



*The fabulous Wallace's Standardwing showed wonderfully and was voted Bird of the Trip (Loukia Triantafyllis)*

# **BEST OF SULAWESI AND HALMAHERA**

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The highlight of our recent 'Best of Sulawesi and Halmahera' tour was the amazing spectacle of displaying Wallace's Standardwings deep in the jungle of Halmahera, where the intrepid Alfred Russell Wallace himself had witnessed it c160 years ago. Seeing these incredible birds-of-paradise perform so well at close range sure made a lasting impression. The fabulous Sulawesi Pitta that foraged unconcernedly in the open only meters away in Sulawesi's Tangkoko National Park provided another incredible experience. Also at Tangkoko we loved the uniquely coloured Lilac Kingfisher that came to sit above our heads and the party of adorable Sulawesi Hornbills that travelled through the canopy below us. The most unusual observation of the

tour was a Sulawesi Woodcock that we flushed high up in the Lore Lindu National Park in central Sulawesi. Nightbirds were definitely a feature of this tour and the magnificent Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar that posed for ten minutes in front of us took the prize, although Eastern Grass Owl, Halmahera, Cinnabar and Ochre-bellied Boobooks, Moluccan and Sulawesi Scops Owls and Satanic and Sulawesi Nightjars also showed brilliantly at very close range. This is a fantastic tour for kingfisher aficionados as we enjoyed perfect views of Green-backed, Great-billed, Ruddy, Blue-and-white, Sombre, Beach and Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfishers. The variety of pigeons and doves was out of this world and included quality observations of White-faced Cuckoo-Dove, Red-eared, Grey-headed and Black-naped Fruit Doves, White-bellied, Cinnamon-bellied and Silver-tipped Imperial Pigeons and the rarely-seen Sombre Pigeon. This part of Wallacea gave us some splendid members of the parrot family, like White Cockatoo, Moluccan King Parrot, Great-billed and Blue-backed Parrots and Chattering and Violet-necked Lorries. Other crackers seen on this short version of our classic tour (we have been visiting this corner of Indonesia for 28 years!) include Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle, Gurney's Eagle, Dwarf and Vinous-breasted Sparrowhawks, Rufous-winged Buzzard, Goliath Coucal, Yellow-billed Malkoha, Purple-winged Roller, Azure Dollarbird, Purple-bearded Bee-eater, Blyth's and Knobbed Hornbills, Ashy Woodpecker, Ivory-breasted Pitta, Caerulean, Pygmy and Pied Cuckooshrikes, Paradise-crow, the unique Hylocitrea (in its own family), Malia, White-necked Myna, Grosbeak Starling, the fantastic Red-backed Thrush and the skulking Great Shortwing. Mammals are not really a feature of this part of the world but the adorable Spectral Tarsiers and the splendid Celebes Crested Macaques were great to watch.



*The wonderful Sulawesi Pitta and the more subtly-coloured Sombre Kingfisher performed ever so well (Mark Van Beirs)*

The first morning of the tour was spent in a nice stretch of hill forest not too far from Ujung Pandang (the old Makassar). Although the traffic was quite annoying, we got excellent looks at the localized Black-ringed White-eye, which is endemic to southwestern Sulawesi. A couple of birds stayed around for a while and allowed us to discern their distinctive facial markings. Cute, endemic Yellow-sided Flowerpeckers and Black, Olive-backed and Brown-throated Sunbirds were flitting about, as did a pair of Sultan Cuckoo-Doves. A viewpoint overlooking a forested valley produced smart Silvery-tipped Imperial Pigeons, a Green Pigeon and several white-eyed Hair-crested (or White-eyed Spangled) Drongos. The parrot guild was represented by Golden-mantled Racquet-tails, Blue-backed Parrot and Sulawesi Hanging Parrot. A displaying Sulawesi Goshawk showed well, but briefly and a couple of Sulawesi Babblers were found building their nest. We heard the distinctive notes of a distant, but uncooperative Sulawesi Dwarf Hornbill emanate from a deep valley bottom. Other species noted included Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon, Grey-rumped Treeswift, Glossy and Uniform Swiftlets, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, White-rumped Triller, Sooty-headed Bulbul and Pacific Swallow. Two endangered, very localized Moor Macaques were found foraging in a fruiting tree.





*The Purple-bearded Bee-eater is a real gem (Mark Van Beirs)*

In late morning we returned to Ujung Pandang and caught a flight to the town of Palu in central Sulawesi. In the afternoon we drove through wide valleys covered in rice paddies and isolated copses to our base at the edge of the famous Lore Lindu National Park. On the drive we stopped briefly at some rice paddies where Chestnut and Pale-headed Munias obliged. We also picked up widespread species like Javan Pond Heron, Eastern Cattle Egret, Little Egret, Brahminy Kite, Red Turtle Dove, Spotted Dove, Collared Kingfisher, White-breasted Woodswallow and Eurasian Tree Sparrow.



*A lovely Red-eared Fruit Dove and a cracking Knobby Hornbill in fruiting trees (Mark Van Beirs)*

The montane forests of the Lore Lindu National Park hold an amazing variety of Sulawesi endemics. Before sunrise we were listening to the distinctive calls of a Cinnabar Boobook, but the bird was only briefly seen high in the canopy. Sulawesi Cuckoo and Bay Coucals were calling to greet the dawn and a Great Eared Nightjar was hawking insects overhead. While munching breakfast at a clearing we observed the awakening forest and gathered a nice list of specialities. We heard the distinctive quivering whistle of a Scaly Kingfisher nearby, but the bird didn't want to show itself. A flowering tree held Sulawesi Myzomela, Caerulean and Pygmy Cuckooshrikes, attractive Fiery-browed Starlings and Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker. An Ivory-backed Woodswallow was flying around and Sulphur-vented Whistler, Rusty-bellied Fantail and Dark-eared Myza were flitting about in the mid canopy. Endemics galore! We also found Superb Fruit Dove (of the western form), Black-naped Oriole, Mountain and Black-crowned White-eyes and Snowy-browed Flycatcher. We walked up the legendary Anaso trail for a while, where Purple-bearded Bee-eater, Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker, Sulawesi Leaf Warbler and White-eared Myza kept us busy. Our man on the spot showed us a smashing Red-eared Fruit Dove on its nest with a squab. In late morning we held a short patrol at a viewpoint over a forested valley, which gave us a couple of Sulawesi Serpent Eagles and a distant Barred Honey Buzzard. After a break in the heat of the day we explored a partly cultivated valley dotted with isolated copses of secondary woodland. A magnificent Knobby Hornbill showed brilliantly as it was feeding in a fruiting tree. A couple of lovely Citrine Canary-Flycatchers were flocking with several Lemon-bellied and Black-crowned White-eyes and a party of Grosbeak Starlings were inspecting a dead tree trunk. In the undergrowth a fine Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher obliged and two Grey-sided Flowerpeckers sat up for good views. In the distance a soaring Rufous-bellied Eagle and a couple of dashing Oriental Hobbies were noted. A flock of swift Purple Needletails zoomed past and elegant Grey-rumped Treeswifts were hawking overhead. A neat Purple Heron sat up and several Spotted Kestrels performed. In late afternoon we moved to an area of extensive ricefields where just before dusk we obtained excellent looks at three ghostly Eastern Grass Owls as they slowly quartered the paddies in search of rodent prey. We also found Pacific Black Duck, Glossy Ibis, Spotted Harrier, Buff-banded Rail and lots of Barn Swallows here. The final stop of the day gave us a pair of gorgeous, rather agitated Speckled Boobooks in a forested gully.





*A pair of diabolical Satanic Nightjars at Lore Lindu (Mark Van Beirs)*

We started our hike up to the higher reaches of Mount Rorekatimbu (at 2509m, the highest mountain of Lore Lindu) very early in the morning. At first the trail was rather rough and steep, and we reached the first clearing just before dawn. A very responsive Satanic Nightjar circled us a few times and we heard the soft calls of an unresponsive Scaly-breasted Kingfisher. We continued our walk and saw the vegetation gradually change. Screwpalms (*Pandanus*) became quite dominant, as did impressive treeferns, a variety of other ferns and interesting plants like clubmosses and pitcherplants (*Nepenthes*). In the course of the day we climbed c700m and walked about 16km, so most of us were rather blown out by late afternoon. But, we sure managed to see a terrific selection of endemics on our wonderful walk. Best of all was a totally unexpected Sulawesi Woodcock, which we flushed at our feet and which allowed everyone to get pretty good views as it flew over the group. There are very few recent records of this incredibly rarely seen bird at Lore Lindu NP and our experienced local guide had never seen one before. A truly splendid observation! We were also lucky enough to manage scope views of a very seldom seen endemic Sombre Pigeon sitting in the mid canopy. Several stunningly marked Satanic Nightjars could be admired on their day roost in small clearings on the way up. A pair sitting side by side was particularly memorable. Several flocks of Golden-mantled Racket-tails flew past in the lower areas. In late morning we found five modestly-attired Hylocitreas (previously known as Olive-flanked Whistlers) feeding in a berry bearing tree. These unobtrusive birds showed very well and are a major target as they are now considered to form the sole member of their own family (Hylocitridae). A Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher posed nicely and a male Great Shortwing allowed cracking looks as he circled us inside the montane forest. On the return walk we found several very smart Purple-bearded Bee-eaters at a clearing. Other goodies today included enchanting Streak-headed White-eyes (Sulawesi Heleias), Turquoise and Little Pied Flycatchers and several Celebes Dwarf Squirrels. On the



return drive we spotted Slender-billed Crow and a flock of Short-tailed Starlings. The non-hikers added Barred Rail, Little Bronze Cuckoo, Citrine Lorikeet and Sulawesi Giant Squirrel to the tally.



*The unobtrusive Hylocitrea is one of the more important birds to find at Lore Lindu (Mark Van Beirs)*



Another morning at the middle altitudes of the Lore Lindu NP gave us several new birds. Just before dawn we obtained much better views of the only fairly recently described Cinnabar Boobook. Several fine-looking White-bellied Imperial Pigeons were scoped as they were catching the first warming rays of the sun. The nearby lake held a couple of Tricoloured Grebes and on an emergent dead tree a Sulawesi Goshawk and a Vinous-breasted Sparrowhawk were sitting side by side for great comparison! We also scoped Little Bronze Cuckoo, Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker and several pairs of lovely Citrine Lorikeets. Fruiting trees were visited by a gorgeous Red-eared Fruit Dove, Superb Fruit Doves and a speedy Celebes Dwarf Squirrel. A flock of medium sized birds containing sneaky Malias, colourful Yellow-billed Malkohas and modestly-coloured Sulawesi Drongos travelled through the moss-covered canopy. We also spotted a subtly-coloured Sulawesi Cicadabird.



*This cute Dwarf Sparrowhawk was sunning itself at the HQ of the Lore Lindu NP (Mark Van Beirs)*



After lunch, a fine Rufous-winged Buzzard showed well in the large trees behind our guesthouse. This is a decidedly scarce bird in Sulawesi! Later we explored some open fields at the edge of the forest, where intense scanning produced a nice Peregrine of the local race *ernesti* and a Rufous-bellied Eagle. Meanwhile the sky was getting ominously darker and soon we had to find shelter. It kept raining for most of the afternoon and the early evening.



*An adorable Sulawesi Scops Owl and a moss-inspecting Malia enlivened our last morning at Lore Lindu.NP (Mark Van Beirs)*

On our predawn owling session we only heard a single call of a Sulawesi Masked Owl, but got great looks at a delightful Cinnabar Boobook and at a cute Sulawesi Scops Owl. Several participants got to grips with a shy Sulawesi Thrush, but best of all was the fantastic sighting of a relaxed, perched Dwarf Sparrowhawk at close range. Simply amazing! Malias performed better than ever as they were inspecting mossy limbs in plain view. We left the Lore Lindu National Park full of great birding memories and returned to Palu. A short stop in some rice paddies near town gave us lots of smartly dressed Javan Pond Herons, a couple of Wood Sandpipers, Zebra Dove, White-rumped Triller and introduced Javan Mynas. From the restaurant in Palu we identified several Sulawesi Swiftlets. In mid-afternoon we caught a flight to Makassar (Ujung Pandang), where we enjoyed the hot showers and the facilities.

Before our mid-morning flight to the island of Ternate we visited some fishponds near the coast, where we added a selection of waterbirds to our list. A single Sunda Teal was swimming amongst a large flock of Pied Stilts. Several Striated Herons and Little Egrets (of the distinctive form *nigripes*) were foraging along the edges, a Buff-banded Rail was playing hide and seek amongst the marsh vegetation and two parties of Little Black Cormorants flew over. Waders were represented by Little Ringed and a brief Javan Plover, Curlew Sandpiper, Red-necked Stint, a Long-toed Stint (for Paul only), Common, Marsh and Wood Sandpipers and Common Greenshank. Greater Crested, Little, Whiskered and White-winged Terns were hovering over the ponds in search of prey, while Clamorous Reed Warbler and Zitting Cisticola flitted in the reeds. Several migrant Sacred Kingfishers were also seen. We arrived on the volcano dominated island of Ternate around noon. This was once the capital of the famous spice islands, where the Spanish, the Portuguese and the Dutch battled for the monopoly of the trade in the then very expensive cloves, mace and nutmeg, which were exclusively cultivated in the Moluccas. After a savoury lunch a speedboat took us to the nearby island of



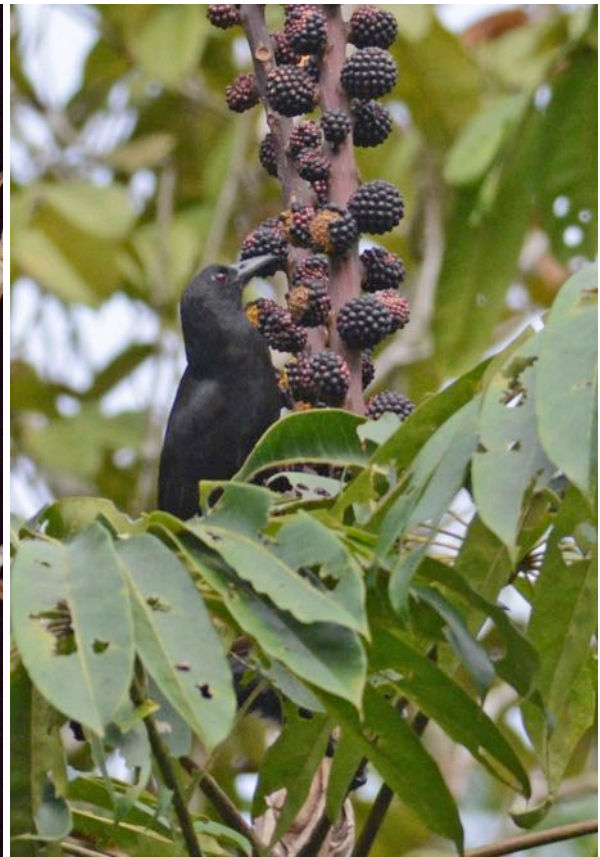
Halmahera. Upon arrival we boarded our three vehicles which took us to our first base at the other side of the island. A flock of 22 Lesser Frigatebirds provided some entertainment and our first Moluccan endemic was a cute Blue-and-white Kingfisher that posed on a roadside wire. On the drive we also noted Rainbow Bee-eater, Willie Wagtail and Metallic and Moluccan Starlings.



*An attractive Sacred Kingfisher; Ternate scenery (Mark Van Beirs)*

On our first full day on Halmahera we drove up into the hills, where, before dawn we obtained magical views of a very friendly Moluccan Scops Owl in the torchbeam. A Halmahera Boobook was calling in the distance, but totally ignored us. We had our picnic breakfast at a viewpoint over forested hills and waited for things to happen. In the course of the morning we stopped at several other good vantage points along this little used road and had a great time. A fruiting Schefflera bush was visited by an unusually confiding, endemic Paradise-crow and we regularly heard the raucous calls of Wallace's Standardwings. Eventually one or two of these bizarre looking birds-of-paradise showed al too briefly, but we would have to wait another day for good looks at this endemic. The parrot tribe was especially well represented as we got to grips with goodies like Moluccan King Parrot, Red-cheeked Parrot, Great-billed Parrot, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Chattering Lory and Moluccan Hanging Parrot. A terrific Azure Dollarbird was hawking insects over a rather distant hillside, but then this often hard to get endemic perched up very nicely for good scope looks. A subtly-hued, endemic Sombre Kingfisher responded ever so well to the tape and allowed in depth studies at very close range. Truly awesome! Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove and Spectacled, Cinnamon-bellied and Pied Imperial Pigeons showed well and Pacific Baza, an imposing Gurney's Eagle and a Variable Goshawk held us company for a while. We also scored on endemics like White-streaked Friarbird, Moluccan and Halmahera Cuckooshrikes, Rufous-bellied Triller, the unobtrusive Dusky-brown Oriole, the unique Long-billed Crow, Northern Golden Bulbul and Cream-throated White-eye. Ponderous Blyth's Hornbills were definitely a feature of these hills as they regularly could be seen and heard flying past. What a fantastic morning's birding! After a break in the heat of the day we drove to our second base, where we got settled in our rather basic accommodation. In late afternoon we explored a nearby old logging track through fairly heavily degraded forest and had great looks at several comical White Cockatoos, performing some lovely display. A pair of bright Eclectus Parrots were guarding a nesthole and a colourful Violet-necked Lory could be scoped in a dead tree. Other new birds included Dusky Megapode, gorgeous Grey-headed Fruit Doves, Common Cicadabird and Spangled Drongo. After dusk we tried to get a Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar in the beam of our torches. The bird called back but stayed, frustratingly, out of reach in the dense vegetation. A Halmahera Boobook on the other hand, showed well after a bit of coaxing.





*A Halmahera Boobook looking down on us and a Paradise-crow feeding in a Schefflera tree (Mark Van Beirs)*

Another bout of nightbirding very early in the morning didn't yield a thing. At dawn we were waiting at some display trees of the illustrious Wallace's Standardwing and we were not disappointed as several males and females came in and performed ever so well to us. We could discern the strange plumage details of the male, especially as he showed off his full assets to the rather dull-coloured females. What a show! We stayed around for a couple of hours admiring this wonderful spectacle. Common Paradise Kingfishers were calling nearby, but didn't want to show and we visited several territories of Ivory-breasted Pittas in the course of the morning, but obtained only the briefest of views. After a break in the middle of the day we returned to the logging track and walked through some fairly open countryside which offered wide views over the surroundings. We heard the annoying calls of a Pale-vented Bush-hen and observed Rainbow Bee-eater, a dashing Oriental Hobby, a splendid Great-billed Parrot, White-bellied Cuckooshrike and lots of Moluccan Starlings. We heard the wolf whistle of an Ivory-breasted Pitta emanate from a patch of remaining forest and spent some time trying to see this jewel of a bird. Several participants eventually managed fair looks as it circled us several times. On the return walk we found a Goliath Coucal and a couple of graceful Moustached Treeswifts. At dusk we patrolled a nice stretch of forest and this time it didn't take too long for a resplendent Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar to come and sit in front of us only metres away. An out of this world experience! We could admire the finest details of its intricate plumage and returned to our lodgings with a big smile on our faces!

Another morning along the Foli logging track produced cracking looks at three enormous lumbering Goliath Coucals and several species of monarch flycatchers. A male Shining Flycatcher danced around us, a male Moluccan Flycatcher (the old Slaty Flycatcher) wiggled its tail, a very smart White-naped Monarch obliged ever so beautifully and a male Moluccan Monarch (ex-Spectacled Monarch) scolded at us. We tried to get better views of the Ivory-breasted Pitta and succeeded in getting pretty good looks for all. What a splendid bird! We also heard a couple of North Moluccan Pittas vocalize. In late morning we returned to our guesthouse, packed up and returned along the pothole-riddled road to Sidangoli. A short stop at a viewpoint didn't add anything to the list, but on our visit to the nearby seafront we managed to scope a pair of impressive Beach Kingfishers. Everywhere in towns and villages people were exercising for the 17th of



August Independence Day parades. At dusk we visited a stretch of open grassland where an Oriental Dollarbird sat up and several Large-tailed Nightjars foraged.

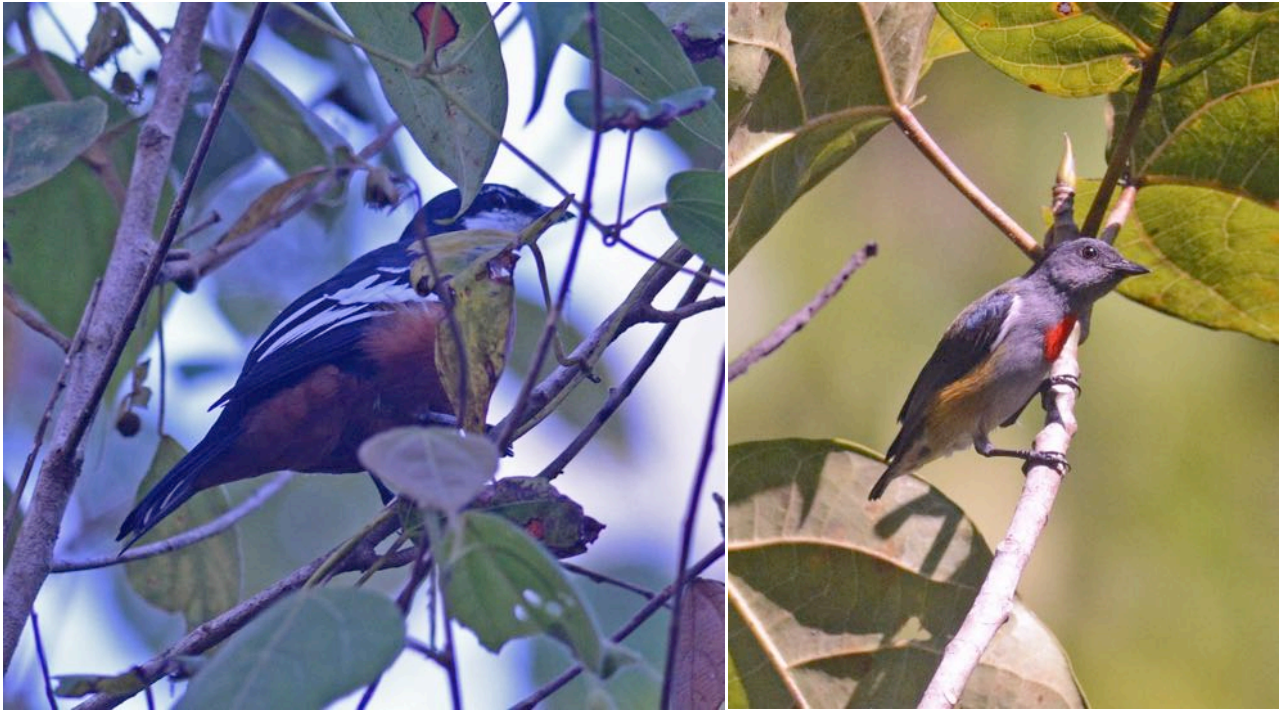


*The fabulous Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar that posed so beautifully (Mark Van Beirs)*

On our last morning on Halmahera we visited a track leading through secondary growth where, at the crack of dawn, we heard the glissading trill of a Common Paradise Kingfisher. We waited a while for better light and managed to get decent flight views of this gorgeous species, but we couldn't nail it perched, sadly. Other new birds for the trip included a cooperative Brush Cuckoo and a flighty male Black-chinned Whistler. We also saw a good selection of other Halmahera endemics. Seven lumbering Goliath Coucals gave a great show, a Rufous-bellied Triller was feeding only metres away and we had our best views yet of a male Halmahera Flowerpecker. In mid-morning we drove to the harbour, where we had good looks again at a Beach Kingfisher and picked up Greater Crested and Common Terns. The boat journey to Ternate was incredibly quiet, but offered great scenery and soon we were flying to the town of Manado, situated on the



northeastern-most tip of Sulawesi. From here we travelled to the nearby reserve of Tangkoko, where we settled into our favourite guesthouse. Our first exploration of the area produced several marvellous Sulawesi (Dwarf) Hornbills, a pair of striking Ashy Woodpeckers and two White-rumped Cuckooshrikes. Silver-tipped Imperial and Green Imperial Pigeons were posing in the treetops and the day ended with an endemic Sulawesi Nightjar giving fair looks at dusk.



*Rufous-bellied Triller and Halmahera Flowerpecker are both endemic to the northern Moluccas (Mark Van Beirs)*



*A terrific Ashy Woodpecker and a glorious Green-backed Kingfisher enlivened our first morning at Tangkoko (Mark Van Beirs)*





*The Celebes Crested Macaque is an intriguing mammal (Mark Van Beirs)*

The lowland rainforests of the famous Tangkoko National Park hold a fabulous selection of Sulawesi endemics and on our morning wanderings we observed many of these jewels at close range. We happily filled many of the remaining gaps in the checklist. We started our birding at the campground where the varied forest edge habitat gave us several well-marked Barred Rails, an Isabelline Bush-hen, a smart, perched up White-faced Cuckoo-Dove, a noisy Bay Coucal, a vivid Purple-winged Roller, several very attractive White-necked Mynas and a large troop of rather quaint, but friendly Celebes Crested Macaques. Once inside the forest our very knowledgeable guides took us from one speciality to the next. A gorgeous male Green-backed Kingfisher sat up for mega close views, a juvenile Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle was begging for food in its nest tree, a trio of adorable Sulawesi Scops Owls gave terrific looks, a trio of Ochre-bellied Boobooks observed us warily from their day roost, a delightful Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher allowed in depth scope studies and a fabulous Sulawesi Pitta hopped about unconcernedly in an open stretch of forest. Next to these splendours we also encountered several Philippine Megapodes, a darling Black-naped Fruit Dove, impressive Ashy Woodpeckers, a male Pied Cuckooshrike, Pale-blue Monarch and several Spectral Tarsiers that peered out of their day roost in a strangler fig. We paused for a while in the middle of the day and in the afternoon returned to the forest. Our man on the spot had found a roosting Sulawesi Nightjar, which we duly scoped and in the forest we observed a fine Lilac Kingfisher, an alluring Red-backed Thrush and a couple of Bear Cuscuses. At dusk several sweet Spectral Tarsiers were seen leaving their day roost. We listened out for different nightbirds, but only came away with two large tarantulas.

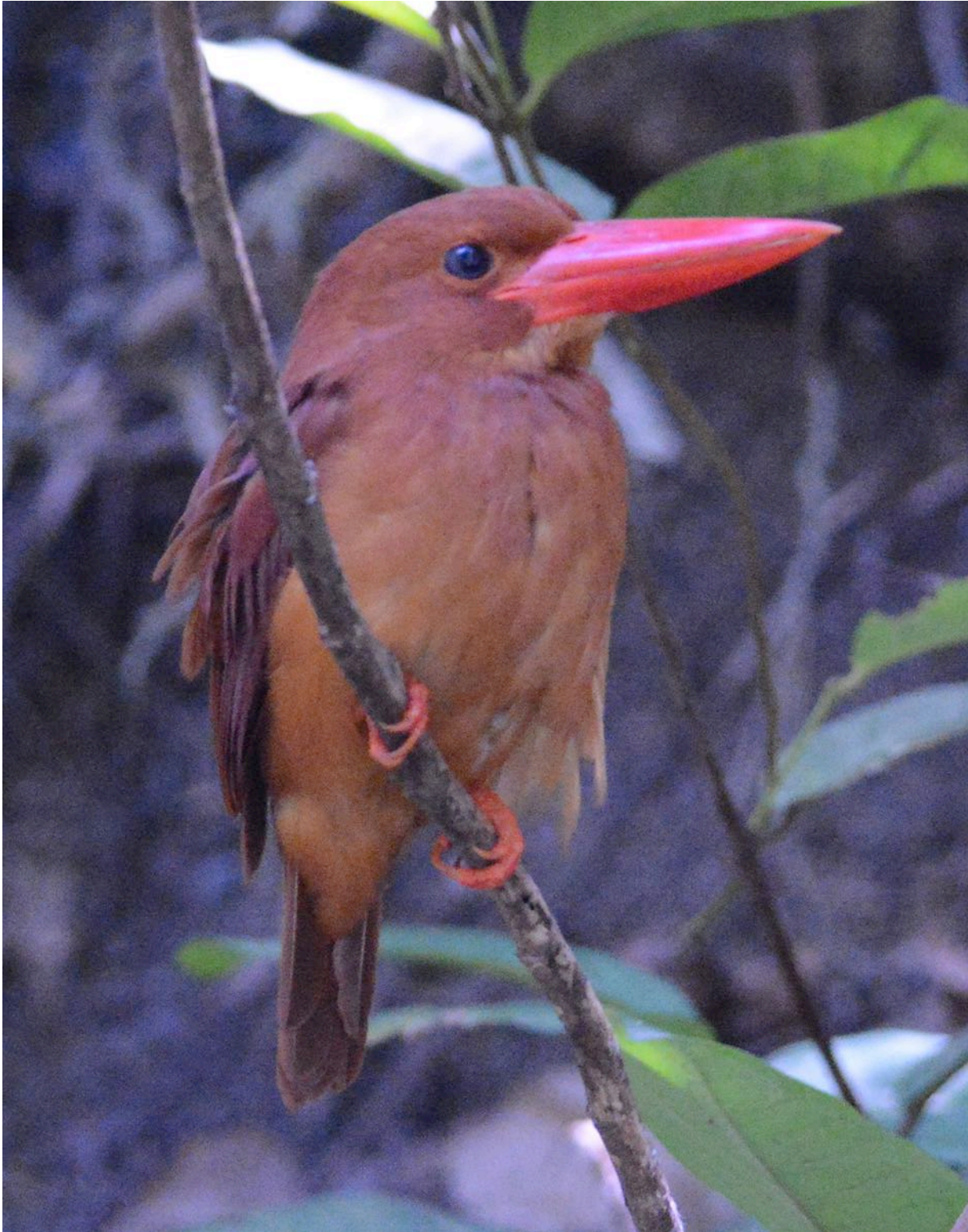


*A roosting Sulawesi Nightjar; A glorious Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher (Mark Van Beirs)*

Just after daybreak, we stood overlooking a forested valley at the edge of the Tangkoko National Park. Grey-cheeked Green Pigeons and lovely Sulawesi Hornbills performed well and a male Sulawesi Cicadabird and lots of Grosbeak Starlings were feeding in the surrounding trees. We managed to obtain scope views of a perched Yellow-breasted Racket-tail and of a Blue-backed Parrot. We returned to our guesthouse for a late breakfast and while munching our pancakes our man on the spot called from behind the kitchen as he had spotted a Ruddy Kingfisher. We enjoyed perfect views of this often hard to see well species. Another bout of viewpoint watching didn't really produce much as it was hot and very windy, although a male Knobbed Hornbill was good fun. After lunch we drove to the coast where we boarded two boats that took us along a narrow mangrove-lined river, where we found several hulking, endemic Great-billed Kingfishers. A dark morph Pacific Reef Heron and a Common Kingfisher were other additions to the tour's tally. After the final dinner several intrepid participants braved a last bout of nightbirding, but had to be satisfied with a heard only Minahassa Masked Owl.



## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR



*The stunning Ruddy Kingfisher doesn't always pose like this (Mark Van Beirs)*

The species names and taxonomy used in the report mostly follows Gill, F & D Donsker (Eds). **IOC World Bird Names**. This list is updated several times annually and is available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>.

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

Species which were only recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (LO).

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



Species marked with the diamond symbol (◊) are either endemic to the country or local region or considered 'special' birds for some other reason (e.g. it is only seen on one or two Birdquest tours; it is difficult to see across all or most of its range; the local form is endemic or restricted-range and may in future be treated as a full species).

Conservation threat categories and information are taken from *Threatened Birds of the World*, BirdLife International's magnificent book on the sad status of the rarest 10% of the world's avifauna, and updates on the BirdLife website: <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/home>

**E** = Endangered, **V** = Vulnerable, **NT** = Near Threatened, **DD** = Data Deficient.

**Pacific Black Duck** *Anas superciliosa* A single bird was seen in central Sulawesi.

**Sunda Teal** ◊ *Anas gibberifrons* One was noted at the Makassar fishponds.

**Philippine Megapode** ◊ (Tabon Scrubfowl, P Scrubfowl) *Megapodius cumingii* Nice sightings at Tangkoko.

**Dusky Megapode** ◊ (D Scrubfowl) *Megapodius freycinet* One was flushed at Foli. Regularly heard.

**Tricolored Grebe** (Tricoloured G) *Tachybaptus tricolor* Two were swimming at Lake Tambing (Lore Lindu NP).



*Philippine Scrubfowl; Javan Pond Heron (Mark Van Beirs)*

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* Several were observed in the Lore Lindu rice paddies.

**Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis* (NL) Dan saw a single bird near Palu.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata* A handful of observations of this widespread species.

**Javan Pond Heron** *Ardeola speciosa* Regular in the rice paddies and fish ponds. Several were in breeding attire.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus* Fairly common in open country.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* Regular sightings of this smart heron.

**Little Egret** (Black-footed E) *Egretta [garzetta] nigripes* Small numbers of this distinctive subspecies were noted.

**Pacific Reef Heron** (P R Egret) *Egretta sacra* A single dark morph was foraging along the beach at Tangkoko.

**Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel* 22 were circling over Sidangoli when we arrived on Halmahera.





Purple Heron; Little Egret (Mark Van Beirs)

**Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris* 25 birds were noted at the Makassar fishponds.

**Barred Honey Buzzard** ♦ (Sulawesi H B) *Pernis celebensis* A single, distant bird was seen at Lore Lindu.

**Pacific Baza** ♦ *Aviceda subcristata* Great, prolonged looks at a pair on Halmahera.

**Sulawesi Serpent Eagle** ♦ *Spilornis rufipectus* Several excellent encounters at Lore Lindu NP.

**Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle** ♦ *Nisaetus lanceolatus* A juvenile bird showed well in the nest tree at Tangkoko.

**Rufous-bellied Eagle** *Lophotriorchis kienerii* Two nice observations at Lore Lindu.

**Gurney's Eagle** ♦ *Aquila gurneyi* A single bird showed nicely on Halmahera.

**Sulawesi Goshawk** ♦ *Accipiter griseiceps* Two good encounters on Sulawesi.

**Variable Goshawk** ♦ (Grey-throated G) *Accipiter [hiogaster] griseogularis* Four sightings on Halmahera.

**Dwarf Sparrowhawk** ♦ (Small S) *Accipiter nanus* Fantastic studies of this highland speciality at Lore Lindu.

**Vinous-breasted Sparrowhawk** ♦ *Accipiter rhodogaster* Scope views of a perched bird at Lake Tambing.

**Spotted Harrier** *Circus assimilis* A single bird was hunting over the Lore Lindu rice paddies.

**Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus* The most regularly seen bird of prey of the tour.

**White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (NL) Mark and Sheila saw three at the Tangkoko waterfront.

**Rufous-winged Buzzard** *Butastur liventer* Scope views of this localized species at Lore Lindu.

**Barred Rail** ♦ *Gallirallus torquatus* Scope views at Tangkoko. Also seen and heard at Lore Lindu.

**Buff-banded Rail** *Gallirallus philippensis* Five encounters with this widespread species.

**Isabelline Bush-hen** ♦ *Amauornis isabellina* Fair looks at this skulker at Tangkoko.

**Pale-vented Bush-hen** ♦ (Rufous-tailed B) *Amauornis moluccana* (H) We heard one in the Foli grasslands.

**Pied Stilt** *Himantopus leucocephalus* 50+ were scoped at the Makassar fishponds.

**Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius* A single bird was identified at the Makassar fishponds.

**Javan Plover** ♦ *Charadrius javanicus* A single was seen in flight at the Makassar fishponds.

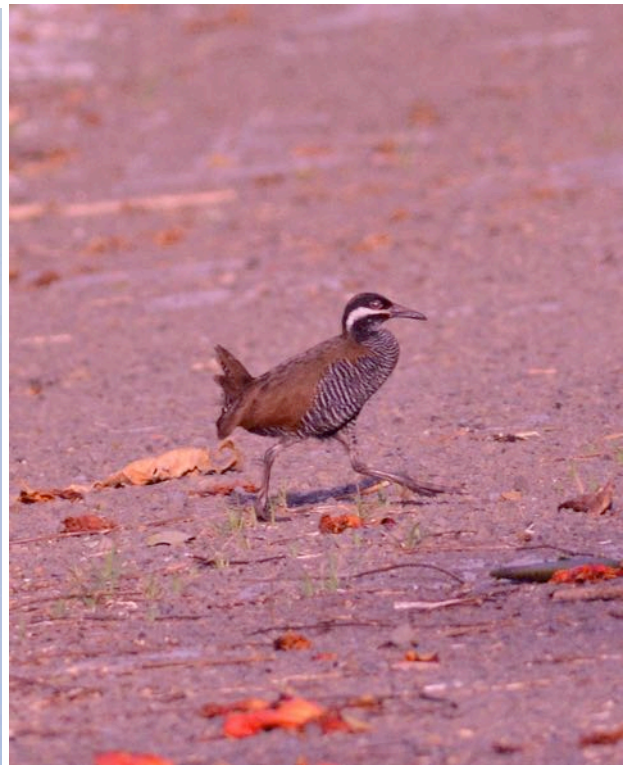
**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea* Two, in transitional plumage, were at the Makassar fishponds.

**Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta* (NL) Paul found one at the Makassar fishponds.

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis* 15 were foraging on a muddy stretch at the Makassar fishponds.

**Sulawesi Woodcock** *Scolopax celebensis* One was flushed high up along the Anaso trail at Lore Lindu!





*Brahminy Kite; Barred Rail (Mark Van Beirs)*

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* Regular at the Makassar fishponds.

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* A single bird was scoped at the Makassar fishponds.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* A dozen were noted at the Makassar fishponds.

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* Six of these well-known waders were at the Makassar fishponds.

**Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii* Just a few observations.

**Little Tern** *Sternula albifrons* Several showed well at the Makassar fishponds.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* A single bird was noted at Sidangoli.



*White-faced Cuckoo-Dove; White-bellied Imperial Pigeon (Mark Van Beirs)*



**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida* One in breeding plumage was observed at the Makassar fishponds.

**White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus* A dozen in non-breeding attire were at the Makassar fishponds.

**Rock Dove (introduced) (Domestic Pigeon, Rock P, Feral P)** *Columba livia*

**Red Turtle Dove (introduced)** *Streptopelia tranquebarica* A few observations in open areas on Sulawesi.

**Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis* Regular in open areas on Sulawesi.

**Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove** ♦ *Macropygia doreya* Small numbers were recorded on Halmahera.

**Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove** ♦ (Sulawesi C-D) *Macropygia [doreya] albicapilla* Fairly common on Sulawesi.

**Great Cuckoo-Dove** ♦ *Reinwardtoena reinwardti* A single bird flew past our viewpoint at Buli.

**White-faced Cuckoo-Dove** ♦ (Sulawesi Black Pigeon) *Turacoena manadensis* Scope views at Tangkoko.

**Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica* A couple of brief encounters.

**Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata* Several were seen in the Palu rice paddies.

**Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon** ♦ *Treron griseicauda* Scope views of males and females at Tangkoko.

**Red-eared Fruit Dove** ♦ *Ptilinopus fischeri* Smashing close encounters with this beauty at Lore Lindu.

**Scarlet-breasted Fruit Dove** ♦ *Ptilinopus bernsteinii* (H) We tried to get to grips with this one, but sadly, heard only.

**Superb Fruit Dove** ♦ (Western S F D) *Ptilinopus [superbus] temminckii* Several were scoped at Lore Lindu.

**Blue-capped Fruit Dove** ♦ *Ptilinopus monacha* Just a few were recorded at Foli.

**Grey-headed Fruit Dove** ♦ *Ptilinopus hyogastrus* Regular and so very attractive at Foli.

**Black-naped Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus melanospilus* Several nice observations.

**White-bellied Imperial Pigeon** ♦ *Ducula forsteni* Scope views of this smart species at Lore Lindu.

**Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon** ♦ *Ducula radiata* Several showed very well at Lore Lindu.

**Green Imperial Pigeon** ♦ *Ducula [aenea] paulina* Common and noisy at Tangkoko.

**Spectacled Imperial Pigeon** ♦ *Ducula perspicillata* Small numbers were found on Halmahera.

**Cinnamon-bellied Imperial Pigeon** ♦ *Ducula basilica* Good looks at several on Halmahera. Smart!

**Pied Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula bicolor* Fairly common on Halmahera.

**Silver-tipped Imperial Pigeon** ♦ *Ducula luctuosa* Common and showy in the Sulawesi lowlands.

**Sombre Pigeon** ♦ *Cryptophaps poecilorrhoea* Scope views of this always difficult species at Lore Lindu.

**Bay Coucal** ♦ *Centropus celebensis* Fine views of this noisy species at Tangkoko. Often heard elsewhere.

**Goliath Coucal** ♦ *Centropus goliath* Excellent looks at Foli and at Sidangoli. Hulking and prehistoric...



Yellow-billed Malkoha; Observing Beach Kingfishers on Halmahera (Mark Van Beirs)

**Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis* A couple of sightings in open areas on Sulawesi.

**Yellow-billed Malkoha** ♦ (Sulawesi M) *Rhamphococcyx calyborrhynchus* Many excellent views of this cracker.

**Black-billed Koel** ♦ *Eudynamis melanorhynchus* (H) We heard it regularly at Lore Lindu, both by day and at night.

**Little Bronze Cuckoo** ♦ (Gould's B C) *Chrysococcyx [minutillus] jungei* Scope views at Lake Taming.

**Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus* (H) We heard one near Makassar.

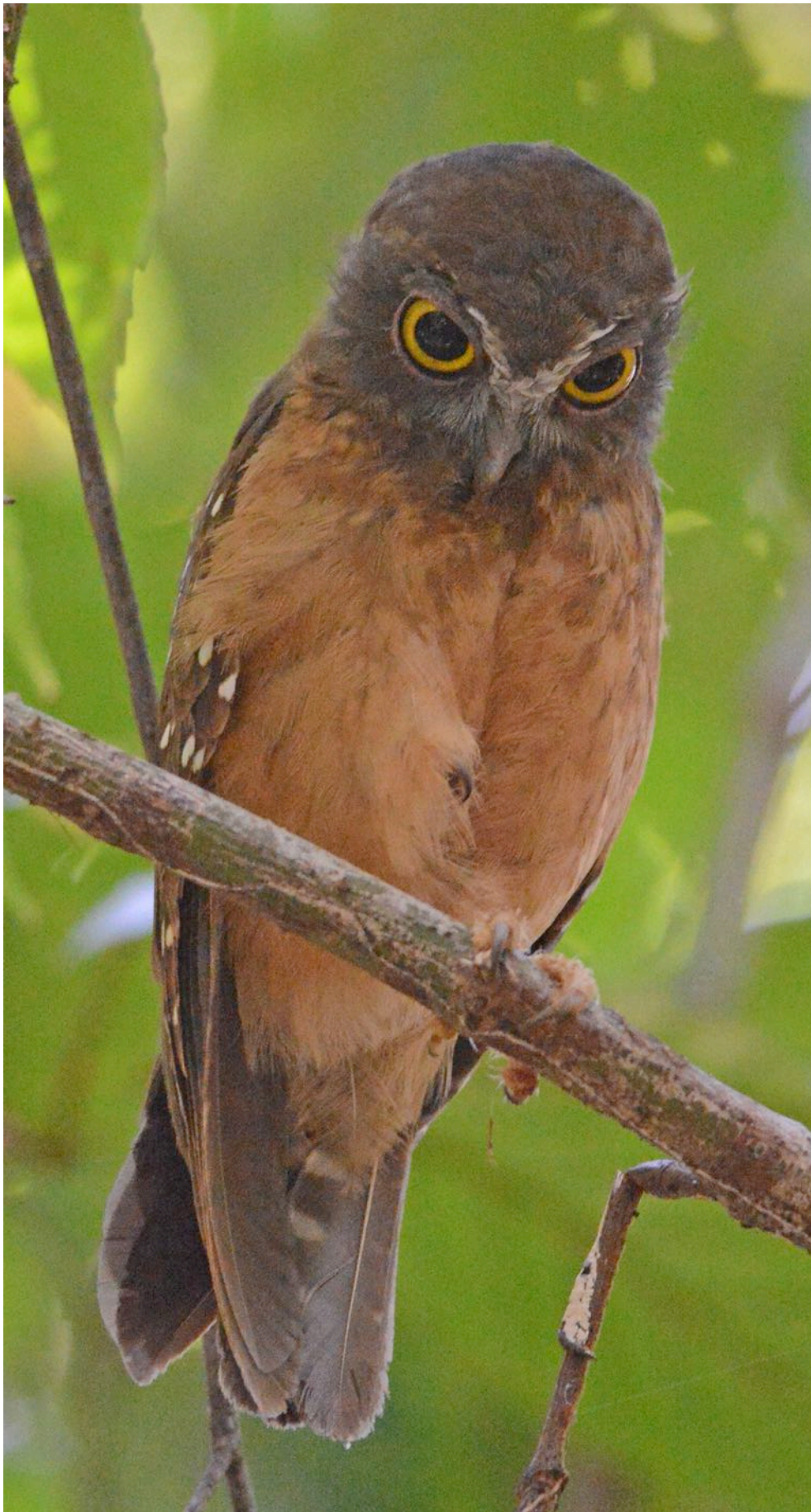


**Brush Cuckoo (Australian B C) *Cacomantis variolosus*** Often heard on Halmahera. Good looks at Sidangoli.  
**Rusty-breasted Cuckoo ♦ (Sulawesi B C) *Cacomantis [sepulcralis] virescens*** Regularly recorded at Lore Lindu.  
**Moluccan Drongo-Cuckoo ♦ *Surniculus musschenbroeki* (H)** We heard one in the distance at Lore Lindu.



*Moluccan Scops Owl (Mark Van Beirs)*





*Ochre-bellied Boobook (Mark Van Beirs)*



**Sulawesi Cuckoo** ◇ *Cuculus crassirostris* (H) One of this rarely seen birds was heard pre-dawn at Lore Lindu.

**Minahassa Masked Owl** ◇ *Tyto inexpectata* (H) This speciality was heard on our final excursion at Tangkoko.

**Sulawesi Masked Owl** ◇ *Tyto rosenbergii* (H) We heard it a few times at night at Lore Lindu.

**Eastern Grass Owl** *Tyto longimembris* Terrific looks at three birds in late afternoon near Lore Lindu!

**Moluccan Scops Owl** ◇ *Otus magicus* Fantastic looks at a very friendly bird at Buli (Halmahera).

**Sulawesi Scops Owl** ◇ *Otus manadensis* Splendid looks, both by day and at night, of this marvelous creature.

**Ochre-bellied Boobook** ◇ *Ninox ochracea* A family of three posed ever so well for us at Tangkoko.

**Cinnabar Boobook** ◇ *Ninox ios* Magnificent views of this recently described species at Lore Lindu.

**Halmahera Boobook** ◇ *Ninox hypogramma* Good views of one, high above us, at Foli.

**Speckled Boobook** ◇ *Ninox punctulata* Two performed quite well near our guesthouse at Lore Lindu.

**Satanic Nightjar** ◇ *Eurostopodus diabolicus* Excellent looks, both by day and at night, at Lore Lindu.

**Great Eared Nightjar** *Lyncornis macrotis* A single bird was foraging pre-dawn over the forest at Lore Lindu.

**Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus* Fair views of several birds hunting over grasslands on Halmahera.

**Sulawesi Nightjar** ◇ *Caprimulgus celebensis* Brief looks at night, and then scope views by day at Tangkoko.

**Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar** ◇ *Aegotheles crinifrons* Incredible close up studies of this exquisite species at Foli.

**Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis* Regular encounters on Sulawesi.

**Moustached Treeswift** ◇ *Hemiprocne mystacea* Just a few sightings of this elegant species on Halmahera.

**Glossy Swiftlet (White-bellied S)** *Collocalia esculenta* Common all along our route.

**Halmahera Swiftlet** ◇ *Aerodramus infuscatus* A few were identified at Foli.

**Sulawesi Swiftlet** ◇ *Aerodramus sororum* Noted at two venues on Sulawesi. Subtle!

**Uniform Swiftlet** *Aerodramus vanikorensis* Regular on both islands.

**Purple Needletail** ◇ *Hirundapus celebensis* Scope views of foraging birds along a forest ridge at Lore Lindu.

**House Swift** *Apus nipalensis* Small numbers were seen at Makassar and at Palu.

**Purple-winged Roller** ◇ *Coracias temminckii* Two birds could be scoped at Tangkoko.

**Oriental Dollarbird (Common D)** *Eurystomus orientalis* This migrant was only seen near Sidangoli.

**Azure Dollarbird** ◇ (Purple D) *Eurystomus azureus* Good scope looks near Buli (Halmahera).

**Green-backed Kingfisher** ◇ *Actenoides monachus* Fantastic eye-ball to eye-ball views at Tangkoko!



Lilac and Great-billed Kingfishers (Mark Van Beirs)

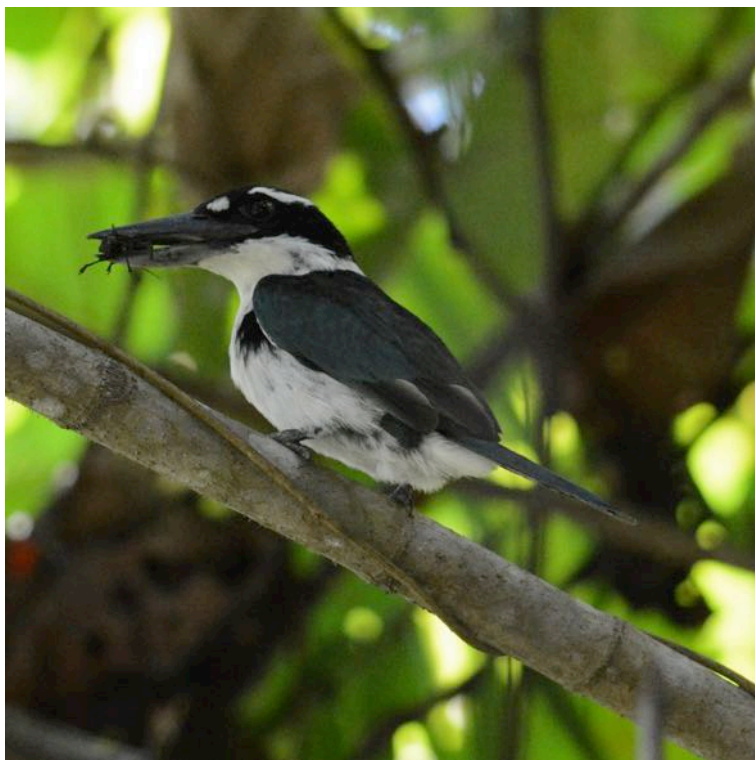
**Scaly-breasted Kingfisher** ◇ (Lore Lindu K) *Actenoides [princeps] erythrorhamphus* (H) We heard it twice..

**Common Paradise Kingfisher** ◇ *Tanysiptera galatea* Fair views near Sidangoli (Halmahera).

**Lilac Kingfisher** ◇ (L-cheeked K) *Cittura cyanotis* Unbelievable studies at close range at Tangkoko.

**Great-billed Kingfisher** ◇ *Pelargopsis melanorhyncha* Several showed well on our Tangkoko boat trip.

**Ruddy Kingfisher** *Halcyon coromanda* Exquisite looks from the kitchen at our Tangkoko guesthouse.  
**Blue-and-white Kingfisher** ♦ *Todiramphus diops* Regular on Halmahera.



*Sombre Kingfisher; Purple-bearded Bee-eater (Mark Van Beirs)*

**Sombre Kingfisher** ♦ *Todiramphus funebris* Unforgettable close up looks at an unconcerned bird near Buli.  
**Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris* Regular on Sulawesi.  
**Beach Kingfisher** ♦ *Todiramphus saurophagus* Nice scope views along the beach on Halmahera.  
**Sacred Kingfisher** *Todiramphus sanctus* Scope views of this migrant at the Makassar fishponds.  
**Common Kingfisher** ♦ (Hispid K) *Alcedo [atthis] hispidoides* A single sighting in the Tangkoko mangroves.  
**Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher** ♦ *Ceyx fallax* Terrific looks at this cutie in the Tangkoko forest.  
**Purple-bearded Bee-eater** ♦ *Meropogon forsteni* Splendid encounters at Lore Lindu. A real cracker!  
**Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus* Regularly recorded over open areas on Sulawesi.  
**Rainbow Bee-eater** *Merops ornatus* Fairly common on Halmahera.  
**Blyth's Hornbill** ♦ (Papuan H) *Rhyticeros plicatus* Fair numbers were seen and heard on Halmahera.  
**Knobbed Hornbill** ♦ *Rhyticeros cassidix* A handful of sightings of this smart Sulawesi endemic.  
**Sulawesi Hornbill** ♦ (S Dwarf H) *Rhabdotorrhinus exarhatus* A party of six performed well at Tangkoko.  
**Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker** ♦ *Yungipicus temminckii* Several encounters. Seen at the nest at Lore Lindu.  
**Ashy Woodpecker** ♦ *Mulleripicus fulvus* Several excellent observations at Tangkoko.  
**Spotted Kestrel (Indonesian K, Moluccan K)** *Falco moluccensis* Five sightings of this open country species.  
**Oriental Hobby** *Falco severus* Seen distantly at Lore Lindu and very nicely at Foli.  
**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco [peregrinus] ernesti* A single bird showed quite well at Lore Lindu.  
**White Cockatoo** ♦ *Cacatua alba* A handful of observations in the Foli area (Halmahera).  
**Moluccan King Parrot** ♦ *Alisterus amboinensis* Several performed nicely at Buli (Halmahera).  
**Golden-mantled Racket-tail** ♦ (Sulawesi Racquet-t) *Prioniturus platurus* Regular at Lore Lindu.  
**Yellow-breasted Racket-tail** ♦ (Minahasa Racquet-t) *Prioniturus flavicans* Perched looks at Tangkoko.  
**Eclectus Parrot** *Eclectus roratus* Just a few in eastern Halmahera.  
**Red-cheeked Parrot** *Geoffroyus geoffroyi* Fairly common and noisy on Halmahera.  
**Great-billed Parrot** ♦ *Tanygnathus megalorhynchus* Scope views of perched birds at Foli (Halmahera).  
**Blue-backed Parrot** ♦ *Tanygnathus sumatranus* Nice looks at a single bird at Tangkoko.  
**Red-flanked Lorikeet** ♦ *Chamosyna placensis* Flight views of a party at Buli (Halmahera).  
**Chattering Lory** ♦ *Lorius garrulous* Scope views of a perched bird at Foli. Also in flight.  
**Violet-necked Lory** ♦ *Eos squamata* Regular encounters in eastern Halmahera.





*Sulawesi Pitta; Hair-crested Drongo (Mark Van Beirs)*

Ornate Lorikeet ♦ *Trichoglossus ornatus* (H) We only heard some at Tangkoko.

Citrine Lorikeet ♦ *Trichoglossus [flavoviridis] meyeri* Scope studies of several pairs at Lore Lindu.

Great Hanging Parrot ♦ (Sulawesi H P, Large S H P) *Loriculus stigmatus* Nice views of several at Lore Lindu.

Moluccan Hanging Parrot ♦ *Loriculus amabilis* Just a few sightings on Halmahera.

Pygmy Hanging Parrot ♦ (Small Sulawesi H P) *Loriculus exilis* A single bird was seen near Makassar.

Sulawesi Pitta ♦ (Sahul P, Sulawesi Sahul P) *Erythropitta celebensis* Wow wow! Fantastic views at Tangkoko.

North Moluccan Pitta ♦ *Erythropitta rufiventris* (H) We heard two in eastern Halmahera.

Ivory-breasted Pitta ♦ *Pitta maxima* Fair observations in eastern Halmahera. Often heard.

Dusky Myzomela ♦ *Myzomela [obscura] simplex* Three sightings of this unobtrusive species on Halmahera.

Sulawesi Myzomela ♦ *Myzomela chloroptera* Several lovely sightings at Lore Lindu.

White-streaked Friarbird ♦ *Melitograis gilolensis* Just a few encounters with this inconspicuous bird.

Dark-eared Myza ♦ (Lesser M, L Sulawesi Honeyeater) *Myza celebensis* Regular in lower Lore Lindu.

White-eared Myza ♦ (Greater M, G Sulawesi Honeyeater) *Myza sarasinorum* A few higher up at Lore Lindu.

Golden-bellied Gerygone ♦ (Sulawesi G, Flyeater) *Gerygone [sulphurea] flaveola* Regular on Sulawesi.

White-breasted Woodswallow ♦ *Artamus leucorhynchus* Quite common in open areas along our route.

Ivory-backed Woodswallow ♦ *Artamus monachus* Some nice looks at Lore Lindu.

Moluccan Cuckooshrike ♦ *Coracina atriceps* Several observations in eastern Halmahera.

Cerulean Cuckooshrike ♦ *Coracina temminckii* Many great sightings at Lore Lindu.

Pied Cuckooshrike ♦ *Coracina bicolor* Scope views of a male in the canopy at Tangkoko.

White-rumped Cuckooshrike ♦ *Coracina leucopygia* Several showed well at Tangkoko.

White-bellied Cuckooshrike (Papuan C) *Coracina papuensis* A few encounters on Halmahera.

Halmahera Cuckooshrike ♦ *Coracina parvula* A couple of sightings in eastern Halmahera.

Pygmy Cuckooshrike ♦ (Mountain Cicadabird) *Coracina abbotti* Very nice looks at Lore Lindu.

Common Cicadabird (Wallacean C, Slender-billed C) *Coracina tenuirostris* Several in eastern Halmahera.

Sulawesi Cicadabird ♦ *Coracina morio* Scope studies at Tangkoko.

White-rumped Triller ♦ (Sulawesi T) *Lalage leucopygialis* Regular encounters in the Sulawesi lowlands.

Rufous-bellied Triller ♦ *Lalage aurea* This bright endemic showed well in the lowlands of Halmahera.

Maroon-backed Whistler ♦ *Coracornis raveni* (H) We heard it a few times at Lore Lindu.

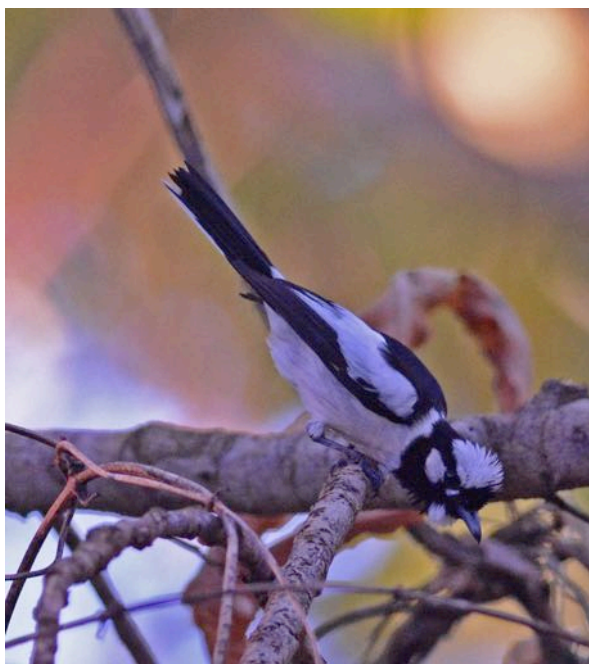
Sulphur-vented Whistler ♦ (S-bellied W, Yellow-v W) *Pachycephala sulfuriventer* Common at Lore Lindu.

Black-chinned Whistler ♦ (Halmahera W, Moluccan W) *Pachycephala mentalis* All too brief looks at Sidangoli.

Dusky-brown Oriole ♦ (Halmahera O) *Oriolus phaeochromus* Several good looks at this inconspicuous species.

Black-naped Oriole ♦ (Sulawesi Golden O) *Oriolus [chinensis] frontalis* Regular on Sulawesi.

**Hair-crested (White-eyed Spangled) Drongo** *Dicrurus [hottentottus] leucops* Fairly common on Sulawesi.  
**Sulawesi Drongo** ♦ (S Spangled D) *Dicrurus montanus* Regular at Lore Lindu.  
**Spangled Drongo** ♦ (Halmahera S D) *Dicrurus [bracteatus] atrocaeruleus* A handful of sightings on Halmahera.  
**Willie Wagtail (W Fantail)** *Rhipidura leucophrys* Common in open areas on Halmahera.



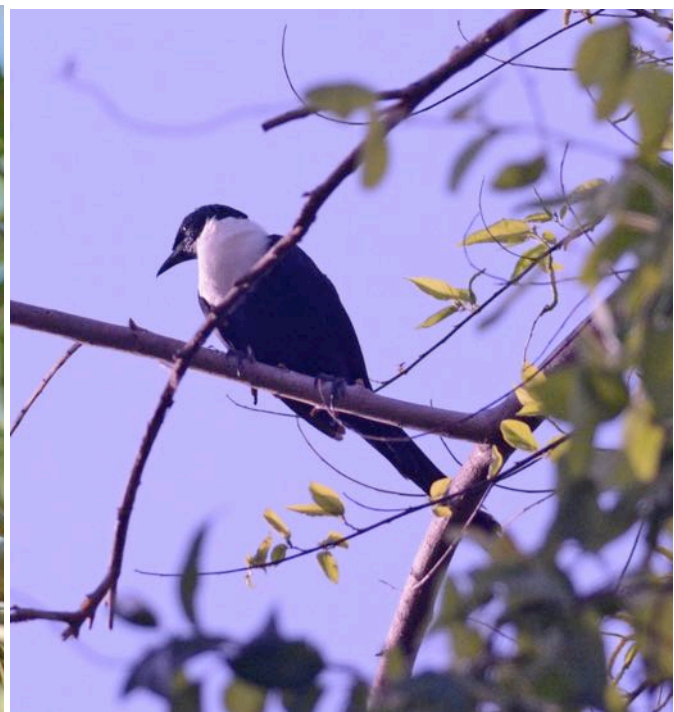
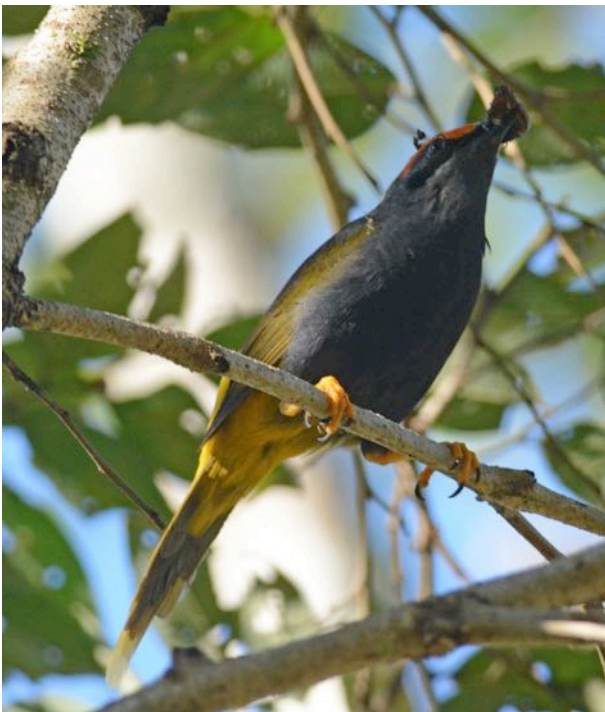
*White-naped Monarch; Long-billed Crow (Mark Van Beirs)*

**Rusty-bellied Fantail** ♦ (Sulawesi F) *Rhipidura teysmanni* Regular within the forest at Lore Lindu.  
**Pale-blue Monarch** ♦ *Hypothymis puella* Just a few in the forest at Tangkoko.  
**Moluccan Monarch** ♦ (Halmahera Spectacled M, Wallacean M) *Symposiachrus bimaculatus* Regular and vocal.  
**White-naped Monarch** ♦ (Halmahera Pied M) *Carterornis [pileatus] pileatus* Cracking views at Foli. So smart!  
**Moluccan Flycatcher** ♦ (M Monarch, Slaty F) *Myiagra galeata* Several were seen in the Halmahera forests.  
**Shining Flycatcher** ♦ (Moluccan S Monarch, Shining M) *Myiagra [alecto] alecto* A few on Halmahera.  
**Slender-billed Crow** ♦ (Sulawesi C) *Corvus [enca] celebensis* Regular on Sulawesi.  
**Long-billed Crow** ♦ *Corvus Validus* Small numbers were seen on Halmahera.  
**Paradise-crow** ♦ (Halmahera P-c) *Lycocorax pyrrhopterus* Scope studies in a fruiting tree on Halmahera.  
**Standardwing** ♦ *Semioptera wallacii* THE BIRD OF THE TRIP! A fantastic spectacle at the display tree.  
**Hylocitrea** ♦ (Yellow-flanked Whistler) *Hylocitrea bonensis* Perfect looks at this speciality at Lore Lindu.  
**Citrine Canary-Flycatcher** ♦ *Culicicapa helianthea* A handful of sightings on Sulawsi. Usually with flocks.  
**Sooty-headed Bulbul (introduced)** *Pycnonotus aurigaster* Common in open areas on Sulawesi.  
**Northern Golden Bulbul** ♦ (Halmahera G B) *Thapsinillas [longirostris] chloris* Regular in eastern Halmahera.  
**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* Small numbers of this migrant were seen over rice paddies.  
**Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica* Fairly common all along our route.  
**Mountain Tailorbird (M Leafailer)** *Phyllergates cucullatus* (H) Regularly heard at Lore Lindu.  
**Sulawesi Leaf Warbler** ♦ *Phylloscopus [sarasinorum] nesophilus* Quite common at Lore Lindu.  
**Island Leaf Warbler** ♦ (Halmahera L W, North Moluccan L W) *Phylloscopus [maforensis] henrietta* (H) No luck.  
**Clamorous Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus [stentoreus] celebensis* Good looks at the Makassar fishponds.  
**Chestnut-backed Bush Warbler** ♦ (Sulawesi Grasshopper W) *Locustella castanea* Brief looks at Lore Lindu.  
**Malia** ♦ *Malia grata* It took a while, but eventually we all had splendid looks at this vocal species at Lore Lindu.  
**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* Good looks at one at the Makassar fishponds.  
**Golden-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis* A few encounters in the Lore Lindu grasslands.  
**Sulawesi Babbler** ♦ *Trichastoma celebense* Regular sightings. Also seen at night on its roost. More often heard.  
**Streak-headed White-eye** ♦ (Sulawesi Heleia) *Lophozosterops squamiceps* Regular at Lore Lindu.  
**Mountain White-eye** *Zosterops montanus* Fairly common at mid altitudes at Lore Lindu





*Citrine Canary-Flycatcher; Cream-throated White-eye (Mark Van Beirs)*



*Fiery-browed Starling; White-necked Myna (Mark Van Beirs)*

**Lemon-bellied White-eye** ♦ *Zosterops chloris* Regular in open habitats in central Sulawesi.

**Black-ringed White-eye** ♦ *Zosterops anomalus* The first endemic of the tour showed well near Makassar.

**Cream-throated White-eye** ♦ (Halmahera W-e) *Zosterops [atriceps] fuscifrons* Regular on Halmahera.



**Black-crowned White-eye** ♦ (B-fronted W) *Zosterops atrifrons* Small numbers were noted at Lore Lindu.  
**Metallic Starling** *Aplonis metallica* Fairly common on Halmahera.  
**Moluccan Starling** ♦ *Aplonis mysolensis* Good looks at active couples at nesting trees in eastern Halmahera.  
**Short-tailed Starling** *Aplonis minor* Several performed well in the Lore Lindu area.  
**White-necked Myna** ♦ (Northern W-n M) *Streptocitta [albicollis] torquata* This beauty showed well at Tangkoko.  
**Fiery-browed Starling** ♦ (Flame-b Myna) *Enodes erythrophris* Common and attractive at Lore Lindu.  
**Grosbeak Starling** ♦ (G Myna) *Scissirostrum dubium* Many excellent looks in the Sulawesi woodlands.



*Red-backed Thrush (Loukia Triantafyllis)*

**Red-backed Thrush** ♦ *Geokichla erythronota* This cracker showed brilliantly at Tangkoko.  
**Sulawesi Thrush** ♦ *Cataponera turdoides* Sadly, only some of us connected with this endemic at Lore Lindu.  
**Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher** ♦ (S Jungle-flycatcher) *Cyornis omissus* A very nice showing at Lore Lindu.  
**Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher** ♦ *Cyornis hoevelli* Excellent looks in the higher reaches of Lore Lindu.  
**Turquoise Flycatcher** ♦ *Eumyias [panayensis] septentrionalis* Regular at Lore Lindu.  
**Great Shortwing** ♦ (Heinrichia) *Heinrichia [calligyna] calligyna* Perfect looks at a male at Lore Lindu.  
**Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra* Several showed well at Lore Lindu. Unobtrusive.  
**Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni* A few sightings of this lovely species at Lore Lindu.  
**Pied Bush Chat** *Saxicola caprata* A few were noted in rice paddies in central Sulawesi.  
**Yellow-sided Flowerpecker** ♦ *Dicaeum aureolimbaturum* Small numbers were seen in the Sulawesi lowlands.  
**Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker** ♦ *Dicaeum nehrkorni* Several at higher altitudes at Lore Lindu.  
**Halmahera Flowerpecker** ♦ *Dicaeum schistaceiceps* Our best looks were near Sidangoli. A colourful endemic.  
**Grey-sided Flowerpecker** ♦ *Dicaeum celebicum* Regular in the Sulawesi lowlands.





Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher; Turquoise Flycatcher (Mark Van Beirs)

**Brown-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis* Fairly common in open habitat on Sulawesi.

**Black Sunbird** ♦ *Leptocoma aspasia* Common on both islands. The male is really smart when seen well.

**Olive-backed Sunbird** ♦ (Sahul S) *Cinnyris [jugularis] infrenatus* Common in open habitat on both islands.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** (introduced) *Passer montanus* Very common where man lives.

**Black-faced Munia** ♦ *Lonchura molucca* Some brief observations on Halmahera.

**Chestnut Munia** (Black-headed M) *Lonchura atricapilla* Seen in good numbers on both islands.

**Pale-headed Munia** ♦ *Lonchura pallida* Some excellent encounters in rice paddies on Sulawesi.

**Java Sparrow** *Lonchura oryzivora* A couple of these introduced birds were seen at Manado airport.

**Mountain Serin** ♦ (Indonesian S) *Chrysocorythus estherae* Several brief looks in the high areas of Lore Lindu.



*Celebes Crested Macaque (Mark Van Beirs)*

#### **MAMMALS**

**Bear Cuscus (B Phalanger) *Ailurops ursinus*** Great looks at two in the canopy at Tangkoko.

**Spectral Tarsier (Celebes T) *Tarsius tarsier*** Several showed very well by day and at dusk at Tangkoko.

**Moor Macaque *Macaca maura*** Two were found in a forest patch near Makassar.

**Celebes Crested Macaque *Macaca nigra*** Eye-ball to eye-ball views of two troops at Tangkoko. Very nice!

**Celebes Dwarf Squirrel (Northern D S) *Prosciurillus murinus*** Several were seen at Lore Lindu.

**Sulawesi Giant Squirrel (Red-bellied S) *Rubisciurus rubriventer* (NL)** One was seen by Dawn at Lore Lindu.





*In search of Great-billed Kingfisher (Mark Van Beirs)*

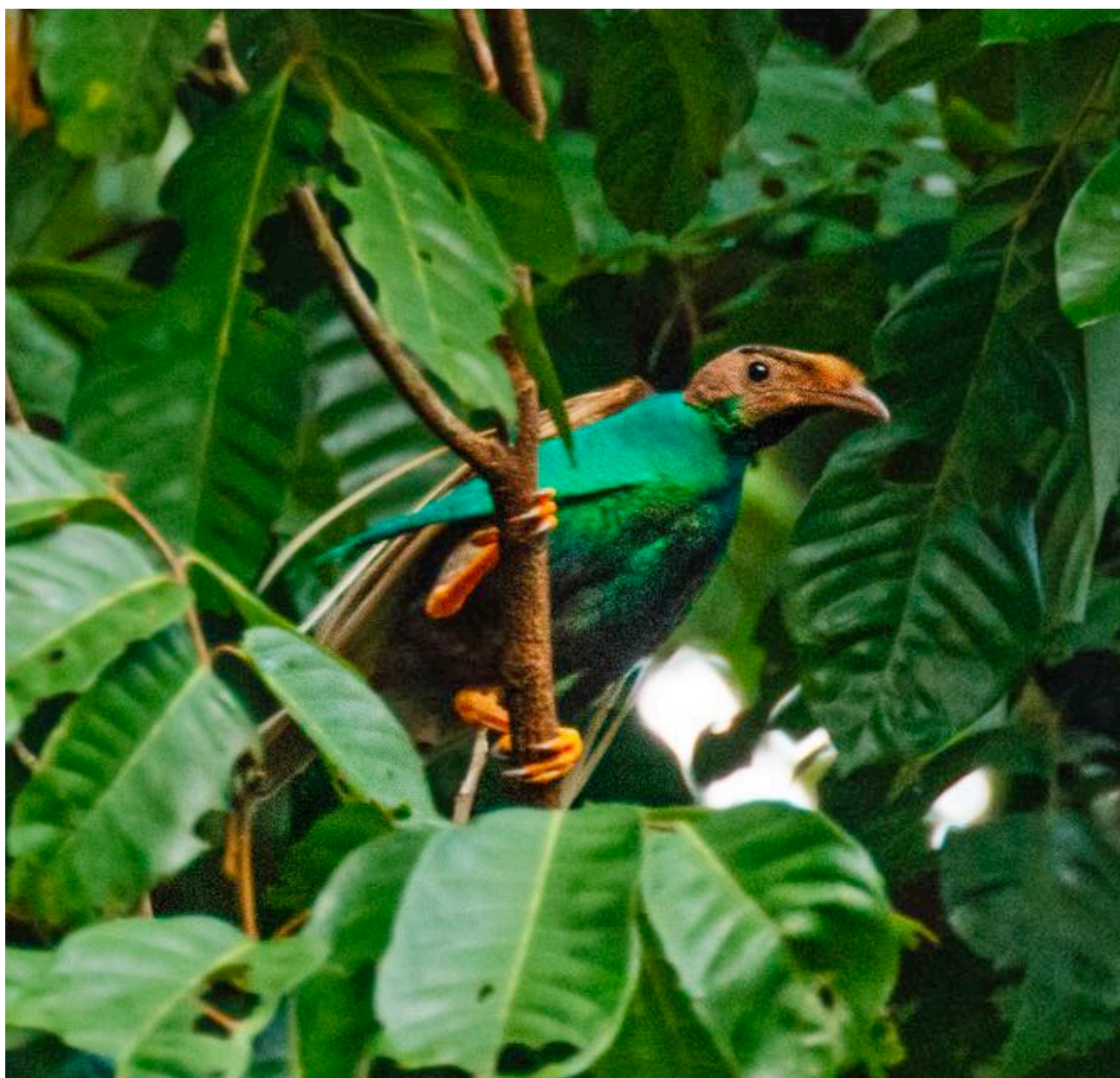


*Pitcherplant (Nepenthes sp); The group at Tangkoko (Mark Van Beirs)*



### BIRD OF THE TRIP

1 Wallace's Standardwing	26 points
2 Sulawesi Pitta	18 points
3 Lilac Kingfisher	11 points
Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar	11 points
5 Sulawesi Hornbill	9 points



*A glorious male wallace's Standardwing (Lalkia triantaryllis)*





*A female Blue-and-white Kingfisher (Mark Van Beirs)*



*A well-behaved Cinnabar Boobook (Pteros Triantafyllis)*