



## THAILAND TOUR REPORT 2025

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Thailand is an amazing country to go birdwatching and it is often amongst the first destinations for birders to start birding in Southeast Asia. However, it is certainly not only for beginners as it has many specialties and a wide range of other sought-after species. Adding to the birds the great infrastructure and the superb Thai cuisine make any trip highly enjoyable! Our Thailand tour offers a variety of habitats including wetlands with shorebirds as well as lowland and mountain forest birding. This tour is run in winter as we target the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper. Yet again we had fantastic looks of this unique and rare shorebird and as per usual it was voted the 'Bird of the Trip!' There are a lot of other interesting wintering birds to find and this year we saw Nordmann's Greenshank, Asian Dowitcher, Large Blue, Ultramarine and Sapphire Flycatcher, and the critically endangered Yellow-breasted Bunting just to name a few. Birding is popular in Thailand and in no other countries in Asia are you going to meet so many birders on your tour. Information is easily available and a good range of hides are possible for some of the shy forest dwellers. On our tour we make sure to visit the best places to have the best experience! All in all, this country has so much to offer and therefore it is not surprising that this tour is so popular! In 2025 we recorded 499 species of birds and 23 species of mammals. Pheasants and partridges are key targets for us and this year's tour did not disappoint, with magical encounters with Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Siamese Fireback, Silver, Kalij and Mrs Hume's Pheasant, Green Peafowl, Ferruginous, Bar-backed and Rufous-throated Partridge. There were many other highlights on the tour which included Chinese Egret, Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Grey-faced Buzzard, Malaysian Plover, Hodgson's and Gould's Frogmouth, White-fronted, Mountain and Collared Scops Owls, Spotted and Brown Wood Owls, Tickell's Brown Hornbill, Bamboo, Great Slaty, Black-headed and Streak-breasted Woodpeckers, three species of piculets, Malayan Banded, Blue and Mangrove Pitta, Giant Nuthatch, Variable and Rufous Limestone Babbler, Nepal Cutia, Spectacled Barwing, Collared Babbler, White-necked Laughingthrush, Scarlet-faced Liocichla, Dark-sided

Thrush, Indochinese, Chinese and Hainan Blue Flycatcher, Black-backed and Chestnut-naped Forktail, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Cambodian Flowerpecker, Copper-throated Sunbird, Pin-tailed Parrotfinch and a big selection of bulbuls and subtle *Phylloscopus* warblers! We had some excellent mammal sightings too including a fantastic Malayan Sun Bear, the rare Robinson's Banded Langur, Indochinese Serow, Lesser Indo-Malayan Chevrotain and a great selection of squirrels!

The main tour started in Bangkok, in the early hours, and we wasted no time to reach the tidal mudflats of the Gulf of Thailand to start 'filtering' through the thousands of waders at their high tide roost! It was a very fruitful search as we located a Spoon-billed Sandpiper without any colour rings while it was feeding on a small pool. We got pretty close to the bird without disturbing it and we could watch it for as long as we wanted! Terrific tour start! There were thousands of Tibetan Sand Plovers and two or three birds were even showing the features of Siberian Sand Plover but ID in winter plumage is not straightforward. Our next destination was also a high tide wader roost but by the time we got there the tide was rapidly going down. However, we managed to find our number one target: the Asian Dowitcher. Our count was an amazing 337 individuals; a very large number for such a rare wader! In the late afternoon we visited a sandy beach where we had as many as ten Malaysian Plovers, as well as several Terek Sandpipers. We had an action-packed first day with many waders, and we had yet to find Nordmann's Greenshank. We also managed to find an Indian Nightjar before breakfast, and we were out searching for waders as soon as the light allowed us to scan wader flocks. It did not take long to find the first Nordmann's Greenshanks which were followed by more, and our final count reached about 52 of these rare waders. We also spotted Ruffs and Red-necked Phalaropes, as well as at least two Chinese Egrets and about 1800 Lesser Whistling Ducks. Our job was done at the tidal mudflats, and we moved inland stopping by some suitable-looking paddies where we found White-browed Crake, Grey-headed Swampphen, Grey-headed Lapwing, Greater Spotted Eagle, a male Pied Harrier, Black-browed Reed Warbler and three species of weavers with Baya and Asian Golden being the more common but two Streaked Weavers were also spotted. After lunch we arrived at the Kaeng Krachan National Park, and we made our way to a bird hide for this first afternoon. It was an amazing session with superb views of both male and female Grey Peacock-Pheasants, several Kalij Pheasants, a party of four Bar-backed Partridges, two Ferruginous Partridges and a variety of flycatchers, babblers and laughingthrushes. When it starting to get dark in the forest a female Blue Pitta made a brief appearance, and several Indo-Malayan Chevrotains came to drink as well. It was a truly memorable session with some top-quality birds!

Our first full day in the famous Kaeng Krachan was an action-packed one which started well with superb White-fronted Scops Owls at their roost site in thick bamboo. We gradually climbed to higher elevation adding Jerdon's Baza and Olive Bulbul to our list. Around the camp we found an obliging Red-bearded Bee-eater, Blue-throated and Blue-eared Barbets and the rare Robinson's Banded Langur. The fruiting trees held a variety of bulbuls like Mountain, Ashy, Ochraceous, Black-crested and Olive. We also managed to find Eye-browed Thrush, White-browed Scimitar Babbler and White-browed Shrike-babbler. The seeding bamboo surprised us with two pairs of Pin-tailed Parrotfinches and White-rumped Munias. Most of the afternoon was spent in the area to look for Ratchet-tailed Treepie but we only heard them; they would not show themselves. A few other goodies were seen like Grey-faced Buzzard, White-browed Piculet, Long-tailed Broadbill, Swinhoe's Minivet, Sulphur-breasted and Alström's Warblers, Orange-headed Thrush, Streaked Spiderhunter and a party of Collared Babblers for some. On our way down the mountain, we came across a fantastic Malayan Sun Bear, being the definite mammal highlight of the day (and of the tour). Before breakfast on our second full day of the tour, we had Indian Stone-curlew and went back to the park. We started birding at lower elevations which quickly yielded Great Slaty, Grey-headed and Heart-spotted Woodpecker while a fantastic fruiting tree gave us superb Green-eared Barbets, Black-headed and Olive Bulbuls, Eye-browed Thrush and Wedge-tailed Green Pigeons. A nearby dead treetop held Black-thighed Falconet and further up the hill we managed to find a party of Tickell's Brown Hornbills, Black Eagles and Sultan Tits. We kept trying for Ratchet-tailed Treepie for the second afternoon running but we failed to find any. We did not even hear them, obviously they are really difficult at this location now. As this is the only accessible place in Thailand, everybody comes to this exact spot and new locations are not found.

The following day we made our way towards the Khwae Noi (Kwai) River with a short stop near Petchaburi to look for the Critically Endangered Yellow-breasted Bunting. These once common birds declined tremendously in the last 20 years and you need to grab every opportunity you have to go and see them, if you can. It was not easy in the thick bushes where a flock of about 200 birds were hiding from the heat and wind but eventually we all go to see winter plumage males with their big white shoulder patches. We also had Indochinese Bush Lark and Plain-backed Sparrow along with large number of open country species. Our journey continued north and by the afternoon we arrived at Krasae Cave. This touristic attraction where one can see the 'death railway' was the spot for us to see the near-endemic Variable Limestone Babbler. It took some time in the heat of the day but three birds were seen foraging on the limestone wall! We arrived at our comfortable lodge by the Kwai River in the late afternoon and our garden exploration yielded Ashy-headed Green Pigeon and Pale-legged Leaf Warbler. A few hours later, the following morning, we got stunning looks of Collared Scops Owl and Asian

Barred Owlet before breakfast. Our morning was spent along the river where we got even better looks of Variable Limestone Babbler and also Indochinese (Maned) Serow. After the morning activity had peaked we had a fair distance to cover and made our way towards Khao Yai National Park. We had a nice lunch in the old capital of Ayutthaya (Siam) which is a UNESCO site and by late afternoon we arrived to yet another set of limestone hills for our next target. We quickly found two Rufous Limestone Babblers, but it took a while to secure good looks of these skulking endemic birds. Finally, we all had proper looks and it was quite an achievement to see both species of limestone babblers in the same day!

Our next morning in the famous Khao Yai National Park was exciting with goodies like Silver Pheasants, Moustached Barbet, a fantastic Buffy Fish Owl with chick, a stunning male Red-headed Trogon, Black-throated Laughingthrush, Green Magpie, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Sulphur-breasted and Claudia's Leaf Warblers. By lunchtime the National Park was getting very busy with visitors. It is quite amazing how many local people visit the park. It is excellent news for the country but for birders it makes things difficult too, especially if you are looking for the shyer birds. After lunch we made our way to the Sakaerat Reserve where we were not disappointed as we had excellent looks of both male and female Siamese Firebacks – the national bird of Thailand – when small parties were crossing the main track in the late afternoon. A few other birds were seen too like Great Iora, Banded Bay Cuckoo and Siberian Blue Robin. The following morning we were back to the park for another short visit, and we had good activity by a fine fruiting tree with Barred Cuckoo-doves, Thick-billed Green Pigeons and Common Hill Mynas. The best birds of the morning for us were Jerdon's Baza, Banded Broadbill, a party of Rosy Minivets and Cambodian Flowerpecker. It was time for us to head towards Bangkok Airport, to catch our flight north the following day, which we swiftly did and by the afternoon we were watching Long-billed Plovers, Small Pratincoles and Black-collared Starlings.

Northern Thailand is first class mountain birding, just like anywhere in the Himalayas! On our first morning we visited Wat Tham Pha Plong aka Doi Chiang Dao where our pre-breakfast foray yielded Brown Boobook and Mountain Scops Owl. The fruiting trees around the temple gave us stunning Great Barbets and Pin-tailed Green Pigeons as well as many Asian Fairy Bluebirds. Streaked Wren-Babbler was only seen briefly, but Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Striated Yuhina, Marten's Warbler and Streaked Spiderhunter showed well. We made our way further north after the morning birding session and arrived to Doi Ang Khang on a Saturday with cherry blossoms in their peak. Wow, there were MANY tourists around, but, thankfully, it did not disturb the superb White-headed Bulbuls feasting on the cherry blossoms alongside Mountain, Black, Flavescent, Brown-breasted and Red-whiskered Bulbuls. White-headed Bulbuls were certainly the better-looking species of the group and they are not easy to track down as they are quite mobile and nomadic, especially in winter. So, we were very happy and the superb Thai lunch with chili strawberry salad and a fine brownie to finish was most welcome! The afternoon was quiet, and no Giant Nuthatches were found but we did see Black-breasted Thrushes, Mrs. Gould's Sunbirds, Cinereous Tits, Chestnut-vented Nuthatches, Blue-winged Minlas and a pair of Red-eyed Scimitar Babblers.

We spent the following day at the famous Doi Lang Ridge where we enjoyed excellent birding and fantastic scenery! Our day started with a Hodgson's Frogmouth which was playing hide-and-seek with us but eventually it did show well for a short while. Unfortunately, the Mrs. Hume's Pheasants were not cooperative this morning as there were many visitors with free-style photo blinds and folks were in and out of these hides continuously. Fine male Ultramarine and Rufous-gorgeted Flycatchers, Oriental Turtle Doves, Olive-backed Pipits and a Brown Shrike of the *lucionensis* race stole the show. Higher up the hill we had more flycatchers such as Slaty-backed and Slaty-blue as well as Rufous-bellied Niltava. There were hordes of Yunnan Fulvettas and both Red-eyed and White-browed Scimitar Babblers were lurking in the undergrowth. Yet another cherry blossom tree was fantastic with many Dark-backed and Long-tailed Sibilias feeding on it with Chestnut-flanked White-eyes, Orange-bellied Leafbirds, Maroon Orioles and many Mrs Gould's Sunbirds. It's a fantastic sight when many birds are feasting on the nectar! We also managed to find Speckled Piculet and Stripe-breasted Woodpecker. Davison's Leaf Warblers were singing all along the track. Finally our search for the near-endemic Giant Nuthatch was successful and a pair showed very well in the pines at our picnic lunch spot! The afternoon was still birdy, and we secured great looks of many exciting birds like Nepal Cutia, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Pale Blue Flycatcher, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush, Siberian Rubythroat, Short-billed and Long-tailed Minivets and Crested Finchbill. It was an action-packed forest birding day with about 80 species seen; a wonderful site for birding!

We were back at Doi Ang Khang for a morning visit the next day in hope to find some of our remaining targets. Little did we know how difficult will be to get proper looks at the Scarlet-faced Liocichla. It took us a few hours and three different pairs but eventually we all had great looks of this stunning bird! In the process we also encountered Bay Woodpecker, Large Niltava, Silver-eared Mesia and Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush. Back in the botanical garden a nice male Spot-winged Grosbeak gave prolonged views, and a Mountain Hawk-Eagle appeared in the sky briefly. There was no sign of White-headed Bulbuls anymore. After lunch we drove to Tha Ton for some open country birding. This area used to be reliable for Jerdon's Bush Chat but since most of the reedbeds disappeared this species is rare now. We did

find a few nice birds like Ruddy-breasted Crake, Greater Painted Snipe, Citrine Wagtail and Lanceolated Warbler.

We were happy to return to Doi Lang the next morning and this time we were in place, waiting and hoping for the pheasants to come. There were no events with tourists and soon after sunrise two female Hume's Pheasants appeared in front of us and after a few minutes a beautiful male with its long silvery tail arrived as well. They stayed on the roadside and were happily feeding for about 30 minutes, and we enjoyed excellent looks of this most-wanted species! It was a great relief to see them so well and it was followed by happy birding! Further birding was great again as well. We had more looks at the common birds but also found Spectacled Barwing, Clicking and White-browed Shrike-babblers, Hume's Treecreeper, Black-throated Bushtit, Chinese and Pallas's Leaf Warblers and a fine winter plumage male Sapphire Flycatcher. Our afternoon was quiet, though Buff-throated Warbler and excellent looks of low flying Cook's Swifts were obtained. The last hour of the day was spent in the Tha Ton area again where we had 84 Grey-headed Lapwings, Ruddy-breasted Crake, several Pied Harriers, Citrine Wagtails, Oriental Reed Warbler and a rarity in the form of a Common Starling. However, the calling and even singing Baikal Bush Warbler refused to show itself.

Next morning we decided our luck once more at Doi Ang Khang to see if we could find a bamboo partridge or a parrotbill so we were back there to do a few hours of birding. Although there was no sign of the partridge we came across a party of seven White-necked Laughingthrushes and eventually tracked down Spot-breasted Parrotbills and they gave us an excellent performance. We even found a skulking pair of Spot-throated Babblers and a brief Chestnut Bunting for some. By mid-morning we had to leave and make our way south. We made a short stop at Ban Hong Non to admire the Green Peafowls and we even had two different males displaying.

A visit to the dry *Dipterocarpaceae* forest at Mae Ping National Park was our morning program and just as we expected birding was very slow in this habitat. Just before dawn we saw a Brown Wood Owl by the entrance gate – belonging to the *ticehursti* race here in the north – while after sunrise we had Burmese Shrike, White-bellied Woodpecker, Rufous Treepie, Red-billed Blue Magpie and Oriental Cuckooshrike around the campsite. Birding along the main forest track was very slow but we were granted superb looks of Black-headed Woodpecker and Grey-headed Parakeet and finally we did find two Burmese Nuthatches. Although we had to work hard for it, we did find what we wanted. Later on, we moved to Doi Inthanon National Park which was our last port-of-call during the main tour. We arrived in time to explore the lower elevation where we birded the same dry dipterocarp forest as in the morning but with even less activity. Nevertheless, we managed to find Rufous-winged Buzzard and two Collared Falconets. Near our accommodation, we had a male Blossom-headed Parakeet in flight at dusk, while the female did stop on a dead treetop allowing us to check her maroon shoulder patch.

We spent the last two days at various elevations in the very well-known Doi Inthanon National Park trying to see as many goodies as possible in this great mountain forest. Pride of the place was the *angkanensis* race of the Green-tailed Sunbird which is endemic to the mountain and one day could even be split as Doi Inthanon Sunbird. The males have an orange breast compared to the usual yellow on most races. The special sphagnum bog habitat at the peak of the mountain with a boardwalk around it provided great birding and on the various visits we connected with most of the goodies we wanted such as Rufous-throated Partridge, Dark-sided Thrush, Himalayan Shortwing, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, Bar-throated Minla, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Ashy-throated, Buff-barred and Blyth's Leaf Warblers, Pygmy Cupwing, Slaty-bellied Tesia and a few migrants such as Eye-browed Thrush and Himalayan Bluetail. Both Ashy and Speckled Wood Pigeons were also tracked down at this high elevation. Lower down along various forest trails we managed to find Golden-throated Barbet, Buff-breasted and Grey-throated Babblers, Eye-browed Wren-Babbler, Lesser Shortwing, White-tailed Robin, Plumbeous Water and White-capped Redstarts, Black-backed and White-crowned Forktails, amongst a long list of birds we had already seen. It was very enjoyable birding in amazing forest habitat.

The main tour ended and we bid farewell to those leaving us today. The rest of us took a flight from Chiang Mai to Krabi for a few more days birding in the southern part of the country. As soon as there was light, we boarded our boat and made our way to the mangroves where we found Brown-winged, Black-capped and Ruddy Kingfishers, Banded Woodpecker, Ashy Tailorbird and Malayan Swamp Babbler. A bonus Forest Wagtail was also found though Mangrove Pitta remained heard-only. We changed site and visited another mangrove area where we had a very close Mangrove Pitta but it was only glimpsed by some before it disappeared. A party of three Black-and-red Broadbills and a superb Copper-throated Sunbird were great birds to see. After the first mangrove experience, we made our way to Khao Pra Bang Khram Reserve aka Khao Nor Chu Chi as it was called in the old days. This place was the place to see Gurney's Pitta so for 30 years everybody visited here to find this jewel of the forest. Well, sadly, we don't have to look for this bird anymore as there has been no sightings for a few years now (though some claims are still made from time to time). This location has a very long list of birds recorded but a lot of the key species are not in the reserve anymore or not being seen anyway. Birding is frustratingly slow at this place and our first afternoon was a perfect example of this, but even so we did find Rufous Piculet, Red-throated Barbet, Indian Cuckoo, Moustached

Babbler and Purple-naped Spiderhunter. The following morning we visited the Emerald Pool area where Sooty Barbets were found on a fruiting tree and yet again, we found Pin-tailed Parrotfinches on a seeding bamboo. Sometimes you have several tours and years with no sightings and now we already had the second sighting during one tour of this nomadic bird! In the sky we found Brown-backed Needletail and Grey-rumped Treeswifts while in the loose bird parties Crow-billed Drongo and a male Van Hasselt's Sunbird were seen. Later in the day Black-and-yellow and Green Broadbills, Rufous-tailed Tailorbird and a pair of Black-bellied Malkoha were located.

We had some unfinished business in the mangroves so early next morning we were back, and this time we quickly found a singing Mangrove Pitta and could watch it for as long as we wanted! We had another look at the scarce Copper-throated Sunbird and Rufous-bellied Swallows and a female Streak-breasted Woodpecker were welcome bonuses. We also tracked down the rather dull Mangrove Whistler and Yellow-bellied Gerygone, although they do sing nicely! Funny enough, we found another Mangrove Pitta at our lunch place and got even better looks as it was singing and later foraging in the mangrove at low tide. On our way north we visited a park where we found roosting Spotted Wood Owls and had superb looks of this most beautiful owl!

Our last day-and-a-half were spent in the lovely Si Phang Nga National Park which is a tiny part of a much bigger forest system with ragged terrain and hence well protected. You can tell that the forest is in good shape when you hear Helmeted Hornbills singing! We had no luck to see one but Wreathed and Bushy-crested Hornbills were seen several times. It was an enjoyable location with good birding where we got superb looks of Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Malayan Banded Pitta, Bamboo and Maroon Woodpeckers, Red-billed Malkoha, Brown Wood Owl, Gould's Frogmouth, Chestnut-naped Forktail and Large Blue Flycatcher just to mention the top candidates of the place. We also had many species of bulbuls, babblers, warblers and flowerpeckers. It was a really great place to finish such an amazingly bird-packed tour in Southeast Asia! We were a hard-working Birdquest group with some exceptional spotters and I hope all will look back at the Thailand 2025 tour with great memories!

#### **BIRDS OF THE TOUR**

**1<sup>st</sup> Spoon-billed Sandpiper**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Hume's Pheasant**

**3<sup>rd</sup> White-headed Bulbul**

**4<sup>th</sup> Siamese Fireback**

**5<sup>th</sup> Spot-breasted Parotbill**

#### **BIRDS OF THE POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Malayan Banded Pitta**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mangrove Pitta**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Chestnut-naped Forktail**

#### **SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR**

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

The species names and taxonomy used in the bird list follows Gill, F., Donsker, D., & Rasmussen, P.(Eds). **2024. IOC World Bird List (v14.2).**

Where the subspecies seen is/are known, these are often given in parentheses at the end of the species comment.

## BIRDS

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

Ferruginous Partridge *Caloperdix oculus* Fantastic looks at Kaeng Krachan NP. NT

Rufous-throated Partridge *Arborophila rufogularis* We enjoyed several great looks in Doi Inthanon NP. Tickelii race.

Bar-backed Partridge *Arborophila brunneopectus* Fantastic looks at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Mrs. Hume's Pheasant *Syrnaticus humiae* A male and two females were seen at Doi Lang. Fantastic! VU

Kalij Pheasant *Lophura leucomelanos* Excellent looks of several in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera* Two pairs were seen at Khao Yai NP.

Siamese Fireback *Lophura diardi* A total of 11 were seen. Stunning birds!

Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus* Many were seen in the special non-hunting reserve. Heard elsewhere. EN

Green-legged Partridge *Tropicoperdix chloropus* Heard-only.

Grey Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron bicalcaratum* Both a superb male and a female were seen in Kaeng Krachan.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

Great Eared Nightjar *Lyncornis macrotis* One was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* Several sightings.

Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus* One was seen near the coast.

Gould's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus stellatus* One day roosting bird was seen in Si Phang Nga NP. NT

Hodgson's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus hodgsoni* One was tracked down in Doi Lang.

Blyth's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus affinis* Heard-only.

Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata*

Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris*

Edible-nest Swiftlet (Germain's S) *Aerodramus [fuciphagus] germani*

Silver-rumped Spinetail *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Cook's Swift *Apus cooki*

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

Raffles's Malkoha *Rhinorthis chlorophaea*

Red-billed Malkoha *Zanlostomus javanicus* Great looks in Si Phang Nga NP.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi* Two were seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi in the south. NT

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus*

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides*

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*

Rock Dove (introduced) (Feral Pigeon) *Columba [livia] var\_ domestica*

Speckled Wood Pigeon *Columba hodgsonii*

Ashy Wood Pigeon *Columba pulchricollis*

Oriental Turtle Dove (Rufous T D) *Streptopelia orientalis*

Red Collared Dove (R Turtle D) *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall*

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*

Ashy-headed Green Pigeon *Treron phayrei* NT

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

Pin-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron apicauda* We had several at Doi Chiang Dao.

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenurus*

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Grey-headed Swampphen *Porphyrio poliocephalus*

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Zapornia fusca* Several sightings.

White-browed Crake *Poliolimnas cinereus* A juvenile was seen near Petchaburi.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Indian Stone-curlew *Burhinus indicus*

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*

Grey Plover (Black-bellied P) *Pluvialis squatarola* VU

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus* Three wintering birds were seen near Chiang Mai.

Grey-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus* It was common, about 137 were logged.

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

Tibetan Sand Plover *Anarhynchus atrifrons* Thousands seen, two individuals were looking good for Siberian Plover.

Greater Sand Plover *Anarhynchus leschenaultii*

Malaysian Plover *Anarhynchus peronii* About 10 were seen at Lam Phak Bia. NT

Kentish Plover *Anarhynchus alexandrinus*

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis* Both male and female were seen near Tha Ton.

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* NT

Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus* An exceptional count of 337 at Pak Thale was amazing. NT

Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

Nordmann's Greenshank (Spotted G) *Tringa guttifer* About 45 were seen at Pak Thale. EN

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* NT

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris* Hundreds were seen at several sites. EN

Red Knot *Calidris canutus* NT

Ruff *Calidris pugnax*

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Calidris falcinellus* VU

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* VU

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*

Red-necked Stint (Rufous-n S) *Calidris ruficollis*

Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Calidris pygmaea* Excellent looks of this enigmatic species! Voted as 'Bird of the trip!' CR

Sanderling *Calidris alba*  
 Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*  
 Little Tern (Eastern L T) *Sternula [albifrons] sinensis*  
 Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*  
 Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*  
 Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*  
 White-winged Tern (W-w Black T) *Chlidonias leucopterus*  
 Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*  
 Brown-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*  
 Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*  
 Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*  
 Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*  
 Little Cormorant *Microcarbo niger*  
 Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*  
 Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*  
 Cinnamon Bittern *Botaurus cinnamomeus*  
 Yellow Bittern *Botaurus sinensis*  
 Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra*  
 Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes* Excellent looks of two individuals at Pak Thale. VU  
 Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
 Striated Heron (Little H) *Butorides striata*  
 Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus* Hundreds seen. We may have seen Javan Pond Heron too, no ID in winter.  
 Great Egret (Eastern G E) *Ardea [alba] modesta*  
 Medium Egret *Ardea intermedia*  
 Eastern Cattle Egret *Ardea coromanda*  
 Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*  
 Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*  
 Osprey (Western O) *Pandion [haliaetus] haliaetus*  
 Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*  
 Crested Honey Buzzard (Oriental H B) *Pernis ptilorhynchus*  
 Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* One was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP and one at Khao Yai NP.  
 Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*  
 Wallace's Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nanus* A mating pair was seen at Si Phang Nga NP. VU  
 Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis* NT  
 Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis*  
 Greater Spotted Eagle *Clanga clanga* VU  
 Crested Goshawk *Lophospiza trivirgata*  
 Shikra *Tachyspiza badia*  
 Besra *Tachyspiza virgata*  
 Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* Two males and a female were seen on the tour. Stunning raptor!  
 Black Kite (Black-eared K) *Milvus [migrans] lineatus*  
 Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*  
 White-bellied Sea Eagle *Ichthyophaga leucogaster*  
 Lesser Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis* A breeding pair at Si Phang Nga NP. NT  
 Rufous-winged Buzzard *Butastur liventer* Several seen at Doi Inthanon NP.  
 Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus*  
 Eastern Buzzard (Himalayan B) *Buteo [japonicus] burmanicus*  
 Brown Boobook *Ninox scutulata* One was seen at Doi Chiang Dao.  
 Collared Owlet *Taenioptynx brodiei* Heard-only.  
 Spotted Owlet *Athene brama* One near Khao Yai NP.

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides* Common.

**White-fronted Scops Owl** ♦ *Otus sagittatus* Three birds were seen at Kaeng Krachan NP. **VU**

**Mountain Scops Owl** *Otus spilocephalus* One was tracked down at Doi Chiang Dao. This is the *latouchi* race.

**Oriental Scops Owl** *Otus sunia* Heard-only.

**Collared Scops Owl** *Otus lettia* Several sightings.

**Buffy Fish Owl** ♦ *Ketupa ketupu* A breeding bird with chick at Khao Yai NP.

**Barred Eagle-Owl** ♦ *Ketupa sumatrana* Heard-only. **NT**

**Spotted Wood Owl** ♦ *Strix seloputo* Two were seen in the south. A handsome owl!

**Brown Wood Owl** *Strix leptogrammica* The *ticehursti* race was seen at Mae Ping NP and *maingayi* in Si Phang Nga NP.

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

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

**Eurasian Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* Heard-only.

**White-crowned Hornbill** *Berenicornis comatus* Heard-only. **EN**

**Great Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis* **VU**

**Helmeted Hornbill** *Rhinoplax vigil* Heard-only. **CR**

**Oriental Pied Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris*

**Tickell's Brown Hornbill** *Anorrhinus tickelli* A party of ten were seen at Kaeng Krachan NP. **NT**

**Bushy-crested Hornbill** *Anorrhinus galeritus* Great looks at Si Phang Nga NP. **NT**

**Wreathed Hornbill** *Rhyticeros undulatus* **VU**

**Indochinese Roller** *Coracias affinis*

**Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*

**Rufous-collared Kingfisher** *Actenoides concretus* Heard-only. **NT**

**Banded Kingfisher** *Lacedo pulchella* Heard-only.

**Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis*

**Brown-winged Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis amauroptera* Excellent looks in the mangrove near Krabi. **NT**

**Ruddy Kingfisher** *Halcyon coromanda* Excellent looks in the mangroves near Krabi.

**White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*

**Black-capped Kingfisher** *Halcyon pileata* **VU**

**Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris*

**Blue-eared Kingfisher** *Alcedo meninting*

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*

**Red-bearded Bee-eater** *Nyctyornis amictus*

**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* Excellent looks at Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Golden-whiskered Barbet** *Psilopogon chrysopogon*

**Red-throated Barbet** *Psilopogon mystacophanos* **NT**

**Golden-throated Barbet** *Psilopogon franklinii* The *ramsayi* race was seen at Doi Inthanon NP.

**Blue-throated Barbet** *Psilopogon asiaticus* The *davisoni* race on the tour.

**Moustached Barbet** *Psilopogon incognitus* Two were seen at Khao Yai NP. This is the *eurous* race.

**Blue-eared Barbet** *Psilopogon cyanotis*

**Coppersmith Barbet** *Psilopogon haemacephalus*

**Sooty Barbet** *Caloramphus hayii* About six were seen on a fruiting tree at Khao Nor Chu Chi. **NT**

**Speckled Piculet** *Picumnus innominatus* One was seen at Doi Lang.

**Rufous Piculet** *Sasia abnormis* One was seen at Khao Nor Chu Chi in the south.

**White-browed Piculet** *Sasia ochracea* One was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente*** One was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus canicapillus***

**Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus*** A few were seen at Doi Lang.

**White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*** One was seen at Mae Ping NP.

**Banded Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma miniaceum***

**Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha***

**Streak-breasted Woodpecker *Picus viridanus*** Excellent looks in the mangroves.

**Black-headed Woodpecker *Picus erythropygius*** Superb looks of this most handsome woodpecker at Mae Ping NP.

**Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*** Three were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense***

**Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus***

**Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis*** A pair of this elusive species was seen at Si Phang Nga NP in the south.

**Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus*** A pair was seen at Si Phang Nga NP in the south.

**Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*** Good views in Doi Ang Khang.

**Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*** A party of six were seen at Kaeng Krachan NP. VU

**Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens*** Two were seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*** One was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus***

**Grey-headed Parakeet *Psittacula finschii*** Excellent looks in Mae Ping NP. NT

**Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseate*** Just two were seen in Doi Inthanon NP. NT

**Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis***

**Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarismomus dalhousiae*** We have seen this beauty in Kaeng Krachan NP and in Doi Lang.

**Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos*** Three were seen in the mangroves of the south.

**Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*** One was seen in Khao Yai NP.

**Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*** Several seen in the south. NT

**Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis*** Just two were seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi. NT

**Malayan Banded Pitta *Hydrornis irena*** A fantastic male at Si Phang Nga. Voted the 'Bird of the extension'. NT

**Blue Pitta *Hydrornis cyaneus*** A female was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta moluccensis*** Heard-only. They should not even be in Doi Inthanon this time of the year!

**Mangrove Pitta *Pitta megarhyncha*** Two fantastic encounters in the mangroves of the south. NT

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

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

**Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus***

**Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus***

**Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia***

**Green Iora *Aegithina viridissima*** NT

**Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayei***

**Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus***

**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*** Several sightings in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*** A party of four were seen in Khao Yai NP.

**Oriental Cuckooshrike *Coracina javensis***

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

**Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea***

**White-browed Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus***

**Clicking Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius intermedius*** Good looks in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

**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*  
**Crow-billed Drongo** *Dicrurus annectens* Two sightings in the south.  
**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus*  
**Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*  
**Ashy Drongo (Sooty D)** *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] leucophaeus* We had *mouhoti* and *bondi* races.  
**Ashy Drongo (Blackish D)** *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] longicaudatus* Definitely seen *hopwoodi* in the north and *nigriscens* in the south.  
**Ashy Drongo (White-lored D)** *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] salangensis* One was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.  
**Ashy Drongo (White-faced D)** *Dicrurus [leucophaeus] leucogenis* This easily recognizable race was fairly common.  
**Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus*  
**White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis* Heard-only.  
**Malaysian Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica*  
**Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*  
**Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone affinis* All the wintering birds we saw looked like this species.  
**Burmese Shrike** *Lanius collurioides* Just a singleton in Mae Ping NP.  
**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus* We had *cristatus* and *lucionensis* races.  
**Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach* The *tricolor* race was seen in the north.  
**Grey-backed Shrike** *Lanius tephronotus*  
**Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius* The *leucotis* race we saw sometimes split as White-faced Jay.  
**Red-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythroryncha*  
**Common Green Magpie** *Cissa chinensis*  
**Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda*  
**Grey Treepie** *Dendrocitta formosae* Heard-only.  
**Racket-tailed Treepie** *Crypsirina temia*  
**Ratchet-tailed Treepie** *Temnurus temnurus* Despite much effort remained heard-only. Difficult to see in Thailand!  
**Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchus* In the Malayan Peninsula south of the Kra Isthmus, the *macrorhynchus* race occurs. We saw it on the extension around Krabi. IOC split is from Eastern Jungle Crow *C. levaillantii*.  
**Eastern Jungle Crow (Large-b C)** *Corvus levaillantii*  
**Yellow-bellied Fantail** *Chelidorhynchus hypoxanthus*  
**Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*  
**Sultan Tit** *Melanochlora sultanea*  
**Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus*  
**Yellow-cheeked Tit** *Machlolophus spilonotus*  
**Indochinese Bush Lark** *Plocealauda erythrocephala* We had good views around Petchaburi.  
**Hairy-backed Bulbul** *Tricholestes criniger*  
**Ochraceous Bulbul** *Alophoixus ochraceus*  
**Puff-throated Bulbul** *Alophoixus pallidus* Several good looks in the north.  
**Olive Bulbul** *Iole viridescens* Easy to see in Kaeng Krachan.  
**Buff-vented Bulbul** *Iole crypta* NT  
**Grey-eyed Bulbul** *Iole propinqua* Both *nominata* and *simulator* have been seen on the tour.  
**Ashy Bulbul** *Hemixos flavala*  
**Mountain Bulbul** *Ixos mccllellandii*  
**White-headed Bulbul** *Hypsipetes thompsoni* We had excellent looks on the cherry blossoms at Doi Ang Khang.  
**Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*  
**Black-headed Bulbul** *Brachypodius melanocephalus*  
**Spectacled Bulbul** *Ixodia erythrophthalmos*

Black-crested Bulbul *Rubigula flaviventris*  
Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons* Repeated good looks at Doi Lang.  
Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex*  
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* A few sightings in the far north of the country.  
Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*  
Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*  
Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster*  
Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*  
Dusky Crag Martin *Ptyonoprogne concolor*  
Pacific Swallow *Hirundo javanica*  
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*  
Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*  
Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*  
Eastern Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*  
Rufous-bellied Swallow *Cecropis badia* A few were seen very well in the south.  
Pygmy Cupwing (P Cupwing) *Pnoepyga pusilla*  
Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*  
Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus* Heard-only.  
Aberrant Bush Warbler *Horornis flavolivaceus* Heard-only.  
Slaty-bellied Tesia *Tesia olivea* Excellent looks of this loud tiny bird of montane undergrowth.  
Asian Stubtail *Urosphena squameiceps* A very brief look of a calling bird at Doi Inthanon.  
Black-throated Bushtit *Aegithalos concinnus*  
Buff-barred Warbler (Orange-b Leaf-w) *Phylloscopus pulcher*  
Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*  
Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*  
Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*  
Chinese Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus yunnanensis* One was seen well at Doi Lang.  
Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*  
Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*  
Buff-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus subaffinis* One was seen at Doi Lang.  
Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*  
Alström's Warbler (Plain-tailed W) *Phylloscopus soror* A few were noted in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP.  
Martens's Warbler (Omei W) *Phylloscopus omeiensis* A few seen in the north.  
Two-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*  
Pale-legged Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes* Regularly heard and many seen.  
Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*  
Sulphur-breasted Warbler *Phylloscopus ricketti* Some excellent looks in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP.  
Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*  
Claudia's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus claudiae*  
Davison's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus intensor* Common in the north.  
Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*  
Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*  
Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata*  
Baikal Bush Warbler *Locustella davidi* Heard-only.  
Hill Prinia *Prinia superciliaris*

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*  
 Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*  
 Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*  
 Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*  
 Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*  
 Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus*  
 Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*  
 Spot-breasted Parrotbill *Paradoxornis guttaticollis* Eventually excellent looks at Doi Ang Khang.  
 Grey-headed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis gularis* A few seen in mixed flocks at Doi Lang. This is the *laotianus* race.  
 Striated Yuhina *Staphida castaniceps* A few were seen at Doi Chiang Dao.  
 Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus*  
 Swinhoe's White-eye *Zosterops simplex*  
 Indian White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*  
 Hume's White-eye *Zosterops auriventer*  
 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*  
 Red-eyed Scimitar Babbler *Erythrogenys imberbis*  
 Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*  
 Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron magnirostre*  
 Collared Babbler *Gampsorhynchus torquatus* A party of 5 were seen by some at Kaeng Krachan NP.  
 Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Schoeniparus castaneiceps*  
 Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*  
 Spot-throated Babbler *Pellorneum albiventre* This very shy species was seen well at Doi Ang Khang.  
 Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli*  
 Malayan Swamp Babbler *Pellorneum rostratum* NT  
 Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*  
 Streaked Wren-Babbler *Gypsophila brevicaudata* One was seen at Doi Chiang Dao.  
 Variable Limestone Babbler *Gypsophila crispifrons* A total of five were seen along the Kwai River.  
 Rufous Limestone Babbler *Gypsophila calcicole* Endemic. A pair was seen near Khao Yai NP. VU  
 Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler *Napothera epilepidota* One was seen at Doi Inthanon NP.  
 Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poioicephala*  
 Yunnan Fulvetta *Alcippe fratercula* It was common at higher altitudes in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.  
 Himalayan Cutia *Cutia nipalensis* Three at Doi Lang. Fantastic birds, we could watch them foraging for 30 minutes.  
 Silver-eared Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron melanostigma* Good looks at Doi Inthanon NP.  
 Dark-backed Sibia *Heterophasia melanoleuca* They were common on the cherry blossom trees.  
 Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides* The *cana* race was a write-in. We saw several at Doi Lang.  
 Blue-winged Minla (B-w Siva) *Actinodura cyanouroptera*  
 Bar-throated Minla (Chestnut-tailed M) *Actinodura strigula*  
 Spectacled Barwing *Actinodura ramsayi* One was seen at Doi Lang.  
 Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris*  
 Rufous-backed Sibia *Leioptila annectens* Two were seen with the cutias.  
 Scarlet-faced Liocichla *Liocichla ripponi* It took some work this year but eventually seen well!  
 Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*  
 White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*  
 White-necked Laughingthrush *Garrulax strepitans* A party of seven were seen at Doi Ang Khang.  
 Black-throated Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus chinensis*  
 White-browed Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus sannio* Heard-only.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Pterorhinus pectoralis*

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

Giant Nuthatch *Sitta magna* Repeated great looks at Doi Lang! EN

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis* It was fairly common with many sightings at Doi Lang.

Burmese Nuthatch *Sitta neglecta* Two were seen at Mae Ping NP.

Hume's Treecreeper *Certhia manipurensis* Excellent looks at Doi Lang.

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

Great Myna (White-vented M) *Acridotheres grandis*

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis* Regularly seen, this handsome starling in the north.

Siamese Pied Myna *Gracupica floweri*

Common Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* One was seen at Tha Ton. A rare winter visitor and was a write-in.

Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis* Heard-only.

Dark-sided Thrush *Zoothera marginata* We had to work hard this year but eventually seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

Orange-headed Thrush *Geokichla citrina*

Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis* Many excellent looks in the north.

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

Dark-sided Flycatcher (S no star) *Muscicapa sibirica*

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Anthipes solitaris* Heard-only in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor*

Chinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis glaucicomans* We had two sightings in the south.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus* Regular good looks throughout the tour!

Large Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis magnirostris* A fantastic male was seen at Si Phang Nga NP. A rare bird! NT

Indochinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis sumatrensis* Regular sightings on the tour.

Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis whitei*

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura*

Siberian Rubythroat *Calliope calliope* A good-looking male was seen at Doi Lang.

Black-backed Forktail *Enicurus immaculatus* We had good looks of this shy stream denizen in Doi Inthanon NP.

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti*

Chestnut-naped Forktail *Enicurus ruficapillus* We had good looks of this shy stream denizen in Si Phang Nga.

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*

Himalayan Shortwing *Brachypteryx cruralis*

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophris* The *carolinae* race was seen very well in Doi Inthanon NP.

Siberian Blue Robin *Larvivora cyane* A few fantastic males seen on the tour!

Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

Slaty-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula erithacus*

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophinata*

Sapphire Flycatcher *Ficedula sapphira* We had great looks of a winter-plumaged male at Doi Lang!

Ultramarine Flycatcher *Ficedula superciliaris* Fantastic males were seen at Doi Lang.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*  
 Himalayan Bluetail *Tarsiger rufilatus*  
 Plumbeous Water Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus*  
 White-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus leucocephalus*  
 Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*  
 Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*  
 Grey Bush Chat *Saxicola ferreus*  
 Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata*  
 Amur Stonechat *Saxicola stejnegeri*  
 Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon* NT  
 Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis moluccensis*  
 Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*  
 Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*  
 Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculatus*  
 Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile*  
 Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*  
 Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*  
 Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum*  
 Cambodian Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cambodianum* Two were seen at Khao Yai NP.  
 Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*  
 Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*  
 Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*  
 Van Hasselt's Sunbird *Leptocoma brasiliana* A fine male was seen at Khao Nor Chu Chi in the south.  
 Copper-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma calcostetha* Excellent looks in the mangroves near Krabi.  
 Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus*  
 Ornate Sunbird *Cinnyris ornatus*  
 Mrs. Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae*  
 Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis* The endemic *angkanensis* race was seen at Doi Inthanon NP.  
 Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*  
 Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja*  
 Purple-naped Spiderhunter *Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum*  
 Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*  
 Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysogenys*  
 Grey-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera modesta*  
 Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*  
 Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*  
 Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus* Just a pair was seen near Petchaburi.  
 House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*  
 Asian Golden Weaver *Ploceus hypoxanthus* Several non-breeding plumaged birds seen in the Petchaburi area. NT  
 Streaked Weaver *Ploceus manyar* Two were seen, a rarely seen bird on this tour.  
 Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus* The most common weaver on the tour with many sightings.  
 Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*  
 White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*  
 Pin-tailed Parrotfinch *Erythrura prasina* Superb looks of several males. Somewhat nomadic and often difficult to find.  
 Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus* One was seen in the mangroves near Krabi.  
 Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*  
 Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*  
 Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*  
 White Wagtail (Amur W) *Motacilla [alba] leucopsis*  
 Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

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

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

**Spot-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas melanozanthos*** A male was seen in Doi Ang Khang.

**Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus***

**Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola*** About 200 were seen near Petchaburi. CR

**Chestnut Bunting *Emberiza rutila***

## **MAMMALS**

**Malayan Sun Bear *Helarctos malayanus*** Great views of this superb mammal in Kaeng Krachan NP. *Write-in.*

**Lesser Indo-Malayan Chevrotain (L Oriental Chevrotain) *Tragulus kanchil*** Superb looks in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Sambar *Rusa unicorn***

**Indochinese (Maned) Serow *Capricornis maritimus*** One was seen near the Kwai River.

**Lyle's Flying Fox *Pteropus lylei*** About 50 were seen at Laem Phak Bia.

**Hardwicke's Woolly Bat *Kerivoula hardwickii*** Three were seen roosting in bamboo in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Lesser Short-nosed Fruit Bat *Cynopterus brachyotis*** One was seen at Baan Maka Lodge.

**Black-bearded Tomb Bat *Taphozous melanopogon*** Two were seen at Kasae Cave.

**Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belangeri*** Several sightings.

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

**Northern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca leonina*** It was common in Khao Yai NP. The Kra Isthmus is the dividing line for the two species.

**Southern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca nemestrina*** Two were seen at Si Phang Nga NP.

**Robinson's Banded Langur *Presbytis robinsoni*** This rare and localized primate was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Dusky Langur *Trachypithecus obscurus*** Great looks in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Lar Gibbon (Common Gibbon) *Hylobates lar*** Great looks in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Burmese Hare *Lepus peguensis*** One was seen near Baan Maka Lodge.

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

**Pallas's Squirrel (Belly-banded Squirrel) *Callosciurus erythraeus***

**Finlayson's Squirrel (Variable Squirrel) *Callosciurus finlaysonii*** Superb almost all-white individuals in the Khao Yai area.

**Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus*** Two were seen in the south.

**Indochinese Ground Squirrel *Menetes berdmorei*** Just a few sightings on the tour.

**Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*** Good looks of this huge squirrel in Khao Yai NP.

**Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandii*** Commonly encountered.



*White-headed Bulbul (image by János Oláh)*



*Sapphire Flycatcher, a male in winter plumage (image by János Oláh)*



*Malayan Banded Pitta (image by János Oláh)*



*Crested Finchbill (image by János Oláh)*



*male Bamboo Woodpecker (image by János Oláh)*



*White-capped Redstart (image by János Oláh)*



*Rufous Limestone Babbler (image by János Oláh)*



*Long-billed Plover (image by János Oláh)*



*Cook's Swift (image by János Oláh)*



*male Ultramarine Flycatcher (image by János Oláh)*



*Red-bearded Bee-eater (image by János Oláh)*



*male Large Blue Flycatcher (image by János Oláh)*



*Brown Wood Owl (image by János Oláh)*



*Spot-breasted Parrotbill (image by János Oláh)*



*male Pin-tailed Parrotfinch (image by János Oláh)*



*male Grey Peacock-Pheasant (image by János Oláh)*



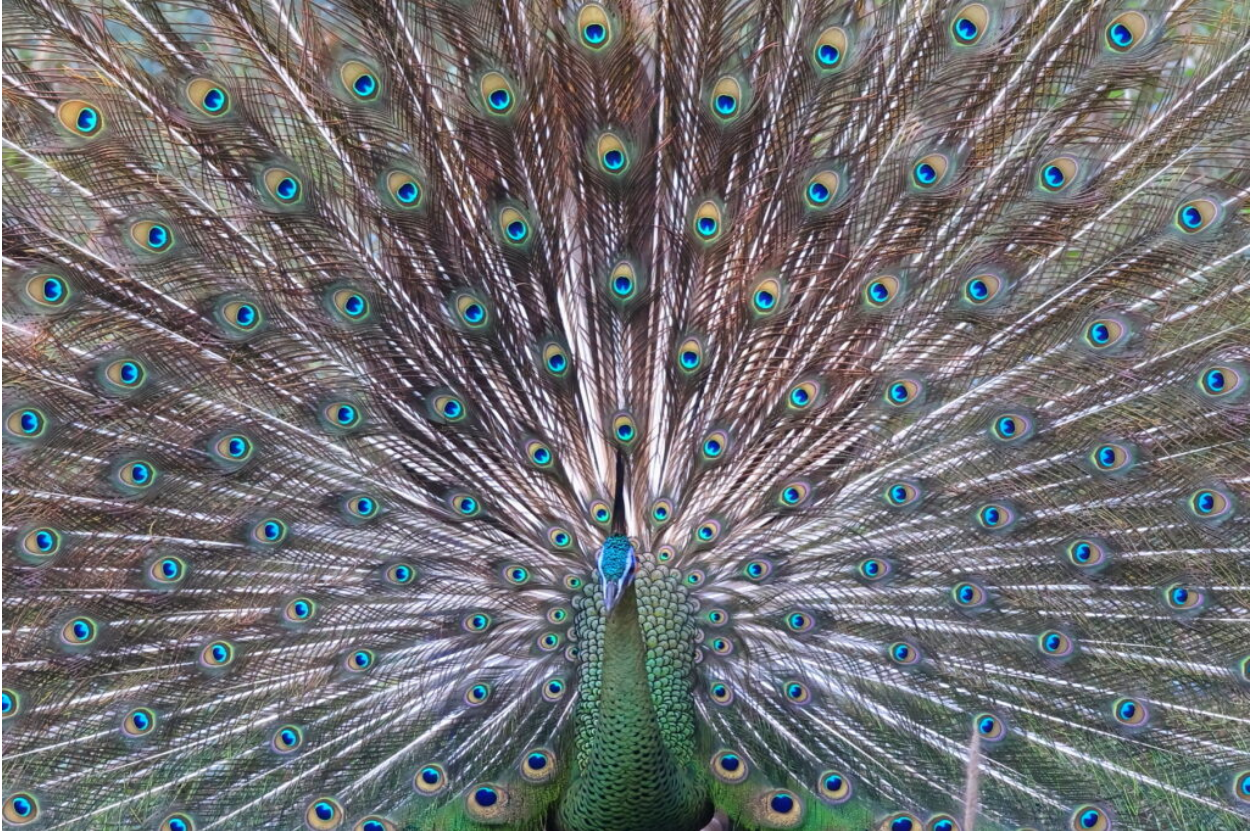
*Blue-bearded Bee-eater (image by János Oláh)*



*Small Pratincole (image by János Oláh)*



*male Mrs Hume's Pheasant (image by János Oláh)*



*displaying Green Peafowl (image by János Oláh)*



*Black-throated Bushtit (image by János Oláh)*



*male Siberian Blue Robin (image by János Oláh)*



*Mangrove Pitta (image by János Oláh)*



*Eye-browed Thrush (image by János Oláh)*



*Black-and-red Broadbill (image by János Oláh)*



*male Siamese Fireback (image by János Oláh)*



*Malayan Sun Bear (image by János Oláh)*



*Dusky Langur (image by János Oláh)*



*Bar-backed Partridge (image by János Oláh)*



*male Siberian Rubythroat (image by János Oláh)*



*male Mrs Hume's Pheasant (image by János Oláh)*



*Ferruginous Partridge (image by János Oláh)*



*Black-breasted Thrush (image by János Oláh)*



*Spoon-billed Sandpiper (image by János Oláh)*



*Olive-backed Pipit (image by János Oláh)*



*Green-eared Barbet (image by János Oláh)*



*female Blue Pitta (image by János Oláh)*



*Spotted Wood Owl (image by János Oláh)*



*male Plumbeous Water Redstart (image by János Oláh)*



*male Kalij Pheasant (image by János Oláh)*



*Blue-throated Barbet (image by János Oláh)*



*Variable Limestone Babblers (image by János Oláh)*



*male Red-headed Trogon (image by János Oláh)*



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*Collared Scops Owl (image by János Oláh)*



*White-fronted Scops Owl (image by János Oláh)*



*Rufous-throated Partridge (image by János Oláh)*



*female Malaysian Plover (image by János Oláh)*



*Copper-throated Sunbird (image by János Oláh)*



*Asian Dowitcher and Great Knot (image by János Oláh)*