



CLASSIC PHILIPPINES TOUR REPORT 2026

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2026 saw another classic tour through the three larger main islands of the endemic-rich Philippine archipelago. This year, we notched-up around 180 strict endemics (taxonomy-dependent). Highlights amongst this huge total of specialities included such wonderful species as: Palawan Peacock-Pheasant, Yellow-breasted and Black-chinned Fruit Doves, Philippine and Palawan Frogmouths, 14 owls (11 seen), Philippine Eagle, Philippine Trogon, 5 endemic hornbills, 6 endemic kingfishers, 6 endemic woodpeckers, Philippine Falconet, Red-vented Cockatoos at their roost, good views of 5 species of Racket-tail and Mindanao Lorikeets, Blue-naped Parrot, Western Hooded, Azure-breasted and Philippine Pittas, Mountain Shrike, McGregor's Cuckooshrike, 4 endemic fantails, Short-crested Monarch, Blue and Southern Rufous Paradise Flycatchers, Elegant and Palawan Tits, 6 endemic bulbuls, Mindanao Miniature Babbler, four distinct forms of Long-tailed Bush Warbler (seen), Benguet Bush Warbler, 6 endemic tailorbirds, Mindanao Pygmy, Rusty-crowned, and Chestnut-faced Babblers, Striated and Falcated Wren-Babblers, Sulphur-billed Nuthatch, Apo Myna, Coletto, Stripe-headed and Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis, Ashy Thrush, Luzon and Mindanao Island Thrushes, Philippine Jungle, Palawan, Cryptic, Little Slaty and Bundok Flycatchers, Luzon Water Redstart, Philippine and Yellow-throated Leafbirds, 12 endemic flowerpeckers, 13 endemic sunbirds, all 3 endemic Spiderhunters, Cinnamon Ibon, Red-eared Parrotfinch and White-cheeked Bullfinch.

After the group rendezvous in Manila, we headed off for a dawn visit to La Mesa Eco Park. The much wanted Ashy Thrush fortunately popped-up right in front of us on some small palm fruits, and we also enjoyed good views of Grey-backed Tailorbird and a large flock of Lowland White-eyes. Our first Philippine Nightjar was seen quite well, and we also enjoyed our first encounters with the likes of Philippine Pied Fantail, Philippine Bulbul, and Philippine Magpie-Robin.

We continued-on towards Subic Bay, via marshes north of the city. The size of this once huge swamp is now much reduced, and the remnants difficult to access, but one easily accessible area allowed us to all eventually get good views of Philippine Swamphen (a local form that is often split from Purple). After lunch at a restaurant, we continued on to our hotel at Subic.

There was a lot to cram-in to our short time here, as we sought a wide range of Luzon lowland specialities, but it served as a great introduction to the endemic birds of the Philippines. The weather remained fine, enabling us to get: Grey-rumped Swiftlet, Philippine Coucal, Red-crested Malkoha, some jumpy Rufous Coucals, Philippine Green Pigeon, White-eared Brown Dove, Philippine Serpent and Philippine Hawk Eagles, Brown-breasted Kingfisher, lots of Rufous-crowned Bee-eaters, confiding Luzon Hornbills, Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker, Northern Sooty Woodpecker, Luzon Flameback, some great views of Green Racket-tails, Philippine Falconet, Blackish Cuckooshrike, the critically endangered Luzon race of Blue-naped Parrot (which is still quite common here), Guaiabero, Philippine Hanging Parrot, 'Philippine' Black-naped Oriole, Balicassiao, Philippine Jungle Crow, Elegant Tit, the remarkable Coletto, Stripe-headed Rhabdornis, Green-backed Tailorbird, our first fleeting White-browed Shamas, and Red-keeled Flowerpecker. Nightbirding produced good views of both Chocolate and Luzon Boobooks, while Philippine Scops Owls proved tricky to get the group onto. On one evening, a superb Philippine Eagle-Owl performed right on cue close to our hotel.

From Subic Bay, we headed north to the Cordillera Central, with a brief stop for Northern Indigo-banded Kingfisher en route. It kept us waiting on a narrow road bridge for a while, but eventually appeared and gave satisfying views.

Based at Banaue, we had but two full days to explore the wider Mt Polis area of the Cordillera Central. During my previous visit we were restricted by a serious landslide and poor weather, but we had a lot more luck this time. With some hard work and effort, we found a great selection of mostly upland endemics: Ridgetop and Philippine Swiftlets, Scale-feathered Malkoha, surprisingly great views of Montane (or Luzon) Racket-tail, Green-backed Whistler, Blue-headed Fantail, Mountain Shrike, Sulphur-billed Nuthatch, Luzon (or Philippine) Bush Warbler, amazing views of the Luzon form of Long-tailed Bush Warbler, Benguet Bush Warbler, the terribly-named Negros Leaf Warbler, Chestnut-faced Babbler, the Luzon form of Philippine Shortwing (glimpses admittedly), excellent views of the sneaky Luzon Island Thrush (now a full species), the much-wanted Luzon Water Redstart, a very bold pair of Bundok Flycatchers, several scarce and rather attractive Yellow-crowned Flowerpeckers, Luzon Sunbird (a split from Metallic-winged), the local form of Red Crossbill, and a lovely White-cheeked Bullfinch. After sunset, we had a brief view of a roding Bukidnon Woodcock, but our efforts to see Luzon Scops Owl failed, with the only bird that we could get close to, being scared off by a hungry Philippine Eagle-Owl (which in turn showed well!).

Our final port of call on Luzon was Los Banos, at the foot of Mt Makiling, to the south of Manila. We arrived before dawn, after overnighing at a nearby hotel, but our further attempts to get everyone onto a sneaky Philippine Scops Owl failed. After sunrise, Spotted Kingfisher showed really well for everyone, and checking on a site that our local guide Ivan knew about, we ended up getting surprisingly good views of White-browed Shama. Other good birds at Los Banos/Mt Makiling were another Northern Indigo-banded Kingfisher that showed very nicely, Yellow-wattled Bulbul, Striped Flowerpecker (sometimes lumped in Thick-billed), and Purple-throated and Handsome Sunbirds. We returned to Manila for an overnight stay.

Early the next morning we flew to Cagayan de Oro on the north coast of Mindanao. After driving south-east to Dalwangan, we met our local guides and made the relatively short hike up to the famous Del Monte Lodge, on the lower slopes of Mt Kitanglad. The main reason that birders come here of course, is the Philippine Eagle. Fortunately, our guides had done some scouting and, when we arrived up at the viewpoint on our first morning, a bird was already calling loudly on and off. It eventually flew across a hill slope and landed in a tree, where we all got scope views and later, some of us were lucky enough to see it circling in flight. Although the views were distant, it was a great experience to be able to see this Critically Endangered bird. Fortunately, the weather was dry this year and the condition of the tracks and paths was much improved compared to my previous visit. This certainly helped us rack-up a good list of endemics. Between the lodge and eagle viewpoint, we had crazy views of Purple Needletails, Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo, Philippine Cuckoo-Dove, Yellow-breasted Fruit Dove, Crested (local form) and Philippine Honey-Buzzards, Pinsker's Hawk-Eagle, a stunning Giant Scops Owl, a wonderful pair of Blue-capped (or Hombron's) Kingfishers, Buff-spotted Flameback, many good views of Mindanao Rack-tails, McGregor's Cuckooshrike, the lovely Black-and-cinnamon Fantail, Yellow-bellied Whistler, the striking Apo Myna, Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis, Rufous-headed Tailorbird, the distinctive local forms of Long-tailed Bush Warbler and Philippine Shortwing, Brown Tit-Babbler, Olive-capped, Bicoloured, Fire-throated and 'Southern' Buzzing Flowerpeckers, the distinctly odd Cinnamon Ibon, Grey-hooded Sunbird, Naked-faced Spiderhunter (for some), and Red-eared Parrotfinch. A trek by some of us to higher levels brought the desired Apo Sunbird, as well as our first Mindanao Heleias (or White-eyes), and more White-cheeked Bullfinches. Staying until nightfall there, we were able to obtain stunning

views of the tricky Mindanao Scops Owl, and proceeded to find our first Everett's Scops Owl, a slow flyby Eastern Grass Owl, and our first Philippine Frogmouth.

Our next destination was Eden Nature Park & Resort, west of Davao. Our very first afternoon proved fruitful, with a nice Cryptic Flycatcher spotted in a large bamboo clump, and a family of Orange-tufted Spiderhunters with dependent fledged young. Another Giant Scops Owl was amazingly found day-roosting, almost on the ground and, after nightfall, everyone had great views of Everett's Scops Owl.

Early the following morning we drove around to Lake Agco, on the other side of Mt Apo. Our run of good luck with the rare Mindanao Miniature Babbler continued, as we eventually located a small foraging group. Our other main target, Whiskered Flowerpecker, took substantially more effort, but eventually a pair gave up and showed really well. A flock of Philippine Minivets (a split from Scarlet), were also good to see. With our targets under the belt, we headed off to the Tboli region of SW Mindanao.

Arriving in the mountains to the east of Lake Holon by late afternoon, we were soon encountering our first Mindanao Lorikeets, for which this area is now one of the few remaining strongholds. Closer to sunset we enjoyed nice scops views of them clambering around the moss and epiphyte-laden boughs of some lofty trees. We were back up in the hills first thing the following morning, in search of the restricted range Tboli Sunbird (formerly lumped in Apo Sunbird). The sunbirds were easily located, followed by views of the vocally distinct local form of Long-tailed Bush Warbler which may prove to be split-off in future. Buff-spotted Flameback showed better. After lunch nearby, we drove back to our former accommodation at Eden.

Much of the late afternoon and early the following morning was spent searching for Orange-lined Sunbird (the distinctive local form of Purple-throated), and we eventually tracked down a nice pair just before we had to leave! Also of note at Eden were Short-billed Brown Dove (the local form of White-eared), Everett's White-eye, and Grey-throated Flowerpecker (the local form of Orange-bellied).

We left Eden behind, and headed off to the coast beyond Davao. There, we checked various locations for roosting Chinese Crested Terns, unfortunately without success this year. There were plenty of shorebirds however, including a flock of Great Knot and a smart Chinese Egret. We continued on to our hotel near Bislig, on the east coast of Mindanao, arriving in the late afternoon. We had a bit of time to check the marshes and ricefields near town, but could only manage several Watercocks of note.

Early the following morning we began our exploration of the remaining accessible lowland forests in the PICOP area, a former logging concession which is now at the mercy of anyone with chainsaw. With a large jeepney-style truck and a 4 x 4 at our disposal, we were able to access the various old logging roads. There are so many scarce endemics to find here, and so little time. Nevertheless, we managed to find a significant percentage of them, with: Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo, Philippine Spinetail, Pygmy Swiftlet, Black-faced Coucal, Amethyst Brown Dove, Pink-bellied Imperial Pigeon, Philippine Honey Buzzard, 'Southern' Rufous (leader-only), Writhed and Mindanao Hornbills, Southern Silvery Kingfisher, Philippine Trogon, Rufous-lored (or Winchell's Kingfisher), great looks at a male Blue-crowned Racket-tail near its nest-hole, good views of the stunning Azure-breasted as well as Philippine Pitta, Black-bibbed Cicadabird, Mindanao Blue Fantail, the elusive Short-crested Monarch, 'Southern' Rufous Paradise Flycatcher, Philippine Oriole, Short-tailed (or Mindanao) Drongo, Yellowish Bulbul, skulking Rufous-fronted and Black-headed Tailorbirds (the latter showing surprisingly well), Philippine Leaf Warbler, Striated Wren-Babbler, Mindanao Pygmy and Rusty-crowned Babblers, Philippine Jungle Flycatcher, an obliging male Little Slaty Flycatcher, Philippine Leafbird, Olive-backed Flowerpecker, and Grey-throated, Mindanao (or Metallic-winged), Handsome and Purple-throated Sunbirds. Several Mindanao Bleeding-hearts were heard but remained elusive. A couple of evening visits to the fields and marshes near Bislig produced several Philippine Ducks in flight in the late afternoon, and Middendorff's Grasshopper Warblers. Nightbirding forays brought great views of Philippine Frogmouth and Mindanao Boobook, as well as Philippine Nightjar.

Our final port-of-call on Mindanao was a montane area close to Mt Tagabud, in the south-east. The main draw here is the very localized Lina's Sunbird, which is easily found within a relatively small area. Apart from this little gem, we also enjoyed great views of Mindanao Island Thrush and, after dusk, another view of Bukidnon Woodcock. We also had good looks at another vocally distinct form of Long-tailed Bush Warbler, the local form of McGregor's Cuckooshrike, and we had our best views of Mindanao Heleia. Two further vocal specialities, Mindanao Brown Dove and Bagobo Babbler unfortunately remained out of reach.

Driving back to Davao, we flew direct to Puerto Princesa on Palawan. We had three days to find all the available endemics on this linear finger of an island. Palawan Peacock-Pheasant was understandably high on the want-list for many of us and, this year, we were not to be disappointed as a new hide and feeding spot had been set-up since our previous visit, allowing us to get marvelous views of a surprisingly timid, but stunning male. There followed another very pleasant surprise, when the usually tricky Falcated Wren-Babbler was attracted to

a water bowl in front of a small blind, where it sat down to soak-up some rays, and fluffed out its amazing plumes. Visiting a couple more hides, we enjoyed wonderful views of Western Hooded and Philippine Pittas, Palawan (or Grey-throated) Bulbul, Ashy-headed Babbler, White-vented Shama, and Philippine Blue and Palawan Flycatchers. The critically endangered Red-vented (or Philippine) Cockatoo was no longer reliably seeable at a roosting spot in Puerto Princesa, so we drove south-west for a couple of hours to Narra, opposite Rasa Island, the main hotspot for the species. Here we scoped distant perched-up birds on the island and later, a number came in to roost in coconuts above our heads. The remainder of our targets were tracked-down in the lowland forests to the west and south-west of Puerto Princesa: Palawan Swiftlet (often lumped in Ameline), the local and apparently undescribed form of Philippine Cuckoo-Dove, Black-chinned Fruit Dove, Palawan Hornbill, Spot-throated and the wonderful Red-headed Flameback, perched Blue-headed Racket-tails, Blue Paradise Flycatcher, Palawan Drongo, Sulphur-bellied and Ashy-fronted Bulbuls, Palawan Tit, Palawan Crow, Melodious Babbler, Palawan (or Pin-striped) Tit-Babbler, Palawan Fairy-bluebird, Yellow-throated Leafbird, Palawan Flowerpecker, Palawan and Lovely Sunbirds, and Pale Spiderhunter. The two endemic nightbirds, Palawan Frogmouth and Palawan Scops Owl were both seen well, as was a confiding Mantanani Scops Owl on a small offshore island, and a superb Spotted Wood Owl. In some mangroves, we found Philippine (or Mangrove) Blue Flycatcher, and several Copper-throated Sunbirds.

After a final morning birding on Palawan, we all flew back to Manila, before an overnight stay and our onward flights. It had been a great tour with plenty of memorable highlights. Special thanks go to our local guide Ivan Sarenas for his valuable company throughout.

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED

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 AviList v2025 (AviList Core Team. 2025. AviList: The Global Avian Checklist, v2025). AviList was first published in June 2025, and is a global checklist which brings together the taxonomies of the eBird (Clements taxonomy), IOC, and Birdlife International checklists, and will ultimately replace those checklists. The AviList Global Avian Checklist is available at www.avilist.org. Where the subspecies seen is/are known, these are often given in parentheses, usually at the end of the species comment.

BIRDS

Garganey *Spatula querquedula*

Philippine Duck ◊ *Anas luzonica* Endemic. Five in flight at dusk near Bislig.

Palawan Peacock-Pheasant ◊ *Polyplectron napoleonis* Endemic. Superb male at hide. Surprisingly nervy.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Rufous Coucal ◊ *Centropus unirufus* Endemic. Nine logged for Subic, quite tricky to get onto, but seen very well.

Black-faced Coucal ◊ *Centropus melanops* Endemic. Some nice sightings at PICOP, where quite common.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

Philippine Coucal ◊ *Centropus viridis* Endemic. Widespread (nominate).

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* One seen well on Palawan.

Scale-feathered Malkoha ◊ *Dasylophus cumingi* Endemic. Three seen in all.

Rough-crested Malkoha ◊ (Red-c M) *Dasylophus superciliosus* Endemic. Just one at Subic Bay (nominate).

Asian Koel (Western K, Common K) *Eudynamys scolopaceus*

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* Heard-only.

Sunda Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis*

Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo ♦ *Surniculus velutinus* Endemic. A couple seen well at PICOP (nominate).

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* Several heard on Palawan, and a couple seen.

Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo ♦ *Hierococcyx pectoralis* Descent flight views of one at Mt Kitanglad.

Philippine Cuckoo-Dove ♦ *Macropygia tenuirostris* Endemic. Mindanao (nominate), Palawan (undescribed form?).

Spotted Dove (Eastern S D) *Spilopelia [chinensis] chinensis*

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

Rock Dove (introduced) *Columba livia*

Common Emerald Dove (Grey-capped E D) *Chalcophaps indica*

Pink-necked Green Pigeon *Treron vernans*

Philippine Green Pigeon ♦ *Treron axillaris* Endemic. Good numbers at Subic Bay (*axillaris*) and PICOP (*canescens*).

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

White-eared Brown Dove ♦ *Phapitreron [leucotis] leucotis* Endemic. Fair numbers seen and heard on Luzon.

White-eared Brown Dove ♦ (Short-billed B D) *Phapitreron [leucotis] brevirostris* Endemic. Common Mindanao.

Amethyst Brown Dove ♦ *Phapitreron amethystinus* Endemic. One seen well on Mindanao; others heard (nominate).

Mindanao Brown Dove ♦ (Dark-eared B D) *Phapitreron brunneiceps* Heard-only. Endemic. 3 out of reach at Tagabud.

Mindanao Bleeding-heart ♦ *Gallucolumba crinigera* Endemic. Heard-only. Three at PICOP. No luck.

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*

Pink-bellied Imperial Pigeon ♦ *Ducula poliocephala* Endemic. A couple seen at PICOP, but hard work. Others heard.

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea* Widespread. Nominate race, but *palawanensis* on Palawan.

Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor* A random individual en route to Subic Bay.

Yellow-breasted Fruit Dove ♦ *Ramphiculus occipitalis* Endemic. Small numbers seen well on Mindanao.

Black-chinned Fruit Dove ♦ *Ramphiculus leclancheri* Several seen on Palawan (*gironieri*).

Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis*

Barred Rail *Gallirallus torquata*

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Eurasian Coot (Common C) *Fulica atra*

Purple Swamphen ♦ (Philippine S) *Porphyrio [porphyrio] pulverulentus* Endemic. A few in marshes north of Manila.

White-browed Crane *Poliolimnas cinereus*

Watercock *Gallix cinerea*

Plain Bush-hen ♦ (Philippine B-h) *Amaurornis olivacea* Endemic. Several seen on Mindanao; many heard.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* Flock of 200 en route on Luzon.

Pied Stilt *Himantopus leucocephalus* Two presumed this species on Mindanao.

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

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*

Siberian Sand Plover (Mongolian P) *Anarhynchus mongolus*

Greater Sand Plover *Anarhynchus leschenaultii*

Eurasian Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

Bukidnon Woodcock ♦ *Scolopax bukidnonensis* Endemic. Only heard at Kitanglad. Seen Mt Polis and Tagabud

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* Non-leader.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes*

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris* Around 15 on Panabo mudflats, Mindanao.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons* Non-leader.

Gull-billed Tern (Common G-b T) *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*

Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Chinese Egret ♦ *Egretta eulophotes* One on the Panabo mudflats, Mindanao.

Pacific Reef Heron (Pacific R E) *Egretta sacra*

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Nankeen Night Heron (Rufous N H) *Nycticorax caledonicus* Single at Buenavista Boardwalk, Palawan.

Little Heron *Butorides atricapilla*

Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa*

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

Medium Egret *Ardea intermedia*

Eastern Cattle Egret *Ardea coromanda*

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Great Eared Nightjar *Lyncornis macrotis*

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*

Philippine Nightjar ♦ *Caprimulgus manillensis* Endemic. Sightings on Luzon & Mindanao. Nest with 2 eggs PICOP.

Philippine Frogmouth ♦ *Batrachostomus septimus* Endemic. Two sightings on Mindanao (nominate).

Palawan Frogmouth ♦ *Batrachostomus chaseni* Endemic. Superb views of one near Puerto Princesa.

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata*

Purple Needletail ♦ *Hirundapus celebensis* Some great sightings on Mindanao this year.

Philippine Spinetail ♦ *Mearnsia picina* Endemic. We enjoyed small numbers at PICOP.

Pygmy Swiftlet ♦ *Collocalia troglodytes* Endemic. Occasional in lowland areas on Mindanao and Palawan.

Grey-rumped Swiftlet ♦ (Philippine Glossy S) *Collocalia marginata* Endemic. Common in lowland Luzon.

Ridgetop Swiftlet ♦ *Collocalia isonota* Endemic. Common where we travelled in montane Luzon and Mindanao.

Philippine Swiftlet ♦ *Aerodramus mearnsi* Endemic. Small numbers in montane areas of Luzon and Mindanao.

Ameline Swiftlet ♦ (Grey S) *Aerodramus [amelis] amelis* Endemic. Just one on Mindanao.

Ameline Swiftlet ♦ (Palawan S) *Aerodramus [amelis] palawanensis* Endemic. Common on Palawan.

Eastern Grass Owl ♦ (Australasian G O) *Tyto longimembris* One at Mt Kitanglad (*amauronota*).

Brown Boobook *Ninox scutulata* Heard-only. Palawan.

Chocolate Boobook ♦ *Ninox randi* Endemic. Two showed well enough at Subic Bay. Others heard.

Luzon Boobook ♦ (Philippine B) *Ninox philippensis* Endemic. Performed nicely at Subic. Many heard here & Makiling.

Mindanao Boobook ♦ *Ninox spilocephala* Endemic. Great views of one near PICOP; others heard.

Giant Scops Owl ♦ *Otus gurneyi* Endemic. Stunning views at Mt Kitanglad. Day-roosting bird at Eden. Heard at PICOP.

Palawan Scops Owl ♦ *Otus fuliginosus* Endemic. Good views of one along Napsan Rd, Palawan.

Philippine Scops Owl ♦ (Luzon Lowland S O) *Otus megalotis* Endemic. Tricky this year.

Everett's Scops Owl ♦ (Mindanao Lowland S O) *Otus everetti* Endemic. Great views at Kitanglad and Eden.

Mantanani Scops Owl ♦ *Otus mantananensis* Right on queue on a small island in Puerto Princesa Bay.

Mindanao Scops Owl ♦ (M Highland S O) *Otus mirus* Endemic. Superb close views of one at Kitanglad.

Luzon Scops Owl ♦ (L Highland S O) *Otus longicornis* Heard-only. Endemic. Afraid of the big, bad eagle-owl at Banaue.

Philippine Eagle-Owl ♦ *Ketupa philippensis* Endemic. Seen well at Subic Bay and near Banaue.

Spotted Wood Owl ♦ *Strix seloputo* Superb views of one at dusk near Puerto Princesa (*wiepkeni*).

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Crested Honey Buzzard (Indomalayan H B) *Pernis [p.] ptilorhynchus* Three noted on Mindanao (*philippensis*), and one on Palawan (*palawanensis*).

Philippine Honey Buzzard ♦ *Pernis steerei* Endemic. A cryptic species – identified at Kitanglad and PICOP (nominate).

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Philippine Serpent Eagle ♦ *Spilornis holospilus* Endemic. Several good sightings.

Philippine Eagle ♦ (Monkey-eating E) *Pithecophaga jefferyi* Endemic. Just a single, vocal bird this year, perched and in flight, at Mt Kitanglad.

Pinsker's Hawk-Eagle ♦ (South Philippine H-E) *Nisaetus pinskeri* Endemic. Only recorded at Mt. Kitanglad.

Philippine Hawk-Eagle ♦ (Luzon H-E, North P H-E) *Nisaetus philippensis* Endemic. A single, vocal individual at Subic.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* A dark morph bird was seen on Palawan.

Crested Goshawk *Lophospiza trivirgatus* One on Mindanao (*extimus*), and two on Palawan (*palawanus*).

Besra *Tachyspiza virgata* Non-leader.

Chinese Sparrowhawk *Tachyspiza soloensis* One at Subic and four moving together on Palawan.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* Non-leader.

Grey-faced Buzzard ♦ *Butastur indicus* Small numbers on the move throughout.

Philippine Trogon ♦ *Harpactes ardens* Endemic. At least ten on Mindanao (nominate).

Rufous Hornbill ♦ (Southern R H) *Buceros [hydrocorax] mindanensis* Endemic. Elusive at PICOP. Leader-only.

Palawan Hornbill ♦ *Anthracoceros marchei* Endemic. Just three logged, but seen well.

Writhed Hornbill ♦ *Rhabdotorrhinus leucocephalus* Endemic. Six seen well and scoped at PICOP.

Luzon Hornbill ♦ *Penelopides manillae* Endemic. Widespread small numbers on Luzon.

Mindanao Hornbill ♦ *Penelopides affinis* Endemic. 19 logged on Mindanao this year.

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

Rufous-crowned Bee-eater ♦ *Merops americanus* Endemic. Good numbers at Subic Bay, one of its breeding areas.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting* A nice surprise from a hide on Palawan.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Indigo-banded Kingfisher ◊ (Northern I-b K) *Ceyx [cyanopectus] cyanopectus* Endemic. 1 Banaue; 1 Makiling.

Southern Silvery Kingfisher ◊ *Ceyx argentatus* Endemic. This beauty was scoped near PICOP.

Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx rufidorsa* One fleetingly on Palawan (*motleyi*).

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis* Several on Palawan (*gouldi*).

Brown-breasted Kingfisher ◊ (White-throated K) *Halcyon gularis* Endemic. Widespread.

Spotted Wood Kingfisher ◊ (Luzon S W K) *Actenoides [lindsayi] lindsayi* Endemic. Seen nicely Makiling; heard Subic.

Blue-capped Kingfisher ◊ (Hombron's K) *Actenoides hombroni* Endemic. Fine views of pair Kitanglad. Heard Tagabud.

Rufous-lored Kingfisher ◊ (Winchell's K) *Todiramphus winchelli* Endemic. 2 seen near PICOP.

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* Widespread (*collaris*).

Coppersmith Barbet *Ptilopogon haemacephalus* Widespread on Luzon (n nominate) and Mindanao (*mindanensis*).

Spot-throated Flameback ◊ *Dinopium everetti* Endemic. 3-5 along the Napsan Road, Palawan.

Northern Sooty Woodpecker ◊ *Mulleripicus funebris* Endemic. Two seen well at Subic.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* Six logged on Palawan (n nominate).

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis* Seen Luzon (*confusus*), Mindanao (*mutilunatus*), and Palawan (*hargitti*).

Luzon Flameback ◊ *Chrysocolaptes haematribon* Endemic. Seven across three sites on Luzon.

Buff-spotted Flameback ◊ *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* Endemic. Several sightings on Mindanao.

Red-headed Flameback ◊ *Chrysocolaptes erythrocephalus* Endemic. A smart male on Palawan.

Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker ◊ *Yungipicus maculatus* Endemic. Luzon (*validirostris*), and Mindanao (*fulvifasciatus*).

Philippine Falconet ◊ *Microhierax erythrogenys* Endemic. Eight logged; nominate in north, *meridionalis* in south.

Red-vented Cockatoo ◊ (Philippine C) *Cacatua haematuropygia* Endemic. Around 25 were seen at Narra and Rasa Island, Palawan, including a good number coming to roost in coastal coconuts above our heads.

Mindanao Racket-tail ◊ *Prioniturus waterstradti* Endemic. 12 logged at Kitanglad (*malindangensis*); seen well.

Montane Racket-tail ◊ (Luzon R) *Prioniturus montanus* Endemic. 5 in flight at Mt Polis, with a couple passing close by.

Blue-headed Racket-tail ◊ (Palawan R-t) *Prioniturus platanae* Endemic. c.20 on Palawan, and some lovely views.

Green Racket-tail ◊ *Prioniturus luconensis* Endemic. Eight logged at Subic Bay, and seen well perched and in flight.

Blue-crowned Racket-tail ◊ *Prioniturus discurus* Endemic. A very nice perched male near PICOP (n nominate).

Blue-naped Parrot ◊ *Tanygnathus lucionensis* Mercifully quite common still at Subic Bay, Luzon (n nominate) and on Palawan (*salvadorii*).

Guaiabero ◊ *Bolbopsittacus lunulatus* Endemic. Smallish numbers. Subic & Makiling (n nominate), PICOP (*mindanensis*).

Philippine Hanging Parrot ◊ (Colasisi) *Loriculus philippensis* Endemic. Common and widespread on Luzon (n nominate), and on Mindanao (*apicalis*).

Mindanao Lorikeet ◊ *Trichoglossus johnstoniae* Endemic. Around 25 seen near Lake Holon, SW Mindanao. Nice views.

Philippine Pitta ♦ *Erythropitta erythrogaster* One seen on Mindanao and two on Palawan.

Western Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida* Two at Palawan hides (*palawanensis*); others heard, including on Luzon (nominate).

Azure-breasted Pitta ♦ (Steere's P) *Pitta steerii* Endemic. Excellent views of one at PICOP (nominate). Thanks to Zaldo.

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea* A few on Luzon (*simplex*).

Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus* Five briefly on Palawan (nominate).

Scarlet Minivet ♦ (Philippine M) *P. [flammeus] leytenis* Endemic. A few L. Agco & L. Holon (*nigroluteus*).

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina striata* Luzon (nominate) and Palawan (*dificilis*).

McGregor's Cuckooshrike ♦ *Malindangia mcgregori* Endemic. 5 at Kitanglad; 2 (potentially undescribed) form Tagabud.

Black-and-white Triller (Southern B-a-w T) *Lalage [melanoleuca] minor* Non-leader. PICOP.

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*

Blackish Cuckooshrike ♦ *Edolisoma coerulescens* Endemic. Six at Subic (nominate).

Black-bibbed Cicadabird ♦ *Edolisoma mindanense* Endemic. Four in a fig tree at PICOP (*mindanense*).

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorynchus*

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

Ventriloquial Oriole ♦ *Oriolus consobrinus* Several seen on Palawan, but quite tricky.

Philippine Oriole ♦ *Oriolus steerii* Endemic. A smart pair at PICOP (*samarensis*).

Black-naped Oriole (Philippine B-n O) ♦ *Oriolus chinensis* Endemic. Luzon & Palawan (nominate); Mindanao (*yamamurae*).

Yellow-bellied Whistler ♦ *Pachycephala philippinensis* Endemic. Frequently seen on Mindanao (*apoensis*).

Green-backed Whistler ♦ *Pachycephala albiventris* Endemic. 15+ in Mt Polis mixed-species flocks (nominate).

Black-and-cinnamon Fantail ♦ *Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea* Endemic. Frequent in montane Mindanao (*hutchinsoni*).

Mindanao Blue Fantail ♦ *Rhipidura superciliaris* Endemic. 15 logged on Mindanao (*apo*).

Blue-headed Fantail ♦ *Rhipidura cyaniceps* Endemic. 19+ in the Mt Polis area (*pinicola*).

Philippine Pied Fantail ♦ *Rhipidura nigritorquis* Endemic. Small numbers throughout.

Palawan Drongo ♦ *Dicrurus palawanensis* Endemic. A handful seen (nominate).

Short-tailed Drongo ♦ (Mindanao D) *Dicrurus striatus* Endemic. Small numbers on Mindanao.

Balicassiao ♦ *Dicrurus balicassius* Endemic. Small numbers on Luzon (nominate).

Ashy Drongo (Sooty D) ♦ *Dicrurus [l.] leucophaeus* Nine logged on Palawan.

Celestial Monarch ♦ *Hypothymis coelestis* Endemic. Heard-only. Briefly at PICOP (nominate).

Short-crested Monarch ♦ *Hypothymis helena* Endemic. Seen fleetingly twice at PICOP (*agusanae*).

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* Scattered in lowland Mindanao and Palawan (nominate).

Rufous Paradise Flycatcher ♦ (Southern R P F) *Terpsiphone [cinnamomea] cinnamomea* 7 at PICOP (*cinnamomea*).

Blue Paradise Flycatcher ◊ *Terpsiphone cyanescens* Endemic. Seen easily this year on Palawan (six).

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach* A few noted on Luzon and Mindanao (*nasutus*).

Brown Shrike (Northern B S) *Lanius [cristatus] cristatus* Small numbers identified on Luzon.

Brown Shrike (Philippine B S) ◊ *Lanius [cristatus] lucionensis* Widespread.

Mountain Shrike ◊ *Lanius validirostris* Endemic. One seen well at Mt Polis (nominate).

Philippine Jungle Crow *Corvus philippinus* Endemic. Widespread on Luzon and Mindanao.

Palawan Crow ◊ *Corvus pusillus* Endemic. This curious species was common enough on Palawan.

Citrine Canary-flycatcher ◊ *Culicicapa helianthea* Two Mt Polis (*septentrionalis*), and two Lake Holon (*panayensis*).

Palawan Tit ◊ *Pardaliparus amabilis* Endemic. Two nice pairs on Palawan.

Elegant Tit ◊ *Pardaliparus elegans* Endemic. Widespread. SW (*gilliardi*), EC (nominate), N (*montigenus*) Luzon; Mindanao (*mindanensis*).

Mindanao Miniature Babbler ◊ *Micromacronus sordidus* Endemic. Nice close views of a group of three at Lake Agco.

Rufous-fronted Tailorbird ◊ *Orthotomus frontalis* Endemic. Common at PICOP (nominate); two Tagabud.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus* Common on Palawan (nominate).

Grey-backed Tailorbird ◊ *Orthotomus derbianus* Endemic. A handful at La Mesa Ecopark (nominate).

Green-backed Tailorbird ◊ (Trilling T) *Orthotomus chloronotus* Endemic. Small numbers seen in lowland Luzon.

Black-headed Tailorbird ◊ (White-browed T) *Orthotomus nigriceps* Endemic. Skulker seen several times at PICOP.

Clamorous Reed Warbler (Australasian R W) *Acrocephalus [stentoreus] australis* N of Manila & E Mindanao (*harterti*).

Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler ◊ *Helopsaltes ochotensis* A few in fields and marshes near Bislig.

Long-tailed Bush Warbler ◊ (L-t Grasshopper W) *Locustella [caudata] caudata* Endemic. Seen well at Mt Polis.

Long-tailed Bush Warbler ◊ (Mindanao Grasshopper W) *L. [c.] unicolor* Endemic. Seen well at Kitanglad. Two more potentially distinct forms were seen at Lake Holon and Tagabud respectively. Time will tell.

Benguet Bush Warbler ◊ (B Grasshopper W) *L. seebohmi* Endemic. One showed quite well at Mt Polis. Another heard.

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris* Widespread sightings (*forbesi*).

Tawny Grassbird ◊ (Philippine T G) *Cincloramphus [timoriensis] tweeddalei* Montane Luzon (nominate) and Mindanao (*crex*). Occasionally seen.

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Eastern Red-rumped Swallow (Striated S) *Cecropis [daurica] striolata*

Rufous-headed Tailorbird ◊ *Phyllergates heterolaemus* Endemic. Several showed really well in montane Mindanao.

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus* One seen and others heard Mt Polis (*philippinus*).

Philippine Bush Warbler ◊ (Luzon B W) *Horornis seebohmi* Endemic. Common at Mt Polis.

Philippine Leaf Warbler ◊ *Phylloscopus olivaceus* Endemic. Eight logged at PICOP.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* Small numbers on Luzon and Mindanao.

Kamchatka Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus examinandus* Heard-only. Luzon and Palawan.

Negros Leaf Warbler ◊ (Philippine Mountain W) *Phylloscopus nigrorum* Endemic. Mt Polis (*benguensis*); Mt Kitanglad (*flavostriatus*); Lake Agco and Tagabud (*mindanensis*); Lake Holon (undescribed form).

Yellow-wattled Bulbul ◊ *Poliolophus urostictus* Endemic. Three Makiling (nominate), and ten at PICOP (*philippensis*).

Black-headed Bulbul *Brachypodius melanocephalos* Four on Palawan (nominate).

Ashy-fronted Bulbul ◊ *Pycnonotus cinereifrons* Endemic. Small numbers at the forest edge on Palawan.

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier* Widespread. Luzon (nominate); Mindanao (*suluensis*).

Palawan Bulbul ◊ (Grey-throated B) *Alophoixus frater* Endemic. Several good sightings.

Sulphur-bellied Bulbul ◊ *Iole palawanensis* Endemic. Uncommon but several seen well on Palawan.

Philippine Bulbul ◊ *Hypsipetes philippinus* Endemic. Common on Luzon (nominate) and Mindanao (*saturator*).

Yellowish Bulbul ◊ *Hypsipetes everetti* Endemic. Small numbers on Mindanao (nominate).

Mindanao Pygmy Babbler ◊ *Dasycrotapha plateni* Endemic. 3 showed well in mixed-species feeding flocks at PICOP.

Rusty-crowned Babbler ◊ *Sterrhoptilus capitalis* Endemic. Ditto (*euroaustralis*).

Chestnut-faced Babbler ◊ *Zosterornis whiteheadi* Endemic. Common in the Mt Polis area (nominate); 34 logged.

Mindanao Heleia ◊ (M White-eye) *Heleia goodfellowi* Endemic. Seen well Mt Kitanglad and Tagabud (nominate).

Warbling White-eye (Mountain W-e) *Zosterops japonicus* Mt Polis (*whiteheadi*); Mt Kitanglad (*diuatae*), Lake Agco, Lake Holon and Tagabud (*vulcani*).

Lowland White-eye ◊ *Zosterops meyeri* 30 at La Mesa Ecopark (nominate).

Everett's White-eye ◊ *Zosterops everetti* Seen well on Mindanao (*basilanicus*).

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler ◊ (Palawan T-B) *Mixornis [gularis] woodi* This likely split was common on Palawan.

Brown Tit-Babbler ◊ (Stripe-headed T-b) *Macronus [striaticeps] striaticeps* Endemic. Widespread and regularly recorded on Mindanao (*mindanensis*). Dependant fledged young at PICOP.

Melodious Babbler ◊ *Malacopteron palawanense* Endemic. One performed at Napsan Road. Palawan.

Ashy-headed Babbler ◊ *Pellorneum cinereiceps* Endemic. Several seen from hides on Palawan.

Striated Wren-Babbler ◊ *Ptilocichla mindanensis* Endemic. A handful at PICOP (nominate); seen quite well.

Falcatid Wren-Babbler ◊ *Ptilocichla falcata* Endemic. Crippling views of one on Palawan. Another fleetingly.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* Heard-only. A couple on Palawan (*palawana*).

Sulphur-billed Nuthatch ◊ *Sitta oenochlamys* Endemic. Frequent montane Luzon (*mesoleuca*) and Mindanao (*apo*).

Stripe-headed Rhabdornis ◊ *Rhabdornis mystacalis* Endemic. A few in lowland Luzon (nominate) and PICOP (*minor*).

Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis ◊ *Rhabdornis inornatus* Endemic. A handful Mt Kitanglad and Lake Holon (*alaris*).

Apo Myna ◊ *Goodfellowia miranda* Endemic. 16 of these highly distinctive mynas logged on Mt Kitanglad.

Coledo ◊ *Sarcops calvus* Endemic. Many sightings on Luzon (nominate) and Mindanao (*melanonotus*).

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* Seven noted on Palawan (*palawanensis*).

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

Short-tailed Starling ◇ *Aplonis minor* Small numbers at Mt Kitanglad and Tagabud (*todayensis*).

Crested Myna (introduced) *Acridotheres cristatellus*

Ashy Thrush ◇ *Geokichla cinerea* Endemic. Close views of one at La Mesa Ecopark; feeding on palm fruit.

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* 15 in flocks at Kitanglad.

Luzon Island Thrush ◇ *Turdus thomassoni* Endemic. Five at Mt Polis, with great perched views of one.

Mindanao Island Thrush ◇ *Turdus nigrorum* Eight or so seen well at Tagabud. Mindanao (*kelleri*).

Philippine Magpie-Robin ◇ *Copsychus mindanensis* Endemic. Nine logged on Luzon and Mindanao.

White-browed Shama ◇ *C. luzoniensis* Endemic. This terrible sneak was eventually seen well at Makiling.

White-vented Shama ◇ *Copsychus niger* Endemic. Several seen well on Palawan.

Grey-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa griseisticta*

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica* One at Lake Holon (photo-documented by Ivan)

Turquoise Flycatcher ◇ *Eumyias panayensis* Regular sightings montane Luzon (*nigrimentalis*) and Mindanao (*nigriloris*).

Palawan Blue Flycatcher ◇ *Cyornis lemprieri* Endemic. Several seen, especially a male coming to food.

Mangrove Blue Flycatcher ◇ (Philippine B F) *Cyornis [rufigastra] simplex* Endemic. A male performed on Palawan.

Philippine Jungle Flycatcher ◇ (Rufous-tailed J F) *Cyornis ruficauda* Endemic. Three seen well at PICOP.

Bagobo Babbler ◇ *Leonardina woodi* Heard-only. Endemic. Three singing loudly at Tagabud, but out of reach.

Philippine Shortwing ◇ (Luzon S) *Brachypteryx [poliogyne] poliogyne* Endemic. A number in Mt Polis area (nominate).

Philippine Shortwing ◇ (Mindanao S, Mount Apo S) *B. [poliogyne] mindanensis* Endemic. Great views at Mt Kitanglad.

Mugimaki Flycatcher ◇ *Ficedula mugimaki* Small numbers in montane Mindanao.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* Montane Luzon (*rabori*), and Mindanao (nominate).

Palawan Flycatcher ◇ *Ficedula platanae* Endemic. Two at Irawan Eco Park, with nice views.

Little Slaty Flycatcher ◇ *Ficedula basilanica* Endemic. A smart male showed really well at PICOP. A real bonus.

Cryptic Flycatcher ◇ *Ficedula crypta* Endemic. Excellent walk-away views at Eden Nature Park & Resort.

Bundok Flycatcher ◇ (Thicket F) *Ficedula luzoniensis* Endemic. A pair seen well Mt Polis. Heard on Mindanao.

Luzon Water Redstart ◇ *Phoenicurus bicolor* Endemic. Two were seen well in the Cordillera Central.

Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata* Multiple sightings on Luzon (nominate) and Mindanao (*anderseni*).

Palawan Flowerpecker ◇ *Prionochilus plateni* Endemic. Five noted on Palawan (nominate).

Olive-backed Flowerpecker ◇ *Pachyglossa olivacea* Endemic. Four seen very well at PICOP (nominate).

Thick-billed Flowerpecker ◇ (Striped F) *P. [agilis] aeruginosa* Endemic. Makiling (*striatissimum*) & Palawan (*affine*).

Whiskered Flowerpecker ◇ *Pachyglossa propria* Endemic. A smart pair at Lake Agco.

Olive-capped Flowerpecker ◊ *D. nigrilore* Endemic. Common in montane Mindanao (nominate).

Yellow-crowned Flowerpecker ◊ *Dicaeum anthonyi* Endemic. Superb! Four at Mt Polis.

Bicolored Flowerpecker ◊ *Dicaeum bicolor* Endemic. A few on Mindanao (nominate).

Red-keeled Flowerpecker ◊ *Dicaeum australe* Endemic. Frequently seen on Luzon and Mindanao.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker ◊ (Grey-throated F) *Dicaeum [trigonostigma] cinereigulare* Endemic. Common and widespread on Mindanao (nominate).

Buzzing Flowerpecker ◊ (Southern B F) *Dicaeum [hypoleucum] hypoleucum* Endemic. Occasional on Mindanao (*pontifex*).

Pygmy Flowerpecker ◊ *Dicaeum pygmaeum* Endemic. A few on Palawan (*palawanorum*).

Fire-throated Flowerpecker ◊ *Dicaeum luzoniense* Endemic. A handful on Mindanao (*apo*).

Orange-tufted Spiderhunter ◊ *A. flammifera* Endemic. A few on Mindanao (nominate). Dependant fledged young Eden.

Pale Spiderhunter ◊ (Palawan S) *Arachnothera dilutior* Endemic. Not uncommon on Palawan.

Naked-faced Spiderhunter ◊ *Arachnothera clarae* Endemic. John and our local guide saw one at Kitanglad.

Brown-throated Sunbird (Plain-throated S) *Anthreptes malacensis* Mindanao (*heliolusius*) & Palawan (*paraguae*).

Grey-throated Sunbird ◊ *Anthreptes griseigularis* Endemic. Non-leader. PICOP (nominate).

Purple-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma [sperata] sperata* Endemic. 4 Makiling (nom.), 10 PICOP & 5 Palawan (*trochilus*).

Purple-throated Sunbird ◊ (Orange-lined S) *Leptocoma [sperata] juliae* Endemic. Nice pair at Eden.

Copper-throated Sunbird ◊ *Leptocoma calcostetha* Three in mangroves on Palawan.

Lovely Sunbird ◊ *Aethopyga shelleyi* Endemic. Small numbers on Palawan.

Handsome Sunbird ◊ *Aethopyga bella* Endemic. Three at Mt Makiling (*flavipectus*), and one at PICOP (nominate).

Metallic-winged Sunbird ◊ (Mindanao S) *Aethopyga pulcherrima pulcherrima* Endemic. Three at PICOP.

Metallic-winged Sunbird ◊ (Luzon S) *Aethopyga [pulcherrima] jefferyi* Endemic. Common in the Cordillera Central.

Lina's Sunbird ◊ *Aethopyga linaraborae* Endemic. 11 noted at Tagabud.

Grey-hooded Sunbird ◊ *Aethopyga primigenia* Endemic. Four at Mt Kitanglad, and one at Lake Agco (nominate).

Apo Sunbird ◊ *Aethopyga boltoni* Endemic. Three at the upper levels of Mt Kitanglad (nominate), with one seen well.

Tboli Sunbird ◊ *Aethopyga tibolii* Endemic. Four recorded at Lake Holon, and seen well.

Garden Sunbird ◊ *Cinnyris jugularis* Endemic. Northern Luzon (*obscurior*); elsewhere (nominate).

Palawan Sunbird ◊ *Cinnyris aurora* Endemic. Nine logged on Palawan.

Philippine Leafbird ◊ *Chloropsis flavipennis* Endemic. Just a single rather elusive individual at PICOP.

Yellow-throated Leafbird ◊ *Chloropsis palawanensis* Endemic. Common and easily seen on Palawan.

Palawan Fairy-bluebird ◊ *Irena tweeddalii* Endemic. A handful seen, with good looks at males eventually.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* 20 on Luzon (*topela?*); single non-leader Palawan (*nisoria?*).

White-bellied Munia *Lonchura leucogastra* Six on Luzon (*everetti*); one on Palawan (*palawana*).

Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla* Luzon (*formosana*), Mindanao and Palawan (*jagori*).

Red-eared Parrotfinch ♦ *Erythrura coloria* Endemic. small numbers at Mt Kitanglad.

Cinnamon Ibon ♦ *Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus* Endemic. Common on Mt Kitanglad (34 logged).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (introduced) *Passer montanus*

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Eastern Yellow Wagtail (Alaska W) *Motacilla [tschutschensis] tschutschensis*

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

White-cheeked Bullfinch ♦ *Pyrrhula leucogenis* Endemic. Great looks. One Mt Polis (nominate), five Kitanglad (*steerei*).

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* Eight in the Cordillera Central (*luzoniensis*).

MAMMALS

Golden-capped Fruit Bat (G-crowned Flying-fox) *Acerodon jubatus* Roosting at Subic Bay.

Palawan Treeshrew *Tupaia palawanensis* Five from a hide on Palawan.

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

Finlayson's Squirrel (introduced) *Callosciurus finlaysonii* Many in La Mesa Ecopark.

Philippine Pygmy Squirrel *Exilisciurus concinnus* One at Lake Agco.

Northern Palawan Tree Squirrel *Sundasciurus juvencus* Endemic. Up to 20 on Palawan, mainly from hides.

Luzon Hairy-tailed Rat *Batomys grantii* Two or more at night near Banaue.

REPTILES

Specklebelly Keelback *Rhabdophis chrysargos* One on Palawan.

Tokay Gecko *Gekko gekko*

Flat-tailed House Gecko *Hemidactylus platyurus*

AMPHIBIANS

Asian Common Toad *Duttaphrynus melanostictus*

BUTTERFLIES

Platen's Birdwing *Troides plateni* Endemic. Palawan.

'Philippine' Golden Birdwing *Troides rhadamantus* Endemic. Mt Makiling.

Philippine Batwing *Atrophaneura semperi* Endemic. Mindanao.

Rose *Pachliopta mariae* Endemic. PICOP.

Philippine Mormon *Papilio alphenor* Near-endemic.

Yellow Gull *Cepora aspasia* Mt Kitanglad.

Common Grass Yellow *Eurema hecabe* Luzon, Mindanao.

Tree Yellow *Gandaca harina* PICOP.

Great Orange Tip *Hebomoia glaucippe* PICOP.

Luzon Glassy Tiger *Parantica luzonensis* Mindanao.

Common Wanderer *Pareronia valeria* Palawan.

Large Tree Nymph (Rice Paper Butterfly) *Idea leuconoe* PICOP.

Tobler's Crow *Euploea tobleri* Endemic. Mindanao.

Purple Crow (Dwarf C) *Euploea tulliolus* Subic.

Green Dragontail *Lamproptera meges*

Psyche *Leptosia nina*

Pale ringlet *Acrophtalmia albofasciata* Endemic. Eden, Mindanao.

Malayan Lacewing *Cethosia hypsea* Palawan.

Luzon Lacewing *Cethosia luzonica* Endemic. PICOP.

Straight-line Mapwing *Cyrestis nivea* Palawan.

White Tiger Butterfly *Danaus melanippus* Mindanao.

Common Faun *Faunis phaon* Endemic. Mindanao.

Great Eggfly *Hypolimnas bolina* Mindanao.

Brown Pansy *Junonia hedonia* Widespread.

Fuliginous Sailor *Lasippa ebusa* Endemic. PICOP.

Lascar *Lasippa illigera* Endemic. Subic, Makiling.

Knight *Lebadea martha* Palawan.

Orange Archduke *Lexias panobus* Endemic. PICOP.

Mountain Blue Archduke *Lexias satrapes* Endemic. PICOP.

Commander *Moduza procris* Palawan.

Bushbrown *Mycalesis aramis* Endemic. Mt Polis.

Bushbrown *Mycalesis ita* Endemic. Mt Kitanglad.

Dark-branded Bushbrown *Mycalesis mineus* PICOP.

Tagala Bushbrown *Mycalesis tagala* Endemic. Subic.

Sailer *Neptis mindorana* Endemic. Mindanao.

Malayan Owl *Neorina lowii* Palawan.
Clipper *Parthenos sylvia* Palawan.
Wizard *Rhinopalpa polynice* PICOP.
Common Jester *Symbrenthia hippoclus* PICOP.
Common Bushbrown *Telinga janardana* Mindanao.
Vagrant *Vagrans sinha* PICOP.
Painted Lady *Vanessa cardui* Mt Kitanglad.
Common Three-Ring *Ypthima sempera* Mindanao, Palawan.
Philippine Five-Ring *Ypthima stelleri* Near-endemic. Mindanao.
Wallacean *Zethera hestioides* Endemic. PICOP.
Northern Wallacean *Zethera pimplea* Endemic. Subic.
Saturn *Zeuxidia amethystus* Palawan.
Oakblue *Arhopala eridanus* Endemic. Subic.
Pierrot *Caleta argola* Endemic. PICOP.
Straight Pierrot *Caleta roxus* Mindanao.
Dark Posy *Drupadia theda* PICOP.
Imperial *Eooxylides meduana* Endemic. PICOP.
Common Cerulean *Jamides celeno* Mt Makiling.
Long-tailed Blue *Lampides boeticus*
Opaque Sixline Blue *Nacaduba beroe* PICOP.
Forest Quaker *Pithecops corvus* Mt Kitanglad.
Blue *Sancterila archagathos* Endemic. L. Holon. Mindanao.
Lesser Grass Blue *Zizina otis* Mt Kitanglad.
Tiny Grass Blue *Zizula hylax* Luzon.
Chocolate Demon *Ancistroides nigrita* Mindanao.
Little Branded Swift *Pelopidas agna* Mt Makiling.
Pied Flat (Common Snow F) *Tagiades japetus* Mt Makiling.
Veined Grass Dart *Taractrocera luzonensis* Mindanao.

MOTHS

Poor Tiger Moth *Asota egens* Banaue.
Bertula abjudicalis Banaue.

Euplocia membliaria Banaue.

Mung Bean Moth *Maruca vitrata* Banaue.

Nevrina procopia Banaue.

Sphingognatha asclepiades Banaue.

Urapteroides astheniata Banaue.

DRAGONFLIES

Jewel *Rhinocypha turconii* Endemic. Near PICOP.

Satinwing *Euphaea amphicyana* Endemic. Mt Kitanglad.

Emerald-banded Skimmer *Cratilla lineata* PICOP.

Skimmer *Diplacina bolivari* Endemic. Eden, Mindanao.

Chalky Percher *Diplacodes trivialis* Banaue.

Red Percher *Neurothemis ramburii* Mindanao.

Straight-edged Red Parasol (Indonesian Red-winged Dragonfly) *Neurothemis terminata* Mindanao, Palawan.

Swampwatcher *Potamarcha congener* PICOP.

Crimson Marsh Glider *Trithemis aurora* Mindanao.

PLANTS

Largeflower Deutzia *Deutzia pulchra* Mt Polis.

Pitcher plant *Nepenthes graciliflora* Endemic. PICOP.

Pitcher plant *Nepenthes tболи* Endemic. Lake Holon.

Orchid *Phalaenopsis stuartiana* PICOP.

Orchid *Spathoglottis chrysantha* Mt Polis.



Palawan Peacock-Pheasant (image by Craig Robson)



Giant Scops Owl (image by Craig Robson)



Azure-breasted Pitta (image by Craig Robson)



Mindanao Scops Owl (image by Craig Robson)



Philippine Pitta (image by Craig Robson)



White-cheeked (or Philippine) Bullfinch (image by Craig Robson)



Palawan Tit (image by Craig Robson)



Forest near Lake Holon (image by Craig Robson)



Palawan Frogmouth (image by Craig Robson)



Falcated Wren-Babbler (image by Craig Robson)



Philippine (Mangrove) Blue Flycatcher (image by Craig Robson)



White-vented Shama (image by Craig Robson)



Whiskered Flowerpecker (image by Craig Robson)



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Philippine Eagle-Owl (image by Craig Robson)



Western Hooded Pitta (image by Craig Robson)



Luzon Hornbill (image by Craig Robson)



Red-vented Cockatoo (image by Craig Robson)



Rufous-lored Kingfisher (image by Craig Robson)



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Sulphur-bellied Bulbul (image by Craig Robson)



McGregor's Cuckooshrike (image by Craig Robson)



Everett's Scops Owl (image by Craig Robson)



Terraced ricefields near Mount Polis (image by Craig Robson)



Watching Benguet Bush Warbler (image by David Reck)



Philippine Frogmouth (image by Craig Robson)



Olive-capped Flowerpecker (image by Craig Robson)



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