon at our destination, Srei Ken Bei, we explored the rather scrappy dry forest fragments nearby, before dinner. Chinese Francolin, another pair of Black-headed Woodpeckers, *leucotis* Eurasian Jays and Brown Prinia were noteworthy.

Early the next morning we clambered onto a tractor-drawn cart and chugged our way to the base of the mountains. From here, we set off on foot along the summit trail. It was pretty much uphill all the way to our campsite at almost 1200m elevation, and there were some very steep stretches that put us all through our paces! Steady progress, including a few shortish birding stops and a field lunch en route, got us to our destination in seven hours. The bird highlight on the way up was the discovery of a pair of Bamboo Woodpeckers. These birds had mistakenly been recorded as Pale-headed Woodpecker in the past, and we were now able to confirm Bamboo as a new species for Cambodia. The camp was well situated in broadleaved evergreen forest near several small streams, and with three nights under the stars, we had plenty of time to explore. Our main target of course was the endemic Cambodian Laughingthrush, which would be a new bird



for all of us, as well as Birdquest. Being a member of a group of laughingthrushes that are generally considered noisy, this species was surprisingly quiet, and by no means easy to find. However, with time and experience on our hands, we were able to track down a flock on several occasions, and succeeded in getting some great views once everyone learnt the drill. On one of these occasions our second big target, Chestnut-headed Partridge, gave a few calls at relatively close range. Secreting ourselves well, and giving them the briefest encouragement, we soon had great looks at another endemic. The lovely Indochinese Green Magpie was also in the area, but typically sneaky and elusive. We had better luck with a couple of Blue Pittas, with one showing particularly well on the main trail. Lengthy spells spent near the main stream in the area brought us great views of a Green Cochoa, as well as Silver-breasted Broadbill and Orange-headed Thrush coming to drink and bath. Other interesting species around the camp were the local forms of Mountain Bulbul, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, White-throated Fantail, Ochraceous Bulbul, Davison's and Chestnut-crowned Warblers, Streaked Wren-Babbler, Little Pied Flycatcher, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, and Black-throated Sunbird. Some black-billed Blue Whistling Thrushes - presumably wintering nominate birds seemed out of range, and we also enjoyed Collared Owlet, Great and Wreathed Hornbills, Green-eared and Moustached Barbets, Long-tailed and Banded Broadbills, Ashy and Swinhoe's Minivets, Blyth's Shrike-babbler, Grey-chinned Minivet, and Yellow-bellied Warbler. The endemic *lewisii* subspecies of Silver Pheasant just evaded us, with only Lean seeing the bird, despite the efforts of the leaders.

The trek down was quicker and easier, and the birding stops more productive, with the likes of Grey Nightjar and Banded Kingfisher showing well. Re-uniting with our vehicles and drivers, we headed off for Pursat, where we spent the night in a hotel.



*Chinese Grassbird at Pursat Grasslands (Craig Robson)*

Pre-dawn the next morning, we weaved our way along a series of farm tracks towards the edge of the main Tonle Sap floodplain, and the very extensive Pursat Grasslands. After polishing-off breakfast at first light, we



made our way into a suitable looking area of tall floodplain grassland and, before very long, we were getting some great views of the rare Chinese Grassbird, a species that is only known from a handful of sites in the World, and was discovered here relatively recently during surveys for Bengal Florican. A few other good birds were noted, including a low migrating Jerdon's Baza, a couple of Large-tailed Nightjars that flushed, and Freckle-breasted Woodpecker.

We continued on to Phnom Penh Airport, where we took an afternoon flight to Vientiane in northern Laos. We were soon transported to our very pleasant boutique hotel in the city, where we settled in for a comfortable night's stays.

Another predawn start took us west along the Mekong River to Ban Nasang, where we hoped to find the very localized Jerdon's Bush Chat. Craig couldn't believe the difference in the river view since his last visit; apparently due to various dam schemes further upstream. The water level was considerably higher than before, and it appeared that this might cause us some real problems. Fortunately however, a male Jerdon's soon popped up, and then another, as well as a female, and we were all able to get lengthy, though somewhat distant scope views. From the same position, we were also able to see Indian Spot-billed Duck, River Lapwing, Small Pratincole, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, the lovely Wire-tailed Swallow (though also rather distant), and Grey-throated Martin.



*Bare-faced Bulbuls in the Ban Nahin region, Laos (Craig Robson)*

From Ban Nasang, we headed straight for the limestone country of Ban Nahin, in north-central Laos, stopping for both breakfast and lunch along the way. We had the best part of a couple of days to bird the forested



limestone, pinnacles and broadleaved evergreen forests of this interesting region, with our two main limestone-loving targets being the recently described Bare-faced Bulbul, and furtive Sooty Babbler. Even before reaching our accommodation, we obtained great views of Sooty Babbler and some initial distant views of the bulbul. The following morning, back at the pinnacles, we got much more satisfying views of the bulbul.

Having already achieved our main aims, we were able to do a little exploring in the afternoon, further to the east. This paid -off dividends, as we were fortunate to find a singing Limestone Leaf Warbler that showed really well - a write-in for us on this tour. Other good sightings during our explorations near Ban Nahin included Yellow-vented Pigeon, Himalayan (or Indochinese) Swiftlet (resident *rogersi*), Moustached Barbet, an unusually large gathering of Long-tailed Broadbills, Puff-throated Bulbul, flocks of locally resident Nepal House Martins, Green-backed Tit, Thick-billed Flowerpecker, and Purple-naped and Crimson Sunbirds.

After a final birding walk along the trail to Namsanam Waterfall, with Crested Goshawk and a mixed flock of Brown-backed and Silver-backed Needletails, we made our way back to Vientiane Airport and bid farewell to South-East Asia.



*Starting the climb to the forest camp at Phnom Aural (Craig Robson)*





*A typical scene at Angkor (Craig Robson)*



## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

### BIRDS

Total of bird species recorded: 331.

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

Knob-billed Duck (Comb D) *Sarkidiornis melanotos* 63 were counted at Prek Toal.

Indian Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha*

Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus* Very common at Tmatboey, with many sightings.

Chestnut-headed Partridge *Arborophila cambodiana* A group of four at Phnom Aural. Good views.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera* A leader-only bird at Aural. Distinctive and near-endemic *lewisi*.

Siamese Fireback *Lophura diardi* Six birds came to drink at a secluded pool at Okoki. Amazing views.

Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus* (H) A male heard calling at Okoki.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*



*Milky Stork at Prek Toal (Craig Robson)*

Milky Stork *Mycteria leucocephala* At least 7 at Prek Toal. 3 adults & 2 nests with 2+ young in each.

Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala* Seen breeding at Prek Toal; many nests with well grown young.

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans* Abundant in Cambodia. c.120 en route in Laos.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus* Scattered sightings totaling 20 birds.

Greater Adjutant *Leptoptilos dubius* Just two at Prek Toal. Soaring rather distantly.

Black-headed Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus* c.20 at Prek Toal.

White-shouldered Ibis *Pseudibis davisoni* Just one of these Critically Endangered ibises at Tmatboey, but scoped.

Giant Ibis *Pseudibis gigantea* Just a pair seen very well at Tmatboey. Also critically endangered.

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* At least 45 at Prek Toal.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Black Bittern *Dupetor flavicollis* Three flushed at Prek Toal.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Striated Heron (Little H) *Butorides striata*

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus* A common winter visitor throughout Cambodia.

(Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa*) Breeds at Prek Toal, so presumably we saw a few!?!)



Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*  
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*  
Great Egret (Eastern G E) *Ardea [alba] modesta*



*White-shouldered Ibis (Craig Robson)*

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*  
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis* A total of at least 65 in Cambodia.



*Spot-billed Pelican (Craig Robson)*

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*  
Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* Around 200 at Prek Toal.

Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*  
 Black-winged Kite (B-shouldered K) *Elanus caeruleus*  
 Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental H-b) *Pernis ptilorhynchus* Two at Tmatboey and one at Okoki.  
 Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* A migrating individual at Pursat Grasslands.  
 Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* Two in the lowlands close to Phnom Aural.  
 White-rumped Vulture *Gyps bengalensis* A very lucky sighting of an adult en route, after leaving Okoki.  
 Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*  
 Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus [cirrhatus] limnaeetus* A few at Tmatboey, with one at a nest.  
 Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis* One en route to Aural.  
 Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* One along the Namsanam Waterfall Trail.  
 Shikra *Accipiter badius*  
 Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus*  
 Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* Several males were seen well at the floodplain grasslands.  
 Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaeus* 3 at Prek Toal, where rather confiding, and heard at Tmatboey.  
 Rufous-winged Buzzard *Butastur liventer* Common in the dry forests and woodlands of Cambodia.  
 Bengal Florican *Houbaropsis bengalensis* An excellent male at Preahout Grasslands.  
 White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*  
 Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca* (H).  
 Watercock *Gallicrex cinerea* Two in flight at Kratie Ricefields.  
 Grey-headed Swamphen *Porphyrio poliocephalus*  
 Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*  
 Common Buttonquail (Small B) *Turnix sylvaticus* At least two were flushed at Preahout Grasslands.  
 Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator* A couple flushed at Tmatboey.  
 Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*  
 River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii* One seen very well at Ban Nasang, on the Mekong River.  
 Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*  
 Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*  
 Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* Six at Phnom Krom.  
 Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*  
 Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*  
 Black-tailed Godwit (Eastern B-t G) *Limosa [limosa] melanuroides* A small flock of 20 or so at Prek Toal.  
 Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta* Seven at Phnom Krom.  
 Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*  
 Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*  
 Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*  
 Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*  
 Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*  
 Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*  
 Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*  
 Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*  
 Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea* Two at Phnom Krom and one at Kampi, Cambodia & two at Ban Nasang, Laos.  
 Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*  
 Rock Dove (introduced) (R Pigeon) *Columba livia*  
 Red Turtle Dove (R Collared-d) *Streptopelia tranquebarica*  
 Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*  
 Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall* (H) Two calling near our camp at Phnom Aural.  
 Common Emerald Dove (Emerald D) *Chalcophaps indica* (H).  
 Zebra Dove (Peaceful D) *Geopelia striata*  
 Orange-breasted Green Pigeon *Treron bicincta* (H).  
 Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra* At least two with the next species.  
 Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron phoenicopterus* A minimum of 60 *annamensis* at Okoki.  
 Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenurus* (H).  
 Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea* Still frequent in the lowland forests.  
 Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*





*Collared Owlet and Oriental Scops Owl (Craig Robson)*

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*  
 Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*  
 Green-billed Malkoha *Rhopodytes tristis*  
 Asian Koel (Common K) *Eudynamys scolopaceus*  
 Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* A very nice male at Tmatboey.  
 Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii* Often heard, with one seen at Tmatboey.  
 Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*  
 Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* (H).  
 Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus* Good views of a calling bird at Tmatboey.  
 (Himalayan Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*) A probable was seen by some of us at Prek Toal.  
 Oriental Bay Owl *Phodilus badius* Stunning views of a confiding bird at Okoki. Voted bird of the trip.  
 Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* (H).  
 Collared Scops Owl *Otus lettia* (H).  
 Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia* Brilliant views of one at Tmatboey. Many heard.  
 Brown Fish Owl *Ketupa zeylonensis* One was skillfully put on view at Tmatboey.  
 Spotted Wood Owl *Strix seloputo* Two roosting individuals at Tmatboey, with one scoped well.  
 Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica* Lengthy views through the scope at Tmatboey.  
 Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei* Superb looks at one at Phnom Aural.  
 Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides* Four rusty-streaked *deignani* seen in Cambodia; many heard.  
 Brown Boobook (B Hawk-Owl) *Ninox scutulata* One showed pretty well at Tmatboey.  
 Blyth's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus affinis* One seen very well after dark at Okoki, and another heard.  
 Great Eared Nightjar *Lyncornis macrotis* (H) A handful showed really well on the way up to Aural.  
 Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus jotaka* Two seen well pre-dawn, as we descended from the camp at Phnom Aural.  
 Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* Two were flushed at Pursat Grasslands.  
 Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis* A calling male seen well at Tmatboey, and another heard.  
 Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata* Very common at Tmatboey.  
 Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris* Two *rogersi* Ban Nahin.  
 Germain's Swiftlet *Aerodramus germani* Widespread in Cambodia; since introduction of swiftlet breeding buildings.  
 Silver-backed Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis* Two identified along the trail to Namsanam Waterfall, Laos.  
 Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus* In Laos, 20 Ban Nasang and 15 Namsanam Waterfall Trail.  
 Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*  
 Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios* Three males seen at Okoki; heard elsewhere.  
 Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus* One at Phnom Aural; others heard.  
 Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*  
 Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella* Great views of a pair at Phnom Aural.  
 Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis* Singles at Tmatboey and Okoki.  
 White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
 Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata* Singles at Prek Toal and Phnom Krom.  
 Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*  
 Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*  
 Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni* (H).  
 Green Bee-eater (Little G B-e) *Merops orientalis*  
 Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*  
 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*  
 Eurasian Hoopoe (Common H) *Upupa epops* One at Okoki in dry forest.  
 Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* Just six logged at Aural.  
 Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthraceros albirostris*  
 Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros undulatus* Just two seen and two heard at Aural.  
 Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineata*  
 Green-eared Barbet *Psilopogon faiostricta* A few at Okoki, Aural, and Ban Nahin. Regional endemic.  
 Moustached Barbet *Psilopogon incognita* Similarly distributed to the last species, at Aural and Ban Nahin.  
 Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon australis*  
 Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephala*  
 Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente* One seen and a couple heard at Tmatboey.



**Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Yungipicus canicapillus*

**Yellow-crowned Woodpecker** *Leiopicus mahrattensis* One seen nicely at Tmatboey; quite a scarce woodpecker.

**Rufous-bellied Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* 3 at Tmatboey (*annamensis*). A very localized resident.

**Freckle-breasted Woodpecker (Spot-b W)** *D. analis* A male at Tmatboey and another bird Pursat Grasslands.

**White-bellied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus javensis* Several at Tmatboey and Okoki.

**Laced Woodpecker** *Picus vittatus*

**Black-headed Woodpecker** *P. erythropygius* Pairs of this distinctive regional endemic at Tmatboey & Srei Ken Bei.

**Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense* One at Tmatboey. Uncommon, despite its name.

**Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus* The commonest flameback.

**Bamboo Woodpecker** *Gecinulus viridis* An unexpected pair at Aural; the first confirmed Cambodian record.

**Rufous Woodpecker** *Micropternus brachyurus*

**Great Slaty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* Four at Tmatboey, and two at Okoki. A good year.



*Rufous-bellied Woodpecker (Craig Robson)*

**White-rumped Falcon (W-r Pygmy-falcon)** *Polihierax insignis* A female was scoped en route to Tmatboey

**Pied Falconet** *Microhierax melanoleucos* Pretty much a leader-only at Namsanam Waterfall Trail, Laos.

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

**Blossom-headed Parakeet** *Psittacula roseate* Common at Tmatboey, with 32 logged.

**Red-breasted Parakeet** *Psittacula alexandri*

**Alexandrine Parakeet** *Psittacula eupatria* A pair at Ta Prohm, and one at Tmatboey.

**Vernal Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus vernalis*

**Long-tailed Broadbill** *Psarisomus dalhousiae* 2 Aural, and an amazing pre-roost gathering of 17+ at Ban Nahin.

**Silver-breasted Broadbill** *Serilophus lunatus* Three came to bath at a stream near our camp at Phnom Aural.

**Banded Broadbill** *Eurylaimus javanicus* Four at Phnom Aural.

**Blue Pitta** *Hydrornis cyaneus* Pretty good views of a couple at Aural, and many heard.

**Bar-bellied Pitta** *Hydrornis elliotii* (H) Almost!!!; a pair at Okoki.

**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus picatus*



Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus*  
 Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*  
 Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*  
 Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayei* Scattered throughout. Races *xanthotis* in Cambodia, and *innotata* in Laos.  
 Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*  
 Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* Common at Phnom Aural (*nassovicus*).  
 Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*  
 Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus* Three at Phnom Aural and one at Namsanam Waterfall Trail.  
 Swinhoe's Minivet (Brown-rumped M) *Pericrocotus cantonensis* Small numbers at Tmatboey and Aural.  
 Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei*  
 Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Lalage melaschistos* Just two at Aural.  
 Indochinese Cuckooshrike *Lalage polioptera* Male seen and others heard at Tmatboey.  
 Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*  
 Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurioides* Five at Tmatboey (nominate race).  
 White-bellied Erpornis (W-b Yuhina) *Erpornis zantholeuca*  
 Blyth's Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* Not uncommon at Aural (nominate race).  
 Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*  
 Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*  
 Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocerus*  
 Ashy Drongo (Blackish D) *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] longicaudatus* Common (*bondi* in Cambodia, *mouhoti* in Laos).  
 Ashy Drongo (Chinese White-faced D) *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] innexus* A wintering *leucogenis* at Okoki.  
 Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* A few in the more evergreen, primarily lowland forests.  
 Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer* Frequent at Phnom Aural (endemic *lefoli*).  
 Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*  
 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*  
 White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* Just a few at Aural (south Indochinese *cinerascens*).  
 White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola* Small numbers at Tmatboey.  
 Malaysian Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica* A couple at Kratie Ricefields.  
 Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*  
 Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis* One at Tmatboey, and two at Okoki.  
 Eurasian Jay (White-faced J) *Garrulus [glandarius] leucotis* Several in the lowland dry forest near Phnom Aural.  
 Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* A few at Tmatboey and Okoki.  
 Indochinese Green Magpie *Cissa hypoleuca* Two *hypoleuca* at Aural. A tough bird to see well.  
 Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda* Five at Tmatboey (SE Asian *sakeratensis*).  
 Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia*  
 Large-billed Crow (Southern Jungle C) *Corvus [macrorhynchos] macrorhynchos*  
 Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*  
 Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus* One seen and one heard at Ban Nahin. Part of an isolated lowland population.  
 Horsfield's Bush Lark (Australasian Bushlark) *Mirafrja javanica* A few in the Tonle Sap floodplain (*williamsoni*).  
 Indochinese Bush Lark *Mirafrja erythrocephala* Four of these regional endemics at Tmatboey.  
 Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*  
 Bare-faced Bulbul *Nok hualon* 16 logged at Ban Nahin. Endemic to limestone of C Laos; described in 2009.  
 Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*  
 Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris*  
 Sooty-headed Bulbul (Southern S-h B) *Pycnonotus aurigaster* Common and widespread Cambodia (*germani*).  
 Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*  
 Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*  
 Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi* A common regional endemic.  
 Puff-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus pallidus* Small numbers Okoki (*khmerensis*) and in the Laos (*henrici*).  
 Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus* Frequent at Phnom Aural (*cambodianus*).  
 Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua* Scattered in forests throughout (*simulator* in Cambodia, and nominate in Laos).  
 Mountain Bulbul (Southern M B) *Ixos [mcclellandii] tickelli* Common Aural (Cardamom *canescens*, with odd calls).  
 Black Bulbul (Himalayan B B) *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* (H) One calling at the foot of Phnom Aural.  
 Grey-throated Martin (G-t Sand-m) *Riparia chinensis* 50 or so at Ban Nasang.



**Sand Martin (Common S M, Bank Swallow) *Riparia riparia*** The usual good numbers around Tonle Sap.

**Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica***

**Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*** Two at Ban Nasang, but a little distant.

**Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalense*** At least 30 at Ban Nahin.

**Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*** Just a couple of singles in Cambodia, where it winters.

**Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*** Two seen well at Tmatboey.

**Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*** Pair at Aural (race undocumented); heard Ban Nahin (nominate).

**Yellow-browed Warbler (Inornate W) *Phylloscopus inornatus***

**Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*** Singles at Tmatboey and Okoki.

**Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus***

**Two-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus***

**Pale-legged Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes***

**Chestnut-crowned Warbler *P. castaniceps*** 2 singing at Aural; 1 seen by Craig only (range-restricted *stresemanni*).

**Limestone Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus calciatilis*** 1 seen well & another heard at Dragon Cave, near Ban Nahin.

**Claudia's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus claudiae*** Two Okoki, and one Aural. Once lumped in Blyth's.

**Davison's Leaf Warbler (White-tailed L-w) *P. intensior*** Common at Phnom Aural (range-restricted nominate).

**Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*** Occasional in lowland Cambodian wetlands.

**Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*** As the last species.

**Manchurian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus tangorum*** A very elusive individual at Pralay Grasslands. Too windy.

**Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler (Rusty-rumped W) *Helopsaltes certhiola*** A couple showed quite well near Kratie.

**Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata*** Three seen; but more often heard!



*Cambodian Laughingthrush (Craig Robson)*

**Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*** Frequent in Cambodia.

**Zitting Cisticola (Double Z C) *Cisticola [juncidis] tinnabulans*** Frequent in Cambodia (nominate).

**Golden-headed Cisticola (Bright-h C) *Cisticola exilis***

**Brown Prinia *Prinia polychroa*** A few seen at Tmatboey and Srei Ken Bei.

**Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens***

**Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii***

**Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris***



Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*  
 Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*  
 Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*  
 Cambodian Tailorbird *Orthotomus chaktomuk* A pair in scrub Kampong Cham; our first time east of the Mekong R.  
 Large Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos* (H) A couple at Aural.  
 White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* Several seen at Aural, with pair nest-building (*klossi*).  
 Sooty Babbler *Stachyris herberti* Easily seen this year, with a group of at least four at Ban Nahin Limestone.  
 Pin-striped Tit-Babbler (Striped T-b) *Macronus gularis*  
 Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*  
 Streaked Wren-Babbler (Cambodian S W-B) *Napothera [brevicaudata] griseigularis* Quite common at Aural.  
 Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*  
 Scaly-crowned Babbler (Indochinese B) *Malacopteron [cinereum] indochinense* Several seen well at Okoki.  
 Chinese Grassbird *Graminicola striatus* Brilliant views of two at Pursat Grasslands; surprisingly confiding.  
 Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*  
 White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus* (H).  
 Cambodian Laughingthrush *G. ferrarius* A Birdquest first; a group of up to 6 seen several times at Phnom Aural.  
 Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger* Multiple sightings at Phnom Aural (Indochinese *mouhoti*).  
 Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* Quite common at Aural (*williamsoni*).  
 Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*  
 Burmese Nuthatch (Neglected N) *Sitta neglecta* One seen very well at Tmatboey.  
 Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*  
 Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*  
 Great Myna (White-vented M) *Acridotheres grandis*  
 Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*  
 Vinous-breasted Starling (V-b Myna) *Acridotheres [burmannicus] leucocephalus* A pair Tmatboey, & 1 Srei Ken Bei.  
 Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis*  
 Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnia malabarica* A flock of c.25 flew past at Ban Nasang.  
 Orange-headed Thrush *Geokichla citrina* Two at Aural.  
 Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* A fly-by at 'The River', Tmatboey.  
 Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis* One seen very well and another heard near our camp at Phnom Aural.  
 Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*  
 White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*  
 Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*  
 Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus* Sightings throughout.  
 Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae* A singing female at 'The River', Tmatboey.  
 Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*  
 Siberian Blue Robin *Larvivora cyane* A couple at Okoki.  
 Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica* Two at Pralay Grasslands.  
 Siberian Rubythroat *Calliope calliope* One fleetingly at Pralay Grasslands; heard near Ban Nahin.  
 Blue Whistling Thrush (Black-billed W T) *Myophonus [caeruleus] caeruleus* A couple at Aural were surprising.  
 Taiga Flycatcher (Red-throated F) *Ficedula albicilla*  
 Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* Several at Phnom Aural, a tour write-in (race undocumented).  
 Blue Rock Thrush (Eastern B R T) *Monticola [solitarius] philippensis* Two in Cambodia and one in Laos (*pandoo*).  
 White-throated Rock Thrush *Monticola gularis* A pair and two males in Cambodia.  
 Stejneger's Stonechat *Saxicola stejnegeri* Common. Split from Eastern Stonechat *S. maurus*.  
 Pied Bush Chat (P Bushchat) *Saxicola caprata*  
 Jerdon's Bush Chat (J Bushchat) *Saxicola jerdoni* Two males and a female at Ban Nasang, Laos; where it breeds.  
 Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea* A male at Dragon Cave, near Ban Nahin.  
 Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*  
 Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*  
 Thick-billed Flowerpecker (Modest F) *Dicaeum [agile] obsoletum* One at Aural three at Ban Nahin (*pallascens*).  
 Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* One during the decent from Phnom Aural.  
 Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum*  
 Fire-breasted Flowerpecker (Cambodian F) *D. [ignipectus] cambodianum* A few at Aural. No red breast-patch.



Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*

Brown-throated Sunbird (Plain-t S) *Anthreptes malacensis* (NL) One at Sonalong Boutique Hotel, Siem Reap.

Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum* At Ban Nahin. Its DNA suggests it may be a spiderhunter.

Van Hasselt's Sunbird *Leptocoma brasiliana* Two of these little beauties by the river at Tmatboey.

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus*

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

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* Four or five at Phnom Aural (*cambodiana*).

Crimson Sunbird (Greater C S) *Aethopyga [siparaja] seheriae* Several beauties at Ban Nahin (*mangini*).

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus*

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Asian Golden Weaver *Ploceus hypoxanthus* Lean managed to track it down for us at Kratie; 3 males and a female.

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*

Red Avadavat *Amandava amandava*

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus* Two showed well enough at Angkor Wat.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail (E Grey-headed W) *Motacilla [tschutschensis] macronyx*

White Wagtail (Amur W, Chinese W) *Motacilla [alba] leucopsis*

Mekong Wagtail *Motacilla samveasnae* A pair at Kampi, near Kratie. Regional endemic.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus corvinus*



Mekong Wagtail (Craig Robson)



## MAMMALS

Total of mammal species recorded: 9.

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

Germain's Langur (Indochinese L M) *Trachypithecus germaini* Three at Prek Toal.

Pileated Gibbon *Nomascus pileatus* (H) Quite a few heard, tantalizingly close, at Phnom Aural.

Finlayson's Squirrel (Variable S) *Callosciurus finlaysonii* 9 *anellatus* in Cambodia, 1 reddish *menamicus* in Laos.

Red-cheeked Flying Squirrel *Hylopetes spadiceus* One at Tmatboey was a welcome tour write-in.

Indochinese Ground Squirrel *Menetes berdmorei* One at Tmatboey.

Cambodian Striped Squirrel *Tamiops rodolphe*

Javan Mongoose (Small Asian M) *Herpestes javanicus* One en route from Kratie to Phnom Aural.

Irrawaddy Dolphin *Orcaella brevirostris* About six at Kampi, near Kratie - one of the last Mekong R. populations.



Irrawaddy Dolphins (Craig Robson)





*Bayon Temple, Angkor, and Okoki (Craig Robson)*

## NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

### **Great Egret (Eastern G E)** *Ardea [alba] modesta*

Most authors (including the IOC) still lump this form (found in much of Asia and Australasia) in Western Great Egret *Ardea alba*, using the name Great Egret for the enlarged species.

### **Crested Honey Buzzard (Eastern H B, Oriental H B)** *Pernis [ptilorhynchus] orientalis*

### **Crested Honey Buzzard (Indomalayan H B)** *P. ptilorhynchus*

Many authorities are now suggesting that southern resident forms of Crested Honey Buzzard be split-off from the northern migratory form (e.g. BirdLife/HBW).

### **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus [cirrhatus] limnaeetus*

Some authorities treat peninsular Indian and Sri Lankan forms as a distinct species, Crested Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus*.

### **Black-tailed Godwit (Eastern B-t G)** *Limosa [limosa] melanuroides*

Some authorities treat the eastern form, the one seen on this tour, as a distinct species, Eastern Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa melanuroides*.

### **Blue-eared Barbet** *Psilopogon australis*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW), divide this species into several, more restricted-range taxa. The form on this tour would be Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon cyanotis*, subspecies *orientalis*. This potential split ranges from the Himalayan foothills to S Thailand, and comprises three subspecies.

### **Ashy Drongo (Blackish D)** *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] longicaudatus*

### **Ashy Drongo (Chinese White-faced D)** *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] innexus*

The potential for splitting-up Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* is mentioned by BirdLife/HBW, with the two above mentioned forms occurring on this tour.

### **Eurasian Jay (White-faced J)** *Garrulus [glandarius] leucotis*

The morphologically distinctive White-faced Jay *Garrulus leucotis* is split from Eurasian Jay *G. glandarius* by BirdLife/HBW.

### **Large-billed Crow (Southern Jungle C)** *Corvus [macrorhynchos] macrorhynchos*

Eastern Jungle Crow *C. levaillantii* of nearby Thailand is often split-off now, as is Southern Jungle Crow *C. macrorhynchos*. Northern SE Asian birds become Large-billed Crow *C. japonensis* in the latter case. The distribution of Eastern and Southern Jungle Crows in the region remains rather unclear. Literature tells us that it is the latter throughout much of Vietnam for example, but logically the former should occur. Further research will no doubt clarify things.

### **Sooty-headed Bulbul (Southern S-h B)** *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Northern Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus chrysorrhoides* (including *latouchei*, *resurrectus*, *klossi*, *schauenseei* and *dolichurus*) is a potential split according to BirdLife/HBW.

### **Mountain Bulbul (Southern M B)** *Ixos [maclellandii] tickelli*

Duller southern forms, such as *canescens*, have the potential to be united into a future split from typical northern Mountain Buleuls (BirdLife/HBW).

### **Zitting Cisticola (Double Z C)** *Cisticola [juncidis] tinnabulans*

The potential for splitting-up Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* is mentioned by BirdLife/HBW, with the above mentioned form comprising a group of races that occur from South-East Asia to Australasia.

### **Streaked Wren-Babbler (Cambodian S W-B)** *Napothera [brevicaudata] griseigularis*

The endemic form found in SE Thailand and SW Cambodia has the potential to be split-off as a distinct species, Cambodian Streaked Wren-Babbler *Napothera griseigularis* (BirdLife/HBW).



**Scaly-crowned Babbler (Indochinese B) *Malacopteron [cinereum] indochinense***

Indochinese Babbler *Malacopteron indochinense* is a potential split from Scaly-crowned Babbler *M. cinereum* (BirdLife/HBW).

**Vinous-breasted Starling (V-b Myna) *Acridotheres [burmannicus] leucocephalus***

Vinous-breasted Myna *Acridotheres leucocephalus* is a proposed and likely future split from Burmese Myna *A. burmannicus* (BirdLife/HBW). All *Acridotheres* species are mynas, not starlings.

**Blue Whistling Thrush (Black-billed W T) *Myophonus [caeruleus] caeruleus***

**Blue Whistling Thrush (Yellow-billed W T) *Myophonus [caeruleus] flavirostris***

Nominate black-billed Chinese birds are a potential split from the yellow-billed races of Blue Whistling Thrush (BirdLife/HBW).

**Blue Rock Thrush (Eastern B R T) *M. [solitarius] philippensis***

Eastern Blue Rock Thrush *M. philippensis* has been proposed as a distinct species by some authorities, and would include all regional races.

**Thick-billed Flowerpecker (Modest F) *Dicaeum [agile] obsoletum***

Indian subcontinent *agile* might be split-off in future, leaving residual forms as Modest Flowerpecker *Dicaeum obsoletum* (BirdLife/HBW).

**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker (Cambodian F) *Dicaeum [ignipectus] cambodianum***

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW), treat this form as a distinct and near-endemic species, Cambodian Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cambodianum*.

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

Many authorities are now dividing-up the former Olive-backed Sunbird into as many as six species (e.g. BirdLife/HBW).

**Crimson Sunbird (Greater C S) *Aethopyga [siparaja] seheriae***

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) propose splitting Asia-wide populations of Crimson Sunbird *A. siparaja* into three species: Greater Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga seheriae* (most of mainland Asian range), Lesser Crimson Sunbird *A. siparaja* (Sundaic Region), and Sulawesi Sunbird *A. beccarii* (Sulawesi).

**APPENDIX 1 – Top five birds of the tour**

- 1st Oriental Bay Owl
- 2nd Siamese Fireback
- 3rd Giant Ibis
- 4th Chestnut-headed Partridge
- 5th Cambodian Laughingthrush

## APPENDIX 2 - Other fauna and flora

### BUTTERFLIES

Total of butterfly species recorded: 14.

Common Birdwing *Troides helena* Ban Nahin, Tmatboey etc.

Laotian Windmill *Atrophaneura (Byasa) laos* Ban Nahin.

Common Rose *Pachliopta aristolochiae* Tmatboey.

Psyche *Leptosia nina* Ban Nahin, Tmatboey etc.

Yellow Orange Tip *Ixias pyrene* Ban Nahin.

Common Wanderer *Pareronia anais* Ban Nahin etc.

Striped Blue Crow *Euploea mulciber* Ban Nahin, Aural etc.

Magpie Crow *Euploea radamanthus*

Large Faun *Faunis eumeus* Ban Nahin.

Jungle Glory *Thaumantis diores* Beautiful blue forest 'leaf' butterfly at Aural.

Grey Pansy *Junonia atlites* Ang Trapeang Thmor etc.

Common Sailer *Neptis hylas* Ban Nahin etc.

Common Earl *Tanaecia jului* Ban Nahin.

Common Plum Judy *Abisara echerius*

### REPTILES

Tockay Gecko *Gekko gekko* Widespread locations, but particularly Tmatboey.

Spiny-tailed Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* The only 'house' gecko identified.

Garden Fence Lizard *Calotes versicolor*

Red-banded Butterfly Lizard *Leiolepis rubritaeniata* Found in Cambodia.



Red-banded Butterfly Lizard (Craig Robson)