Philippines: Endangered Endemics
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The Philippines has done better than most countries for splits in recent years, and there are now almost 250 endemic species, which is over a third of the total number of species. This incredible level of endemism is due to the complex island biogeography of the archipelago, which is far from being unravelled. We sampled a good proportion of the endemics by visiting the islands of Palawan, Mindanao, Luzon, Bohol, Cebu & Negros. Unfortunately, human population pressure has meant that habitat is being destroyed at an alarming rate, and many of these species found nowhere else in the world are now threatened with extinction. We had a mind-blowing trip and had great views of some of the ‘must see’ birds, like Palawan Peacock-Pheasant on Palawan, Great Philippine Eagle at Kitanglad, Southern Silvery-Kingfisher at PICOP, Spotted Kingfisher at Makiling, Philippine Eagle-Owl at Angono, Philippine Frogmouth, Azure-breasted Pitta & Visayan Broadbill on Bohol, and Cebu Boobook on Cebu. The Philippines is particularly rich in endemic owls, with each site having different species. With these very early starts throughout the trip and some sites with some pretty steep trails, the Philippines isn’t the trip for everyone. But for our avid group, the effort was well rewarded with some of the world’s best birds!
Tropical Birding Trip Report

**PALAWAN PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**

24th February - Manila to Sabang

We began our Philippine adventure with an early morning flight to the island of Palawan. With 17 Palawan endemics and some of the best-preserved habitat in the Philippines, it was the perfect place to start. Our flight went smoothly and we were soon at the first birding site of the tour, a beach just near the airport. At low tide it can be great for shorebirds and the rare Chinese Egret, but unfortunately it was high tide, so water birds were a bit thin on the ground. We did have our first **White-breasted Woodswallow** on a post sticking out of the water, many **Ameline Swiftlets** flying overhead, and in mangroves nearby: **Golden-bellied Gerygone**, **Philippine Pied-Fantail** and **Rufous-tailed Tailorbird**. Our best 2 birds here though were the flashy **Chestnut-breasted Malkoha** and the delightful orange-breasted subspecies of **Olive-backed Sunbird**. We drove on to a restaurant where we did some birding before the food came, adding **Collared Kingfisher**, **Common Iora** and **Plain-throated Sunbird**. After lunch, we continued north and stopped at an area of forest with an inordinate amount of flowering trees. The place was alive with sunbirds and we saw **Copper-throated, Olive-backed & Lovely Sunbirds** as well as **Pygmy Flowerpecker** and the Palawan endemic **Pale Spiderhunter**.

![Hooded Pitta was roosting right over the trail. (Charley Hesse)](image)

Our next stop was a viewpoint where we saw **Olive-backed Sunbird** building a nest and the Palawan endemic **Sulphur-bellied Bulbul** and **White-vented Shama**. In the late afternoon we did some birding along the road which was very productive, and we saw 3 enormous **Great Slaty Woodpeckers** vocalizing in a tree, plus **Blue-headed Racquet-tail**, **Blue-naped Parrot**, **Ashy Drongo**, **Common Hill Myna**, **Purple-throated Sunbird**, plus the Palawan endemic **Palawan Tit**, **Ashy-fronted & Gray-throated Bulbuls**. An hour before sunset, we climbed up to another viewpoint where we hoped to see the endemic **Philippine Cockatoos** flying to roost. As we waited, we saw **Pink-necked Pigeon**, **Green Imperial-Pigeon** and had scope views of a perched, dark phase **Changeable Hawk-Eagle**. Every cattle egret was a false alarm, but we finally had a pair of cockatoos flying by which perched in the canopy of the forest below. Back down at the vehicle we also added **Asian Fairy-bluebird** and the Palawan endemic **Yellow-throated Leafbird**. It wasn’t time to go to our hotel just yet, as we still had some owling to do. We reached a spot along the road where we tried for the **Palawan Scops-Owl** and **Palawan Frogmouth**. The frogmouth we had easily and great views too, but of the scops-owl, all we had was a brief fly over, despite the fact that it had been calling right next to the road. We checked out a forest trail where we had a very lucky roosting **Hooded Pitta** which posed beautifully for photos. It had been an excellent start to our Palawan birding.
25th February – Subterranean National Park & Sabang area
Today was our trip to the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, often just known as the ‘Underground River’. After an early breakfast, we drove to the pier where we would take a short boat ride along the coast to the entrance to the park. As we waited for the boat, we spotted our first Pacific Reef-Heron and Pacific Swallows nearby. It is a very popular tourist attraction but we were the first boat to arrive and we had a couple of hours of birding before it started to get busy. It wasn’t long after we arrived that we saw our major target of the extension, the Palawan Peacock Pheasant. One individual has become very habituated to people and came in to feed on some rice thrown out to it by the resident park staff. The bird was absolutely gorgeous and posed nicely for photos. Along a trail into the forest, we had more views of Rufous-tailed Tailorbird, Ashy-headed Babbler, White-vented Shama, Gray-throated Bulbul & Lovely Sunbird, plus our first views of Palawan Blue-Flycatcher and brief views of Blue Paradise-Flycatcher. Next, we took a boat ride along the underground river which is what most people come here for. Apart from the crystal-clear water and fascinating rock formations, the very long cave was full of roosting bats which I spent much of the time trying to photograph.

Palawan Flowerpecker is one of many endemic flowerpeckers in the Philippines. (Charley Hesse)

Afterwards we took a look at the resident Long-tailed Macaques and even found a pair of Tabon Scrubfowl. From the boat on the way back, we also had a distant White-bellied Sea-Eagle. Before heading back for lunch, we stopped in at a small marsh where we found some White-bellied Munias. We had time to relax in our comfortable rooms after lunch and even saw a few Asian Glossy Starlings in the gardens. In the afternoon, we went out again birding along the road. We saw many of the same birds again, including Black-headed & Sulphur-bellied Bulbuls, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Purple-throated Sunbird, and also a lucky flyby of Philippine Cockatoo. We also added Black-chinned Fruit-Dove and the Palawan endemic Spot-throated Flameback. We still needed Palawan Hornbill, and we went to scan from a hillside where they are regularly seen. We had a perched Gray-faced Buzzard which was a lifer for some, plus several Green Imperial-Pigeons, Dollarbird and Palawan Flowerpecker. We went back to the same spot for owling at dusk and saw Palawan Frogmouth and Large-tailed Nightjar, but only heard Spotted Wood-Owl. Palawan Scops-Owl was conspicuous in its absence.
26th February – Sabang to Puerto Princesa
It was our last birding in the Sabang area and we spent the morning revisiting some of the sites we had already been to. One patch of forest which had been very quiet the last time was alive and kicking. We saw Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Spot-throated Flameback, Hair-crested Drongo and Pale Spiderhunter again, but added Fiery Minivet and Pin-striped Tit-Babbler. The latter looking very different than the one on the continent. We only had glimpses of Rufous-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher as it flew by, but we finally got good views of the important Palawan endemic Blue Paradise-Flycatcher. We were desperate for hornbills, so went back to the same hillside as yesterday. We saw Blue-naped Parrot, Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike, Black-naped Oriole, Pygmy Flowerpecker and even another Philippine Cockatoo. We were just about to leave when I spotted some Palawan hornbills flying across the adjacent hillside. I ran full pelt to see where they were landing and we all ended up with fine views of these spectacular birds. We did a bit more birding along the road which gave us Green Imperial-Pigeon, Dollarbird, Ashy Drongo, Common Hill Myna and Purple-throated Sunbird; then made it to a viewpoint where we saw Crested Serpent-Eagle and a distant Oriental Hobby.

One of the Palawan endemics we were still missing was the Falcated Wren-Babbler. We tried the viewpoint trail again and joined forces with some birders already looking for the species. It responded and came out but we only had brief views. Back at the viewpoint we had our first Brown-backed Needletails which came soaring by and a Pygmy Flowerpecker calling away from high up in a tree. It was time for lunch and we dropped in at a restaurant but had to drag ourselves away from the fruiting tree in the garden where we had great views of the endemic Yellow-throated Leafbird and Palawan Flowerpecker. We got to our next hotel and relaxed a bit before our evening birding outing. We were taking a boat over to a small offshore islet nearby where Mantanani Scops-Owl was found. We went over a little before sunset and waited for dark. The resident pair starting calling and we followed them around the island, but they were always one step ahead of us. Our local guide took his leave from us and a short while later called us to come down to him. The bird had settled down in a tree and was calling away with no sign of moving. The irony of it was that it was very close to where our boat had first arrived. We took the boat back across with smiles on our faces and we made our way back to the hotel for a late dinner.
27th February - Balsahan Trail
It was our last morning’s birding on Palawan and we were going to spend it on the Balsahan Trail at the Iwahig Penal Colony. A rather unconventional-sounding choice for a birding location but the best place for a couple of endemics we were still missing. We got there nice and early but the forest was very quiet. We did see some good birds during the morning and had better views of some, among them: Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Spot-throated Flameback, Black-naped Monarch, Slender-billed Crow, Ashy-headed Babbler, Yellow-throated Leafbird & Palawan Flowerpecker. The 2 species we were most looking for though were Palawan (or Melodious) Babbler and Palawan Flycatcher. No matter how hard we tried, there was no sign of the flycatcher. We found the Palawan Babbler easily enough but it was so skulky in the mid-level bamboo, that it was almost impossible to get a look at it. Our first brief views turned out to be the best despite the time and effort we put in subsequently. The bird that saved the morning for some of us was the Falcated Wren-Babbler. It responded well and came right in, giving some of us great views, and leaving others frustrated.

Next, we spent some time exploring paddy fields outside, and had plenty of waterbirds, including Intermediate Egret, White-breasted Waterhen, Black-winged Stilt, Kentish & Little Ringed Plovers, Long-toed & Red-necked Stints, Common Greenshank and Marsh & Wood Sandpipers. One of the best sightings though was Oriental Pratincole. We had many Eastern Yellow Wagtails, a Paddyfield Pipit walking around in the mud and also a Crested Serpent-Eagle soaring over the forest before we had to head back to the hotel for lunch and check out. All that remained was to fly to back to Manila, thereby finishing the Palawan extension and all set to begin the main tour tomorrow.
MAIN TOUR
28th February – Manila to Mount Kitanglad
Our main tour was now beginning at Mount Kitanglad in Mindanao with the most physically gruelling birding and most basic accommodation of the trip, but also arguably one of the biggest prizes; the Great Philippine Eagle. Our flight from Manila to Cagayan de Oro in the north of the Philippines’ southern main island went smoothly and we then were driven to the base of the mountain which was a further 3 hours. From there we were told it would be another 2 hours walking up to our mountain lodge. We had time for birding breaks and saw plenty of new birds. The forest low down had been mostly cleared but we saw open country species like White-breasted Woodswallow, Long-tailed Shrike, Striated Grassbird, Gray Wagtail and White-bellied Munia. We had Philippine Swiftlets filling the sky and in flowering trees we saw Philippine Hanging-Parrot, Eyebrowed Thrush and Olive-backed Sunbird. Higher up, we found some remnant forest patches, where we saw Coppersmith Barbet, Short-tailed Starling, Coleto and Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis. It had been a fairly long and tiring walk, and turned out to be quite representative for what was still to come. After meeting the friendly staff and having a rest in the dining area, we were taken by the local guide to see the recently described Bukidnon Woodcock. At dusk, the bird came out on cue and gave us a wonderful show of its display flight.

The unique Apo Myna sports a funky crest. (Charley Hesse)

1st March – Mt Kitanglad
Today was our first full day birding on Kitanglad. Obviously our main target was the Great Philippine-Eagle, but there were plenty of other targets to look for too. After an early breakfast, we set off walking the trail up the mountain. We passed some open areas where agriculture has encroached on the forest. Here we saw Whiskered Treeswift, Pied Triller, Striated Grassbird, Gray Wagtail, Paddyfield Pipit and even Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo which we got to fly over our heads. Many of the targets here are to be found in mixed flocks and we found several on the way up, including great birds like Yellow-bellied Whistler, Black-and-cinnamon Fantail, Black-naped Monarch, Elegant Tit, Sulphur-billed Nuthatch and Brown Tit-Babbler. Some more flowering trees held Olive-capped, White-bellied & Fire-breasted Flowerpeckers, Gray-hooded Sunbird and Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis. It had been overcast first thing and now it began to rain, but we soldiered on adding new birds at a steady rate, with a perched Gray-faced Buzzard, Philippine Cuckoo-Dove, Mindanao Hornbill, Philippine Hanging-Parrot, Rufous-headed Tailorbird, Mountain Warbler, Eyebrowed Thrush and Coleto.

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Higher up, our local guide spotted us our first **Apo Myna** (sporting a very funky crest), **Buff-spotted Flameback** and a **Mindanao Racquet-tail** hiding behind some leaves. We passed by the usual viewpoint for scanning for the eagles as the local guides had recently found a nest higher up the trail, and they felt this was our best chance to find the birds. We finally made it up there which was quite a hike. The eagles were not there but their egg was, and as time passed, we started worrying that maybe the nest had been abandoned. As we waited, we saw a few birds passing by, including **Island & Mugimaki Flycatchers** and many **Mountain White-eyes**. **Mindanao White-eye** appeared briefly but disappeared just as quickly and was a guide only bird. In the end, we had to give up and we went back to the lower viewpoint. The sun was out now and we hoped to have some soaring raptors, but all we saw was the other end of the spectrum: a tiny pair of **Philippine Falconets**. We had missed our main target, but we had seen a lot of other endemics and we still had another full day tomorrow. The trail had dried out considerably but we were still pretty finished by the time we got down. Before dinner we tried again for **Philippine Frogmouth** and this time found this bizarre-looking bird.

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**Philippine Frogmouth** is a common sight around the lodge on Mount Kitanglad. (Charley Hesse)

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**2nd March – Mt Kitanglad**

It was our second full day on the mountain, but today it was a lot more overcast. As we climbed up back to the viewpoint, it began to rain and the trails became muddy. We still managed some birding through the drizzle and saw our first **Yellow-breasted Fruit-Dove**, **Oriental Cuckoo**, **Philippine Woodpecker** and **McGregor’s Cuckoo-shrike**, plus better views of **Mindanao Hornbill**, **Philippine Hanging-Parrot**, **Long-tailed Shrike** and **Sulphur-billed Nuthatch**. Our plan of action today was to spend as much time as was needed at the lower viewpoint in order to see our target Philippine Eagle. For this to happen, it needed to stop raining and clear up considerably. The local guide had climbed up before us and put up a tarpaulin to keep us dry. We began our vigil, and it slowly warmed up and the mist started to rise higher on the adjacent slopes. Our hearts leaped with the word, ‘raptor’ but it was just an **Oriental Honey-buzzard** that flew by. As it cleared, we began scanning the slopes for perched birds and found a nice **Chinese Sparrowhawk**. The closer trees held a few birds, including **Apo Myna**, **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker**, **Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis** and **Chestnut Munia**. The local guide also spotted a group of **White-cheeked Bullfinches**, although they flew before everybody got on them.
We had almost given up when the local guide came down the trail saying they had the eagle at the nest, which was about half a mile up the slope. That was a long half mile, believe me, but we all made it and spent another hour enjoying the enormous Great Philippine Eagle through the scope on the other side of the valley. We had all but given up hope. It was the perfect end to our time here. Now we just had to get back down. After all the rain, the trail was now very muddy and slippery. We all made it safely and even managed a few birds, with Buff-spotted Flameback, Philippine Swiftlet, and for the lucky ones, a Long-tailed Bush-Warbler which popped up next to the trail. It was great to be back down and during dinner, we had our nightly Bukidnon Woodcock fly past the lodge. The birding wasn’t over yet, as we still had some owling to do. The trick with these owls was to wait until they called near the lodge, at whatever time that was, then jump out of the tent to find them before they moved off. After a couple of false alarms, Everett’s Scops-Owl showed up at midnight and Giant Scops-Owl at 1am. It was a huge success for those that could get out fast enough, although we were a bit bleary-eyed the next morning.
3rd March – Mt Kitanglad to Eden Resort, Davao
We had time for a spot of pre-breakfast birding before going down the mountain. We walked a short trail behind the lodge looking for Blue-capped Kingfisher. We didn’t find it but we did have some other welcome additions, including Amethyst Brown-Dove, Long-tailed Bush-Warbler and Bundok Flycatcher. After breakfast, we packed our bags and loaded them on the horses before setting off ourselves. We were sad to leave after 3 days in this enchanting place, although hot showers and wifi did hold a certain attraction now. On the walk down, we managed a bit of birding and saw Little Pied Flycatcher, a juvenile Barred Honey-buzzard, great views of a pair of Mindanao Hornbills, Sulphur-billed Nuthatch and our first Tawny Grassbird which poked its head out of the grass for us. In a flowering tree, we had great views of Philippine Hanging-Parrot, Eyebrowed Thrush and our first Chestnut-cheeked Starlings.

This male Pied Harrier was a pleasant distraction on our descent from Mount Kitanglad. (Charley Hesse)

Lower down still, we had great views of an adult male Pied Harrier which winged its way by. It had been a muddy, slippery walk and by the time we reached the bottom, our trousers and boots were caked with mud and we had to rinse off on the river bank. Before getting on the truck to the bottom we had our first views of Red-keeled Flowerpecker and Rufous-crowned Bee-eaters through the scope. Driving down, we saw a Pied Bushchat perched on a short post, plus Black-shouldered & Brahminy Kites having a dog fight. It was a relief to put some clean clothes on back at our vehicle and enjoy the (relatively) smooth road and AC on our way to Eden Resort, near Davao where we spent the night.
4th March – Eden, Davao to Bislig
This morning we were targeting 2 very restricted endemics for which this was our only chance. *Russet-tailed Flycatcher* was the first, and we went down to a forest stream, scanning the understory for movement. We heard the high pitch call and soon spotted it. It was a bit tricky to get on, but most of us finally saw this tiny bird. On the way back up, we added a male *Orange-bellied Flowerpecker* and an *Arctic Warbler* which was mercifully vocal. After breakfast, we were transported higher up the slopes of the mountain in search of the endemic *Whiskered Flowerpecker*. It was a steep climb, but we persevered, picking up a *Red-kneedled Flowerpecker* on the way, and were soon near the top of the hill. The local guide seemed to know exactly where the bird would be and we were soon looking through the scope at our target *Whiskered Flowerpecker*, which we found to be a rather unusual member of the family.

We had a long drive to the town of Bislig, our home for the next 4 nights and our base to explore the famous PICOP birding site. We arrived in time to visit the airport. It was not in use at the present time and we were even permitted to drive along the runway. We found a good spot and spent an hour scanning the grasslands and ponds nearby. We saw flocks of *Wandering Whistling-Ducks, Philippine Ducks* plus a few *Purple Herons* in flight. We saw a *Buff-banded Rail* and *Little Ringed Plovers* on the runway itself, and in the nearby vegetation, *Philippine Swamphen, Philippine Coucal, Oriental Reed-Warbler, Golden-headed Cisticola, Pied Bushchat* and *Chestnut Munia*. We waited until dusk for our target *Australasian Grass-Owl* and even had a couple of *Philippine Nightjars* on the runway after dark. It was early to bed in preparation for our early start in the morning.

*Philippine Ducks are a common sight at Bislig airfield. (Charley Hesse)*
5th March – PICOP
PICOP was one of the most important locations of the trip. With a long list of tricky endemics to find, we needed three full days to search for them. It is infamous for needing early departures, and sure enough, we were on the road by 3am to get to the birding site in time for some owling. Despite hearing Everett’s Scops-Owl, both Chocolate & Mindanao Boobook and Philippine Frogmouth, we didn’t manage any looks. As it started to get lighter, we heard a pair of Rufous Hornbills calling in the distance, and we hoped for luck with this species later on. It was overcast and threatened rain, so we wasted no time in starting our birding. There was a good bit of activity early on, and we saw Philippine Spinetailed Swift, Scarlet Minivet, Black-bibbed Cuckoo Shrike, Yellowish Bulbul, Philippine Leafbird, Everett’s White-eye, Whited Hornbill and White-bellied Woodpecker. We found a tree full of small white flowers on which we saw Orange-bellied Flowerpecker, Handsome Sunbird and the weird-looking Naked-faced Spiderhunter.

The well-named Naked-faced Spiderhunter. (Charley Hesse)

It started to rain lightly so we donned our raincoats, put up our umbrellas and started walking along the gravel road. Despite the rain, we had a good morning and a steady stream of new birds, including Barred Honey-buzzard, a pair of perched Pink-bellied Imperial-Pigeons, Black-faced Coucal, Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo, Buff-spotted Flameback, a pair of Philippine Falconets, brief views of Philippine Fairy-bluebird and Pygmy Flowerpecker. We stopped to try for Azure-breasted Pitta at a couple of known territories and had one close, but it wouldn’t come out. We had several flocks during the morning, with Rufous Paradise-Flycatcher, Philippine Leaf Warbler, Brown Tit-Babblers, Yellow-bellied Whistler, Mindanao Blue-Fantail, Chestnut-tailed Jungle-Flycatcher, and the rare Mindanao Wattled Broadbill. The rain got heavier and in the end we had to admit defeat and turn back. Despite having our birding time cut short by the rain, we had made a good start on the targets here. On the drive back, we added Philippine Serpent-Eagle and had a Barred Rail bathing in a puddle in the road. After the long and bumpy ride back to the hotel, we enjoyed some well deserve rest in our rooms.
6th March – PICOP
Although not quite as early as yesterday, we did some owling on the way to a different birding site. We tried for several owl species but only heard Chocolate Boobook which was calling close by and gave us a brief fly by. We drove on to the birding site for the morning. After the rain yesterday, we hoped for better weather today, but our hopes were in vain. We did our best under the circumstances and saw a few nice birds early on, including a gorgeous Philippine Trogon plus Writhed & Mindanao Hornbills. The local guide knew of a flowering tree and we spent some time there to see what would come in. After a short while, we had seen Orange-bellied & White-bellied Flowerpeckers, Plain-throated, Purple-throated, Handsome & Metallic-winged Sunbirds plus Naked-faced Spiderhunter. In the rain, we continued birding along the road and during the morning saw, White-eared Brown-Dove, Black-faced Coucal, Dollarbird, Philippine Falconet, Mindanao Blue-Fantail, Yellow-wattled & Yellowish Bulbuls and White-browed Tailorbird. One of the best birds of the morning was the Striated Wren-Babbler. Normally a tricky skulker, it came in close we had great views. The rain got heavier and heavier, and in the end we had to take shelter under the roof of a local house. There was no let up, and after our packed lunch, we started making our way back. We had one stop at a pond where Southern Silvery Kingfisher is seen, but it was absent. Maybe sheltering somewhere from the rain, like we should have been. We did have a nice eye level Red-keeled Flowerpecker which was our last bird of the day.
7th March – PICOP
It was back to the site we birded on our first full day at PICOP as most of the species we still needed were found there. We hoped that the rain would ease up today but that didn’t happen. It held off long enough to try for some owls in the dark. Our main target was the Mindanao Boobook which called but didn’t come close. After our packed breakfast, we set off up the track in the rain. It came and went, sometimes holding off long enough for us to see some birds. We had Pinsker’s Hawk-Eagle and Rufous Hornbills calling enticingly close but we didn’t manage to locate them. We did see a pair of Crested Goshawks, Pink-bellied Imperial-Pigeon and Mindanao Hornbill perched out though, and the day-roosting Philippine Nightjar was in its usual spot. We had a little bit of flocking activity with species such as Yellow-bellied Whistler, Mindanao Blue-Fantail, Black-naped Monarch, Rusty-crowned Babbler, Mindanao Pygmy-Babbler and Brown Tit-Babbler. Some of the group were also lucky enough to see Stripe-sided Rhabdornis and Short-crested Monarch although optics fogging up in the rain was a problem.

We had another flock with a very different composition including Scarlet Minivet, Black-bibbed Cuckoo-shrike, Yellowish Bulbul and Philippine Leafbird. We did pretty well for sunbirds and flowerpeckers during the morning and found Olive-backed, Bicolored, Red-keeled & Orange-bellied Flowerpeckers, Plain-throated, Handsome & Metallic-winged Sunbirds and Naked-faced Spiderhunter, many of which we had at a flowering tree which was great for photos. We gave up with the rain in the end and turned back for lunch. After lunch it cleared a little and we had Philippine Spinetailed Swift and Barred Honey-buzzard flying over, and a Coppersmith Barbet showing well. It had been a long, wet morning but at least we a few new birds to show for our effort. We dropped in again at the Southern Silvery-Kingfisher pond and this time it was sat on a branch right in the middle like it had never been away. It flew off quickly, but our Mark relocated it and we managed to get close for photos. What a great way to finish the day!
8th March – Tuy-An Falls
It was our last birding on Mindanao and we just had a few hours which we decided to spend at the nearby Tuy-An Falls. We were still missing Mindanao Boobook so we had yet another very early start. It was a shorter drive to get there and we were soon in the familiar position of pre-dawn owling. We soon had our target Mindanao Boobook calling nearby, but it was more cooperative than the past few days and gave us a few fly overs, although we didn't manage to find it perched. An Everett's Scops-Owl was calling nearby and we also saw our first Great Eared-Nightjar.

Philippine Green-Pigeon was split and is one of the many new Philippine endemics. (Charley Hesse)

After finishing our packed breakfasts, we started our daytime birding. We found Tuy-An quite good for pigeons and we had good views of White-eared Brown-Dove, Philippine Green-Pigeon and Yellow-breasted Fruit-Dove. We also had a lovely pair of Philippine Trogons by the gate. We worked on Rufous-fronted & White-browed Tailorbirds and finally had good views of both after a lot of effort. We had fruiting trees with Guaiabero, Yellow-wattled, Yellowish & Philippine Bulbuls; and mixed flocks with Hair-crested Drongo, Black-naped Monarch, Brown Tit-Babbler and Chestnut-tailed Jungle-Flycatcher. We had our last Mindanao Hornbills of the trip and on our last chance found the Mindanao endemic Orange-tufted Spiderhunter. Our time was up, and after a quick look at the Tuy-An Falls themselves, it was back to the hotel to pack up and start the long drive back to Davao Airport and from there back to Manila for the next stage of the tour.
9th March – Manila to Banaue
Today was almost entirely a travel day and a long one at that. Our one little bit of birding we were allowed was some owling at Angono near Manila for Philippine Eagle-Owl. Angono is more famous amongst non-birders for its petroglyphs. We left Manila well before dawn and arrived with enough time to try for the largest of the Philippine owls. We arrived at the spot and I heard a high-pitched screeching sound. I found the sound to be coming from the cliff face next to us and in a shallow burrow, just above eye-level, were 2 large Philippine Scops-Owl chicks. After a quick look at those we turned our attention back to the Philippine Eagle-Owl. It didn’t take long before we had one flying over and perching for all to see. They changed perches a few times, but gave us a wonderful show. The rest of the day was driving all the way to Banaue, although later in the day we stopped at the well-known Dalton Pass. Mark told us that it was a famous spot for catching birds, both in mist nets to release and illegally to eat. It was cold and drizzly when we were there and all we managed were Philippine Swiftlet, Yellowish White-eye and a Bicolored Flowerpecker. The top of the road was some sort of local tourist stop with a zip-line, and a weird menagerie. We didn’t linger, and finished off our long drive to Banaue.
10th March – Mount Polis

Today we had a full day birding Mount Polis. We started well before dawn and on the way up tried a couple of spots for our target Luzon Scops-Owl. It’s a tough bird and we didn’t hear a peep out of it although we did hear a distant Philippine Scops-Owl. After our packed breakfast, we made our way to the upper sections of the Mt Polis road. It wasn’t raining for a change but it was windy, cold and misty. Not a great combination. We did find some flocks of Chestnut-faced Babblers and Mountain White-eyes although the light was bad and the flocks so fast moving that it was difficult to get good views. The mist started to clear and the sun broke through to warm our chilled bodies. We finally had better views of these and also added Mountain Warbler, Green-backed Whistler, Island Flycatcher and Elegant Tit. We carried on driving down the road and we all jumped out when we saw the scarce Gray-capped Shrike. It stuck around and we all had great views of a pair. We had been hearing Philippine Bush-Warbler calling all morning and we finally found a responsive pair that gave us great close views. Further down we heard a sunbird calling but it took us a long time before we could locate the singing male Mountain Sunbird, which is a recent split from Metallic-winged. We also had a dashing male Fire-breasted Flowerpecker.

We had fantastic views of the scarce Gray-capped Shrike. (Charley Hesse)

The last target that we had a good chance for was Luzon Redstart. We had tried a couple of streams on the way down, but all we saw were numerous Pacific Swallows under the bridge. We had our packed lunch at a viewpoint over the distant river but still no redstart, so the only thing left was to go down the steep road towards the river below. The walk was getting a bit long so I went down lower and located the bird quite a distance down. Luckily Mark found a much closer bird which saved us a long, steep walk in the heat of the day. Back up at the main road, we had a Philippine Serpent-Eagle in flight which was new for most of the group. It was pretty quiet on the way back, but we had a few birding stops and picked up a female Flame-crowned Flowerpecker, a pair of Pied Bushchats and an Island Thrush. On the way back, we also had a quick stop in at a viewpoint over the world-famous Banaue rice terraces. Back at the hotel, we did a bit of birding in the gardens and found numerous House Swifts and Striated Swallows zipping to and fro, plus Lemon-throated Warbler, Yellowish White-eye and Long-tailed Shrike from our room balconies. A short walk in the gardens produced White-eared Brown-Dove, Elegant Tit and our target Blue-headed Fantail.
11th March – Banaue to Subic Bay
It was our long drive back south today, although not quite as long as 2 days ago as we only had to go as far as Subic Bay, our next birding destination. We left after breakfast and the only birding we had in the morning was at the bridge in the town of Lagawe that we had tried on the way up for Indigo-banded Kingfisher. We hadn’t seen it then, but this time we had better luck and had brief views. Broken up by a lunch stop, the 8 hour drive went surprisingly quickly. We went straight to our first birding site, and we had timed it perfectly with the heat of the day was just starting to cool off. We flushed our first Asian Emerald Dove off the side of the road, and saw many species we had seen previously, such as Coleto, Green Imperial-Pigeon, Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike, Black-naped Oriole, Whiskered Treeswift and Rufous-crowned Bee-eater, but we also added some of our major targets for Subic, including Rufous Coucal, Luzon Hornbill, Brown-breasted Kingfisher, Luzon Flameback, Northern Sooty-Woodpecker and Blackish Cuckooshrike. At dusk, we drove the short distance to an open area on the edge of the forest and waited around for night birds to start calling. We saw Great Eared-Nightjar flyover but only heard Luzon Boobook. We moved to another site, where we all saw Chocolate Boobook and heard more Luzon Boobooks although they eluded us and would have to wait for another day.

12th March – Subic Bay
We started our full day of birding in the Subic Bay area on the famous and randomly named Hill 394 road. Subic Bay was a US naval base and many of the buildings still stand. We were just birding the roadside and we saw lots of good birds, including Red-crested Malkoha, Luzon Hornbill, White-bellied Woodpecker, Guaiabero, Bar-bellied & Blackish Cuckooshrikes, Balicassiao and Coleto. One participant had missed Striped-sided Rhabdornis earlier in the trip, so he got to catch up on that one. We watched a male Philippine Green-Pigeon displaying to 2 females which was fascinating. We finally got our target White-fronted Tit when our local guide saw one perched high up in a tree singing its little heart out. Next, we moved onto our next birding site on the Nabasan Road. This also held a lot of new birds for us and we saw Philippine Serpent-Eagle, Brown-breasted Kingfisher, Northern Sooty-Woodpecker, Philippine Hanging-Parrot and the fantastic Scale-feathered Malkoha. A not quite so spectacular bird was the Green-backed Tailorbird but it perched out nicely which is quite unusual. We had done our homework on the call notes of the recently split Arctic Warbler complex and were able to ID a Japanese Leaf Warbler which was a lifer for all.
By mid-morning it was starting to get pretty hot and our local guide took us to a spot to scan for raptors. Just as we got out, we spotted one and it was our hoped for Philippine Hawk-Eagle. We had a none-birding stop before lunch which was to go and look at the huge colony of fruit bats. There were 2 species here: Golden-capped Fruit-bat and Large Flying-Fox and they numbered in their thousands. We also had a quick look at a Rufous-crowned Bee-eater nesting colony. On the way back to the hotel we saw dozens of the Philippine Ducks in flight. After lunch and a bit of a rest back at the hotel, we went out to the Hospital road to have one more try for better looks at Green Racquet-tail. It was still pretty hot and slow birding, but things picked up and we saw Brahminy Kite, Luzon Hornbill, White-bellied Woodpecker, Luzon Flameback, Philippine Falconet and Blue-naped Parrot before finally getting good views of our target Green Racquet-tail. We moved on to another site for some more owling. We still hadn’t managed to get on Luzon Boobook but we tried hard this time and finally all got brief views. We also had a nice close Great Eared-Nightjar fly by. With all the main targets under our belts, we could now leave early tomorrow with a clear conscience.

Green Racquet-tail is common, but not always easy to see at Subic Bay. (Charley Hesse)

13th March – Candaba Marsh to Los Banos

Having cleaned up on most targets at Subic, this morning would be spent at Candaba Marsh which was a 2 hour drive. After we were finally beyond the congested highways we started birding rice fields on the way in, and we saw White-browed Crake, Common Kingfisher, Striated Grassbird, Red Collared-Dove and many Chestnut Munias. Most of the water from the reserve had been drained away for the local rice fields, but when we got there, there were still plenty of birds around and we had Yellow & Cinnamon Bitterns, Purple Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, several Eastern Marsh-Harriers (including a rather splendid male), White-breasted Waterhen, Common Snipe, Lesser Coucal and Blue-tailed Bee-eater. We started to concentrate on the smaller birds, and Stuart reached his 6000th species milestone with the Clamorous Reed-Warbler. Congratulations Stuart! After some effort, we also managed views of the skulking Middendorff’s Grasshopper-Warbler. We parked and checked out some flooded fields which were being prepared for rice-planting and here we saw numerous Wood Sandpipers, Oriental Pratincoles and Whiskered Tern. On the way out, we added Philippine Pied-Fantail, Long-tailed Shrike and Zitting Cisticolas before continuing on to lunch and then to the campus of the University of the Philippines at Los Banos. We spent a couple of hours in the afternoon waiting for Spotted Buttonquail to turn up, but we had little to show for our efforts.
14th March – Mount Makiling Los Banos
We had the whole morning to explore the slopes of Mount Makiling and we had some very special birds to look for. We were driven up by a jeepney as far as the road would take us. Our main target of the morning was the **Spotted Kingfisher** and we spent quite a while searching for this elusive bird. We finally had a response and Mark felt that it must be somewhere close by. It took a good deal of scanning before Carol found it much closer than we had imagined. Another important bird for us was the strange-looking **Scale-feathered Malkoha** and we found this along with the shy **Gray-backed Tailorbird** in a forest clearing. As we worked our way down the mountain, we picked up birds at a steady rate, including **Chinese Sparrowhawk, Yellow-wattled Bulbul, Ashy Minivet** and **Balicassiao**. We tried hard to pick out the other **Arctic Warbler** splits, but their calls told us they were just the regular variety. One common bird that we heard all the way along the road was the **White-browed Shama**, but seeing one was another thing altogether. Some of us finally caught a glimpse of this mega skulker after a lot of time peering into the dark forest. Another previously missed bird by some was the **Black-chinned Fruit-Dove**, and luckily we found a nest and had scope views of a male showing off its best feature.

On the way down we saw **Thick-billed Flowerpecker** and **Flaming Sunbird**. After a nice lunch and short rest back at the hotel, we visited the Los Banos Botanical Gardens. We walked up a steep hill to a flowering tree where we hoped for better views of Flaming Sunbird, but had to be content with **Red-keeled Flowerpecker** and **Plain-throated Sunbird**. Other birds seen were **Philippine Falconet, Guaiabero, Philippine Hanging-Parrot, Stripesided Rhabdornis, Gray Wagtail** and the surprisingly scarce **Asian Palm-Swift**. We went back to a bridge over a stream in the campus to try again for better views of the Indigo-banded Kingfisher. It wasn’t there but Mark spotted a **Plain Bush-hen** bathing in a puddle further along the stream. I thought it was worth walking along to another viewpoint and when we got there, we were able to get views of a pair of these skulking, unfortunately-named birds. Our last bird to try for was the **Spotted Buttonquail**. We revisited the same area as yesterday but tried a different spot, and they were already walking around in the middle of the road. Yesterday we waited almost 2 hours but today we were done in 5 minutes. What a great day it been!
14th March – La Mesa Ecopark, Luzon

Our last birding of the main tour was at La Mesa Ecopark which we did on the way to the airport. There was one main target, **Ashy Thrush**, but it was a nice park to see a few different birds. After picking up Keith, who was joining us for the Visayas extension, we ate our packed breakfasts in the parking lot before setting off on the path with all the early morning joggers and walkers. We found a quieter corner of the park which had some nice habitat. On the way in, we had a fairly tame pair of **Barred Rails** before entering the forest. As we walked slowly around scanning the forest floor for **Ashy Thrushes**, we came across a nice **Hooded Pitta**. Up in the trees were **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **Ashy Minivet**, **Pied Triller**, **Philippine Pied-Fantail**, **Lowland White-eye** and **Olive-backed Sunbird**. **Gray-backed Tailorbird** was calling and one person in the group was hoping for better views but it refused to come in. After not too long, we had an **Ashy Thrush** fly across the trail and perch on a low root. We got everybody in the group on it and had good views but it took off before we were able to take photos. The morning went quickly and it was soon time to head to the airport.

![Bohol Tarsier](image)

**Bohol Tarsier was one of the mammal highlights of the trip.** (Charley Hesse)

**VISAYAS EXTENSION**

Again, our flights went smoothly and we were met at Tagbilaran, the main town on Bohol, by our new driver. We set off towards our hotel but stopped on the way at the Tarsier Centre. **Bohol Tarsier** is one of the world’s smallest primates. The local guide had several individuals staked out under leaves and we had great views and photo opps. Outside the entrance we were also shown a **Philippine Frogmouth** on a nest. It started to rain and we continued our drive. Along the road, we saw **Brown-breasted Kingfisher**, plus several **White-breasted Woodswallows** and **Asian Glossy Starlings**. We had just enough time to hit one birding site before dusk and took a short walk along a forest road. We saw **Pygmy Swiftlet**, **Bicolored & Pygmy Flowerpeckers** but it soon started to rain heavily so we had to abandon our efforts, although we did see a **Red Junglefowl** running across the road. We were soon at our next lodge which was set in beautiful gardens full of butterflies.
16th March - Bohol
We had a full day birding on Bohol and quite a list of targets to find. We went back to the same forest road as yesterday, although today it was dryer. We walked several stretches of road, and had pretty good activity to begin with. We had good views of Black-faced Coucal, Brush Cuckoo, Whiskered Treeswift, Philippine Trogon, White-bellied Woodpecker, Black-naped Oriole, Hair-crested Drongo, Yellow-wattled Bulbul and Coletto. We found some flowering trees and found Red-keeled, Orange-bellied & Pygmy Flowerpeckers, plus Purple-throated, Handsome & the island endemic Bohol Sunbird, which was split from Metallic-winged. Another of our important targets was another of the Tarictic Hornbill splits, Samar Hornbill. We had a very brief view of a pair flying away, but subsequent birds showed much better. We had a very different-looking race of Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike which were nesting. The highlight of the morning though was the stunning Azure-breasted Pitta which gave us the run around for a while but finally we managed to get into the scope. We also heard a Blue-breasted Pitta but it was down a steep slope and it refused to come in any closer.

Rufous-lered Kingfisher is a fairly common but inconspicuous endemic. (Charley Hesse)

The morning birding wasn't over yet and we were taken to a muddy road by a small stream. Here we had a Northern Silvery-Kingfisher zip by, but it perched a short distance downstream and we got it in the scope. Next we turned our attention to the Rufous-lered Kingfisher. The local guide had a good spot for it and sure enough it replied straight away. After a couple of fly-overs we found it in the canopy and had great scope views. We drove on to the Chocolate Hills, a local tourist attraction, for lunch. On the drive there, we had several Collared Kingfishers and Asian Glossy Starlings in the open areas. It was a nice scenic diversion, but in the afternoon it was back to the serious business of birding. We drove into the Rajah Sikatuna National Park and tried a spot for Yellow-breasted Tailorbird but it remained as elusive as ever. Next, we walked along a trail, but it started to rain and birds were few and far between. We did see Philippine Trogon, several Samar Hornbills in a fruiting tree, the back end of a Striated Wren-Babbler but only heard the Philippine Oriole. It was beautiful forest but unproductive for birds. Our efforts were finally rewarded at the end of the trail with a couple of Philippine Flying-lemurs which were roosting on the truck of a tree. At the end of the day, it was back to our lodge for another delicious dinner.
17th March – Bohol to Cebu
On our last morning birding Bohol, we went back to our usual forest road where we hoped to pick up some of our remaining targets. The weather was much better today, blue skies, and we started off well with some good birds like: Philippine Cuckoo-Dove, Amethyst Brown-Dove, Black-faced Coucal, Samar Hornbill, Black-naped Oriole, Coletto, Red-keeled Flowerpecker and even a pair of Hair-crested Drongos on a nest. Next, Mark found us the fantastic Visayan Broadbill. We had brief views, but managed to draw them back for better. We had 3 females clicking, buzzing and jumping around in what looked very much like lekking behaviour. A male was nowhere in sight, and what was going on could only be guessed at. It was an amazing display and one of the highlights of the trip. We saw White-bellied Woodpecker and Buff-spotted Flameback but our search for flocking species only resulted in a pair of Black-naped Monarchs. Our target Visayan Blue Fantail had apparently become much rarer in the past few years.

We were able to observe the Visayan Broadbill’s behaviour at length. (Keith Barnes)

One bird that was becoming a real pain to find was the Yellow-breasted Tailorbird, which although common, was devilishly difficult to see. It eluded us all morning but we finally caught glimpses of it barely inches off the ground. We still had a bit of time left, so some of us chased the Blue-breasted Pitta which was calling in exactly the same place as yesterday. This involved walking down a steep, slippery slope, then bush-whacking a bit. Keith earned his supper by locating this elusive bird and rewarding those that had undertaken the endeavour with a show of its bright colours through gaps in the leaves. It was a great bird to finish on, but back at the lodge, one of the local guides had found us a pair of Everett's Scops-Owl which we put in the scope and spent some time photographing. After lunch, we checked out and started our drive to the harbour, where we would get on a fast passenger boat to Cebu. On the way, we stopped at a muddy pond which several shorebirds, including Lesser & Greater Sand-, Kentish & Little Ringed Plovers, Common & Wood Sandpipers and Gray-tailed Tattler. The ferry ride was bumpy but painless and we were soon in Cebu to start the next leg of our adventure.
18th March – Tabunan, Cebu
We only had a single morning on Cebu at a patch of forest called Tabunan, so we had to make it count. We arrived in the dark to try for the recently split Cebu Boobook. We had a bit of a walk in the dark along a muddy path but we arrived in time and started calling it out. A pair of Plain Bush-hens were calling nearby, but the Cebu Boobook soon turned up and gave us quite a show. For those expecting a bird looking and sounding like the other boobooks we had seen, we were pleasantly surprised at such a distinctive species. We ate our breakfasts and waited for it to become fully light before continuing along the trail through the jagged, limestone rock-strewn forest. Our next target was the Cebu endemic Black Shama, and we found a responsive individual which flew by a few times and perched briefly.

We picked up many common birds, like Black-naped Monarch, Elegant Tit, Philippine Bulbul, Asian Glossy Starling, Coeto, Red-keeled Flowerpecker, Olive-backed Sunbird and Pied Triller. The Balicassiaos here are the very distinctive white-bellied Visayan race, and the Coppersmith Barbet the red-faced Cebu race. The star bird at Tabunan used to be the Cebu Flowerpecker but it hasn’t been seen for some years and may actually have gone extinct. We climbed up to the viewpoint where they used to be seen just in case, but unsurprisingly we didn’t see one. With much of the forest here difficult to get to, it is always possible that such a tiny bird could be hanging on in an inaccessible corner of the reserve. We were looking out for the endemic Streak-breasted Bulbul but only heard and glimpsed them flying over. We also had our first White-vented Whistler, another Visayan endemic, and our last new bird on the way down was a Magnificent Sunbird. Having finished our birding on Cebu, we made our way to the airport for our flight to Negros, the final location on the tour.
**19th March – Mt Kanlaon & Mambukal, Negros**

It was over an hour's drive to Mount Kanlaon. There were 2 ways to bird the mountain, the hard way, and the easy way. Luckily Mark had obtained us permission to enter the upper protected area that was accessible by car. After he had shown the necessary paperwork at a checkpoint, we drove past a non-functioning geothermal power station and up a rough track which passed through quality forest. Negros is another island that has suffered severe habitat loss, here, mainly due to deforestation for sugar cane plantations. To see such good habitat with big trees being conserved was a pleasure. We got out at the top and started birding, accompanied by members of the Department of the Environment and a couple of security guards. We had blue skies for a change and there were plenty of birds calling. The first species we saw were several **Blue-crowned Racquet-tails** which showed very well, a pair of **Brush Cuckoos** and then great views of a **Pink-bellied Imperial-Pigeon** which seemed to be carrying nesting material. We got to an open area and we scanned the surrounding trees to find the white-bellied Visayan form of **Balicassiao** and a pair of **White-winged Cuckooshrikes**.

![A nemesis of Keith's, Pink-bellied Imperial-Pigeon, is finally laid to rest. (Keith Barnes)](image_url)

Coming down the mountain we had a great time birding and saw a soaring **Philippine Serpent-Eagle**, lots of **Mountain White-eyes**, **Bicolored Flowerpecker** and **Visayan Tailorbird**. Many of the subspecies here were very distinctive and we saw interesting races of **Coppersmith Barbet**, **Philippine Woodpecker** and **Scarlet Minivet**. We had good flocking activity lower down with **Visayan Fantail**, **Citrine Canary-Flycatcher**, **Elegant Tit**, **Lemon-throated Warbler**, **Island Flycatcher** and **Yellowish White-eye**. The bird of the morning though was **Flame-templed Babbler**, which after considerable effort and teamwork, we all got great views of. What a bird! We had a late lunch at the Mambukal hot spring resort after which we birded the grounds. After looking at hundreds of **Glossy Swiftlets** nesting under the bridge, and 3 species of fruit bats filling the trees, we started searching for our main target of the afternoon, **Black-belted Flowerpecker**. Our local guide knew just where to look and we were soon enjoying extended scope views of this distinctive recent split from Red-keeled Flowerpecker. We also had great views of **Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo** and **Visayan Bulbul**. The last bird of the day was the **Dimorphic Dwarf-Kingfisher**. The local guide had a stakeout, but it didn’t come in, only giving us a very quick fly by. Our penultimate birding day of the trip had been a very productive one.
20th March – Gawahon Ecopark, Negros.
It was our final morning of the trip and we were hoping for another couple of new species. After an hour and a half's drive, we arrived at the entrance to the ecopark and were met by the local guide. First of all, he showed us the nest of the Visayan form of White-eared Brown-Dove which actually has buff ears! Our main target here though was the rare and localised Negros Jungle-Flycatcher. Luckily the guide seemed to now a good spot for it. To get there we had to walk around the edge of stream just below a picturesque waterfall. We reached the spot and started our vigil. While we waited, some of us saw a female Mugimaki Flycatcher. After waiting for quite a while, the jungle-flycatcher still hadn’t shown, and we decided that we really needed to see some birds on our final morning so we carried on up the trail. Luckily our target was in full song higher up and Keith spotted it for us. It’s not going to win any beauty contests, but it was a nice to see nevertheless.

Main target in the bag, we walked down the trail and back to the road in search of other birds. The other species most people still needed was the Magnificent Sunbird. We had a false alarm with an Olive-backed Sunbird but soon after we found a stunning male Magnificent Sunbird. Walking down the road, we saw several of the locally common birds, like Visayan Bulbul, (white-bellied) Balicassiao and Black-belted Flowerpecker, but also found flocks with species some of us had missed previously or wanted better views of. We saw Lemon-throated Warbler, White-vented Whistler, Visayan Fantail, Black-naped Monarch and Elegant Tit. We thanked our local guide and drove out but finished the tour in a splash of color, with Blue-tailed Bee-eater and Collared Kingfisher on wires. After lunch, we headed to the airport for our flights to Manila. Air traffic congestion in Manila meant our flight was delayed an hour which raised some heartbeats for those with international connections, but everyone made their flights. It had been a tremendously successful trip and unforgettable experience.
BIRD LIST
Taxonomy follows eBird/Clements online checklist v2016.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)

Wandering Whistling-Duck  *Dendrocygna a. arcuata*
Seen at Bislig Airport.

Philippine Duck  *Anas luzonica*  
Vulnerable. Seen at Bislig Airport & Subic Bay.

Megapodes (Megapodiidae)

Tabon Scrubfowl  *Megapodius c. cumingii*  
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Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies (Phasianidae)

Palawan Peacock-Pheasant  *Polyplectron napoleonis*  
Endemic

Red Junglefowl  *Gallus gallus*  
Introduced. Seen on Bohol, Kanlaon & heard at Subic Bay.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

Yellow Bittern  *Ixobrychus sinensis*
Seen on the way to Bislig & at Candaba.

Cinnamon Bittern  *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Black Bittern  *Ixobrychus flavicollis*

Gray Heron  *Ardea cinerea*

Purple Heron  *Ardea purpurea*

Gray Heron  *Ardea cinerea*

Purple Heron  *Ardea purpurea*

Great Egret  *Ardea alba*

Intermediate Egret  *Mesophoyx intermedia*

Little Egret  *Egretta garzetta*

Cattle Egret  *Bubulcus ibis*

Javan Pond-Heron  *Ardeola speciosa*

Striated Heron  *Butorides striata*

Black-crowned Night-Heron  *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

Black-shouldered Kite  *Elanus caeruleus*

Barred Honey-buzzard  *Pernis celebensis steerei*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Kitanglad & PICOP. This is a potential split.
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Greater Sand-Plover  
*Charadrius leschenaultii*
Seen near Tagbilaran.

Kentish Plover  
*Charadrius alexandrinus*
Seen at Iwahig & near Tagbilaran.

Little Ringed Plover  
*Charadrius dubius*
Seen at Iwahig, Bislig & near Tagbilaran.

### Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)

**Whimbrel**  
*Numenius phaeopus*
Seen on the way to Bislig.

**Long-toed Stint**  
*Calidris subminuta*
Seen at Iwahig.

**Red-necked Stint**  
*Calidris ruficollis*
Near-threatened. Seen at Iwahig.

**Common Snipe**  
*Gallinago gallinago*
Seen at Bislig & Candaba.

**Bukidnon Woodcock**  
*Scolopax bukidnonensis*  
*Endemic*
Seen at Kitanglad.

**Common Sandpiper**  
*Actitis hypoleucos*
Seen Puerto Princesa, Sabang, Iwahig & near Tagbilaran.

**Gray-tailed Tattler**  
*Tringa brevipes*
Near-threatened. Seen near Tagbilaran.

**Common Greenshank**  
*Tringa nebularia*
Seen at Iwahig.

**Marsh Sandpiper**  
*Tringa stagnatilis*
Seen at Iwahig.

**Wood Sandpiper**  
*Tringa glareola*
Seen at Iwahig, Candaba & near Tagbilaran.

### Buttonquail (Turnicidae)

**Spotted Buttonquail**  
*Turnix o. ocellatus*  
*Endemic*
Seen at Los Banos.

### Pratincoles and Coursers (Glareolidae)

**Oriental Pratincole**  
*Glareola maldivarum*
Seen at Iwahig & Candaba.

### Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

**Whiskered Tern**  
*Chlidonias hybrida*
Seen at Bislig, Candaba & Bohol.

### Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

**Rock Pigeon**  
*Columba livia*
Introduced. Seen in some urban areas.

**Red Collared-Dove**  
*Streptopelia tranquebarica humilis*
Seen at Candaba.

**Spotted Dove**  
*Streptopelia chinensis tigrina*
Commonly seen throughout.

**Philippine Cuckoo-Dove**  
*Macropygia t. tenuirostris*
Seen at Kitanglad, PICOP & Bohol.
### Asian Emerald Dove
*Chalcophaps i. indica*

Seen at Subic.

### Zebra Dove
*Geopelia s. striata*

Commonly seen throughout.

### White-eared Brown-Dove
*Phapitreron leucotis*


### Amethyst Brown-Dove
*Phapitreron a. amethystinus*

Endemic

Seen at Kitanglad & Bohol. Heard at PICOP.

### Pink-necked Pigeon
*Treron v. vernans*

Seen at Sabang.

### Philippine Green-Pigeon
*Treron a. canascens*

Endemic

*P.a.canascens* seen at Tuy-An Falls. *T.a.axillaris* seen at Subic.

### Yellow-breasted Fruit-Dove
*Ptilinopus occipitalis*

Endemic

Seen at Kitanglad & Tuy-An Falls. Heard at PICOP, Subic & Bohol.

### Black-chinned Fruit-Dove
*Ptilinopus leclancheri*

Near endemic

*P.l.gironieri* seen at Sabang. *P.l.leclancheri* seen on a nest at Makiling. Heard at PICOP & Tuy-An Falls.

### Pink-bellied Imperial-Pigeon
*Ducula poliocephala*

Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at PICOP & Kanlaon.

### Green Imperial-Pigeon
*Ducula aenea*


### Cuckoos (Cuculidae)

#### Rufous Coucal
*Centropus unirufus*

Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at Subic.

#### Black-faced Coucal
*Centropus melanops*

Endemic

*C.m.melanops* seen at PICOP & heard at Tuy-An. *C.m.banken* seen on Bohol.

#### Greater Coucal
*Centropus sinensis bubutus*

Seen at Subterranean River NP & Sabang.

#### Philippine Coucal
*Centropus v. viridis*

Endemic

Seen or heard at many sites outside of Palawan.

#### Lesser Coucal
*Centropus bengalensis javanensis*

Seen at Iwahig & Candaba.

#### Chestnut-breasted Malkoha
*Phaenicophaeus curvirostris harringtoni*

Endemic subspecies

Seen at Puerto Princesa & Sabang.

#### Red-crested Malkoha
*Dasylophus s. superciliosus*

Endemic

Seen at Subic Bay & Los Banos.

#### Scale-feathered Malkoha
*Dasylophus cumingi*

Endemic

Seen at Subic Bay, Makiling & Los Banos.

#### Asian Koel
*Eudynamys scolopaceus mindanensis*

Seen at Sabang & PICOP. Heard at Subic Bay & Bohol.

#### Violet Cuckoo
*Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchos amethystinus*

Endemic subspecies

Heard at PICOP.

#### Banded Bay Cuckoo
*Cacomantis sonneratii fasciolatus*

Heard at Sabang.

#### Plaintive Cuckoo
*Cacomantis m. merulinus*

Endemic subspecies

Heard at Puerto Princesa & Bislig.

#### Brush (Rusty-breasted) Cuckoo
*Cacomantis variolosus sepulcralis*

Heard at Puerto Princesa & Bislig.

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### Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo
*Surniculus v. velutinus*
Endemic
- Seen at PICOP & heard at Bohol.

### Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo
*Surniculus lugubris brachyurus*
- Heard at Sabang.

### Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo
*Hierococcyx pectoralis*
Endemic
- Seen at Kitanglad & Mambukal. Heard at Gawahon.

### Oriental Cuckoo
*Cuculus optatus*
- Seen at Kitanglad.

### Barn-Owls (Tytonidae)

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<td><em>Batrachostomus septimus</em></td>
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<td><em>B.s.septimus</em> seen at Bohol.</td>
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<td><strong>Palawan Frogmouth</strong></td>
<td>Near endemic</td>
<td><em>Batrachostomus chaseni</em></td>
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### Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

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<td>Brown-backed Needletail</td>
<td><em>Hirundapus g. giganteus</em></td>
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<td>Purple Needletail</td>
<td><em>Hirundapus celebensis</em></td>
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<td>Glossy Swiftlet</td>
<td><em>Collocalia esculenta</em></td>
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<td><em>C.e.marginata</em> seen on Palawan, Luzon &amp; Visayas. <em>C.e.bagobo</em> seen on Mindanao. <em>C.e.isonota</em> (?) seen at Mt Polis.</td>
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<td>Pygmy Swiftlet</td>
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<td>Ameline Swiftlet</td>
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<td><em>A.a.amelis</em> seen at PICOP. <em>A.a.palawanensis</em> seen at Puerto Princesa, Subterranean River NP &amp; Sabang.</td>
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<td>Pacific Swift</td>
<td><em>Apus pacificus</em></td>
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<td>Seen by one client at Banaue.</td>
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<td>House Swift</td>
<td><em>Apus n. nipalensis</em></td>
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<td>Asian Palm-Swift</td>
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## Treeswifts (Hemiprocnidae)

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## Trogons (Trogonidae)

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## Hornbills (Bucerotidae)

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<td>Palawan Hornbill</td>
<td><em>Anthracoceros marchei</em></td>
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<td>Writhed Hornbill</td>
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<td>Samar Hornbill</td>
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<td>Mindanao Hornbill</td>
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## Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)

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<td>Indigo-banded Kingfisher</td>
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Northern Silvery-Kingfisher  
*Ceyx flumenicolus*  
Endemic  
Near-threatened. Seen on Bohol.

Southern Silvery-Kingfisher  
*Ceyx argentatus*  
Endemic  
Near-threatened. Seen at PICOP.

Rufous-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher  
*Ceyx rufidorsa*  
Endemic  
Seen at Sabang and heard at Subterranean River NP.

Dimorphic Dwarf-Kingfisher  
*Ceyx margarethae*  
Endemic  
Seen at Mambukal resort.

Ruddy Kingfisher  
*Halcyon coromanda*  
Endemic  
Seen on Bohol.

Brown-breasted Kingfisher  
*Halcyon gularis*  
Endemic  
Seen at PICOP, Subic Bay & Bohol.

Rufous-lored Kingfisher  
*Todiramphus winchelli*  
Endemic  
Vulnerable. *T.w.nigrorum* seen on Bohol. *T.w.mindanensis* heard at PICOP.

Collared Kingfisher  
*Todiramphus chloris collaris*  
Endemic  
Seen at Puerto Princesa. Los Banos, Bohol, Tabunan & Gawahon. Heard at Cana, Kitanglad & La Mesa.

Spotted Kingfisher  
*Actenoides lindsayi*  
Endemic  
Seen at Makiling & heard at Subic Bay.

Blue-capped Kingfisher  
*Actenoides hombronii*  
Endemic  
Vulnerable. Heard at Kitanglad & PICOP.

**Bee-eaters (Meropidae)**

Rufous-crowned Bee-eater  
*Merops americanus*  
Endemic  
Seen at Kitanglad & Subic Bay.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater  
*Merops philippinus*  
Endemic  
Seen at Candaba, La Mesa & Gawahon.

**Rollers (Coraciidae)**

Dollarbird  
*Eurystomus o. orientalis*  
Endemic  
Seen at Sabang, PICOP & Subic Bay.

**Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)**

Coppersmith Barbet  
*Psilopogon haemacephalus*  
Endemic subspecies  
*P.h.haemacephalus* seen at Subic Bay. *P.h.intermedius* seen at Kanlaon. *P.h.mindanensis* seen at Kitanglad & PICOP. *P.h.cebuensis* seen at Tabunan. Race seen on Bohol is unclear. These distinctive races are potential splits.

**Woodpeckers (Picidae)**

Philippine Woodpecker  
*Dendrocopos maculatus*  
Endemic  
*D.m.valdikostris* seen at Los Banos & heard at La Mesa. *D.m.maculatus* seen at Kanlaon. *D.m.fulvifasciatus* seen at Kitanglad.

White-bellied Woodpecker  
*Dryocopus javensis*  
Endemic subspecies  
*D.j.confusus* seen at Subic Bay. *D.j.pectoralis* seen on Bohol. *D.j.multilunatus* seen at PICOP. *D.j.hargitti* seen at Sabang.

Spot-throated Flameback  
*Dinopium everetti*  
Endemic  
Near-threatened. Seen at Sabang & Iwahig.

Luzon Flameback  
*Chrysocolaptes haematribon*  
Endemic  
Seen at Subic Bay.

Yellow-faced Flameback  
*Chrysocolaptes xanthocephalus*  
Endemic  
Endangered. Heard at Kanlaon.
Buff-spotted Flameback | *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* | Endemic
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*C.l.rufopunctatus* seen on Bohol. *C.l.montanus* seen at Kitanglad & PICOP.

Northern Sooty-Woodpecker | *Mulleripicus f. funebris* | Endemic
Near-threatened. Seen at Subic Bay.

Great Slaty Woodpecker | *Mulleripicus p. pulverulentus* | Vulnerable
Seen at Sabang.

**Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)**

**Philippine Falconet** | *Microhierax erythrogenys* | Endemic
*M.e.erythrogenys* seen at Subic Bay & Los Banos. *M.e.meridionalis* seen at Kitanglad & PICOP.

**Oriental Hobby** | *Falco severus* | Endemic
Seen at Sabang.

**Cockatoos (Cacatuidae)**

**Philippine Cockatoo** | *Cacatua haematuropygia* | Endemic
Critically endangered. Seen at Sabang.

**Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)**

**Mindanao Racquet-tail** | *Prioniturus waterstradti* | Endemic
Near-threatened. Seen at Kitanglad.

**Blue-headed Racquet-tail** | *Prioniturus platenae* | Endemic
Vulnerable. Seen at Sabang.

**Green Racquet-tail** | *Prioniturus luconensis* | Endemic
Endangered. Seen at Subic Bay.

**Blue-crowned Racquet-tail** | *Prioniturus discurus whiteheadi* | Endemic
Near-threatened. Seen at Kanlaon.

**Blue-naped Parrot** | *Tanygnathus l. lucionensis* | Endemic subspecies
Near-threatened. Seen at Sabang, Iwahig & Subic Bay.

**Guaiabero** | *Bolbopsittacus lunulatus* | Endemic
*B.l.lunulatus* seen at Subic Bay, Los Banos, Makiling & La Mesa. *B.l.mindanensis* seen at PICOP & Tuy-An Falls.

**Philippine Hanging-Parrot** | *Loriculus philippensis* | Endemic

**Asian and Grauer's Broadbills (Eurylaimidae)**

**Wattled Broadbill** | *Eurylaimus steerii mayri* | Endemic
Vulnerable. Seen at PICOP.

**Visayan Broadbill** | *Eurylaimus samarensis* | Endemic
Vulnerable. Seen at Bohol.

**Pittas (Pittidae)**

**Blue-breasted Pitta** | *Erythropitta e. erythrogaster* | Endemic subspecies
Seen on Bohol.

**Hooded Pitta** | *Pitta sordida* | Endemic subspecies
*P.s.sordida* seen at La Mesa & heard on Bohol. *P.s.palawanensis* seen at Sabang.

**Azure-breasted Pitta** | *Pitta steeri* | Endemic
Vulnerable. *P.s.coelestis* heard at PICOP. *P.s.steeri* seen on Bohol.
**Thornbills and Allies (Acanthizidae)**

**Golden-bellied Gerygone**  
*Gerygone sulphurea*  
Endemic subspecies

Race seen at Puerto Princesa unclear. *G.s.simplex* seen at Candaba & heard at La Mesa.

**Woodswallows (Artamidae)**

**White-breasted Woodswallow**  
*Artamus l. leucorynchus*

Commonly seen throughout.

**Ioras (Aegithinidae)**

**Common Iora**  
*Aegithina tiphia aequanimis*

Seen near Puerto Princesa.

**Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)**

**Fiery Minivet**  
*Pericrocotus i. igneus*

Near-threatened. Seen at Sabang.

**Scarlet Minivet**  
*Pericrocotus speciosus*  
Endemic subspecies

*P.s.novus* seen at Kanlaon. *P.s.gonzalesi* seen at PICOP. The distinctive races of this species are potential splits.

**Ashy Minivet**  
*Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Seen at Los Banos, Makiling & La Mesa.

**Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike**  
*Coracina striata*  
Endemic subspecies

*C.s.striata* seen at Subic Bay. *C.s.boholensis* seen on Bohol. *C.s.dificilis* seen at Sabang.

**McGregor’s Cuckooshrike**  
*Malindangia mcgregori*

Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at Kitanglad.

**Pied Triller**  
*Lalage n. nigra*

Seen at Kitanglad, La Mesa & Tabunan.

**Blackish Cuckooshrike**  
*Analisoma c. coerulescens*

Endemic

Seen at Subic Bay.

**White-winged Cuckooshrike**  
*Analisoma ostenta*

Endemic

Vulnerable. Seen at Kanlaon.

**Black-bibbed Cuckooshrike**  
*Edolisoma m. mindanense*

Endemic

Vulnerable. Seen at PICOP.

**Whistlers and Allies (Pachycephalidae)**

**Yellow-bellied Whistler**  
*Pachycephala philippinensis apoensis*  
Endemic

Seen at Kitanglad & PICOP.

**Green-backed Whistler**  
*Pachycephala albiventris*

Endemic

Seen at Mt Polis.

**White-vented Whistler**  
*Pachycephala homeyeri*  
Near endemic

*P.h.major* seen at Tabunan. *P.h.winchelli* seen at Gawahon.

**Shrikes (Laniidae)**

**Brown Shrike**  
*Lanius cristatus*

Commonly seen throughout.

**Long-tailed Shrike**  
*Lanius schach nasutus*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Kitanglad, Banaue, Candaba & Los Banos.

**Gray-capped Shrike**  
*Lanius v. validirostris*

Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at Mt Polis.
Old World Orioles (Oriolidae)

**Dark-throated Oriole**  
*Oriolus xanthonotus persuasus*  
Endemic subspecies

Near-threatened. Heard at Sabang.

**Philippine Oriole**  
*Oriolus steerii samarensis*  
Endemic

Heard at PICOP & Rajah Sikatuna NP.

**Black-naped Oriole**  
*Oriolus c. chinensis*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Sabang, Subic Bay, La Mesa & Bohol. Heard at Tuy-An.

**Drongos (Dicruridae)**

**Ashy Drongo**  
*Dicrurus leucophaeus*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Sabang.

**Hair-crested Drongo**  
*Dicrurus hottentottus*  
Endemic subspecies

*D.h.samarensis* seen on Bohol.  
*D.h.palawanensis* seen at Subterranean River NP, Sabang & Iwahig.  
*D.h.striatus* seen at PICOP & Tuy-An.  
*D.h.palawanensis* is a potential split as Palawan Drongo.

**Balicassia**  
*Dicrurus balicassius*  
Endemic

*D.b.balicassius* seen at Subic Bay, Los Banos & Makiling.  
The distinctive white-bellied form, *D.b.mirabilis* seen Tabunan, Kanlaon & Gawahon. This is a strong candidate to be split.

**Fantails (Rhipiduridae)**

**Black-and-cinnamon Fantail**  
*Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea hutchinsoni*  
Endemic

Seen at Kitanglad.

**Mindanao Blue-Fantail**  
*Rhipidura superciliaris apo*  
Endemic

Seen at PICOP.

**Visayan Fantail**  
*Rhipidura albiventris*  
Endemic

Seen at Kanlaon & Gawahon.

**Blue-headed Fantail**  
*Rhipidura cyaniceps pinicola*  
Endemic

Seen at Banaue.

**Philippine Pied-Fantail**  
*Rhipidura nigritorquis*  
Endemic

Seen at Puerto Princesa, Candaba, La Mesa & Tabunan.

**Monarch Flycatchers (Monarchidae)**

**Short-crested Monarch**  
*Hypothymis helena agusanae*  
Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen by some at PICOP.

**Black-naped Monarch**  
*Hypothymis a. azurea*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Sabang, Iwahig, Kitanglad, PICOP, Tuy-An, Bohol, Tabunan, Canlao & Mambukal.

**Celestial Monarch**  
*Hypothymis coelestis*  
Endemic

Vulnerable. Heard at PICOP.

**Blue Paradise-Flycatcher**  
*Terpsiphone cyanescens*  
Endemic

Seen at Subterranean River NP & Sabang.

**Rufous Paradise-Flycatcher**  
*Terpsiphone c. cinnamomea*  
Near endemic

Seen at PICOP.

**Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)**

**Slender-billed Crow**  
*Corvus enca pusillus*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Sabang & Iwahig.

**Large-billed Crow**  
*Corvus macrorhynchos philippinus*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Kitanglad, Eden, PICOP, Subic Bay, Candaba, Los Banos & Makiling.
**Swallows (Hirundinidae)**

- **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
  - Commonly seen throughout.

- **Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica javanica*
  - Seen at Subterranean River NP, Mt Polis, Candaba & Bohol.

- **Striated Swallow** *Cecropis s. striolata*
  - Seen at Banaue, Los Banos & Bohol.

**Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)**

- **Citrine Canary-Flycatcher** *Culicicapa helianthea panayensis*
  - Endemic subspecies
  - Seen at Mt Kanlaon.

**Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)**

- **Elegant Tit** *Periparus elegans*
  - Endemic
  - *P.e.edithae* seen at Mt Polis & Banaue. *P.e.elegans* heard at Subic Bay. *P.e.albescens* seen at Kanlaon & Gawahon. *P.e.visayanus* seen at Tabunan. *P.e.mindanensis* seen at Kitanglad.

- **Palawan Tit** *Periparus amabilis*
  - Endemic
  - Near-threatened. Seen at Sabang.

- **White-fronted Tit** *Sittiparus s. semilarvatus*
  - Endemic
  - Near-threatened. Seen at Subic Bay.

**Nuthatches (Sittidae)**

- **Sulphur-billed Nuthatch** *Sitta oenochlamys*
  - Endemic
  - *S.o.oenochlamys* seen at Kanlaon. *S.o.apo* seen at Kitanglad.

**Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)**

- **Black-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus a. atriceps*
  - Seen at Sabang & Iwahig.

- **Yellow-wattled Bulbul** *Pycnonotus urostictus*
  - Endemic
  - *P.u.urostictus* seen at Mt Makiling. *P.u.atricaudatus* seen on Bohol. *P.u.philippensis* seen at PICOP & Tuy-An.

- **Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goaivier*
  - Endemic subspecies
  - *P.g.goaivier* seen at Subic Bay, Candaba, Los Banos & La Mesa. *P.g.suluensis* seen at Kitanglad & Eden.

- **Ashy-fronted Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cinereifrons*
  - Endemic
  - Seen at Sabang.

- **Gray-throated Bulbul** *Alophoixus frater*
  - Endemic
  - Seen at Sabang.

- **Sulphur-bellied Bulbul** *Iole palawanensis*
  - Endemic
  - Seen at Sabang.

- **Visayan Bulbul** *Hypsipetes guimarasensis*
  - Endemic
  - Seen at Kanlaon, Mambukal & Gawahon.

- **Yellowish Bulbul** *Hypsipetes e. everetti*
  - Endemic
  - Seen at PICOP.

- **Streak-breasted Bulbul** *Hypsipetes siquijorensis*
  - Endemic
  - Endangered. Seen briefly at Tabunan.

- **Philippine Bulbul** *Hypsipetes philippinus*
  - Endemic

**Bush-Warblers and Allies (Cettiidae)**

- **Mountain Tailorbird** *Phyllergates cucullatus philippinus*
  - Endemic subspecies
  - Seen at Mt Polis.
Rufous-headed Tailorbird  
*Phyllergates heterolaemus*  
Endemic

Philippine Bush-Warbler  
*Horornis seebohmi*  
Endemic

**Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)**

Arctic Warbler  
*Phylloscopus borealis*  
Heard at Kitanglad.

Kamchatka Leaf Warbler  
*Phylloscopus examinandus*  
Subspecies  
Subspecies

Japanese Leaf Warbler  
*Phylloscopus xanthodryas*  
Vulnerable

Lemon-throated Warbler  
*Phylloscopus cebuensis*  
Endemic

Philippine Leaf-Warbler  
*Phylloscopus olivaceus*  
Endemic

**Reed-Warblers and Allies (Acrocephalidae)**

Oriental Reed-Warbler  
*Acrocephalus orientalis*  
Endemic

Clamorous Reed-Warbler  
*Acrocephalus stentoreus harterti*  
Endemic

**Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)**

Tawny Grassbird  
*Megalurus timoriensis*  
Endemic

M. tweeddalei heard at Mt Polis. M. talopex heard at Tabunan. M. crex seen at Kitanglad.

Striated Grassbird  
*Megalurus palustris forbesi*  
Endemic

M. tweeddalei heard at Mt Polis. M. talopex heard at Tabunan. M. crex seen at Kitanglad.

Middendorff’s Grasshopper-Warbler  
*Locustella ochotensis*  
Endemic

Long-tailed Bush-Warbler  
*Locustella caudata*  
Endemic

L. caudata heard at Mt Polis. L. malindangensis (?) seen at Kitanglad. Potential split.

Benguet Bush-Warbler  
*Locustella seebohmi*  
Endemic

Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)

Zitting Cisticola  
*Cisticola juncidis*  
Endemic

Golden-headed Cisticola  
*Cisticola exilis semirufus*  
Endemic

Rufous-fronted Tailorbird  
*Orthotomus f. frontalis*  
Endemic

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird  
*Orthotomus sericeus nuntius*  
Endemic

Visayan Tailorbird  
*Orthotomus castaneiceps rabori*  
Endemic
Gray-backed Tailorbird  *Orthotomus d. derbianus*  Endemic
Seen at Subic Bay & heard at Dalton’s Pass.

Green-backed Tailorbird  *Orthotomus chloronotus*  Endemic
Seen at Subic Bay & heard at Dalton Pass.

Yellow-breasted Tailorbird  *Orthotomus samarensis*  Endemic
Near-threatened. Seen on Bohol.

White-browed Tailorbird  *Orthotomus nigriceps*  Endemic
Seen at PICOP & Tuy-An.

**White-eyes, Yuhas, and Allies (Zosteropidae)**

Chestnut-faced Babbler  *Zosterornis w. whiteheadi*  Endemic
Seen at Polis.

Mindanao White-eye  *Lophozosterops g. goodfellowi*  Endemic
Seen by the guide at Kitanglad.

Rusty-crowned Babbler  *Sterrhoptilus capitalis euroaustrialis*  Endemic
Seen at PICOP.

Flame-templed Babbler  *Dasycrotapha speciosa*  Endemic
Endangered. Seen at Kanlaon.

Mindanao Pygmy-Babbler  *Dasycrotapha plateni*  Endemic
Near-threatened. Seen at PICOP.

Lowland White-eye  *Zosterops m. meyenii*  Near endemic
Seen at La Mesa.

Everett’s White-eye  *Zosterops everetti basilianicus*  Endemic subspecies
Seen at PICOP, Tuy-An & Bohol.

Yellowish White-eye  *Zosterops nigrorum*  Endemic
*Z.n.innominatus* seen at Dalton’s Pass & Mt Polis. *Z.n.nigrorum* seen at Kanlaon & Gawahan.

Mountain White-eye  *Zosterops montanus*  Endemic subspecies
*Z.m.whiteheadi* seen at Mt Polis. *Z.m.pectoralis* seen at Kanlaon. *Z.m.vulcani* seen at Kitanglad.

**Tree-Babblers, Scimitar-Babblers, and Allies (Timaliidae)**

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler  *Mixornis gularis woodi*  Endemic subspecies
Seen at Sabang & Iwahig. This distinctive race is a potential split.

Brown Tit-Babbler  *Macronus striiceps mindanensis*  Endemic
Seen at Kitanglad, PICOP & Bohol.

**Ground Babblers and Allies (Pellorneidae)**

Palawan Babbler  *Malacopteron palawanense*  Endemic
Near-threatened. Seen at Iwahig.

Ashy-headed Babbler  *Pellorneum cinereiceps*  Endemic
Seen at Subterranean River NP, Sabang & Iwahig.

Striated Wren-Babbler  *Ptilocichla mindanensis*  Endemic
*P.m.fortichi* seen on Bohol. *P.m.mindanensis* seen at PICOP.

Falcated Wren-Babbler  *Ptilocichla falcata*  Endemic
Vulnerable. Seen at Sabang & Iwahig.

**Fairy-bluebirds (Irenidae)**

Asian Fairy-bluebird  *Irena puella tweedalii*  Endemic subspecies
Near-threatened (if split). Seen at Sabang. This is a potential split.

Philippine Fairy-bluebird  *Irena cyanogastra*  Endemic
Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)

**Gray-streaked Flycatcher**  *Muscicapa griseisticta*
Commonly seen throughout.

** Philippine Magpie-Robin**  *Copsychus mindanensis*  Endemic
Seen at Los Banos.

** White-browed Shama**  *Copsychus l. luzoniensis*  Endemic
Seen at Subic Bay & Makiling.

** White-vented Shama**  *Copsychus niger*  Endemic
Seen at Subterranean River NP & Sabang.

**Black Shama**  *Copsychus cebuensis*  Endemic
Endangered. Seen at Tabunan.

**Palawan Blue-Flycatcher**  *Cyornis lemprieri*  Endemic
Near-threatened. Seen at Subterranean River NP & heard at Iwahig.

**Mangrove Blue-Flycatcher**  *Cyornis rufigastra philippinensis*  Endemic subspecies
Heard at Tabunan.

**Chestnut-tailed Jungle-Flycatcher**  *Cyornis ruficauda samarensis*  Endemic subspecies
Seen at PICOP & Tuy-An Falls.

**Island Flycatcher**  *Eumyias panayensis*  Endemic subspecies

**Negros Jungle-Flycatcher**  *Vauriella albicularis*  Endemic
Endangered. Seen at Gawahun.

**White-browed Shortwing**  *Brachypteryx montana*  Endemic subspecies
*B.m.bruneiceps* seen at Mt Kanlaon. *B.m.polyogyna* heard at Mt Polis. Race heard at Kitanglad is unclear. This is a potential split.

**Mugimaki Flycatcher**  *Ficedula mugimaki*
Seen at Kitanglad & Gawahun.

**Little Pied Flycatcher**  *Ficedula westermanni*  Endemic subspecies
*F.w.westermanni* seen at Mt Kitanglad. *F.c.rabori* seen at Kanlaon & heard at Mt Polis.

**Little Slaty Flycatcher**  *Ficedula b. basilanica*
Heard at PICOP.

**Russet-tailed Flycatcher**  *Ficedula crypta*  Endemic
Seen at Eden.

**Bundok Flycatcher**  *Ficedula luzoniensis daggayana*  Endemic
Seen at Mt Kitanglad.

**Luzon Redstart**  *Phoenicurus bicolor*  Endemic
Vulnerable. Seen at Mt Polis.

**Pied Bushchat**  *Saxicola caprata*  Endemic subspecies
*S.c.caprata* seen at Los Banos. *S.c.randi* seen at Kanlaon. *S.c.andersenii* seen at Bislig & PICOP.

**Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)**

**Ashy Thrush**  *Geokichla cinerea*  Endemic
Vulnerable. La Mesa.

**Island Thrush**  *Turdus poliocephalus thomassoni*  Endemic subspecies
Seen at Mt Polis.

**Eyebrowed Thrush**  *Turdus obscurus*
Seen at Mt Kitanglad.

**Starlings (Sturnidae)**

**Stripe-sided Rhabdornis**  *Rhabdornis mystacalis*  Endemic
*R.m.mystacalis* seen at Subic Bay, Los Banos & Makiling. *R.m.minor* seen at PICOP.
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**Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis**  
*Rhabdornis inornatus alaris*  
Endemic

Seen at Mt Kitanglad.

**Asian Glossy Starling**  
*Aplonis p. panayensis*  

See at Sabang. Puerto Princesa, Bohol, Tabunan & Kanlaon.

**Short-tailed Starling**  
*Aplonis minor*  

See at Mt Kitanglad.

**Apo Myna**  
*Goodfellowia miranda*  
Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at Mt Kitanglad.

**Coleta**  
*Sarcops calvus*  
Endemic

*S.c.calvus* seen at Subic Bay.  
*S.c.melanonotus* seen at Mt Kitanglad, Eden, PICOP, Tuy-An Falls, Bohol & Tabunan.

**Common Hill Myna**  
*Gracula religiosa palawanensis*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Sabang.

**Chestnut-cheeked Starling**  
*Agropsar philippensis*  

Seen at Mt Kitanglad.

**Crested Myna**  
*Acridotheres cristatellus*  

Introduced. Seen in Manila.

**Leafbirds (Chloropseidae)**

**Philippine Leafbird**  
*Chloropsis flavipennis*  
Endemic

Vulnerable. Seen at PICOP.

**Yellow-throated Leafbird**  
*Chloropsis palawanensis*  
Endemic

Seen at Sabang.

**Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)**

**Olive-backed Flowerpecker**  
*Prionochilus o. olivaceus*  
Endemic

Seen at PICOP.

**Palawan Flowerpecker**  
*Prionochilus p. plateni*  
Endemic

Seen at Sabang.

**Thick-billed (Striped) Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum agile striatissimum*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Makiling. This is a potential split.

**Whiskered Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum proprium*  
Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at Eden.

**Olive-capped Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum n. nigrilore*  
Endemic

Seen at Mt Kitanglad.

**Flame-crowned Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum a. anthonyi*  
Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at Mt Polis.

**Bicolored Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum bicolor*  
Endemic

*D.b.inexpectatum* seen at Dalton’s Pass.  
*D.b.virissimum* seen at Kanlaon.  
*D.b.bicolor* seen at PICOP & Bohol.

**Red-keeled Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum australe*  
Endemic

Seen at Kitanglad, Eden, PICOP, Tuy-An, Makiling, Bohol & Tabunan.

**Black-belted Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum haematostictum*  
Endemic

Vulnerable. Seen at Mambukal & Gawahon.

**Orange-bellied Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum trigonostigma*  
Endemic subspecies

*D.t.cinereigulare* seen at Eden, PICOP, Tuy-An Falls & Bohol.  
*D.t.dorsale* seen at Kanlaon & Mambukal. Heard at Gawahon.

**White-bellied Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum hypoleucum pontifex*  
Endemic

Seen at Kitanglad & PICOP.

**Pygmy Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum pygmaeum*  
Endemic

*D.p.pygmaeum* seen at Bohol.  
*D.p.davao* seen on PICOP.  
*D.p.palawanorum* seen at Sabang.
**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker**  *Dicaeum ignipectus*  
*D.i.luzoniense* seen at Mt Polis.  *

**Sunbirds and Spiderhunters (Nectariniidae)**  

**Plain-throated Sunbird**  *Anthreptes malacensis*  
*A.m.paraguae* (Brown-throated) seen near Puerto Princesa.  *

**Purple-throated Sunbird**  *Leptocoma sperata trochilus*  
Seen at Sabang, Iwahig, Bislig, PICOP & Bohol.  *

**Copper-throated Sunbird**  *Leptocoma calcostetha*  
Seen at Sabang.  *

**Olive-backed Sunbird**  *Cinnrys jugularis*  
*C.j.aurora* (Orange-breasted) seen on Palawan.  *

**Lovely Sunbird**  *Aethopyga shellyi*  
Seen at Subterranean River NP & Sabang.  *

**Magnificent Sunbird**  *Aethopyga magnifica*  
Seen at Tabunan & Gawahon.  *

**Handsome Sunbird**  *Aethopyga b. bella*  
Seen at PICOP & Tuy-An Falls. Race found on Bohol unclear. This is a potential split.  *

**Flaming Sunbird**  *Aethopyga f. flagrans*  
Seen at Makiling.  *

**Mountain Sunbird**  *Aethopyga jefferyi*  
Seen at Mt Polis.  *

**Bohol Sunbird**  *Aethopyga decorosa*  
Seen on Bohol.  *

**Gray-hooded Sunbird**  *Aethopyga p. primigenia*  
Near-threatened. Seen at Kitanglad.  *

**Orange-tufted Spiderhunter**  *Arachnothera f. flammifera*  
Seen at Tuy-An Falls.  *

**Pale Spiderhunter**  *Arachnothera dilutior*  
Seen at Sabang.  *

**Naked-faced Spiderhunter**  *Arachnothera c. clarae*  
Seen at PICOP.  *

**Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)**  

**Eastern Yellow Wagtail**  *Motacilla tschutschensis*  
Seen at Iwahig.  *

**Gray Wagtail**  *Motacilla c. cinerea*  
Seen at Kitanglad, PICOP, Los Banos, Makiling & Kanlaon.  *

**Paddyfield Pipit**  *Anthus rufulus lugubris*  
Seen at Iwahig, Kitanglad, Bislig & Bohol.  *

**Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)**  

**White-cheeked Bullfinch**  *Pyrrhula leucogenis steerei*  
Seen at Kitanglad.  

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**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker**  
*Dicaeum ignipectus*  
*Endemic subspecies*  
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**Gray-hooded Sunbird**  
*Aethopyga p. primigenia*  
Near-threatened. Seen at Kitanglad.  *

**Orange-tufted Spiderhunter**  
*Arachnothera f. flammifera*  
Seen at Tuy-An Falls.  *

**Pale Spiderhunter**  
*Arachnothera dilutior*  
Seen at Sabang.  *

**Naked-faced Spiderhunter**  
*Arachnothera c. clarae*  
Seen at PICOP.  

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**Eastern Yellow Wagtail**  
*Motacilla tschutschensis*  
Seen at Iwahig.  *

**Gray Wagtail**  
*Motacilla c. cinerea*  
Seen at Kitanglad, PICOP, Los Banos, Makiling & Kanlaon.  *

**Paddyfield Pipit**  
*Anthus rufulus lugubris*  
Seen at Iwahig, Kitanglad, Bislig & Bohol.  

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**White-cheeked Bullfinch**  
*Pyrrhula leucogenis steerei*  
*Endemic*  
Seen at Kitanglad.
## Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

**Cinnamon Ibon**
*Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus*  
Endemic

Seen at Kitanglad.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow**
*Passer montanus*

Commonly seen throughout.

## Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)

**Scaly-breasted Munia**
*Lonchura punctulata cabanisi*  
Endemic subspecies

Seen at Sabang, Bislig, Candaba & Tabunan.

**White-bellied Munia**
*L. leucogastra*  
Endemic subspecies

*L.l. palawana* seen at Sabang. *L.l. manueli* seen near Tuy-An Falls, Kitanglad & Candaba. Heard at Tabunan.

**Chestnut Munia**
*L. atricapilla jagori*

Seen at Kitanglad, Bislig, Candaba & Negros.

## Mammals

### Squirrels (Sciuridae)

**Philippine Pygmy Squirrel**
*Exilisciurus cocinnus*  
Endemic

Seen at PICOP & Raja Sikatuna NP.

**Northern Palawan Tree Squirrel**
*Sundasciurus juvencus*  
Endemic

Seen at Sabang.

**Mindanao Flying-Squirrel**
*Petinomys mindanensis*  
Endemic

Seen at Mt. Kitanglad.

## Flying Foxes (Pteropodidae)

**Golden-crowned Flying Fox**
*Acerodon jubatus*  
Endemic

Endangered. Seen at Subic Bay & Mambukal.

**Large Flying Fox**
*Pteropus vampyrus*  
Near-threatened.

Near-threatened. Seen at Subic Bay & Mambukal.

**Island Flying Fox**
*Pteropus hypomelanus*

Seen at Mambukal.

## Flying Lemurs (Cynocephalidae)

**Philippine Flying Lemur**
*Cynocephalus volans*  
Endemic

Seen at Raja Sikatuna NP.

## Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)

**Long-tailed Macaque**
*Macaca fascicularis philippensis*  
Endemic subspecies

Near-threatened. Seen at Subterranean River NP & Raja Sikatuna NP.

## Tarsiers (Tarsiidae)

**Philippine Tarsier**
*Tarsius philippensis*  
Endemic

Near-threatened. Seen at Raja Sikatuna NP.