

# THAILAND TOUR REPORT 2023

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This year's Birdquest to Thailand was a welcome return to one of the best birding destinations on the continent of Asia, featuring a spicy blend of forests, mountains and wetlands filled with great birds.

We began on the coast where we saw Spoon-billed Sandpipers, White-faced and Malaysian Plovers, Asian Dowitchers, Nordmann's Greenshanks, and Great Knot by the thousand. Heading inland to a fully reopened Kaeng Krachan National Park we saw Kalij Pheasants, Ferruginous, Bar-backed and Green-legged Partridges, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Ratchet-tailed Treepie and Collared Babbler, and a stunning Blue Pitta. At Khao Yai we saw Buffy Fish Owls at a nest, Silver Pheasant, Black-and-buff Woodpecker, Wreathed Hornbills, and colour was added by Red-headed and Orange-breasted Trogons and Long-tailed Broadbills. At nearby sites we saw the endemic Rufous Limestone Babbler and stunning Siamese Firebacks. In the border hills of the far north we found Mrs. Hume's Pheasants, Giant Nuthatch, Pallas's and Chinese Leaf Warblers, Black-breasted and Scaly Thrushes, White-browed and Silver-eared Laughingthrushes, Rufous-backed Sibia, Scarlet-faced Liocichla, Spectacled Barwings, Crested Finchbills and Spot-winged Grosbeaks. At other nearby localities we saw Green Peafowl, Grey-headed Lapwings, Small Pratincoles, Black-collared Starlings, Siberian Rubythroat and Lanceolated Warbler. In the forests of Doi Inthanon and Mae Ping we saw Rufous-throated Partridges, Grey-headed and Blossom-headed Parakeets, Collared Falconet, Rufous-winged Buzzards, White-bellied and Black-headed Woodpeckers, Green Cochoa, Burmese Nuthatch, Himalayan Shortwings, Dark-sided Thrushes, Eyebrowed Wren Babblers, Grey-headed Parrotbills, Clicking Shrike Babblers, and Slaty-bellied Tesia. On our South Thailand extension, in coastal areas we saw Chinese Egrets, Brown-winged Kingfishers, Mangrove Pittas and Black-and-Red Broadbills, while at forest sites we saw Grey-and-buff Woodpecker, Lesser Fish Eagle, Great Hornbills, the incandescent Malayan Banded Pitta, Green and Black-and-yellow Broadbills, Gould's and Blyth's Frogmouth both at day roost, Large Blue Flycatcher and Chestnut-naped Forktail, Brown Wood Owl, plus a bonus pair of Spotted Wood Owl.

Mammals also featured, with six species of Primate seen including Pileated Gibbon and Robinson's Banded Langur, plus a lively Asian Elephant.

Our tour began at Bangkok Airport, and we headed to a coastal area not far from the city. Our target of Spoon-billed Sandpiper was somewhere out there in the glare of the salt pans, and after some careful scanning we found it feeding busily in the shallows. We enjoyed some close looks, along with its companions of Broad-billed and Curlew Sandpipers, Red-necked Stints and Marsh Sandpipers. We sped southwards down the coast to our next appointment, where a small boat ride to the sandspit at Laem Phak Bia provided good views of a White-faced Plover female, three Malaysian Plovers on the beach, plus a couple of Black-capped Kingfishers in the mangroves.

Returning to the salt pans along this coast (just minutes from our hotel) we found flocks of Nordmann's Greenshanks, Asiatic Dowitchers, legions of Great Knot and Lesser Sand Plovers, plus Greater Sand Plovers, Terek Sandpipers, and another Spoon-billed Sandpiper was located and showed well, plus Caspian and Gull-billed Terns, Long-toed and Temminck's Stints, Plain-backed Sparrow and an Indochinese Bushlark. We sped inland for a session at one of the Kaeng Krachan waterhole hides and spent an exciting afternoon watching the antics of a Ferruginous Partridge, plus Bar-backed and Green-legged Partridges, a flock of Kalij Pheasants, Indochinese and Hainan Blue Flycatchers, Abbott's and Puff-throated Babblers, Greater and Lesser Necklaced, and White-crested Laughingthrushes, and sneaky Siberian Blue Robins.

In the lowland forest at Kaeng Krachan National Park we found Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Thick-billed and Wedge-tailed Green Pigeons, Asian Fairy Bluebirds, Green-eared and Blue-eared Barbets, and Greater Flameback. Mammals are always a feature here and we saw Dusky Langurs, Lar Gibbon and a Black Giant Squirrel. A cute White-browed Piculet popped up in the bamboo, along with Yellow-bellied Warblers and a Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher, but Tickell's Brown Hornbills was only glimpsed as they vacated a fruiting tree.

In the afternoon we headed for another hide, where Kalij Pheasants and Bar-backed Partridges entertained us. After a while a handsome male Blue Pitta came in, at first hesitantly, before coming down to sit on a log, just in front of us. Wow! An Eared Pitta that called a couple of times from the hillside thickets unfortunately didn't follow the pattern! We finished up at our lodge with a Bronze-winged Jacana, Brown Boobooks emerged at dusk and a Slaty-legged Crake called from a dense thicket.

Taking pickup trucks up onto the higher ridge, we began birding at 1000m in bamboo rich montane forest. A male Red-headed Trogon appeared, then we found Collared Babblers chuckling away. Another group of Collared Babblers revealed an exciting couple of traveling companions – a pair of Ratchet-tailed Treepies that posed nicely for us, a lucky find given that they never called. We found a singing White-tailed Flycatcher (my first here in 25 years!) which showed itself nicely if somewhat buried within a bamboo thicket, where there was also a Spot-necked Babbler lurking. We happened upon a flock of lovely Silver-breasted Broadbills that were well appreciated, and other new birds included Blue-throated Barbets, Brown-backed Needletails, Pacific Swift, Rufous-bellied Eagle, various Bulbuls including Olive, Ashy and Flavescent, Striated Yuhina, Sulphur-breasted and Two-barred Warblers, and a furtive Rufous-browed Flycatcher, however a Grey Peacock Pheasant running off the road was barely glimpsed. We also saw a nice group of the rarely-seen Robinson's Banded Langur, plus several groups of the more typical Dusky Langur.

An early session around our lodgings provided a Ruddy-breasted Crake, that popped out of the grass as soon as we tapped a yoghurt pot on a rock! We also saw a fine Baikal Bush Warbler, some Black-hooded Orioles, Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters and a swarm of Chestnut-tailed Starlings. We spent a while in the rice fields near Phetchaburi where we found Asian Golden Weaver, both Yellow and Cinnamon Bitterns in the same ditch, pleasing numbers of Yellow-breasted Buntings, plus three Greater Spotted Eagles and a Steppe Eagle, (surprisingly a write-in) Eastern Marsh Harriers and Black-eared Kites. We then drove straight through Bangkok (or rather over, on elevated expressways!) to a temple by a rocky outcrop where we found the endemic Rufous Limestone Babbler hopping around on the rocks, before heading on to our lodgings near Khao Yai National Park.

A vast tract of forest remains here at Khao Yai, best accessed along one of the quieter roads in an attempt to avoid the crowds that throng here from the cities. Walking through the forest we saw

Mountain Imperial Pigeons, Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Orange-breasted Trogons and Banded Kingfisher, Black-throated Laughingthrushes, a Moustached Barbet excavating a nest hole, Grey-backed Shrike, Sulphur-breasted and Radde's Warbler along the roadsides. On a forest boardwalk we found a lively mixed flock with vocal Long-tailed Broadbills, Common Green Magpie and Black-winged Cuckooshrike. Wreathed Hornbills cruised over the forest, and a Silver Pheasant actually passed between our two cars as we drove down the road. By the visitors centre we saw a superb Buffy Fish Owl at roost, close to its partner sat on its nest among a clump of ferns. Also around here were Claudia's Leaf Warblers, Swinhoe's and Rosy Minivets, Red-breasted Parakeet, and we enjoyed more views of Orange-breasted Trogon. In the late afternoon we watched 25 Brown-backed Needletail swooping down to drink from a small reservoir.

Another morning at Khao Yai added more birds such as Collared Owlet, Thick-billed Green Pigeon, Puff-throated Bulbuls, Hainan Blue Flycatcher, Large Hawk Cuckoo, Bright-capped Cisticola and Common Hill Myna. A trio of Black-and-Buff Woodpeckers were a nice surprise, as was a troop of four Pileated Gibbon – the first time I have seen this shy species. A sneak around forest trails produced some nice Red-headed Trogons, Lesser Yellownape and White-crested Laughingthrushes, but Siamese Firebacks seem no longer easy to find at Khao Yai. We made a special trip to Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve where we enjoyed great views of at least 15 of them, all very obliging and very handsome indeed. Also, here we had Heart-spotted Woodpecker, plus Red-breasted Parakeets making their toy trumpet call.

Time to head to the airport for the next leg of our journey, with a productive stop en route at some marshy areas where we found Black-browed Reed Warbler, Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler, Yellow-bellied Prinia, Eastern Yellow Wagtails, Red Avadavat and White-rumped Munia. We flew to the northern city of Chiang Mai, and drove northwards, stopping at some paddyfield and open country sites where we found Small Pratincoles, Pintail Snipe, Plaintive Cuckoo, Wire-tailed Swallow, a large gathering of Grey-headed Lapwings, plus Amur Wagtails and Black-collared Starlings. We stayed near the small town of Chiang Dao, dominated by the isolated massif of Doi Chiang Dao, and in the morning began our birding at a small temple nestled among tall trees at the foot of the mountain. Here we found Buff-breasted Babbler, Great Iora, Grey-eyed Bulbuls, Little and Streaked Spiderhunters, and Plain Flowerpecker, before continuing our way northwards. We drove along a spectacular road that follows a ridge parallel with the border with Myanmar, to Doi Ang Khang, a collection of villages sitting among a mosaic of forest and cultivation. Along scrubby edges we found Brown-breasted Bulbuls, a single Burmese Shrike, Yunnan Fulvetta, Blue-winged Minla, while around the back of a restaurant we found several Black-breasted Thrushes and a Scaly Thrush lurking. The roadsides and orchards were dotted with pink flowering cherry trees that were busy with Gould's Sunbird, Chestnut-flanked and Indian White-eye, Davison's Leaf Warblers, Dark-backed Sibia, and even attracted a White-headed Bulbul. We saw the massive badger-like Giant Nuthatch in the pines around a busy campsite, plus several Chestnut-vented Nuthatches in the same habitat. At a small feeding station, a White-tailed Robin aggressively defended against Hill Blue Flycatchers, but a stocky little Streaked Wren Babbler held its ground. In the bamboo we found Chinese Leaf Warbler and Yellow-bellied Warblers.

The next day we headed a little further up the pine-clad border ridges to Doi Lang. The hoped for Mrs Hume's Pheasant never materialised; however, we found a very smart Ultramarine Flycatcher, plus Slaty-backed and Rufous-gorgeted Flycatchers. We also found Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, Aberrant Bush Warbler and Buff-throated Warbler, a trio of Spectacled Barwings, Large and Rufous-bellied Niltava, Slaty-blue Flycatcher, Yunnan Fulvetta, Golden and Rufous-capped Babblers. In the afternoon, we headed for the lowlands to scan

paddyfields where we found Siberian Rubythroat and Chestnut-capped Babblers, Richards Pipits, Striated Swallows, more Grey-headed Lapwings, Pacific Golden Plovers, Grey-headed Swamphen and Long-tailed Shrikes.

An extra effort was made to reach Doi Ang Khang pre-dawn, and we found a vocal Hodgson's Frogmouth, however, it could not be enticed into view, retreating to dense cover up a steep slope as the dawn came up. We had an al fresco breakfast before finding Mountain Bamboo Partridge, White-browed Laughingthrushes, Striated Bulbul, Golden-throated Barbet, Maroon Oriole, and Mountain Tailorbird. We had a superb close encounter with a flock of Spot-winged Grosbeaks feeding on buds in a cherry orchard, sometimes coming within 3m of us! A vocal Scarlet-faced Liocichla could not be lured in, but late in the afternoon we had another chance and enjoyed a great look at a pair of these stunning birds calling in the open, high in a tree. Another Hodgson's Frogmouth was heard during the day, but it called just once and we couldn't locate it. We finished off with a Crested Finchbill and a pair of Rufous-backed Sibia lurking around the orchards.

We returned to Doi Lang for a second visit, flushing Large-tailed Nightjar from the road as we went. Finding ourselves on the high pine ridge at dawn, we attempted a different strategy, and cruising slowly along the road we stumbled upon a magnificent male Mrs. Hume's Pheasant standing on the verge! As we screeched to a halt, he looked both ways and slowly crossed the road, followed by three females! Hurrah! At the far end of the road, where an army post marked the end of Thailand and the start of Myanmar, we paused for our breakfast and saw a Maroon Oriole, Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, Large Cuckooshrike, and two Scarlet Finch called from nearby trees before flying overhead – our third write-in of the trip so far. Also, we found Rufous-backed Sibia, Golden-throated Barbet, heard the musical song of a well-hidden Spot-throated Babbler, saw another Crested Finchbill, then up on the ridge we found a pair of Giant Nuthatch that allowed us to follow them at leisure as they quietly fed among the pines. Silver-eared Laughingthrushes ferreted around the worm holes, Pallas's Leaf Warblers called from high in the trees, a flock of Long-tailed Broadbills and low-flying Cook's Swift were all rather pleasing, and we finished with a group of Mountain Bamboo Partridges feeding on the roadside alongside two Grey Treepies.

A change of scene next, starting with a spell on the local paddyfields where we saw Siberian Rubythroats and Lanceolated Warbler, a Wryneck, Grey-breasted Prinias, Richard's and Red-throated Pipits and Citrine Wagtails. We visited a Wildlife Sanctuary south of Chiang Mai where many Green Peafowl roamed in the open, traditionally unmolested and totally habituated to human visitors – which made a change from birds flying away from us! After an overnight stay in a small town, we headed into Mae Ping National Park, an excellent tract of dry dipterocarp forest. We found White-bellied and Black-headed Woodpeckers, Burmese Nuthatch was no longer neglected, and Grey-headed Parakeets flew about noisily. We had a close look at Banded Bay Cuckoo, plus Golden-fronted Leafbird, Common Woodshrike, Rosy and Small Minivets. We drove from here to Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest mountain at 2565m. In the forests at 1700m we found Yellow-cheeked Tit, Little Pied Flycatcher, and Hume's Treecreeper before the close of play.

Doi Inthanon hosts several species that are best found around a small bog at the summit. Sporting a new elevated boardwalk, it makes for intimate birding with some normally shy birds. And after enjoying a roadside flock of Speckled Woodpigeon, we enjoyed good views of Rufous-throated Partridges, a cryptic Dark-sided Thrush that blended with the mud, a fine male Himalayan Shortwing, Yellow-browed Tits, Ashy-throated and Blyth's Leaf Warblers, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Bar-throated Minla, Silver-eared Laughingthrushes and Green-tailed Sunbird of the race *angkanensis* that is endemic to the mountain. Lower down the mountain we entered the tall forests, where a Green Cochoa appeared briefly, then taunted us with its call for a while as he

sat somewhere in the canopy. We had a splendid encounter with a cute Eyebrowed Wren Babbler, and in mixed flocks we found smart Grey-headed Parrotbills, Grey-chinned Minivets, a lively Speckled Piculet, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, and finished with a distant Collared Falconet.

Another day at Doi Inthanon, we started at a waterfall with a pair of Slaty-backed Forktail, then in the forest we found Clicking Shrike Babblers in good voice, plus Silver-eared Mesias, Asian Emerald Cuckoo, and wading through the undergrowth we found lively Slaty-bellied Tesias. We added Short-billed Minivets, Buff-barred Leaf Warbler, Plumbeous Water Redstart and White-capped Redstart bobbing about in a rushing mountain stream, and lower down in the dry forests we found Rufous-winged Buzzard, Purple Sunbird and Eurasian Hoopoe, and Blossom-headed Parakeets screeching about in a pre-roost gathering. A spot of owling at dusk produced Spotted Owlets and a pair of Brown Boobook near our hotel.

The main tour ended here, however due to an altered departure time for our flight to Krabi, the extension began with a couple more hours of birding in the dry zone of Doi Inthanon. We eventually found Collared Falconets (they are not early risers!) plus more Rufous-winged Buzzards, Black-headed Woodpeckers and White-crested Laughingthrushes, and a Yellow-streaked Warbler showed briefly. A very quick stop in open country en route to Chiang Mai produced Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Oriental Reed Warbler and more Grey-headed Lapwings. We flew to a distinctly cloudy and humid Krabi, and a short walk in the afternoon was successful in finding Rufous-bellied Swallows, and a Mangrove Pitta that sat in full view for many minutes.

We went on the traditional Krabi mangrove boat tour, with smart Brown-winged and Black-capped Kingfishers lining the way, Streak-breasted Woodpecker and Common Flamebacks in the mangrove trees, cheeky Long-tailed Macaques falling in the water, Lesser Crested Tern, and a White-bellied Sea Eagle being attacked by a pair of Peregrine over ownership of a riverside crag. The tide was low and shorebirds covered the mud flats in the mouth of the river with Greater and Lesser Sand Plovers, Pacific Golden Plovers, Terek Sandpipers and Eurasian Whimbrels all busy feeding. Numerous Egrets were dotted around, with Little, Great and Intermediate, and at least four lively Chinese Egrets feeding in the shallows.

We then drove a short way to Khao Phra Bang Khram, famous for being the last place Gurney's Pitta was seen in Thailand, alas it has been gone for several years now. It still has a big variety of good birds plus some nice accommodation. In the afternoon we hunted around the forest, tested by a wall of loud cicada noise, and found a wide-awake Brown Wood Owl, Moustached Babbler, Whiskered Treeswift, chubby little Silver-rumped Spinetails, a Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker munching on fruit, and Black-and-Yellow Broadbill perched high in tall trees in the fading evening light. Further explorations produced Malayan Black-capped Babbler, a flock of 19 Black Baza, another Buffy Fish Owl, Chestnut-winged Babblers, Red-throated Barbet, Raffle's Malkoha, and Hairy-backed and Yellow-bellied Bulbuls. The afternoon lull was dominated by cicadas hitting 55db in their efforts to deafen us, but we did see a Black-thighed Falconet, a juvenile Changeable Hawk Eagle flew by, and a vocal Blyth's Hawk Eagle remained hidden from sight. On our final morning we found a fine pair of Green Broadbills, and en route to our next destination we paused at a mangrove boardwalk. Mangrove Pittas showed at absurdly close range, plus White-chested Babbler, and a second mangrove site produced Mangrove Whistler and a gorgeous pair of Black-and-red Broadbills. We then headed for our night stop, although the driver required some navigational help and we arrived rather later than anticipated!

Si Phang Nga National Park is a compact site affording access to the edge of the forested hills. We began around the campsite where we enjoyed Banded Woodpeckers, Asian Emerald Cuckoos, Ashy Minivets, Large Woodshrikes, Blue-tailed and Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters. Entering the forest itself we found Red-billed Malkoha, White-browed Piculet and Grey-and-buff Woodpecker, then one of the rangers popped up to inform us he had found a Gould's Frogmouth at roost! He duly led us two by two into the thicket, to where it sat wide-eyed in the bamboo. Hurrah! A lifer for the leader! We then sat in a hide where a Malayan Banded Pitta sometimes appears, though not today, just a handsome Large Blue Flycatcher and an Orange-headed Thrush, and a pair of Chestnut-naped Forktails on the nearby stream. The 'Frogmouth-whisperer' reappeared, this time to show us a roosting Blyth's Frogmouth! What excellent skills! In addition, we saw Streaked and Spectacled Bulbuls, Eastern Crowned Warblers, Wreathed Hornbills flying over, also in the air was an Ornate Flying Snake that settled in a tree but was first picked up in flight! Away from the forest we saw some Grey-headed Lapwings along a river, and thousands of Large Flying Foxes flew high overhead en route to feeding areas.

On our final morning at Si Phang Nga, at the hide we heard Malayan Banded Pitta calling, and sure enough a male came bouncing in to check the feeding area. Finding no meal worms he left again, but made several return trips to see what might be offered, even circling us, dazzling us with his gorgeous colours in the gloom of the forest. Wow! A hard act to follow, though we still continued to add birds such as Green Iora, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Greater Green Leafbird, the sky filled with migrant Pacific Swifts and over lunch a smart Lesser Fish Eagle circled high overhead. Time still for one more bird, on our way to Phuket airport we stopped on the coast in some big trees and found a splendid pair of Spotted Wood Owls. What a way to finish our tour, with great birds still coming right to the end. It underlined what an enjoyable and successful tour it had been, a welcome return to this endearing country. A big thank you to our illustrious guide Mr. Pipith without whom this whole tour would be so much more difficult and much less entertaining!

## SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

### BIRDS

**Lesser Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna javanica*

**Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*

**Ferruginous Partridge** *Caloperdix oculus* We were spoiled by a splendidly showy example at Kaeng Krachan. Only the third time I have seen this species!

**Rufous-throated Partridge** ♦ *Arborophila rufogularis*

**Bar-backed Partridge** ♦ *Arborophila brunneopectus* Stunning birds when seen up close!

**Mrs. Hume's Pheasant** ♦ *Syrnaticus humiae* A wonderful male that strolled across the road at Doi Lang, followed by three females.

**Kalij Pheasant** ♦ *Lophura leucomelanos*

**Silver Pheasant** ♦ *Lophura nycthemera*

**Siamese Fireback** ♦ *Lophura diardi* A great encounter with the confiding birds at Sakaerat.

**Green Peafowl** ♦ *Pavo muticus*

**Green-legged Partridge** ♦ *Tropicoperdix chloropus*

**Grey Peacock-Pheasant** ♦ *Polyplectron bicalcaratum* A glimpse of one at Kaeng Krachan.

**Mountain Bamboo Partridge** ♦ *Bambusicola fytchii*

**Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus*

**Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus*

**Indian Nightjar** *Caprimulgus asiaticus* A sad moment, one hit by one of our minibuses!

**Gould's Frogmouth** ♦ *Batrachostomus stellatus* A happy moment to be shown one at roost in a bamboo thicket at Si Phang Nga, a welcome lifer for the leader!

**Hodgson's Frogmouth** ♦ *Batrachostomus hodgsoni* heard-only. So close, but it eluded us.

**Blyth's Frogmouth** ♦ *Batrachostomus affinis* Another big score from Si Phang Nga, also seen at roost.

**Crested Treeswift** *Hemiprocne coronata*

**Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis*

**Whiskered Treeswift** *Hemiprocne comata*

**Himalayan Swiftlet** *Aerodramus brevirostris*

**Germain's Swiftlet** *Aerodramus germani*

**Silver-rumped Spinetail** *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

**Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus* A nice show by 25 at Khao Yai coming to drink.

**Asian Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

**Pacific Swift** *Apus pacificus* Migrants from the north at Kaeng Krachan and Si Phang Nga.

**Cook's Swift** *Apus cooki*

**House Swift** *Apus nipalensis*

**Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis*

**Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis*

**Raffles's Malkoha** *Rhinortha chlorophaea*

**Red-billed Malkoha** ♦ *Zanclostomus javanicus*

**Chestnut-breasted Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

**Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

**Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** *Clamator coromandus* A glimpse of a vocal bird at Khao Phra Bang Kham.

**Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus*

**Asian Emerald Cuckoo** ♦ *Chrysococcyx maculatus* Seen at Doi Inthanon and Si Phang Nga.

**Violet Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

**Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii* Often heard (the 'Apocalypse Now' bird), great views at Mae Ping.

**Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus*

**Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo** *Surniculus lugubris*

**Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx sparverioides*

**Indian Cuckoo** *Cuculus micropterus* One at Si Phang Nga on our last morning.

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia*

**Speckled Wood Pigeon** *Columba hodgsonii* A splendid gathering, lit by the rising sun at Doi Inthanon.

**Ashy Wood Pigeon** *Columba pulchricollis* A single with the above species.

**Oriental Turtle Dove** *Streptopelia orientalis*

**Red Collared Dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

**Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis*

**Barred Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia unchall*

**Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*

**Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata*

**Thick-billed Green Pigeon** *Treron curvirostra*

**Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon** *Treron sphenurus*

**Mountain Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula badia*

**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*



Grey-headed Swamphen *Porphyrio [poliocephalus] viridis*

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Zapornia fusca*

Slaty-legged Crake *Rallina eurizonoides* heard-only. At Baan Maka. write-in.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Indian Stone-curlew *Burhinus indicus* heard-only.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Grey-headed Lapwing ◇ *Vanellus cinereus* Good numbers this year.

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Kentish Plover ◇ *Charadrius alexandrinus*

White-faced Plover ◇ *Charadrius dealbatus* A distinctive fellow, seen only at Laem Phak Bia.

Malaysian Plover ◇ *Charadrius peronii*

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* A single near Chiang Mai.

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* non-leader.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Great Knot ◇ *Calidris tenuirostris*

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Calidris falcinellus*

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

**Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*

**Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*

**Spoon-billed Sandpiper** ♦ *Calidris pygmaea* Excellent to find this rare bird both at Khok Kham and at Pak Thale.

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*

**Asian Dowitcher** ♦ *Limnodromus semipalmatus* Nice to see 25+ at Pak Thale.

**Pin-tailed Snipe** *Gallinago stenura*

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*

**Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*

**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*

**Nordmann's Greenshank** ♦ *Tringa guttifer* A welcome sight, at least 30 seen at Laem Phak Bia.

**Small Pratincole** *Glareola lactea*

**Brown-headed Gull** *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*

**Caspian Tern** *Hydroprogne caspia*

**Lesser Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bengalensis* Three seen at Krabi.

**Little Tern** *Sternula albifrons*

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*

**Painted Stork** *Mycteria leucocephala*

**Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans*

Little Cormorant *Microcarbo niger*  
Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
Black-headed Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus*  
Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*  
Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*  
Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
Striated Heron *Butorides striata*  
Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*  
Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*  
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*  
Great Egret *Ardea alba*  
Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*  
Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra*  
Chinese Egret ♦ *Egretta eulophotes* At least four on the mud flats at Krabi.  
Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*  
Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*  
Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* A flock of 19 in the south was nice.  
Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*  
Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* A juvenile at Si Phang Nga.  
Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis* A single flew past at Si Phang Nga.  
Blyth's Hawk-Eagle ♦ *Nisaetus alboniger* heard-only.  
Rufous-bellied Eagle *Lophotriorchis kienerii*  
Greater Spotted Eagle *Clanga clanga* Three at Nong Pla Lai.  
Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* A single at Pabon Hong.  
Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis* A juvenile at Nong Pla Lai was a surprise write-in.  
Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* A displaying bird at Doi Ang Khang.

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**Eastern Marsh Harrier** *Circus spilonotus*

**Black Kite (Black-eared K)** *Milvus [migrans] lineatus*

**Brahminy Kite** *Haliaeetus indus*

**White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

**Lesser Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus humilis* Almost the last bird, a smart example soaring over Si Phang Nga.

**Rufous-winged Buzzard** ♦ *Butastur liventer*

**Brown Boobook** *Ninox scutulata*

**Collared Owlet** *Taeniopteryx brodiei*

**Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama*

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*

**Mountain Scops Owl** *Otus spilocephalus* heard-only.

**Collared Scops Owl** *Otus lettia*

**Buffy Fish Owl** ♦ *Ketupa ketupu* A popular pair at Khao Yai with a nest in a fern epiphyte, also one flushed at Khao Phra Bang Khram.

**Spotted Wood Owl** ♦ *Strix seloputo* Last bird of the tour, two at Thai Muang.

**Brown Wood Owl** *Strix leptogrammica* A nice look at a daytime bird at Khao Phra Bang Khram.

**Orange-breasted Trogon** *Harpactes oreskios*

**Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

**Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*

**Great Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis* Seen at Khao Yai and at Si Phang Nga.

**Helmeted Hornbill** *Rhinoplax vigil* heard-only.

**Oriental Pied Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris*

**Tickell's Brown Hornbill** ♦ *Anorrhinus tickelli* Just glimpsed, at Kaeng Krachan.

**Wreathed Hornbill** *Rhyticeros undulatus*

**Indochinese Roller** *Coracias affinis*

**Rufous-collared Kingfisher** ♦ *Actenoides concretus* heard-only. At Si Phang Nga.

**Banded Kingfisher** *Lacedo pulchella* One at Khao Yai, our only one of the tour.

**Brown-winged Kingfisher** ♦ *Pelargopsis amauroptera*

Ruddy Kingfisher ◊ *Halcyon coromanda* heard-only.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus* heard-only.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*

Asian Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

Great Barbet *Psilopogon virens*

Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineatus*

Green-eared Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon faiostrictus*

Golden-whiskered Barbet *Psilopogon chrysopogon* heard-only.

Red-throated Barbet *Psilopogon mystacophanus* We often heard his curious rhythm in the south, a couple seen.

Golden-throated Barbet *Psilopogon franklinii*

Blue-throated Barbet *Psilopogon asiaticus*

Moustached Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon incognitus* Excavating a nest hole at Khao Yai.

Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon duvaucelii*

Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus*

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* A brief one at Thaton for the leader.

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*

White-browed Piculet ◊ *Sasia ochracea*

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus* A write-in at Si Phang Nga.

Heart-spotted Woodpecker ◊ *Hemicircus canente* A brief contact at Sakaerat.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus canicapillus*

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker ◊ *Dendrocopos atratus*

**White-bellied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus javensis* Good flight views of a pair at Mae Ping, flying over our heads.

**Banded Woodpecker** *Chrysophlegma miniaceum*

**Greater Yellownappe** *Chrysophlegma flavinucha*

**Lesser Yellownappe** *Picus chlorolophus*

**Streak-breasted Woodpecker** ◊ *Picus viridanus*

**Black-headed Woodpecker** ◊ *Picus erythropygius*

**Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense*

**Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus*

**Bay Woodpecker** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* heard-only.

**Black-and-buff Woodpecker** ◊ *Meiglyptes jugularis* A nice trio at Khao Yai.

**Great Slaty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* heard-only.

**Collared Falconet** *Microhierax caerulescens*

**Black-thighed Falconet** *Microhierax fringillarius* A single flyover in the south.

**Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*

**Grey-headed Parakeet** ◊ *Psittacula finschii* Plenty at Mae Ping, a good site for them.

**Blossom-headed Parakeet** ◊ *Psittacula roseata*

**Red-breasted Parakeet** *Psittacula alexandri*

**Vernal Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus vernalis*

**Long-tailed Broadbill** *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

**Dusky Broadbill** *Corydon sumatranus* heard-only.

**Silver-breasted Broadbill** ◊ *Serilophus lunatus*

**Black-and-red Broadbill** ◊ *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos* A stunning pair at Bang Phat.

**Banded Broadbill** *Eurylaimus javanicus* heard-only.

**Black-and-yellow Broadbill** *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

**Green Broadbill** ◊ *Calyptomena viridis*

**Eared Pitta** ◊ *Hydrornis phayrei* heard-only.

**Malayan Banded Pitta** ♦ *Hydrornis irena* Probably bird of the trip..!

**Blue Pitta** ♦ *Hydrornis cyaneus* What a stunner, well worth the wait in the hide at Kaeng Krachan.

**Mangrove Pitta** ♦ *Pitta megarhyncha* I believe the term is 'walk-away' views...

**Golden-bellied Gerygone** *Gerygone sulphurea*

**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus picatus*

**Large Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis virgatus* A pair at Si Phang Nga.

**Common Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis pondicerianus* In the dry forest at Mae Ping.

**Rufous-winged Philentoma** ♦ *Philentoma pyrhoptera* heard-only.

**Ashy Woodswallow** *Artamus fuscus*

**Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia*

**Green Iora** *Aegithina viridissima* A vigorous response by one at Si Phang Nga.

**Great Iora** *Aegithina lafresnayei*

**Small Minivet** *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*

**Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris*

**Short-billed Minivet** *Pericrocotus brevirostris*

**Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus*

**Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus speciosus*

**Ashy Minivet** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

**Swinhoe's Minivet** ♦ *Pericrocotus cantonensis*

**Rosy Minivet** *Pericrocotus roseus* Seen at Khao Yai and Mae Ping NP.

**Large Cuckooshrike** *Coracina macei*

**Black-winged Cuckooshrike** *Lalage melaschistos*

**Mangrove Whistler** *Pachycephala cinerea* A very vocal one at Bang Phat.

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*

**Burmese Shrike** ♦ *Lanius colluriooides*

**Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach*

**Grey-backed Shrike** *Lanius tephronotus*

**Blyth's Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius aeralatus* One coming to a nest at Kaeng Krachan.

**Clicking Shrike-babbler** ♦ *Pteruthius intermedius*

**White-bellied Erpornis** *Erpornis zantholeuca*

**Maroon Oriole** *Oriolus traillii*

**Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornus*

**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*

**Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus*

**Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer*

**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus*

**Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*

**Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

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

**Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus*

**White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis*

**Malaysian Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica*

**Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*

**Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone affinis*

**Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*

**Red-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythroryncha*

**Common Green Magpie** *Cissa chinensis*

**Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda*

**Grey Treepie** *Dendrocitta formosae*

**Racket-tailed Treepie** *Crypsirina temia*

**Ratchet-tailed Treepie** ♦ *Temnurus temnurus* Hard to find in January it would seem, I think we were lucky to find two birds that were not calling.

**Eastern Jungle Crow** *Corvus leuillantii*

**Yellow-bellied Fantail** *Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus*

**Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*



Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*

Japanese Tit *Parus minor*

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Machlolophus spilonotus*

Indochinese Bush Lark ◊ *Mirafra erythrocephala*

Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes criniger*

Yellow-bellied Bulbul *Alophoixus phaeocephalus*

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Alophoixus tephrogenys* heard-only.

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus*

Puff-throated Bulbul ◊ *Alophoixus pallidus*

Striated Bulbul *Alcurus striatus* Quite nice for a Bulbul, I believe someone said!

Olive Bulbul ◊ *Iole viridescens* Allegedly the birds at Kaeng Krachan are assigned to this species.

Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole crypta* One seen at Si Phang Nga; however, the taxonomy is a little opaque...

Grey-eyed Bulbul ◊ *Iole propinqua*

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flava*

Streaked Bulbul *Ixos malaccensis*

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mcclllandii*

White-headed Bulbul ◊ *Hypsipetes thompsoni* A single of this localised bird, at Doi Ang Khang.

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

Puff-backed Bulbul ◊ *Euptilotus eutilotus* heard-only.

Black-headed Bulbul *Brachypodius melanocephalus*

Spectacled Bulbul *Ixodia erythrophthalmos*

Black-crested Bulbul *Rubigula flaviventris*

Crested Finchbill ◊ *Spizixos canifrons*

Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex* heard-only.

Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus*

Asian Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus*

Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus conradi*

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens*

Brown-breasted Bulbul ◊ *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

Rufous-bellied Swallow ◊ *Cecropis badia*

Pygmy Cupwing *Pnoepyga pusilla*

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus*

Aberrant Bush Warbler *Horornis flavolivaceus*

Slaty-bellied Tesia ◊ *Tesia olivea*

Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*

Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*

Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Chinese Leaf Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus yunnanensis* A couple showed well at Doi Ang Khang.

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus* Not uncommon in the north but often high up and hard to spot.

Yellow-streaked Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus armandii*

**Radde's Warbler** *Phylloscopus schwarzi* A good show by one at Khao Yai.

**Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

**Buff-throated Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus subaffinis*

**Eastern Crowned Warbler** *Phylloscopus coronatus* Nice to see a few of these at Si Phang Nga.

**Grey-crowned Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus tephrocephalus* heard-only.

**Alström's Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus soror*

**Martens's Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus omeiensis*

**Two-barred Warbler** *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*

**Pale-legged Leaf Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus tenellipes* heard-only.

**Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis*

**Sulphur-breasted Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus ricketti*

**Blyth's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus reguloides*

**Claudia's Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus claudiae*

**Davison's Leaf Warbler** ◇ *Phylloscopus intensor*

**Oriental Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus orientalis*

**Black-browed Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

**Thick-billed Warbler** *Arundinax aedon* heard-only.

**Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** *Helopsaltes certhiola*

**Lanceolated Warbler** *Locustella lanceolata*

**Baikal Bush Warbler** *Locustella davidi* A good view at Baan Maka.

**Striated Grassbird** *Megalurus palustris*

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*

**Golden-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis*

**Hill Prinia** *Prinia superciliaris* Eventually showed well at Doi Lang.

**Rufescent Prinia** *Prinia rufescens* heard-only.

**Grey-breasted Prinia** *Prinia hodgsonii*

**Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris*

**Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata*

**Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius* heard-only.

**Dark-necked Tailorbird** *Orthotomus atrogularis*

**Ashy Tailorbird** *Orthotomus ruficeps*

**Grey-headed Parrotbill** ♦ *Psittiparus gularis* A nice flock seen well at Doi Inthanon.

**Striated Yuhina** ♦ *Staphida castaniceps*

**Chestnut-flanked White-eye** *Zosterops erythropleurus*

**Swinhoe's White-eye** *Zosterops simplex* Seen at Doi Inthanon, used to be lumped in Japanese White-eye.

**Indian White-eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus*

**Hume's White-eye** *Zosterops auriventer* One at Kaeng Krachan, formerly placed in Everett's White-eye.

**Chestnut-capped Babbler** *Timalia pileata*

**Pin-striped Tit-Babbler** *Mixornis gularis*

**Golden Babbler** *Cyanoderma chrysaeum*

**Chestnut-winged Babbler** *Cyanoderma erythropterum*

**Rufous-fronted Babbler** *Cyanoderma rufifrons*

**White-browed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*

**Large Scimitar Babbler** ♦ *Erythrogenys hypoleucos* heard-only.

**Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler** *Erythrogenys erythrogenys*

**Grey-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps*

**Spot-necked Babbler** ♦ *Stachyris striolata*

**Moustached Babbler** *Malacopteron magnirostre*

**Collared Babbler** ♦ *Gampsorhynchus torquatus*

**Rufous-winged Fulvetta** *Schoeniparus castaneiceps*

**Puff-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum ruficeps*

**Malayan Black-capped Babbler** ♦ *Pellorneum nigrocapitatum*

**Short-tailed Babbler** *Pellorneum malaccense* heard-only.

**Spot-throated Babbler** ♦ *Pellorneum albiventre* heard-only.

**Buff-breasted Babbler** *Pellorneum tickelli*

**White-chested Babbler** *Pellorneum rostratum*

**Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti*

**Streaked Wren-Babbler** ♦ *Gypsophila brevicaudata* A feisty example at Doi Ang Khang.

**Rufous Limestone Babbler** ♦ *Gypsophila calcicola* Endemic.

**Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler** *Napothera epilepidota* A nice encounter with this tiny fellow at Doi Inthanon.

**Brown-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe poioicephala*

**Yunnan Fulvetta** ♦ *Alcippe fratercula*

**Silver-eared Laughingthrush** ♦ *Trochalopteron melanostigma*

**Dark-backed Sibia** ♦ *Heterophasia melanoleuca*

**Blue-winged Minla** *Actinodura cyanouroptera*

**Bar-throated Minla** *Actinodura strigula*

**Spectacled Barwing** ♦ *Actinodura ramsayi* Three at Doi Lang were the only ones.

**Silver-eared Mesia** *Leiothrix argenteauris*

**Rufous-backed Sibia** ♦ *Leioptila annectens*

**Scarlet-faced Liocichla** ♦ *Liocichla ripponi* A gorgeous pair that posed for us up in a tree at Doi Ang Khang.

**Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush** *Garrulax monileger*

**White-crested Laughingthrush** *Garrulax leucolophus*

**Black-throated Laughingthrush** *Pterorhinus chinensis*

**White-browed Laughingthrush** ♦ *Pterorhinus sannio* Furtive but vocal in the grass at Doi Ang Khang.

**Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush** *Pterorhinus pectoralis*

**Asian Fairy-bluebird** *Irena puella*

**Giant Nuthatch** ♦ *Sitta magna* A wonderful beast, with a taste for mature pines and a restricted range.

**Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis*

**Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** ♦ *Sitta nagaensis*

**Burmese Nuthatch** ♦ *Sitta neglecta* Seen well in the dry forest at Mae Ping, I prefer the name Neglected though!

**Hume's Treecreeper** ◊ *Certhia manipurensis*

**Asian Glossy Starling** *Aplonis panayensis*

**Common Hill Myna** *Gracula religiosa*

**Great Myna** *Acridotheres grandis*

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis*

**Black-collared Starling** ◊ *Gracupica nigricollis*

**Siamese Pied Myna** *Gracupica floweri* A recent split, separated from Indian *G. contra* and Javan *G. jalla* Pied Mynas.

**Chestnut-tailed Starling** *Sturnia malabarica*

**Green Cochoa** ◊ *Cochoa viridis* A tantalising glimpse then two heard singing, at Doi Inthanon. Unusual to be active so early in the year.

**Dark-sided Thrush** ◊ *Zoothera marginata* A speciality of the Doi Inthanon summit marsh, it was particularly obliging this year.

**Scaly Thrush** *Zoothera dauma* Unusual to get a prolonged look at one, at Doi Ang Khang.

**Orange-headed Thrush** *Geokichla citrina*

**Black-breasted Thrush** ◊ *Turdus dissimilis*

**Eyebrowed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus* Just glimpses and flyovers of these winter visitors.

**Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis*

**White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus*

**Dark-sided Flycatcher** *Muscicapa sibirica*

**Asian Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica*

**White-tailed Flycatcher** *Leucoptilon concretum* My first since I sound-recorded one in almost the same place 25 years previously! Two males singing, one seen along with a female, on the ridge at Kaeng Krachan.

**White-gorgeted Flycatcher** ◊ *Anthipes monileger* heard-only.

**Rufous-browed Flycatcher** ◊ *Anthipes solitaris* With a high-pitched song and love of dense thickets, at Kaeng Krachan

**Hainan Blue Flycatcher** ◊ *Cyornis hainanus*

**Hill Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis whitei*

**Large Blue Flycatcher** ◊ *Cyornis magnirostris* A poorly known bird breeding in the eastern Himalayas, a really nice male with a strikingly large bill allowed long looks at Si Phang Nga.

Indochinese Blue Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis sumatrensis*

Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides*

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae* heard-only.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

Himalayan Shortwing *Brachypteryx cruralis* A lovely confiding male at Doi Inthanon summit.

Siberian Blue Robin *Larvivora cyane*

White-bellied Redstart *Luscinia phaenicuroides* heard-only.

Siberian Rubythroat *Calliope calliope*

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura*

Chestnut-naped Forktail ◊ *Enicurus ruficapillus*

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus* A pair at Si Phang Nga.

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*

Slaty-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula erithacus*

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophilata*

Ultramarine Flycatcher ◊ *Ficedula superciliaris* A couple of lovely males at Doi Lang.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*

Plumbeous Water Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus*

White-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus leucocephalus*

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris* A pair at Doi Ang Khang.

Amur Stonechat *Saxicola stejnegeri*

Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata*

Grey Bush Chat *Saxicola ferreus*

**Greater Green Leafbird** *Chloropsis sonnerati*

**Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis moluccensis*

**Golden-fronted Leafbird** *Chloropsis aurifrons* A pair at Mae Ping.

**Orange-bellied Leafbird** *Chloropsis hardwickii* A single songster at Doi Lang.

**Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus maculatus*

**Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus percussus*

**Thick-billed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum agile*

**Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

**Orange-bellied Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

**Plain Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum minullum*

**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum ignipectus*

**Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum cruentatum*

**Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** *Chalcoparia singalensis*

**Brown-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis*

**Purple Sunbird** *Cinnyris asiaticus*

**Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis*

**Mrs. Gould's Sunbird** *Aethopyga gouldiae*

**Green-tailed Sunbird** *Aethopyga nipalensis*

**Black-throated Sunbird** *Aethopyga saturata*

**Purple-naped Sunbird** *Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum*

**Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra*

**Grey-breasted Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera modesta*

**Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna*

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*

**Plain-backed Sparrow** ♠ *Passer flaveolus* A single male seen at Pak Thale.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*

**Asian Golden Weaver** ♠ *Ploceus hypoxanthus* Found in numbers at Nong Pla Lai.

**Streaked Weaver** *Ploceus manyar* A couple among the flocks of the above.



**Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus*

**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata*

**White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata*

**Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava*

**Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis*

**Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*

**White Wagtail (Amur W)** *Motacilla [alba] leucopsis*

**Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*

**Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus*

**Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*

**Red-throated Pipit** *Anthus cervinus*

**Spot-winged Grosbeak** ♦ *Mycerobas melanozanthos* Superb in the cherry orchard.

**Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*

**Scarlet Finch** *Carpodacus sipahi* Two at Doi Lang, another write-in.

**Yellow-breasted Bunting** ♦ *Emberiza aureola* Great to see 100+ of these endangered birds at Nong Pla Lai.

## **MAMMALS**

**Asian Elephant** *Elephas maximus*

**Stripe-backed or Yellow-bellied Weasel** *Mustela sp.* Brief views at Doi Inthanon

**Sambar Deer** *Rusa unicolor*

**Lyle's Flying Fox** *Pteropus lylei* In the mangrove at Laem Pak Bia.

**Large Flying Fox** *Pteropus vampyra* Thousands heading south at Takua Pa, though I can find no reference to what is probably a daily occurrence.

**Northern Treeshrew** *Tupaia belangeri*

**Common Tree Shrew** *Tupaia glis*

**Long-tailed Macaque** *Macaca fascicularis*

**Southern Pig-tailed Macaque** *Macaca nemestrina*

**Robinson's Banded Langur** *Presbytis robinsoni*

**Dusky Langur** *Trachypithecus obscurus*

**Lar Gibbon** *Hylobates lar*

**Pileated Gibbon** *Hylobates pileatus* A lifer for the leader, previously hear-only on this tour.

**Grey-bellied Squirrel** *Callosciurus caniceps*

**Pallas's Squirrel** *Callosciurus erythraeus*

**Variable Squirrel** *Callosciurus finlaysonii*

**Plantain Squirrel** *Callosciurus notatus* Identified from photos at Khao Phra Bang Khram.

**Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel** *Dremomys rufigenis*

**Indochinese Ground Squirrel** *Menetes berdmorei*

**Black Giant Squirrel** *Ratufa bicolor*

**Slender Squirrel** *Sundasciurus tenuis*

**Himalayan Striped Squirrel** *Tamiops macclellandii*