



SUMATRA TOUR REPORT 2022

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Sumatra is one of the most endemic-rich islands in Asia and the World as a whole – a destination high on the priority list of many birders. This was the first Birdquest tour there since the pandemic, and also one of our most successful ever, a remarkable achievement when considering what we have all just been through over the last few years. Although Sumatra has a reputation for being a ‘difficult’ birding destination, we recorded almost all of the endemics and near-endemics, with just a handful of misses, thanks to our network of excellent local guides and remarkably smooth-running logistics.

Some of the mouth-watering highlights amongst the 316 species recorded in 2022 included: Red-billed and Sumatran Partridges, Bronze-tailed Peacock- and Salvadori’s Pheasants, Salvadori’s Nightjar, Large, Sumatran and Sunda Frogmouths, ‘Mentawai’ Malkoha, Silvery Pigeon, Barusan Cuckoo-Dove, ‘Barusan’ and Sumatran Green Pigeons, Milky Stork, ‘Mentawai’ and ‘Simeulue’ Serpent Eagles, Sunda Owllet, Simeulue, Mentawai, and Rajah Scops Owls, Barred Eagle-Owl, ‘Sunda’ Wood Owl, Sumatran Trogon, ‘Simeulue’ and Sumatran Woodpeckers, Simeulue Parrot, Schneider’s, Malayan Banded and Graceful Pittas, Sumatran, ‘Mentawai’, ‘Mentawai Ashy’ and ‘Simeulue Ashy’ Drongos, Sumatran Treepie, Spot-necked, Cream-striped, Sumatran, ‘Barusan’, Aceh and Orange-spotted Bulbuls, Sangkar White-eye, Marbled and Rusty-breasted Wren-Babblers, Sumatran Babbler, Sumatran Laughingthrush, Sumatran Cochoa, Rufous-vented Niltava, ‘Sumatran’ Shortwing, Sumatran Blue Robin, Shiny and Brown-winged Whistling Thrushes, Sumatran and Blue-masked Leafbirds, and ‘Sumatran’ Flowerpecker.

There were three parts to the tour in 2022: The Sumatran Ground Cuckoo Pre-Tour Extension, the Main Tour, and the Northern Sumatra Post-Tour Extension. The pre-tour extension began at Lampung Airport in south Sumatra, where the group gathered together before we headed off to the Way Titias area of Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park, in the south-west Sumatran uplands.

Sumatran Ground Cuckoo was obviously our primary target at Way Titias, and we had three days to try and find one. Being the first birding group to visit the area post-Covid was always going to be a bit of an issue, and a new camp had been set-up at the base of the hills, after the demise of the old camp. This did not stop us exploring far-afield however, as we searched high and low, up and over a series of heavily forested ridges with experienced local guide Kamel. Despite generally fine conditions, and a lot of focused effort, there was not a ‘peep’ from the ground cuckoo. It was a blow for sure, but it didn’t stop us from enjoying the many other good birds at this remote site. We logged over 100 species, and

saw Ferruginous and Sumatran Partridges, Salvadori's Pheasant, Sumatran Trogon, Graceful Pitta, Green Broadbill, Maroon-breasted Philentoma, Malayan Black Magpie, Cream-striped and Ruby-throated Bulbuls, Sangkar White-eye, Sunda Scimitar Babbler, Marbled and Eyebrowed Wren-Babblers, Spot-necked and Sumatran Babblers, Blue Nuthatch, Rufous-browed, White-tailed and Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatchers, Sunda and Chestnut-naped Forktails, and Brown-winged Whistling Thrush to name but a few. We kicked-off the mammal list with the superb Siamang, Agile Gibbon, and Sumatran Surili (Mitre Leaf Monkey).

We returned to Lampung, and then flew to Padang in west Sumatra via Jakarta (the easiest route!), where the main tour began on arrival, with a transfer to a nearby hotel.

The following morning, we were heading across the ocean by fast ferry to the island of Sipora in the Mentawai Islands. Based at a comfortable guest house in Tua Pejat, we teamed-up with local guides and explored accessible remaining forest to the south, over two full days. Sipora proved to be very birdy, and we found all of the endemics and regional endemics without any difficulty: Barusan Cuckoo-Dove, 'Barusan' Green Pigeon, 'Mentawai' Malkoha, 'Mentawai' Serpent Eagle, Mentawai Scops Owl, 'Mentawai' and 'Mentawai Ashy' Drongos, and 'Barusan' Bulbul. We also had our best views of Sunda Frogmouth here, and a pair of Hill Mynas were noteworthy. Kloss Gibbon and Pig-tailed Langur were tantalizing heard-only endemics – we had to make do with a Golden-bellied Treeshrew and several Mentawai Squirrels!

Back on the mainland we met Dwi and his team, who escorted us down to Gunung Kerinci after another night at the hotel in Padang. One of the most famous birding destinations in Indonesia, Kerinci has some of the most sought-after endemics, and we were looking forward to getting straight into the forest after the fairly long drive there, as well as being fuelled with anticipation for the three full days we had at our disposal. Birding the trail up the mountain has received a fair amount of bad press in the past. Maybe we were fortunate with the weather this year, but the conditions really didn't seem that difficult and the birds largely showed themselves readily. Top of the list were Schneider's Pitta, Sumatran Cochoa, and Bronze-tailed Peacock-Pheasant, and we had great views of all three. We also all enjoyed good looks at Red-billed Partridge, Sumatran Green Pigeon, Salvadori's Nightjar, day-roosting Sumatran Frogmouth and vandewateri Mountain Scops Owl, Sunda Owlet, Barred Eagle- and 'Sunda' Wood Owls, Sumatran Trogon, Black-browed Barbet, Sunda Minivet, Sunda Warbler, Black-capped White-eye, Rusty-breasted Wren-Babbler, Spot-necked Babbler, Blue Nuthatch, Indigo and Pygmy Flycatchers, Rufous-vented Niltava, Sumatran Blue Robin, 'Sumatran' Shortwing, Shiny and Brown-winged Whistling Thrushes, and 'Sumatran' Flowerpecker; while Salvadori's Pheasant was seen again.

From Kerinci we moved south again and spent three days exploring the Tapan Road. Excellent forest is still to be found along the road for many, many kilometres, and the birding was very worthwhile, though unscrupulous bird-trappers have had an impact on certain species like laughingthrushes and leafbirds. The highlights this year included Rhinoceros and Bushy-crested Hornbills, Sumatran and Orange-breasted Trogons, Graceful Pitta, Sumatran Treepie, Black-and-crimson Oriole, Grey-bellied, Scaly-breasted, Cream-striped, Spot-necked, Orange-spotted, Cinereous and Sumatran Bulbuls, Sangkar White-eye, Sunda Forktail, and the smart Blue-masked Leafbird. Another Bronze-tailed Peacock-Pheasant was seen.

From the Tapan Road we had a fairly long drive to Padang Airport and then took a flight to Jakarta, where we overnighed. Flying back to Lampung the following morning, we continued by road to Way Kambas National Park. The national park has unfortunately still not re-opened since the pandemic, so all of our birding had to be done around the accessible edge of the reserve and included a boat trip along the riverine north-western boundary of the park. Despite the upset of not being allowed inside this unique reserve, we still managed to find some very good birds, with Little Green Pigeon, Large Frogmouth, Diard's Trogon, Black-bellied Malkoha, Red-legged Crake, Banded and Cerulean Kingfishers, Sunda Scops, Barred Eagle-, and Buffy Fish Owls, Lesser and Grey-headed Fish Eagles, two unexpected Milky Storks, Lesser Adjutant, Black-thighed Falconet, Banded Woodpecker, Red-crowned Barbet, Malayan Banded and Hooded Pittas, Sumatran Babbler, Malaysian Blue Flycatcher, Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker, and Thick-billed Spiderhunter amongst the highlights.

From Way Kambas we backtracked to Lampung Airport, where the Main Tour ended, before flying to Medan via Jakarta, where we overnighed at a very comfortable hotel downtown. The next morning, we were back at Medan Airport for the Northern Sumatra Post-Tour Extension, which began with us catching a flight to Meulaboh on the north-west coast of Sumatra, in Aceh Province. We met our local guide Agus and checked-in to our comfortable hotel.

With Agus at the helm, we had an afternoon session and but two full days to try and secure all of the specialty birds of the area, as we explored a road which traverses the forested mountains of Gunung Leuser National Park. Our first day was a good one, with Aceh Bulbul, our first looks at the tricky Sumatran Laughingthrush, a superb Sumatran Woodpecker and the now rare and localized Sumatran Leafbird all in the bag. Roll's Partridge and 'Sumatran' Mesia had narrowly avoided being seen and were heard-only's, so we were looking forward to our second full day. The second day started very well, with superb close-up views of a Rajah Scops Owl predawn. Unfortunately, however, things then got much, much worse. It began to rain, the rain got heavier, and it did not stop for the entire day. Finding birds was impossible, and our birding in Aceh was quickly terminated. Other good birds before the rain got us were Sumatran and Wedge-tailed Green Pigeons, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Sumatran Trogon, Dusky Broadbill, Common Green Magpie, Sumatran Treepie, Long-tailed Sibia, Sunda, Chestnut-capped and Black Laughingthrushes, Rufous-vented Niltava, and Blue-masked Leafbird. Mammals included Thomas's Langur and Lar Gibbon.

We flew back to Medan for another overnight stay, before embarking on the final leg of our tour by flying to Simeulue, at the northern end of the west Sumatran (Barusan) Islands chain. Our base this time was a small surf camp, and our host ferried us around a number of forested locations in the south and east of the island, where we soon succeeded in locating all of the endemics. Great views were had of Silvery Pigeon, the diminutive but rather angry Simeulue Scops Owl, 'Simeulue' Serpent Eagle, Simeulue Parrot, 'Simeulue' Woodpecker, and 'Simeulue' Ashy Drongo. Barusan Cuckoo-Dove, Great Eared Nightjar, Rufous-backed (or Oriental Dwarf) Kingfisher, Fiery Minivet, and Mangrove Whistler were also seen.

Our Sumatran birding adventure drew to a close, as we returned by air to Medan, and onwards to Jakarta for our international flight connections.

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

BIRDS

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica* Small numbers at Way Kambas.

Ferruginous Partridge ♦ *Caloperdix oculus* One briefly and several heard at Way Titias (*ocellatus*).

Red-billed Partridge ♦ *Arborophila rubrirostris* Endemic. Two seen quite well at Gunung Kerinci; others heard.

Roll's Partridge ♦ *Arborophila rubrirostris* Endemic. Heard only. Lost our chance to heavy rain at Gunung Leuser.

Sumatran Partridge ♦ *Arborophila sumatrana* Endemic. Four seen at Way Titias, and others heard.

Salvadori's Pheasant ♦ *Lophura inornata* Endemic. Males at Way Titias & G. Kerinci. Bernard flushed one at G. Leuser.

Bronze-tailed Peacock-Pheasant ♦ *Polyplectron chalcurum* Endemic. Male at G. Kerinci & one briefly Tapan Rd.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus bankiva*

Malaysian Eared Nightjar ♦ *Lyncornis temminckii* Heard only. Way Titias campsite and Way Kambas.

Great Eared Nightjar *Lyncornis macrotis* Two heard and seen on Simeulue (*jacobsoni*).

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus bimaculatus*

Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis affinis*

Salvadori's Nightjar ♦ *Caprimulgus pulchellus* Great views perched at Gunung Kerinci.

Large Frogmouth ♦ *Batrachostomus auritus* Brilliant views of one at Way Kambas NP.

Sumatran Frogmouth ♦ *Batrachostomus poliophus* Endemic. Fantastic day-roosting bird at Kerinci.

Sunda Frogmouth ♦ *Batrachostomus cornutus* 1 seen Sipora; 1 fleetingly Way Titias; heard Way Kambas (n nominate).

Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis* Two forms seen: widespread *harterti*, and *perlonga* on Simeulue.

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata* Several lower down along the Tapan Road.

Plume-toed Swiftlet *Collocalia affinis* Common. Mostly *cyanoptila*, but *oberholseri* on Sipora.

Edible Nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus fuciphagus vestitus*

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis bubutus*

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis javanensis*

Raffles's Malkoha *Rhinorthis chlorophaea* A few at Way Kambas.; heard at Way Titias.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* Two at Way Kambas (*singularis*).

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha ♦ (Mentawai M) *Phaenicophaeus [curvirostris] oeneicaudus* Endemic. Flocks of 5 & 6 Sipora.

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi* A few seen at Way Kambas (n nominate).

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis tristis*

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* Widespread. Seen Tapan Rd and Simeulue (n nominate).

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii fasciolatus*

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus threnodes*

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis sepulcralis*

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris brachyurus*

Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon) (introduced) *Columba livia*

Silvery Pigeon ♦ *Columba argentina* Endemic. Three seen at two sites. Nice views of this rare Columbid.

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis tigrina*

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall unchall*

Barusan Cuckoo-Dove ♦ *Macropygia modiglianii* Endemic. Easily seen Sipora (*elassa*) and Simeulue (*hypoperena*).

Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps sumatrana*

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica indica*

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata striata*

Little Green Pigeon ♦ *Treron olax* A few seen nicely at Way Kambas.

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

Thick-billed Green Pigeon ♦ (Barusan G P) *T. [c.] hypothapsinus* Endemic. 15-20 Sipora (*smicrus*), 2 Simeulue (*halipous*).

Sumatran Green Pigeon ♦ *Treron oxyurus* Frequent good views Kerinci and Tapan Road; heard at G. Leuser.

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenurus* A pair at Gunung Leuser (*etorques*).

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea* Common on Sipora and Simeulue (*consobrina*).

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia badia*

Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor* Reasonable numbers on the islands but only occasional.

Red-legged Crake *Rallina fasciata* Heard at Way Kambas, with 1 spotlighted close-to; heard on Sipora & Simeulue.

White-browed Crake *Poliolimnas cinereus* Ricefields and marshes at Way Kambas.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator* Several seen Way Titias and Way Kambas (nominate).

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis* A booming female at Way Kambas, with one or two others heard.

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii* One en route to Sipora

Lesser Crested Tern *Thalasseus bengalensis* Non-leader. Three en route to Sipora (nominate).

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons* One on Simeulue (*sinensis*).

Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus anaethetus* One on the way back from Sipora

Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana* Three en route to Sipora (nominate).

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* Several en route to Sipora (*longipennis*).

Milky Stork ♦ *Mycteria cinerea* Two along the boundary of Way Kambas NP were a big surprise.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus* 15 at Way Kambas.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* Non-leader. One was seen during the return boat trip from Sipora (*plotus*).

Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster* One at Way Kambas NP.

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Striated Heron *Butorides striata javanica*

Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa*

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea jouyi* Non-leader.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea manilensis*

Great Egret *Ardea alba modesta*

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia intermedia*

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra* Non-leader. Sharp-eyed Bernard reported a dark morph bird on Simeulue (nominate).

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus hypoleucus*

Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus torquatus*

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* One seen at Way Titias; heard at Kerinci (*batu*).

Crested Serpent Eagle ♢ (Mentawai S E) *Spilornis [cheela] sipora* Easily seen, with four noted.

Crested Serpent Eagle ♢ (Simeulue S E) *Spilornis [cheela] abbotti* One seen very well and another heard.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatu limnaeetus*

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus alboniger*

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis malaiensis*

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus intermedius*

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

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

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* Along the NW boundary river at Way Kambas NP.

Oriental Bay Owl ♢ *Phodilus badius* Heard only. One at Way Kambas (nominate).

Brown Boobook *Ninox scutulata* One spotlighted from the boat at Way Kambas (nominate).

Sunda Owlet ♢ *Taeniopteryx sylvaticus* Two seen well at Gunung Kerinci; heard in the north.

Reddish Scops Owl ♢ *Otus rufescens* Heard-only. Out of reach at Way Kambas (nominate).

Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* A fantastic day-roosting bird at Kerinci (*vandewateri*).

Simeulue Scops Owl ♢ *Otus umbra* Endemic. One seen and another heard on Simeulue.

Mentawai Scops Owl ♢ *Otus mentawi* Endemic. Three seen and five heard on Sipora.

Rajah Scops Owl ♢ *Otus brookii* Endemic. Brilliant views of one at a nest hole at Gunung Kerinci. Superb! (*solokensis*).

Sunda Scops Owl *Otus lempiji* One at day roost and two seen at night at Way Kambas (nominate).

Barred Eagle-Owl ♢ *Bubo sumatranus* Seen in daylight at Gunung Kerinci and at night at Way Kambas (nominate).

Buffy Fish Owl ♢ *Ketupa ketupu* Great views of one at Way Kambas during our boat trip (nominate).

Brown Wood Owl ♢ (Sunda W O) *Strix leptogrammica* Dwi found us one at Kerinci (*myrtha*).

Sumatran Trogon ♢ *Apalharpactes mackloti* Endemic. Widespread in montane areas, with over 20 individuals logged.

Diard's Trogon *Harpactes diardii* A pair showed well at Way Kambas (nominate).

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios* Seen at Way Titias and the Tapan Road (*uniformis*).

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus* Several along the Tapan Road (*flagrans*).

White-crowned Hornbill ♢ *Berenicornis comatus* Heard-only. A couple of times at Way Titias, but just too distant.

Rhinoceros Hornbill *Buceros rhinoceros* Three seen along Tapan Rd; heard at Way Titias (nominate).

Helmeted Hornbill ◊ *Rhinoplax vigil* Heard-only. Once at Way Titias.

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris convexus*

Bushy-crested Hornbill *Anorrhinus galeritus*

Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus*

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis orientalis*

Rufous-collared Kingfisher ◊ *Actenoides concretus* Heard-only. Sipora, Tapan Road, and Way Kambas NP (nominate).

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella* Roosting male seen Way Kambas; others heard there and Way Titias (nominate).

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis* A few seen Way Kambas (*cyanopteryx*), and also Simeulue (*simalurensis*).

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* Occasional (*perpulchra*).

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* Two forms: *laubmannianus* on the mainland and *chloropterus* on the islands.

Cerulean Kingfisher ◊ (Small Blue K) *Alcedo coerulescens* This little gem was best seen at Way Kambas NP.

Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting meninting*

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Rufous-backed K) *Ceyx [erithaca] rufidorsa* Two seen on Simeulue (*motleyi*).

Red-bearded Bee-Eater *Nyctyonis amictus* A couple en route from Way Titias, and another at Gunung Leuser

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

Fire-tufted Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon pyrolophus* A few seen at Gunung Kerinci, and common along the Tapan Road.

Golden-whiskered Barbet *Psilopogon chrysopogon* Often heard. Excavating a nest-hole along the Tapan Rd (nominate).

Red-crowned Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon rafflesii* One seen and several heard Way Kambas. Extreme lowland forest specialist.

Red-throated Barbet *Psilopogon mystacophanos mystacophanos*

Black-browed Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon oorti* Common in the uplands.

Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon duvaucelii*

Sooty Barbet ◊ *Caloramphus hayii*

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus sordidus*

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus canicapillus volzi*

Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus moluccensis moluccensis*

White-bellied Woodpecker ◊ (Simeulue W) *Dryocopus [javensis] parvus* Endemic. Nine logged on Simeulue.

Banded Woodpecker ◊ *Chrysophlegma miniaceum* Great views of a pair at Way Kambas (*malaccense*).

Greater Yellownappe *Chrysophlegma flavinucha* Widespread: *korinchi* from G. Kerinci southwards, *mystacale* in north.

Lesser Yellownappe *Picus chlorolophus* One at Gunung Leuser (*vanheysti*).

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus* Two at Way Kambas (*observandus*).

Sumatran Woodpecker ◊ *Picus dedemi* Endemic. Superb male seen well at Gunung Leuser.

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus*

Orange-backed Woodpecker *Reinwardtipicus validus xanthopygius*

Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus badius*

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis grammithorax*

Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki tukki*

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius* Nice pair at Way Kambas.

Blue-rumped Parrot *Psittinus cyanurus* Frequent on Sipora, two at Way Kambas (nominate).

Simeulue Parrot ♦ *Psittinus abbotti* Endemic. 16 logged on Simeulue, and seen very well.

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri* Just two on Simeulue (*cala*).

Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot *Loriculus galgulus*

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* Seen well along the Tapan Road (*psittacinus*).

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus* Two at Gunung Leuser (nominate).

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus macrorhynchus*

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus harterti*

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis* Several of these crackers seen at Way Titias (*gloriosa*).

Schneider's Pitta ♦ *Hydrornis schneideri* Endemic. A tame pair and a juvenile seen very well at Gunung Kerinci.

Malayan Banded Pitta ♦ *Hydrornis irena* Two males seen and several birds heard at Way Kambas.

Graceful Pitta ♦ *Erythropitta venusta* Endemic. Excellent views at Way Titias and along the Tapan Rd.

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida* Two seen and several heard at Way Kambas NP (*mulleri*).

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

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus picatus intermedius*

Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus hirundinaceus*

Maroon-breasted Philentoma *Philentoma velata* Common at Way Titias (*coesia*).

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus amydrus*

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia horioptera*

Green Iora *Aegithina viridissima viridissima*

Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus* At least one was identified on Simeulue (*trophis*).

Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* Widespread in the uplands (*montanus*).

Sunda Minivet ♦ *Pericrocotus miniatus* Frequent along the Tapan Road.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus xanthogaster*

Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike (Roving C) *Coracina [striata] sumatrensis* 4 Sipora (*sumatrensis*), 3 Simeulue (*simalurensis*).

Sunda Cuckooshrike ♦ *Coracina larvata* Several seen Tapan Road and Gunung Leuser (*melanocephala*).

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra* Quite common at Way Kambas (*striga*).

Lesser Cuckooshrike *Coracina fimbriata* One seen Way Titias (*schierbrandi*); not uncommon Simeulue (*compta*).

Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea cinerea*

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach bentet*

Blyth's Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* Widespread in the uplands (*cameranoi*).

Black-and-crimson Oriole ♦ *Oriolus cruentus* As the previous species (*consanguineus*).

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus* Heard at Way Titias (nominate), and four on Sipora (*mentawi*).

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* Seen on Sipora (*sipora*), at Way Kambas (*maculatus*), and on Simeulue (*mundus*).

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus malayensis*

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer remifer*

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus platurus*

Sumatran Drongo ◊ *Dicrurus sumatranus* Endemic. Small numbers Tapan Road, then common Gunung Leuser.

Hair-crested Drongo ◊ (Mentawai D) *Dicrurus [hottentottus] viridinitens* Endemic. Common enough on Sipora.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* Southern/central uplands (*phaedrus*), and northern uplands (*batakensis*).

Ashy Drongo ◊ (Mentawai A D) *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] periophthalmicus* Endemic. Not uncommon on Sipora.

Ashy Drongo ◊ (Simeulue A D) *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] celaenus* Endemic. Small numbers on Simeulue.

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis atrata*

Malaysian Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica longicauda*

Spotted Fantail *Rhipidura perlata* Quite common at Way Titias.

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* We saw *prophata* on Sipora, and *consobrina* on Simeulue.

Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis affinis*

Crested Jayshrike *Platylophus galericulatus coronatus* Heard-only. Way Titias.

Malayan Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus* A few at Way Titias.

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis* Singles at Tapan Road and Gunung Leuser (*minor*).

Sumatran Treepie ◊ *Dendrocitta occipitalis* Endemic. Common Tapan Road and G. Leuser, with many great views.

Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca compilator*

Rail-babbler ◊ *Eupetes macrocerus* Heard-only. Once at Way Titias, too distantly.

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis antioxantha*

Cinereous Tit *Parus cinereus ambiguus*

Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes criniger sericeus*

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus* Frequent in upland areas (*sumatranus*).

Spot-necked Bulbul ◊ *Alcurus tympanistrigus* Endemic. Common along the Tapan Road, with over 30 logged.

Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole crypta* Frequent at Way Titias; heard at Tapan Road (nominate).

Cream-striped Bulbul ◊ *Hemixos leucogrammicus* Endemic. Common along Tapan Rd (30+). Also at Way Titias.

Cinereous Bulbul ◊ *Hemixos cinereus* A few seen well lower down on the Tapan Road (nominate).

Sumatran Bulbul ◊ *Ixos sumatranus* Endemic. Just a couple along the Tapan Rd, then frequent at Gunung Leuser.

Streaked Bulbul *Ixos malaccensis*

Black-headed Bulbul *Brachypodius melanocephalos* Widespread: *melanocephalos* on mainland, *hyperemnus* Simeulue.

Grey-bellied Bulbul *Ixodia cyaniventris* Small numbers along the Tapan Road (nominate).

Scaly-breasted Bulbul *Ixodia squamata* As the previous species (*webberi*).

Ruby-throated Bulbul ◊ *Rubigula dispar* Great views of several smart individuals at Way Titias.

Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex simplex*

Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus* A few seen well at Way Kambas (nominate).

Olive-winged Bulbul ◊ (Barusan B) *Pycnonotus [plumosus] porphyreus* Endemic. Common on Sipora.

Asian Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus brunneus*

Aceh Bulbul ◊ *Pycnonotus snouckaerti* Endemic. We worked hard to get good scope views of a pair at Gunung Leuser.

Orange-spotted Bulbul ◊ *Pycnonotus bimaculatus* Pair seen twice at Tapan Road (nominate).

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier analis*

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster aurigaster*

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica javanica*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Pygmy Cupwing *Pnoepyga pusilla* Regular in the higher uplands (*lepida*).

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris papilio*

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus cucullatus*

Sunda Bush Warbler (Mountain B W) *Horornis vulcanius* Frequent at G. Kerinci (*flaviventris*), and G. Leuser (*sepiarius*).

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus castaniceps muelleri*

Sunda Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus grammiceps sumatrensis*

Mountain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus flaviventris*

Hill Prinia *Prinia superciliaris* Frequent along Tapan Road, and also at G. Leuser (*dysancrita*).

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris rafflesii*

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* Heard-only. Way Titias (nominate).

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus hesperius*

Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps* Common: widespread *cineraceus*, and *concinus* on Sipora.

Black-capped White-Eye ◊ *Zosterops atricapilla* Higher uplands: nominate in centre/south, and *viridicatus* in north.

Warbling White-Eye *Zosterops japonicus montanus*

Sangkar White-Eye ◊ *Zosterops melanurus* Way Titias and Tapan Road at least (*buxtoni*).

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus gularis gularis*

Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler *Macronus ptilosus* One at Way Titias (*trichorrhos*).

Golden Babbler *Cyanoderma chrysaeum frigidum*.

Chestnut-winged Babbler *Cyanoderma erythropterum* A pair at Way Kambas (*pyrrhophaea*).

Rufous-fronted Babbler *Cyanoderma rufifrons* Heard-only. Way Titias (*poliogaster*).

Black Laughingthrush ◊ *Melanocichla lugubris* Seen well at Gunung Leuser.

Sunda Scimitar Babbler ◊ *Pomatorhinus bornensis* Not uncommon at Way Titias (*occidentalis*).

Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps larvata*

Spot-necked Babbler *Stachyris striolata* Frequent in central and southern uplands (nominate).

Marbled Wren-Babbler *Turdinus marmoratus* Seen very well at Way Titias, and others heard (nominate).

Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum cinereum*

Malayan Black-capped Babbler *Pellorneum nigrocapitatum* Small numbers at Way Titias and Way Kambas.

Short-tailed Babbler *Malacocincla malaccensis* Two at Way Titias (nominate).

Sumatran Babbler ◊ (Buettikofer's B) *Pellorneum buettikoferi* Endemic. Fairly common Way Titias and Way Kambas.

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti* A few singing at Way Kambas; a surprising write-in (*olivacea*).

Horsfield's Babbler *Malacocincla sepiaria barussana*

Rusty-breasted Wren-Babbler ◊ *Gypsophila rufipectus* Endemic. Common at Gunung Kerinci.

Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler *Napothera epilepidota* Great views at Way Titias, and others heard (*diluta*).

Sumatran Wren-Babbler ◊ *Napothera albostriata* Heard-only. Endemic. At least 3 at G. Kerinci but elusive.

Brown Fulvetta *Alcippe brunneicauda brunneicauda*

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides* Small number at Gunung Leuser (*simillima*).

Silver-eared Mesia ◊ (Sumatran M) *Leiothrix [argentauris] rookmakeri* Heard-only. Endemic. Heard once but slipped away.

Sunda Laughingthrush ◊ (Grey-and-brown L) *Garrulax palliatus* Good sightings at Gunung Leuser (nominate).

Sumatran Laughingthrush ◊ *Garrulax bicolor* Endemic. Three at Gunung Leuser, and others heard. Very shy.

Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush ◊ *Pterorhinus mitratus* Common at Gunung Leuser (nominate).

Asian Fairy-Bluebird *Irena puella crinigera*

Blue Nuthatch ◊ *Sitta azurea* Widespread in the uplands (*expectata*).

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis* On the mainland and Sipora we saw *strigata*, on Simeulue *altirostris*.

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* Heard Way Titias, 3 Way Kambas (nominate). Pair of non-leader *batuensis* Sipora.

Javan Myna (introduced) *Acridotheres javanicus*

Sumatran Cochoa ◊ *Cochoa beccarii* Endemic. Prolonged views of a male in the usual area at Gunung Kerinci.

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis musicus*

White-tailed Flycatcher *Cyornis concretus* Small numbers seen at Way Titias (nominate).

Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Anthipes solitaris solitaris*

Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor* Heard-only. Way Titias (*harterti*).

Malaysian Blue Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis turcosus* Excellent views of a pairs at Way Kambas (*rupatensis*).

Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis olivaceus* Seen well at Way Titias and Tapan Road (nominate).

Rufous-vented Niltava ◊ (Sumatran N) *Niltava sumatrana* A pair at Gunung Kerinci and a female at Gunung Leuser.

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis* A few in the mountains (*decipiens*).

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus thalassoides*

Indigo Flycatcher ◊ *Eumyias indigo* Frequently recorded in the uplands throughout (*ruficrissa*).

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophris* Common and often confiding at Gunung Kerinci (nominate).

White-browed Shortwing ◊ (Sumatran S) *B. [montana] saturata* Endemic. Many heard, 1 seen G. Kerinci; heard G. Leuser.

Sumatran Blue Robin ◊ *Myiomela sumatrana* Endemic. Elusive, but a nice male seen well at Gunung Kerinci.

Sunda Forktail ◊ (Lesser F) *Enicurus velatus* Small numbers Way Titias and Tapan Road (*sumatranus*).

Chestnut-naped Forktail ◊ *Enicurus ruficapillus* Brilliant views of a smart individual by the camp at Way Titias.

Shiny Whistling Thrush ◊ *Myophonus melanurus* Endemic. Fairly common with small numbers daily at Gunung Kerinci.

Brown-winged Whistling Thrush ◊ (Sumatran W T) *Myophonus castaneus* Endemic. Widespread in uplands in small nos.

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus* Several along the Tapan Rd (*dichrorhynchus*).

Pygmy Flycatcher *Ficedula hodgsoni* A male seen well at Gunung Kerinci, and another heard (*sumatrana*).

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni westermanni*

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra* Common and confiding G. Kerinci; heard G. Leuser (*sumatrana*).

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon* A pair along the Tapan Rd.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis moluccensis* A small group along the Tapan Rd (*moluccensis*).

Sumatran Leafbird ◊ *Chloropsis media* Endemic. Greatly impacted by trapping. A nice male at Gunung Leuser.

Blue-masked Leafbird ◊ *Chloropsis venusta* Endemic. A pair at the Tapan Road, and four at Gunung Leuser.

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus percussus* Three at Way Titias (*ignicapilla*).

Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile* At least one along the Tapan Road (*atjehense*).

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma* On mainland and Sipora (*trigonostigma*); Simeulue (*antioproctum*).

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum* Several en route to Way Titias (*borneanum*).

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker ◊ (Sumatran F) *D. [ignipectus] beccarii* Endemic. A few G. Kerinci, Tapan Rd, G. Leuser.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum* Small numbers on Sipora and Simeulue (*sumatranum*).

Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker ◊ *Dicaeum trochileum* Three seen well at Way Kambas.

Plain Sunbird *Anthreptes simplex*

Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis malacensis*

Van Hasselt's Sunbird *Leptocoma brasiliana brasiliana*

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

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja siparaja*

Temminck's Sunbird *Aethopyga temminckii* Common in the uplands.

Purple-naped Sunbird *Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum hypogrammicum*

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra cinereicollis*

Thick-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera crassirostris* One in the lodge garden at Way Kambas.

Spectacled Spiderhunter *Arachnothera flavigaster* A few in the lowlands.

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysogenys* One on Sipora (n nominate).

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera modesta concolor*

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus malaccensis*

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata fretensis*

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata subsquamicollis*

Javan Munia *Lonchura leucogastroides* Non-leader.

White-headed Munia *Lonchura maja* Widespread sightings of good numbers.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea cinerea*

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus malayensis*

MAMMALS

Southern Red Muntjac (Red M, Common Barking Deer) *Muntiacus muntjak* Heard-only. At Way Kambas.

Common Minke Whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* Non-leader. One was seen on the way back from Sipora.

Spinner Dolphin *Stenella longirostris* Many seen on the way back from Sipora.

Large Flying-fox *Pteropus vampyrus* Seen at a number of locations while traveling.

Golden-bellied Treeshrew *Tupaia chrysogaster* Endemic. One on Sipora; a Mentawai endemic.

Javan Treeshrew (Horsfield's T) *Tupaia horsfieldi* Small numbers at Way Titias, Kerinci, and Tapan Rd.

Greater Slow Loris (Sunda S L) *Nycticebus coucang* Great views of one in a small village at Way Kambas.

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

Crab-eating Macaque (Simeulue M) *Macaca [fascicularis] fuscus* Endemic. Small numbers on Simeulue.

Southern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca nemestrina* Frequent along the Tapan Road.

Sumatran Surili (Mitre Leaf Monkey) *Presbytis melalophus* Endemic. Way Titias and Gunung Kerinci.

Thomas's Langur *Presbytis thomasia* Endemic. Reasonable numbers seen well at Gunung Leuser.

Pig-tailed Langur *Simias concolor* Heard-only. Endemic. Unfortunately only heard on Sipora, with our local guide Mateus.

Silvered Leaf-monkey *Trachypithecus cristatus* Several troupes during our boat trip at Way Kambas.

Agile Gibbon *Hylobates agilis* Frequently heard, with one seen, at Way Titias.

Kloss Gibbon *Hylobates klossii* Heard-only. Endemic. Unfortunately only heard on Sipora.

Lar Gibbon *Hylobates lar* A couple seen at Gunung Leuser, where easily heard.

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

Mentawai Squirrel *Callosciurus melanogaster* Endemic. Five noted on Sipora.

Black-banded Squirrel (B-striped S) *Callosciurus nigrovittatus* One of the most widespread mammals of the trip.

Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus* Regular in non-forest, starting at Way Kambas.

Three-striped Ground Squirrel *Lariscus insignis* One at Way Titias.

Montane Three-striped Ground Squirrel *Lariscus niobe* Endemic. Common, and often inquisitive, at Gunung Kerinci.

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* Singles noted at Way Titias and Gunung (*palliat*).

Slender Squirrel *Sundasciurus tenuis* A few at Way Titias.

Slender Squirrel (Sumatran Mountain S) *Sundasciurus [tenuis] altitudinis* Endemic. The common small squirrel at Kerinci.

REPTILES

Common Water Monitor *Varanus salvator* Simeulue at least.

Black-barbed Flying Dragon *Draco melanopogon* Way Titias etc.

Sumatran Flying Dragon *Draco sumatranus* Simeulue at least.

Grey Bronzeback *Dendrelaphis caudolineatus* Sipora. Eating a small gecko.

Painted Bronzeback *Dendrelaphis pictus* Way Kambas NP.

BUTTERFLIES

Common Birdwing *Troides helena* Widespread.

Lime Swallowtail *Papilio demoleus* Way Kambas etc.

Great Mormon *Papilio memnon* Way Kambas.

Black-and-white Helen *Papilio nephelus* Way Kambas.

Emerald Peacock *Papilio palinurus* Way Kambas.

Blue Glassy Tiger *Ideopsis vulgaris* Way Kambas etc.

Yellow Glassy Tiger *Parantica aspasia* Widespread.

Psyche *Leptosia nina* Widespread.

Striped Albatross *Appias libythea* Way Kambas NP.

Branded Imperial *Eooxylides tharis* Sipora.

Azure Royal *Britomartis cleoboides* Tapan Road.

Straight Pierrot *Caleta roxus* Simeulue.

Common Pierrot *Castalius rosimon* Way Kambas NP.
Common Cerulean *Jamides celeno* Way Kambas.
Tawny Coster *Acraea terpsicore* Way Kambas NP.
Himalayan Jester *Symbrenthia hypselis* Tapan Road.
Peacock Pansy *Junonia almana* Widespread.
Grey Pansy *Junonia atlites* Widespread.
Brown Pansy *Junonia hedonia* Way Kambas.
Blue Pansy *Junonia orithya* Way Kambas etc.
Common Evening Brown *Melanitis leda* Way Kambas.
Black Prince *Rohana parisatis* Tapan Road.
Common Maplet *Chersonesia risa* Tapan Road.
Commander *Moduza procris* Way Kambas.
Black-tipped Archduke *Lexias dirtea* Way Titias.
Tawny Palmfly *Elymnias panthera* Sipora.
Striped Ringlet *Ragadia makuta* Tapan Road.
'Sumatran bordered' Bushbrown *Mydosama marginata* Tapan Road.
Common Three-ring *Ypthima pandocus* Tapan Road.
Yellow-vein Lancer *Pyroneura latoia* Simeulue.

DRAGONFLIES

'Sumatran' Gem *Libellago sumatrana* Stream crossing, Sipora.
Blue Bush Dart *Copera vittata* Sipora.
Damselfly *Coeliccia membranipes* Tapan Road.
Common Flangetail *Ictinogomphus decoratus* Way Kambas NP.
Crimson Dropwing *Trithemis aurora* Sipora.
Common Parasol *Neurothemis fluctuans* Sipora.
Asian Sapphire Flutterer *Rhyothemis triangularis* Sipora.
Yellow-striped Flutterer *Rhyothemis phyllis* Sipora.
Dark-tipped Forest Skimmer *Cratilla metallica* Sipora.
Oriental Blue Dasher *Brachydiplax chalybea* Sipora.
Pond Adjutant *Aethriamanta gracilis* Sipora.
Grizzled Pintail *Acisoma panorpoides* Sipora.



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Sunda Owlet (image by Craig Robson)



Simeulue Serpent Eagle (image by Craig Robson)



Sumatran Trogon (image by Craig Robson)



Simeulue Woodpecker (image by Craig Robson)



Spot-necked Bulbul (image by Heide Doman)



Sumatran Flying Dragon (image by Craig Robson)



Sumatran Frogmouth (image by Craig Robson)



Sumatran Surili (image by Craig Robson)



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Emerald Peacock Swallowtail (image by Craig Robson)



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Birding on Sipora (image by Craig Robson)



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River trip at Way Kambas (image by Craig Robson)



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