



*Purple-winged Roller (all photos by D.Farrow unless indicated otherwise)*

# ULTIMATE SULAWESI & HALMAHERA

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This year's Ultimate Sulawesi and Halmahera tour was once again a successful trip around these endemic-rich islands. Unlike my previous visit two years ago when it was bone dry and there were fires raging everywhere, this year the tour was dominated by rain! However it was only on a couple of days only we endured continuous precipitation, and the frequent showers didn't stop our birding and in some cases may have helped. On Sulawesi we enjoyed the delights of montane forest birding at Lore Lindu where we saw Satanic Nightjars, Cinnabar Boobook, Eastern Grass Owl, Purple-bearded Bee-eater, Maroon-backed Whistler, Sulawesi Thrush, Dark-eared and White-eared Myza and Northern Hylocitrea. Around Makassar we saw Black-ringed White-eye, Lompobattang Leaf Warbler and Southern Hylocitrea – the latter two both Birdquest lifers, Sulawesi Streaked Flycatcher nest building, Sulawesi Goshawk, Sulawesi Serpent Eagle

and Javan Plovers. In the north of Sulawesi at Gunung Mahawu we had stunning looks at Scaly-breasted Kingfisher, plus Sulawesi Scops Owl, Speckled Boobook and Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker. Around the Kotamobagu and Dumoga Bone area we saw four of the fantastic Maleo, Sulawesi Masked Owl, Oberholser's Fruit Dove, Silver-tipped and Grey-headed Imperial Pigeons, Yellow-breasted Racket-tails, Lilac and Green-backed Kingfishers, Sulawesi Pitta and Matinan Flycatcher. The last days of the tour at Tangkoko were thrilling as ever, with Great-billed, Ruddy and Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfishers, Aleutian Tern, Ornate Lorikeet, Pygmy Hanging Parrot, Ochre-bellied Boobook, Sulawesi Nightjar, Purple-winged Roller, Isabelline Bush-hen, Pied and White-rumped Cuckooshrikes, and the stunning Rd-backed Thrush. On Halmahera we found a splendid Moluccan Megapode on the beach at Galela, and in the forests we saw Rufous-necked Sparrowhawk, Gurney's Eagles, Moluccan Goshawk, Scarlet-breasted Fruit Doves, Moluccan King Parrot, Chattering Lory, three Barking Owl in the daytime, Moluccan Owlet Nightjar, Halmahera Boobook, Sombre and Beach Kingfishers, Goliath Coucals, Purple Dollarbird, Ivory-breasted Pitta, Paradise Crows, Halmahera Leaf Warbler and Gray's Grasshopper Warbler, and watched the thrilling displays of Wallace's Standardwing.



*Sulawesi Serpent Eagle*

Our tour began at Makassar airport, and once our group had assembled we began our drive to the hill town of Malino, close to the Lompobattang massif. After a night in a simple lodge we headed higher up the narrow lanes to the edge of the mountain forest at 1650m on Gunung Lompobattang. At the forest edge we found our first Sulawesi endemic, a perched Sulawesi Serpent Eagle, and shortly afterwards found the first of many Lompobattang Leaf Warblers, newly-split from Sulawesi Leaf Warbler and a Birdquest lifer no less. Entering the forest on a steep and narrow trail, we made our way up to the ridge, in what was a very quiet forest, bird activity not assisted by windy conditions. We found our first Rusty-bellied Fantails, Streak-headed Dark-eye,

Sulphur-vented Whistler, Snowy-browed and Little Pied Flycatchers, and a Southern Hylocitrea that popped out just in front of us on the trail and showed rather well, recently split from the taxon further north in Sulawesi, so this was our second Birdquest lifer of the day. There was no sign of the eponymous Flycatcher though, and after negotiating a difficult trail up to 2050m and back, we had to admit defeat. We returned to town and checked out, and headed downhill and back towards the coast. A short stop by a dam produced Blue-tailed Bee-eater, White-breasted Woodswallow and Collared Kingfisher, and we spent the last hours of the day at Makassar fishponds where we found at least eight Javan Plovers that performed nicely and even came running towards us. Also here we saw Australasian Reed Warbler, White-headed Stilts, Whimbrel, Sharp-tailed and Marsh Sandpipers, many Wood Sandpipers, Long-toed and Red-necked Stints, Sanderling, Kentish and Greater Sand Plovers, Striated Herons, Little and Whiskered Terns, and at dusk we saw White-browed Crake and a Cinnamon Bittern.

After a night in the well-positioned (if a little noisy) airport hotel, we made our way to Karaenta forest for dawn, and enjoyed a birdy morning with the local endemic Black-ringed White-eye headlining, both Sulawesi Dwarf and Knobbed Hornbills, a perched Sulawesi Goshawk, Sulawesi Serpent Eagle, at least nine Short-crested (or Sulawesi Crested) Mynas together in a tree, White-necked Myna, Blue-rumped Parrot, Yellow-billed Malkoha, Crimson, Black and Olive-backed Sunbirds, Yellow-sided Flowerpecker, and a nest-building pair of Sulawesi Streaked Flycatchers. We then headed back to the airport, to catch our onward flight to Palu. Reaching Palu in the late afternoon we made the road journey to Wuasa without difficulty, arriving at our lodgings in good time.



*Satanic Nightjars*

An early start into the forest for some pre-dawn owling, and we had a good view of a pair of Cinnabar Boobook. As the light came up we were immersed in the busy activity of the forest, with Fiery-browed Starling, Citrine Lorikeets, Sulawesi Drongo, Turquoise Flycatcher, Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher, Citrine Canary Flycatcher, Sulawesi Myzomela, Mountain and Black-crowned White-eyes. Around Lake Taming in

mixed flocks we saw Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker, Little Gould's Cuckoo, and Pygmy and Cerulean Cuckooshrikes. In tall trees we found a flock of noisy Malia, and a pair of Sulawesi Thrushes feeding high in a fruiting tree. We had a practice run at the first two km of the famous Anaso track, finding Blue-faced Parrotfinch, Sulawesi Leaf Warblers, a Bear Cuscus moving slowly high in the branches of a big tree. After some searching of open areas we located a single Satanic Nightjar at roost, and by steep sand cliffs we had a brief look at a Purple-bearded Bee-eater. In the afternoon along the Sedoa river valley we found our first White-bellied Imperial Pigeon, Purple Needletails, Black-naped Oriole, Grosbeak Starlings, Grey-sided Flowerpecker, and a gathering of Sulawesi Swiftlets.

The following morning we headed up the Anaso track in the dark, pausing for some breakfast at first light before continuing up to 2300m. It was slow going with little bird activity (not unusual in these forests), but we had a good views of Dark-eared Myza, atypically good looks at several White-eared Myza, a Satanic Nightjar flying around the trees at dawn, plus a very cute pair huddled together at their day roost. We saw a displaying Small Sparrowhawk, a vocal Rufous-bellied Eagle, many Mountain Tailorbirds and Sulawesi Leaf Warblers, three Northern Hylocitrea, several Red-eared Fruit Dove, Snowy-browed and Little Pied Flycatchers. The elusive Geomalina was, as is so often the case, a no-show, but we gave it a good shot, descending in the late afternoon after a rather tiring walk, the days of being able to drive up the track now a distant memory!

The next morning we were back in the forests around Lake Taming, adding Sulawesi Babbler, a pair of Sunda Teal on the lake, a pair of Gould's Bronze Cuckoos, and Red-eared Fruit Dove. We managed to find a dapper Maroon-backed Whistler, circling us in the rattan rich undergrowth, and a Purple-bearded Bee-eater along the roadside was a welcome sight. In the afternoon we spread ourselves more widely and covered several points along the valley and found Barred (or Sulawesi) Honey Buzzard, Black Eagle, Spotted Kestrel, a pair of Sulawesi Cicadabird, Cerulean Cuckooshrike, and Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher. We visited an area of extensive rice paddies and grass where we saw Buff-barred Rails, Dusky Moorhen, Oriental Darter, flocks of Glossy Ibis, and in the last of the afternoon light a pair of Eastern Grass Owls emerged, hunting over the fields.



*Sulawesi Streaked Flycatcher*



*Citrine Canary-Flycatcher*

We had another morning in this area, finding Chestnut-backed Bush Warbler, Sulawesi Drongo, Streak-headed Dark-eye, and around the lake saw Black Eagle and an immature Lesser Fish Eagle, and after some effort we managed a brief glimpse of a Great Shortwing. We then began slowly working our way towards Palu, stops en route adding Short-tailed Starling, numerous Pale-headed Munia, Blue-tailed Bee-eaters and White-shouldered Triller. In a scrubby area we flushed at least seven Savanna Nightjars, plus some Black-throated Munia, and Buttonquail crossed the track before giving us the slip in some dense herbage. From Palu we took a flight to Makassar for an overnight stay.

The following day was a traveling day, beginning with a morning flight to Ternate, followed by a sea crossing to Halmahera and a long drive to Tobelo. A few birds were encountered en route, a flock of Lesser Frigatebirds with a single Great Frigatebird, and numerous roadside Willy Wagtails with their cute little nests balanced on the telephone wires. Come the evening it began to pour with rain, just as it was time to make our way to Galela for our 'Megapode night safari'. As we arrived the rain abated, and in the company of our local guide we crossed the estuary on a small boat and landed on the beach. After just 20 minutes of scouting up and down for us as we waited, our guide was flashing his light for us to come, and there in the beam just in front of him was a Moluccan Megapode. It stood looking bewildered next to a deep pit in the black sand as we watched it from close range, before it decided to fly off. Hurrah! We headed back to town in the pouring rain, pleased with a swift outcome.

The next day we made a long drive from Tobelo to Foli. The roads were fine for much of the way, then as a deeply potholed section slowed us right down, a Sombre Kingfisher could be heard through an open window, calling from a roadside tree! The bird was quickly located and we enjoyed a good look at this sometimes elusive endemic. A little further along the road, a lump in a tree spotted from the moving vehicle was resolved into three Barking Owls, at roost among the open branches! A rare sight indeed! We reached our simple lodge at Foli, and after checking in we headed up the track, finding a perched Gurney's Eagle, our first Grey-headed and Blue-capped Fruit Doves, Spectacled Imperial Pigeon, Red-flanked Lorikeet and Moluccan Hanging Parrot, and some Goliath Coucals showed well in the damp and overcast conditions,. We waited in the forest until nightfall, and before long found a superb Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar sat at the forest edge, blending almost perfectly with some dead palm fronds.



*Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar*



*Sombre Kingfisher*

Here at Foli, one of the main reasons for visiting is the proximity of a lek of Wallace's Standardwing. A short ride up the track in the pre-dawn darkness was in order, followed by a slippery trek down a narrow trail, just as the heavens opened and the rain began to pour down. The enthusiasm of the male Standardwings was not dampened, and from under our umbrellas we enjoyed a splendid show as two males zipped about flaring their display feathers, tasty enough to catch the attention of a couple of females that popped in for a look. Following this we headed further up the track, where despite there being noticeably fewer large trees compared to previous visits, we had a close if brief encounter with an Ivory-breasted Pitta that flew in and landed on a close branch, until he saw us and fled rapidly. Also we found Blue-and-White Kingfishers, Blyth's Hornbill that are still here in good number, White Cockatoo, a flock of Eclectus Parrots that included a bright red female, Great-billed Parrot, a stunning pair of Chattering Lory, Violet-necked Lory, White-streaked (or Halmahera) Friarbird, Moluccan and White-bellied Cuckooshrikes, Common (or Wallacean) Cicadabird, Rufous-bellied Triller, Dusky-brown Oriole, Moluccan (or Slaty) Flycatcher, Northern Golden Bulbul, Cream-throated White-eye, many Moluccan Starlings, and an Oriental Cuckoo. Waiting until after nightfall, we eventually managed to find a fine Halmahera Boobook, and some eyeshine in a large tree betrayed the position of a Moluccan Scops Owl, although it was a little far to see much on it.

A last morning at Foli was dominated by constant rain and drizzle, and as we bumped our way up the track one last time we saw Large-tailed Nightjars flying up in front of our vehicle. Despite the conditions we added Halmahera Flowerpecker, Sacred and Common Paradise Kingfisher, Cinnamon-bellied Imperial Pigeon, a vocal Black-chinned Whistler that circled us, had another view of Ivory-breasted Pitta, and saw a perched Variable (or Grey-throated) Goshawk. We said goodbye to our hosts, and drove the fairly short distance to Subaim, which now served as our base for exploring the nearby forests. An afternoon at higher elevations produced good looks at Paradise Crows, a Dusky Myzomela, tame Goliath Coucals, a furtive Gray's Grasshopper and some showy Halmahera Flowerpeckers.



*Cinnamon-bellied Imperial Pigeon*



*Purple Dollarbird*

Returning to the hill forests in the morning, it was busy birding with a Moluccan King Parrot, a Moluccan Goshawk that perched up nicely, Halmahera Leaf Warbler, some sneaky Scarlet-breasted Fruit Doves that eventually showed well, Halmahera Cuckooshrikes, Moluccan (or Spectacled) Monarchs, Paradise Crows, Chattering Lorays, and a Moluccan Pitta that stayed hidden after luring us into a dense thicket. A harsh call from a hidden position caught our attention, and suspecting it to be Purple Dollarbird we climbed a bank for a better viewpoint. First one popped up on a distant dead tree, then a much nearer bird came into view on a bare snag, wagging his tail, glowing purple with a bright red bill. Hurrah! Having missed this at Foli, we were very pleased to find it here. Also we saw White-naped Monarch, Gurney's Eagle, Pacific Baza, while Great Cuckoo-Dove called to us but could not be lured into view. The afternoon here was inevitably quieter, but we did find the Purple Dollarbird once more, plus White-streaked Friarbirds, Moluccan (Slaty) Flycatcher, Common Cicadabird and Moluccan (Spectacled) Monarch.

We made an early departure to Binagara, (or more accurately the Aketajawe Lolobata National Park) where we made our way into the forest to where a shallow river ran through it. Hoping for Kingfishers and more, we made do with a fine Rufous-necked Sparrowhawk, a write-in for this tour, plus Arctic Warblers, Brush Cuckoo, Moluccan Monarchs and Shining Flycatchers, had a glimpse of a Pale-vented Bush-hen, and met old friends such as Paradise Crow and Black-faced Munia. Moving down the coast, we checked if the Barking Owl was still in its roost tree (one of them was) then on the waterfront at the southern end of the bay we found Greater Crested Tern, many Whimbrels and a Far Eastern Curlew. Some late afternoon birding in scrubby secondary forest produced some Rainbow Bee-eaters, a glimpse of an Ivory-breasted Pitta, and we enjoyed a prolonged look at a Gray's Grasshopper Warbler up in a tree.

The next morning we greeted the dawn on a bridge overlooking a mangrove creek, hoping to find a Beach Kingfisher, but apart from numerous Rainbow Bee-eaters leaving their roost, there was no sign. Nearer to Sidangoli we tried to see several calling Ivory-breasted Pittas without success, then down by the waterfront we saw Greater Crested Terns, and finally we found a Beach Kingfisher perched up in the waterfront trees, viewed from our boat as we crossed back westwards to Ternate. From Ternate we flew to Manado, met our new crew of drivers (and entourage!) and made our way into the hills to Tomohon. From our rather eccentric hotel we drove the short distance to Gunung Mahawu for some late afternoon birding that produced

Sulawesi Myzomela, Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpeckers at a nest, and after nightfall we found a Sulawesi Scops Owl. An early morning return to Gunung Mahawu produced a super Speckled Boobook, then we entered the forest at first light. After a short interval, our trusty guide Samuel whistled to us from the undergrowth from where he had found a Scaly-breasted Kingfisher, which after a bit of chasing around on a steep slope we were able to enjoy walk-away views. We also found many Sulawesi Myzomelas, Yellow-sided Flowerpecker, Mountain and Black-crowned White-eye, Citrine Canary-Flycatcher, and eventually a male Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker. After returning to our hotel for breakfast, we then drove westwards. We paused at a cafe with seaward views, enjoyed some superb grilled fish and saw distant flocks of Common and Greater Crested Terns, Pink-necked Green Pigeon and Grey-rumped Treeswift. At a roadside marsh in the rain we saw White-browed Crake, Black-backed Swampphen and Dusky Moorhen, then we made our way to the Maleo centre at Tambun. On a small muddy flash we found four Greater Painted Snipe (a write-in), then at Tambun we saw a pair of Barred Buttonquail strolling through open ground, a juvenile Barred Honey Buzzard drying off, Green-backed Kingfisher, and then from the 'Pitta Shelter' we had a great look at a Sulawesi Pitta feeding in the open, before it hopped onto a log to give a series of calls. Wonderful! Walking a narrow trail we heard the clatter of a large bird flying up into the trees, and there, standing on a branch, was a superb Maleo, all pink-bellied and knob-headed, a great view of this marvel of evolution. It was actually something of a surprise to see this on the first attempt, as on previous tours it has taken three visits before satisfaction was achieved.



*Scaly-breasted Kingfisher*



*Sulawesi Scops Owl (Hans Nicolai)*

Another morning in this area we explored some nice forest at Tapakolintang albeit along a busy road, although our old nemesis the rain returned to stalk us. We found Ivory-backed Woodswallows, Sulawesi Triller, Crimson Sunbird, Sulawesi Goshawk, many Sulawesi Crested (a.k.a Short-crested) Mynas in a tree with hordes of Grosbeak Starlings, Sulawesi Cicadabird, Yellow-breasted Racket-tails, and Black-naped Fruit Dove. At our lodgings at Toraut we saw a Speckled Boobook at its daytime roost, and crossing the river into the sorry little patch of lowland forest we saw many Yellow-breasted Racket-tails, Blue-backed Parrot, two Oberholser's Fruit Dove in a palm tree, White-faced Cuckoo-dove, Silver-tipped and *paulina* race Green Imperial Pigeons, Grey-capped Green Pigeons, Ashy Woodpecker, Hair-crested (or White-eyed Spangled) Drongos and Pale Blue Monarch.

Crossing the river again predawn, we had a glimpse of a Sulawesi Masked Owl, but none of the hoped for Ochre-bellied Boobooks. Once it was light we explored further, finding it rather quiet but we did see Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon, Bay Coucal, Black-billed Koel, heard a Sulawesi Pitta and glimpsed a Spot-tailed Sparrowhawk, plus numerous Yellow-breasted Racket-tails, a Spotted Harrier and had good looks at Barred (or Sulawesi) Honey Buzzard. In the afternoon we returned to the Tapakolintang road but saw little apart from a very distant Pygmy Hanging Parrot, Black Eagle, and lots of Slender-billed (or Sulawesi) Crows.

Rising early from our hotel in Kotamobagu, we drove up to Gunung Ambang where we climbed up the mountain trail, through the odd trenches created by cattle dragging logs, where the top was capped with cloud and drizzle hung in the air. After climbing up to the higher reaches we found our target of the demure Matinan Flycatcher, plus we saw Rusty-bellied Fantail, Citrine Canary Flycatchers, Sulawesi Babblers, Sulawesi Leaf Warbler and Sulphur-vented Whistler, before we plodded back down the hill. In the afternoon we paused at rice paddies and wetlands where we found Whiskered Tern, White-browed Crake, Dusky Moorhen and a flock of Wandering Whistling Ducks, then returning to Tambun for a second visit we found *three* Maleo, standing up in the big trees. Also here we found a pair of Lilac Kingfishers, Yellow-billed Malkoha and Great Hanging Parrots.



*Ivory-breasted Woodswallow*



*Sulawesi Crested Myna*

The next morning we left this area and travelled to Tangkoko, but not before a pre-breakfast excursion to the edge of town, where we were successful in finding a Sulawesi Masked Owl perched up in a coconut palm. On our journey eastwards we paused at some roadside paddyfields, where we found some (introduced) Java Sparrow, numerous Wood Sandpipers, Pacific Golden Plover and Eastern Yellow Wagtail. Reaching Tangkoko in the early afternoon, we headed to a mangrove creek for a boat ride through the backwaters. We quickly located our target of Great-billed Kingfisher, (even before boarding) and scanning the sea we saw a fine adult Aleutian Tern, some Black-naped Terns and Pacific Reef Egrets. Cruising up the creek, we got very close to two Great-billed Kingfishers, and we also found two Ruddy Kingfishers, Pink-necked Green Pigeon, and two White-rumped Cuckooshrike. At dusk we tried for Sulawesi Nightjar, but only heard one calling distantly.

We trekked into the forest at Tangkoko, and set about finding our last remaining target birds. We began with Green-backed Kingfishers perched in the gloomy forest, (it was raining again!) a juvenile Sulawesi Goshawk, and an Ornate Lorikeet feeding on a red-flowering tree. Deep in the forest we found a splendid Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher, followed by a trio of Ochre-bellied Boobooks at roost, then a Red-backed Thrush performed for us as it fed on the forest floor, then sat in a tree and preened. What a belter! We watched a Knobbed Hornbill coming to feed his mate interred in a hole in a large tree, a Sulawesi Dwarf Hornbill showed, two Philippine Megapodes ran past, and a Lilac Kingfisher sat as if sedated in front of gathered photographers. We had some great looks at several of the endearing Bear Cuscus, and another juvenile Sulawesi Goshawk posed at length. Returning in the afternoon we found a smart pair of Purple-winged Rollers, and in a hollow tree we enjoyed views of several Spectral Tarsiers that were being lured out for the tourists with grasshoppers! The tourists left, and we stayed in the forest as night fell, hoping to find Minahassa Masked Owl. Two different birds were heard, both calling just once and then going silent. Boo. No joy. A nice male Sulawesi Nightjar calling from a low perch was a consolation on the walk back.

Our last morning of forest birding saw us standing at an overlook on the edge of Tangkoko, where the birds were passing through the treetops in front of us. We had great looks at numerous Silver-tipped and *paulina* race Green Imperial Pigeons, Great Hanging Parrots, Sulawesi Hawk Eagle, Sulawesi Dwarf Hornbill, a

Peregrine of the very dark *ernesti* race, Bay Coucal, Grosbeak Starlings and Grey-sided Flowerpecker. Shifting down the road we found our nemesis of Pied Cuckooshrike, with three birds showing well, plus Grey-headed Imperial Pigeons. At a scrubby clearing we managed some views of two Isabelline Bush-hens, then returning to the overlook we timed it just right so that a Pygmy Hanging Parrot was found sitting in a roadside tree. Having more or less cleaned up we returned to our hotel and checked out, making our way to our last night stop of the tour at the Grand Luley Resort, where some late afternoon birding in the mangroves and from the jetty produced two Bulwer's Petrels and flocks of Red-necked Phalarope offshore, some Lesser Sand Plovers huddled on the jetty, and a small party of White-rumped Cuckooshrike.

Some final early birding at the jetty and around the garden of the Grand Luley Resort produced several Grey-tailed Tattlers roosting in trees, and a Brown Booby passed offshore. And then it was time to head home, with a short run to Manado airport for our flights homeward. We had a very enjoyable and successful trip through these islands, with so many good birds, most of them endemic, colourful, and exciting. This tour is a real treat, and despite the sometimes unfriendly weather we had enjoyed a smooth and trouble-free journey, with good company and some great local crew.



*Stalking a Great-billed Kingfisher, Tangkoko*



Barking Owl

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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

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

Species which were not personally recorded by the leaders 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).

**Wandering Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna arcuata* Some flocks seen near Kotamobagu, odd birds elsewhere.

**Pacific Black Duck** *Anas superciliosa* Four seen in rice paddies near Wuasa.

**Sunda Teal** ◊ *Anas gibberifrons* Two on Lake Tambing, some more seen around Tambun.

**Maleo** ◊ *Macrocephalon maleo* Four seen, one on our first visit to Tambun, three on the second. See note.

**Moluccan Megapode** ◊ *Eulipoa wallacei* A great encounter with one on the beach at Galela. See note.

**Philippine Megapode** ◊ *Megapodius cumingii* Good views of two sprinting about at Tangkoko

**Dusky Megapode** ◊ *Megapodius freycinet* Three seen, all briefly on the muddy track at Foli.

**Bulwer's Petrel** *Bulweria bulwerii* At least two seen off Grand Luley Resort.

**Tricolored Grebe** ◊ *Tachybaptus tricolor* A pair with small chicks on the wetland near Kotamobagu.

**Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus* 51 birds seen flying over rice paddies near Wuasa.

**Cinnamon Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* A single seen at Makassar fishponds.  
**Black Bittern** *Dupetor flavicollis* One flew over us in the mangroves at Sampiran.  
**Nankeen Night Heron (Rufous N H)** *Nycticorax caledonicus* A nice surprise to find five or more at Tambun.  
**Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*  
**Javan Pond Heron** *Ardeola speciosa*  
**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*  
**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*  
**Great Egret (Eastern G E)** *Ardea [alba] modesta*  
**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*  
**Pacific Reef Heron** *Egretta sacra* Several slaty examples at Tangkoko.  
**Great Frigatebird** *Fregata minor* At least one with a group of the following, over the coconut groves of Halmahera.  
**Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel* Fairly numerous around Halmahera.  
**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* (NL) One off Grand Luley Resort.  
**Oriental Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster* A small group seen near Wuasa.  
**Barred Honey Buzzard** ◊ (Sulawesi H B) *Pernis celebensis* One at Sedoa, several sightings around Dumoga Bone.



Barred Honey Buzzard



Moluccan Goshawk

**Pacific Baza** ◊ *Aviceda subcristata* Two birds seen at Foli.  
**Sulawesi Serpent Eagle** ◊ *Spilornis rufipectus* A great view of one at Malino, singles at Lore Lindu and Toraut.  
**Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle** ◊ *Nisaetus lanceolatus* Seen well at Lore Lindu, Dumoga Bone and Tangkoko.  
**Rufous-bellied Eagle** *Lophotriorchis kienerii* A single vocal bird displaying at Lore Lindu.  
**Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malaiensis* A couple at Lore Lindu, also at Tapakolintang.  
**Gurney's Eagle** ◊ *Aquila gurneyi* Good looks at a perched bird at Foli, and a soaring bird at Subaim.  
**Sulawesi Goshawk** ◊ *Accipiter griseiceps* Good views at Karaenta, Toraut and a juvenile at Tangkoko.  
**Spot-tailed Sparrowhawk** ◊ *Accipiter trinotatus* Heard and glimpsed at Toraut.  
**Variable Goshawk** ◊ (Grey-throated G) *Accipiter [hiogaster] griseogularis*  
**Moluccan Goshawk** ◊ *Accipiter henicogrammus* Great views of one on the Buli Road.  
**Dwarf Sparrowhawk** ◊ (Small S) *Accipiter nanus* A displaying bird in the sky on Gunung Rorekatimbu.  
**Rufous-necked Sparrowhawk** ◊ *Accipiter erythrauchen* A good view of this scarce bird at Binagara. A write-in.  
**Spotted Harrier** *Circus assimilis* Good views at Toraut, others seen less well in the Dumoga Bone area.  
**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* Several seen in Minahassa, resident race *affinis*.  
**Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus*  
**White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster* A single sat on fishing rafts at Tangkoko.  
**Lesser Fish Eagle** ◊ *Haliaeetus humilis* An immature bird seen at Lake Tambing.  
**Barred Rail** ◊ *Gallirallus torquatus* Several seen at various points in northern Sulawesi.  
**Buff-banded Rail** *Gallirallus philippensis* A few seen on Sulawesi, one with a small black chick at Binagara.  
**Isabelline Bush-hen** ◊ *Amaurornis isabellina* A bird seen going to roost at Tambun, two under bushes at Tangkoko.  
**Pale-vented Bush-hen** ◊ *Amaurornis moluccana* A couple of glimpses only, at Binagara.  
**White-browed Crake** *Porzana cinerea* A few individuals seen at Makassar fishponds and near Kotamobagu.

**Black-backed Swamphen** *Porphyrio indicus* A few on the wetland near Kotamobagu.  
**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*  
**Dusky Moorhen** *Gallinula tenebrosa* Some good examples at the marsh near Kotamobagu.  
**Barred Buttonquail** *Turnix suscitator* Good views at Tambun, also flushed at Tangkoko.  
**White-headed Stilt** *Himantopus leucocephalus*  
**Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*  
**Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius* A single at Makassar fishponds.  
**Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* A male at Makassar fishponds.  
**Javan Plover** ◊ *Charadrius javanicus* At least eight showed well at Makassar fishponds.  
**Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus* Quite a few at Grand Luley on the jetty, race unknown.  
**Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii* Three at Makassar fishponds.  
**Greater Painted Snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis* Four seen near Tambun, a write-in.  
**Whimbrel** *Numenius [phaeopus] phaeopus* Multiple sightings along the coasts, race *variegatus*.  
**Far Eastern Curlew** *Numenius madagascariensis* A single seen on Halmahera.  
**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*  
**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*  
**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*  
**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*  
**Grey-tailed Tattler** *Tringa brevipes* Seventeen roosting in bushes at Grand Luley Resort, a single at Sidangoli.  
**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*  
**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*  
**Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** *Calidris acuminata* Four at Makassar fishponds were well appreciated.  
**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*  
**Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta* A few at Makassar fishponds.  
**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis* Several at Makassar fishponds  
**Sanderling** *Calidris alba* Two at Makassar fishponds.  
**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus* A single off Ternate, sizable flocks off Grand Luley Resort.  
**Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii* Twenty on the rocks at Sidangoli, odd birds elsewhere.  
**Little Tern** *Sternula albifrons*  
**Aleutian Tern** ◊ *Onychoprion aleuticus* A good look at an adult off Tangkoko, probably more than two present.  
**Black-naped Tern** *Sterna sumatrana* Three or more off Tangkoko.  
**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*  
**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*  
**White-winged Tern** *Chlidonias leucopterus* A couple off Tangkoko, also some passing Grand Luley.



Javan Plover



White-faced Cuckoo-Dove

**Rock Dove (introduced)** *Columba livia*  
**Red Turtle Dove (introduced)** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*  
**Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis*

**Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove** ◇ *Macropygia [doreya] albiceps* Not uncommon on Halmahera.  
**Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove** ◇ (Sulawesi C-D) *Macropygia [doreya] albicapilla* Not uncommon on Sulawesi.  
**Great Cuckoo-Dove** ◇ *Reinwardtoena reinwardti* (H) Heard on the Buli Road.  
**White-faced Cuckoo-Dove** *Turacoena manadensis* Nice examples at Toraut and Tangkoko  
**Common Emerald Dove (Asian E D)** *Chalcophaps indica*  
**Stephan's Emerald Dove** ◇ *Chalcophaps stephani* A brief flyby near Palu.  
**Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata*  
**Sulawesi Ground Dove** ◇ *Gallicolumba tristigmata* A brief glimpse of one near Lake Tambing.  
**Pink-necked Green Pigeon** *Treron vernans* A few nice examples seen at coastal sites on Sulawesi.  
**Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon** ◇ *Treron griseicauda* Very numerous in some of the northern Sulawesi forests.  
**Red-eared Fruit Dove** ◇ *Ptilinopus fischeri* Nice good looks at this fellow at Lore Lindu.  
**Oberholser's Fruit Dove** ◇ *Ptilinopus epius* Furtive, but eventually two posed in a palm at Toraut.  
**Scarlet-breasted Fruit Dove** ◇ *Ptilinopus bernsteinii* Some great views of four birds on the Buli Road.



Green Imperial Pigeon



Scarlet-breasted Fruit Dove

**Western Superb Fruit Dove** ◇ *Ptilinopus [superbus] temminckii* Some gorgeous examples at Lore Lindu.  
**Eastern Superb Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus [superbus] superbus* A brief flyby on the Buli Road.  
**Blue-capped Fruit Dove** ◇ *Ptilinopus monacha* Hard to spot, looking like a leaf, we saw several on Halmahera.  
**Grey-headed Fruit Dove** ◇ *Ptilinopus hyogastrus* A monotypic endemic, fairly common on Halmahera.  
**Black-naped Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus melanospilus* Good views of some at Toraut and Tapakolintang.  
**White-bellied Imperial Pigeon** ◇ *Ducula forsteni* A small number at Lore Lindu, one at Toraut, more often heard.  
**Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon** ◇ *Ducula radiata* Two singles at Toraut, a pair at Tangkoko.  
**Green Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula aenea* Quite common in northern Sulawesi, race *paulina*.  
**Spectacled Imperial Pigeon** ◇ *Ducula perspicillata* Some good looks at Foli and on the Buli Road.  
**Cinnamon-bellied Imperial Pigeon** ◇ *Ducula basilica* Nice examples seen at Foli and on the Buli Road.  
**Pied Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula bicolor*  
**Silver-tipped Imperial Pigeon** ◇ *Ducula luctuosa* Some at Toraut, quite visible at Tangkoko.  
**Bay Coucal** ◇ *Centropus celebensis* Hard to see in several places, but great views at Tangkoko.  
**Goliath Coucal** ◇ *Centropus goliath* In the rain they come out to play! Great views on Halmahera.  
**Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis*  
**Yellow-billed Malkoha** ◇ *Rhamphococcyx calyrorhynchus* Pleasingly common at Tangkoko, also seen at other sites.  
**Black-billed Koel** ◇ *Eudynamis melanorhynchus* Finally seen at Toraut, often heard.  
**Little Bronze Cuckoo (Gould's B C)** *Chrysococcyx [minutillus] jungei* Multiple sightings at Lore Lindu and at Palu.  
**Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus* (H) Heard at Makassar fishponds.  
**Brush Cuckoo (Australian B C)** *Cacomantis variolosus* Several sightings on Halmahera.  
**Rusty-breasted Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sepulcralis* Several seen at Lore Lindu, also at Tambun. Many others heard.  
**Moluccan Drongo-Cuckoo** ◇ *Surniculus musschenbroeki* (H) Heard at Toraut and Tapakolintang.  
**Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus optatus* A hepatic female seen at Foli.  
**Minahassa Masked Owl** ◇ *Tyto inexpectata* (H) Two heard at Tangkoko, both only gave a single call.

**Sulawesi Masked Owl** ◇ *Tyto rosenbergii* A good look at one in a coconut palm at Kotamobagu, a glimpse at Toraut.  
**Eastern Grass Owl** *Tyto longimembris* Nice to see two hunting over rice paddies near Wuasa.  
**Moluccan Scops Owl** ◇ *Otus magicus* A rather poor view of one at Foli.  
**Sulawesi Scops Owl** ◇ *Otus manadensis* One seen well at Gunung Mahawu, many heard at Tangkoko.  
**Barking Owl** ◇ *Ninox connivens* Three sat in a roadside tree on Halmahera was a surprise!  
**Ochre-bellied Boobook** ◇ *Ninox ochracea* Three at roost at Tangkoko were much appreciated.



*Goliath Coucal*



*Bay Coucal*

**Cinnabar Boobook** ◇ *Ninox ios* Quite a good look at a pair at Lore Lindu.  
**Halmahera Boobook** ◇ *Ninox hypogramma* Good views of one at Foli.  
**Speckled Boobook** ◇ *Ninox punctulata* A fine example at Gunung Mahawu, a roosting bird at Toraut.  
**Satanic Nightjar** ◇ *Eurostopodus diabolicus* Three roosting birds seen on the Anaso track.  
**Great Eared Nightjar** *Lyncornis macrotis* One at Lore Lindu, three at Tambun hawking over fields.  
**Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus* Several birds seen at Foli.  
**Sulawesi Nightjar** ◇ *Caprimulgus celebensis* A good close look at Tangkoko.  
**Savanna Nightjar** *Caprimulgus affinis* Numerous birds flushed from bushes near Palu, at least seven.  
**Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar** ◇ *Aegotheles crinifrons* A superb look at one at Foli.



*Speckled Boobook (Hans Nicolai)*



*Ochre-bellied Boobook*

**Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis*  
**Moustached Treeswift** ◇ *Hemiprocne mystacea* A few seen in the air at various locations on Halmahera.  
**Glossy Swiftlet** *Collocalia esculenta*

**Sulawesi Swiftlet** ◊ *Aerodramus sororum* Fairly numerous along the Sedoa valley at Lore Lindu.  
**Uniform Swiftlet** *Aerodramus vanikorensis*  
**Purple Needletail** ◊ *Hirundapus celebensis* Flocks seen cruising about at Lore Lindu and in the Dumoga area.  
**House Swift** *Apus nipalensis*  
**Purple-winged Roller** ◊ *Coracias temminckii* A splendid encounter with a pair at Tangkoko.  
**Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis* One seen at Toraut.  
**Purple Dollarbird** ◊ (Azure D) *Eurystomus azureus* Two seen on the Buli Road were well appreciated.  
**Green-backed Kingfisher** ◊ *Actenoides [monachus] monachus* Multiple birds enjoyed at Tambun and Tangkoko.  
**Green-backed Kingfisher** ◊ (Black-headed K) *Actenoides [monachus] capucinus* (H) Heard at Karaenta pre-dawn.  
**Scaly-breasted Kingfisher** ◊ *Actenoides princeps* Brilliant views at Gunung Mahawu, thanks to Samuel. See note.  
**Common Paradise Kingfisher** ◊ *Tanyiptera galatea* One seen at Foli, others heard.  
**Lilac Kingfisher** ◊ *Cittura cyanotis* Two at Tambun were a surprise, a single at Tangkoko.  
**Great-billed Kingfisher** ◊ *Pelargopsis melanorhyncha* Two or more showed very well at Tangkoko.



*Great-billed Kingfisher*



*Lilac Kingfisher*

**Ruddy Kingfisher** *Halcyon coromanda* Two birds seen in the mangroves at Tangkoko.  
**Blue-and-white Kingfisher** ◊ *Todiramphus diops* Seen regularly on Halmahera.  
**Sombre Kingfisher** ◊ *Todiramphus funebris* A single at the roadside on Halmahera, located by voice as we drove!  
**Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris*  
**Beach Kingfisher** ◊ *Todiramphus saurophagus* After much searching from shore, one from the boat at Sidangoli.  
**Sacred Kingfisher** *Todiramphus sanctus* One sat on goalposts at Foli.  
**Common Kingfisher** ◊ *Alcedo atthis*  
**Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher** ◊ *Ceyx fallax* A well-received fellow showed well at Tangkoko.  
**Purple-bearded Bee-eater** ◊ *Meropogon forsteni* A poor show this year, just two seen at Lore Lindu.  
**Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus*  
**Rainbow Bee-eater** *Merops ornatus* Good numbers leaving roosts at Sofifi, small flocks elsewhere on Halmahera.  
**Blyth's Hornbill** ◊ *Rhyticeros plicatus* Seen daily on Halmahera, often in good numbers.  
**Knobbed Hornbill** ◊ *Rhyticeros cassidix* A thrill to see a male at a nest in Tangkoko, feeding the interred female.  
**Sulawesi Hornbill (S Dwarf H)** ◊ *Rhabdotorrhinus exarhatus* A single at Karaenta, good views at Tangkoko.  
**Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker** ◊ *Yungipicus temminckii* A monotypic endemic, seen in several places.  
**Ashy Woodpecker** ◊ *Mulleripicus fulvus* Good views of both sexes at Toraut and Tangkoko.  
**Spotted Kestrel** *Falco moluccensis*  
**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus* A very dark example of the race *ernesti* at Tangkoko.  
**White Cockatoo** ◊ *Cacatua alba* Good sightings at Foli and on the Buli Road, but numbers are definitely down.  
**Moluccan King Parrot** ◊ *Alisterus amboinensis* A single sighting of a flying bird on the Buli Road.  
**Golden-mantled Racket-tail** ◊ *Prioniturus platurus* Never seen well, always noisily flying overhead, at Lore Lindu.  
**Yellow-breasted Racket-tail** ◊ *Prioniturus flavicans* Good numbers at Toraut with 25+ there.  
**Eclectus Parrot** *Eclectus roratus* Quite a few at Foli and elsewhere, nice to see a female there.

**Red-cheeked Parrot** *Geoffroyus geoffroyi* Fewer on Halmahera than usual it seemed, maybe they don't like rain!

**Great-billed Parrot** ◇ *Tanygnathus megalorynchos* Regular sightings of flying birds on Halmahera.

**Blue-backed Parrot** ◇ *Tanygnathus sumatranus* Seen well at Toraut and Tangkoko, also at Karaenta.

**Red-flanked Lorikeet** ◇ *Chamosyna placentis* In good number at Foli, also on the Buli Road.

**Chattering Lory** ◇ *Lorius garrulus* Seen regularly on Halmahera, a favourite.

**Violet-necked Lory** ◇ *Eos squamata* Scarce this year, a flock seen briefly at Foli, another two near Sidangoli.

**Ornate Lorikeet** ◇ *Trichoglossus ornatus* A single at Tangkoko was well received.

**Citrine Lorikeet** ◇ *Trichoglossus flavoviridis* Not uncommon at Lore Lindu, hard to get a good view though!

**Great Hanging Parrot** ◇ *Loriculus stigmatus* Rather common in northern Sulawesi.

**Moluccan Hanging Parrot** ◇ *Loriculus amabilis* Not common on Halmahera, seen at Foli and on the Buli Road.

**Pygmy Hanging Parrot** ◇ *Loriculus exilis* After much persistence, a great look at one at Tangkoko.



Spotted Kestrel



Pygmy Hanging Parrot

**Sulawesi Pitta** ◇ *Erythropitta celebensis* A calling bird at Tambun performed well for us.

**North Moluccan Pitta** ◇ *Erythropitta rufiventris* (H) A vocal bird in a dense clump on the Buli Road, glimpsed briefly.

**Ivory-breasted Pitta** ◇ *Pitta maxima* At least three seen, the best was close if rather brief.

**Dusky Myzomela** *Myzomela obscura* A single seen on the Buli Road.

**Sulawesi Myzomela** ◇ *Myzomela chloroptera* A few at Lore Lindu, common at Gunung Mahawu.

**White-streaked Friarbird** ◇ *Melitograis gilensis* Seen at Foli, more numerous on the Buli Road.

**Dark-eared Myza** ◇ *Myza celebensis* Just a couple seen, at Lore Lindu.

**White-eared Myza** ◇ *Myza sarasinorum* Excellent views of this usually shy fellow on the Anaso track.

**Golden-bellied Gerygone (Flyeater)** *Gerygone sulphurea*

**White-breasted Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorhynchus*

**Ivory-backed Woodswallow** ◇ *Artamus monachus* Great looks at several birds at Tapakolintang.

**Moluccan Cuckooshrike** ◇ *Coracina atriceps* A few seen at Foli and on the Buli Road.

**Cerulean Cuckooshrike** ◇ *Coracina temminckii* Several nice encounters at Lore Lindu.

**Pied Cuckooshrike** ◇ *Coracina bicolor* Finally! After frustration at Toraut, a trio at Tangkoko, thanks to Samuel!

**White-rumped Cuckooshrike** ◇ *Coracina leucopygia* Several encounters around Tangkoko and at Grand Luley.

**White-bellied Cuckooshrike** *Coracina papuensis* A few at Foli, also seen at Soffi.

**Halmahera Cuckooshrike** ◇ *Coracina parvula* Two or more seen on the Buli Road.

**Pygmy Cuckooshrike (Mountain Cicadabird)** ◇ *Coracina abbotti* Three seen at Lore Lindu on our first day there.

**Common Cicadabird** *Coracina tenuirostris* A few seen on Halmahera.

**Sulawesi Cicadabird** ◇ *Coracina morio* A pair at Lore Lindu, another two at Tapakolintang.

**White-rumped Triller** ◇ *Lalage leucopygialis* A few seen in the Dumoga area and also at Tangkoko.

**White-shouldered Triller** ◇ *Lalage sueurii* Two seen near Palu.

**Rufous-bellied Triller** ◇ *Lalage aurea* Regular sightings in the Halmahera forests.

**Maroon-backed Whistler** ◇ *Coracornis raveni* A vocal male came close to give us a good look at Lore Lindu.

**Sulphur-vented Whistler** ◇ *Pachycephala sulfuriventer* Seen at Malino, Lore Lindu, Gunung Ambang.

**Black-chinned Whistler** ◊ *Pachycephala mentalis* A great look at one at Foli while we sheltered from the rain.  
**Drab Whistler** ◊ *Pachycephala griseonota* (H) A singing bird at Foli did not perform for us.  
**Dusky-brown Oriole (Halmahera O)** ◊ *Oriolus phaeochromus* Seen at Foli, more often heard.  
**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*  
**Hair-crested Drongo (White-eyed Spangled D)** *Dicrurus [hottentottus] leucops* Common in northern Sulawesi.  
**Sulawesi Drongo** ◊ (S Spangled D) *Dicrurus montanus* A few at Lore Lindu, a single at Gunung Mahawu.  
**Spangled Drongo (Halmahera S D)** *Dicrurus [bracteatus] atrocaeruleus* Common and noisy on Halmahera.  
**Willie Wagtail** *Rhipidura leucophrys* An endearing fellow, common on Halmahera away from the forest.  
**Rusty-bellied Fantail** ◊ *Rhipidura teysmanni* Not uncommon at Malino and Lore Lindu, also at Gunung Ambang.  
**Pale-blue Monarch** ◊ *Hypothymis puella* A few in northern Sulawesi, also at Karaenta.  
**Moluccan Monarch** ◊ *Symphysistura bimaculatus* Some good views on the Buli Road and at Binagara. See note.  
**White-naped Monarch** ◊ *Carterornis pileatus* Good views on the Buli Road, also seen at Foli.

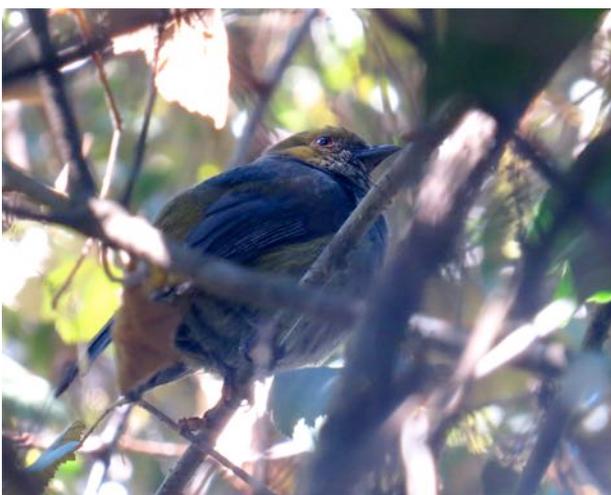


*White-naped Monarch*



*Moluccan Monarch (Hans Nicolai)*

**Moluccan Flycatcher** ◊ (Slaty F) *Myiagra galeata* A few seen on Halmahera in various locations.  
**Shining Flycatcher** ◊ (S Monarch) *Myiagra alecto* Seen well at Binagara.  
**Slender-billed Crow** ◊ (Sulawesi C) *Corvus [enca] celebensis* Only seen in northern Sulawesi where common.  
**Piping Crow** ◊ *Corvus typicus* (H) Heard only, at Karaenta.  
**Long-billed Crow** ◊ *Corvus validus* A monotypic endemic of the North Moluccas, not uncommon on Halmahera.



*Southern Hylocitrea*



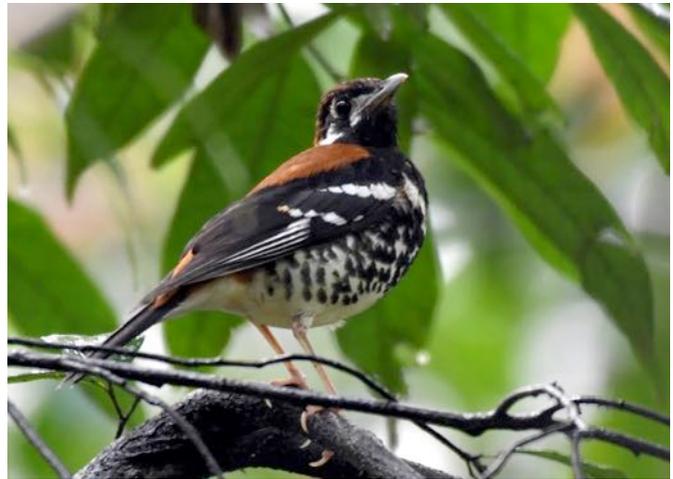
*Lompobattang Leaf Warbler (Hans Nicolai)*

**Paradise-crow** ◊ *Lycocorax pyrrhopterus* Several good looks on the Buli Road.  
**Standardwing** ◊ *Semioptera wallacii* At least two males at the Foli lek, also two females. In the rain!

**Northern Hylocitrea** ◇ *Hylocitrea [bonensis] bonensis* At least three seen on the Anaso track.  
**Southern Hylocitrea** ◇ *Hylocitrea [bonensis] bonthaina* A nice find at Malino, good views acquired. Birdquest lifer!  
**Citrine Canary-Flycatcher** ◇ *Culicicapa helianthea* Not uncommon at Lore Lindu and Gunung Ambang.  
**Sooty-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus aurigaster*  
**Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goiavier* A single at Makassar fishponds.  
**Northern Golden Bulbul** ◇ *Thapsinillas longirostris*  
**Malia** ◇ *Malia grata* Some good views in tall trees at Lore Lindu. See note.  
**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*  
**Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica*  
**Mountain Tailorbird** *Phyllergates cuculatus*  
**Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis* Two at Binagara, another bird at Tangkoko didn't call.  
**Sulawesi Leaf Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus [sarasinorum] sarasinorum* Seen at Lore Lindu and Gunung Ambang.  
**Lompobattang Leaf Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus [sarasinorum] nesophilus* Common at Malino. Birdquest lifer!  
**Island Leaf Warbler** ◇ (Halmahera L W) *Phylloscopus [maforensis] henrietta* A single on the Buli Road.  
**Australian Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus australis* Two showed well at Makassar fishponds.  
**Chestnut-backed Bush Warbler** ◇ *Locustella castanea* Glimpses at Malino, better views at Lore Lindu  
**Gray's Grasshopper Warbler** ◇ *Locustella fasciolata* Good views near Sidangoli, not uncommon by voice.



Gray's Grasshopper Warbler (Hans Nicolai)



Red-backed Thrush (Hans Nicolai)

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*

**Sulawesi Babbler** ◇ *Trichastoma celebense* Seen regularly and heard more often on Sulawesi.  
**Streak-headed White-eye** ◇ (Sulawesi Heleia) *Lophozosterops squamiceps* Seen at Malino and Lore Lindu.  
**Mountain White-eye** *Zosterops montanus*  
**Lemon-bellied White-eye** ◇ *Zosterops chloris*  
**Black-ringed White-eye** ◇ *Zosterops anomalus* Nice views at Karaenta.  
**Cream-throated White-eye** ◇ (Halmahera W) *Zosterops atriceps* Seen at Foli.  
**Black-crowned White-eye** ◇ (B-fronted W) *Zosterops atrifrons* Seen at Lore Lindu, Gunung Mahawu and Tangkoko.  
**Metallic Starling** *Aplonis metallica* Common on Halmahera.  
**Asian Glossy Starling** *Aplonis panayensis* Four seen en route from Tomohon to Kotamobagu.  
**Moluccan Starling** ◇ *Aplonis mysolensis* Multiple sightings at Foli, though not elsewhere.  
**Short-tailed Starling** *Aplonis minor* Four flew by at Lore Lindu.  
**Sulawesi Myna** ◇ (Short-crested M) *Basilornis celebensis* A good year for these, with multiple sightings.  
**White-necked Myna** ◇ *Streptocitta albigollis* Two at Karaenta, a few in the Dumoga area. See note.  
**Fiery-browed Starling** ◇ *Enodes erythrophris* Numerous and visible at Lore Lindu, a couple at Gunung Ambang.  
**Grosbeak Starling** ◇ *Scissirostrum dubium* Numerous in northern Sulawesi, also seen at Lore Lindu.  
**Pale-bellied Myna** ◇ *Acridotheres cinereus* (NL) Two seen at a filling station near Makassar.  
**Red-backed Thrush** ◇ *Geokichla erythronota* A fine example seen at close range at Tangkoko.  
**Sulawesi Thrush** ◇ *Cataponera turdoides* Two seen feeding high in the trees at Lore Lindu.

**Sulawesi Streaked Flycatcher** ◊ *Muscicapa sodhii* A pair nest-building at Karaenta was a nice find.  
**Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher** ◊ *Cyornis omissus* A couple of furtive birds seen at Lore Lindu, also heard at Mahawu.  
**Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher (Hoevell's Warbling F)** ◊ *Cyornis hoevelli* Not uncommon at Lore Lindu.  
**Matinan Blue Flycatcher** ◊ *Cyornis sanfordi* A demure pair of these specialities at Gunung Ambang.  
**Turquoise Flycatcher** ◊ (Island Verditer F) *Eumyias panayensis* Seen at Malino, Lore Lindu and Gunung Ambang.  
**Great Shortwing** ◊ *Heinrichia calligyna* A rather unsatisfactory glimpse of one at Lore Lindu, after much effort!  
**Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra* Seen at Malino and Lore Lindu, heard at Mahawu and Ambang.  
**Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni* Seen at Malino and on the Anaso track.  
**Pied Bush Chat** *Saxicola caprata*  
**Yellow-sided Flowerpecker** ◊ *Dicaeum aureolimbatum* Not uncommon at Lore Lindu and Gunung Mahawu.  
**Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker** ◊ *Dicaeum nehrkorni* A single male at Gunung Mahawu.  
**Halmahera Flowerpecker** ◊ *Dicaeum schistaceiceps* Regular sightings on Halmahera of both sexes.



*Halmahera Flowerpecker*



*Paradise Crow*

**Grey-sided Flowerpecker** ◊ *Dicaeum celebicum* Nice views at Tangkoko.  
**Brown-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis*  
**Black Sunbird** ◊ *Leptocoma aspasia*  
**Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis*  
**Crimson Sunbird** *Aethopyga siparaja* Singles seen at Karaenta and Tapakolintang, race *flavostriata*.  
**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*  
**Blue-faced Parrotfinch** ◊ *Erythrura trichroa* Two or more seen along the Anaso track.  
**Black-faced Munia** ◊ *Lonchura molucca* Seen on both islands.  
**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata*  
**Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla*  
**Pale-headed Munia** ◊ *Lonchura pallida* Numerous birds showed well near Palu.  
**Java Sparrow (introduced)** *Lonchura oryzivora* Two in roadside paddies en route from Kotamobagu..  
**Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla [tschutschensis] tschutschensis*  
**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* (H)  
**Mountain Serin** ◊ *Chrysocorythus estherae* (H/NL) Heard on the Anaso track, with one brief sighting.

#### MAMMALS

**Bear Cuscus** *Ailurops ursinus* One at Anaso, then six in a day at Tangkoko.  
**Ornate Cuscus** *Phalanger ornatus* A rare sighting at Foli, two on one night, another the next day.  
**Whitish Dwarf Squirrel** *Prosciurillus leucomus* A few seen at Tangkoko.  
**Sulawesi Dwarf Squirrel** *Prosciurillus murinus* A few seen at Lore Lindu, also in the north.  
**Montane Long-nosed Squirrel** *Hyosciurus heinrichi* Seen at Gunung Ambang, and probably at Lore Lindu too.  
**Spectral Tarsier** *Tarsius spectrum* At least four seen in the hollow tree at Tangkoko, despite the distractions!  
**Moor Macaque** *Macaca maura* Two seen at Malino and another at Karaenta.

**Sulawesi Crested Macaque** *Macaca nigra* A large group at Tangkoko were entertaining.

**Gorontalo Macaque** *Macaca nigrescens* Two seen at Tapakolintang.

**Common Bottle-nosed Dolphin** *Tursiops truncatus* A pod of 8 or more off Foli.



*Sulawesi Crested Macaque*



*Gorontalo Macaque*



*Bear Cuscus, mother and cub.*

## NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

The most up to date referenced taxonomic list referred to in the Tour Report is that of the IOC World Bird Names. Gill, F and Donsker, D (Eds). 2014. IOC World Bird Names (v2.11). Available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>

**Maleo** *Macrocephalon maleo* Truly a marvel of evolution, laying its eggs in the volcanically heated soil that keeps the eggs at 32-36°C, the 250g egg hatching after 60 days, and the newly hatched chick can fly immediately! Many thanks to WCS, Max and his staff for running this successful project.

**Moluccan Megapode** ◇ *Eulipoa wallacei* It was great to see this fairly quickly, it can often be an open-ended affair. A great view of a fascinating bird that flies out to the beach from the forests of the interior.

**Purple Dollarbird** ◇ (**Azure D**) *Eurystomus azureus* Great to see this on the Buli Road, its presence was fortunately indicated by the bird calling, otherwise we might have missed it. Our views of it were prolonged and exceptionally clear.

**Scaly-breasted Kingfisher** ◇ *Actenoides princeps* A great thrill to see this bird at Gunung Mahawu, assisted by the able Samuel, otherwise we may never have found it! A torpid fellow that keeps to the darkest corners of the forest.

**Moluccan Monarch** ◇ *Symposiachrus bimaculatus* A confusing name, in the field we found it preferable to use the older pre-split name, Spectacled Monarch.

**Malia** *Malia grata*: After suggestions that these strange Sulawesi endemics are related to babblers or bulbuls, they have now been found to be related to Grassbirds and certain other warblers in the Locustellidae.

**White-necked Myna** ◇ *Streptocitta albicollis* At Karaenta we saw the nominate subspecies with yellow on the bill, in northern Sulawesi we saw the dark-billed *torquata* subspecies.



Grey-capped Green Pigeon (photo by Hans Nicolai)



*Dawn on the Buli Road, Halmahera*



**'Bird-of-the-Trip'**

1. Wallace's Standardwing
2. Purple Dollarbird
3. Scaly-breasted Kingfisher
4. Moluccan Owlet Nightjar
5. Sulawesi Pitta
6. Maleo