



Rusty-naped Pitta (Craig Robson)

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The 2020 Birdquest Ultimate Vietnam tour amassed a bird list not far short of 400 species, as well as a respectable 23 mammals and 58 butterflies.

At Cat Tien National Park in Cochinchina, we savored the likes of Orange-necked Partridge, Germain's Peacock-Pheasant, Green Peafowl, Bar-bellied Pitta, and Grey-faced Tit-Babbler. Our exploration of the Southern Highlands was rewarded with Blyth's Kingfisher, Hodgson's Frogmouth, Rusty-naped and Blue

Pittas, Annam Prinia (recently split from Brown), Dalat Bush Warbler, Short-tailed Scimitar (or Indochinese Wren-) Babbler, Orange-breasted, Collared, and White-cheeked Laughingthrushes, Vietnamese Cutia, Grey-crowned Crocias, Black-crowned Fulvetta, Black-headed Parrotbill, Vietnamese Greenfinch, and 'Vietnamese' Crossbill. The relatively little known and unexplored central highlands are now an integral part of the tour. Specialities here included three relatively recently discovered endemics/near-endemics: Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush, the highly localized Golden-winged Laughingthrush, and Black-crowned Barwing, as well as the slightly more widespread Indochinese Fulvetta. Here, we also observed Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, and Black-hooded and Red-tailed Laughingthrushes, as well as a whole host of little-known local forms and potential 'splits'. A range of other interesting sites in Central Annam produced Indochinese Green Magpie, 'Annam' Sultan Tit (the black-crested form), Limestone Leaf Warbler, Sooty Babbler, and Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush. Further north, at Tam Dao National Park in East Tonkin, we added Grey Laughingthrush, and Short-tailed Parrotbill.

It was also a great tour for mammals. We were lucky enough to find good numbers of both Red-shanked and Black-shanked Douc Langurs, Red (or Buff-) cheeked and Northern Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbons, Hatinh Langur, and a herd of impressive Gaur. With butterfly enthusiasts on-board, a little extra effort resulted in some very worthwhile sightings.



Bar-bellied Pitta (Craig Robson)

After leaving the airport in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), our first port-of-call was Cat Tien National Park, with its lowland forest-grassland-wetland mosaic. This is probably the best protected reserve in Vietnam, and it certainly shows these days, with markedly increasing and healthy populations of a number of birds and mammals that have sharply declined elsewhere. We divided our time between several well-maintained hides, and the network of tracks and trails that traverse the reserve. Unsurprisingly these days, the hides enabled us to get the most amazing views of such former skulkers as Green-legged (or Scaly-breasted) Partridge,

Germain's Peacock-Pheasant, Slaty-legged Crane, Bar-bellied Pitta, White-crested Laughingthrush, and Orange-headed Thrush. Along forest tracks and trails we encountered a nice range of South-East Asian classics, such as Orange-breasted Trogon, Banded Kingfisher, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Black-and-red Broadbill, Laced, Heart-spotted, Black-and-buff, Pale-headed, and Great Slaty Woodpeckers, and Golden-crested Myna. One track runs through more open habitats, including areas of grassland, until it reaches the edge of the park. Here we found good numbers of superb Green Peafowl, as well as Ashy-headed Green Pigeon, Oriental Pratincole, Indochinese Bush Lark, Vinous-breasted Starling, and Plain-backed Sparrow. As dusk fell huge Great Eared Nightjars emerged from their day-roosts to head out across the Dong Nai River and Large-tailed Nightjars skimmed overhead. Brown Boobook and Asian Barred Owlet showed easily, as did a nice Collared Scops Owl, and the sometimes-tricky Blyth's (or Indochinese) Frogmouth. Our best nightbird however, was an Oriental Bay Owl that was spotlighted briefly at very close range. Other good birds included Siamese Fireback, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Chestnut-winged and Violet Cuckoos, the local *nigricapillus* form of Burmese Shrike, Grey-faced Tit-Babbler, Indochinese Blue Flycatcher, Siberian Blue Robin, Siberian Rubythroat, Thick-billed Flowerpecker, and the cracking little Van Hasselt's Sunbird; while surprises included a reactive pair of rare Orange-necked Partridges, which were seen superbly well for the second year running. Our mammal list got off to a great start with multiple good looks at Red- (or Buff-) cheeked Gibbons and Black-shanked Douc Langurs, and a fantastic herd of Gaur.



Male Germain's Peacock-Pheasant (Craig Robson)

From Cat Tien, we had a relatively easy drive to our next birding hotspot near Di Linh, pausing for lunch in Bao Loc en route. We had the best part of two days to get to grips with the rich birdlife of the excellent forested pass referred to as Deo Nui San, along the Phan Thiet road. When we first visited this site in 1991, the road was but a dirt track, and the logistics of reaching it were a bit of a nightmare. Things could hardly be different now, with easy and quick access; though the forest has been pushed back from the roadsides. We stayed in some very nice new accommodations close to the site. There were many specialities for us to chase here. On the first afternoon, we walked down to the south from the pass, before spending some time at a hide that our local guide Quang had personally installed, and spent a lot of his time and effort maintaining. What a fantastic little spot it proved to be, as we soaked up the brilliant views of another Slaty-legged Crane, Blue-rumped Pitta

(a fairly shy pair), Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Collared Babbler, Streaked Wren-Babbler, the *innotata* and *aurimacula* forms of Orange-headed Thrush, Siberian Blue Robin, and a smart female White-throated Rock Thrush. Birding the forest edge along the road, we picked-out or first Grey-crowned Bushtits (a split from Black-throated), some near-endemic Black-headed Parrotbills were eventually very obliging, and we also encountered our first flock of near-endemic White-cheeked Laughingthrushes. Other nice birds included Jerdon's Baza, Red-vented and Indochinese Barbets, Speckled Piculet, superb Long-tailed and Silver-breasted Broadbills, singing migrant Claudia's Leaf Warbler, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Mountain (or Annam) Fulvetta, the unusual *orientalis* form of Blue-winged Minla (sometimes split as Plain Minla), Black-chinned Yuhina, Mugimaki Flycatcher, and the amazing *johnsi* form of Black-throated Sunbird (now often split as Langbian Sunbird). Nearby, we tempted out an Annam Prinia, Vietnam's latest endemic, having just been split from Brown.



Female Blue-rumped Pitta (Craig Robson)

Moving on to Dalat, we began our exploration of the higher levels of the southern highlands. In the afternoon we visited one of our sites for the recently split Dalat Bush Warbler. An inquisitive singing male performed superbly and, after it got dark, we succeeded in getting some very nice views of a Hodgson's Frogmouth nearby.

Our first morning on the Dalat Plateau, in part of the huge Bi Doup Nui Ba National Park, was our best of the entire tour. Starting off with stunning views of a Rusty-naped Pitta and a pair of Blue Pittas, White-browed Scimitar Babbler, a family of Short-tailed Scimitar (or Indochinese Wren-) Babblers, superb Collared and Orange-breasted Laughingthrushes, Black-crowned Fulvetta, 'White-spectacled' Sibia (the local form of Black-headed), 'Dalat' Niltava and 'Langbian' Shortwing (potential splits from Large and Lesser respectively), White-tailed Robin and Rufous-browed Flycatcher, we polished things off with a group of Vietnamese Cutias, with one of the females sitting tight on a nest. Other goodies nearby were: our first of many Necklaced Barbets (split from Golden-throated), Dalat and Clicking Shrike-babblers, our first pair of Yellow-billed Nuthatches, Yellow-cheeked and Yellow-browed Tits, the local form of White-spectacled Warbler (a future split), Slaty-backed and Spotted Forktails, a pair of Pygmy Flycatchers, and 'Annam' Sunbird (the local form of Mrs Gould's). With most of our targets already seen, we decided to change locations after lunch. Ta Nung Valley came up trumps as usual with three typically vocal Grey-crowned Crocias, and we also found Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo, and Rufous-backed Sibia before calling it a day.



Female Blue Pitta and Collared Laughingthrush at Bi Doup Nui Ba National Park (Craig Robson)



Slaty-legged Crake (Craig Robson), and Black-crowned Fulvetta & Blyth's Kingfisher (Dave Williamson)

Having done so well on our first day, we decided to explore further afield in Bi Doup Nui Ba NP. An excellent forest trail was worthwhile, though a bit quiet for birds, apart from our only Hume's Treecreeper of the tour, and performing 'Langbian' Shortwing and Grey-bellied Tesia. After lunch by a nice river, accompanied by a pair of Plumbeous Redstarts, we lucked-in again however, when we stumbled across a superb Blyth's Kingfisher near a site that Quang had taken us to. A real bonus, and a tour write-in. Stunner! Finishing off near the park headquarters, we found the full range of classic Dalat Plateau pine forest species, with 'Annam' Minivet (the local form of Long-tailed), Slender-billed Oriole, the *leucotis* form of Eurasian Jay (sometimes split as White-faced), Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, 'Langbian' Tit (the local form of Green-backed), Vietnamese Greenfinch, and the very distinctive endemic *meridionalis* form of Red Crossbill, often toted as a good split ('Vietnamese' Crossbill).

Leaving Dalat behind, we headed north towards the central highlands. This year we followed a new route, north-east past Bi Doup, then north and north-west to Pleiku and Kontum, before the final stretch to our

destination at Mang Den; where we arrived in good time. We made one exploratory birding stop in some dry roadside forest before reaching Pleiku. Two Jerdon's Bazes gave great views, there was a Shikra on a nest, and a singing Grey-breasted Prinia was representative of the ecotone, as was a write-in male Purple Sunbird.

We had a full day and a morning to explore the Mang Canh area near Mang Den, birding along narrow paved and rough old logging roads and trails. Our good fortune continued, as our primary target-bird here, the near-endemic Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush (only discovered in the 1990s) showed really well - thanks again to the efforts of our local guide Quang. As usual in this area, Black-hooded Laughingthrush was quite common and performed well on multiple occasions. Other star birds were our first Ratchet-tailed Treepies, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, our first black crested 'Annam' Sultan Tits, some cracking little Rufous-faced Warblers, an obliging Spot-throated Babbler, and Pale Blue Flycatcher.



Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush (left Dave Williamson, right Craig Robson)

Moving on again, we had time for some birding in a forest patch to the south of Mang Den. A nice early morning spell was headlined by our only tour views of Collared Owlet, Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler, Grey-headed Parrotbill, and some typical Blue-winged Minlas. We headed further north to our next accommodations, just a stone's-throw away from the highest peak in the central highlands, Ngoc Linh. On the way, we stopped at some wetlands between Kontum and Dak To. Several lovely Wire-tailed Swallows showed on cue, and an Oriental Reed Warbler foraging along the riverbank was unexpected.

This year we had an afternoon and a full day to explore the lower slopes of Ngoc Linh, via a narrow forest trail, and also along the forested roadsides. Our main target was the rare Golden-winged Laughingthrush, which is only known from this mountain massif. Fortunately, being naturally rather vocal, it wasn't too hard to find, and several birds eventually showed to varying degrees. A pair of superb Red-tailed Laughingthrushes put on a somewhat better performance, and were voted second top bird of the trip! Another important bird was the montane-localized Indochinese Fulvetta, which we encountered at very close range on several occasions. The near-endemic Black-crowned Barwing, which we used to see at a site further north, is now much commoner and easier to find here, and we enjoyed great views as usual. 'Brown-backed' Sibia (the local and potentially

splittable form of Black-headed) showed very well, and we also saw Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, Black-faced, White-spectacled and Grey-cheeked Warblers, Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler (or White-throated if you split this form), Rufous-winged Fulvetta, *cui* Rusty-capped Fulvettas (an endemic form), Red-tailed Minla, the highly distinctive *robsoni* form of Golden-breasted Fulvetta (sometimes split as Annam Golden-breasted or Robson's Fulvetta), Ferruginous and Rufous-gorgeted Flycatchers, a cracking male Fujian Niltava, and Green-tailed Sunbird. There was also a mammal highlight, with some of us lucky enough to get onto a Northern Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon. Probably the worst named mammal in the world but still very gripping, and yet to be seen by the leader!!

From Ngoc Linh, we headed for the coast at Lang Co Beach Resort. Apart from enjoying the sound of the waves lapping on the sandy shoreline, we explored the gardens and also nearby An Cu Lagoon. Highlights were our first Japanese Tits, Light-vented Bulbul, some obliging Masked Laughingthrushes, Scaly and Japanese Thrushes, Chinese Blackbird, and a brief female Daurian Redstart.

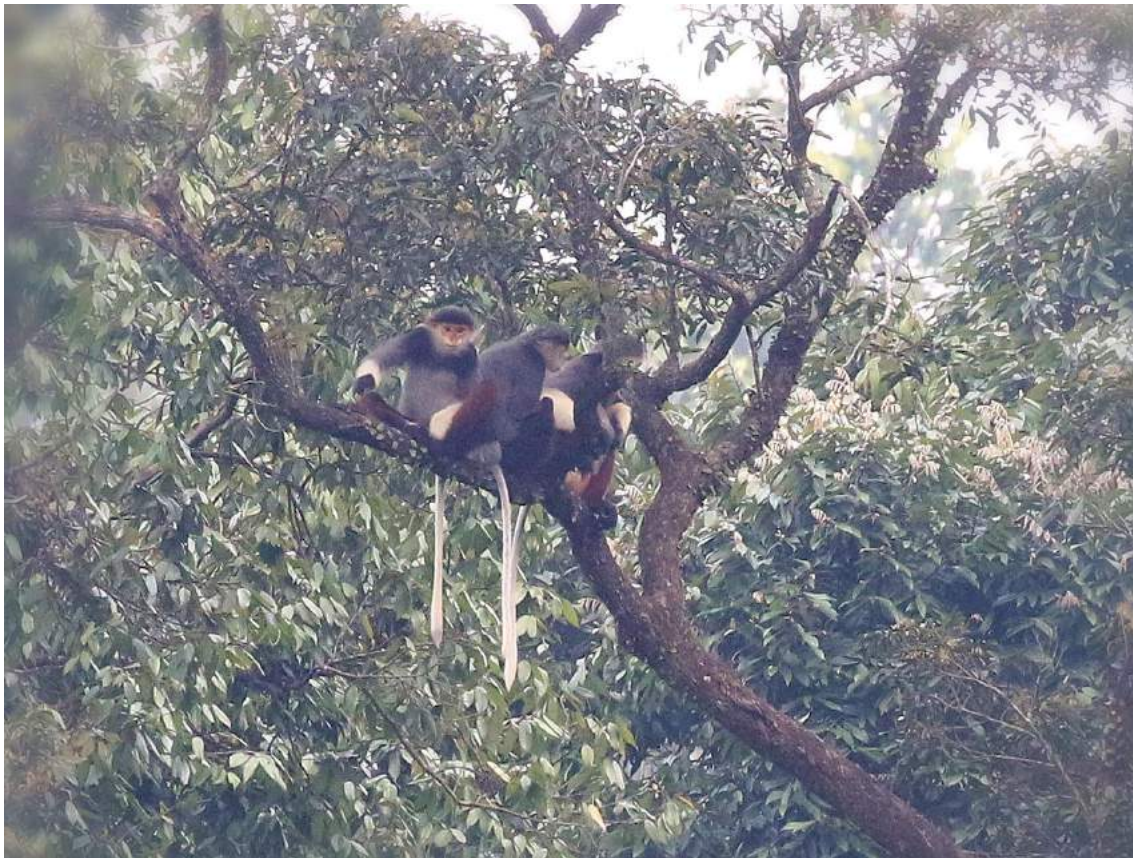


Indochinese and Mountain (or Annam) Fulvettas (Dave Williamson)

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, Bach Ma National Park was closed to visitors, so we continued with the next stage of our Vietnamese adventure which took us close to the Lao border once more, and the town of Khe Sanh. With an extra morning at our disposal, we did a little exploring, and paid a visit to Dakrong Nature Reserve to the south-east. Back in 1991, during his third expedition to Vietnam, Craig and his colleagues had identified this location as one that would potentially still harbor the Critically Endangered Edwards's Pheasant. The species was later found there in 1997, and the site was declared a nature reserve in order to protect it. With its population heavily fragmented, and still under considerable hunting pressure, it is now doubtful whether it still exists this far south, or indeed at all! Nevertheless, there were other regional specialities to search for so, after a dawn walk down the road from the HQ, we located a small trail; frequented by woodcutters and

hunters of course! The habits of the hill folk are hard to change it seems, but despite this rather sad picture, it was a very birdy morning. A noisy pair of Indochinese Green Magpies were the highlight, along with Common Hill Myna, Puff-throated Bulbul, an Asian Stubtail, Scaly-crowned (or Indochinese) Babbler, Grey-faced Tit-Babbler, and our first Black-browed Fulvetta and Crimson and Fork-tailed Sunbirds. Scaly-breasted Partridge was heard.

After lunch back in Khe Sanh, we moved to some extensive areas of relatively undisturbed and really quite beautiful broadleaved evergreen forest in the vicinity of Deo Sa Mu, in search of the seldom seen Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush - not so far from where Craig had rediscovered this form during his first expedition to Vietnam in 1988, and before he split it from Grey Laughingthrush in his South-East Asia field guide. The laughingthrushes themselves were not uncommon and we managed to get some good views just inside the forest, despite their rather fleeting nature. There were many other good birds on show, such as a feeding pair of Yellow-vented Green Pigeons, Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Red-vented, Necklaced and the localised Moustached Barbet, a nice pair of nominate Blyth's Shrike-babblers, flocks of attractive white-headed *leucocephalus*-type bulbuls, a flock of house martins that included the localised Nepal, as well as more widespread Asian - the former a tour write-in -, Red-billed Scimitar and Collared Babbler, Silver-eared Mesia, Indochinese Yuhina, and a smart White-gorgeted Flycatcher.



Red-shanked Douc Langurs (Craig Robson)

After an early start the following morning, we headed past Deo Sa Mu and continued on our way to Phong Nha. Taking the back-roads we had time to make a few birding stops; first in Bac Huong Hoa Nature Reserve, then Khe Nuoc Trong NR, and finally Truong Son IBBA, before finally reaching Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park after lunch. The former three locations produced Great Hornbill, our first Cook's Swifts, Asian Emerald Cuckoo, Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo, another tour write-in in the form of Yunnan Fulvetta, and our only Plain Flowerpecker. We also encountered our first troupes of superb Red-shanked Douc Langurs, arguably Asia's most attractive primate. Entering Phong Nha Ke Bang NP, we found our only Austen's Brown Hornbills of the tour, as well as a very obliging Spot-necked Babbler, before finishing off with the parks most well-known duo,

in the form of Sooty Babbler and Limestone Leaf Warbler - both of which showed very nicely -, a perched Lesser Fish Eagle at the river bridge, and then an excellent troupe of 12 rare Hatinh Langurs going to roost.

The next morning we headed off to explore the more remote parts of Phong Nha Ke Bang. It was pleasant birding with relatively little of special note, although Necklaced Barbet was unexpected this far north, and other sub-montane surprises included Grey-chinned Minivet, Blue-winged Minla, and more Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrushes. We also enjoyed the likes of Sultan Tit, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush and a teed-up male Blue-and-white Flycatcher. Mammals were on show as well, with several more troupes of excellent Red-shanked Douc Langurs, a handful of Stump-tailed Macaques, and a pair of Crab-eating Mongoose.

Early the following morning, we continued north again, and arrived for some birding at Van Long Nature Reserve around tea time. The weather was rather poor, with low cloud and no long-range visibility, dashing our hopes of seeing Delacour's Langur. There were some good birds in 'the marsh' though, with a pair of Garganey, many Yellow Bitterns, a single Eurasian Bittern (rare here), Asian Openbill, Grey-headed (or Indochinese) Swampphen, White-browed Crape, and Pheasant-tailed Jacana. With Cuc Phuong National Park also now closed due to the unfolding crisis, we spent the night in a very nice hotel nearby.

Early the next morning we continued again, soon arriving at Tam Dao National Park, where we enjoyed a good chunk of the day birding. With unrestricted access to the steps up to the hilltop, we managed to find most of the main targets without too much difficulty. Short-tailed Parrotbill and Grey Laughingthrush both showed well on multiple occasions, as did the *ricketti* form of Blyth's Shrike-babbler (sometimes split as Grey-breasted), Pallas's Warbler, 'Tonkin' Streaked Wren-Babbler, Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, David's Fulvetta, Black-chinned Yuhina, Red-flanked Bluetail, and Fork-tailed Sunbird.

Finishing off down towards the headquarters buildings, there were brief views of Pale-footed Bush Warbler, Eastern Crowned Warbler, and a nice Chestnut Bunting, before the tour drew to its conclusion and we headed for the airport!



Forested ridges at Ngoc Linh (Craig Robson)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

BIRDS

Total of bird species recorded: 396.

Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus* (H)

Orange-necked Partridge *Arborophila davidi* Amazing views of a pair at Cat Tien; so good for this tricky species.

Green-legged Partridge (Scaly-breasted P) *Arborophila chloropus* Several pairs seen very well at Cat Tien NP.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

Siamese Fireback *Lophura diardi* Just a single female at Cat Tien, but seen well.

Germain's Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron germaini* Amazing views of a male at Cat Tien.

Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus* Easily seen in the grassland area at Cat Tien NP; 8+.

Garganey *Spatula querquedula* A pair at Van Long Marsh.

Hodgson's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus hodgsoni* Superb close views of one near Dalat, at a new site.

Blyth's Frogmouth (Indochinese F) *Batrachostomus [affinis] continentalis* 1 seen well & 1 heard at Cat Tien NP.

Great Eared Nightjar *Lyncornis macrotis* This huge harrier-like nightjar was easily seen at Cat Tien.

Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus jotaka* Small numbers at widespread locations.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* Several seen in the south.

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris* Noted in the southern and central uplands.

Germain's Swiftlet *Aerodramus germani* Widespread in region now, since proliferation of swiftlet breeding houses.

Silver-backed Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis* Small numbers in the south.

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Cook's Swift *Apus cooki* A common resident at Phong Nha-Ke Bang NP.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

Green-billed Malkoha *Rhopodytes tristis*

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *Clamator coromandus* One at Cat Tien NP.

Asian Koel (Common K) *Eudynamis scolopaceus*

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculatus* A nice male at Khe Nuoc Trong Nature Reserve.

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* Several seen well at Cat Tien NP.

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii* (H)

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* (H)

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* Only seen once, at Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparveroides* (H) One at Tam Dao.

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx nasicolor* One seen at Ta Nung, and another at Khe Nuoc Trong NR.

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*

Common Cuckoo (Eurasian C) *Cuculus canorus* (H) Khe Nuoc Trong NR. Breeds in the Central Annam.

Rock Dove (R Pigeon, Feral P) (feral) *Columba livia*

Red Turtle Dove (R Collared D) *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall*

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

Zebra Dove (Peaceful D) *Geopelia striata* Seen as far north as Dak To. Recent colonist; spreading northwards fast.

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon *Treron bicinctus* Two at Cat Tien NP.

Ashy-headed Green Pigeon *Treron phayrei* Around 30 or so at Cat Tien.

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

Yellow-vented Green Pigeon *Treron seimundi* A pair scoped at Deo Sa Mu (nominate).

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenurus* Two in flight at Mang Canh (*delacour*).

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea* 14 at Cat Tien.

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*

Slaty-legged Crane *Rallina eurizonoides* Amazing year: adult & first winter at Cat Tien & first winter at Deo Nui San.



Scaly-breasted Partridge and White-crested Laughingthrush (Craig Robson)

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
White-browed Crane *Porzana cinerea* One seen at Van Long Marsh.
Grey-headed Swampphen (Indochinese S) *Porphyrio [poliocephalus] viridis* Four at Van Long Marsh.
Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* 15 at Van Long Marsh.
Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* Two at Van Long Marsh.
Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*
Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* 6+ at Van Long Marsh.
Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum* Three in dry fields at Cat Tien NP. Heard flying over at Mang Canh.
Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans* 3 near Dak To; 250+ en route in Central Annam; 1 at Van Long Marsh.
Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus* Three very distant birds at Cat Tien NP.
Eurasian Bittern (Great B) *Botaurus stellaris* Nice flight views of one at Van Long Marsh.
Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*
Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*
Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*
Great Egret (Eastern G E) *Ardea [alba] modesta*
Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
Western Osprey (Osprey) *Pandion haliaetus* Several sightings at Cat Tien NP.
Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*
Crested Honey Buzzard (Indomalayan H B) *Pernis ptilorhynchus* Widespread in southern to central Vietnam.
Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* One at Deo Nui San, and two seen really well in dry forest near Ho Ayun, Pleiku.
Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*
Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis* Three sightings along the back roads; Deo Sa Mu to Phong Nha.
Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*
Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*
Shikra *Accipiter badius*
Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (NL) One of an unidentified form at Phong Nha.
Lesser Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus humilis* One at Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.
Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaeus* One at Cat Tien NP.
Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* Singles at Cat Tien and Bi Doup Nui Ba NP's.
Oriental Bay Owl *Phodilus badius* One was spotlighted briefly at very close range at Cat Tien.
Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* (H)
Collared Scops Owl *Otus lettia* One seen well by the restaurant at Cat Tien.
Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl *Bubo nipalensis* (H) Two distantly at Cat Tien NP, but un-responsive.
Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei* One seen nicely at Mang Canh; often heard.
Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides* Two seen at Cat Tien (rusty-streaked *deignani*).
Brown Hawk-Owl (B Boobook) *Ninox scutulata* One seen easily at Cat Tien NP.
Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios* Two lovely males at Cat Tien.
Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*
Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops* A couple seen at Cat Tien; heard at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP.
Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* One at Bac Huong Hoa NR; a nice flight view. Heard once at Cat Tien.
Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*
Austen's Brown Hornbill (Northern Brown H) *Anorrhinus austeni* At least three en route to Phong Nha-Ke Bang NP.
Indochinese Roller *Coracias benghalensis* Small numbers at Cat Tien and en route heading north. Split from Indian.
Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*
Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella* A pair scoped at Cat Tien NP; others heard.
White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*
Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*
Blyth's Kingfisher *Alcedo hercules* The surprise of the trip, 1 at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP. Thanks to Quang & Dave!
Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni* Many sightings in the south and centre of Vietnam.
Green Bee-eater (Asian G B-e) *Merops orientalis*
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti* Best seen at Deo Sa Mu, where it was breeding.
Red-vented Barbet *Psilopogon lagrandieri* A number of good sightings of this regional endemic.

Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineata*
Green-eared Barbet *Psilopogon faiostricta* Plenty of these regional endemics.
Necklaced Barbet *Psilopogon auricularis* Many in S & C Vietnam, north to Phong Nha. Split from Golden-throated.
Indochinese Barbet (Annam B) *Psilopogon annamensis* Common in the southern and central highlands.
Moustached Barbet *Psilopogon incognita* 2 scoped, others heard: Deo Sa Mu to Khe Nuoc Trong Nature Reserve.
Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon [australis] cyanotis* Many authorities now split off Sundaic island forms.
Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephala*
Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus* Three at Deo Nui San (*malayorum*).
White-browed Piculet *Sasia ochracea* Scattered sightings (nominate).
Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente* Three of these excellent little guys at Cat Tien NP.
Grey-capped Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus* 1 Cat Tien & a few in the Dalat area (*delacour*).
Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus* One seen well at Ngoc Linh.
Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha*
Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*
Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*
Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense* A pair at Cat Tien (*intermedium*).
Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus* A few at Cat Tien (nominate).
Pale-headed Woodpecker *Gecinulus grantia* A couple seen rather briefly at Cat Tien NP.
Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* Seen at Deo Nui San (*annamensis*) & en route to Phong Nha (nominate).
Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus* One seen at Cat Tien (*annamensis*).
Black-and-buff Woodpecker *Meiglyptes jugularis* Good views of 4 at Cat Tien, a very good year. Regional endemic.
Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* Two at Cat Tien (*harterti*).
Collared Falconet *Microhierax caeruleus* (NL) One briefly at Cat Tien NP.
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (H) One around a huge cliff at Phong Nha, where it no doubt breeds.
Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*
Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*
Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos* A pair of these beauties at Cat Tien NP.
Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* Scattered sightings.
Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus* Three showed very well at Deo Nui San.
Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus* (H) Once at Cat Tien.
Blue-rumped Pitta *Hydrornis soror* A pair eventually showed very well for us at Deo Nui San.
Rusty-naped Pitta *Hydrornis oatesi* Superb views of a male at Bi Doup Nui Ba National Park.
Blue Pitta *Hydrornis cyaneus* Mind-blowing views of a pair at Bi Doup Nui Ba National Park.
Bar-bellied Pitta *Hydrornis elliotii* A pair at Cat Tien NP, with a stunning and particularly confiding male.
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*
Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus*
Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*
Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*
Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnaye* Widespread in the lowlands. Another regional endemic that just gets into SW China.
Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* Southern & central highlands, and also at Phong Nha (*deignani*).
Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris* Not uncommon in the central highlands (*anthoides*).
Long-tailed Minivet (Annam M) *Pericrocotus [ethologus] annamensis* A few in the southern highlands.
Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*
Swinhoe's Minivet (Brown-rumped M) *Pericrocotus cantonensis* Some good sightings in the south.
Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei*
Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Coracina melaschistos* Deo Nui San (wintering ssp.); central highlands (*avensis*).
Indochinese Cuckooshrike *Coracina polioptera* Small numbers at Cat Tien (*polioptera*). A further regional endemic.
Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*
Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurioides* Small numbers of endemic *nigricapillus* in the south.
Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus* Just a single juvenile at Tam Dao.
White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*
Blyth's Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* A few in the central highlands (nominate). A vireo not a babbler.



Bar-bellied Pitta at Cat Tien and nominate Blyth's Shrike-babbler at Deo Sa Mu (Craig Robson)

Blyth's Shrike-babbler (Grey-breasted S-b) *Pteruthius [aeralatus] ricketti* Nice male at Tam Dao (*ricketti*).
 Dalat Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius annamensis* Four seen in the southern highlands. A poor species.
 Black-eared Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius melanotis* A few in the central highlands.
 Clicking Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius intermedius* Three at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP.
 Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris* Several seen well in the southern highlands, where it is resident.
 Black-naped Oriole (Eastern B-n O) *Oriolus [chinensis] diffusus* Three at Cat Tien. A potential split.
 Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*
 Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*
 Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*
 Ashy Drongo (Sooty D) *Dicrurus leucophaeus* Cat Tien to Dalat (*bondi*); central Vietnam (*mouhoti*).
 Ashy Drongo (Chinese White-faced D) *D. [leucophaeus] innexus* Several wintering birds noted at Cat Tien NP.
 Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*
 Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*
 Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*
 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*
 White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*
 Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*
 Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis* Males at Mang Canh and Deo Sa Mu.
 Eurasian Jay (White-faced J) *Garrulus [glandarius] leucotis* A pair at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP HQ.
 Common Green Magpie (Yellow-crowned G M) *Cissa [chinensis] margaritae* (H) One at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP.
 Indochinese Green Magpie *Cissa hypoleuca* A pair showed quite well for most of us at Dakrong NR (*chauleti*).
 Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia*
 Ratchet-tailed Treepie *Temnurus temnurus* 2 seen at Mang Canh and another at Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.
 Large-billed Crow (Southern Jungle C) *Corvus macrorhynchos*
 Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis* Now placed in the Stenostiridae. Not a flycatcher.
 Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus* Three seen at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP.
 Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* Widespread. Birds with more than typical black in crest south-east PNKB NP.
 Sultan Tit (Annam S T) *Melanochlora [sultanea] gayeti* The black crested form was seen at Mang Canh.
 Japanese Tit *Parus minor* Small numbers of *commixtus* south as far as Lang Co Beach Resort.
 Green-backed Tit (Langbian T) *Parus [monticolus] legendrei* Six in the southern highlands.
 Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus* Eight in the central highlands (*basileus*).
 Indochinese Bush Lark (I Bushlark) *Mirafra erythrocephala* Two pairs in open fields at Cat Tien. Regional endemic.
 Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*
 Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris*
 Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*
 Light-vented Bulbul (Chinese B) *Pycnonotus sinensis* A single *hainanus* at Lang Co.
 Sooty-headed Bulbul (Northern S-h B) *P. [aurigaster] chrysorrhoides* Plenty in the north.
 Sooty-headed Bulbul (Southern S-h B) *P. aurigaster* Ditto in the south. Seemingly intermediate birds at Lang Co.
 Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*
 Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescent* Small numbers in the southern highlands (*sordidus*).
 Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescent* (H) One at Lang Co Beach Resort.
 Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus conradi* Common in the south. A lowland species, endemic to South-East Asia.
 Puff-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus pallidus* Fairly common from Mang Den northwards.
 Ochraceous Bulbul *A. ochraceus* Endemic *hallae* (which most closely resembles Puff-throated) in the south.
 Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua* At Cat Tien (*innectens*); Deo Nui San (*simulator*); Central Annam (*propinqua*).
 Mountain Bulbul (Southern M B) *Ixos [mcclellandii] tickelli* Frequent; southern & central highlands (*griseiventer*).
 Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flava* Two at Ngoc Linh.
 Ashy Bulbul (Brown-backed B) *Hemixos [flava] remotus* A few in southern highlands. S Indochina endemic.
 Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* Many resident *concolor*; 180-330 wintering (cf) *leucocephalus* Deo Sa Mu.
 Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
 Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* Four at their breeding bridges near Dak To.
 Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus* A minimum of 10 in a flock of house martins at Deo Sa Mu.
 Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalense* At least four identified with the latter.
 Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*
Pygmy Cupwing (P Wren-babbler) *Pnoepyga pusilla* (H)
Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* Cat Tien NP, Deo Sa Mu & Tam Dao NP (*euthymus*).
Rufous-faced Warbler *Abroscopus albogularis* This little cracker was seen at Mang Canh (Indochinese *fulvifacies*).
Black-faced Warbler *Abroscopus schisticeps* Ten in a flock at Ngoc Linh.
Mountain Tailorbird (M Leaf-toiler) *Phyllergates cuculatus* Scattered sightings throughout.
Grey-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer* Seen a few times in the southern and central highlands.
Asian Stubtail *Urosphena squameiceps* One seen by some of us at Dakrong NR.
Pale-footed Bush Warbler *Urosphena pallidipes* A couple singing at Tam Dao, with one popping into view briefly.
Black-throated Bushtit (Grey-crowned B) *Aegithalos [concinus] annamensis* Occasional in s & c Highlands.
Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* One of the commonest wintering & passage migrants in Vietnam.
Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* A few at Tam Dao.
Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* Scattered sightings along roadsides.
Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*
Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus* One briefly at Tam Dao.
White-spectacled Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis* 3 at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP (*ocularis*); 1 Ngoc Linh (unknown ssp.).
Grey-cheeked Warbler *Phylloscopus poliogenys* Small numbers in the southern and central Highlands.
Bianchi's Warbler *Phylloscopus valentini* One very briefly at Tam Dao.
Two-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*
Pale-legged Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes* Often heard but only seen once, from a hide at Cat Tien.
Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus castaniceps* A few in the southern & central highlands (*annamensis*).
Limestone Leaf Warbler *P. calciatilis* 2 Phong Nha-Ke Bang. Smart but more-or-less identical to Sulphur-breasted.
Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides* Found at the higher levels throughout.
Claudia's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus claudiae* Singing migrants at Deo Nui San (three) and Mang Den (two).
Kloss's Leaf Warbler *P. ogilviegranti* S highlands & Mang Den (*klossi*); 2 singing (migrants) Tam Dao (nominat).
Davison's Leaf Warbler *P. intensior* 8+ singing Ngoc Linh (suggests breeding?); but previously unrecorded here.
Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis* One by the river at the Kontum-Dak To Wetlands.
Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata* (H)
Dalat Bush Warbler (Vietnamese B-w) *Locustella idonea* Amazing views of this recent split near Dalat.
Annam Prinia *Prinia rocki* 1 of these endemics responded very well near Deo Nui San. Just split from Brown Prinia.
Hill Prinia *Prinia superciliaris* Several in the southern and central highlands (*klossi*).
Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens* A few *dalatensis* were seen in southern areas.
Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii* A singing bird eventually showed itself in dry woodland near Ho Ayun, Pleiku.
Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris* (H) A couple at Cat Tien (*delacourii*).
Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata* One seen at Cat Tien (*herberti*), and several at Van Long Marsh (*extensicauda*).
Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* Frequent central (*inexpectatus*) and northern (*longicauda*) Vietnam.
Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* Common and widespread (*nittidus*).
Large Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* (H) Not a sniff this year; but often heard.
White-browed Scimitar Babbler *P. schisticeps* 5, incl. 2 dependant fledged juvs., Bi Doup Nui Ba NP (*annamensis*).
Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* Two *reconditus* at Tam Dao.
Red-billed Scimitar Babbler (Orange-b S B) *P. ochraceiceps* 2 *alius* at both Deo Nui San and Deo Sa Mu.
Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler (White-throated S B) *P. [ferruginosus] albogularis* Several *dickinsoni* at Ngoc Linh.
Sooty Babbler *Stachyris herberti* Four of these dumpy rock-hoppers at Phong Nha-Ke Bang NP.
Grey-throated Babbler (Northern G-t B) *Stachyris nigriceps* Small numbers seen in the south (*rileyi*).
Spot-necked Babbler *Stachyris striolata* Cracking views of one on the way to Phong Nha (*tonkinensis*).
Rufous-capped Babbler *Stachyridopsis ruficeps* Occasional in southern and central highlands (*pagana*).
Golden Babbler *Stachyridopsis chrysaea* Frequent in central highlands (race unknown) and at Tam Dao (*frigidum*).
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus gularis* Two races: in the south (*versuricola*), and the central Vietnam (*kinneari*).
Grey-faced Tit-Babbler *M. kelleyi* Common Cat Tien NP (2 seen) & also Dakrong NR (2 seen). Regional endemic.
Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps* A handful in the forest at Ngoc Linh (*stepanyani*).
Black-crowned Fulvetta *Alcippe klossi* Seven seen at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP. *Pseudoalcippe* is the correct genus.
Rusty-capped Fulvetta *Alcippe dubia* Two seen at Ngoc Linh (*cui*), and others heard.
Mountain Fulvetta (Annam F) *A. [peracensis] annamensis* Southern & central highlands north to Ngoc Linh.
Black-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe grotei* The common lowland nun-babbler (Dakrong NR-Phong Nha-Ke Bang).



Clockwise from top left (Dave Williamson unless stated): Orange-necked Partridge (C. Robson), Blyth's (or Indochinese) Frogmouth, Black-crowned Barwing, female and male (C. Robson) Large (or Dalat) Niltava, and Collared Babbler.

David's Fulvetta *Alcippe davidi* The nun-babbler at Tam Dao NP (*schaefferi*); where 10+ seen.

Yunnan Fulvetta *Alcippe fratercula* Small numbers at Khe Nuoc Trong & Phong Nha Ke Bang (*laotiana*).

Streaked Wren-Babbler *Napothera brevicaudata* A pair right in front of us at Deo Nui San.

Streaked Wren-Babbler (Tonkin S W-B) *N. [brevicaudata] stevensi* 1 Tam Dao (*stevensi*); hrd. Dakrong (*proximus*).

Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler (Austen's W-B) *Napothera [epilepidota] roberti* One at Mang Den (*amyae*).

Collared Babbler *Gampsorhynchus torquatus* Singles seen well at Deo Nui San and Deo Sa Mu (*torquatus*).

Short-tailed Scimitar Babbler (Indochinese Wren-B) *Jabouilleia danjoui* Superb family of 4 at Bi Doup (nominate).

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti* Good views of several at Cat Tien (*williamsoni*).

Scaly-crowned Babbler (Indochinese B) *Malacopteron [cinereum] indochinense* 4 at Dakrong Nature Reserve.

Spot-throated Babbler *Pellorneum albiventris* One showed pretty well in the end at Mang Canh (*cinnamomeum*).

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps* Good views of small numbers at Cat Tien (*dillon*).

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli* Seen well at Cat Tien, Deo Nui San and Dakrong NR (*annamense*).

Vietnamese Cutia *Cutia legalleni* 4 seen well in pines at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP, including nest with incubating female.

Grey-crowned Crocias *Crocias langbianis* Decent views of three at the wonderful Ta Nung Valley.

Collared Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron yersini* Superb views of three at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP.

Red-tailed Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron milnei* Two of these stunners seen at Ngoc Linh (*vitryi*?); others heard.

Golden-winged Laughingthrush *T. ngoclinhense* At least 3 of these rare endemics at Ngoc Linh.

Blue-winged Minla (B-w Siva) *Minla cyanouroptera* 7 seen, from Mang Den to Phong Nha Ke Bang (*wingatei*).

Blue-winged Minla (Plain M) *M. [cyanouroptera] orientalis* Plain endemic *orientalis* frequent in southern highlands.

Black-crowned Barwing *Actinodura sodangorum* At least 9 seen easily at Ngoc Linh. A striking near-endemic.

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta* Four *mariae* at Ngoc Linh.

Rufous-backed Sibia *Heterophasia annectans* Two endemic *eximia* seen at the Ta Nung Valley.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris* Several *cunhaci* in southern & central highlands; 2 *ricketti* at Tam Dao NP.

Black-headed Sibia (White-spectacled S) *Heterophasia [desgodinsi] robinsoni* Six in the southern highlands.

Black-headed Sibia (Brownish-backed S) *Heterophasia [desgodinsi] engelbachi* At least 8 *kingi* at Ngoc Linh.

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger* 1 seen Cat Tien (*mouhoti*); 2 seen Phong Nha (*pasquieri*).

White-crested Laughingthrush (Eastern W-c L) *Garrulax [leucolophus] diardi* 30+ seen at Cat Tien (*diardi*).

Black-hooded Laughingthrush *Garrulax milleti* c.12 seen very well in the central highlands (*sweeti*).

Grey Laughingthrush *Garrulax maesi* Quite common at Tam Dao; 15 seen.

Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush *Garrulax castanotis* At Deo Sa Mu & Phong Nha Ke Bang; 12 seen & 4 heard.

Orange-breasted Laughingthrush *Stactocichla annamensis* 2 of these beautiful endemics; Deo Nui San & Bi Doup.

Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush *Ianthocincla konkakinhensis* Very fortunate, with 1 seen superbly at Mang Canh.

Black-throated Laughingthrush *Dryonastes chinensis* (H)

White-cheeked Laughingthrush *Dryonastes vassali* 43 logged in the southern highlands. Regional endemic.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus pectoralis* Three at Tam Dao (*robin*).

Masked Laughingthrush *Garrulax perspicillatus* Two seen well at Lang Co Beach Resort.

Golden-breasted Fulvetta (Robson's F, Annam G-b F) *Lioparus [chrysotis] robsoni* Four crackers at Ngoc Linh.

Indochinese Fulvetta *Fulvetta danisi* Four pairs (*bidoupensis*) at Ngoc Linh. An extremely local regional endemic.

Short-tailed Parrotbill *Neosuthora davidiana* Superb views this year at Tam Dao; at least three (*tonkinensis*).

Grey-headed Parrotbill *Psittiparus gularis* Five tree-top *laotianus* at Mang Canh.

Black-headed Parrotbill (B-crowned P) *P. margaritae* At least 12 of these near-endemics in the southern highlands.

Indochinese Yuhina (Chestnut-collared Y) *Yuhina torqueola* Just one this year, at Deo Sa Mu.

Stripe-throated Yuhina *Y. gularis* Two endemic *uthaii* briefly and poorly at Ngoc Linh!

Black-chinned Yuhina *Yuhina nigrimenta* 12 at Deo Nui San, 10 Mang Canh, and 12 at Tam Dao.

Warbling White-eye *Zosterops japonicus* The former Japanese White-eye was frequent towards the north.

Indian White-eye (Oriental W-e) *Zosterops palpebrosus* Six at Deo Nui San & two at Deo Sa Mu (*siamensis*).

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella* Widespread. Female on nest at Cat Tien HQ.

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis* Eight in the southern highlands (*grisiventris*).

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

Yellow-billed Nuthatch *Sitta solangiae* Two pairs at Nui Bi Doup NP, and another at Mang Canh. Near-endemic.

Hume's Treecreeper *Certhia manipurensis* Great views of a singing individual at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP.

Golden-crested Myna *Ampeliceps coronatus* Two pairs this year at Cat Tien NP.

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* Pretty scarce, but a pair seen at Dakrong Nature Reserve (*intermedia*).

Great Myna (White-vented M) *Acridotheres grandis* A few around Phong Nha, and a couple near Deo Sa Mu.



aurimaculatus Orange-headed Thrush (Craig Robson) and Short-tailed Scimitar Babbler ((Dave Williamson)

Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus* A few between Khe Sanh and Phong Nha.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Vinous-breasted Starling (V-b Myna) *A. [burmannicus] leucocephalus* Several sightings in south and centre.

Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis*

White-shouldered Starling *Sturnia sinensis* One en route Dalat-Mang Den, and three at Phong Nha.

Chestnut tailed Starling *Sturnia malabarica* (NL) A couple at Mang Canh.

Orange-headed Thrush *Geokichla citrina innotata* Cat Tien, Deo Nui San, Bi Doup Nui Ba; *aurimacula* at last 2 sites.

White's Thrush *Zoothera aurea* One by the lagoon at Lang Co was our only sighting.

Japanese Thrush *Turdus cardis* Two skulkers in the garden at Lang Co Beach Resort.

Chinese Blackbird *Turdus mandarinus* A handful were still left around Lang Co.

Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis* (H) One at Ngoc Linh.

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* Common at Cat Tien; heard further north (*interposita*).

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica* Up to 9 logged at Cat Tien NP.

Ferruginous Flycatcher *Muscicapa ferruginea* Several at Ngoc Linh.

White-gorgeted Flycatcher *Anthipes monileger* One seen very well at Deo Sa Mu.

Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Anthipes solitaris* Two seen very nicely near Dalat.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus* Widespread, with occasional sightings. A variable species.

Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor* Two seen and several heard at Mang Canh.

Indochinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis sumatrensis* Frequently seen at Cat Tien.

Fujian Niltava *Niltava davidi* A cracking male at Ngoc Linh.

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis* (H) Three at Ngoc Linh.

Large Niltava (Dalat N) *Niltava [grandis] decorata* At least six seen really well at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP.

Blue-and-white Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelana* A male scoped at Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophris* (H) Two at Ngoc Linh.

Lesser Shortwing (Langbian L S) *Brachypteryx [leucophris] carolinae* At least 3 seen in the southern highlands.

Siberian Blue Robin *Larvivora cyane* Great views at Cat Tien NP and Deo Nui San.

Siberian Rubythroat *Calliope calliope* A male showed itself at Cat Tien NP; heard a few times.

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura* A couple seen well in the south.

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus* At least two female types as we ascended the steps at Tam Dao.

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus* One at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP.

Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus* Three at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP, with some great views (endemic *robinsoni*).

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

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki* One at Deo Nui San.

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophiate* (NL) Two at Ngoc Linh (race unclear/unknown).

Taiga Flycatcher (Red-throated F) *Ficedula albicilla*

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *F. hypertyra* A total of 5 seen in southern (*annamensis*) & central (nominate) highlands.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* A total of 4 seen in southern (*langbianis*) & central (ssp. ?) highlands.

Pygmy Flycatcher *Muscicapella hodgsoni* A pair at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP, where only recently discovered.

Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus* Dave spotted a female on a quiet road at Lang Co.

Plumbeous Water Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus* A pair at Bi Doup Nui Ba NP, and three at Ngoc Linh.

Blue Rock Thrush (Eastern B R T) *M. [solitarius] philippensis* A total of 5 seen; *pandoo* & one *philippensis*.

White-throated Rock Thrush *Monticola gularis* A female came in at Deo Nui San.

Stejneger's Stonechat *Saxicola stejnegeri* Widespread sightings.

Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata* Three at Cat Tien, and two on the journey from Dalat to Kontum.

Grey Bush Chat *Saxicola ferreus* (NL) Just one near Dalat.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* Common at Cat Tien (*auropectus*); pair at Dakrong NR (ssp.?).

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons* Frequent at Cat Tien (*inornata*).

Orange-bellied Leafbird *C. hardwickii* 1 Bi Doup Nui Ba (ssp.?); 1 Deo Sa Mu & 8 Phong Nha Ke Bang (*melliana*).

Thick-billed Flowerpecker (Modest F) *Dicaeum [agile] obsoletum* Two tail-wagging at Cat Tien NP.

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum* An amazing response from one at Khe Nuoc Trong Nature Reserve.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *D. ignipectus* Occasional sightings in the southern & central highlands (nominate).

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum* Four at Cat Tien (nominate).



Vietnamese Cutia & Black-headed (or White-spectacled) Sibia (Craig Robson), and Orange-breasted Laughingthrush (Dave Williamson)

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis* A few seen, north to Pleiku (*koratensis*).

Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis* A smart male at Lang Co Beach Resort (nominate).

Van Hasselt's Sunbird *Leptocoma brasiliana* A good year, with eight logged at Cat Tien NP (*emmae*).

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus* A male in dry forest near Ho Ayun, Pleiku (*intermedia*).

Olive-backed Sunbird (Ornate S) *C. [jugularis] ornatus* Ssp. *flammaxillaris* N to Lang Co; *rhizophorae* Tam Dao.

Mrs Gould's Sunbird (Scarlet-breasted S) *Aethopyga [gouldiae] dabryi* Eight in central highlands (ssp.?).

Mrs Gould's Sunbird (Annam S) *Aethopyga [gouldiae] annamensis* Frequent in the Southern Highlands.

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis* 12+ at Ngoc Linh (race?).

Fork-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga christinae* Plenty in the north, from Dakrong NR to Tam Dao NP.

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* Two *ochra* in the central highlands.

Black-throated Sunbird (Langbian S) *Aethopyga [saturata] johnsi* 12 or more in the Dalat area.

Purple-naped Sunbird *Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum* Singles Cat Tien (*mariae*) & Dakrong NR (*lisettae*).

Crimson Sunbird (Greater C S) *Aethopyga [siparaja] seheriae* In central Vietnam (*mangini*), & north (*tonkinensis*).

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra* Several sightings in southern and central Vietnam (*pallida*).

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna* Many sightings in southern and central Vietnam (*remota*).

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* A recent natural colonist, originating from Myanmar. Scattered N to Phong Nha.

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus* Eight, including a pair mating, in fields bordering Cat Tien NP.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata* Scattered in southern and central regions (*subsquamicollis*).

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* Occasional sightings in central and northern parts (*topela*).

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

White Wagtail (Amur W) *Motacilla [alba] leucopsis* One in car park en route to Tam Dao.

White Wagtail (Himalayan W, Hodgson's W) *Motacilla [alba] alboides* Also one in car park en route to Tam Dao!

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi* Two at the outskirts of Cat Tien NP.

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus* Seen throughout (*rufulus*).

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni* A few nominate migrants in central Vietnam.

Grey-capped Greenfinch (Oriental G) *Chloris sinica* (H) A male at Lang Co Beach Resort.

Vietnamese Greenfinch *C. monguilloti* 18+ on Dalat Plateau, to which it is endemic (incl. dependant fledged young).

Red Crossbill (Vietnamese C) *Loxia [curvirostra] meridionalis* Eight seen well on the Dalat Plateau.

Chestnut Bunting *Emberiza pusilla* A female-type at Tam Dao on our last day was a nice bonus.



Streaked Wren-Babbler (Craig Robson)

MAMMALS

Total of mammal species recorded: 23.

Northern Smooth-tailed Treeshrew *Dendrogale murina* Several at Cat Tien.

Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belangeri*

Stump-tailed Macaque *Macaca arctoides* At least six high up a tree at Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.

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

Northern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca leonina* Three at Cat Tien.

Rhesus Monkey *Macaca mulatta* A total of eight noted between Dakrong NR and Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.

Red-shanked Douc Langur *Pygathrix nemaeus* Our best tour ever for this superb primate: 5 groups totalling 25+

Black-shanked Douc Langur *Pygathrix nigripes* Rare south Indochina endemic. 25 logged at Cat Tien, a record!

Hatinh Langur (H Leaf Monkey) *Trachypithecus hatinhensis* A troupe of 12 at Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.

Northern Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon (N Buff-c G) *Nomascus annamensis* 1 seen Ngoc Linh. Leader gripped!

Red-cheeked Gibbon (Buff-c G, Yellow-c G) *Nomascus gabriellae* Up to eight seen at Cat Tien NP.

Brown Rat (introduced) (Norway R) *Rattus norvegicus* (NL).

Pallas's Squirrel (Belly-banded) *Callosciurus erythraeus* Races incl. *flavimanus* in south & *erythraeus* further north.

Indochinese Ground Squirrel (Berdmore's S) *Menetes berdmorei* Frequently seen at Cat Tien NP.

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* Singles seen Deo Nui San and Deo Sa Mu.

Maritime Striped Squirrel (Indochinese S S, Eastern S S) *Tamiops maritimus* Widespread.

Cambodia Striped Squirrel *Tamiops rodolphii* Three at Cat Tien.

Crab-eating Mongoose *Herpestes urva* An excellent pair of this scarce mongoose at Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.

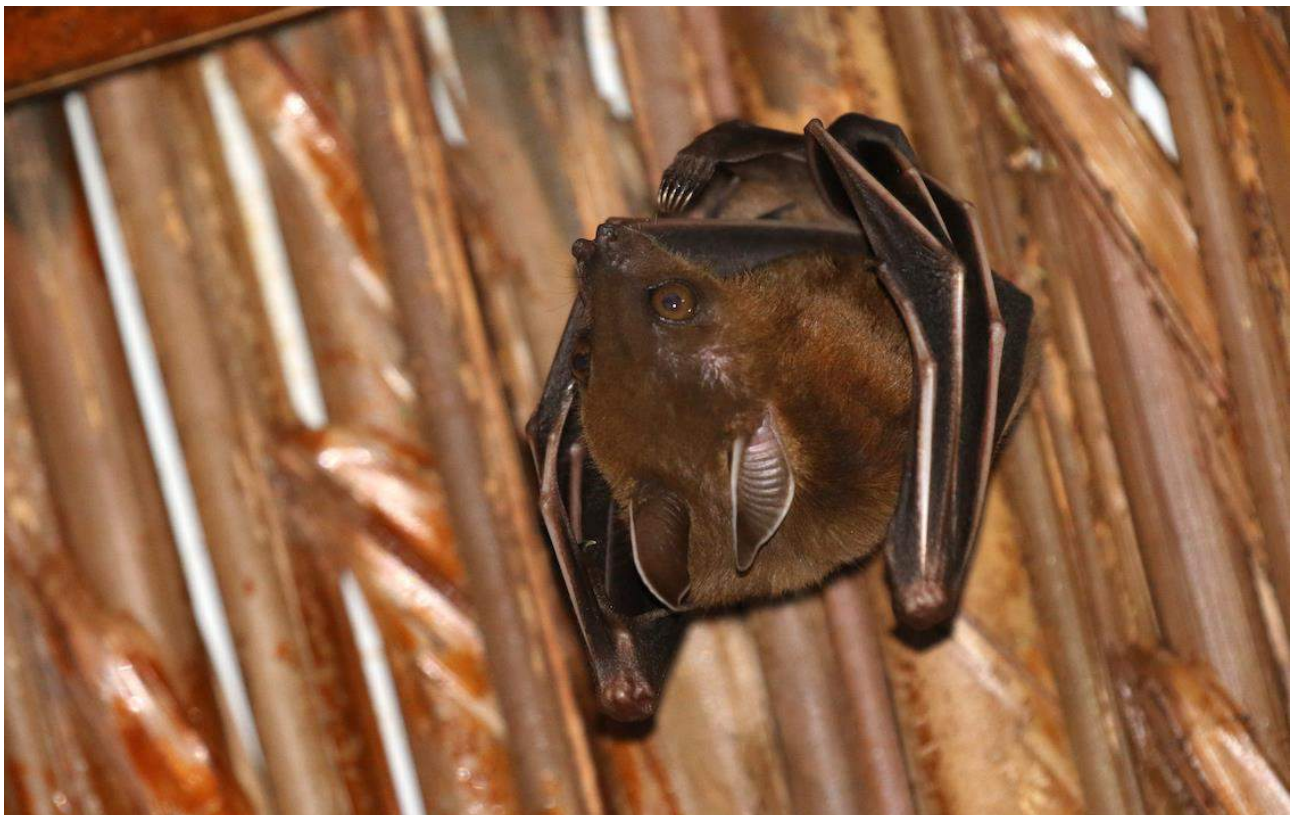
Common Palm Civet *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus* One in a bamboo clump at Cat Tien NP.

Southern Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak* Two at Cat Tien.

Sambar *Cervus unicolor* Eleven at Cat Tien NP.

Gaur *Bos gaurus* A major mammal highlight, with a group of 16+ seen well at Cat Tien NP.

Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bat *Cynopterus sphinx* One roosting in the restaurant at Cat Tien NP.



Greater Short-nosed Fruit Bat (Craig Robson)

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

Blyth's Frogmouth (Indochinese F) *Batrachostomus [affinis] continentalis*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) have suggested that this form might warrant full-species status; as Indochinese Frogmouth *Batrachostomus continentalis*.

Grey-headed Swampphen (Indochinese S) *Porphyrio [poliocephalus] viridis*

It has been suggested (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) that this form might warrant full-species status; as Indochinese Swampphen *Porphyrio viridis*.

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

Some authorities split the form seen on this tour as Eastern Great Egret *Ardea modesta*.

Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon [australis] cyanotis*

Many authorities now split off Sundaic island forms.

Long-tailed Minivet (Annam M) *Pericrocotus [ethologus] annamensis*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) have suggested that this form might warrant full-species status; as Annam Minivet *Pericrocotus annamensis*.

Blyth's Shrike-babbler (Grey-breasted S-b) *Pteruthius [aeralatus] ricketti*

It has been suggested (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) that this form might warrant full-species status; as Grey-breasted Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius ricketti*.

Black-naped Oriole (Eastern B-n O) *Oriolus [chinensis] diffusus*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) have suggested splitting-up the former Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* into multiple regional species. In this case, the form seen on this tour would become Eastern Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus diffusus*.

Ashy Drongo (Sooty D) *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

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

It has been suggested (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) that the former Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* be split-up into five species. The two species that we saw on this tour would be Sooty Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* and the pale wintering Chinese White-faced Drongo *Dicrurus innexus*.

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

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) have suggested that this form might warrant full-species status; as White-faced Jay *Garrulus leucotis*

Common Green Magpie (Yellow-crowned G M) *Cissa [chinensis] margaritae*

Endemic to the Southern Highlands of Vietnam, Yellow-crowned Green Magpie *Cissa margaritae* is a potential split (BirdLife/HBW).

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

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

Sultan Tit (Annam S T) *Melanochlora [sultanea] gayeti*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) have suggested that this form might warrant full-species status; as Annam Sultan Tit *Melanochlora gayeti*.

Green-backed Tit (Langbian T) *Parus [monticolus] legendrei*

It has been suggested (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) that this form might warrant full-species status; as Langbian Tit *Parus legendrei*.

Sooty-headed Bulbul (Northern S-h B) *Pycnonotus [aurigaster] chrysorrhoides*

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

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) have suggested that these two forms both warrant species status; Northern with red undertail-coverts, and Southern with yellow.

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

Duller southern forms such as *griseiventer* (the form seen on this tour) are a potential split from typical northern Mountain Buleuls (BirdLife/HBW).

Ashy Bulbul (Brown-backed B) *Hemixos [flavala] remotus*

Brown-backed Bulbul *Hemixos remotus*, endemic to South Indochina, is a potential split from Ashy (BirdLife/HBW).

Black-throated Bushtit (Grey-crowned B) *Aegithalos [concinus] annamensis*

Many authorities split-off Grey-crowned Bushtit *Aegithalos annamensis* as a distinct species.

White-spectacled Warbler *Seicercus affinis*

The endemic race *ocularis* differs genetically and vocally from birds in the Himalayan region and those in the central highlands of Vietnam, and is likely to be split-off in future.

Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler (White-throated S B) *Pomatorhinus [schisticeps] albogularis*

Three races of Brown-crowned Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus phayrei* (split from Coral-billed *P. ferruginosus* by BirdLife/HBW), *albogularis*, *orientalis* and *dickinsoni*, may in turn form a further distinct species, White-throated Scimitar Babbler *P. albogularis* (BirdLife/HBW).

Grey-throated Babbler (Northern G-t B) *Stachyris nigriceps*

Some authorities (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) have suggested that the southern forms (S Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra & Borneo) be treated as a separate species, Southern Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris larvata*.

Mountain Fulvetta (Annam F) *Alcippe [peracensis] annamensis*

Annam Fulvetta *Alcippe annamensis*, an Indochinese montane endemic, is a good split from Mountain Fulvetta *A. peracensis* of the Malay Peninsula.

Streaked Wren-Babbler (Tonkin S W-B) *Napothera [brevicaudata] stevensi*

Tonkin Wren-Babbler *Napothera stevensi* is a potential split from Streaked *N. brevicaudata* (BirdLife/HBW).

Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler (Austen's W-B) *Napothera [epilepidota] roberti*

Austen's Wren-Babbler *Napothera roberti* is a potential split from Eyebrowed *N. epilepidota* (BirdLife/HBW).

Short-tailed Scimitar Babbler (Indochinese Wren-B) *Rimantor danjoui*

Strangely, some 'authorities' still call this bird Short-tailed Scimitar Babbler *Jabouilleia danjoui*, even though it has clearly been shown to be con-generic with *Rimantor* and is completely and utterly unrelated to scimitar babblers (apart from being a 'babbler').

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

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

Blue-winged Minla (Plain M) *Minla [cyanouroptera] orientalis*

Endemic Plain Minla *Minla orientalis* is a potential split from Blue-winged *M. cyanouroptera* (BirdLife/HBW).

Black-headed Sibia (Brownish-backed S) *Heterophasia [desgodinsi] engelbachi*

Black-headed Sibia (White-spectacled S) *Heterophasia [desgodinsi] robinsoni*

Both Brownish-backed Sibia *Heterophasia engelbachi* (S Laos, C Annam) and White-spectacled Sibia *H. robinsoni* (S Annam) are potential splits from Black-headed *H. desgodinsi* (BirdLife/HBW).

Golden-breasted Fulvetta (Annam G-b F) *Lioparus [chrysotis] robsoni*

Annam Golden-breasted Fulvetta *Lioparus robsoni* is a potential split from Golden-breasted *L. chrysotis* (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, so the I.O.C. name is puzzling.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus*

The form *klossi*, previously assigned to Blue-throated Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides*, is now considered to be genetically indistinguishable from the current species, and may only be a morph.

Large Niltava (Dalat N) *Niltava [grandis] decorata*

Dalat Niltava *Niltava decorata* is a potential split from Large *N. grandis* (BirdLife/HBW).

Lesser Shortwing (Langbian L S) *Brachypteryx [leucophris] langbianensis*

Langbian Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx langbianensis* is a potential split from Lesser *B. leucophris* (BirdLife/HBW).

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

It has been suggested (e.g. BirdLife/HBW) that the nominate subspecies might warrant full-species status. In this case, the form seen on this tour would become Yellow-billed Whistling Thrush *Myophonus flavirostris*.

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 *D. obsoletum* (BirdLife/HBW).

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

Races *flammaxillaris* in southern areas and *rhizophorae* in northern areas. Many authorities are now dividing-up the former Olive-backed Sunbird into as many as six species (e.g. BirdLife/HBW).

Mrs Gould's Sunbird (Scarlet-breasted S) *Aethopyga [gouldiae] dabryi*

Mrs Gould's Sunbird (Annam S) *Aethopyga [gouldiae] annamensis*

There is potential for splitting-up the current Mrs Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae* into at least three species (BirdLife/HBW). Vietnamese birds would become Scarlet-breasted Sunbird *A. dabryi*, apart from endemic Annam Sunbird *A. annamensis* in the Southern Highlands.

Black-throated Sunbird (Langbian S) *Aethopyga [saturata] johnsi*

The extremely distinctive endemic Langbian Sunbird *Aethopyga johnsi* is a long overdue split from Black-throated *A. saturata*.

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

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

Red Crossbill (Vietnamese C) *Loxia [curvirostra] meridionalis*

The extremely distinctive endemic 'Vietnamese' Crossbill *Loxia meridionalis* is a long overdue split from Red Crossbill *L. curvirostra*.



Phong Nha Ke Bang NP and the foggy steps at Tam Dao (Craig Robson)

APPENDIX 1 - Top 5 birds of the tour

1st	Blyth's Kingfisher
2nd	Red-tailed Laughingthrush
3rd	Bar-bellied Pitta
4th	Blue Pitta
5th	Collared Laughingthrush

APPENDIX 2 - Other fauna & flora recorded

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Garden Lizard (G Fence L) *Calotes versicolor* Cat Tien NP.
Spotted Gliding Lizard *Draco maculatus* Deo Nui San.
Flat-tailed Gecko *Cosymbotus platyurus* One of the house geckos.
Spiny-tailed Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* The other house gecko!
Kuhl's Flying Gecko (Common F G) *Gekko kuhli* Cat Tien.
Tockay Gecko (Tokay G) *Gekko gecko* Widespread.

BUTTERFLIES

Total of butterfly species recorded: 58.

Common Birdwing *Troides helena* Cat Tien NP etc.
Golden Birdwing *Troides aeacus* Cat Tien, Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.
Common Mormon *Papilio polytes* Cat Tien.
Great Mormon *Papilio memnon agenor* Lang Co.
Great Mormon *Papilio memnon distantianus* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Common Bluebottle *Graphium sarpedon* Cat Tien, Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Lesser Zebra *Graphium macareus* Cat Tien.
Five-bar Swordtail *Graphium antiphates* Cat Tien, Tam Dao NP.
Chain Swordtail *Graphium aristeus* Cat Tien.
Psyche *Leptosia nina* Cat Tien etc.
Common Gull *Cepora nerissa* Cat Tien.
Lesser Gull *Cepora nadina eunama* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Striped Albatross *Appias libythea* Cat Tien.
Yellow Orange Tip *Ixias pyrene* Widespread.
Great Orange Tip *Hebomoia glaucippe* Widespread.
Indian Cabbage White *Artogeia canidia* Tam Dao.
Common Wanderer *Pareronia anais* Cat Tien NP etc.
Common Grass Yellow *Eurema hecabe* Cat Tien.
Anderson's Grass Yellow (One Spot G Y) *Eurema andersoni* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Striped Tiger *Danaus genutia* Widespread.
Chocolate Tiger *Parantica melaneus* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Chestnut Tiger *Parantica sita* Widespread.
Glassy Tiger *Parantica aglea* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Blue Glassy Tiger *Ideopsis vulgaris* Widespread.
Blue-banded King Crow *Euploea eunice* Cat Tien, Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Striped Blue Crow *Euploea mulciber* Cat Tien.
Double-branded Blue Crow *Euploea sylvester* Lang Co.
Dwarf Crow *Euploea tulliolus* Massing at Cat Tien.
Magpie Crow *Euploea radamanthus* Deo Nui San etc.
Clipper *Parthenos sylvia* Cat Tien.
Common Sargeant *Athyma perius* Cat Tien.
Common Lascar *Pantoporia hordonia* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Common Sailer *Neptis hylas* Widespread.

Indian Yellow Sailer (Namba S) *Neptis namba* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
 Great Eggfly *Hypolimnnae bolina* Cat Tien.
 Chocolate Pansy *Junonia iphita* Cat Tien, Deo Sa Mu etc.
 Grey Pansy *Junonia atlites* Cat Tien NP.
 Peacock Pansy *Junonia almana* Cat Tien.
 Yellow Pansy *Junonia hierta* Cat Tien.
 Common Jester *Symbrenthia lilaea* Bac Huong Hoa.
 Common Map *Cyrestis thyodamas* Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.
 Common Maplet *Chersonesia risa* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
 Leopard Lacewing *Cethosia cyane* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
 Lurcher *Yoma sabina* Cat Tien NP.
 Cruiser *Vindula erota* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
 Blue Kaiser *Penthema darlisa* Cat tien NP.
 Striped Ringlet *Ragadia crisilda* Widespread.
 Common Five-ring *Ypthima baldus* Cat Tien, Phong Nha Ke Bang etc.
 Common Three-ring *Ypthima pandocus* Cat Tien.
 Straight-banded Tree-brown *Lethe verna* Mang Canh, Mang Den etc.
 Large Faun *Faunis eumeus* Widespread.
 Kohinoor *Amathuxidia amythaon* Cat Tien.
 Pale Hedge Blue *Udara dilecta* Phong Nha Ke Bang.
 Felder's Hedge Blue *Lycaenopsis haraldus annamitica* Cat Tien.
 Centaur Oakblue *Arhopala centaurus* Cat Tien, Lang Co.
 Common Posy *Drupadia ravinda* Cat Tien.
 Dora's Harlequin *Taxilia dora* Bi Doup Nui Ba NP (not a Punchinello!!).
 Yellow Grass Dart *Taractrocera archias* Cat Tien.

MOTHS

Cyclidia orciferaria Phong Nha Ke Bang NP.
 Clouded Magpie *Abraxas sylvata* Deo Sa Mu.

CICADAS

Huechys sanguinea Dakrong NP.
Distantalna splendida Deo Sa Mu.
Gaeana cheni Dakrong NP.
Gaeana festiva Phong Nha Ke Bang.
Gaeana maculata Mang Canh.



The amazing cicada Gaeana festiva at Phong Nha Ke Bang (Dave Williamson)



Massing Dwarf and Striped Blue Crows (Craig Robson) and Large Faun & Striped Ringlet (Dave Williamson)