



THE Sumatran Tiger - one of the most incredible and unlikely sightings ever on a Birdquest tour! (Pete Morris)

SUMATRA

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It's not often that I begin a birding tour report with a mammal, but our incredible sighting of Sumatran Tiger I'm afraid stole the show from the birds this time around! It's rarely seen let alone photographed at point blank range and watched for 20 minutes, so we can certainly class ourselves as part of a very select club! Fortunately the birds did us proud too! It had been a few years since I'd led this tour, and I'd almost forgotten how challenging the birding can be! Fortunately, I hadn't forgotten that if you work hard and keep plugging away, success ultimately comes your way, and I was lucky to have a team of stalwarts that were prepared to, at times, put in the hard yards to gain the rewards! And in the end, we were extremely successful in tracking down nearly



Nightbirds were a theme of the tour, and Reddish Scops Owl an endearing example! (Pete Morris)

all of our hoped for targets. The main tour focused on three areas. At the imposing Gunung Kerinci we tracked down a great selection of specialities, including Red-billed Partridge, the rare Javan Woodcock (in daylight), Sumatran Trogon, a confiding Schneider's Pitta, fabulous Sumatran and Rusty-breasted Wren-Babblers, Sunda Forktail (nearby), Brown-winged and Shiny Whistling Thrushes and even a brief Sumatran Cochoa. Night-birding was rewarding too with Mountain Scops Owl, Rajah Scops Owl at a nest hole, Barred Eagle Owl and Sumatran Frogmouth. As well as the aforementioned Tiger, the Tapan Road treated us to more great birds which included some incredible Graceful Pittas and colourful Blue-masked and Sumatran Leafbirds. At Way Kambas we fixed the spotlight on a number of sought-after nightbirds including Reddish and Sunda Scops Owls, Large, Gould's and Sunda Frogmouths and the rare Bonaparte's Nightjar, whilst in daylight we found an excellent array of Sundaic species including numerous woodpeckers, a surprise Malaysian Honeyguide, stunning Rufous-collared Kingfishers, Red-naped, Diard's and Scarlet-rumped Trogons, Green, Dusky, Banded, Black-and-red and Black-and-yellow Broadbills, Malayan Banded Pitta and a huge variety of bulbuls, babblers, sunbirds, spiderhunters and other goodies! Our first extension took us to Way Titias where we had to endure just two nights camping and a far easier walk than previous trips. In return, we were rewarded with fantastic views of Sumatran Ground Cuckoo as well as Ferruginous Partridge, Bronze-tailed Peacock-Pheasant and stunning Helmeted and Rhinoceros Hornbills – fair reward I'd say! The second extension to Enggano was straightforward, and all endemics showed superbly including the endearing Enggano Scops Owl and the wonderful Enggano Thrush. All in all, not a bad haul!

The tour began rather sedately, with a comfortable overnight in Padang, followed by a longish and rather uneventful drive to Keresek Tua. We paused for a few bits on the way, including a juvenile Changeable Hawk-Ea-

gle, and arrived in town (yes, what used to be a tiny village is rapidly becoming a town!) and settled in for our stay with my old friend Pak Subandi. Pak and his family looked after us admirably, which was just as well as birding on Gunung Kerinci is a bit on the tough side. Copious trapping has made many of the birds unfeasibly shy and difficult to find, and this, coupled with the nature of the terrain, and the disproportionate percentage of skulkers and tough birds, means that seeing the goodies on Kerinci requires time, effort and a little luck! Despite these warnings, we set off optimistically that afternoon, hoping to see our first few of Kerinci's secrets. This was something we were to do for the next four and a half days too, though after some fairly arduous walks (mainly due to frequent obstacles on the narrow trail) and a few initial difficult birding days, the optimism levels dipped a little, though for the large part the enthusiasm never did! The first few days were relatively quiet, but gave us time to get to grips with the more regular species. Mixed flocks consisting of Mountain Leaf Warblers, delightful Sunda Warblers, White-throated Fantails, Cinereous Tits, Little Pied Flycatchers, Black-capped and Montane White-eyes and Temminck's Sunbirds were joined by roving Grey-throated, Golden and striking Spot-necked Babblers. Higher in the canopy, Sunda and Grey-throated Minivets fed with Blyth's Shrike Babblers and striking Blue Nuthatches and a variety of hyperactive squirrels. Along the trails, confiding Pygmy Wren-Babblers, Lesser Shortwings and Snowy-browed Flycatchers showed well, and occasionally an endemic Brown-winged Whistling Thrush or Shiny Whistling Thrush would pop into view. We also managed some great views of noisy endemic Rusty-breasted Wren-Babblers and saw several showy Sumatran Owlets, whilst the deep hoots of Sunda Cuckoos eventually led us to one or two of these up in the canopy. Colour was added by Black-browed Barbets and delightful Sumatran Trogons and we were also frequently entertained by Mitred Leaf Monkeys and vocal Siamangs. Pre-dawn we tried our luck with the spotlight and had some decent views of Mountain Scops Owl an impressive Barred Eagle Owl and an obliging Salvadori's Nightjar, but there was a lot still to go for! Red-billed Partridge was one of our first 'major prizes' as we enjoyed some fine views on the trail after several failed attempts, and our first assault on the higher elevation birds resulted in Fire-tufted Barbets, Orange-spotted Bulbul, Rufous-vented Niltava (after some effort!), Indigo Flycatcher and a showy male White-browed Shortwing, though sadly a pair of Sumatran Cochoas, found by our local guide, were only seen by one group member before they shot off! On the way back down, a fortunate comfort break resulted in the discovery of a confiding Schneider's Pitta, and having summoned the group, I managed to re-find it, and we watched it hopping around just two or three metres away. This was just what the doctor ordered!



Barred Eagle Owl and Sumatran (Collared) Owlet both showed well at Gunung Kerinci (Pete Morris)

Our fourth full day however was the real game-changer! We began pre-dawn as usual, and for once the endearing Sumatran Frogmouth posed in the light, and this was quickly followed by an incredible Rajah Scops Owl at a nest hole that we went on to see a couple more times. With renewed optimism, we continued on, and it was one of those days where things just fell into place. The Schneider's Pitta posed again, a Sunda Robin hopped in the open and, incredibly, a pair of Dusky Woodcocks paraded on the trail, walking ahead of us as we followed them up! Higher still, although the cochoa remained a dream, we found a wonderful Pink-headed Fruit Dove followed by lunch and then a stunning Sumatran Wren-Babbler, which, after our previous failure, could not have been more obliging! The Bintang tasted good that evening, and slipped down as well as Jim's soles had slipped off his boots! Having lost the aforementioned footwear, a casualty of Kerinci's mud, Jim was now proudly sporting a pair of white and gold Nike trainers!!



More fabulous highlights from Kerinci: Sumatran Frogmouth, Rajah Scops Owl and the brilliant Sumatran Wren-Babbler (Pete Morris)

Our final attempt for the elusive Salvadori's Pheasant again drew a blank, though point-blank views of Eyebrowed and Sumatran Wren-Babblers provided some compensation! By now, the desire to walk up and down again had worn off, especially as the morning horde of mountain climbers were on their way, so we headed down from the mountain one final time and took a trip to the nearby Letter W Waterfall. Some of the group had already visited (whilst taking time out from Kerinci), and this eventually gave us all a chance to see a fabulous pair of Sunda Forktails, as well as our first Blue Whistling Thrushes and Little Cuckoo-Doves. We then made our way down to our hotel in Sungai Penuh, pausing for White-headed Munias as we went.



Sunda Forktail and Brown-winged Whistling Thrush from the Kerinci area (Pete Morris)

The following few days were spent along the Tapan Road, birding at slightly lower altitudes at Kerinci, right down to the lowlands. The birding highlight here was without question the unbelievably showy Graceful Pittas, and I do not think any of us had seen pittas of any species as well as we saw these! The supporting cast was good too, with new endemics including numerous Sumatra Treepies, Cream-striped, Spot-necked and Sumatran (Sunda) Bulbuls, Sumatran Green Pigeons at a fruiting tree, Sumatran Drongos (complete with horns!) and Sumatran and wonderful Blue-masked Leafbirds. We spent a long time, with only moderate success, trying to see elusive Marbled Wren-Babblers and Bronze-tailed Peacock-Pheasants (both seen by some of the group), and other new species included striking Blyth's Hawk and Black Eagles, numerous Little and Barred Cuckoo-Doves, awkward Green-billed Malkohas, Silver-rumped Spinetail, Gold-whiskered and Blue-eared



Two endemic bulbuls from the Tapan Road: Spot-necked Bulbul and Cream-striped Bulbul (Pete Morris)

Barbets, super Long-tailed and Black-and-yellow Broadbills, Greater and Lesser Yellownapes, smart Blue-winged Leafbirds (the endemic subspecies has a lot of yellow on the head), Black-and-crimson Orioles, Sunda Cuckooshrikes, Ashy, Hairy-backed, Ochraceous and Grey-bellied Bulbuls, Horsfield's and Grey-headed Bblers, Fulvous-chested Jungle-Flycatcher, a stunning Rufous-browed Flycatcher and Purple-naped Sunbird. It was whilst heading back on the second evening that our guide suddenly said "tiger". Assuming he was joking, I looked round and was flabbergasted to see a black and orange stripey thing right by the roadside! It was almost like being punch-drunk! I had to be reminded to take pictures, the driver had to be persuaded to wind down his window, and despite our obvious excitement, the Tiger seemed happy to just stare at us. It seemed to like our orange bus! When other cars came by, it ducked into the roadside vegetation, only to re-emerge and stare at us! On a couple of occasions small motorbikes with driver and pillion passenger passed within a few metres of it, oblivious to its presence, but fortunately it was no man-eater, just an orange bus admirer! We persuaded Carlos not to test how tame it was, and eventually it disappeared back into the undergrowth, and we headed back for more Bintang, pinching ourselves as we went!!



Two favourites: Banded Broadbill and Black-and-yellow Broadbill (Pete Morris)

After a final morning on the Tapan Road, we made the rather long, slow and tedious drive back to Padang. It's not that the roads are bad, just relatively narrow and busy, so average speeds are low. However, we did get to enjoy a fine meal that evening, and a night in a (relatively) luxurious hotel!

The following day really was a travel day as we flew from Padang to Jakarta and back to Bandar Lampung before driving to Way Kambas. It sounds simple put like that, but it was an hour before dark by the time we arrived! Undeterred, we went straight out, found a fine Red-crowned Barbet and then fired the spotlight up for a lovely Western Barn Owl and a confiding Sunda Scops Owl. Again, nightbirding was a theme, and (mostly pre-dawn) we had several, largely successful night-birding sessions at this excellent reserve. Frogmouths were the obvious highlight, and we enjoyed fine views of Large, Sunda and Gould's Frogmouths. A Reddish Scops Owl was incredibly cute, an obliging Bonaparte's Nightjar much appreciated and others included Brown Hawk Owl and Malaysian Eared Nightjar, though sadly an Oriental Bay Owl eluded us in particularly thick habitat. Day-time birding was also good, and by mostly walking along a broad track and diving into the forest every now and then, we gradually built up an impressive list of superb lowland Sundaic species. All lowland forest can be slow at times, and we had some rain and leeches to dodge, but as usual, persistence paid off. Particular favourites included a fine Malaysian Honeyguide, colourful Red-naped, Diard's and Scarlet-rumped Trogons, stunning Rufous-collared and Oriental Dwarf Kingfishers, fabulous Red-bearded Bee-eaters and a suite of great broad-



Sunda Scops Owl and Western Barn Owl provided entertainment on our first night at Way Kambas (Pete Morris)

bills, namely Banded, Black-and-yellow, Dusky and electric Green Broadbills. Along the track we frequently encountered Red Junglefowl, lovely (Malay) Crested Firebacks, Common Emerald Doves and even a stocky Binturong early one morning, whilst just off track we found a fabulous pair of Malayan Banded Pittas. Fruiting trees held Green Imperial Pigeons and Little Green Pigeons while canopy flocks harboured another set of species which included Green Ioras, Scarlet and Fiery Minivets, Dark-throated Orioles, Asian Fairy Bluebirds and



Way Kambas favourites! The incomparable Large Frogmouth and a pair of Rufous-collared Kingfishers (Pete Morris)

Bar-bellied and Lesser Cuckooshrikes. Flowering trees were home to smart Red-throated Sunbirds, Greater Green Leafbirds and Thick-billed Spiderhunter, whilst no fewer than twelve species of bulbuls were found along the track. Woodpeckers were well represented, and included the diminutive Rufous Piculet and Buff-rumped, Buff-necked, Rufous, Crimson-winged, Checker-throated and Banded Woodpeckers. Clumsy Raffles, Red-billed, Chestnut-breasted and Black-bellied Malkohas moved through the canopy from which Violet and Banded Bay Cuckoos sang. In the undergrowth and mid-storey we found a confiding pair of Grey-chested Jungle-Flycatchers and a fine array of babblers which included the smart Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler, musical Sooty-capped, Rufous-crowned, Scaly-crowned and Moustached Babblers, attractive Chestnut-rumped,

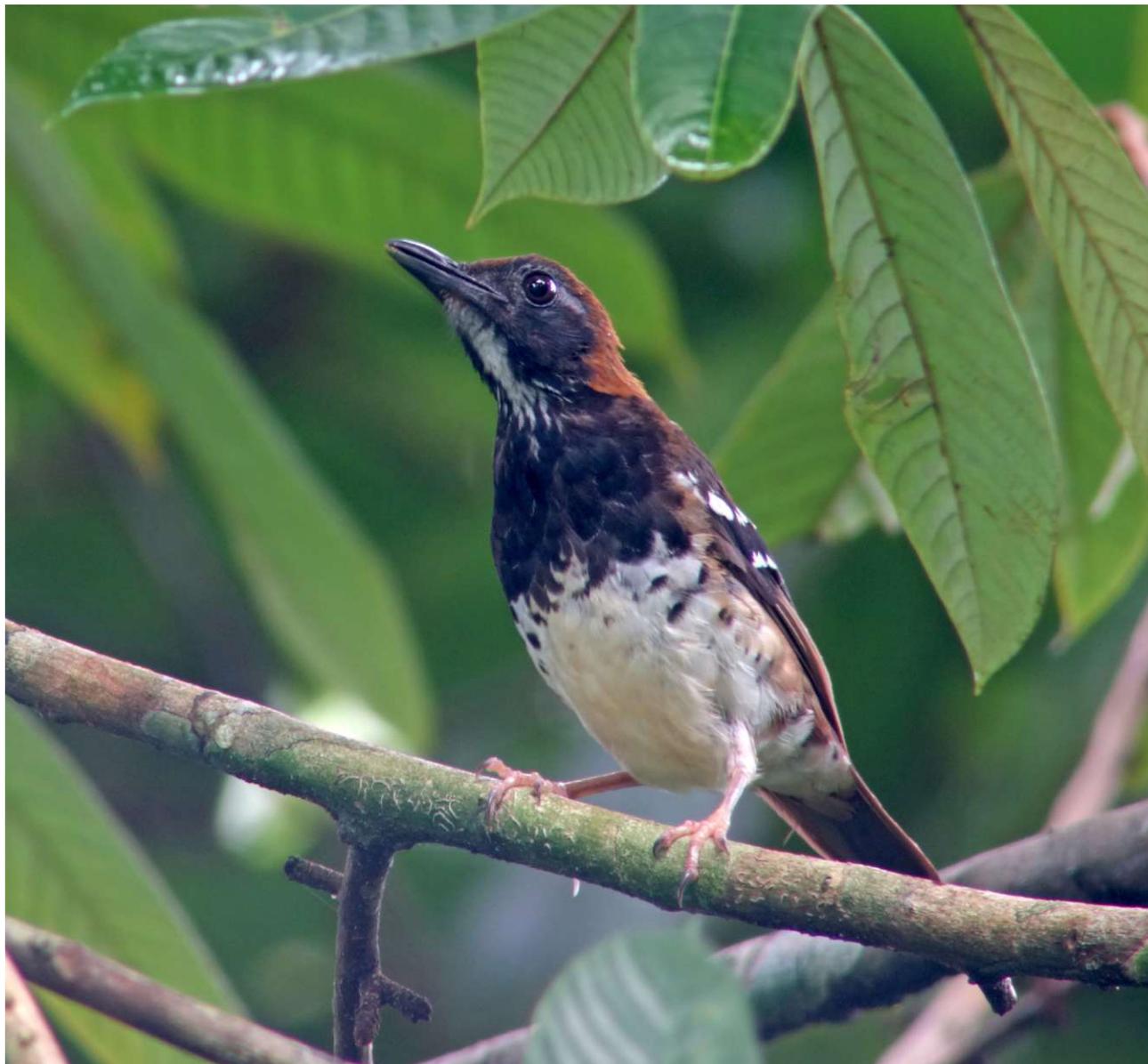
Chestnut-winged, Ferruginous and Black-throated Babblers, ground-dwelling Short-tailed and Black-capped Babblers, and the charismatic Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler. Along the rivers we found Brahminy Kites, a fabulous Lesser Fishing Eagle, Stork-billed and Blue-eared Kingfishers, a Malayan Hawk-Cuckoo, Black-and-red Broadbill, water-loving White-chested Babblers, and colourful Malaysian Blue Flycatchers, whilst other miscellaneous species of interest included smart Black-thighed Falconets, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrots, Brown Barbet, vocal Black Magpies, Slender-billed Crows and Common Hill Mynas, Rufous-tailed Tailorbird and colourful Ruby-cheeked, Purple-naped and Crimson Sunbirds. Quite a haul really, and plenty to reflect on as we made our way to the Sheraton at Bandar Lampung for a comfortable night!



Grey-chested Jungle-Flycatcher and Red-bearded Bee-eater at Way Kambas (Pete Morris)

At this point we said goodbye to a couple of the group and welcomed a new member, and embarked upon the journey to Liwa and on to our camp at Way Titias, for the first of two post tour extensions. This proved far easier than we'd feared, as a new road had cut the walk to a mere three to four hours with just one river crossing! It was largely dry, insects and leaches were not too bad and the birds were sensational, meaning that we only had to endure two nights camping (which wasn't too bad), and only one of those was beer free!! Of course we'd gone there to see the Sumatran Ground Cuckoo, and to this end, we were remarkably successful, with stunning views of three for all of us on our first morning! Having chased the eerie, haunting calls for a while, we hid behind a large buttress and managed to spot the bird singing, bill pointing skyward and tail-twitching! After an initial panic and a bit of manoeuvring, we got everyone on to it and gradually the views improved. The male showed on and off for several minutes, revealing glossy green plumage, a dark crown and moustachial, pale bill and legs, buff, narrowly-barred black belly and amazing facial skin, which was sky blue in front of the eye and lilac-pink behind! Having walked down a log and across an open trail, a female arrived and was approached briefly by a russet brown, barred, begging juvenile. Amazing stuff, and after that we could relax a little! But there were still good birds to be had, and we were successful in gaining great views of a fine Bronzetailed Peacock Pheasant, Ferruginous Partridge, an amazing Helmeted Hornbill, Red-headed Trogon, Banded Kingfisher, plenty of Spotted Fantails and Brown Fulvettas, a lovely male White-tailed Flycatcher, a pair of Pale Blue Flycatchers, a stunning Chestnut-naped Forktail and Streaked Bulbul, though sadly we only heard Sumatran Hill Partridge (a Birdquest lifer!). We walked out a day early, allowing us to spend another night in a hotel (rather than under canvas) and spent the final day and a half of the extension birding along the road. Here, an amazing Malaysian Eared Nightjar showed at close range, Red-throated Barbet showed well, Banded Kingfisher and Black-and-red and Banded Broadbills entertained, Rufous-fronted Babblers obliged and Ruby-throated Bulbuls were much admired. Fruiting trees held Wreathed, Rhinoceros and Helmeted Hornbills as well as Agile Gibbons and Southern Mitred Leaf Monkeys, and other good species here included Crested Ser-

pent and Rufous-bellied Eagles, Spot-necked Babblers and a Yellow-eared Spiderhunter. The nearby paddies were home to many munias including the localized White-capped Munia, and nearby we found Blue-banded Kingfisher and several vocal Sumatran Babblers. On the final morning, we headed back to Banda Lampung for another night at the Sheraton. The first extension had been a success, and all that lay ahead was Enggano...



The superb Enggano Thrush was a highlight of our visit to the island (Pete Morris)

Another travel day saw us transiting Jakarta again, and our flight to Bengkulu was slightly delayed. We arrived to be told that the ocean was too rough for our boat, but there was a cargo boat going... now! We high-tailed it to the port and viewed our sturdy, though less than salubrious transport! Crew cabins were cleared for us and we made our way across a choppy ocean, through thunderstorms, arriving on Enggano at dawn. Here we were kindly accommodated in village houses, and had ample time to explore. To be honest, the challenge with Enggano is getting there and back, rather than finding the endemics, and it didn't take us too long to complete the set! Several Enggano Scops Owls showed beautifully, wonderful Enggano Thrushes were obliging, and after a little effort, the Enggano Hill Myna gave stellar views. The Enggano White-eye was of course common and other goodies here included distinctive local forms of Thick-billed Pigeon Long-tailed Parakeet and Ruddy Cuckoo-Dove, all of which may well merit specific status and the local Enggano (Green) Imperial Pigeon which was recently split by HBW/Birdlife. Pink-necked Pigeons, Pied Imperial Pigeons, Asian Koels, Collared Kingfishers, Golden-bellied Gerygones, Zitting Cisticolas and Olive-backed Sunbirds were all common, and Sacred Kingfisher and Eurasian Whimbrel were write-ins. Sadly, prolific trapping and habitat destruction detracted a little from an otherwise successful visit.



Enggano White-eyes and Enggano Hill Mynas both showed well on Enggano (Pete Morris)

The journey back was far more comfortable, as we enjoyed a large air-conditioned room with private balcony all to ourselves, quite a contrast to the sometimes oppressive heat of the island. Back in Bengkulu we added Lesser Crested Tern and White-bellied Sea Eagle, before making our way back to the airport and on to Jakarta. It hadn't always been a walk in the park, but the good thing about Sumatra is that those that are prepared to make the effort are likely to be richly rewarded, and we certainly were!



Enggano Scops Owl was common and showy on the island (Pete Morris)



Graceful Pitta missed being our bird of the trip by a whisker! (Pete Morris)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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>

(CR)= Critically Endangered, (E)= Endangered, (V) = Vulnerable, (NT) = Near Threatened.

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).

For polytypic species, the subspecies seen on the tour, where known (or at least where I am fairly sure), is placed in parentheses at the end of the species comment. Generally, species listed with trinomials are not currently split by the IOC.

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica* (NL) One flew into some paddies near to Londres.

Sumatran Partridge ◊ *Arborophila sumatrana* (H) Heard on the way into Way Titias, but sadly would not respond.

Red-billed Partridge ◊ *Arborophila rubrirostris* Great views of one on to the trail at Gunung Kerinci; others heard.

Ferruginous Partridge ◊ *Caloperdix oculus* (NT) Good views of 1 and another briefly at Way Titias [*ocellatus*].

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* Several seen well along the track at Way Kambas [*bankiva*].

Malay Crested Fireback *Lophura [ignita] rufa* (NT) See note.

Bronze-tailed Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron chalcurom* See note.

Great Argus *Argusianus argus* (NT) (H) Heard a few times at Way Kambas, but always distant [nominated].

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* One seen briefly near to Padang.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus* First seen on the way to Sungai Penuh.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* First seen south of Padang. Also a few on Enggano Island [*manilensis*].



Changeable Hawk-Eagle near Kerinci and a Purple Heron from Enggano (Pete Morris)

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* (NL) One for some on the drive from Kerinci to Sungai Penuh.

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra* Two dark morph birds on Enggano Island [nominated].

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* A couple of sightings near to Kereseck Tua [*hypoleucus*].

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* Just a few seen. First seen on the way into Way Titias [*batu*].

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* A juv seen well on the drive to Kerinci and a dark phase seen there [*limnaeetus*].

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus alboniger* Seen well at Gunung Kerinci, along the Tapan Road, and at Way Titias.

Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle *Lophotriorchis kienerii* A couple seen well at Way Titias [*formosus*].

Asian Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis* A total of 5, including at the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [*malaiensis*].

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* Two sightings at Rawa Gajah, Way Kambas [*intermedius*].

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* An adult perched up from Bengkulu Harbour.

Lesser Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus humilis* (NT) Excellent views along the river at Way Kambas.

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* (NT) (H) Heard at Rawa Gajah at Way Kambas.

Slaty-breasted Rail *Gallirallus striatus* Brief views of a flushed bird at Gunung Kerinci [*gularis*].

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus* A couple in paddies near Londos and several on Enggano [nominated].

Javan Woodcock ◊ (Dusky W) *Scolopax saturata* (NT) Great views of a pair in broad daylight on the trail at Kerinci!

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius [phaeopus] phaeopus* A single on Enggano Island [*variegatus*].

Lesser Crested Tern *Thalasseus bengalensis* A single juv. on the way into Bengkulu Harbour [*torresii*].

Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana* A few seen well off Enggano Island [nominated].

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* A single 2cy in Bengkulu Harbour [*longipennis*].

Rock Dove *Columba livia* Feral Pigeons, also known by some as Beaman's Pigeon!

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis* First seen on the drive to Gunung Kerinci [*tigrina*]. See note.

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall* Commonly heard at Kerinci, and commonly seen along the Tapan Road [*unchall*].

Enggano Cuckoo-Dove ◊ *Macropygia [emiliana] cinnamomea* Several seen well on Enggano Island. A distinctive taxon!

Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps* Commonly heard at Kerinci and seen along the Tapan Road [*sumatrana*].

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* Common at Way Kambas and on Enggano Island [*indica*].

Little Green Pigeon ◊ *Treron olax* A few seen nicely in a fruiting tree at Way Kambas.

Pink-necked Green Pigeon *Treron vernans* A few at Way Kambas and a pair seen well on Enggano Island .

Thick-billed Green Pigeon ◊ *Treron curvirostra* See note.

Sumatran Green Pigeon ◊ *Treron oxyurus* (NT) A few heard at Kerinci, then excellent views along the Tapan Road.

Pink-headed Fruit Dove ◊ *Ptilinopus porphyreus* Good views of a very smart male at Gunung Kerinci.

Enggano Imperial Pigeon ◊ *Ducula [aenea] oenothorax* (NT) See note.



The endemic forms of Ruddy Cuckoo-Dove and Thick-billed Green Pigeon on Enggano may both merit specific status? (Pete Morris)

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea* Plenty seen well at Way Kambas [nominate].

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia* A single over the Tapan Road, and good views of a few at Way Titias [*badia*].

Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor* Several seen well on Enggano Island.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* (H) Regularly heard on the lower slopes of Gunung Kerinci [*bubutus*].

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis* (H) Heard below the forest at Gunung Kerinci [*javanensis*].

Sumatran Ground Cuckoo ◊ *Carpococcyx viridis* (CR) Simply stunning and our bird of the trip. See note.

Raffles's Malkoha *Rhinorhiza chlorophaea* Several seen well at Way Kambas.

Red-billed Malkoha *Zanclostomus javanicus* A few seen well at Way Kambas and also seen at Way Titias [*pallidus*].

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* A few seen at Way Kambas [*singularis*].

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus* (NT) (NL) One for Lane and Carlos near to Liwa

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi* (NT) A few seen well at Way Kambas [nominate].

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis* Several seen well along the Tapan Road [nominate].

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus* A few seen on Enggano Island [*malayanus*].

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* Great views of a male at Way Kambas [nominate].

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii* Seen well at Way Kambas, and again at Way Titias [*fasciolatus*].

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* (H) Heard in the Ecolodge garden at Way Kambas [*threnodes*].

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis* Seen briefly at Kerinci and well along the Tapan Road [*threnodes*].

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* See note [*brachyurus*].

Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo ◊ *Hierococcyx fugax* A singing bird was taped in (flight views only) at Way Kambas.

Sunda Cuckoo ◊ *Cuculus lepidus* Commonly heard at Gunung Kerinci where we glimpsed one saw one well.

Western Barn Owl *Tyto alba* Great views of an adult by the entrance gate at Way Kambas [*javanica*].

Oriental Bay Owl ◊ *Phodilus badius* (H) Sadly, despite effort, only heard at Way Kambas and Way Titias [nominate].

Reddish Scops Owl ◊ *Otus rufescens* (NT) Stunning views of 1 at Way Kambas, and others heard there [nominate].

Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* One spotlight at Gunung Kerinci, though sadly not seen by all [*vandewateri*].

Rajah Scops Owl ◊ *Otus brookii* Brilliant views of one at a nest hole at Gunung Kerinci. Superb! [*solokensis*].

Sunda Scops Owl ◊ *Otus lempiji* Great views of an adult at Way Kambas. It even came into a building! [nominate].

Enggano Scops Owl ◊ *Otus enganensis* (NT) At least 8 seen on Enggano Island. A lovely little owl!



Brown Hawk-Owl and Sunda Frogmouth from the nightbird mecca of Way Kambas! (Pete Morris)

- Barred Eagle-Owl** ◇ *Bubo sumatranus* Great views of one at dawn at Gunung Kerinci, and heard at Way Titias [nominate].
- Sumatran Owlet** ◇ *Glaucidium [brodiei] sylvaticum* Several seen well at Gunung Kerinci. Distinctive voice!
- Brown Hawk-Owl** *Ninox scutulata* Seen well at Way Kambas, at night and in broad daylight!
- Large Frogmouth** ◇ *Batrachostomus auritus* (NT) Brilliant views of 1 at Way Kambas.
- Gould's Frogmouth** ◇ *Batrachostomus stellatus* (NT) Excellent views of 1 at Way Kambas, after some effort!
- Short-tailed (Sumatran) Frogmouth** ◇ *Batrachostomus poliophus* (NT) Seen well at Gunung Kerinci and heard at Way Titias.
- Sunda Frogmouth** ◇ *Batrachostomus cornutus* Excellent views of 1 at Way Kambas [nominate].
- Malaysian Eared Nightjar** ◇ *Lyncornis temminckii* Seen at Way Kanan, Liwa and, close-up, near to Londres.
- Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus* Heard at the Ecologde and one seen briefly at Way Kambas [*bimaculatus*].
- Savanna Nightjar** *Caprimulgus affinis* Heard, and seen by Richard, at the hotel in Bandar Lampung [nominate].
- Bonaparte's Nightjar** ◇ *Caprimulgus concretus* (VU) Excellent views of one at Way Kambas.
- Salvadori's Nightjar** ◇ *Caprimulgus pulchellus* (NT) A male spotlighted at dawn at the forest edge at Gunung Kerinci.
- Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis* Two forms seen: *harterti* first seen at Way Kambas; *perlonga* on Enggano.



A couple of views of Grey-rumped Treeswifts from Enggano Island (Pete Morris)

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata* Several lower down along the Tapan Road.
 Giant Swiftlet ◊ *Hydrochous gigas* (NT) A few seen low over the Tapan Road.
 Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta* See note.
 Edible Nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus fuciphagus* See note [*vestitus*].
 Silver-rumped Spinetail ◊ *Rhaphidura leucopygialis* A few seen along the Tapan Road.
 Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis* Just a few, including 3 at Way Kambas [*infumatus*].
 Sumatran Trogon ◊ *Apalharpactes mackloti* Seen well at Gunung Kerinci, along the Tapan Road. and at Way Titias.
 Red-naped Trogon *Harpactes kasumba* (NT) Frequently heard at Way Kambas and a female seen well there [*kasumba*].
 Diard's Trogon *Harpactes diardii* (NT) A female seen well, roosting and frequently heard at Way Kambas [nominat].
 Scarlet-rumped Trogon *Harpactes duvaucelii* (NT) Frequently heard at Way Kambas and a male seen well there.
 Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus* A male seen well, but briefly, at Way Titias [*flagrans*].



Everybody loves a trogon! Sumatran Trogon from the Tapan Road and Diard's Trogon from Way Kambas (Pete Morris)

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* A couple seen at Way Kambas [nominat].
 Rufous-collared Kingfisher ◊ *Actenoides concretus* (NT) A male and a stunning pair seen well at Way Kambas [nominat].
 Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella* Heard at Way Kambas then seen well at Way Titias [nominat].
 Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis* A few seen along the river at Way Kambas [*cyanopteryx*].
 White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* A few seen. First seen below the forest at Gunung Kerinci [*perpulchra*].
 Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* Two forms: *laubmannianus* on the mainland; *azelus* on Enggano.
 Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sanctus* A single at the beach near to Kaana on Enggano Island for some.
 Blue-banded Kingfisher ◊ *Alcedo euryzona* (NT) See note.
 Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting* A few brief sightings at Way Kambas and nice scope views at Way Titias [nominat].
 Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx erithaca* Great views of a pair of 'Rufous-backed' Ks at Way Kambas [*rufidorsa*].
 Red-bearded Bee-Eater *Nyctornis amictus* Two seen well at Way Kambas and also seen well at Way Titias. Crackers!
 Bushy-crested Hornbill *Anorrhinus galeritus* A flighty group at Way Kambas and seen well at Way Titias.
 Rhinoceros Hornbill *Buceros rhinoceros* (NT) Impressive pairs seen well in the scope at Way Titias [nominat].
 Helmeted Hornbill ◊ *Rhinoplax vigil* (NT) Some great views of these incredible birds at Way Titias.
 Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus* A few at Gunung Kerinci, and several seen well at Way Titias [nominat].
 Fire-tufted Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon pyrolophus* A few seen at Gunung Kerinci, and common along the Tapan Road.
 Golden-whiskered Barbet *Megalaima chrysopogon* Seen well along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [nominat].
 Red-crowned Barbet ◊ *Megalaima rafflesii* (NT) A few seen very well Way Kambas. A swamp-forest specialist.
 Red-throated Barbet *Megalaima mystacophanus* (NT) Heard along the Tapan Road, then seen at Way Titias [nominat].



A Collared Kingfisher on Enggano. Seeing one of these killed by a local as it was 'of no economic value' was a tour low light! (Pete Morris)

- Black-browed Barbet** *Megalaima oorti* Common at Gunung Kerinci, along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias.
- Blue-eared Barbet** *Megalaima australis* See note.
- Coppersmith Barbet** *Megalaima haemacephala* Best were three on the drive from Padang to Keresek Tua [*delica*].
- Brown Barbet** *Caloramphus fuliginosus* (NT) See note.
- Malaysian Honeyguide** ◊ *Indicator archipelagicus* (NT) Excellent scope views of one at Way Kambas. A nice bonus!
- Rufous Piculet** *Sasia abnormis* A couple seen well at Way Kambas [nominate].
- Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos moluccensis* (H) Heard only at Way Kambas [nominate].
- Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus* One seen well along the Tapan Road [*volzi*].
- Banded Woodpecker** ◊ *Chrysophlegma miniaceum* Great views of a pair at Way Kambas [*malaccense*].
- Checker-throated Woodpecker** *Chrysophlegma mentale* (NT) Great views of a pair at Way Kambas [*humii*].
- Greater Yellownappe** *Chrysophlegma flavinucha* A couple seen along the Tapan Road [*mystacale*].
- Lesser Yellownappe** *Picus chlorolophus* A male seen along the Tapan Road [*vanheysti*].
- Crimson-winged Woodpecker** *Picus puniceus* A few seen well at Way Kambas [*observandus*].
- Maroon Woodpecker** *Blythipicus rubiginosus* Good views on Gunung Kerinci, and also seen at Way Titias.
- Rufous Woodpecker** *Micropternus brachyurus* A few seen at Way Kambas [*badius*].
- Buff-rumped Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes tristis* A few seen well at Way Kambas [*grammithorax*].
- Buff-necked Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes tukki* (NT) A few seen well at Way Kambas [nominate].
- Black-thighed Falconet** *Microhierax fringillarius* Lovely birds, seen well at Way Kambas and Way Titias.
- Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus galgulus* Seen on the Tapan Road, at Way Kambas, and on Enggano.
- Blue-rumped Parrot** *Psittinus cyanurus* (NT) Many heard at Way Kambas and Way Titias; one seen in flight [nominate].
- Red-collared Parakeet** ◊ *Psittacula [longicauda] modesta* (NT) This distinctive endemic form was common on Enggano.
- Green Broadbill** *Calyptomena viridis* (NT) Several of these crackers seen at Way Kambas [nominate].
- Black-and-red Broadbill** *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos* A pair at Way Kambas and 3 seen well at Way Titias [nominate].
- Long-tailed Broadbill** *Psarisomus dalhousiae* Just one seen well along the Tapan Road, others heard [*psittacinus*].
- Banded Broadbill** *Eurylaimus javanicus* A few seen well at Way Kambas and at Way Titias [*harterti*].
- Black-and-yellow Broadbill** *Eurylaimus ochromalus* (NT) Lovely views on the Tapan Road and at Way Kambas and Way Titias.
- Dusky Broadbill** ◊ *Corydon sumatranus* Great views of a flock at Way Kambas on two dates [nominate].
- Schneider's Pitta** ◊ *Hydrornis schneideri* (VU) A tame 1cy was seen very well at Gunung Kerinci. Others heard.
- Malayan Banded Pitta** ◊ *Hydrornis irena* (NT) A pair seen well at Way Kambas, and a few others heard there [nominate].
- Graceful Pitta** ◊ *Erythropitta venusta* (VU) Brilliant views of a few along the Tapan Road. A real star!
- Hooded Pitta** *Pitta sordida* One seen well at Way Kambas, and a few others heard there [*mulleri*].
- Golden-bellied Gerygone (Flyeater)** *Gerygone sulphurea* See note.
- Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike** *Hemipus picatus* Scarce with just four noted (Kerinci, Tapan Road and Way Titias) [*intermedius*].
- Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike** *Hemipus hirundinaceus* Just a few seen at Way Kambas.
- Rufous-winged Philentoma** *Philentoma pyrhoptera* See note [nominate].

Maroon-breasted Philentoma ◊ *Philentoma velata* (NT) Great views along the Tapan Road, and at Way Titias [*coesia*].

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus* (NL) A couple of sightings, at Way Kambas and Way Titias.

Green Iora *Aegithina viridissima* (NT) Common at Way Kambas where we had some great views.

Sunda Cuckooshrike ◊ *Coracina larvata* A couple seen well along the Tapan Road [*melanocephala*].

Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina striata* Two forms seen: *sumatrensis* at Way Kambas and *enganensis* on Enggano.

Lesser Cuckooshrike *Coracina fimbriata* Several heard and a couple seen at Way Kambas [*schierbrandii*].

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra* Three from the new road into Way Titias, a write-in for the tour [*striga*].

Fiery Minivet ◊ *Pericrocotus igneus* (NT) Several seen well at Way Kambas and a pair at Way Titias [nominate].

Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* Common at Gunung Kerinci [*montanus*].

Sunda Minivet ◊ *Pericrocotus miniatus* Several sightings of this smart species on Gunung Kerinci.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus* Two forms seen: *xanthogaster* on the mainland and *modiglianii* on Enggano.

Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea* Great views of a singing bird at Way Kambas [nominate].

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach* First seen on the drive from Padang to Keresek Tua [*bentet*].

Blyth's Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* Several sightings on Gunung Kerinci [*cameranoi*].

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus* (NT) A few seen at Way Kambas [nominate].

Black-and-crimson Oriole ◊ *Oriolus cruentus* Fairly common along the Tapan Road [*consanguineus*].

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* First seen en route to Kerinci. Also along the Tapan Road and Way Titias [*phaedrus*].

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* Just a couple seen at Way Kambas [*malayensis*].

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer* See note [nominate].

Sumatran Drongo ◊ *Dicrurus sumatranus* (NT) Good views along the Tapan Road, and also seen at Way Titias [nominate].

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* Common at Way Kambas [*platurus*].

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* Regular in the mixed flocks at Kerinci. Also seen at Way Titias [*atrata*].

Malaysian Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica* A few seen at Way Kambas [*longicauda*].

Spotted Fantail ◊ *Rhipidura perlata* A few seen well in mixed flocks at Way Titias.

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* Two forms seen: *prophata* on the mainland and *richmondi* on Enggano.

Asian Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi* A few, including a white male, at Way Kambas [*affinis*].

Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus* (NT) Shy. A few seen well at Way Kambas. Also seen at Way Titias [nominate].

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis* (H) Heard only at Way Titias. Heavily trapped for the cagebird industry [*minor*].

Sumatran Treepie ◊ *Dendrocitta occipitalis* Common along the Tapan Road with many great views.

Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca* Seen a couple of times at Way Kambas. Great calls [*compilerator*].



A fine sunset from Pak Subandi's Lodge at Keresek Tua (Pete Morris)



The changing faces of Gunung Kerinci - looking across the tea plantations from Keresek Tua (Pete Morris)

- Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis* Common, first seen at Gunung Kerinci [*antioxantha*].
- Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus* Seen in mixed flocks at Gunung Kerinci, Tapan Road and Way Titias [*ambiguus*].
- Cream-striped Bulbul** ◇ *Pycnonotus leucogrammicus* Pretty common along the Tapan Road.
- Spot-necked Bulbul** ◇ *Pycnonotus tympanistrigus* (NT) Also common along the Tapan Road.
- Black-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus atriceps* Several seen at Way Kambas and Way Titias [nominate].
- Ruby-throated Bulbul** ◇ *Pycnonotus dispar* Brilliant views of several smart individuals at Way Titias.
- Grey-bellied Bulbul** ◇ *Pycnonotus cyaniventris* (NT) Seen well on the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [nominate].
- Sooty-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus aurigaster* First seen on the drive to Kerinci. Commonest at Way Titias [nominate].
- Orange-spotted Bulbul** ◇ *Pycnonotus bimaculatus* Three seen well high up on Gunung Kerinci [nominate].
- Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goiavier* Common, first seen on the drive to Gunung Kerinci [*analisis*].
- Olive-winged Bulbul** *Pycnonotus plumosus* A few seen well at Way Kambas [nominate].
- Cream-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus simplex* First seen at Way Kambas, also at Way Titias [nominate].
- Asian Red-eyed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus brunneus* A few along the Tapan Road and at Way Kambas [nominate].
- Spectacled Bulbul** *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos* First seen along the Tapan Road. Also seen at Way Kambas.
- Ochraceous Bulbul** *Alophoixus ochraceus* A few along the Tapan Road. Fairly yellow on the belly here [*sumatranus*].
- Grey-cheeked Bulbul** *Alophoixus bres* A couple of dull individuals seen well at Way Kambas [*tephrogenys*].
- Yellow-bellied Bulbul** *Alophoixus phaeocephalus* Common at Way Kambas [nominate].
- Hairy-backed Bulbul** *Tricholestes criniger* One along the Tapan Road and common at Way Kambas [*sericeus*].
- Buff-vented Bulbul** *Iole olivacea* (NT) Common at Way Kambas and a few at Way Titias [nominate].
- Streaked Bulbul** *Ixos malaccensis* (NT) A single seen well in the scope between Londos and Way Titias.
- Sumatran Bulbul** ◇ *Ixos [virescens] sumatranus* Just one seen high up on the Tapan Road. Not yet split by IOC.
- Cinereous Bulbul** ◇ *Hemixos cinereus* A few seen well lower down on the Tapan Road [nominate].
- Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica* Fairly common and widespread including on Enggano Island [*javanica*].
- Pygmy Wren-Babbler** *Pnoepyga pusilla* Common by voice and a few seen well at Gunung Kerinci [*lepida*].
- Yellow-bellied Warbler** *Abroscopus superciliaris* Seen well along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [*papilio*].
- Mountain Tailorbird** *Phyllergates cuculatus* Common by voice and several seen well at Gunung Kerinci [nominate].

Sunda Bush Warbler ◇ *Horornis vulcanius* Common by voice and several seen well at Gunung Kerinci [*flaviventris*].
Mountain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus* Common at Gunung Kerinci. Nice and bright [*flaviventris*].
Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps* A few along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [*muelleri*].
Sunda Warbler ◇ *Seicercus grammiceps* Common at Gunung Kerinci. A lovely little bird [*sumatrensis*].



Mountain Leaf-Warbler and Sunda Warbler were both common in flocks at Gunung Kerinci (Pete Morris)

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* Fairly common on Enggano Island [*malaya*].
Hill Prinia *Prinia superciliaris* First seen on the drive to Gunung Kerinci, and many more seen [*dysancrita*].
Bar-winged Prinia ◇ *Prinia familiaris* (H) Heard in the Lampung Sheraton garden.
Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* A couple seen at Way Kambas and others heard there [nominate].
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus* Common and showy at Way Kambas [*hesperius*].
Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps* Several seen. First seen on the drive to Gunung Kerinci [*cineraceus*].
Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler ◇ *Pomatorhinus montanus* Seen well at Way Kambas and Way Titias [*occidentalis*].
Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps* Common at Kerinci and along the Tapan Road and seen at Way Titias [*larvata*].
Grey-headed Babbler *Stachyris poliocephala* Excellent views of 3 or 4 along the Tapan Road. Smart birds!
Spot-necked Babbler ◇ *Stachyris striolata* Seen very well at Gunung Kerinci and at Way Titias. Another cracker [nominate].
Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata* (NT) Several seen well at Way Kambas and at Way Titias [nominate].
Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis* (NT) Excellent views of 1 at Way Kambas. Smart bird.
Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera* Common by voice and seen well a few times at Way Kambas [*pyrrhophaea*].
Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyridopsis rufifrons* A few seen well in the Londos/Way Titias [*poliogaster*].



Rufous-fronted Babbler and Grey-throated Babbler. Just two of the many babbler species seen on the tour (Pete Morris)

Golden Babbler *Stachyridopsis chrysaea* Fairly common at Gunung Kerinci and along the Tapan Road [*frigida*].
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus gularis* A few seen well at Way Kambas [nominate].
Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler ◇ *Macronus ptilosus* (NT) Common by voice and several seen well at Way Kambas [*trichorrhos*].

Brown Fulvetta *Alcippe brunneicauda* (NT) Fairly common in the Londos/Way Titias area [nominate].

Rusty-breasted Wren-Babbler ◊ *Napothera rufipectus* Common by voice and several seen well at Gunung Kerinci.

Marbled Wren-Babbler ◊ *Napothera marmorata* Seen along the Tapan Road, but a complete pain to see well!

Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler *Napothera epilepidota* Great views at Gunung Kerinci and many more heard [*diluta*].

Sumatran Wren-Babbler ◊ *Rimator albostratus* Stunning views on two occasions at Gunung Kerinci. Superb!

Horsfield's Babbler ◊ *Malacocincla sepiaria* Seen well along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [*barussana*].

Short-tailed Babbler *Malacocincla malaccensis* (NT) Pairs seen at Way Kambas and at Way Titias [nominate].

Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron magnirostre* Common at Way Kambas and at Way Titias. Great songs.

Sooty-capped Babbler *Malacopteron affine* (NT) Very common and vocal at Way Kambas.

Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum* Just two pairs seen at Way Kambas [nominate].

Rufous-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron magnum* (NT) A pair seen well at Way Kambas [nominate].

White-chested Babbler ◊ *Trichastoma rostratum* (NT) Seen very well by the river at Way Kambas.

Ferruginous Babbler *Trichastoma bicolor* A couple of nice sightings at Way Kambas.

Sumatran Babbler ◊ (Buettikofer's B) *Pellorneum buettikoferi* (NT) Fairly common in the scrub close to Londos.

Black-capped Babbler *Pellorneum capistratum* Common by voice and a couple seen at Way Kambas [*nigrocapitatum*].

Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush *Garrulax mitratus* Several seen along the Tapan Road.

Black Laughingthrush ◊ *Garrulax lugubris* (NL) Seen by some on a visit to the Letter W Waterfall.

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides* A couple seen above Camp Cochoa on Gunung Kerinci [*simillima*].

Oriental White-Eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* Very common along the Tapan Road and a few at Londos [*buxtoni*].

Enggano White-Eye ◊ *Zosterops salvadorii* Common and easy to see (though trapped heavily!) on Enggano Island.

Black-capped White-Eye ◊ *Zosterops atricapilla* Fairly common on Gunung Kerinci [nominate].

Mountain White-Eye *Zosterops montanus* A few sightings on Kerinci where more common higher up [nominate].

Asian Fairy-Bluebird *Irena puella* A male along the Tapan Road, and a few others seen at Way Kambas [*criniger*].

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* A pair seen at Rawa Gajah, Way Kambas [*saturation*].

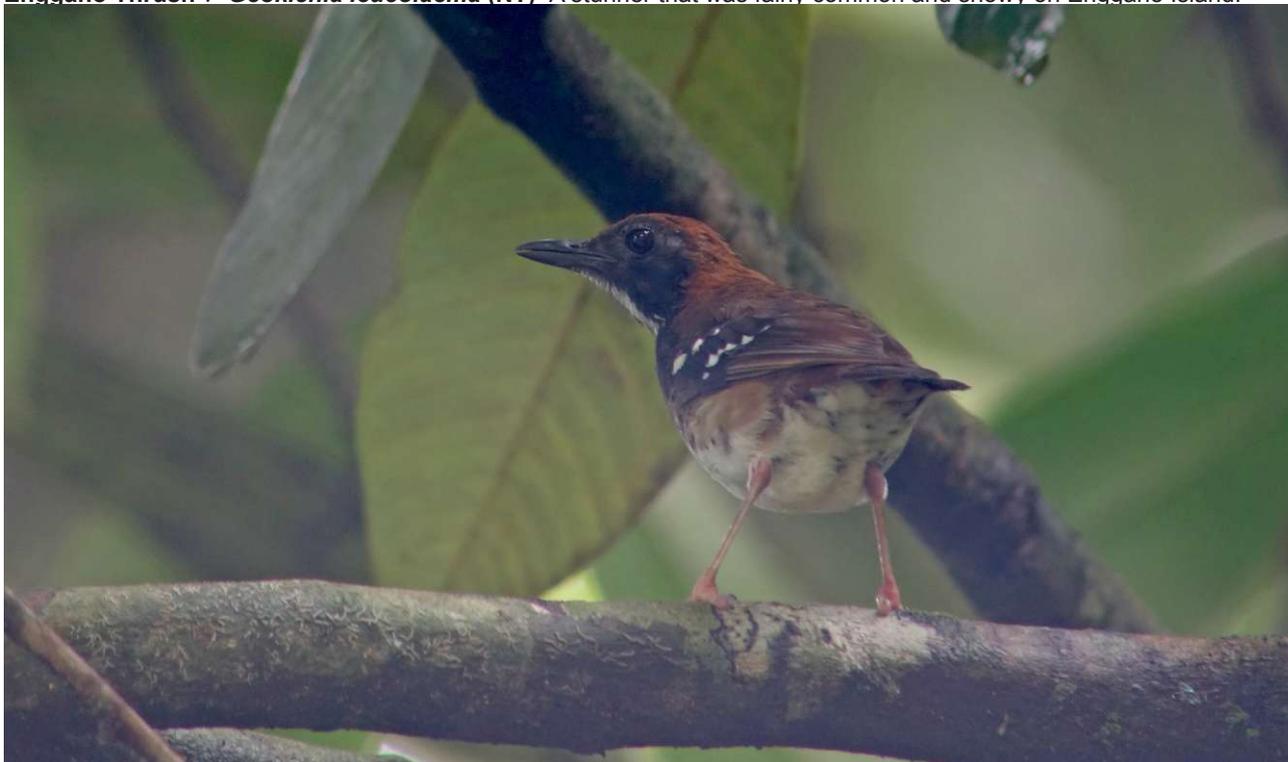
Blue Nuthatch ◊ *Sitta azurea* Quite common in mixed flocks at Kerinci, along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [*expectata*].

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis* Two forms seen: *strigata* at Londos and *enganensis* on Enggano.

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* A few at Way Kambas. A very popular cagebird sadly [nominate].

Enggano Hill Myna ◊ *Gracula enganensis* Great views of at least 5 on Enggano. Perhaps a dubious split?

Enggano Thrush ◊ *Geokichla leucolaema* (NT) A stunner that was fairly common and showy on Enggano Island.



Another view of the smart Enggano Thrush (Pete Morris)

Sumatran Cochoa ◊ *Cochoa beccarii* (VU) (NL) Sadly only Andrew saw this one before the pair shot out the tree!

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis* Mostly in cages! A few seen at Way Kambas [*musicus*].

Rufous-tailed Shama *Copsychus pyrropygus* (NT) (H) A few heard at Way Kambas.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* Two, including one on the track, at Way Kambas [*tricolor*].
Rufous-browed Flycatcher ◊ *Anthipes solitarius* Lovely views along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [nominate].
Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor* Good views of a pair on the walk out of Way Titias [*harterti*].
Malaysian Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis turcosus* (NT) Excellent views of a couple of pairs at Way Kambas [*rupatensis*].
White-tailed Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis concretus* A few heard and excellent views of a male at Way Titias [nominate].
Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis olivaceus* Seen well along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [nominate].
Grey-chested Jungle Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis umbratilis* (NT) Excellent views of a pair at Way Kambas.
Rufous-vented Niltava ◊ *Niltava sumatrana* A pair seen well high up on Gunung Kerinci.
Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus* A few seen along the Tapan Road and at Way Titias [*thalassoides*].
Indigo Flycatcher ◊ *Eumyias indigo* Surprisingly just a seen on Gunung Kerinci this time [*ruficrissa*].
Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophris* Very common and often confiding at Gunung Kerinci [nominate].
White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana* Heard daily at Gunung Kerinci and a male seen very well [*saturata*].
Sunda Robin ◊ *Myiomela diana* Elusive this year, but two males seen, one of which showed well [*sumatrana*].
Sunda Forktail *Enicurus velatus* A lovely pair at the Letter W Waterfall and 1 briefly on the Tapan Road [*sumatranus*].
Chestnut-naped Forktail ◊ *Enicurus ruficapillus* (NT) Brilliant views of a smart individual by the camp at Way Titias.
Shiny Whistling Thrush ◊ *Myophonus melanurus* Fairly common with small numbers daily at Gunung Kerinci.



The endemic Shiny Whistling Thrush was sometimes confiding on Gunung Kerinci (Pete Morris)

Brown-winged Whistling Thrush ◊ (Chestnut-w W T) *Myophonus castaneus* (NT) 1-3 most days at Gunung Kerinci.
Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus* An adult with a juv at the Letter W Waterfall, and 1 at Way Titias [*dichrorhynchus*].
Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra* Very common and confiding at Gunung Kerinci [*sumatrana*].
Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* A few seen at Gunung Kerinci and one at Way Titias [nominate].
Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati* A few seen well in a flowering tree at Way Kambas [*zosterops*].
Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* A few at low-mid elevation sites. Smart, yellow-headed race [*moluccensis*].
Sumatran Leafbird ◊ *Chloropsis media* A couple of females and a brief male along the Tapan Road..
Blue-masked Leafbird ◊ *Chloropsis venusta* (NT) Seen very well along the Tapan Road. A very smart endemic!
Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculatus* A couple seen well at Way Titias [nominate].
Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus percussus* Several along the Tapan Road and at Way Kambas [*ignicapilla*].
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma* Plenty, but most common at Way Titias [nominate].

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker (Buff-bellied F) *Dicaeum ignipectus* A few seen at Gunung Kerinci and Tapan Road [beccarii].

Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker ◊ *Dicaeum trochileum* (NL) Seen by Carlos and Lane near to Liwa.

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis* Three at Way Kambas and another at Way Titias [*sumatrana*].

Plain Sunbird *Anthreptes simplex* (NL) One for Carlos and Lane near to Liwa.

Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis* 1 in the hotel garden at Bandar Lampung, and 2 near to Liwa [nominata].

Red-throated Sunbird ◊ *Anthreptes rhodolaemus* (NT) Great views of at least 4, including a smart male, at Way Kambas.

Purple-naped Sunbird ◊ *Hypogramma hypogrammicum* A couple on the Tapan Road and at Way Kambas [nominata].

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis* Two forms seen: *ornatus* on the mainland and *polyclystus* on Enggano.

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja* A couple of smart males seen well at Way Kambas [nominata].

Temminck's Sunbird ◊ *Aethopyga temminckii* Several seen well on Gunung Kerinci and at Way Titias.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra* Two sightings on Kerinci, also at Way Kambas and Way Titias [*cinireicollis*].

Thick-billed Spiderhunter ◊ *Arachnothera crassirostris* Stunning views of a couple at a flowering tree, at Way Kambas.

Spectacled Spiderhunter *Arachnothera flavigaster* A single seen on the Tapan Road.

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysogenys* Good views of one along the road to Way Titias [*cinireicollis*].

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* Common, first seen in Padang [*malaccensis*].

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus* (NL) A flock for Carlos and Lane near to Londos.

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata* Common in the paddies near to Londos [*subsquamicollis*].

Javan Munia ◊ *Lonchura striata* (NL) A couple in the paddies near to Londos for Carlos and Lane.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* First seen near Sungai Penuh and common on Enggano [*fretensis*].

White-bellied Munia *Lonchura leucogastra* (NL) One in the paddies near to Londos for Carlos.

White-capped Munia ◊ *Lonchura ferruginosa* Common in the paddies near Londos. The best place in the world for them?

White-headed Munia *Lonchura maja* 30+ seen in paddies between Keresek Tua and Sungai Penuh.



The rare Thick-billed Spiderhunter and the common Temminck's Sunbird both showed superbly well (Pete Morris)



The Tiger along the Tapan Road taken with my point-and-shoot! (Pete Morris)

MAMMALS

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* Three noted at Gunung Kerinci – impressive beasts!

Pale Giant Squirrel *Ratufa affinis* Seen at Way Kambas and Way Titias.

Three-striped Ground Squirrel *Lariscus insignis* Common and often inquisitive, especially at Gunung Kerinci.

Black-striped Squirrel (B-banded S) *Callosciurus nigrovittatus* First noted along the Tapan Road.

Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus* Regular at Way Kambas and Way Titias.

Prevost's Squirrel *Callosciurus prevostii* Squirrel of the trip! Some crackers seen at Way Kambas.

Low's Squirrel *Sundasciurus lowii* The common small squirrel at Gunung Kerinci.

Slender Squirrel *Sundasciurus tenuis* Smaller numbers at Kerinci.

Yellow-throated Marten *Martes flavigula* One crossed the road at Way Titias but you had to be pretty quick.

Binturong *Arctictis binturong* One was watched on the forest floor in daylight at Way Kambas.

Tiger *Panthera tigris* Sumatran Tiger! One seen along the Tapan Road. A bit of a surprise, though not for Carlos!!

Large Flying Fox (Malayan F F) *Pteropus vampyrus* Plenty flying around near to Liwa.

Mitred Leaf Monkey *Presbytis melalophus* We saw orange (Northern) individuals at Kerinci, grey ones (Southern) at Way Titias.

Long-tailed Macaque (Crab-eating M) *Macaca fascicularis* Especially common at Way Kambas.

Sunda Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca nemestrina* Several good sightings along the Tapan Road and at Way Kambas.

Agile Gibbon *Hylobates agilis* Seen well at Way Titias. Adorable!

Siamang *Hylobates syndactylus* Great sounds and great mammals! Many good looks, especially at Kerinci.

Pen-tailed Treeshrew *Ptilocercus lowii* One was noted at Way Kambas.

Common Tree Shrew *Tupaia glis* Tree Shrews are a minefield. We think we saw this one!

Eurasian Wild Boar *Sus scrofa* One seen on Enggano!

Indian Muntjac (Red M, Common Barking Deer) *Muntiacus muntjak* A few heard and one seen at Way Kambas.

Sambar (S Deer, Sambhur) *Cervus unicolor* Nice views in the clearings at Way Kambas and also along the road at night.



Siamang and Mitred Leaf Monkeys provided entertainment! Is the Tiger looking for human prey!? (Pete Morris)



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 v4.3. Available at <http://www.worldbirdnames.org>

Malay Crested Fireback *Lophura [ignita] rufa*

Several great views along the track at Way Kambas. Note that the recent Handbook of Birds of the World / BirdLife International *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* split Malay Crested Fireback *L. rufa* from Bornean Fireback *L ignita* though the IOC currently lump the two as Crested Fireback. The form of Malay Crested Fireback we saw on Sumatra was *macartneyi*.

Bronze-tailed Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron chalcurum*

Heard along the Tapan Road (just below Bukit Tapan), and one came on to a log briefly there, but disappeared as soon as it saw us. We were then pleased to get great views of a male, complete with splayed, purple-tipped tail, at Way Titias, and another seen briefly there [nominate].

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*

Note that the recent Handbook of Birds of the World / BirdLife International *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* splits Spotted Dove into two species, this one being known as Eastern Spotted Dove.

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

Very common on Enggano Island where many were seen well. The endemic form [*hypothapsinus*] is distinctive, lacking the red bill base and appearing very heavy billed. This and some of the other Thick-billed Pigeons on islands off Sumatra may well merit specific status.

Enggano Imperial Pigeon *Ducula [aenea] oenothorax*

Common on Enggano Island with many seen well. Note that the recent Handbook of Birds of the World / BirdLife International *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* splits this form from Green Imperial Pigeon.



The Enggano form of Green Imperial Pigeon is split by the recent HBW/BirdLife Illustrated Checklist (Pete Morris)

Sumatran Ground Cuckoo *Carpococcyx viridis*

We were extremely privileged to enjoy stunning views of three at Way Titias. First a male came in and showed on and off for several minutes, then the female showed well and was approached briefly by a begging juvenile. The adults were great, glossy green, with dark crown and moustachial, pale bill and legs, buff, narrowly-barred black belly and amazing facial skin, blue in front of the eye, lilac-pink behind. The male pointed his bill up and twitched his tail while singing from a perch! Amazing!

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

A couple seen along the Tapan Road, an adult in flight and then a speckled juv in a feeding flock, being fed by what looked like an Oriental White-eye.

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta*

Common and widespread, first seen at Gunung Kerinci [*cyanoptila*]. It's entirely possible that some (or all?) of the Glossy-type Swiftlets in the South of Sumatra were actually Cave Swiftlets *Collocalia linchi* of the form *ripleyi*, and these were also the swiftlets we saw at Jakarta Airport, before the official start to the tour.

Edible Nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus fuciphagus*

The identification of 'nest' swiftlets in the field is difficult. Birds with pale brown rumps were assumed to be this species, though many darker-rumped swiftlets were left unidentified. The latter may only be identified with confidence if seen at the nest! Birds assumed to be this species first seen along the Tapan Road. Also common at Way Kambas (assumed) and on Enggano Island.

Blue-banded Kingfisher *Alcedo euryzona*

A male seen briefly at Way Titias, 21/6, then better, prolonged, flight views of a female in the paddies there [*peninsulae*]. Note that the recent Handbook of Birds of the World / BirdLife International *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* splits Blue-banded Kingfisher into two species: Malay Blue-banded Kingfisher *A. peninsulae* (the form seen by us) and the critically endangered Javan Blue-banded Kingfisher *A. euryzona*.

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*

A few heard along the Tapan Road with a couple of flyovers taped in there. Also heard at Way Titias. Note that the recent Handbook of Birds of the World / BirdLife International *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* splits Blue-eared Barbet into three species and places them all in the genus *Psilopogon*. The three splits are as follows: Black-eared Barbet *P. duvaucelii* (the form we encountered from the Sundaic region); Yellow-eared Barbet *P. australis* (of Java) and Blue-eared Barbet *P. cyanotis* (from the Himalaya to Indochina).

Brown Barbet *Caloramphus fuliginosus*

The form *hayii* was first seen in the clearing at Way Kanan, Way Kambas, and later, several were seen well at Way Titias. Note that the recent Handbook of Birds of the World / BirdLife International *Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World* splits Blue-eared Barbet into two species: Malay Brown Barbet *C. hayii* (the form seen on this tour) and Bornean Brown Barbet *C. guliginosus*.

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea*

We noted two forms during the tour: the nominate form was heard on the mainland whilst *muscipapa* was common on Enggano. The form here seemed subtly distinct - plain and very pale lemon yellow, though the voice seemed very similar.

Rufous-winged Philentoma *Philentoma pyrhoptera*

Several were seen well at Way Kambas, and also seen well at Way Titias. Of interest was the first individual we saw at Way Kambas which was a blue phase male.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

Fairly common along the Tapan Road and also seen at Way Titias. Note that all of those seen along the Tapan Road had broken rackets (at most a shaft) inviting confusion with Sumatran Drongo!

APPENDIX 1

TOP TEN BIRDS OF THE TOUR

- 1st SUMATRAN GROUND CUCKOO
- 2nd GRACEFUL PITTA
- 3rd RAJAH SCOPS OWL
- 4th Javan Woodcock
- 5th Sunda Forktail
- 6th Enggano Thrush
- 7th Sumatran Wren-Babbler
- 8th Sumatran Frogmouth
- 9th Enggano Scops Owl
- 10th Barred Eagle Owl



The victorious ground-cuckoo team celebrating! Sightings of beer at the Way Titias camp may be rarer than sightings of the cuckoo itself! Although the views were fabulous, the camera stayed in the bag, so here's another Graceful Pitta instead. Cheers!! (Pete Morris)

