

ULTIMATE VIETNAM TOUR REPORT 2023

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It was the second time Birdquest completed this itinerary in Vietnam, seeing as many as possible of the specialties of the country. Our 2023 tour did a good job collecting endemic and range-restricted birds in the country and recorded a total of 450 bird species complemented with some unforgettable mammal sightings. Starting in the lowland rainforest of Cat Tien and reaching the highest peak of Indochina, during the extension, almost all possible habitats were birded in the region with such highlights seen as Bar-bellied Pitta, Germain's Peacock-Pheasant and Orange-necklaced Partridge in Cat Tien as a start. Driving further north around Da Lat we had great views of Blue Pitta, Vietnamese Greenfinch, Collared Laughingthrush, Black-crowned Parrotbill and Vietnamese Cutia. Exploring the Central Highlands which were rewarding us with Austen's Brown Hornbills, the very localized Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush, Annam Prinia to name a few. Ngoc Linh is famous for the Golden-winged Laughingthrush which we had superb views of aside of Red-tailed Laughingthrush, Indochinese Fulvetta, 'Annam' Golden-breasted Fulvetta, Rusty-capped Fulvetta and Black-crowned Barwings in probably the most magnificent forest on the whole tour. Reaching further north Indochinese Wren-Babbler, Red-collared Woodpecker, Sooty Babbler and Annam Limestone Babbler were seen amongst many others while Red-shanked Doucs were just amazing on a few spots. The main tour ended birding around Tam Dao where Grey Laughingthrush and Short-tailed Parrotbill were the main targets we saw well! On the extension in the northwest we managed superb views of Pale-throated Wren-Babbler while Black-faced and Blue-winged Laughingthrush, 'Tonkin' White-browed Fulvetta, Collared Yuhina were added in the meantime, just to name of few of the best there.

After leaving Ho Chi-Minh city we reached Cat Tien National Park, the best-preserved lowland rainforest in Vietnam. Spending four nights here tells us that there is a lot to see here! Our first morning started with a Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl before heading out to start birding. One of the star species of the park, the Bar-bellied Pitta was bagged soon together with the trickier Blue-rumped Pitta on our first morning, after the gibbon chorus went silent. Our time spent in the area turned out to be focused on the Germain's Peacock-Pheasant as it took several attempts to see it, but finally a magnificent male appeared at a feeding station to amaze us. On the trails we found Grey-faced Tit-Babblers together with the more widespread Pin-striped ones. With some work and persistence, we finally had views of a Pale-headed Woodpecker pair and a group of three Orange-necked Partridges were seen feeding near the road. The forest floor is always worth concentrating on and that is how we managed to spot Siamese Fireback from the car, while Green-legged Partridge, Siberian Blue Robin and Puff-throated Babblers entertained us at the feeding stations. Black-and-buff and Heart-spotted Woodpeckers were seen around the HQ area which also had numerous Golden-crested Mynas every day. Birding along the forest edge resulted in us seeing Swinhoe's Minivets, Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo, many Vernal Hanging-Parrots, the always loud Green-eared Barbets and a close Orange-breasted Trogon amongst many other great birds. Once, staying out until dark in the forest produced a pair of Collared Falconet, a couple of loud Red-breasted Parakeets going to roost before the sun disappeared and Blyth's Frogmouth and Brown Boobook in the dark. We had short excursions on the more open areas in the park where the tall grassy wetland gave us Lanceolated Warbler and Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler. In the reeds, Chestnut-capped Babblers were skulking and Black-browed Reed Warbler climbed out more into the open. The farmed plots further down held fantastic Green Peafowls for us and this area was the place where we found Plain-backed Sparrow – such a nice bird – and some species perching more in the open such as Indochinese Roller and Vinous-breasted Starlings.

The forest covered pass near Di Linh was our next location to bird after leaving Cat Tien. The site used to be the best to find the endemic Orange-breasted Laughingthrush but uncontrolled trapping during the Covid years ended in a tragedy and currently there is not a single known site where the species still occurs. We hope that a ray of light might shine through soon and a new spot will be discovered where the species still thrives in the wild. Our first afternoon birding was very quiet and was luckily interrupted by news from a local that the nearby blind had a Blue Pitta, which we went for immediately. We didn't have to wait too long before a male appeared showing the rusty tint on its breast, characteristic of the local willoughbyi race, in front of us. Next morning started in another hide with another Blue Pitta

and Large Scimitar-Babbler putting up a show for us, White-throated Rock Thrush, Orange-headed Thrush, Blue-and-white Flycatcher also showing well, a female Siberian Thrush being the icing on the cake. While birding on the local trails we saw Alström's Warbler, Long-tailed Broadbill, Red-vented Barbet and the first Vietnamese Greenfinch of the tour. A birding stop before lunch in a more open area surprised us with a Yellow-legged Buttonquail which we flushed near the trail.

The famous Da Lat plateau, home for several local forms and endemic species was the next main birding area on the tour. On our first afternoon we concentrated on the higher open grasslands where we tricked the Dalat Bush Warbler into views and had our first Burmese Shrikes, Blyth's Leaf Warblers and robinsoni race Black-headed Sibilias. In the dark we had fantastic views of Grey and Large-tailed Nightjars and a Hodgson's Frogmouth, which we had failed to see at Di Linh, so it was a nice gripback. The next few days we explored the forests in the area and enjoyed close views of some of the specialties from the local hides in the BiDoup Nui Ba National Park. Amazing close encounters with a small flock of Collared Laughingthrush, Spotted and Slaty-backed Forktails, Grey-bellied Tesia, White-tailed Robin, decorata Large Niltava and noisy Mountain and Black-crowned Fulvetta were enjoyed from hides. Birding in the nearby Ta Nung Valley we found the endemic Grey-crowned Crocias, a surprise Eye-browed Thrush and gems like the local johnsi subspecies of Black-throated Sunbird, sometimes referred as Langbian Sunbird and annamensis Mrs. Gould's Sunbirds. Also, the best views of a feeding White-cheeked Laughingthrush flock were obtained here.

In the pine forests of the area, we worked hard to finally see a noisy group of three Vietnamese Cutias, while the meridionalis race of Red Crossbill, the endemic Vietnamese Greenfinch, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch and Slender-billed Oriole were also found. After successful hide sessions birding on roadsides and along the forests produced margaritae Common Green Magpie (or Yellow-crowned Green Magpie), Black-headed Parrotbill and Dalat Shrike-Babbler (which is now lumped back into White-browed) while listening to a Langbiang Shortwing singing in the background. The canopy was loaded with Barbets from which Indochinese and Necklaced were the special ones we saw in the region. The Tuyam Lam lake near the town has some superb birding and leisure spots where we saw a flock of Little Cormorants and an Osprey.

On the day leaving the area we had a brief stop in a nice valley where Long-tailed and Silver-breasted Broadbills and a beautiful male Asian Fairy-bluebird were highlights. Bar-backed Partridge remained a heard-only.

A long drive to Mang Den was interrupted with a stop at Lak Lake where Cinnamon and Yellow Bitterns were seen on the floating vegetation while the trees on the shore were occupied by Black-collared Starlings, Great Mynas, Vinous-breasted Starling and some of us even saw a few White-shouldered Starlings pass by. Further north another stop in the afternoon was made to see the endemic Annam Prinia, while Yellow-eyed Babbler, Grey-breasted Prinia and a Siberian Rubythroat were nice additions to our list at the same spot. In Mang Den we had nice sunny and warm weather which we did enjoy but it seemed it was not the best to find birds. The activity after the early mornings dropped rapidly, but still we managed to find our number one target here, the Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush. The story of this species is very similar to its Orange-breasted sibling as almost all the known birds were trapped out from this site in the past few years. Despite sometimes struggling to find the birds we still managed to see other great species like Yellow-billed Nuthatch, Rufous-faced Warbler, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Pale Blue Flycatcher, Speckled Piculet, Eastern Crowned Warbler and Pale-footed Bush Warbler while birding on forest trails or just the main road. Black-hooded Laughingthrushes were teasing us many times and the only views we managed of them were a short glimpse as two birds passed the trail in front of us. A group of Austen's Brown Hornbill was a delight to see as we followed them a few hundred meters along the road and Grey-faced Buzzard was giving the best views here on the tour.

On the way to Ngoh Linh a stop at Kontum Dakto wetlands was rewarding us with Wire-tailed Swallow, Indochinese Bushlark, a visible Dusky Warbler and Little Ringed Plovers as one of the few shorebirds of the tour.

Ngoh Linh is a mythical and remote area where the forest has several great species but when climbing the trail, we realized that it also is one of the best and most intact forests we would enter during the whole tour. As with many sites nowadays, birds are fed here and arriving at the dedicated spot we were almost immediately treated with views of Golden-winged Laughingthrush beyond our hopes. While admiring the birds, we recognized a strange relationship between a Golden-winged Laughingthrush and a Red-tailed Laughingthrush as they acted like a pair and finally, we even saw them copulating – not sure it is a good sign for a species with such small distribution and probably low genetic diversity. The site had even more on offer, including the similarly mythical Indochinese Fulvetta and other great species like Rusty-capped Fulvetta, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Snowy-browed and Rufous-gorgeted Flycatchers and friendly Brown-crowned Scimitar Babbler (former Coral-billed) to name a few. A definite highlight was spotting robinsoni Golden-breasted Fulvetta (Annam Golden-breasted Fulvetta) as it moved in the dense bushes in front of us. Trekking further up we found the near-endemic Black-crowned Barwing and we enjoyed nice views of Green-tailed Sunbirds. When heading back a feeding flock had some new birds for us including Green Shrike-babbler which strangely occurs here isolated from its main distribution area, Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, White-

spectacled Warbler and Ashy-throated Warbler. Reaching the road, we birded the area in the afternoon and the next morning to see a distant singing Red-tailed Minla, find Ferruginous Flycatcher and track down a White-winged Magpie after hearing it calling for several frustrating minutes. Before leaving the area a couple Black-crowned Barwing showed well again.

After a longer drive while enjoying the undulating hills and changing landscape we arrived at our next hotel on the seacoast. We had a short time for birding in the garden where Masked Laughingthrush and Grey-capped Greenfinch were rapidly collected. Peter also had a weak Grey-backed Thrush falling into his hand which we released after everyone had a look.

Arriving at Bach Ma early in the morning we did some birding outside the gate finding Pale-legged Leaf Warbler and enjoying the local Asian Palm Swifts. After entering the park, we had a short walk in the lower section's habitat where we found Black-browed Fulvetta and a surprise Banded Kingfisher which we missed in Cat Tien. On the higher elevations the weather was dry and clear which was not ideal for birding here, activity was very low. Next morning's weather was less delightful but much better for birds. From our van we had great views of a Silver Pheasant pair, on the trails we found the black crowned gayeti race of Sultan Tits, Indochinese Green Magpie, Ratchet-tailed Green Magpie, Black-throated Laughingthrush, White-gorgeted Flycatcher and Grey-crowned Bushtit (the local annamensis race of Black-crowned).

Birding in the forests close to Khe Sanh (Sa Mu Pass) and along the Lao border to Phong Nha were the next on our itinerary. We were concentrating on Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush which tricked us and remained heard-only despite our many attempts to see it. Necklaced and Moustached Barbets were seen here, Greyish-crowned Leafbirds (lumped back to Orange-breasted) were seen singing, we enjoyed Blue-bearded Bee-eaters sitting in nice light and we spotted a group of Crested Mynas from the bus. A small stream had White-crowned Forktails and our long-awaited Indochinese Wren-Babbler finally called from a hillside. With careful placement of the speaker and positioning of the group we could call down the bird which was moving in front of us for a few minutes. During our birding in the area, we met Red-shanked Douc Langurs. Several individuals of this beautiful primate were showing well as they moved in the tallest trees.

In Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park's picturesque limestone habitat specialties seen were the localized Limestone Leaf Warbler and the strange Sooty Babbler, both immediately present on our arrival in the area. Before evening we watched Indochinese Black Langurs (Hatinh Langurs) climbing up the limestone cliff to occupy their roosting sites.

Birding early morning, scanning the open forest habitat from above, we saw a pair of nest-building Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrushes, Black-winged Cuckooshrikes and Sultan Tits to name a few. Later on, a surprise pair of Oriental Hobbies were watched as they were doing their courtship. Before lunch, we got ourselves on a pair of Spot-necked Babblers along the road. In the afternoon we spotted a pair of Pin-tailed Green Pigeons above us in the canopy and the rice paddies gave us Black Bittern, Pin-tailed and Common Snipes.

A drive to Cuc Phuong the following day with birding at the Van Long Nature Reserve was on our itinerary. The wetland had good numbers of Asian Openbills in the afternoon. Other birds new to the tour at the wetland were a Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Garganey and White-browed Crake.

In Cuc Phuong we started in the local hide in the morning, which turned out to be a lucky decision as it started raining while we were there and stopped before we got out. From the hide we enjoyed the show put up by Japanese and Black-breasted Thrush while two Rufous-tailed Robins were stealing mealworms and a Tonkin Partridge was skulking in the back, unfortunately not visible for everyone. Birding in the rest of the day was about locating Red-collared Woodpeckers which were quiet that day. We tried once for Eared Pitta and had a bird answering twice, but we had no real chance finding it as it was too far inside the shrubbery. Walking back to have lunch we had the best views of Fork-tailed Sunbird.

Later in the afternoon we tried for the localized Annam Limestone Babbler and saw three birds hanging around and calling in the forest. A singing White-tailed Flycatcher was lured in and a Chinese Blue Flycatcher surprised us on the same spot.

The second morning we started early trying for the Red-collared Woodpecker again and luckily, we found a responsive but very elusive pair which flew in and stayed in cover most of the time before leaving the site. Other birds seen in the park included a Rosy Minivet, Bianchi's Warblers and Rufous-throated Fulvetta. Owling after dinner only resulted in a heard Brown Wood Owl and Mountain Scops Owl coming close but not visible, though we found a roosting Chinese Blackbird and a Rufous-tailed Robin sleeping unexpectedly high in the canopy.

We had our last longer drive to Tam Dao crossing Ha Noi on the way today. Birding in Tam Dao is now limited to a single trail of a thousand steps. We started our exercise on our first afternoon spotting Fujian Niltava and a Red-flanked Bluetail near the trail. Climbing further up Grey Laughingthrush and Common a Green Magpie were teasing us but remained unseen the first try. Ending the day with a

beautiful Chestnut Bulbul singing above us, as we reached the highest point, was pleasing. Next morning in the fresh air we started our track up the stairs. A Grey-backed Thrush was feeding near the trail and not much further up our climb was interrupted by calling Common Green Magpies, which we tried to localize. Eventually it turned out that they were part of a feeding flock and other members started to reveal themselves so we did see a party of Grey Laughingthrushes, Ratchet-tailed Treepies and Common Green Magpies surrounding us, an incredible start of the day. Forcing ourselves to the top we found Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babblers, David's Fulvetta and Golden Babblers, while Grey-crowned and Chestnut-crowned Warbler were spotted on the way down. The weather was unusually hot and dry and we turned back to have lunch, while Peter decided to stay and chase his last lifer on the hill, the Short-tailed Parrotbill. As we returned back, we only had to follow him to the spot he just found a bird, which luckily was still hanging around – a big thanks was the least he deserved from us. On our last evening we gave a last try to the Mountain Scops Owl and with patience we finally managed to see both birds of a pair. On the last morning here, and the last morning of the main tour, we first drove to lower elevations and found Red-billed Blue Magpies, incredible numbers of the pale bellied rhizophorae form of Olive-backed Sunbird and a collurioides Burmese Shrike. When we went back to the stairs, there was a huge flock active along the way. We started harvesting picking out yet another Short-tailed Parrotbill, Sulphur-breasted and Claudia's Leaf Warblers, Grey-throated Babblers and Golden Babblers as a finish of the main tour. We drove back to Hanoi and left the ones behind not joining the extension.

Driving to Sapa is a relatively fast journey thanks to the motorway. No birding was done on the first afternoon as we arrived at our nice hotel in the early evening. The next day we got up to the top of Fansipan Mountain with the new cable car. The ride itself is a magnificent one but as one is looking around from the 'Roof of Indochina' the vast mountain range reveals itself and the breath-taking scenery shocks any visitors. We were treated to beautiful weather on the top, though strong wind was sometimes disturbing and probably was limiting bird activity. Our first birds spotted was a pair of confiding White-browed Fulvetta from the local valentinae race also referred as Tonkin Fulvetta. The trail on the top is not one of the easiest ones but depending on the day can be fruitful. The main target in the higher elevations here is the Bar-winged Wren-Babbler of which we heard several singing far above the trail and got short views of one after luring it closer. We were lucky to find a pair of Black-faced Laughingthrushes displaying and collecting nest material, while a pair of Blue-winged Laughingthrushes were seen crossing a small valley after answering the tape for several minutes. We had a chance to observe a feeding party of Stripe-throated Yuhinas joined by Bar-throated Minla, Grey-crowned Warbler and a surprise Crested Finchbill. White-collared Yuhinas were coming close a few times. Chestnut-headed Tesia was performing for us several times, sometimes coming closer than half a meter.

The second morning of the extension, we rapidly collected White-capped Redstart, Rufous-bellied Niltava at a waterfall and a roadside Manchurian Bush Warbler as a bonus before trekking our way higher on the foothills of Fansipan mountain in search for our main target, the localized and near-endemic Pale-throated Wren-Babbler. Our constant effort finding the species paid off when finally Quang spotted a bird coming closer. It started singing just a few meters from us and we had an incredible sighting of this forest gem. We walked the same trail back which gave us White-browed Bush Robin, Sapphire Flycatcher, Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler, Pygmy Cupwing and Himalayan Cuckoo to name a few of the seen birds. On the way back to lunch a Black-capped Greenfinch was seen from the bus, to whet our appetite. After lunch and a short break, we went back to the same area and tried another trail where after a quiet hour we bumped into a feeding flock which had Clicking and Black-eared Shrike-Babblers, Black-faced Warblers, a Pygmy Flycatcher pair, Chestnut-flanked White-eye and several Leaf Warblers including Ashy-throated and Pallas's. On the way back to the hotel we stopped to check a perched bird near the road which turned out to be a Rosy Pipit, a nice addition to the list.

On our last morning of the tour we had an easy walk in the Ham Rong gardens and were enjoying good birding activity in the morning. Several Chestnut-flanked White-eyes were seen, a pair of Black-throated Sunbird and Small Niltava was hanging around. A bigger feeding flock had Whiskered Yuhina and a Red-billed Leiothrix. The dense vegetation in the top had a small flock of Parrotbills, both Ashy-throated and Vinous-throated were showing well while a Siberian Rubythroat was feeding in the same area. Around the top we managed to lure a Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler into view and a White's Thrush was seen feeding between the flowering plants as one of the last birds of our tour.

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

BIRDS

Garganey *Spatula querquedula*

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata* Non-leader. Seen in a flock of Garganey by a tour participant.

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*

Rufous-throated Partridge *Arborophila rufogularis* Heard-only

Bar-backed Partridge ◊ *Arborophila brunneopectus* Heard-only

Orange-necked Partridge ◊ *Arborophila davidi* Near endemic, three birds seen extremely close near the trail in Cat Tien

Silver Pheasant ◊ *Lophura nycthemera* A pair ssp. *beli* seen in Bach Ma and a surprise male nominate race flushed with the bus in Bach Ma

Siamese Fireback ◊ *Lophura diardi* We stopped the bus to watch them as they were slowly walking back into the forest in Cat Tien

Green Peafowl ◊ *Pavo muticus*

Green-legged Partridge ◊ (Tonkin P, Chestnut-necklaced P) *Tropicoperdix chloropus* Potentially split in the future. The race *cognacqi* seen in Cat Tien, ssp. *merlini* (a.k.a. Annam Partridge) heard-only in Bach Ma and ssp. *tonkinensis* (a.k.a. Tonkin Partridge) seen briefly in Cuc Phuong.

Germain's Peacock-Pheasant ◊ *Polyplectron germaini* A male finally came in front of the hide in Cat Tien

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

Great Eared Nightjar *Lyncornis macrotis*

Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus jotaka*

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*

Hodgson's Frogmouth ◊ *Batrachostomus hodgsoni* Seen near Dalat, after heard-only at Di Linh

Blyth's Frogmouth ◊ *Batrachostomus affinis* Seen in Cat Tien

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris*

Germain's Swiftlet *Aerodramus germani*

Silver-backed Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*

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* Heard-only

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *Clamator coromandus* Seen by a few flying by from the bus in Cat Tien, heard-only for the rest as it answered the tape after stopping

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus*

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculatus*

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides* Heard-only

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx nisicolor*

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus Micropterus* Heard-only

Himalayan Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*

Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia*

Ashy Wood Pigeon ♦ *Columba pulchricollis* Heard-only

Red Collared Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall*

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

Zebra Dove (introduced) *Geopelia striata*

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon *Treron bicinctus*

Ashy-headed Green Pigeon *Treron phayrei*

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

Pin-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron apicauda*

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*

Grey-headed Swamphen *Porphyrio [poliocephalus] viridis*

White-browed Crake *Poliolimnas cinereus*

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus* Heard-only

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Yellow-legged Buttonquail *Turnix tanki* One flushed near Di Linh and watched until it landed

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*

Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*

Little Cormorant *Microcarbo niger*

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Black Bittern *Ixobrychus flavicollis*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* seen by one and heard-only for most of us in Cat Tien

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Great Egret (Eastern G E) *Ardea [alba] modesta*

Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nipalensis*

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis*

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus*

Oriental Bay Owl ♠ *Phodilus badius* Heard-only, a distant bird near Dalat

Brown Boobook (B Boobook) *Ninox scutulata*

Collared Owlet *Taenioptynx brodiei*

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*

Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* After several heard finally a pair seen at Tam Dao on the last night of the main tour

Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia* Heard-only, a very distant bird near Dalat

Collared Scops Owl *Otus lettia*

Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl ♠ *Bubo nipalensis* Our first bird on our first morning in Cat Tien

Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica*

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*

Austen's Brown Hornbill ◊ (Northern Brown H) *Anorrhinus austeni* A small flock seen near Mang Den

Indochinese Roller *Coracias affinis*

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella* A surprise male seen in Bach Ma after heard-only birds in Cat Tien

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* Non-leader

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*

Asian Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

Great Barbet *Psilopogon virens* Heard-only on the extension

Red-vented Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon lagrandieri*

Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineatus* Seen by a few and heard-only for the rest

Green-eared Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon faiostrictus*

Golden-throated Barbet *Psilopogon franklinii* Heard-only in Tam Dao

Necklaced Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon auricularis*

Indochinese Barbet ◊ (Annam B) *Psilopogon annamensis*

Moustached Barbet ◊ *Psilopogon incognitus*

Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon duvaucelii*

Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus*

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*

White-browed Piculet *Sasia ochracea*

Heart-spotted Woodpecker ◊ *Hemicircus canente*

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus canicapillus*

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus*

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis* Heard-only

Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha*

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*

Red-collared Woodpecker ◊ *Picus rabieri* A shy pair seen in Cuc Phuong

Grey-headed Woodpecker (Black-naped W) *Picus canus*

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus*

Pale-headed Woodpecker ◊ *Gecinulus grantia* A pair seen well after several attempts in Cat Tien

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus*

Black-and-buff Woodpecker ◊ *Meiglyptes jugularis* A friendly individual seen in Cat Tien feeding like a hanging parrot

Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens*

Oriental Hobby *Falco severus* A pair seen displaying and mating at Phong Nha – Ke Bang NP

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* Leader-only

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*

Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus*

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus*

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*

Eared Pitta ◊ *Hydrornis phayrei* Heard-only

Rusty-naped Pitta ◊ *Hydrornis oatesi* Heard-only

Blue-rumped Pitta ◊ *Hydrornis soror* Seen in Cat Tien

Blue Pitta ◊ *Hydrornis cyaneus* The local race *willoughbyi* seen near Di Linh

Bar-bellied Pitta *Hydrornis elliotii* Best views in Cat Tien from the hide, but several recorded up until Cuc Phuong

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus*

Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus* One bird seen at Cat Tien headquarters, a tour write-in

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayeii*

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* One seen in Cuc Phuong

Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei*

Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Lalage melaschistos*

Indochinese Cuckooshrike *Lalage polioptera*

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurio* Several ssp. *nigricapillus* seen in Annam and a ssp. *collurio* near Tam Dao

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*

Green Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius xanthochlorus* One (or two) birds seen in a feeding flock on Ngoc Linh Mountain, a write-in to the list. A very interesting, isolated population in the region is far from the nearest Himalayan populations.

Black-eared Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*

White-browed Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus*

Dalat Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius [aeralatus] annamensis* Lumped back into White-browed Shrike-Babbler. A few individuals seen near Dalat

Clicking Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius intermedius*

White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*

Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris*

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* Non-leader

Ashy Drongo (Chinese White-faced D) *Dicrurus leucophaeus* Common in South and Central. Only two wintering *leucogenis* seen in Cat Tien.

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher ◊ *Terpsiphone affinis*

Eurasian Jay ◊ (White-faced J) *Garrulus [glandarius] leucotis*

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythroryncha*

White-winged Magpie ◊ *Urocissa whiteheadi*

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*

Common Green Magpie ◊ (Yellow-crowned G M) *Cissa [chinensis] margaritae* One seen near Dalat

Indochinese Green Magpie ◊ *Cissa hypoleuca*

Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia*

Ratchet-tailed Treepie *Temnurus temnurus* First seen in Bach Ma, then a few put on a show at Tam Dao in a flock.

Large-billed Crow (Southern Jungle C) *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*

Sultan Tit ◊ (Annam S T) *Melanochlora [sultanea] gayeti*

Japanese Tit *Parus minor*

Green-backed Tit ◊ (Langbian T) *Parus [monticolus] legendrei*

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Machlolophus spilonotus*

Indochinese Bush Lark ◊ *Mirafra erythrocephala*

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus*

Puff-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus pallidus*

Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua*

Ashy Bulbul ◊ (Brown-backed B) *Hemixos [flavala] remotus*

Chestnut Bulbul ◊ *Hemixos castanonotus*

Mountain Bulbul (Southern M B) *Ixos mcclllandii*

Black Bulbul (Himalayan B B) *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

Black-headed Bulbul *Brachypodius melanocephalos*

Black-crested Bulbul *Rubigula flaviventris*

Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons* A single bird seen moving with a feeding flock on Fansipan

Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus conradi*

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens*

Brown-breasted Bulbul ◊ *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*

Light-vented Bulbul (Chinese B) *Pycnonotus sinensis*

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

Sooty-headed Bulbul (Southern S-h B) *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Sooty-headed Bulbul (Northern S-h B) *Pycnonotus [aurigaster] latouchei*

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Siberian House Martin *Delichon lagopodium* A write-in, single individuals seen twice in Annam.

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

Scaly-breasted Cupwing (S-b Wren-Babbler) *Pnoepyga albiventer*

Pygmy Cupwing (P Wren-Babbler) *Pnoepyga pusilla*

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*

Rufous-faced Warbler *Abroscopus albogularis*

Black-faced Warbler ◊ *Abroscopus schisticeps*

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus*

Broad-billed Warbler ◊ *Tickellia hodgsoni* A single bird spotted in a feeding flock on the extension.

Manchurian Bush Warbler *Horornis canturians* A roadside bird singing softly above us.

Brown-flanked Bush Warbler *Horornis fortipes*

Aberrant Bush Warbler *Horornis flavolivaceus* Heard-only on the extension

Grey-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer*

Chestnut-headed Tesia *Cettia castaneocoronata* Ridiculously close views of individuals on the extension.

Pale-footed Bush Warbler *Hemitesia pallidipes*

Black-throated Bushtit *Aegithalos concinnus*

Black-throated Bushtit ◊ (Grey-crowned B) *Aegithalos [concinnus] annamensis*

Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Pallas's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus proregulus*

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*

White-spectacled Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus intermedius*

Grey-cheeked Warbler *Phylloscopus poliogenys*

Grey-crowned Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus tephrocephalus*

Bianchi's Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus valentine* A few seen in Cuc Phuong

Alström's Warbler ◊ (Plain-tailed W) *Phylloscopus soror* Two individuals near Di Linh

Two-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*

Pale-legged Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes*

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus castaniceps*

Limestone Leaf Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus calciatilis* Seen in Phong Nha – Ke Bang NP

Sulphur-breasted Warbler *Phylloscopus ricketti*

Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*

Claudia's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus claudiae*

Kloss's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus ogilviegranti*

Davison's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus intensor*

Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

Thick-billed Warbler *Arundinax aedon*

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler (Rusty-rumped W) *Helopsaltes certhiola*

Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata*

Dalat Bush Warbler ◊ (Vietnamese B-w) *Locustella idonea* Seen one well after heard several near Dalat

Zitting Cisticola (Double Z C) *Cisticola [juncidis] tinnabulans* Heard-only

Annam Prinia ◊ *Prinia rocki* Seen in Central Annam.

Hill Prinia *Prinia superciliaris*

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*

Golden-breasted Fulvetta ◊ (Annam G-b F) *Lioparus [chrysotis] robsoni* One of this jewel seen on Ngoc Linh Mountain

Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense*

Indochinese Fulvetta ◊ *Fulvetta danisi* Fantastic views of a few individuals on Ngoc Linh Mountain

White-browed Fulvetta ◊ (Tonkin F) *Fulvetta [vinipectus] valentinae* A friendly species on Fansipan

Grey-headed Parrotbill *Psittiparus gularis* One bird seen nicely near Mang Den

Black-headed Parrotbill ◊ (Black-crowned P) *Psittiparus margaritae* Heard several, seen one very well near Dalat

Short-tailed Parrotbill ♦ *Neosuthora davidiana* The first individual worked out by Peter, the second one next day in a flock seen even better at Tam Dao.

Vinous-throated Parrotbill *Sinosuthora webbiana* Individuals mixing up with Ashy-throated ones in the Hom Rong Gardens

Ashy-throated Parrotbill ♦ *Sinosuthora alphonsiana*

White-collared Yuhina ♦ *Parayuhina diademata* A pair seen on Fansipan

Indochinese Yuhina ♦ (Chestnut-collared Y) *Staphida torqueola* Flocks seen in Bach Ma

Black-chinned Yuhina *Yuhina nigrimenta*

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*

Stripe-throated Yuhina ♦ *Yuhina gularis* Seen in the mist of Ngoc Linh and more in the sunshine on Fansipan

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus*

Warbling White-eye *Zosterops japonicus*

Indian White-eye (Oriental W-e) *Zosterops palpebrosus*

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*

Grey-faced Tit-Babbler ♦ *Mixornis kelleyi* Several parties recorded in Cat Tien

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Mixornis gularis*

Golden Babbler *Cyanoderma chrysaeum*

Rufous-capped Babbler *Cyanoderma ruficeps* Heard-only

Bar-winged Wren-Babbler ♦ *Spelaeornis troglodytoides* Heard several and seen one briefly on Fansipan

Pale-throated Wren-Babbler ♦ *Spelaeornis kinneri* Fantastic views of an individual near Sapa

Brown-crowned Scimitar Babbler ♦ (Coral-billed S B) *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus* Ngoc Linh had small group coming to eat the mealworms.

Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis*

White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*

Large Scimitar Babbler *Erythrogenys hypoleucos*

Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*

Sooty Babbler ♦ *Stachyris herberti* Located and seen as soon as arriving to Phong Nha

Spot-necked Babbler ♦ *Stachyris striolata* Seen roadside birds near Phong Nha

Scaly-crowned Babbler (Indochinese B) *Malacopteron [cinereum] indochinense* A pair seen in Cat Tien

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Schoeniparus castaneiceps*

Black-crowned Fulvetta ♦ *Schoeniparus klossi* Endemic. Four birds seen near Dalat.

Rufous-throated Fulvetta *Schoeniparus rufogularis*

Rusty-capped Fulvetta ♦ *Schoeniparus dubius* Seen well on Ngoc Linh and in the Hom Rong Gardens

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli*

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*

Streaked Wren-Babbler ♦ *Gypsophila brevicaudata* Clear views of birds at Tam Dao

Annam Limestone Babbler ♦ *Gypsophila annamensis* Three birds seen together seen in Cuc Phuong

Short-tailed Scimitar Babbler ♦ (Indochinese Wren-Babbler) *Napothera danjoui* A tricky species this year, finally seen one individual near the Lao border while skulking and singing in the undergrowth

Black-browed Fulvetta ♦ *Alcippe grotei*

David's Fulvetta ♦ *Alcippe davidi*

Mountain Fulvetta ♦ (Annam F) *Alcippe [peracensis] annamensis*

Vietnamese Cutia ♦ *Cutia legalleni* A noisy flock of three birds seen near Dalat after several sites visited to find them

Grey-crowned Crocias ♦ *Laniellus langbianis* Seen a few individuals near Dalat

Scaly Laughingthrush ♦ *Trochalopteron subunicolor* Heard-only on Fansipan

Blue-winged Laughingthrush ♦ *Trochalopteron squamatum* Two birds (probably a pair) seen flying after answering the tape for several minutes on Fansipan. A tour write-in

Black-faced Laughingthrush ♦ *Trochalopteron affine* A displaying and nest-building pair and a confiding individual seen on Fansipan

Red-tailed Laughingthrush ♦ *Trochalopteron milnei* Seen on Ngoc Linh Mountain

Collared Laughingthrush ♦ *Trochalopteron yersini* A flock of five was coming for the mealworms near Dalat

Golden-winged Laughingthrush ♦ *Trochalopteron ngoclinhense* Incredible views of five birds all together on Ngoc Linh

Black-headed Sibia *Heterophasia desgodinsi* the race *tonkinensis* seen near Sapa

Black-headed Sibia ♦ (Brownish-backed S) *Heterophasia [desgodinsi] kingi* Small flocks seen on Ngoc Linh Mountain

Black-headed Sibia ♦ (White-spectacled S) *Heterophasia [desgodinsi] robinsoni* Endemic subspecies, several seen around Dalat

Blue-winged Minla *Actinodura cyanouroptera*

Blue-winged Minla ♦ (Plain M) *Actinodura [cyanouroptera] orientalis*

Bar-throated Minla *Actinodura strigula*

Black-crowned Barwing ♦ *Actinodura sodangorum* Several seen well on Ngoc Linh

Red-billed Leiothrix *Leiothrix lutea* Seen one in the Hom Rong Gardens

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argenteauris*

Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta*

Rufous-backed Sibia ♦ *Leioptila annectens* The *eximia* subspecies was seen near Dalat

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*

Black-hooded Laughingthrush ♦ *Garrulax millet* Heard loud flocks few times, briefly seen only two passing a narrow trail in front of us near Mang Den.

Grey Laughingthrush ◊ *Garrulax maesi* Noisy flock feeding and moving around us at Tam Dao

Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush ◊ *Garrulax castanotis* Heard-only, some scattered glimpses by some of us.

Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush ◊ *Ianthocincla konkakinhensis* Three individuals seen near Mang Den. A very sad story of cage birds behind, currently the last known wild birds in the area are the ones seen by us.

White-cheeked Laughingthrush ◊ *Pterorhinus vassal* Flocks of more than a dozen seen around Dalat

Black-throated Laughingthrush ◊ *Pterorhinus chinensis* Seen a few times in the Central and North

Masked Laughingthrush ◊ *Pterorhinus perspicillatus* Five birds seen at Lang Co

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

Yellow-billed Nuthatch ◊ *Sitta solangiae*

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*

Golden-crested Myna ◊ *Ampeliceps coronatus* Every day seen in Cat Tien, largest flock consisting of 40+ individuals

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

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

Crested Myna ◊ *Acridotheres cristatellus*

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Vinous-breasted Starling ◊ (V-b Myna) *Acridotheres [burmannicus] leucocephalus*

Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis*

White-shouldered Starling ◊ *Sturnia sinensis* Non-leader, flock of three flying by at the Lak Lake

White's Thrush *Zoothera aurea*

Siberian Thrush *Geokichla sibirica* A beautiful female visiting a hide near Di Linh was seen

Orange-headed Thrush *Geokichla citrina*

Chinese Blackbird *Turdus mandarinus*

Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis* Seen few in Cuc Phuong

Japanese Thrush ◊ *Turdus cardis* Few dozen seen in Cuc Phuong

Grey-backed Thrush *Turdus hortulorum* A weak bird caught in Lang Co, another seen in the very early morning in Cuc Phuong

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

Ferruginous Flycatcher *Muscicapa ferruginea*

White-tailed Flycatcher ◊ *Leucoptilon concretum* A male heard singing then lured into our views in Cuc Phuong

White-gorgeted Flycatcher *Anthipes monileger*

Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus* Both the nominate and the distinct *klossi* race seen.

Pale Blue Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis unicolor*

Indochinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis sumatrensis*

Chinese Blue Flycatcher ◊ *Cyornis glaucicomans* A female then the next morning a pair seen in Cuc Phuong

Fujian Niltava ◊ *Niltava davidi* Seen from the stairs at Tam Dao

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara* A pair seen near Sapa, a write-in to this tour's list

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*

Large Niltava ◊ (Dalat N) *Niltava [grandis] decorata*

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoriae*

Blue-and-white Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelana* A male seen stealing a mealworm near Di Linh

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophris* Heard-only

Lesser Shortwing ◊ (Langbian L S) *Brachypteryx [leucophris] langbianensis* Heard-only

Siberian Blue Robin *Larvivora cyane*

Rufous-tailed Robin ◊ *Larvivora sibilans* Cuc Phuong had a few individuals for us, even found one roosting in the canopy during owling.

Siberian Rubythroat *Calliope calliope*

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura*

White-browed Bush Robin *Tarsiger indicus* Seen briefly on the extension

Red-flanked Bluetail *Tarsiger cyanurus*

Little Forktail *Enicurus scouleri* Leader-only, on the extension

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti*

Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus* A pair seen visiting a hide near Dalat

Blue Whistling Thrush (Yellow-billed W T) *Myophonus caeruleus*

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*

Pygmy Flycatcher ◊ *Ficedula hodgsoni* A pair seen in a feeding flock on the extension near Sapa

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophciata*

Sapphire Flycatcher ◊ *Ficedula sapphira* Another extension bird, seen near Sapa

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*

Plumbeous Water Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus*

White-capped Redstart *Phoenicurus leucocephalus*

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

White-throated Rock Thrush *Monticola gularis*

Siberian Stonechat (Tibetan S) *Saxicola [maurus] przewalskii* A male seen on the extension

Amur Stonechat (Stejneger's S) *Saxicola stejnegeri*

Pied Bush Chat (P Bushchat) *Saxicola caprata*

Grey Bush Chat (G Bushchat) *Saxicola ferreus*

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis moluccensis*

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum*

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*

Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*

Olive-backed Sunbird (Ornate S) *Cinnyris jugularis*

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird ◊ (Annam S) *Aethopyga [gouldiae] annamensis* Best views were near Dalat

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis*

Fork-tailed Sunbird ◊ *Aethopyga christinae*

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*

Black-throated Sunbird ◊ (Langbian S) *Aethopyga [saturata] johnsi* Very close views in the Ta Nung Valley near Dalat

Crimson Sunbird (Greater C S) *Aethopyga siparaja*

Purple-naped Sunbird *Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum*

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Plain-backed Sparrow ◊ *Passer flaveolus* A nice male seen in Cat Tien

House Sparrow (introduced) *Passer domesticus*

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

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

White Wagtail (Himalayan W) *Motacilla [alba] alboides*

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

Rosy Pipit *Anthus roseatus* A roadside surprise perched for a few seconds on a treetop at eye-level near Sapa. A tour write-in

Grey-capped Greenfinch (Oriental G) *Chloris sinica*

Vietnamese Greenfinch ♦ *Chloris monguilloti* Single individuals and a pair seen around Dalat

Black-headed Greenfinch ♦ *Chloris ambigua* One male seen near Sapa

Red Crossbill ♦ (Vietnamese C) *Loxia [curvirostra] meridionalis* A mountain top had a few near Dalat

Chestnut-eared Bunting *Emberiza fucata* A single individual seen briefly and in flight was our only bunting for the tour.

MAMMALS

Yellow-throated Marten *Martes flavigula* One seen in Cat Tien

Large-toothed Ferret Badger *Melogale personata* Probably this species seen early morning in Cuc Phuong, slowly crossing the road in front of our bus.

Northern Red Muntjac *Muntiacus vaginalis* Three seen in Cat Tien

Sambar Deer *Rusa unicolor* Four seen in Cat Tien

Northern Smooth-tailed Tree Shrew *Dendrogale murina*

Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belangeri*

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

Rhesus Macaque *Macaca mulatta* Seen near Tam Dao

Red-shanked Douc Langur *Pygathrix nemaeus* Seen in Bach Ma and along the Lao border

Indochinese Black Langur (H Leaf Monkey) *Trachypithecus hatinhensis*

Red-cheeked Gibbon (Yellow-cheeked G) *Nomascus gabriellae* Several noisy ones heard, and a few seen in Cat Tien

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

Indochinese Ground Squirrel *Menetes berdmorei*

Cambodian Striped Squirrel *Tamiops rodolphii*

Brown Rat (introduced) *Rattus norvegicus*