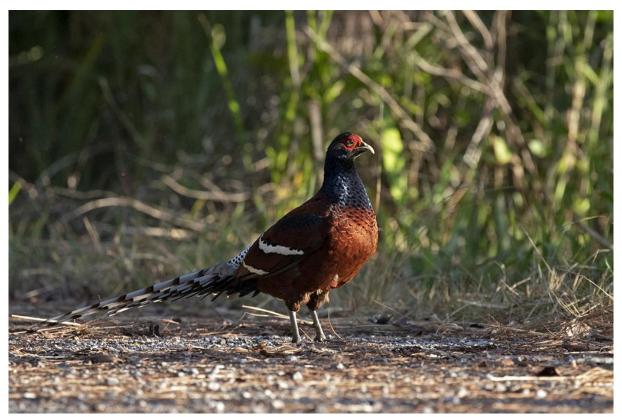
# TROPICAL BIRDING

# Thailand: Mystical Asia 1st - 18th November, 2019

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The magnificent Hume's Pheasant was voted bird of the trip.

This custom tour followed a similar itinerary to our set departure tour with an additional day to explore the eastern slope of Doi Lang which required a high-clearance vehicle. Despite our aim being to maximize lifers seen (almost 200!) rather than overall number, we racked up quite a trip list with over 420 species without even visiting the south of Thailand! We also saw 20 species of mammals with some highlights including Binturong, Dhole and Smooth-coated Otter. December is the coolest month in Thailand with more pleasant temperatures than our usual February trip. Bird activity was lower in the early mornings and afternoons and birds often unresponsive to tape. Conversely, midday activity was much better, mixed flocks were more prominent and there were more fruiting trees at this time of year, so pros and cons balanced somewhat. It was a busy holiday time for Thais, but it was always easy to escape the crowds on trails. With fit clients, we actually walked a lot more on trails than usual, and were rewarded with excellent birds including pittas. Some highlights of the trip included tens of thousands of shorebirds in the Pak Thale area, the amazing forest blinds in the Kaeng Krachan area, hornbills and broadbills at Khao Yai, great water birds at Bueng Boraphet (Thailand's largest lake), a huge range of elevational specialties at Doi Inthanon (Thailand's highest mountain), plus a range of northern Thailand rarities at Doi Ang Khang and Doi Lang. The clients also commented that it was the best 'Food Trip' they had ever been on.

#### 2nd December - Bangkok to Laem Pak Bia

We left our hotel early, but apparently not quite early enough and still hit some thick traffic on the way through Bangkok. Things were not helped by extensive roadworks on the highway system. We finally got clear of traffic and at a point had several Painted Storks fly over us. We turned off at the neighbouring city of Samut Sakhon and drove to the shorebird site of Khok Kham. A Spoon-billed Sandpiper had been seen there recently but we struggled to find many shorebirds at all, eventually finding one spot with Black-winged Stilt, Greater Sand- & Kentish Plovers, Broad-billed, Curlew & Marsh Sandpipers, Red-necked Stint and Common Redshank. We moved on to the nearby Mahachai Mangrove Research Station which had a nice boardwalk. It was pretty good and we saw quite a few birds, with White-breasted Waterhen, Striated Heron, Brahminy Kite, Collared Kingfisher, Coppersmith Barbet, Golden-bellied Gerygone, Common Iora, Malaysian Pied-Fantail, Brown Shrike, Racket-tailed Treepie, Dark-necked Tailorbird and Olive-backed Sunbird. The highlight though was on the way out, when we stopped to take a picture of a monitor crossing the road and a **Smooth-coated Otter** ran across the road behind with a fish in its mouth. Before we had time to reach for our cameras a second one ran across.



Painted Storks fishing.

We made it to our hotel at Laem Pak Bia for lunch and after a short rest we had a full afternoon's shorebirding. In addition to the shorebirds we had seen at Khok Kham, we added Pacific Golden- & Lesser Sand-Plover, Blacktailed Godwit, Long-toed Stint, Terek Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper plus Common & Nordmann's **Greenshanks**. There were also plenty of **Whiskered Terns** flying about and a single **Common Tern**. We also had nice views of the attractive Black-capped Kingfisher and Asian Pied Starling. We moved up to the final site of the day called Pak Thale. This has been the most reliable site for Spoon-billed Sandpiper over the last few years. There were plenty of birds and we added Black-bellied & Kentish Plovers, a single Far Eastern Curlew, Great & Red Knots, Dunlin and Spotted Redshank. There were plenty of terns too and we added Little, Gull-billed & White-winged Terns and even a Paddyfield Pipit. Just before dusk we located the main group of small peeps and it was here that we would concentrate our efforts tomorrow morning.

# 3rd December - Laem Pak Bia to Kaeng Krachan

At dawn, we were back where we left off at dusk yesterday. It was low tide and the recently uncovered mudflats were full of small sandpipers. When it became fully light, the true number of birds became clear and the task of finding 1 small individual with a different bill shape among them frighteningly apparent. The bulk of birds were made up of Red-necked & Long-toed Stints, Broad-billed Sandpipers, Golden- & Lesser Sand-Plovers plus the odd Little Ringed Plover, Whimbrel and Ruddy Turnstone. We scanned through them again and again but could turn up no Spoon-billed Sandpiper. A Brahminy Kite flew over and the whole lot went up in clouds made up of thousands of birds. Across the road were groups of bigger birds, including Black-winged Stilt, Black-tailed Godwits, Brown-headed Gull and Painted Storks. Nearby we added Common & Collared Kingfisher, Ashy Minivet and Dusky Warbler. Time escaped us so we had to admit defeat. After breakfast, we packed up and had one last look around Laem Pak Bia salt pans where we saw many more Black-tailed Godwits, Terek Sandpipers and Common Redshank, plus our first Dunlin, Wood Sandpiper and nearby a flock of Caspian Terns. Also, our first **Greater Coucal** by the beach. We hit the road but found ourselves stopping after a short while at a spot where we saw Red-wattled Lapwing, Indochinese Roller, Asian Pied Starling and Scaly-breasted Munia.



White-browed Scimitar-Babbler seen from a forest blind.

We made our way to Kaeng Krachan but had another quick stop at an open area where we picked up **Eurasian** Hoopoe, Brown Shrike, Taiga Flycatcher and Richard's Pipit. One last bird before getting to our lodge was White-throated Kingfisher. We had lunch at our wonderful birding lodge during which we saw our first Red Junglefowl and Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush. After lunch, we took a short walk around the grounds and found a spot with good activity and Black-hooded Oriole, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Ruby-cheeked & Olive-backed Sunbird and Verditer Flycatcher. We also took a walk along the nature trail and added a pair of Bronzed Drongos bathing in the river, Pale-legged Leaf Warbler, Pin-striped Tit-Babbler and Scarlet-backed **Flowerpecker**. In the afternoon we drove to a nearby hide overlooking a small drinking pond. We spent almost 3 hours here and it was non-stop action. We saw Scaly-breasted Partridge, Red Junglefowl, Asian Emerald Dove, White-bellied Erpornis, Black-naped Monarch, Racket-tailed Treepie, Black-headed, Black-crested & Stripe-throated Bulbuls, White-browed & Large Scimitar-Babblers, Puff-throated & Abbott's Babblers, Brown-cheeked Fulvetta, White-rumped Shama, Hainan, Chinese, Hill Blue & Indochinese Blue Flycatchers and Siberian Blue Robin. It was an amazing afternoon.

# 4th December - Kaeng Krachan NP

We left the lodge before dawn and drove towards the Kaeng Krachan NP and on the way saw a Large-tailed Nightjar in the road. After buying our tickets, we drove in to the km 9 area. We had a brief stop where we saw our first hornbills, with Great & Oriental Pied plus a bonus Lesser Yellownape. We reached a fruiting tree where a couple of car loads of Chinese bird photographers had already set up. The area was kicking, and in a short time we had Thick-billed Green-Pigeon, Blue-eared & Green-eared Barbets, Black-naped Oriole, Black-headed Bulbul and Asian Fairy-bluebirds coming into an amazing fruiting tree. Nearby we also had Greater Flameback, Black-winged Cuckooshrike and the Chinese White-faced race of Ashy Drongo. Further stops along the road produced Black-capped Kingfisher, Two-barred Warbler, Rufous-fronted Babbler, Flowerpecker, Blue-winged Leafbird and some Red Junglefowl. We also had some soaring raptors including Oriental Honey-buzzard, Jerdon's Baza and Crested Goshawk. We stopped by a small waterhole where there was a Common Kingfisher perched. We heard an Orange-breasted Trogon in the forest, but it wouldn't come any closer, so we stepped in and found it for good views. We also came across a nice mixed flock with Greater Yellownape, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher and Sultan Tit.



Common Green-Magpie is one of the jewels of Thailand's forests.

Broadbills are a big target for all birders at Kaeng Krachan and we found our first, the Black-and-red Broadbill. We reached the Ban Kram Camp and took a walk on other side of the stream where we found **Great Iora**, **Olive** Bulbul and Sulphur-breasted Warbler, plus more views of Hainan Blue Flycatcher and Ruby-cheeked Sunbird. We also had our first Gray-rumped Treeswift and Brown-backed Needletail. We drove back along the entrance road and added Chestnut-headed Bee-eater. We went back for lunch and a rest, and in the afternoon went to another forest blind. We drove to house of the owner and he guided us along narrow tracks up to the forest edge from where we walked in. We spent an enjoyable couple of hours there, and although it wasn't quite as active as yesterday, we did see some great birds, including: Asian Emerald Dove, Black-naped Monarch, the stunning Common Green-Magpie, Puff-throated Babbler, Lesser Necklaced, Greater Necklaced & White-crested Laughingthrushes, Blue-throated, Chinese Blue & Indochinese Blue Flycatchers and Siberian Blue Robin, plus many Lesser Mouse-Deer and Indochinese Ground-Squirrel. We went back to the lodge for dinner after which we took a short night walk on which we heard an **Indian Thick-knee**.

#### 5th December - Kaeng Krachan NP

We drove into the park at the same time as yesterday and again had a Large-tailed Nightjar in the road. We aimed to drive straight to the 3 streams area but stopped to look at a perched Crested Serpent-Eagle on the way. We parked at the main Ban Krang campsite and walked under the barrier. In the past, vehicles were allowed beyond this point, but they are now upgrading the road up and the rules have changed. We had good activity at the start of the walk and began with several Thick-billed Green-Pigeons flying over, our first Himalayan Swiftlets, Blacknaped Oriole, Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Stripe-throated, Olive & Ochraceous Bulbuls. Verditer Flycatcher plus Crimson & Ruby-cheeked Sunbirds. Some of our main targets for the morning were the broadbills, and with some effort we saw both Banded & Black-and-yellow Broadbills and also the beautiful Redbearded & Blue-bearded Bee-eaters. In a bamboo area we had good activity and picked up Brown-rumped & Rosy Minivets, Orange-bellied Flowerpecker plus Radde's & Yellow-bellied Warbler.



Thailand has a long list of Phylloscopus warblers. This is Radde's Warbler. A cracking bird!

We had been told about a fruiting tree where the rare **Rusty-cheeked Hornbills** had been seen yesterday. We located the tree and found Great & Oriental Pied-Hornbills but no sign of their rarer cousins. Also present were **Asian Fairy-bluebird** and **Blue-winged Leafbird**. After a good 2-mile hike which included three stream crossings, hopping over stepping stones, we reached a small reservoir where we turned around after seeing a nice Gray Wagtail. On the walk back, we saw Green-billed Malkoha, Buff-rumped Woodpecker, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Large Woodshrike, Bronzed Drongo and Sultan Tit. About halfway back, we decided to take the nature trail back to the campground. This was a bit more up and down and had several more stream crossings which tested our balance, although some of us got slightly wet feet. We were rewarded with a pair of Scalybreasted Partridges and a flushed Blue Pitta. We heard a Banded Kingfisher but were unable to call it in. After lunch at the camp cafeteria, we took a drive along the entrance round where we lucked out and came across a pack of **Dhole** or Asian Wild Dog. We had decent views through the trees and it became clear they had made a kill. They dragged the carcass further in but we had been able to watch them for a while.

We went along as far as the fruiting tree where we added an **Eyebrowed Thrush** before heading back to the 3 streams area. Some British birders had told us they had seen Dusky Broadbills back at the end of the 3 streams, so we walked all the way back along. We added more great birds this afternoon including a very close Orangebreasted Trogon, couple of fly overs of Wreathed Hornbill, Gray-rumped Treeswift, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and Jerdon's Baza. It looked like we had dipped on the Rusty-cheeked Hornbills but we ended up stumbling on a flock of a dozen or more almost back at the parking lot. As soon as we had found them, Silver-breasted Broadbill started calling very close and we had to tear ourselves away to look for these. We saw them but they didn't show well. We rushed back along the entrance road to have one last look for Black-thighed Falconet but had to make do with a pair of Common Hill Mynas. As it turned out, We missed a Sun Bear which was showing itself to visitors back at the park restaurant.



A male Orange-breasted Trogon gave us quite a show.

# 6th December - Kaeng Krachan to Khao Yai

Before we left this area, we had time for just one more viewing blind. We still needed Bar-backed Partridge so that was the main target. The Baan Song Nok blind was set up by a local lady and is one of the best. We got in there just after dawn and with a long driving day today, agreed just to spend a short time there. Bar-backed Partridge was one of the first birds to show up, quickly followed by Red Junglefowl, a superb male Kalij Pheasant, Lesser & Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush and White-rumped Shama. It was a productive half an hour and with our target in the bag we hit the road. Our next target was **Indochinese Bushlark** and before we even got to the site, I found one in the road, right next to a bonus Plain-backed Sparrow. We checked the open area I had planned to look for it and there found a wonderful flock of Vinous-breasted Starlings at close range. We had another Tropical Birding Tour ahead of us that had been feeding us their best sites from the day before. One that we had received from our other guide, Lisle, was a day roost of Indian Thick-knee. On a small island visible from the edge of a road we saw 31 of them. Targets were falling like dominos, so with luck on our side decided to revisit Pak Thale to try again for the Spoon-billed Sandpiper. That's as far as our luck went, and even with another hour of intensive searching, we were unable to find the proverbial needle in the haystack of peeps.



A male Kalij Pheasant strutting his stuff at the feeding site.

It was time to move on and the next stop were some fish ponds a little further north. A Spot-billed Pelican had been seen there a few days ago. It seemed to have moved on but there were plenty of other good birds to see, like thousands of Lesser Whistling-Ducks & Garganey, plus numerous Little Grebe, Black-winged Stilt, Caspian Tern, Painted Stork, Oriental Darter, Indian Cormorant, Purple Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron and the uncommon **Black-headed Ibis**. We still had a couple of hours before lunch which we filled with some birding at the Nong Pla Lai paddies. This is a site famous for raptors and didn't disappoint, with **Black-winged Kite, Greater** Spotted & Steppe Eagles plus female Eastern Marsh- & Pied Harriers. There were plenty of other good birds, with Common & White-throated Kingfishers, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Black-browed & Oriental Reed Warblers, Asian Pied Starling, Siberian Stonechat, Asian Golden Weaver and White-rumped Munias. After a rather spicy lunch at a local restaurant, we were on our way towards Khao Yai National Park with one last birding stop at Phra Phuttabat Noi Temple for **Limestone Wren-Babbler**. It had been a long and tiring day of driving, but we had picked up a surprising number of targets and we were happy to arrive at our hotel for a 3-night stay.

#### 7th December - Khao Yai NP

Today was our first full day to explore the wonderful Khao Yai National Park. We were at the gate at 6am and one of the first cars in. We had been warned that it was a holiday weekend so there would be crowds. The bigger immediate problem however was that there was a strong wind and a short stop at the first view point proved to us that birding was not going to be easy today. We gave up on the viewpoint and decided to drive along some quiet roads in the hope of some pheasants coming out. This was however wishful thinking with this volume of traffic. We did see a close Crested Serpent-Eagle by the roadside. We drove up to the Haew Suwat Waterfall, had a short walk around there and saw Thick-billed Green-Pigeons and Oriental Pied-Hornbills flying over. We also had a Radde's Warbler skulking in a brush pile. We walked down to the river and some high pitch calls put us on to a **Slaty-backed Forktail** which showed nicely. We decided to go and walk a trail to escape the crowds which wasn't difficult at Thais are not big hikers.



Blue-winged Leafbird's bright green plumage melts into the tree.

We hit a couple of flocks with White-bellied Erpornis, Ashy & Greater Racket-tailed Drongos, Puff-throated & Gray-eyed Bulbuls, Eastern Crowned, Alström's & Sulphur-breasted Warblers, White-crested Laughingthrush and a pretty Hill Blue Flycatcher. We changed to the well-known Km 33 trail where we saw Brown-rumped Minivet, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Large Woodshrike, Great Iora, Black-naped Monarch, Racket-tailed Treepie, Pale-legged & Claudia's Leaf Warblers and White-crested & Black-throated Laughingthrushes. The best bird though was Eared Pitta. An absolute MEGA! On the way back, we heard some rustling leaves next to the trail which turned out to be this bird. We had varying views before it saw us and hopped off into the forest interior. Just before leaving the trail, I heard a Red-headed Trogon which turned out to be another bird guide. They had the bird though and kindly got us on to it. The Thai guide also told me about a great fruiting tree near the restaurant in the main camp which we went straight to check out. Even in the middle of the day there was quite a bit of stuff and we added **Green-eared & Moustached Barbets** and **Blue-winged Leafbird**.



We had walk away views of this incredible male Red-headed Trogon.

We had a nice lunch from one of the food stalls that was surprisingly tasty, after which we drove to the park cabins where we tracked down Asian Brown & Mugimaki Flycatcher which were both lifers for one person. It was hot now and not expecting too many birds we drove to the top of the Antenna road where we enjoyed the view, then went down to the Pha Diao Dai lookout. Here we found a beautiful male Black-throated Sunbird and from the boardwalk in the forest, Ashy Bulbul and Siberian Blue Robin. We walked a different trail which was a little overgrown and had a flock of smaller birds including Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Puff-throated Bulbul plus Alström's, Sulphur-breasted & Claudia's Leaf Warbler. We hoped for a few grassland birds along the trail towards Nong Phak Chi wildlife viewing hide but could only manage a distant Common Hill Myna and our first Asian Palm-Swifts. We left the park in the late afternoon and found a flock of 7 Red-breasted Parakeets on the way back to the hotel. It had been a fairly productive if somewhat tiring day.



This Binturong feeding in a fig tree was voted 'Mammal of the Trip'

#### 8th December - Khao Yai NP

We drove straight in the park and explored a quiet road again looking for pheasants by the roadside. Despite our early start, the flow of traffic was still too much to have a chance of this. Instead we went to check out the fruiting tree again. Early in the morning was much more productive and there were quite a few birds there. We saw **Green**eared & Moustached Barbet, Common Hill Myna and Oriental Pied-Hornbill but the stars of the show this morning were actually mammals. We had a group of White-handed Gibbons swing there way to the tree and begin their breakfast. The best sighting though was a **Binturong** which to begin with we took for a giant squirrel. This weird shaggy-furred arborial civet gave us quiet a show and we were extremely lucky to see this rare animal. We moved on to the km33 trail where we spent most of the morning. It was pretty quiet at first, but things livened up. Some of the highlights were Crested Goshawk, Banded Broadbill and a mixed flock including White-crested and Black-throated Laughingthrushes, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler and Common Green-Magpie. The best bird though was the **Banded Kingfisher**, which didn't seem to be calling but flew by and we all got on it. Next, we walked the trail behind the main camp but it was pretty dead, and full of Thai holiday-makers. We were a little tired after our long walks this morning so after lunch we took a drive along to the Heu Narok Waterfall.

Here too there were a lot of visitors, but we did see some nice birds nearby, including **Dollarbird**, **Black-capped** Kingfisher and Green-billed Malkoha. We got to the first viewpoint of the waterfall, but it was a little underwhelming, so we cut our losses and walked back. Next, we walked a trail up near the Heu Suwat waterfall which also quiet, although we did pick up another flock of White-crested Laughingthrushes with a Greater Racket-tailed Drongo. Birding was feeling a little too slow, so we revisited the fruiting tree again but even this was quiet. We sat down to watch it so we could rest our weary legs and after a while, things did pick up with several **Red Junglefowl** underneath the tree, **Orange-headed Thrush** plus **Oriental Pied-Hornbills** flying over. The last site of the day was the trail to the wildlife-viewing tower at Nong Phak Chi. On the walk out there, we saw a Greater Yellownape, our first Rufescent Prinia and a Blue Rock-Thrush. Two final targets were Great Eared-Nightjar which flew over the forest at dusk and Brown Boobook which flew in just after dusk and gave us excellent views. It had been a tough day's birding but we had earned some quality species and a great mammal too.



The charismatic White-crested Laughingthrush is common but often tricky to see.

#### 9th December - Khao Yai to Bueng Boraphet

It was our last morning in Khao Yai National Park and we still had several targets to look for. We started at the Km 30 viewpoint which amazingly we still hadn't visited yet. It started slow but as soon as the sunlight hit the trees, birds started moving around and we saw Great Hornbill, Blue-eared & Moustached Barbets, Brown-rumped & Rosy Minivets, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker and a fly-by Asian Emerald Dove. We thought it would be worth checking out the fruiting tree at the headquarters one more time and here saw the usual Thick-billed Green-Pigeon, Oriental Pied-Hornbill, Blue-eared & Green-eared Barbets, Stripethroated, Puff-throated & Gray-eyed Bulbuls, Common Hill Myna, Asian Fairy-bluebird and Blue-winged Leafbird but added our first Scarlet Minivet. Our last port of call here was the Km 33 trail. We never saw a lot there, but it always seemed to turn up something special. We came across the usual flock of **Black-naped Monarch**, Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Alström's, Sulphur-breasted, Pale-legged & Claudia's Leaf Warblers and Hainan Blue Flycatcher but also added another Scarlet Minivet. The White-crested Laughingthrush flock was as skulking and fleeting as ever, but todays special bird on the trail was a flock of Long-tailed Broadbills which showed really well. It was 10am and time to hit the road.

It was a 4-hour drive to the city of Nakhon Sawan. We checked into our hotel and had a rest before heading out in the afternoon to the Bueng Boraphet Waterbird Park. After days of forest birding, it was a nice change to see so many birds easily. We started at a viewing tower over the lake, where we saw many Lesser Whistling-Ducks, Cotton Pygmy-Goose, Eurasian Moorhen, Bronze-winged Jacana, Purple Heron and Asian Openbill. We descended and worked the edges of lake, with bushes and reeds over the water and managed to pull out Blackbrowed & Oriental Reed Warblers, a very skulking Pallas's Grasshopper-Warbler and finally a Ruddybreasted Crake. We also saw several Pink-necked Green-Pigeons, Green, Blue-tailed & Chestnut-headed Beeeaters, Coppersmith & Lineated Barbets and Freckle-breasted Woodpecker perched in the nearby trees, plus Black-crowned Night-Heron, Eastern Marsh-Harrier, Asian Koel and Asian Pied Starlings flying over. It was getting towards sunset and our last time here today we spent scanning the edge of the open water, where we found **Common & White-throated Kingfishers, Little Grebe** and our first **Striated Grassbird** on top of a distant bush. It had been a good introduction to the place, and we would be back tomorrow morning.



Coppersmith Barbet's song is a commonly heard sound in open woodland.

#### 10th December - Bueng Boraphet to Doi Inthanon

After breakfast we drove back down to the Bueng Boraphet Water Bird Park. We had a long drive today but hoped to pick up one or two new birds before we left. We stopped along the entrance road looking for a fruiting tree that we had been told about. We didn't manage to find it but we did chance upon a **Brown-throated Sunbird** which we had been looking for all trip. We entered the park and stopped again at the dock where we scanned over the open water. We saw many Lesser Whistling-Ducks and Asian Openbills, but today also found Eurasian Moorhen, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Yellow Bittern plus Common & White-throated Kingfishers. We also checked along the edges and saw Brown Shrike, Black-browed Reed Warbler, Asian Pied Starling and Streaked & Baya Weavers. In some nearby trees we had Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Coppersmith Barbet and added our first Thickbilled Warbler. I tried the call of the Plaintive Cuckoo again and finally had one pop up on top of a bush. Three targets under our belts, we decided to quit while we were ahead and hit the road. We started our long drive north and after 2 hours, reached the large town of Tak. At a set of ponds and a reservoir, collectively known as the Nong Kra Hoh wetlands, the incredibly rare Baer's Pochard had been seen a couple of weeks ago. It seemed to have moved on as no subsequent sightings had been made but we thought we would check just in case.

There were hundreds of Lesser Whistling-Ducks on the reservoir and mixed in with them, a handful of other ducks including Garganey, Eurasian Wigeon, Northern Pintail and Ferruginous Duck. The pochard had been a long shot but it had been worth a try. We also added our first Osprey and Bank Swallows of the trip. It was lunch time now and we stopped at a restaurant by the Ping River which was very pleasant, and we even had a Eurasian **Hoopoe** fly over. Back on the road, we now had a 3-hour drive to our next birding location of Ban Hong, a site for the very rare **Green Peafowl**. After a long and winding drive through the mountains we reached the entrance road and easily found the birds which we counted 18 of including a displaying male. In the area we also added our first Crested Treeswift and Black-collared Starlings. We had time for just one more birding site for the day, a Blossom-headed Parakeet pre-roost site. We arrived at 5pm sharp which in spring is the perfect time to be there, but we saw just the back end of one pair of Blossom-headed Parakeets which seemed to be the tail end of the flock. We picked up Red-whiskered & Sooty-headed Bulbuls and a flock of roosting Chestnut-tailed Starlings before we went to our nearby hotel at the end of a long driving day.



A male Green Peafowl displaying.

#### 11th December - Doi Inthanon NP

It was our first full day birding in the national park and we decided to start at the summit with a whole set of unique birds. Even though the long weekend had finished, there was still a surprising number of Thai tourists that had made it up here in order to see the sunrise and in the hope of seeing frost for the first time in their lives. There hopes were dashed as a sign proclaiming the temperature had dropped to a disappointingly high 6 degrees C. We had a quick look at the highest point in Thailand at over 2500m. We found a fruiting tree that kicked off our bird list here with Silver-eared Laughingthrush, Black-backed Sibia and Blue Whistling-Thrush. We looked for a spot where the sun was hitting the trees first and found Flavescent Bulbul, Chestnut-tailed Minla plus Mrs. Gould's & Green-tailed Sunbirds. We left the crowds behind and ventured onto the Ang Ka Nature Trail where we had some great birding and found Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantail, Pygmy Cupwing, Ashy-throated, Buffbarred & Blyth's Leaf Warblers, Mountain Tailorbird, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Himalayan Shortwing and the snazzy White-crowned Forktail.

We had seen most of our targets and decided to move on to our next site, the imaginatively named 'Km 34.5 trail'. We parked the car at the bottom and immediately came across a mega flock containing Gray-chinned & Longtailed Minivets, Blyth's Shrike-Babbler, Bronzed & Lesser Racket-tailed Drongos, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Mountain Bulbul, Chestnut-flanked White-eye, Gray-throated Babbler, Yunnan Fulvetta and Spectacled **Barwing.** It was a great start. We could have driven up the steep hill in our 4x4, but decided we didn't want to miss any birds and so walked it. The walk produced several other great birds including Crested Goshawk, Great & Golden-throated Barbets, Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Large Niltava and Black-throated Sunbird. That took us up to lunch and we drove down to Mr Daeng's Birding Information Centre. Mr Daeng has been here decades and there is not a single birder in Thailand who hasn't heard of it. The walls were covered with photos of rare birds supplied by his customers over the years. The cold morning had fuelled our appetites and we went a bit over the top with ordering.



Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantails are not actually fantails, but fairy-flycatchers.

Fully satiated, we drove back up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> checkpoint and the Km 38 Jeep track. This can be pretty quiet at this time of day, but the cold temperatures meant that activity had been stretched out and it was still hopping with birds. We found another large flock straight away, containing Blyth's & Clicking Shrike-Babblers, Whitethroated Fantail, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantail, Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Black Bulbul, Pallas's, Chestnut-crowned & Davison's Leaf Warblers, Blue-winged Minla, Rufous-winged & Yunnan Fulvettas and Hume's Treecreeper. A common but difficult to see bird along the trail was **Slaty-bellied Tesia** and we had brief views of this tiny, skulking, short-tailed warbler. We passed a very productive hour finding more flocks before it was time to start heading down the mountain. We went to another parakeet pre-roost site, where there was a viewing tower. Again, some of us caught a flock of Blossom-headed **Parakeets** flying by just as we arrived but they were not to return. We did however see **Shikra, Green Bee-eater**, Ashy Woodswallow, Red-billed Blue-Magpie, Striated Swallow, White-crested Laughingthrush and Purple & Olive-backed Sunbirds. It had been an amazing day and after dinner we finished it off with a night drive to a local reservoir where we added Large-tailed and Indian Nightjars.

#### 12th December - Doi Inthanon NP

Today we started our birding at the 2nd checkpoint, at km38 and we left the hotel a little later than yesterday to hit the best morning activity. The road was surprisingly busy with Thai tourists but it didn't seem to affect the birds. We found a couple of excellent fruiting trees where we saw Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon, Flavescent & Mountain Bulbuls, Golden Babbler, Yunnan Fulvetta, Rufous-backed Sibia, Small & Rufous-bellied Niltavas and Orange-bellied Leafbird. Short-billed Minivet, Black-throated & Mrs. Gould's Sunbirds also added a dash of colour. We moved on to the trail when there was sufficient light. It was much quieter than the birding along the road but eventually began to warm up and we got a few nice flocks with Blyth's, Black-eared & Clicking Shrike-Babblers, White-throated Fantail, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantail, Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher, Hume's Treecreeper and Yellow-cheeked Tit. We also picked up Vivid Niltava, Goldenthroated Barbet and Slaty-bellied Tesia, the latter which was quite common but a little devil to get on. We walked quite far along the trail until it petered out and we had to turn back. Around here we heard a group of White-necked Laughingthrushes but only had brief views.



Hill Prinia is pretty snazzy for an LBJ.

Here we also saw our first Banded Bay Cuckoo, Bay Woodpecker and the black-billed migratory form of Blue Whistling-Thrush. We spent the whole morning here and the clients were rewarded with a hard won 10 lifers. After another delicious lunch at Mr Daeng's birding centre, we took a drive around some side roads nearby. We found one nice patch of activity where we saw Long-tailed Minivet, Japanese & Yellow-cheeked Tits, Chestnutflanked & Swinhoe's White-eyes and Velvet-fronted Nuthatch. Further on we picked up roadside Gray-backed **Shrike** and **Streaked Spiderhunter**, both new for the trip. We ended up at the Doi Pha Tang viewpoint where we looked up at the mountain. Red-rumped Swallows criss-crossed the sky while Gray Wagtail and Olive-backed **Pipit** patrolled the well-manicured lawns. From there we drove down to the parking lot for the Siriphum waterfall. We didn't go in, but rather checked out an overgrown field next to it where we turned up Ashy Drongo, Brown Shrike, Thick-billed Warbler, Gray Bushchat and finally our target Hill Prinia.

Next, we explored the campground where we searched in vain for the elusive Black-tailed Crake but instead found a nice male Hill Blue Flycatcher. The mountain was cooling quickly in the late afternoon and the bird activity dropped right down, so we decided to go back to the parakeet pre-roost site at the base of the mountain. One member of the group missed them yesterday and were particularly keen to see them. We staked ourselves out at the same spot a little earlier in order to give ourselves a better chance. I wondered around nearby searching for a Burmese Shrike which I found. I got back to the group just as a pair of Blossom-headed Parakeets flew by, after which we went back to my **Burmese Shrike** spot to see the bird was sat on exactly the same tree! Nearby we also saw Black-headed Bulbul, Black-collared & Chestnut-tailed Starlings, Siberian Stonechat and Pied Bushchat before we called it a day.



Black-headed Bulbul has blue eyes.

# 13th December - Doi Inthanon NP to Doi Chiang Dao

On our last morning at Doi Inthanon we had saved birding the dry deciduous forest at Km13. On the way in we flushed a couple of long tailed **Red-billed Blue-Magpies** off the road. We timed our arrival for just after dawn and first quickly checked the bridge for any sign of forktails. There was nothing obvious, so we drove up the steep hill, passing another birding group who had decided to walk it. It was a fairly long road and our time was limited so we made several stops birding from the car. The first bird we saw was Indochinese Cuckooshrike which was new for us, and a short while later we had a flock with Scarlet Minivet, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, the distinctive white-faced race of Eurasian Jay, and finally our target Common Flameback. Further on we got another target, the Rufous-winged Buzzard. Our only target left was the Black-headed Woodpecker, and despite hearing some, we couldn't get them to come in. We picked up a few other nice birds like Purple Sunbird, Golden-fronted Leafbird and Lineated Barbet, but decided to turn around at a small stream with Gray Wagtail. We kept our eyes peeled on the way back and I finally spotted a group of **Black-headed Woodpeckers** which we got great views of. We also heard a Burmese Nuthatch and Asian Barred Owlet which also refused to come in.

All our main targets in the bag, we tried again for the **Black-backed Forktail** from the bridge. There was no sign, so we walked a trail along the river. On the way we saw our first **Buff-breasted Babbler**, before arriving at a beautiful quiet spot where a small stream joined the main river. Investigating this we flushed a forktail for brief views. It had been a very productive morning and we set off towards Chiang Mai content. After a nice pizza lunch, we were on our way to Chiang Dao where we first investigated some paddyfields which held Little Ringed Plover, White Wagtail and numerous Gray-headed Lapwings. The last birding site of the day was Wat Tam Pha Plong temple at the top of 500 steps. It was pretty quiet for birds but we certainly got a good work out. We walked the short gully trail which produced Bay Woodpecker, Asian Stubtail, Streaked Wren-Babbler and Hill Blue Flycatcher, but it had cooled right down and birds were simply not moving. We tried briefly and unsuccessfuly at dusk for the Spot-bellied Eagle-Owl but that too was keeping quiet. After a tasty Thai meal we hit the hay ahead of our early start tomorrow morning.



Fire-breasted Flowerpecker with a healthy appetite.

#### 14th December - Doi Ang Khang

Earlier this year, all accommodation at Doi Ang Khang had been closed down. We left Doi Chiang Dao early and had an hour and a half's drive to get there to enjoy the early morning birding. We drove a winding road along the border with Myanmar and arrived at a military checkpoint with a wonderful view. The soldiers paid us no heed and huddled around a smoky fire to keep warm. Our main target here was the Giant Nuthatch which we found quickly, perched on top of a snag which they often do in the early mornings. Nearby we also added **Chestnut**vented Nuthatch, Gray Bushchat, Hume's & Buff-throated Warblers and our first White Wagtail on the road. We started walking along the road to the campsite and found a nice fruiting tree on the way which had Goldenthroated Barbet, Blue-winged Minla and our first Striated Bulbul. There was other good activity along the road and we saw Long-tailed Minivet, Japanese Tit, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker and Mrs. Gould's Sunbird.

We reached the campsite which was crowded with people and walked around the edge, picking up **Rusty-cheeked** Scimitar-Babbler, Olive-backed Pipit and Common Rosefinch. We drove down the road a little further towards town and stopped at the km 21 trail. We were looking specifically for Scarlet-faced Liocichlas but only heard them. The forest was a little quiet but we did see Martens's Warbler, Mountain Tailorbird, Gray-throated Babbler, Yunnan Fulvetta, Eyebrowed Thrush and Hair-crested Drongo whilst Cook's Swift and Asian House-Martin flew overhead. We moved down the road to lower elevations and the Mae Per trail. This can be a fantastic trail but we caught it on a quiet day, and they'd also put up some new fences blocking the trail to keep cows in. We persevered though and saw Japanese & Yellow-cheeked Tits, Black Bulbul, Chestnut-flanked & Swinhoe's White-eyes, Yunnan Fulvetta, Blue-winged Minla and Black-throated Sunbird. We hope for more birds down at the Doi Angkhang Royal Agricultural Station. We went first to a secret feeding site where we waited but only a hungry White-tailed Robin came in. Nearby we did see Long-tailed Shrike, Red-whiskered, Black & Ashy **Bulbuls** and several **Olive-backed Pipits** feeding on the ground.



Mrs Gould's Sunbird inhabits the highest mountains in Thailand.

We walked down through the beautifully manicured gardens which had several flowering trees with Mrs. Gould's Sunbirds in attendance. At the lower feeder behind the restaurant we had our first Black-breasted Thrushes although they were quickly chased off by an **Oriental Magpie-Robin**. After a nice lunch, we walked the gardens a bit more to find many Black-backed Sibias, an unidentified distant buzzard, plus flocks of White-rumped Munias and Spot-winged Grosbeaks in flight. I went to the restrooms and saw a Daurian Redstart on the way but it had gone by the time I brought the clients down to see it. We left the royal project and tried a few of the same sites again on the way back. We picked up our hoped for White-headed Bulbuls on the km21 trail, before making our way to the Chinese cemetery. Things picked up here and we saw Sooty-headed, Flavescent & our first Brownbreasted Bulbuls, Indian White-eye and fittingly in the Chinese Cemetery, our first Chinese Leaf Warbler. It had been a tough birding day but we had added a good handful of new birds.

#### 15th December - Western slope of Doi Lang

This morning we had a date with a Hume's Pheasant. This once near-mythical species is now regularly seen coming onto the road at a feeding site on Doi Lang. In order to secure the best views possible, I had sourced some specially designed portable viewing blinds which were small individual, camouflaged pop-up tents. We left the hotel early, stopping at the 711 for some coffee and reached the feeding site before dawn. A group of Chinese photographers were already set up in their blinds and we set up on the other side of the road in a spot with prime viewing. As the day broke, birds started to come in to feed on grain scattered over the road and we saw Oriental Turtle-Dove, Olive-backed Pipit, Japanese Tit, White-browed Laughingthrush and Chestnut-vented Nuthatch. The other group also placed mealworms on a post by the roadside and we had Gray-backed Shrike, Grey Bushchat and Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler. It was fully light, and I was a bit nervous about whether Hume's Pheasant would show, but a gorgeous male then appeared by the roadside followed by 2 females. They got closer and closer and gave us a great show, with the male doing his wonderful wing flap and courting to the females with his tail fanned out. We also got 2 bonus **Mountain Bamboo-Partridges** which only stayed a short time.



Siberian Rubythroat showing off its best feature.

The pheasants and partridges seemed to have left and we used the gap to vacate our spot. We quickly folded up our tents and drove through before the birds returned. As well as the pheasant feeding site, Doi Lang has many mealworm feeding sites with a variety of different birds coming in. Here we had great views of some other, normally difficult to see species, like Slaty-blue, Rufous-gorgeted & White-gorgeted Flycatchers, more Rustycheeked Scimitar-Babblers, Silver-eared Laughingthrush and the beautiful Siberian Rubythroat. Reaching the end of the feeders, we started regular birding and continued picking up good birds with a very skulky Aberrant Bush Warbler, Black-throated Tit, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Long-tailed Shrike, Slaty-backed Flycatcher and **Eurasian Jay.** We reached the top checkpoint close to the Myanmar border. We birded here for a while picking up Maroon Oriole, Bronzed Drongo, Crested Finchbill, Flavescent Bulbul and another very skulky White-bellied **Redstart**, before having our picnic lunch. We took a short walk to a second checkpoint which was the actual border where we looked across at Myanmar and started our Myanmar lists with a Spotted Dove.

We started the drive back making a few stops where we found any bird activity along the road. We found a small flock of Common Rosefinches, a lone Great Barbet and several mixed flocks containing Black-backed & Rufousbacked Sibias, Blue-winged Minla, Yunnan Fulvetta, Black Bulbul, Long-tailed Minivet and Verditer Flycatcher. We had been trying for Crimson-breasted Woodpecker and had a few false alarms with Graycapped & Stripe-breasted Woodpeckers but finally came across our target which was our last new bird of the day. There was actually one last feeding site for Ultramarine Flycatcher which we stopped at briefly and also picked up **Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush**. On the way down we flushed a **Crested Serpent-Eagle**. We stopped at a spot for Bamboo Woodpecker which we only heard, but we did see Orange-bellied Leafbird, many Mrs. Gould's Sunbirds and Yellow-bellied Warbler in the bamboo. After another full day of birding we returned to the hotel and later went out to our favourite restaurant in Fang for the last time.



Orange-bellied Leafbird female feasting on fruit.

# 16th December - Eastern slope of Doi Lang

Today we were exploring the eastern slope of Doi Lang, but the fact that the gate only opened at 8am meant that we could leave a little later. We arrived about 30 minutes early and ate our packed breakfasts while scanning an overlook. At 8am sharp we showed our passports (as the road criss-crossed the Myanmar border) and started our drive up the road. We tried to keep pace but had a couple of stops on the lower section and picked up **Gray-capped** Woodpecker, our first Slender-billed Oriole, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Slaty-backed Flycatcher, Fire-breasted **Flowerpecker** and **Black-throated Sunbird**. We also got out at a bridge where there were quite a lot of fruiting trees and we saw Orange-bellied Leafbird, Barred Cuckoo-Dove and several Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeons. The road dropped down again, to the Doi Lang paddies and we flushed a raptor which came down in a nearby snag. We jumped out and put it in the scope to find it was our target **Gray-faced Buzzard**. We got out and scanned the open area and saw our first Eurasian Kestrel and a few Siberian Stonechats. The road began to climb up through forest again and we continued all the way up to the upper checkpoint which was as far as we were allowed to drive.

The Thai soldiers were very friendly, and they indicated where the feeding station was. It took a few minutes before several Black-backed Sibias came in followed by Silver-eared Laughingthrush and Large Niltava, and then fantastic views of a **Scarlet-faced Liocichla**. Although we couldn't drive, we were allowed to walk past the barrier and we began a late morning stroll. It was a delightful temperature and very productive walk with Rufousgorgeted Flycatcher, Speckled Piculet, Short-billed & Long-tailed Minivets, Blyth's & Clicking Shrike-Babblers, our first Whiskered Yuhinas, Striated Bulbul, Rufous-winged Fulvetta and Blue-winged Minla. The highlight though was stumbling across a group of Rufous-throated Partridges which we had a decent look at. We returned to the checkpoint where we had our packed lunches watching the feeders and added Himalayan Bluetail. We began the steep decent and on the way down came across a group of Long-tailed Broadbills with a Lesser Yellownape following them. We stopped again at the Doi Lang Paddies looking for Jerdons Bushchat, but instead found our first Gray-crowned Warbler. One last stop on the way down produced Pale Blue Flycatcher and **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**. Next, we planned to bird the Mae Ai Paddies about a 30-minute drive away.



The MEGA Scarlet-faced Liocichla is a specialty of the Thailand's northern most peaks.

When we arrived, we found some nice muddy field being prepared for rice planting and found our target Redthroated Pipits plus Black-collared & Chestnut-tailed Starlings nearby. We went to a spot for Yellow-breasted Bunting and picked some out of the large number of buntings and sparrows flying over. Here we also saw Common Kingfisher and our first Baikal Bush Warbler, which was a real skulker. We had just enough time for one more site and set off for the neighbouring town of Thaton picking up a **Eastern Marsh-Harrier** on the way. We turned off the road at Thaton village and weaved through narrow rural roads until we got to the birding area. On the way in we saw a **Racket-tailed Treepie** on an overhead wire and a couple of **Greater Coucals**. We passed a pond where we saw a few Little Grebes, Eurasian Moorhens and a Pin-tailed Snipe. We got to the well known 'water tank' area and walked out to an area of long grass. Along the edge, we picked up White-throated Kingfisher, Eurasian Kestrel, Long-tailed Shrike, Paddyfield Pipit and finally some very skulking Chestnutcapped Babblers which gave very fleeting glimpses. We walked along a bank, trying to get views of the river and flushed a Cinnamon Bittern which was a real nemesis of one of the clients. We also had 3 Ruddy Shelducks fly in nearby; a real rarity in Thailand. We had a very full day of birding and managed an amazing 14 lifers! No bad for the penultimate day of the trip. We drove the short distance to our delightful resort for a one-night stop.

#### 17th December - Chiang Saen to Bangkok

It was our last morning of the tour and we were going to spend it birding the Chiang Saen area. We left Thaton in the dark and an hour and a half later we arrived at the Nam Kham Nature Reserve near Chiang Saen. The clients had seen 196 lifers on this trip so far, so on paper just another 4 seemed doable. However, we had done so well up until now that there were very few possible birds left. We started walking around the trails through the long grass and picked up Greater & Lesser Coucals, several Green Bee-eaters, Racket-tailed Treepie and Long-tailed Shrike. I heard the distinctive call of Laced Woodpecker and after calling it in, it perched briefly in the tree next to us, giving great views. Three more to go. We improved on yesterday's Chestnut-capped Babblers with much better views, had nice views of **Red Avadavats** and finally a **Baikal Bush Warbler**. We moved on to the Mekong River looking across at Laos and saw a **Pin-tailed Snipe** on a small island. Our last site was Chiang Saen Lake. There had been a record of Baer's Pochard a couple of weeks ago and we gave ourselves the task of trying to track it down. We drove along the edge of the lake and saw Greater & Lesser Coucals, Gray-headed Swamphens, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Yellow Bittern, Rufous-winged Buzzard, Common & White-throated Kingfishers and Burmese Shrike. We hardly saw any ducks and knew they must be somewhere, so we explored the other end of the lake which required a bumpy ride through a pineapple plantation. We got to my spot and found the motherload of ducks with hundreds of Lesser Whistling-Ducks, dozens of Indian Spot-billed Ducks and Ferruginous Ducks and just a few Garganey, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Common Pochard and Tufted Duck. Everything but the Baer's Pochard. We decided to call it a day, but on the way out found our final bird of the trip, **Barred Buttonguail** which crossed the road in front of us. After a nice lunch and returning the car, we flew back to Bangkok where we finished off a pretty epic trip. Over 420 species of birds (almost half of which were lifers for the clients), some pretty special mammals and lots of yummy Thai food.



This frozen Yellow Bittern thinks we can't see him.

#### **BIRDS OF THE TRIP**

- 1. HUME'S PHEASANT
- 2. SCARLET-FACED LIOCICHLA
- 3. BANDED BROADBILL
- 4. EARED PITTA
- 5. LONG-TAILED BROADBILL

# **MAMMALS OF THE TRIP**

- 1. BINTURONG
- 2. DHOLE
- 3. SMOOTH-COATED OTTER

#### **BIRD LIST**

Taxonomy follows eBird/Clements online checklist v2019.

Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl (Anatidae)

Lesser Whistling-Duck
Seen at Pak Thale, Bueng Boraphet, Nong Kra Hoh & Chiang Saen.
Cotton Pygmy-Goose
Nettapus coromandelianus

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

Garganey Spatula querquedula

Seen at Pak Thale, Nong Kra Hoh & Chiang Saen.

Northern Shoveler Spatula clypeata

Seen at Chiang Saen.

Eurasian Wigeon Mareca penelope

Seen at Nong Kra Hoh.

Indian Spot-billed Duck Anas poecilorhyncha

Seen at Chiang Saen.

Northern Pintail Anas acuta

Seen at Nong Kra Hoh & Chiang Saen.

Common Pochard Aythya ferina

Seen at Chiang Saen.

Ferruginous Duck Aythya nyroca

Seen at Nong Kra Hoh & Chiang Saen.

Tufted Duck Aythya fuligula

Seen at Chiang Saen.

Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies (Phasianidae)

Rufous-throated Partridge Arborophila rufogularis

Seen at Doi Lang.

Bar-backed Partridge Arborophila brunneopectus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Scaly-breasted Partridge Arborophila chloropus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & heard at Khao Yai.

Green Peafowl Pavo muticus

Endangered. Seen at Ban Hong.

Mountain Bamboo-Partridge Bambusicola fytchii

Seen at Doi Lang.

Red Junglefowl Gallus gallus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Hume's Pheasant Syrmaticus humiae

Seen at Doi Lang.

Kalij Pheasant Lophura leucomelanos

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**Grebes (Podicipedidae)** 

Little Grebe Tachybaptus ruficollis

Seen at Pak Thale area, Kaeng Krachan, Bueng Boraphet, Thaton & Chiang Saen.

Pigeons and Doves (Columbidae)

Rock Dove Columba livia

Commonly seen in urban areas.

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Oriental Turtle Dove Streptopelia orientalis

Seen at Doi Lang.

Red Collared Dove Streptopelia tranquebarica

Seen at Pak Thale, Bueng Boraphet & Thaton.

Spotted Dove Streptopelia chinensis

Commonly seen throughout.

Barred Cuckoo-Dove Macropygia unchall

Seen at Doi Lang.

Asian Emerald Dove Chalcophaps indica

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Zebra Dove Geopelia striata

Commonly seen throughout.

Pink-necked Green-Pigeon Treron vernans

Seen in Bangkok & Bueng Boraphet.

Thick-billed Green-Pigeon Treron curvirostra

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon Treron sphenurus

Seen at Doii Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon Ducula badia

Seen at Khao Yai & heard at Doi Chiang Dao.

**Cuckoos (Cuculidae)** 

Greater Coucal Centropus sinensis

Commonly seen throughout.

Lesser Coucal Centropus bengalensis

Seen at Chiang Saen.

Green-billed Malkoha Phaenicophaeus tristis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Asian Koel Eudynamys scolopaceus
Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan, Nong Pla Lai & Bueng Boraphet.
Banded Bay Cuckoo Cacomantis sonneratii

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Plaintive Cuckoo Cacomantis merulinus

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

Nightjars and Allies (Caprimulgidae)

Great Eared-Nightjar Lyncornis macrotis

Seen at Khao Yai.

Large-tailed Nightjar Caprimulgus macrurus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Doi Inthanon.

Indian Nightjar Caprimulgus asiaticus

Seen at Pak Thale & Doi Inthanon.

**Swifts (Apodidae)** 

Brown-backed Needletail Hirundapus giganteus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Himalayan Swiftlet Aerodramus brevirostris

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Germain's Swiftlet Aerodramus germani

Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan & Nong Pla Lai.

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Cook's Swift Apus cooki

Seen at Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Asian Palm-Swift Cypsiurus balasiensis

Seen at Khao Yai & Bueng Boraphet.

**Treeswifts (Hemiprocnidae)** 

Crested Treeswift Hemiprocne coronata

Seen at Ban Hong.

Grey-rumped Treeswift Hemiprocne longipennis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Rails, Gallinules, and Coots (Rallidae)

Common Moorhen Gallinula chloropus

Seen at Bueng Boraphet & Thaton.

Eurasian Coot Fulica atra

Seen at Chiang Saen.

Grey-headed Swamphen Porphyrio poliocephalus

Seen at Chiang Saen.

White-breasted Waterhen Amaurornis phoenicurus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Bueng Boraphet & Chiang Saen. **Red-legged Crake** *Rallina Fasciata* 

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Ruddy-breasted Crake Zapornia fusca

Seen at Bueng Boraphet & heard at Nong Pla Lai.

**Thick-knees (Burhinidae)** 

Indian Thick-knee Burhinus indicus

Seen near Kaeng Krachan.

Stilts and Avocets (Recurvirostridae)

Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus

Seen at Pak Thale & Nong Pla Lai.

**Plovers and Lapwings (Charadriidae)** 

Black-bellied Plover Pluvialis squatarola

Seen at Pak Thale.

Pacific Golden Plover Pluvialis fulva

Seen at Pak Thale.

Grey-headed Lapwing Vanellus cinereus

Seen at Chiang Dao.

Red-wattled Lapwing Vanellus indicus

Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan, Nong Pla Lai & Bueng Boraphet.

Lesser Sand Plover Charadrius mongolus

Seen at Pak Thale.

Greater Sand Plover Charadrius leschenaultii

Seen at Pak Thale.

Kentish Plover Charadrius alexandrinus

Seen at Pak Thale.

Little Ringed Plover Charadrius dubius

Seen at Pak Thale & Chiang Dao.

**Iacanas (Jacanidae)** 

Pheasant-tailed Jacana Hydrophasianus chirurgus

Seen at Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet & Chiang Saen. **Bronze-winged Jacana** Metopidius indicus

Seen at Nong Pla Lai & Bueng Boraphet.

Sandpipers and Allies (Scolopacidae)

Whimbrel Numenius phaeopus

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Far Eastern Curlew** Numenius madagascariensis

Endangered. Seen at Pak Thale.

**Black-tailed Godwit** Limosa limosa

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Ruddy Turnstone** Arenaria interpres

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Great Knot** Calidris tenuirostris

Endangered. Seen at Pak Thale.

**Red Knot** Calidris canutus

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper** Calidris falcinellus

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Curlew Sandpiper** Calidris ferruginea

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Long-toed Stint** Calidris subminuta

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Red-necked Stint** Calidris ruficollis

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Dunlin** Calidris alpina

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Pin-tailed Snipe** Gallinago stenura

Seen at Thaton & Chiang Saen.

**Terek Sandpiper** Xenus cinereus

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Common Sandpiper** Actitis hypoleucos

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Spotted Redshank** Tringa erythropus

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Common Greenshank** Tringa nebularia

Seen at Pak Thale.

Nordmann's Greenshank Tringa guttifer

Endangered. Seen at Pak Thale.

**Marsh Sandpiper** Tringa stagnatilis

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Wood Sandpiper** Tringa glareola

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Common Redshank** Tringa totanus

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Buttonguail (Turnicidae)** 

**Barred Buttonguail** Turnix suscitator

Seen at Chiang Saen.

Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers (Laridae)

**Brown-headed Gull** Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus

Seen at Pak Thale.

Little Tern Sternula albifrons

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Gull-billed Tern** Gelochelidon nilotica

Seen at Pak Thale.

Caspian Tern Hydroprogne caspia

Seen at Pak Thale.

White-winged Tern Chlidonias leucopterus

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Whiskered Tern** Chlidonias hybrida

Seen at Pak Thale, Nong Pla Lai & Bueng Boraphet. Sterna hirundo **Common Tern** 

Seen at Pak Thale.

**Storks (Ciconiidae)** 

**Asian Openbill** Anastomus oscitans

Seen at Pak Thale, Kaen Krachan, Khao Yai, Bueng Boraphet & Thaton.

**Painted Stork** Mycteria leucocephala

Seen at Pak Thale.

Anhingas (Anhingidae)

**Oriental Darter** Anhinga melanogaster

Seen near Pak Thale.

**Cormorants and Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)** 

**Little Cormorant** Microcarbo niger Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Bueng Boraphet. **Indian Cormorant** Phalacrocorax fuscicollis

Seen at Pak Thale.

Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns (Ardeidae)

Yellow Bittern **Ixobrychus sinensis** 

Seen at Bueng Boraphet & Chiang Saen.

**Cinnamon Bittern** Ixobrychus cinnamomeus

Seen at Thaton.

**Grev Heron** Ardea cinerea

Seen at Pak Thale & Chiang Saen.

**Purple Heron** Ardea purpurea Seen at Pak Thale area, Bueng Boraphet & Chiang Saen. **Great Egret** Ardea alba

Seen at Pak Thale, Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet & Chiang Saen.

**Intermediate Egret** Ardea intermedia

Seen at Pak Thale, Nong Pla Lai & Chiang Saen.

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Little Egret Egretta garzetta

Seen widely throughout.

Cattle Egret Bubulcus ibis

Seen widely throughout.

Chinese Pond Heron Ardeola bacchus

Seen widely throughout.

Javan Pond Heron Ardeola speciosa
Non-breeding birds at Pak Thale were likely to be this species.
Striated Heron Butorides striata

Seen at Pak Thale.

Black-crowned Night-Heron Nycticorax nycticorax

Seen at Pak Thale & Bueng Boraphet.

**Ibises and Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)** 

Black-headed Ibis Threskiornis melanocephalus

Seen in the Pak Thale area.

Osprey (Pandionidae)

Osprey Pandion haliaetus

Seen at Nong Kra Hoh.

Hawks, Eagles, and Kites (Accipitridae)

Black-winged Kite Elanus caeruleus

Seen at Nong Pla Lai.

Oriental Honey-buzzard Pernis ptilorhynchus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Jerdon's Baza Aviceda jerdoni

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Black Baza Aviceda leuphotes

Seen on the drive to Nakhon Sawan.

Crested Serpent-Eagle Spilornis cheela

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Doi Lang.

Greater Spotted Eagle Clanga clanga

Vulnerable. Seen at Nong Pla Lai.

Steppe Eagle Aquila nipalensis

Endangered. Seen at Nong Pla Lai.

Rufous-winged Buzzard Butastur liventer

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Chiang Saen.

Grey-faced Buzzard Butastur indicus

Seen at Doi Lang.

Eastern Marsh Harrier Circus spilonotus

Seen at Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet & Mai Ai.

Pied Harrier Circus melanoleucos

Seen at Nong Pla Lai.

Crested Goshawk Accipiter trivirgatus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Doi Inthanon.

Shikra Accipiter badius

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Brahminy Kite Haliastur indus

Seen at Pak Thale.

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Himalayan Buzzard Buteo refectus

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Owls (Strigidae)

Collared Scops Owl Otus lettia

Heard at Kaeng Krachan.

Collared Owlet Glaucidium brodiei

Heard at Khao Yai.

Asian Barred Owlet Glaucidium cuculoides

Heard at Doi Inthanon.

Brown Boobook Ninox scutulata

Seen at Khao Yai.

Trogons (Trogonidae)

Red-headed Trogon Harpactes erythrocephalus

Seen at Khao Yai & heard at Doi Inthanon.

Orange-breasted Trogon Harpactes oreskios

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Hoopoes (Upupidae)

Eurasian Hoopoe Upupa epops

Seen at Chiang Saen & near Kaeng Krachan.

**Hornbills (Bucerotidae)** 

Great Hornbill Buceros bicornis

Vulnerable. Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Rusty-cheeked Hornbill Anorrhinus tickelli

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill Anthracoceros albirostris

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Wreathed Hornbill Rhyticeros undulatus

Vulnerable. Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)** 

Common Kingfisher Alcedo atthis

Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan, Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet, Mai Ai & Chiang Saen.

Banded Kingfisher Lacedo pulchella

Seen at Khao Yai.

White-throated Kingfisher Halcyon smyrnensis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet, Thaton & Chiang Saen.

Black-capped Kingfisher Halcyon pileata

Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Collared Kingfisher Todiramphus chloris

Seen at Mahachai & Pak Thale.

Pied Kingfisher Ceryle rudis

Seen at Chiang Saen.

**Bee-eaters (Meropidae)** 

Red-bearded Bee-eater Nyctyornis amictus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

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Blue-bearded Bee-eater Nyctyornis athertoni

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Green Bee-eater Merops orientalis

Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan, Bueng Boraphet, Doi Inthanon & Chiang Saen.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater Merops philippinus
Seen at Pak Thale, Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet & Thaton.
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater Merops leschenaulti

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Bueng Boraphet.

Rollers (Coraciidae)

**Indochinese Roller** *Coracias affinis* Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan & Nong Pla Lai.

Dollarbird Eurystomus orientalis

Seen at Khao Yai.

Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)

Coppersmith Barbet Psilopogon haemacephalus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Bueng Boraphet.

Blue-eared Barbet Psilopogon duvaucelii

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Great Barbet Psilopogon virens

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Green-eared Barbet Psilopogon faiostrictus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Lineated Barbet Psilopogon lineatus

Seen at Bueng Boraphet & Doi Inthanon.

Golden-throated Barbet Psilopogon franklinii

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Moustached Barbet Psilopogon incognitus

Seen at Khao Yai.

Blue-throated Barbet Psilopogon asiaticus

Heard at Chiang Dao & Doi Lang.

**Woodpeckers (Picidae)** 

Speckled Piculet Picumnus innominatus

Seen at Doi Lang.

Grey-capped Woodpecker Yungipicus canicapillus

Seen at Doi Lang.

Freckle-breasted Woodpecker Dendrocopos analis

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker Dendrocopos atratus

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Seen at Doi Lang.

Bay Woodpecker Blythipicus pyrrhotis
Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.
Greater Flameback Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai. Heard at Doi Lang. **Buff-rumped Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes tristis* 

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

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Bamboo Woodpecker Gecinulus viridis

Heard at Doi Lang.

Common Flameback Dinopium javanense

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Lesser Yellownape Picus chlorolophus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Doi Lang.

Laced Woodpecker Picus vittatus

Seen at Chiang Saen. **Black-headed Woodpecker** 

Picus erythropygius

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Greater Yellownape Chrysophlegma flavinucha

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Great Slaty Woodpecker Mullerin

Heard at Khao Yai.

Mulleripicus pulverulentus

#### Falcons and Caracaras (Falconidae)

Common Kestrel Falco tinnunculus

Seen at Doi Lang & Thaton.

Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)

Blossom-headed Parakeet Psittacula roseata

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Red-breasted Parakeet Psittacula alexandri

Seen at Khao Yai.

Vernal Hanging-Parrot Loriculus vernalis

Heard at Khao Yai.

Asian and Grauer's Broadbills (Eurylaimidae)

Black-and-red Broadbill Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Long-tailed Broadbill Psarisomus dalhousiae

Seen at Khao Yai & Doi Lang.

Silver-breasted Broadbill Serilophus lunatus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Doi Inthanon.

Banded Broadbill Eurylaimus javanicus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill Eurylaimus ochromalus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Pittas (Pittidae)

Eared Pitta Hydrornis phayrei

Seen at Khao Yai.

Rusty-naped Pitta Hydrornis oatesi

Seen very briefly by the guide at Doi Inthanon.

Blue Pitta *Hydrornis cyaneus* 

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Thornbills and Allies (Acanthizidae)

Golden-bellied Gerygone Gerygone sulphurea

Seen at Mahachai.

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**Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)** 

Grey-chinned Minivet Pericrocotus solaris

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Short-billed Minivet Pericrocotus brevirostris

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Long-tailed Minivet Pericrocotus ethologus

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Scarlet Minivet Pericrocotus speciosus

Seen at Khao Yai & Doi Inthanon.

Ashy Minivet Pericrocotus divaricatus

Seen at Pak Thale.

Brown-rumped Minivet Pericrocotus cantonensis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Rosy Minivet Pericrocotus roseus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike Lalage melaschistos

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Doi Ang Khang.

Indochinese Cuckooshrike Lalage polioptera

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Vireos, Shrike-Babblers, and Erpornis (Vireonidae)

Blyth's Shrike-Babbler Pteruthius aeralatus

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler Pteruthius melanotis

Seen at Doi Inthanon & heard at Doi Lang.

Clicking Shrike-Babbler Pteruthius intermedius

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

**White-bellied Erpornis**Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Old World Orioles (Oriolidae)

Black-naped Oriole Oriolus chinensis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Slender-billed Oriole Oriolus tenuirostris

Seen at Doi Lang.

Maroon Oriole Oriolus traillii

Seen at Doi Lang.

Woodswallows, Bellmagpies, and Allies (Artamidae)

Ashy Woodswallow Artamus fuscus

Seen at Pak Thale, Kaeng Krachan, Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet & Doi Inthanon.

Vangas, Helmetshrikes, and Allies (Vangidae)

Large Woodshrike Tephrodornis virgatus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike Hemipus picatus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

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**Ioras (Aegithinidae)** 

Common Iora Aegithina tiphia

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

Great Iora Aegithina lafresnayei

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Fantails (Rhipiduridae)

Malaysian Pied-Fantail Rhipidura javanica

Seen at Bangkok, Kaeng Krachan & Buen Boraphet.

White-throated Fantail Rhipidura albicollis

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Drongos (Dicruridae)** 

Black Drongo Dicrurus macrocercus

Seen at Pak Thale, Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet, Doi Inthanon, Thaton & Chiang Saen.

**Ashy Drongo Dicrurus leucophaeus**Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon & Doi Ang Khang.

Bronzed Drongo Dicrurus aeneus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Doi Lang.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo Dicrurus remifer

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Hair-crested Drongo Dicrurus hottentottus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo Dicrurus paradiseus

Seen at Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

**Monarch Flycatchers (Monarchidae)** 

Black-naped Monarch Hypothymis azurea

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Bueng Boraphet.

Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher Terpsiphone affinis

Seen by the guide at Kaeng Krachan.

**Shrikes (Laniidae)** 

Brown Shrike Lanius cristatus

Seen at Pak Thale, Bueng Boraphet, Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon & Chiang Saen.

Burmese Shrike Lanius collurioides

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Chiang Saen.

Long-tailed Shrike
Seen at Doi Ang Khang, Doi Lang, Thaton & Chiang Saen.
Grey-backed Shrike
Lanius tephronotus

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Crows, Jays, and Magpies (Corvidae)

Eurasian Jay Garrulus glandarius

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Red-billed Blue-Magpie Urocissa erythroryncha

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Common Green-Magpie Cissa chinensis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

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Grey Treepie Dendrocitta formosae

Heard at Doi Lang.

**Racket-tailed Treepie** *Crypsirina temia* Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, Thaton & Chiang Saen.

**Large-billed Crow**Seen at Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet, Khao Yai & Doi Inthanon.

Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)

Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantail Chelidorhynx hypoxanthus

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher Culicicapa ceylonensis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Doi Inthanon.

Tits, Chickadees, and Titmice (Paridae)

Sultan Tit Melanochlora sultanea

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**Japanese Tit**Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Yellow-cheeked Tit Machlolophus spilonotus

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

**Larks (Alaudidae)** 

Indochinese Bushlark Mirafra erythrocephala

Seen near Kaeng Krachan.

Cisticolas and Allies (Cisticolidae)

Common Tailorbird Orthotomus sutorius

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Dark-necked Tailorbird Orthotomus atrogularis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Hill Prinia Prinia superciliaris

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Rufescent Prinia Prinia rufescens

Seen at Khao Yai & Doi Lang.

Yellow-bellied Prinia Prinia flaviventris

Heard at Bueng Boraphet & Chiang Saen.

Plain Prinia Prinia inornata

Seen at Nong Pla Lai & Bueng Boraphet.

Golden-headed Cisticola Cisticola exilis

Heard at Khao Yai.

**Reed Warblers and Allies (Acrocephalidae)** 

**Thick-billed Warbler**Seen at Bueng Boraphet, Doi Inthanon & Chiang Saen.

Black-browed Reed Warbler Acrocephalus bistrigiceps

Seen at Nong Pla Lai & Bueng Boraphet.

Oriental Reed Warbler Acrocephalus orientalis

Seen at Nong Pla Lai & Bueng Boraphet.

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**Grassbirds and Allies (Locustellidae)** 

Striated Grassbird Megalurus palustris

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler Locustella certhiola

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

Baikal Bush Warbler Locustella davidi

Seen at Mai Ai & Chiang Saen.

**Cupwings (Pnoepygidae)** 

Pygmy Cupwing Pnoepyga pusilla

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Swallows (Hirundinidae)

Bank Swallow Riparia riparia

Seen at Nong Kra Hoh.

Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica

Commonly seen throughout.

Pacific Swallow Hirundo tahitica

Seen at Pak Thale.

Red-rumped Swallow Cecropis daurica

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Striated Swallow Cecropis striolata

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Asian House Martin Delichon dasypus

Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

**Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)** 

Black-headed Bulbul Brachypodius atriceps

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Doi Inthanon.

Black-crested Bulbul Rubigula flaviventris

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Crested Finchbill Spizixos canifrons

Seen at Doi Lang.

Striated Bulbul Pycnonotus striatus

Seen at Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Red-whiskered Bulbul Pycnonotus jocosus

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Brown-breasted Bulbul Pycnonotus xanthorrhous

Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

Sooty-headed Bulbul Pycnonotus aurigaster

Seen at Pak Thale, Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang, Doi Lang, Thaton & Chiang Saen.

Stripe-throated Bulbul Pycnonotus finlaysoni

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Flavescent Bulbul Pycnonotus flavescens

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier* 

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

**Streak-eared Bulbul** *Pycnonotus conradi* Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Bueng Boraphet & Doi Inthanon.

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Puff-throated Bulbul Alophoixus pallidus

Seen at Khao Yai.

Ochraceous Bulbul Alophoixus ochraceus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Grey-eyed Bulbul Iole propinqua

Seen at Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon, & Doi Lang.

Olive Bulbul *Iole viridescens* 

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Black Bulbul Hypsipetes leucocephalus

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

White-headed Bulbul Hypsipetes thompsoni

Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

Ashy Bulbul Hemixos flavala

Seen at Khao Yai & Doi Ang Khang.

Mountain Bulbul Ixos mcclellandii

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Leaf Warblers (Phylloscopidae)

Ashy-throated Warbler Phylloscopus maculipennis

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Buff-barred Warbler Phylloscopus pulcher

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Yellow-browed Warbler Phylloscopus inornatus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, Bueng Boraphet, Doi Inthanon, Doi Lang & Chiang Saen.

Hume's Warbler Phylloscopus humei

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Chinese Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus yunnanensis

Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

Pallas's Warbler Phylloscopus proregulus

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Radde's Warbler Phylloscopus schwarzi

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Dusky Warbler Phylloscopus fuscatus

Seen at Pak Thale, Mai Ai & Chiang Saen.

Buff-throated Warbler Phylloscopus subaffinis

Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

Eastern Crowned Warbler Phylloscopus coronatus

Seen at Khao Yai.

Grey-crowned Warbler Phylloscopus tephrocephalus

Seen at Doi Lang & Chiang Saen.

Martens's Warbler Phylloscopus omeiensis

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Ang Khang.

Alström's Warbler Phylloscopus soror

Seen at Khao Yai.

Two-barred Warbler Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Pale-legged Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus tenellipes

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Arctic Warbler Phylloscopus borealis

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

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Chestnut-crowned Warbler Phylloscopus castaniceps

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Sulphur-breasted Warbler Phylloscopus ricketti

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus reguloides

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Claudia's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus claudiae

Seen at Khao Yai.

Davison's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus intensior

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

**Bush Warblers and Allies (Scotocercidae)** 

Asian Stubtail Urosphena squameiceps

Seen by the guide at Chiang Dao.

Slaty-bellied Tesia Tesia olivea

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Ang Khang.

Yellow-bellied Warbler Abroscopus superciliaris

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Doi Lang.

Mountain Tailorbird Phyllergates cucullatus

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Ang Khang.

Aberrant Bush Warbler Horornis flavolivaceus

Seen at Doi Lang.

**Long-tailed Tits (Aegithalidae)** 

Black-throated Tit Aegithalos concinnus

Seen at Doi Lang.

Sylviid Warblers, Parrotbills, and Allies (Sylviidae)

Spot-breasted Parrotbill Paradoxornis guttaticollis

Seen at Doi Lang.

White-eves, Yuhinas, and Allies (Zosteropidae)

Whiskered Yuhina Yuhina flavicollis

Seen at Doi Lang.

Chestnut-flanked White-eye Zosterops erythropleurus

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Indian White-eye Zosterops palpebrosus

Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

Swinhoe's White-eye Zosterops simplex

Seen at Mahachai, Doi Inthanon & Doi Ang Khang.

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

Chestnut-capped Babbler Timalia pileata

Seen at Thaton & Chiang Saen.

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler Mixornis gularis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Golden Babbler Cyanoderma chrysaeum

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Rufous-fronted Babbler Cyanoderma rufifrons

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

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White-browed Scimitar-Babbler Pomatorhinus schisticeps

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai. Heard at Doi Lang.

Large Scimitar-Babbler Megapomatorhinus hypoleucos

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler

Megapomatorhinus erythrogenys

Seen at Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Grey-throated Babbler Stachyris nigriceps

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Ground Babblers and Allies (Pellorneidae)** 

Rufous-winged Fulvetta Schoeniparus castaneceps

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Puff-throated Babbler Pellorneum ruficeps

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Buff-breasted Babbler Pellorneum tickelli

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Abbott's Babbler Turdinus abbotti

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Limestone Wren-Babbler Turdinus crispifrons

Seen near Khao Yai.

Streaked Wren-Babbler Turdinus brevicaudatus

Seen at Chiang Dao.

Laughingthrushes and Allies (Leiothrichidae)

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta Alcippe poioicephala

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Yunnan Fulvetta Alcippe fratercula

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

White-crested Laughingthrush Garrulax leucolophus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Doi Inthanon.

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush Garrulax monileger

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

White-necked Laughingthrush Garrulax strepitans

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush Ianthocincla pectoralis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Black-throated Laughingthrush Ianthocincla chinensis

Seen at Khao Yai.

White-browed Laughingthrush Ianthocincla sannio

Seen at Doi Lang.

Silver-eared Laughingthrush Trochalopteron melanostigma

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Black-backed Sibia Heterophasia melanoleuca

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Rufous-backed Sibia Minla annectens

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Scarlet-faced Liocichla Liocichla ripponi

Seen at Doi Lang & heard at Doi Ang Khang.

Spectacled Barwing Actinodura ramsayi

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

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Blue-winged Minla Actinodura cyanouroptera

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Chestnut-tailed Minla Actinodura strigula

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Nuthatches (Sittidae)** 

Burmese Nuthatch Sitta neglecta

Heard at Doi Inthanon.

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch Sitta nagaensis

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang. **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**Sitta frontalis
Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang. **Giant Nuthatch**Sitta magna

Endangered. Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

**Treecreepers (Certhiidae)** 

Hume's Treecreeper *Certhia manipurensis* 

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Starlings (Sturnidae)** 

Common Hill Myna Gracula religiosa

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Black-collared Starling Gracupica nigricollis

Seen at Ban Hong, Doi Inthanon, Mai Ai & Thaton.

Asian Pied Starling Gracupica contra

Seen at Pak Thale, Nong Pla La & Bueng Boraphet.

Chestnut-tailed Starling Sturnia malabarica

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Thaton.

Common Myna Acridotheres tristis

Commonly seen throughout.

Vinous-breasted Starling Acridotheres burmannicus

Seen near Kaeng Krachan.

Great Myna Acridotheres grandis

Commonly seen throughout.

**Thrushes and Allies (Turdidae)** 

Orange-headed Thrush Geokichla citrina

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

Black-breasted Thrush Turdus dissimilis

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Eyebrowed Thrush Turdus obscurus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Doi Ang Khang.

Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)

Asian Brown Flycatcher Muscicapa dauurica

Seen at Khao Yai.

Oriental Magpie-Robin Copsychus saularis

Commonly seen throughout.

White-rumped Shama Copsychus malabaricus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Doi Lang.

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White-gorgeted Flycatcher

Anthipes monileger

Seen at Doi Lang.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis hainanus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

**Pale Blue Flycatcher** 

Cyornis unicolor

Seen at Doi Lang.

**Blue-throated Flycatcher** 

Cyornis rubeculoides

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**Chinese Blue Flycatcher** 

Cyornis glaucicomans

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Hill Blue Flycatcher Cyornis banyumas

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon & Doi Chiang Dao.

**Indochinese Blue Flycatcher** 

Cyornis sumatrensis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan. Large Niltava

Niltava grandis

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Small Niltava** 

Niltava macgrigoriae

**Rufous-bellied Niltava** 

Niltava sundara

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Vivid Niltava** Niltava vivida

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Verditer Flycatcher Eumyias thalassinus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Doi Lang.

**Himalayan Shortwing** Brachypteryx cruralis

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Siberian Blue Robin Larvivora cyane

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

White-bellied Redstart Luscinia phaenicuroides

Seen at Doi Lang.

**Blue Whistling-Thrush** Myophonus caeruleus

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

White-crowned Forktail Enicurus leschenaulti

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Black-backed Forktail** Enicurus immaculatus

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Slaty-backed Forktail** Enicurus schistaceus

Seen at Khao Yai.

Siberian Rubythroat Calliope calliope

Seen at Doi Lang.

White-tailed Robin Myiomela leucura

Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

Himalayan Bluetail Tarsiger rufilatus

Seen at Doi Lang.

Mugimaki Flycatcher Ficedula mugimaki

Seen at Khao Yai.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher Ficedula erithacus

Seen at Doi Lang.

Slaty-blue Flycatcher Ficedula tricolor

Seen at Doi Lang.

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Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher Ficedula strophiata

Seen at Doi Lang.

Little Pied Flycatcher Ficedula westermanni

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Ultramarine Flycatcher Ficedula superciliaris

Seen at Doi Lang.

Taiga Flycatcher Ficedula albicilla

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Bueng Boraphet, Doi Inthanon & Chiang Saen.

Daurian Redstart Phoenicurus auroreus

Seen by the guide at Doi Ang Khang.

Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush Monticola rufiventris

Seen at Doi Lang.

Blue Rock Thrush Monticola solitarius

Seen at Khao Yai.

Siberian Stonechat Saxicola maurus

Seen at Nong Pla Lai, Bueng Boraphet, Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang, Mai Ai & Thaton.

Pied Bushchat Saxicola caprata

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Mai Ai & Thaton.

Grey Bushchat Saxicola ferreus

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)

Thick-billed Flowerpecker Dicaeum agile

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker Dicaeum trigonostigma

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

Seen at Khao Yai, Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum cruentatum

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Doi Inthanon & Chiang Saen.

Sunbirds and Spiderhunters (Nectariniidae)

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird Chalcoparia singalensis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Brown-throated Sunbird Anthreptes malacensis

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

Purple Sunbird Cinnyris asiaticus

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Olive-backed Sunbird Cinnyris jugularis

Seen at Bangkok, Kaeng Krachan & Doi Inthanon.

Black-throated Sunbird Aethopyga saturata

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird Aethopyga gouldiae

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Green-tailed Sunbird Aethopyga nipalensis

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

Crimson Sunbird Aethopyga siparaja

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Streaked Spiderhunter Arachnothera magna

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

Fairy-bluebirds (Irenidae)

**Asian Fairy-bluebird** Irena puella

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

<u>Leafbirds (Chloropseidae)</u>

**Blue-winged Leafbird** Chloropsis cochinchinensis

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Khao Yai.

**Golden-fronted Leafbird** Chloropsis aurifrons

Seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Orange-bellied Leafbird** Chloropsis hardwickii

Seen at Doi Inthanon & Doi Lang.

**Weavers and Allies (Ploceidae)** 

**Streaked Weaver** Ploceus manyar

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

**Baya Weaver** Ploceus philippinus

Seen at Bueng Boraphet.

**Asian Golden Weaver** Ploceus hypoxanthus

Seen at Nong Pla Lai.

Waxbills and Allies (Estrildidae)

**Red Avadavat** Amandaya amandaya

Seen at Bueng Boraphet & Chiang Saen.

White-rumped Munia Lonchura striata

Seen at Nong Pla Lai & Doi Ang Khang.

**Scaly-breasted Munia** Lonchura punctulata Seen at Pak Thale area, Nong Pla Lai, Mai Ai, Thaton & Chiang Saen.

Old World Sparrows (Passeridae)

**House Sparrow** Passer domesticus

Commonly seen throughout.

**Plain-backed Sparrow** Passer flaveolus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** Passer montanus

Commonly seen throughout.

Wagtails and Pipits (Motacillidae)

**Grey Wagtail** Motacilla cinerea

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

White Wagtail Motacilla alba

Seen at Chiang Dao, Doi Ang Khang, Doi Lang, Mai Ai, Thaton & Chiang Saen.

Anthus richardi Richard's Pipit

Seen near Kaeng Krachan.

**Paddyfield Pipit** Anthus rufulus

Seen at Oak Thale & Thaton.

**Olive-backed Pipit** Anthus hodgsoni

Seen at Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang & Doi Lang.

Anthus cervinus **Red-throated Pipit** 

Seen at Mai Ai.

Finches, Euphonias, and Allies (Fringillidae)

**Spot-winged Grosbeak** Mycerobas melanozanthos

Seen at Doi Ang Khang.

**Common Rosefinch** Carpodacus erythrinus

Seen at Doi Lang.

**Old World Buntings (Emberizidae)** 

**Yellow-breasted Bunting** Emberiza aureola

Critically endangered. Seen at Mai Ai.

**MAMMALS** 

**GIBBONS: Hylobatidae** 

White-handed Gibbon Hylobates lar

Endangered. Seen at Khao Yai.

**OLD WORLD MONKEYS: Cercopicethidae** 

**Dusky Langur** Trachypithecus obscurus

Near-threatened. Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**Long-tailed Macaque** Macaca fascicularis

Seen en route to Pak Thale & Khao Yai.

**Northern Pig-tailed Macaque** Macaca leonina

Vulnerable. Seen at Khao Yai.

TREE SHREWS: Tupaiidae

**Northern Treeshrew** Tupaia belangeri

Seen at Kaeng Krachan & Bueng Boraphet.

**SOUIRRELS: Sciuridae** 

**Gray-bellied Squirrel** Callosciurus caniceps

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

Variable Squirrel Callosciurus finlaysonii

Seen at Mahachai & Khao Yai.

Pallas's Squirrel Callosciurus erythraeus

Seen at Doi Chiang Dao.

**Black Giant Squirrel** Ratufa bicolor

Seen at Khao Yai.

**Himalayan Striped Squirrel** Tamiops macclellandi

Seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai & Doi Chiang Dao.

**Cambonian Striped Tree Squirrel** Tamiops rodolphei

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**CIVETS & ALLIES: Viverridae** 

**Binturong** Arctictis binturong

Vulnerable. Seen at Khao Yai.

**MONGOOSES:** Herpestidae

**Small Asian Mongoose** Herpestes javanicus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**MUSTELIDS: Mustelidae** 

**Smooth-coated Otter** Lutrogale perspicillata

Seen at Mahachai.

**DOGS & ALLIES: Canidae** 

**Dhole** Canis alpinus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**DEER: Cervidae** 

Sambar Deer Cervus unicolor

Vulnerable. Seen at Khao Yai.

**Red Muntjak** Muntiacus muntjak

Seen at Khao Yai.

**BOVIDS: Bovidae** 

Capricornis milneedwarsii Serow

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**MOUSE DEER: Tragulidae** 

**Lesser Mouse Deer** Tragulus javanicus

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.

**PIGS: Suidae** Wild Boar Sus scrofa

Seen at Kaeng Krachan.