

MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE SPECIALITIES TOUR

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Our tour to the Malay Peninsula has been revised and redesigned to give you as many special birds and experiences of the region as possible. This was the inaugural tour of this itinerary and we believe it was a great success! The small island of Singapore at the southern tip of the peninsula is often neglected as a birding destination but it's a great supplement to our tour and offers a few great birds in addition to what Malaysia provides. Overall, we had a highly successful tour with 294 bird species and 33 mammal species recorded in just 17 days of birding. We covered some distances on the Malayan Peninsula from the city-state of Singapore to the far north of Kedah, which was done with ease, thanks to the great infrastructure and friendliness of local people. There were many highlights for us this year and we managed to see most of our key targets!

The enigmatic Rail-babbler was seen superbly, and it was voted the bird of the trip. Chickens were major highlights as well and we saw Malayan and Ferruginous Partridges, both Malayan Crested and Crestless Firebacks, both Mountain and Malayan Peacock-Pheasants and Great Argus. We also had a good selection of nightbirds which included Large, Blyth's and Gould's Frogmouth, Oriental Bay Owl, Buffy Fish Owl, Barred Eagle Owl and Spotted Wood Owl. Hornbills were also fantastic and we saw eight species including Helmeted, Rhinoceros and White-crowned Hornbill, but the greatest experience was seeing the Plain-pouched Hornbills of Ulu Muda migrating, and we counted around 1000 birds each afternoon. There is no other place on Planet Earth where you can see so many hornbills! Gaudy pittas and broadbills were also a main feature of this tour, and we managed to see Blue-winged, Mangrove, Garnet and Malayan Banded Pitta as well as Dusky, Banded, Green Black-and-yellow, Long-tailed and Black-and-red Broadbill. Other goodies on the tour included Dark and Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo, Large Green Pigeon, Red-legged Crake, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Banded, Ruddy and Rufous-collared Kingfisher, Orange-backed Woodpecker, Malayan Cuckooshrike, Malayan Black Magpie, Rufous-bellied Swallow, Straw-headed Bulbul, Black and Malayan Laughingthrushes, Large Wren-Babbler, Blue Nuthatch, Rufous-chested Flycatcher, Malayan Whistling Thrush, Long-billed Spiderhunter and Pin-tailed Parrotfinch to name but a few. Some of the family totals were also impressive as we had 16 species of woodpeckers, 10 species of barbets, 18 species of bulbuls and 6 species of spiderhunters. We also had some mammal highlights like a daytime Malayan Sun Bear, Sunda Colugo, Malaysian Slow Loris, amazing Siamang experience, Dusky, Pale-thighed and Selangor Silvered Langurs and a wide selection of squirrels which included the majestic Prevost's Squirrel and the scarce Shrew-faced Squirrel. We also had an easy-going and keen group with lots of fun throughout our travels and all in all, it was a great tour to remember!

Our initial rendezvous was in Singapore and our first day was an action-packed one! We visited a nice mangrove habitat first where the tour kicked off with goodies like Ruddy Kingfisher, Mangrove and Blue-winged Pittas, Straw-headed Bulbul and Copper-throated Sunbird. After a great morning, we tracked down the fantastic Spotted Wood Owl and Buffy Fish Owl. Both owls gave excellent looks; we found two adults and a juvenile of both owl species, a great show indeed! Late afternoon we concentrated on our last major target, the secretive Red-legged Crake. It was super obliging with us and not shy at all. Supporting cast here included Grey-headed Fish Eagle, Pied Triller, Blue-throated Bee-eaters and Pied Imperial Pigeons. It was a superb first day of the tour and great birding in Singapore! After a final morning of birding in Singapore, we crossed into Malaysia and we were soon birding in the fine lowland forest of Panti in Johor. This location is a well-known birding site and certainly offers the best chance to connect with the enigmatic Rail-babbler. On our first morning in the forest, we soon heard the familiar song of this sought-after species but somehow it was not cooperative, and we never managed even a glimpse. It was a great morning otherwise, good introduction to the lowland birding of Malaysia with many trogons, broadbills, barbets, babblers and bulbuls. On our second morning we got luckier and after we heard the familiar song of the Rail-babbler again, we

used a different strategy this time and it resulted in superb looks of this much-wanted forest floor dweller as it was walking around us and even showing its blue gular patch as it was singing! It was an experience that every birder who comes to Malaysia would love to get! Fantastic! Seeing one of the major targets early on the tour allowed us to concentrate on the other targets of the forest. We had good looks of Chestnut-breasted and Chestnut-bellied Malkohas, Red-naped and Scarlet-rumped Trogons, Red-crowned and Yellow-crowned Barbets, Orange-backed and Banded Woodpeckers, Malayan Black Magpie, Dusky Broadbill, and Yellow-eared Spiderhunter to name a few of the goodies. Although we had a long drive ahead of us, we returned to the forest for a last morning session and what a great decision it was! First, we found Blyth's Frogmouth and later we got lucky when a female Malayan Crestless Fireback walked out on the forest track allowing prolonged great looks. Wow! This species is very difficult to see and albeit there is a habituated individual in central Malaysia now, this site is not on our itinerary, so it was a great bonus for us! The rest of the day was spent travelling to the famous hill station of Fraser's Hill.

As usual on a birding tour, we started early to explore the hill forest of this famous birding site. Our first bird species at dawn was a Malaysian Whistling Thrush followed by a covey of Malaysian Partridges. Excellent start, and it's always great to get some quality lifers before breakfast! This was followed by a fantastic Malayan Laughingthrush and Long-tailed Sibilias. It was an excellent morning as we got the 'Malayan trio' under our belt. The rest of the day we were concentrating on mixed feeding flocks and this was also very productive with goodies such as Red-headed Trogon, Fire-tufted and Golden-whiskered Barbets, White-browed Shrike-babbler, Sultan Tit, Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher, Sunda Scimitar Babbler, Silver-eared Mesia, Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker and Streaked Spiderhunter being seen. A few more skulkers were also teased out of the undergrowth and we had great views of White-tailed Robin, Lesser Shortwing and Streaked Wren-Babbler. The latter two have distinctive local races in the mountains of the Malayan Peninsula. We also encountered a few special mammals like Max's Short-tailed Gymnure, Pale-thighed Langur and Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel. Great birds, great temperature and great food. I do love birding at various Asian hill stations! On our second full day we started at some lower elevation areas – the Gap – and noticed there were a lot of seeding bamboo around! It did not take long to find our first flock of Pin-tailed Parrotfinches and we saw several flocks throughout the day totalling around 80 individuals. However, the other bamboo bird, the Bamboo Woodpecker proved to be more elusive and we only heard one. A fine fruiting tree produced many Black-eared, Black-browed and Sooty Barbets as well as Scaly-breasted Bulbuls and Fire-breasted Flowerpeckers. A pair of fly-by Wreathed Hornbills were majestic. A superb Red-bearded Bee-eater was followed by a brief view of Dark Hawk-Cuckoo and then we had a Siamang encounter when a young male was face to face with us and he was determined to cross the road. Once we realized what he wants to do and stepped aside he raised his arms and crossed the road just a few meters from us. What an amazing encounter with the 'evocative sound' of the hill forest! A party of Black Laughingthrushes were seen well but the singing Marbled Wren-Babbler refused to budge. In the afternoon we tracked down Rufous-bellied Swallows and Malayan Cuckooshrikes as well as Blyth's Hawk Eagle. At the end of the day, we had a mixed feeding flock with Blue Nuthatches, Common Green Magpies, Long-tailed Sibilias and various babblers. Finally, a large group of Long-tailed Broadbills were seen. On our last morning we tried predawn for some nightbirds, but the Mountain Scoops Owl was not very cooperative to say the least. It was seen by the leader for a split second but essentially it was heard-only. We could watch our first Black-thighed Falconet consuming its breakfast from our own breakfast table. It was time for us to leave Fraser's Hill, and we birded our way down seeing a few more fine birds such as a male Banded Kingfisher, Maroon Woodpeckers, Red-billed Malkoha and Pygmy and Hill Blue Flycatchers. We made our way to Bukit Tinggi where we explored the Japanese garden in the late afternoon seeing Crested Honey Buzzard and Black Eagle.

Next day we were up early, and we saw a fine Barred Eagle-Owl as we made our way to the usual feeding station. We got in position and waited for the shy Mountain Peacock-Pheasant to appear. This species used to be very difficult to see but since this place was established by photographers you only need patience to connect with this beautiful bird. This morning we were lucky as there were only a few visitors and the male Mountain Peacock-Pheasant showed very well indeed. It gave us a great show, and we could watch it for over an hour. Moreover, a party of three Ferruginous Partridges also showed up while Buff-breasted Babbler and Ochraceous Bulbuls were constant visitors. Seeing secretive forest 'chickens' well is always a great experience and this was no difference. Very happy with our sightings we continued birding and found Red-bearded Bee-eater, Sooty and Red-throated Barbet, a male Orange-backed Woodpecker, our first Black-and-yellow Broadbills, Large Woodshrike, Cinereous and Scaly-breasted Bulbuls, Sunda Scimitar Babbler, Sultan Tit, Scarlet-breasted Flowerpecker, Little and Spectacled Spiderhunters and a few Dusky Langurs. Having seen our main targets, the next morning we had a leisurely day of birding – just as lucky as the pheasant feeding area was full of many photographer visitors. We added a few new species to our list like Scarlet Minivet, Grey-breasted Spiderhunter and Plain Sunbird. Later on, we started our journey towards one of the prime lowland forests of Peninsular Malaya, the Taman Negara National Park. This park is Malaysia's premier protected area and home to one of the oldest tropical rainforests in the world, estimated to be over 130 million years old. Spanning 4343 square

kilometres it is a vast wilderness area and visitors can enter from two directions. Our first port of call was the Sungai Relau gate where we quickly met up with our local bird guide. On the forest edge we encountered White-headed Munias and Changeable Hawk-Eagle, while at the forest entrance by the Relau River we saw our first Black-and-red Broadbills and Crimson-winged Woodpeckers. Our first night birding session produced an amazing Large Frogmouth. It was not easy to find as they only call occasionally, and they don't move much around, but eventually we managed to find it and got excellent looks!

Our main target in this area of the park was the Malayan Peacock-Pheasant, which is regularly seen in this area, and much more difficult to see on the eastern side of the park. Although it regularly visits a feeding station, it is nowhere near guaranteed! We arrived at the forest with high hopes and spent the first hour at the pitta feeder. We had Short-tailed Babbler, Grey-cheeked Bulbul, many White-rumped Shamas but no pitta. The forest was quiet, we never even heard Garnet Pitta. We changed location and positioned ourselves for the pheasant feeder. After a while a fine Great Argus showed up and gave excellent looks! What an amazing pheasant it is. A common sound of the Malayan lowland forest but seeing one is a different matter, and we were very happy! It is a dominant large pheasant and hence the peacock-pheasant rarely visits while he is around. But once he left, we were hopeful. When a close-by Rail-babbler started to call right behind us we got excited. We had such amazingly good looks previously that we decided to hold our ground and hope for the peacock-pheasant to show up. The Rail-babbler was calling for over an hour but then the pheasant started to call as well. It was close, very close! Our hopes were high, but the bird never showed. After a few hours waiting, we decided to track down some close Rhinoceros Hornbills and they gave excellent looks! Just as well we did as this turned out to be our only sightings of the species on the tour. Reluctantly, we left the feeding station and visited a tower further into the park. A surprise Malayan Sun Bear crossing the track in front of us was a great bonus, but the birds were on siesta! We returned to the pheasant area in the afternoon but after about half an hour the heavens opened and a storm with torrential rain arrived. The rest of the day was out; it rained for hours – plenty of time for us to get dry. Early morning the next day we were back at the pheasant feeder. A Garnet Pitta was singing distantly, and a Malayan Black Magpie was also calling. After such torrential downpour there should be activity at the feeder too! In about half an hour the Great Argus came again and soon after he left, a shy male Malayan Peacock-Pheasant finally made a regal visit, much to our great relief! We could enjoy this beautiful pheasant for a few minutes before he returned to the deep jungle as silently as he came. Happiness, and high fives going around. Next, we made our way to the canopy walkway and were very happy to see the roosting Oriental Bay Owl in its usual tree hole – apparently, he has been using it for a few weeks now. We were very lucky! A family party of Black-thighed Falconets also gave unusually good eye-level views. Temperatures were rising but we walked the jeep track for a while, seeing Green Broadbills, Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo and Long-billed Spiderhunter. After this magical morning, we said goodbye to our guide and made our way to the eastern gate of the national park. As the crow flies it was only 50 kilometre away, but it took us almost 200 kilometres to get there. It is a large park indeed and it is good that there are no bisecting roads. It was late afternoon we arrived at Kuala Tahan and we made a short visit to the nearby hornbill valley. It was a great move and certainly our luck for today was still holding as we got excellent looks of a Helmeted Hornbill as it flew across the valley in the best afternoon light. We also located it when he landed and got brilliant scopeviews. What a beast it was and a great surprise, as these huge hornbills are never easy to connect with. As it was getting dark when we crossed the Tahan River to our luxury lodge inside the park.

We had two full days to explore the forest, and our first predawn session gave us a stunning Gould's Frogmouth, two Collared Scops Owls and a Sunda Colugo! A brilliant start followed by singing Rufous-collared Kingfishers and gaudy male Green Broadbills. After breakfast we had great looks – eventually – of a female Rufous-collared Kingfisher as well as tracked down a great selection of babblers, like Malaysian Black-capped, Moustached, Sooty-capped, Ferruginous, Rufous-crowned, Short-tailed, Black-throated and Abbott's Babblers. The male Rufous-chested Flycatcher took longer to get for everybody, but a pair of White-crowned Forktails were unusually showy. A distantly singing Garnet Pitta raised our hopes but it quickly went silent. Another forest trail gave us two male Malayan Crested Firebacks, two Great Slaty Woodpeckers and a day-roosting Trefoil Horseshoe Bat. The afternoon was quiet, as per usual, but another male Rufous-chested Flycatcher and White-chested Babblers were seen. The second predawn session produced yet another Gould's Frogmouth but the Reddish Scops Owl was very inactive and called only a few times distantly. We were exploring a longer trail on our second full day and started well with a singing Large Wren-Babbler, which was followed by a stunning Garnet Pitta high up on a tree! On our way back to the lodge, we managed to see the amazing Malayan Banded Pitta as well, two stunning pittas in one morning! We got our main skulking targets but there was still no sign of jayshrikes. The rest of the day was spent in the forest too but again the afternoon was quiet. We did get a few new birds like Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo, Banded Bay Cuckoo, Lesser Green Leafbird and we got better looks of Great Slaty and Maroon Woodpeckers. A White-crowned Hornbill was calling briefly but only Black Hornbills were seen. We had yet another predawn session to try for the Reddish Scops Owl but no luck. It was time for us to leave Taman Negara and make our way towards our last destination.

We had to drive to the far north of Malaysia into Kedah state, our destination was the Ulu Muda area. It was as long drive indeed, but our plans were working fine, and we arrived just in time to board our boats and make our way towards Earth Lodge deep in the wilderness. This great place is in the jungle with no phone or internet connection. A comfortable lodge run by people who love nature and especially love hornbills. It was these, we were indeed after. The spectacle of the Plain-pouched Hornbills! It was 'in medias res' for us as we arrived just in time to the hornbill watching spot to see hundreds of Plain-pouched Hornbills as they started their afternoon flight to the roosting area. Flocks after flocks were passing and we counted 923 birds in about an hour and a half. We decided to make our way to the lodge with all our gear before the threatening storm arrived. As we cruised along, we saw another 250 hornbills but hard to say if they were all different or partly some of those we already counted. We weren't too bothered if we saw 923 or 1170 Plain-pouched Hornbills; it was amazing and we felt privileged to witness this special sight! The lodge is right in the middle of the forest and while sipping our morning coffee the next day we managed to see Brown Boobook, Blyth's Frogmouth and Southern Palm Civet. As soon as it got light, we drifted downstream, a comfortable way of birding. It was great and we managed to see Violet Cuckoo, Large Green and Thick-billed Green Pigeons, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Lesser Fish Eagle, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Sooty Barbets, Rufous and Great Slaty Woodpeckers and many Plain-pouched Hornbills as they were flying towards the feeding areas. We also heard Chestnut-necklaced Partridge from the boat, but when we returned to the area later in the morning, we had no sign of the partridge despite much effort. In the afternoon we returned to the hornbill viewing area and while waiting for the afternoon 'migration' we had great looks of Bat Hawk, White-crowned Hornbill, Grey-capped Pygmy and White-bellied Woodpecker, Dusky Langur, Wreathed Hornbill and Brown-backed Needletail. The Plain-pouched Hornbill show was just as impressive as the previous afternoon, but our count was only 835 individuals. On our last morning at Ulu Muda we made a predawn walk in the forest seeing a Malaysian Slow Loris and we heard a Brown Wood Owl distantly. This time we made our way to the partridge area as soon as it got light but again, we have not got a sniff, the partridges were silent. We tried another location with the same results, no sign of them. This was disappointing so we continued searching along a forest trail which was also fruitless for the partridges but we connected with Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Chestnut-naped Forktails, Orange-breasted and Scarlet-rumped Trogons, Streaked Bulbul, Brown Fulvetta, Rufous-crowned and Sooty-capped Babblers. In the afternoon we left Ulu Muda and our last night session we tried our luck in the Lake Pedu area, but the moon was bright and the nightbirds were quiet.

Next morning we started our way back towards Kuala Lumpur. Traffic was kind to us, and we could make a short detour to Kuala Selangor before driving to the airport. Upon arrival we saw a party of Selangor Silvered Langurs and in the reserve, we saw Coppersmith Barbet, Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker, Common Iora, Malaysian Pied Fantail and Ashy Tailorbird. Nothing special, but a nice reserve to spend a little extra time. Finally, we made our way to the airport where our tour finished, and we departed to various directions. It was a great group, and we had a memorable birding tour together seeing a good portions of the special birds of the region!

BIRDS OF THE TOUR

1st Rail-babbler

2nd Malayan Peacock-Pheasant

3rd Malayan Crestless Fireback

4rd Plain-pouched Hornbill

5th Rufous-collared Kingfisher

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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

The species names and taxonomy used in the bird list follows **AviList v2025b** (AviList Core Team 2025. *AviList: The Global Avian Checklist, v2025*); this was the current version when the checklist for the tour report was created.

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

The species names and taxonomy used in the mammal list follow the mammal list on the iGoTerra website (www.igoterra.com). This list largely follows IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) taxonomy with just a few modifications. It is listed in family order, alphabetically by genera within families. Some alternative names are given in parentheses.

BIRDS

Ferruginous Partridge ◊ *Caloperdix ocellus* Superb looks of three birds at Bukit Tinggi.

Crested Partridge ♦ *Rollulus rouloul* Heard-only in Pantí Forest.

Malayan Partridge ♦ *Arborophila campbelli* Top target, and excellent looks at Fraser's Hill.

Malayan Crestless Fireback ♦ *Lophura erythrophthalma* Great surprise! A female seen well in Pantí Forest.

Malayan Crested Fireback ♦ *Lophura rufa* Great looks of several males in Taman Negara.

Great Argus ♦ *Argusianus argus* A male was seen in Taman Negara. Amazing creature!

Chestnut-necklaced Partridge ♦ *Tropicoperdix charltonii* Frustratingly remained heard-only in Ulu Muda.

Malayan Peacock-Pheasant ♦ *Polyplectron malacense* Superb views of a male in Taman Negara! Wow!

Mountain Peacock-Pheasant ♦ *Polyplectron inopinatum* A male was seen at Bukit Tinggi.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* Common.

Short-toed Coucal ♦ *Centropus rectunguis* Heard-only

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

Raffles's Malkoha ♦ *Rhinortha chlorophaea* Many great sightings.

Red-billed Malkoha *Zanclostomus javanicus*

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha ♦ *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus* It showed very well in Pantí Forest.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus*

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

Dark Hawk-Cuckoo ♦ *Hierococcyx bocki* One was seen briefly at Fraser's Hill.

Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo ♦ *Hierococcyx fugax* One was seen in Taman Negara.

Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps*

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*

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

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

Little Green Pigeon ♦ *Treron olax* A few seen in Pantí Forest and Ulu Muda but mostly in flight.

Pink-necked Green Pigeon *Treron vernans* First seen in Singapore.

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

Large Green Pigeon ♦ *Treron capellei* Many seen in the Ulu Muda area.

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea* It was seen in Singapore.

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*

Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor* Great looks in Singapore Botanical Garden.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Red-legged Crake ♦ *Rallina fasciata* Excellent look in Singapore!

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Zapornia fusca* Heard-only.

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*

Siberian Sand Plover (Mongolian S P) *Anarhynchus mongolus* One was seen in Singapore.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* Seen only in Singapore.

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons* Seen only in Singapore.

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*

Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster* One was seen at Ulu Muda.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra* Two were seen in Singapore.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Little Heron *Butorides atricapilla*

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Medium Egret *Ardea intermedia*

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
 Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
 Malaysian Eared Nightjar ♦ *Lyncornis temminckii* Heard-only
 Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis* One was seen near Sik – non leader.
 Large Frogmouth ♦ *Batrachostomus auritus* Great looks of this beast in Taman Negara.
 Gould's Frogmouth ♦ *Batrachostomus stellatus* We had two sightings in Taman Negara.
 Blyth's Frogmouth ♦ *Batrachostomus affinis* One was seen in Panti Forest and Ulu Muda. Others heard.
 Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*
 Whiskered Treeswift ♦ *Hemiprocne comata* One was seen in Panti Forest.
 Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*
 Silver-rumped Spinetail ♦ *Rhaphidura leucopygialis* Several sightings in the Ulu Muda area.
 Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*
 Fork-tailed Swift (P) *Apus pacificus* A small flock were seen in Ulu Muda, the *cooki* race.
 House Swift *Apus nipalensis*
 Plume-toed Swiftlet *Collocalia affinis*
 Edible-nest Swiftlet (Germain's S) *Aerodramus [fuciphagus] germani*
 Oriental Bay Owl ♦ *Phodilus badius* Excellent looks of a roosting bird in Taman Negara!
 Brown Boobook (B Hawk Owl) *Ninox scutulata* Seen well in Ulu Muda.
 Collared Owlet *Taenioptynx brodiei* Heard-only.
 Reddish Scops Owl ♦ *Otus rufescens* Despite our efforts it remained heard-only. They were not active.
 Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* Heard-only.
 Collared Scops Owl ♦ *Otus lettia* Two were seen in Taman Negara.
 Buffy Fish Owl ♦ *Ketupa ketupu* Superb looks in Singapore and in the Ulu Muda area.
 Barred Eagle-Owl ♦ *Ketupa sumatrana* One was seen at Bukit Tinggi.
 Spotted Wood Owl ♦ *Strix seloputo* A family party of three were seen in Singapore.
 Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica* Heard-only.
 Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
 Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*
 Blyth's Hawk-Eagle ♦ *Nisaetus alboniger* One was seen at Fraser's Hill.
 Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* Several sightings in Singapore and Malaysia too.
 Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis* It was seen at Bukit Tinggi.
 Bat Hawk ♦ *Macheiramphus alcinus* Two were seen in Ulu Muda. Excellent looks!
 Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*
 White-bellied Sea Eagle *Ichthyophaga leucogaster*
 Lesser Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis* Several in the Ulu Muda area.
 Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* One was seen in Singapore.
 Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios* A pair was seen in Ulu Muda area.
 Red-naped Trogon ♦ *Harpactes kasumba* Great looks in Panti Forest.
 Diard's Trogon ♦ *Harpactes diardii* Heard-only.
 Scarlet-rumped Trogon ♦ *Harpactes duvaucelii* Great looks in Panti Forest and in the Ulu Muda area.
 Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus* Regularly seen at Fraser's Hill.
 White-crowned Hornbill ♦ *Berenicornis comatus* A female showed very well in the Ulu Muda area.
 Helmeted Hornbill ♦ *Rhinoplax vigil* Tour highlight to see one superbly in the best light flying close to us!
 Rhinoceros Hornbill ♦ *Buceros rhinoceros* Great looks in Taman Negara.
 Bushy-crested Hornbill ♦ *Anorrhinus galeritus* First seen in Panti Forest, later in the Ulu Muda area.
 Black Hornbill ♦ *Anthracoceros malayanus* Our best looks were in the Ulu Muda area!
 Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* Regularly seen, first in Singapore.
 Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus* Just a few sightings.
 Plain-pouched Hornbill ♦ *Rhyticeros subruficollis* Wow! Tour highlight, we counted 926 on our first afternoon!
 Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

Red-bearded Bee-eater ♦ *Nyctyornis amictus* Excellent looks at Fraser's Hill and many others heard.

Blue-throated Bee-eater ♦ *Merops viridis*

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx rufidorsa*

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella* Great looks of a fine male at Fraser's Hill.

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*

Ruddy Kingfisher ♦ *Halcyon coromanda* One was seen in Singapore. Great looks!

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Rufous-collared Kingfisher ♦ *Actenoides concretus* Many heard, both sexes seen in Taman Negara.

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*

Sooty Barbet ♦ *Caloramphus hayii* Several sightings at Fraser's Hill, Bukit Tinggi and Ulu Muda.

Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus*

Black-eared Barbet *Psilopogon duvaucelii*

Fire-tufted Barbet ♦ *Psilopogon pyrolophus* Just a few were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Red-crowned Barbet ♦ *Psilopogon rafflesia* Common in the Pantí Forest and we had great looks.

Red-throated Barbet *Psilopogon mystacophanos*

Yellow-crowned Barbet ♦ *Psilopogon henrici* First seen in the Pantí Forest.

Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineatus* Heard-only in Singapore.

Golden-whiskered Barbet *Psilopogon chrysopogon*

Black-browed Barbet ♦ *Psilopogon oorti* Common in the Fraser's Hill area.

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker ♦ *Hemicircus concretus* Two were seen in the Pantí Forest.

Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus*

Buff-necked Woodpecker ♦ *Meiglyptes tukki* It was seen briefly in Pantí Forest, better looks in Taman Negara.

Bamboo Woodpecker ♦ *Gecinulus viridis* Heard-only.

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus*

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*

Banded Woodpecker ♦ *Chrysophlegma miniaceum* Several excellent looks.

Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha*

Checker-throated Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma mentale*

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* Great looks in Taman Negara and in the Ulu Muda area.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

Maroon Woodpecker ♦ *Blythipicus rubiginosus* Best looks in Taman Negara.

Orange-backed Woodpecker ♦ *Chrysocolaptes validus* Great looks of a male in Bukit Tinggi.

Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus moluccensis*

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus canicapillus*

Black-thighed Falconet ♦ *Microhierax fringillarius* First seen at Fraser's Hill, best looks were in Taman Negara.

Blue-rumped Parrot ♦ *Psittinus cyanurus* It was seen in the Pantí Forest.

Rose-ringed Parakeet (introduced) (Ring-necked P) *Psittacula krameri*

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*

Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot ♦ *Loriculus galgulus* Several sightings, first in Singapore.

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus* Fantastic looks in the Pantí Forest.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* A large flock was seen at Fraser's Hill.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus* Commonly encountered.

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus* Just a few sightings this year but many heard.

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos* Beautiful bird, seen first at Taman Negara.

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus* Heard-only.

Green Broadbill ♦ *Calyptomena viridis* Many excellent looks in Taman Negara.

Garnet Pitta ♦ *Erythropitta granatina* One was eventually tracked down in Taman Negara.

Malayan Banded Pitta ♦ *Hydrornis irena* A pair was seen in Taman Negara.

Blue-winged Pitta ♦ *Pitta moluccensis* Excellent looks in Singapore.

Mangrove Pitta ♦ *Pitta megarhyncha* Excellent looks in Singapore.

Grey-chinned Minivet (G-throated M) *Pericrocotus [solaris] montanus* Good looks at Fraser's Hill.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus* Excellent looks at Bukit Tinggi.

Malayan Cuckooshrike ♦ *Coracina larutensis* A pair was seen well at Fraser's Hill.

Pied Triller ♦ *Lalage nigra* A male was seen in Singapore.

Lesser Cuckooshrike *Lalage fimbriata*

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

Green Iora ♦ *Aegithina viridissima* Several sightings in lowland forests.

Rufous-winged Philentoma ♦ *Philentoma pyrhoptera* Eventually everybody got good looks!

Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus hirundinaceus*

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus*

White-browed Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus*

Black-eared Shrike-babbler ♦ *Pteruthius melanotis* Elusive this year, it was leader-only at Fraser's Hill.

White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus*

Black-naped Oriole (Sunda B-n O) *Oriolus [chinensis] maculatus*

Sunda Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis*

Malayan Black Magpie ♦ *Platysmurus leucopterus* It was seen well in the Panti Forest. Heard in Taman Negara.

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis* It was seen at Fraser's Hill.

House Crow (introduced) *Corvus splendens*

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

Rail-babbler ♦ *Eupetes macrocerus* Great looks in Panti and heard in Taman Negara. Bird of the tirp!

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*

Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird ♦ *Orthotomus sericeus* We had our first looks at Panti Forest.

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo javanica*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Rufous-bellied Swallow ♦ *Cecropis badia* Excellent looks at Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi.

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliosus*

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus* Heard-only.

Black-headed Bulbul *Microtarsus melanocephalus*

Spectacled Bulbul ♦ *Rubigula erythrophthalmos* Commonly encountered.

Scaly-breasted Bulbul ♦ *Rubigula squamata* Good looks at various locations.

Black-crested Bulbul *Rubigula flaviventris*

Asian Red-eyed Bulbul ♦ *Pycnonotus brunneus* We had the best looks at Bukit Tinggi.

Olive-winged Bulbul ♦ *Pycnonotus plumosus* We had the best looks in Singapore.

Cream-vented Bulbul ♦ *Pycnonotus simplex* We had the best looks in the Pantí Forest.

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

Straw-headed Bulbul ♦ *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* We had great looks of six birds in Singapore! Tour highlight!

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*

Hairy-backed Bulbul ♦ *Tricholestes criniger* Many good looks.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul ♦ *Alophoixus phaeocephalus* We had the best looks in the Pantí Forest.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul ♦ *Alophoixus tephrogenys* We had the best looks in Taman Negara.

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus*

Buff-vented Bulbul ♦ *Iole crypta* We had the best looks in the Pantí Forest.

Cinereous Bulbul ♦ *Hemixos cinereus* Just two were seen in Bukit Tinggi.

Streaked Bulbul ♦ *Ixos malaccensis* We only had a few in the Ulu Muda area.

Mountain Bulbul (Southern M B) *Ixos mccllellandii*

Swinhoe's White-eye *Zosterops simplex*

Hume's White-eye ♦ *Zosterops auriventer* Regularly seen at Fraser's Hill.

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Mixornis gularis*

Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler ♦ *Macronus ptilosus* Many heard in the Ulu Muda area only seen by some.

Golden Babbler *Cyanoderma chrysaeum*

Chestnut-winged Babbler ♦ *Cyanoderma erythropterum* Many good sightings.

Black Laughingthrush ♦ *Melanocichla lugubris* Eventually a party was seen well at Fraser's Hill.

Sunda Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus bornensis* Many great looks at Bukit Tinggi.

Black-throated Babbler ♦ *Stachyris nigricollis* It was seen in the Pantí Forest and Taman Negara.

Chestnut-rumped Babbler ♦ *Stachyris maculata* It was seen in the Pantí Forest and Taman Negara.

Grey-throated Babbler (Southern G-t B) *Stachyris nigriceps* Greta looks at Fraser's Hill.

Large Wren-Babbler ♦ *Turdinus macrodactylus* Good looks of this skulker in Taman Negara.

Marbled Wren-Babbler ♦ *Turdinus marmoratus* Despite our efforts it remained heard-only.

Sooty-capped Babbler ♦ *Malacopteron affine* It was seen in Tama Negara and Ulu Muda.

Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum*

Rufous-crowned Babbler ♦ *Malacopteron magnum* It was seen in Tama Negara and Ulu Muda.

Moustached Babbler ♦ *Malacopteron magnirostre* It was seen in Tama Negara and Ulu Muda.

Malayan Black-capped Babbler ♦ *Pellorneum nigrocapitatum* It was seen in Tama Negara and Ulu Muda.

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*

Short-tailed Babbler ♦ *Pellorneum malaccense* Best looks in Taman Negara.

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli*

White-chested Babbler ♦ *Pellorneum rostratum* It was seen in Taman Negara.

Ferruginous Babbler ♦ *Pellorneum bicolor* Great looks in Taman Negara.

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti* Several sightings in Taman Negara.

Streaked Wren-Babbler ♦ (Malay S W-B) *Gypsophila [brevicaudata] leucosticta* Excellent looks at Fraser's Hill.

Brown Fulvetta *Alcippe brunneicauda* It was only seen in the Ulu Muda area.

Mountain Fulvetta ♦ *Alcippe peracensis* Commonly seen at Fraser's Hill.

Malayan Laughingthrush ♦ *Trochalopteron peninsulae* Great looks of this top target at Fraser's Hill.

Long-tailed Sibia ♦ *Heterophasia picaoides* Many seen well at Fraser's Hill.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris* Many seen well at Fraser's Hill.

Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush ♦ (Spectacled L) *Pterorhinus mitratus* Many seen well at Fraser's Hill.

Blue Nuthatch ♦ *Sitta azurea* Beautiful bird seen well at Fraser's Hill.

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Javan Myna (introduced) *Acridotheres javanicus*

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

Rufous-browed Flycatcher ♦ *Anthipes solitaris* Confiding in Fraser's Hill, many seen.

Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis whitei*

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura*

White-crowned Forktail ♦ (Southern W-c F) *Enicurus leschenaulti* Seen in Panty Forest and at Taman Negara.

Chestnut-naped Forktail ♦ *Enicurus ruficapillus* It was seen in the Ulu Muda area.

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

Malayan Whistling Thrush *Myophonus robinsoni* Luckily we had good looks at Fraser's Hill.

Blue Whistling Thrush ♦ (Malay B W T) *Myophonus [caeruleus] dichrorhynchus* One was seen at Fraser's Hill.

Lesser Shortwing (Malay L S) *Brachypteryx [leucophris] wrayi* Great looks at Fraser's Hill.

Pygmy Flycatcher ♦ (P Blue F) *Ficedula hodgsoni* Just one was seen at Fraser's Hill by some.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Rufous-chested Flycatcher ♦ *Ficedula dumetoria* Two males were seen at Taman Negara.

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker ♦ *Prionochilus maculatus* A few sightings, first in the Panty Forest.

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker ♦ *Prionochilus percussus* Two sightings this year.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Pachyglossa chrysorrhea*

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

Purple-naped Spiderhunter *Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum*

Long-billed Spiderhunter ♦ *Arachnothera robusta* Great looks at Taman Negara.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter ♦ *Arachnothera chrysogenys* One was seen in the Panty Forest.

Spectacled Spiderhunter ♦ *Arachnothera flavigaster* One was seen at Bukit Tinggi.

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter ♦ *Arachnothera modesta* Many sightings at Taman Negara and Ulu Muda.

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*

Plain Sunbird ♦ *Anthreptes simplex* Just seen on one occasion at Bukit Tinggi.

Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*

Copper-throated Sunbird ♦ *Leptocoma calcostetha* Great looks of a male in Singapore.

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*

Ornate Sunbird *Cinnyris ornatus*

Greater Green Leafbird ♦ *Chloropsis sonnerati* One was seen in the Panty Forest by some.

Lesser Green Leafbird ♦ *Chloropsis cyanopogon* We only ecountered it in Taman Negara.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis moluccensis*

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

White-headed Munia ♦ *Lonchura maja* A few seen in Taman Negara.

Pin-tailed Parrotfinch ♦ *Erythrura prasina* Excellent year with many seeding bamboo. Up to 80 seen.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

MAMMALS

Max's Short-tailed Gymnure (Lesser G) *Hylomys maxi* One was seen at Fraser's Hill and one at Bukit Tinggi.

Southern Palm Civet *Paradoxurus musangus* We saw it in Taman Negara and in the Ulu Muda area too.

Smooth-coated Otter (Smooth O) *Lutra perspicillata* It was seen by some in the Ulu Muda area.

Malayan Sun Bear *Helarctos malayanus* Incredible luck to se one daytime in Taman Negara!

Lesser Indo-Malayan Chevrotain (L Mouse-Deer) *Tragulus kanchil* Two sightings at Taman Negara.

Southern Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak* One was seen in Taman Negara.

Lesser Sheath-tailed Bat *Emballonura monticola* Three were seen roosting in the Ulu Muda area.

Trefoil Horseshoe Bat *Rhinolophus trifolius* Many seen at night, one was found daytime in Taman Negara.

Sunda Colugo (S Flying Lemur) *Galeopterus variegatus* Both nighttime and daytime looks in Taman Negara.

Common Treeshrew *Tupaia glis* First seen in Singapore and also several looks in Malaysia.

Malaysian Slow Loris (Sunda S L) *Nycticebus coucang* One was seen at Earth Lodge.

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis* Common.

Southern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca nemestrina* The best looks were in the Bukit Tinggi area.

Pale-thighed Langur *Presbytis siamensis* Several great looks in the Fraser's Hill area.

Dusky Langur *Trachypithecus obscurus* Several good looks, the best probably at Bukit Tinggi.

Selangor Silvered Langur *Trachypithecus selangorensis* Seen well on our last day at Kuala Selangor.

Lar Gibbon *Hylobates lar* Heard-only in Panty Forest and Taman Negara.

Agile Gibbon *Hylobates agilis* Heard-only in the Ulu Muda area.

Siamang *Symphalangus syndactylus* Epic views and experience at Fraser's Hill!

Southern Gray-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus concolor* Common.

Pallas's Squirrel (Belly-banded S) *Callosciurus erythraeus* Just a single one seen at Fraser's Hill.

Black-striped Squirrel (B-banded S) *Callosciurus nigrovittatus* One was seen in Panty Forest.

Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus* Common.

Prevost's Squirrel *Callosciurus prevostii* Excellent looks in Taman Negara. The most handsome squirrel!

Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel *Dremomys rufigenis* A few seen at Fraser's Hill.

Three-striped Ground Squirrel *Lariscus insignis* It was seen in Panty Forest and Taman Negara.

Pale Giant Squirrel (Cream-coloured G S) *Ratufa affinis* One was seen in the Ulu Muda area.

Southern Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* One was seen in the Ulu Muda area.

Shrew-faced Squirrel *Rhinosciurus laticaudatus* One was seen in Taman Negara. Great mammal!

Slender Squirrel *Sundasciurus tenuis* Common.

Southeast Asian Striped Squirrel *Tamiops barbei* Common in the Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi area.

Indomalayan Long-tailed Giant Rat *Leopoldamys sabanus* One was seen in Taman Negara.

Malaysian Field Rat *Rattus tiomanicus* One was seen at Lake Pedu on our last night.