



BORNEO:

BRISTLEHEADS, BROADBILLS, BARBETS, BULBULS, BEE-EATERS, BABBLERS, AND A WHOLE LOT MORE

A Tropical Birding Set Departure

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TOUR SUMMARY

Borneo lies in one of the biologically richest areas on Earth – the Asian equivalent of Costa Rica or Ecuador. It holds many widespread Asian birds, plus a diverse set of birds that are restricted to the Sunda region (southern Thailand, peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra, Java, and Borneo), and dozens of its own endemic birds and mammals. For family listing birders, the Bornean Bristlehead, which makes up its own family, and is endemic to the island, is the top target. For most other visitors, Orangutan, the only great ape found in Asia, is the creature that they most want to see. But those two species just hint at the wonders held by this mysterious island, which is rich in bulbuls, babblers, treeshrews, squirrels, kingfishers, hornbills, pittas, and much more.

Although there has been rampant environmental destruction on Borneo, mainly due to the creation of oil palm plantations, there are still extensive forested areas left, and the Malaysian state of Sabah, at the northern end of the island, seems to be trying hard to preserve its biological heritage. Ecotourism is a big part of this conservation effort, and Sabah has developed an excellent tourist infrastructure, with comfortable lodges, efficient transport companies, many protected areas, and decent roads and airports. So with good infrastructure, and remarkable biological diversity, including many marquee species like Orangutan, several pittas and a whole



range of hornbills, Sabah stands out as one of the most attractive destinations on Earth for a travelling birder or naturalist.



The amazing Orangutan is Borneo's marquee mammal.

This tour certainly demonstrated why Borneo is such a well-established and popular destination for travelling birders. On the bird front, we racked up 315 species, a very good total for this tour. Although the island's endemic birds are just one of many reasons to visit Borneo, we certainly did well on that front, tallying 47 endemics according to current Clements taxonomy, plus another 18 taxa that are likely to be split in the future.

Some of the avian highlights were three species of partridge, Crested Fireback, endangered Storm's Stork, Mountain Serpent-Eagle, Lesser and Gray-headed Fish-Eagles, Jambu Fruit-Dove, four species of Malkohas, all three of the elusive hawk-cuckoos, Large and Sunda Frogmouths, Oriental Bay-Owl, the poorly known Waterfall Swiftlet, Gray-rumped and Whiskered Treeswifts, all three of the "Whitehead's Trio": Trogon, Broadbill, and Spiderhunter, the extremely scarce Cinnamon-rumped Trogon, all 8 of Borneo's hornbill species, including great views of Helmeted and White-crowned Hornbills, Bornean Banded and Rufous-collared



Kingfishers, the huge Great Slaty and White-bellied Woodpeckers, White-fronted Falconet, Long-



The Crested Firebacks on Borneo have rufous bellies.

tailed, Black-and-red, Banded, and Black-and-yellow Broadbills, 5 species of pittas, of which four were seen superbly, great views of Bornean Bristlehead. Bornean Black Magpie, Straw-headed, Bornean. Scaly-breasted, and Finsch's Bulbuls, Gray-chested and Chestnut-tailed Jungle-Flycatchers, Pygmy (Blue) Flycatcher Bornean and Black-throated Wren-Babblers, Bare-headed Laughingthrush,

Everett's Thrush, Scarlet-breasted Flowerpecker, and eight species of Spiderhunters.

Borneo is also one of the richest places on Earth for mammals. Despite being a tropical forest environment, where mammals are difficult to see, there is no other tour outside of Africa where we consistently rack up so many mammal species. On this trip, we recorded 30 species of mammals. Of course, the top mammal was the amazing Orangutan, which saw on five separate

days. But there were many other furry sightings including Thomas's and Red Giant Flying Squirrels, Bornean Pygmy Squirrel, Proboscis Monkey, Pig-tailed Macaque, Red Langur, Bearded Pig, and three species of treeshrews. Irrespective of the world-class birds, Borneo is worth visiting for its mammals alone!

Finally, as with any Tropical Birding tour, we didn't ignore other wildlife that we encountered along



The broadbills, like this Black-and-yellow Broadbill, are a wonderful feature of this tour.



the way. We did well with reptiles and amphibians, identifying 10 species of herps. Highlights there were a couple of huge Saltwater Crocodiles, Asian Water Monitors, and a beautiful Redtailed Green Ratsnake. Last but not least, we sighted some fabulous butterflies like the Rajah Brooke's Birdwing, huge Cave Centipedes, and a *Rafflesia keithii*, one of the largest flowers on Earth.



On the muddy banks of the Kinabatangan River, we saw some huge Saltwater Crocodiles.

As the litany of highlights above suggests, there was never a dull moment on this trip. But just as important as what we saw is the fact that we had an excellent group of participants, who got along well and were exceptionally helpful in making sure that everyone got on each bird or mammal that we sighted. Not only that, but this group was exceptionally skilled at spotting wildlife, and their efforts added significantly to the overall success of the trip. Thanks to all! We enjoyed wonderfully luxurious lodges throughout this tour. Borneo Rainforest Lodge, in Danum Lodge, has to count among the finest forest lodges on Earth.





Black-capped Babbler, just one of a bounty of babblers found in the rich lowland forest of Danum Valley.

This tour kicked off with a short flight to Lahad Datu, then a drive into the Danum Valley. This conservation area protects some of the richest forest on Earth. Although nothing in the eastern hemisphere is quite as rich as the Amazon Basin, this is the closest Asian equivalent of that incredibly diverse system. Although Danum requires hard work – hiking in sweaty conditions and braving terrestrial leaches – your efforts

pay dividends in terms of fabulous wildlife sightings, and the wonderful lodge there does a great deal to mitigate the challenges of the environment. Our several days in Danum turned up a

cornucopia of highlights, like Blue-headed, Bornean Banded, and Black-crowned Pittas, Helmeted and Rhinoceros Hornbills, one pair of Bornean Bristleheads, several kingfishers, a vast array of bulbuls and babblers, Bornean Crested Fireback, Bearded Pig, loads of Orangutans, and much more. We had a delightful session on the impressive canopy walkway, which is a great way to get good views of species found high in the canopy. The whole group could happily have stayed in Danum for a couple more days, though by the time we left, we had cleaned up on the vast majority of the possible birds and mammals.



With lots of effort, we finally saw the huge and bizarre Large Frogmouth. It's as large as a medium-sized owl!



The next stop on the tour was Sepilok, where the Rainforest Discovery Center boasts one of the world's most impressive canopy walkways, through a nice patch of lowland rainforest. During our time here, we filled in a few species we had missed at Danum, like Crimson-winged and Banded Woodpeckers, Bornean Banded Kingfisher, and the rare Gray-chested Jungle Flycatcher.



We had eye-level views of a couple of Crimson-winged Woodpeckers on the boardwalk at Sepilok.

The middle of the tour was spent on the Kinabatangan River. Many boat trips on the river and its quieter tributaries turned up loads of kingfishers, hornbills, Black-and-red Broadbills, Proboscis Monkeys, more Orangutans, Long-tailed Macaques, and some beautiful Hooded Pittas. On a couple visits to the Gomantong Caves, we saw three species of echo-locating swifts nesting, the rarely-recorded Large Green Pigeon, and the unforgettable spectacle of Bat Hawks and Peregrine Falcons hunting the bats emerging at dusk.

Our tour ended in the highlands, seeking out the many endemic birds found on and around Mount Kinabalu. Although it took several days and lots of hard work, we eventually located and enjoyed wonderful views of all three of the infamously difficult "Whitehead's Trio": Trogon, Spiderhunter, and Broadbill. Other highlights of Mount Kinabalu included Bornean Stubtail,



Crimson-headed and Red-breasted Partridges, loads of cool squirrels, Bornean Green-Magpie, Bornean Treepie, Indigo Flycatcher, Mountain Black-eye, increasingly elusive Bare-headed Laughingthrush, and Everett's Thrush. Unfortunately, our only Fruithunters were heard-only. This is another species that seems to be becoming increasingly difficult to find. The last morning of the trip was spent in the Crocker Range, where we found Bornean Bulbul, Mountain Barbet, and a flock of more than a dozen Long-tailed Broadbills. Raptors were very good in the Crocker Range, with close fly-bys of Blyth's Hawk-Eagle and the rare endemic Mountain Serpent-Eagle. The only disappointment was that Bornean Barbets were incredibly thin on the ground, and we only managed to hear one. We heard that other groups had the same experience.

Heading to the airport to catch our outbound flights, we each ran through our top 5 sightings of the trip, which are tallied and detailed below. No doubt... it had been a great trip to an exceptionally rich part of the world.



The endemic and beautiful Bornean Green Magpie.

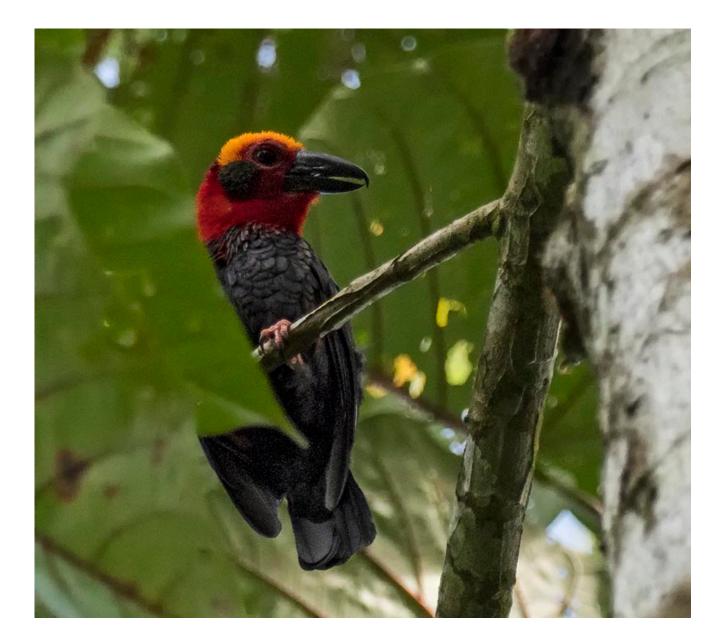


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TOP 5 TOUR SIGHTINGS AND EXPERIENCES

As voted by all the tour participants and Ken

1) Bornean Bristlehead – 15 VOTES. As a guide, this weird bird, which makes up its own family, endemic to Borneo, is one of your top targets. It can be tricky to find, and this year it was *especially* difficult to find. So it was a great relief to finally find a couple of Bristleheads on a rarely visited trail, far from the lodge. Once we finally located them, these bristleheads were wonderfully cooperative, sticking around for several minutes of close-range views.





2) Whitehead's Broadbill – 12 VOTES. This massive green broadbill is always hard to find, and seems to be getting tougher each year on Kinabalu. After days of searching, I finally heard a broadbill. We sprinted towards it, and everyone managed a good view before the bird silently vanished. On our last day in the park, we stumbled onto a second broadbill. This second sighting was even better, allowing us to extensively admire this bird's black dollops and bizarrely blockish head.



3) Bornean Banded Pitta – 6 VOTES. Danum is one of the best spots on Earth for pittas, which are certainly among Asia's most beautiful and sought-after birds. One of the things that makes pittas so desirable, is that they are usually very tough to see. Having a fleeting encounter with a beautiful bird like a Bornean Banded Pitta really gets the adrenaline pumping. As a guide, you never relax until everyone has had a good view, as these shy beauties are capable of slipping into the forest to never be seen again.





Jambu Fruit Dove – 6 VOTES. A gorgeous male that appeared during our last morning at Danum came as a major surprise, both to Ken and to our experienced local guide. It flew in, landed on an open branch for a solid minute of great views, then dashed away again. These nomadic birds move around to where fruit is available, and their occurrence is highly unpredictable.

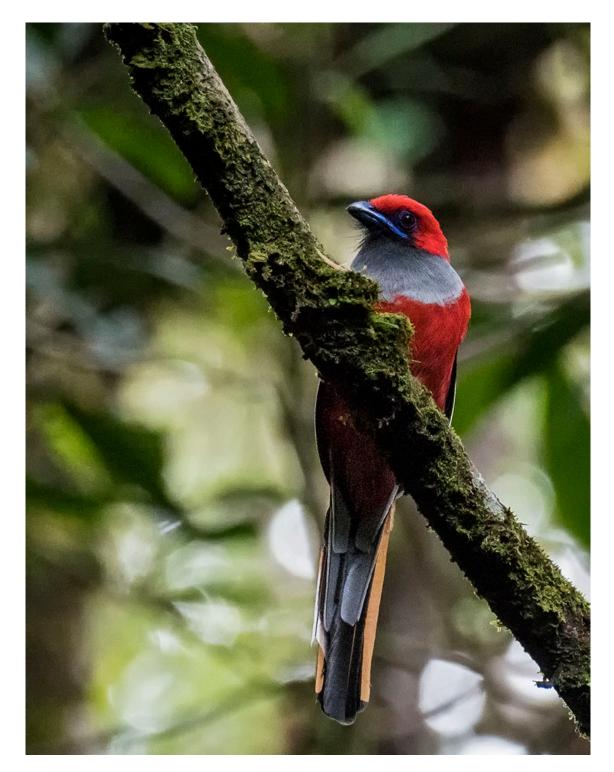
4) Helmeted Hornbill – 4 VOTES. This species seems to get harder-tofind each year. Although it is still easily heard in Danum Valley, it can be quite hard to spot. So I was delighted when within a couple hours of arriving in the area, we located a pair of these huge and primeval-



looking birds. We savored scope views and flight views, and were thrilled to hear their fabulous vocalization – one of the greatest calls in the world of birds.



5) Whitehead's Trogon – 3 VOTES. Although there is lots of competition, this is probably the world's best-looking trogon. It's also remarkably quiet and elusive. We had exceptional luck with trogons on Mount Kinabalu this year, running into males and females multiple times – a real treat!





Mountain Serpent-Eagle – 3 VOTES. This raptor is one of the hardest-to-find Bornean endemic birds. We spent hours scanning the sky and scouring ridgelines in Kinabalu and drew a blank. Finally, on the last morning of the tour, as we were walking along a road through the Crocker Range, a serpent-eagle rode a thermal up a valley, just in front of us. It was an extremely satisfying sighting of a rare and enigmatic beast.



Black-crowned Pitta - 3 VOTES. In

Danum, we enjoyed good views of this beautiful pitta, and counted ourselves lucky. But a few days later, at Sepilok, we had a truly remarkable encounter with a very tame individual. Despite being in the dim rainforest understory, the blue on the wing and the snowy brow streaks almost seem to glow. This stunning pitta is virtually endemic not just to Borneo, but to Sabah. There are actually several birds like this, though the reason for their being restricted to Sabah remains to be fully explained.





ITINERARY

- July 1 Arrival in Kota Kinabalu.
- July 2 Kota Kinabalu to Lahad Datu to Danum Valley
- July 3-5 Borneo Rainforest Lodge, Danum Valley
- July 6 Danum Valley to Sepilok
- July 7 Sepilok Rainforest Discovery Center
- July 8 Sepilok to Kinabatangan River
- July 9-10 Kinabatangan River and Gomantong Caves
- July 11 Kinabatangan River to Kinabalu NP.
- July 12-14 Kinabalu NP headquarters area and Poring Hot Springs
- July 15 Kinabalu to Crocker Range
- July 16 Crocker Range to Kota Kinabalu. Departure.



The Indigo Flycatcher was one of many montane endemics and specialties that we saw in the Sabah highlands.



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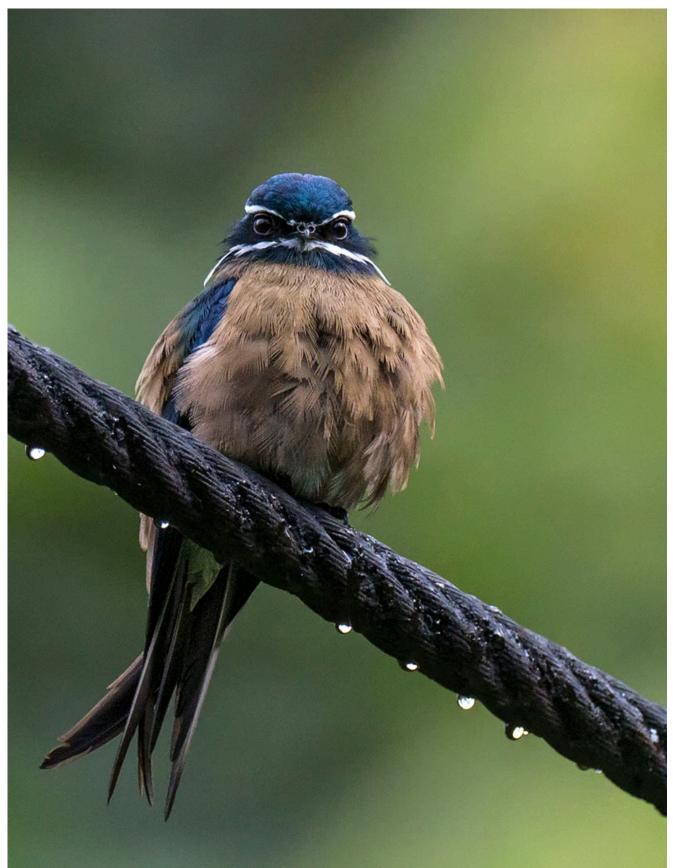


The Crested Serpent-Eagle is one of the most common and widespread Bornean raptors.



A pair of Van Hasselt's Sunbirds enacting an elaborate greeting ritual.





Whiskered Treeswift has to count among the coolest birds on Earth.





Bornean endemics in Danum Valley: Dusky Munia (left) and Bornean Blue Flycatcher (right).



The Rufous Woodpecker was formerly thought to belong to the South American genus *Celeus*, and it is certainly superficially similar to those woodpeckers. Now it resides in its own, monotypic genus.





Banded Broadbill is an uncommon beauty of lowland forest.

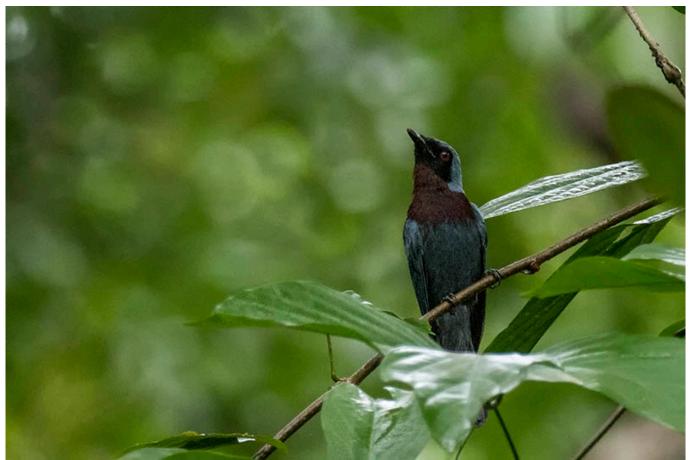


A spectacular butterfly, the Malayan Jungle Glory.





In long but rewarding days in Danum, we turned up the likes of Streaked Bulbul (left) and Rhinoceros Hornbill (right).



The Maroon-breasted Philentoma is in the same family as the Malagasy vangas and African helmetshrikes!





Bornean Wren-Babbler (left) and the evocatively named Borneo Forest Dragon (right).



We had several great views of the nervous little Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher.



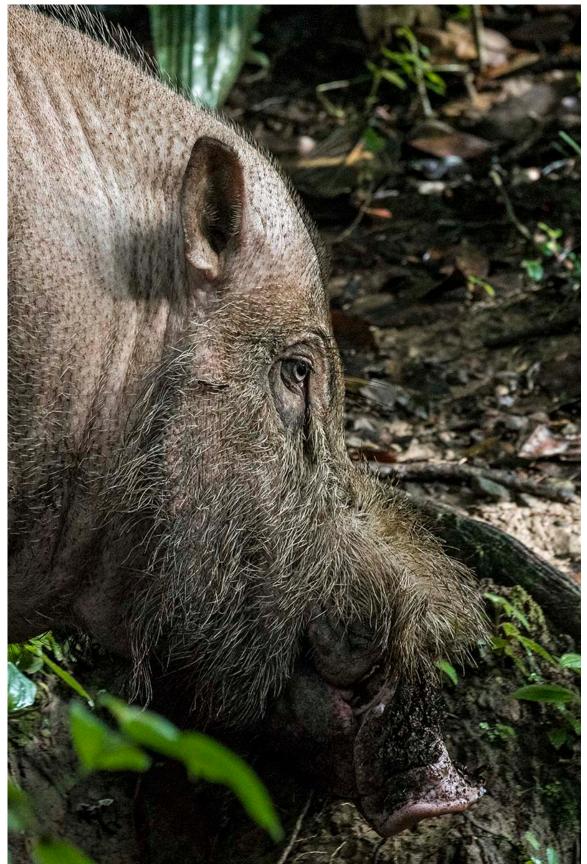


The huge Wreathed Hornbill is just one of 8 species of hornbills that we saw on this trip.



Orange-bellied Flowerpecker (left) and nesting Black-naped Monarch (right).





We saw several burly Bearded Pigs, both in Danum and along the Kinabatangan River.





Rufous-tailed Tailorbird (left) and Rajah Brooke's Birdwing (right).



The vocal but scarce Striped Wren-Babbler haunts the understory of the lowland rainforest.





Scarlet-rumped Trogon was bizarrely elusive on this trip; we didn't spot one until our final morning at Danum.



The female Rufous-collared Kingfisher has a beautiful spangled back.





Sepilok sightings: the rare Gray-chested Jungle-Flycatcher (left) and the common Greater Coucal (right).



Sepilok is an excellent side for the mainly coastal Copper-throated Sunbird





We enjoyed excellent nocturnal birding at Sepilok, finding Barred Eagle-Owl (above) and Brown Boobook (below).





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Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike (left) and Spectacled Spiderhunter (right).



Sepilok is great for flowerpeckers, including the Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker.





Along the Kinabatangan, we had great views of our last pitta species: Hooded Pitta.



White-chested Babbler (left) is common along the Kinabatangan. Crested Goshawk (right) is scarcer.





Jerdon's Baza (left) and Spotted Fantail (right), uncommon rainforest denizens.



After an extended duel, we had fantastic views of the elusive Oriental Bay Owl.





Perched up along the Kinabatangan: Long-tailed Parakeet (left) and Lesser Fish-Eagle (right).



Oriental Pied Hornbill is the most common hornbill along the river.



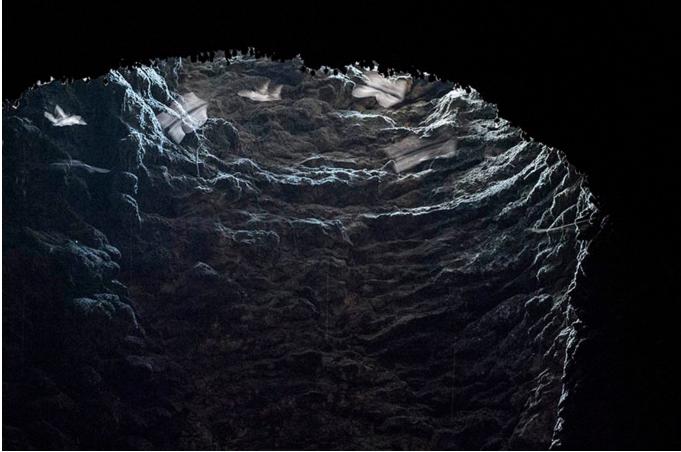


The handsome Black Hornbill, chowing down on some tiny fruits.



At Gomantong, we finally saw Puff-backed Bulbul (left), and enjoyed another Storm's Stork (right).





Bats flit around one of the entrances of the eerie Gomantong Caves.



Wrinkled Hornbills cooperated nicely along the Kinabatangan.





Black-and-red Broadbill is wonderfully common along the Kinabatangan.



You can never see too many Orangutans!



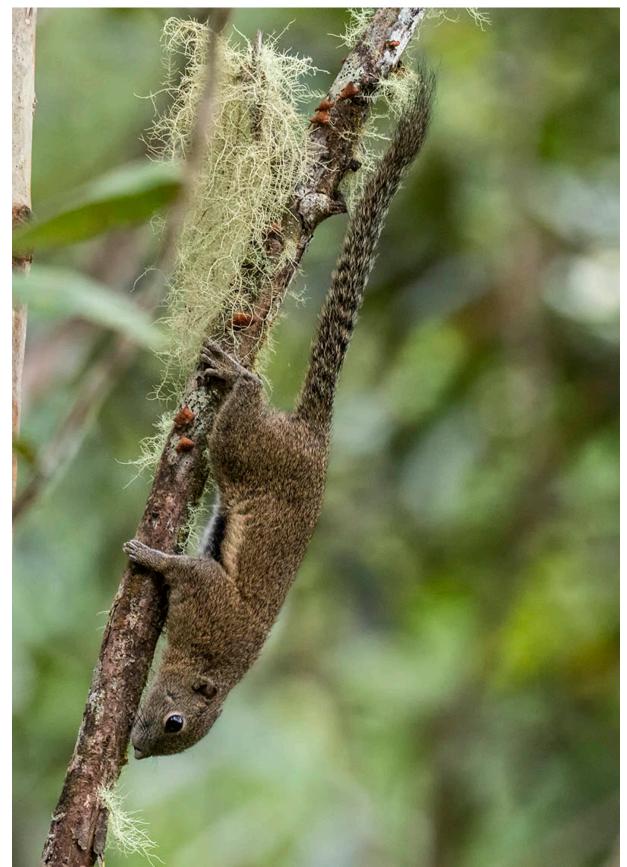


On our final morning in the lowland rainforest, at Gomantong Caves, we enjoyed final views of Gray-and-buff (left) and Buff-necked (right) woodpeckers.



White-breasted Woodswallows are easily seen on electric wires throughout Sabah.





The endemic Bornean Black-banded Squirrel is one of MANY squirrels found on Mount Kinabalu.





Bornean Flowerpecker (left) and Mountain Leaf-Warbler (right) around the Liwagu Restaurant in Kinabalu.



Kinabalu is Bornean endemic paradise. One of many is the Eyebrowed Jungle-Flycatcher.





Whitehead's Trogon, one of the much-desired and elusive "Whitehead's Trio".





After a multi-day search, we found the Pygmy White-eye (left). A juvenile Little Pied Flycatcher (right).



Mountain Wren-Babbler also played hard-to-get, and only cooperated at the last minute.





Chestnut-crested Yuhina is an abundant highland endemic bird.



The Temminck's Sunbird (left) is common, while the Bornean Whistling-Thrush (right) is scarce.





The Bornean Stubtail has an incredibly high-pitched song! Some birders can't even hear it.



One of our Crocker targets was the local subspecies of Ashy Bulbul, which may be split as Cinereous Bulbul.





Endemics in Crocker: Bornean Whistler (left) and Mountain Barbet (right).



A female Blyth's Shrike-Babbler, now known to be a member of the vireo family!





Blyth's Hawk-Eagles put on a good show for us in the Crocker Range.



Sunda Cuckoos: immature (left) and adult (right).



BIRD LIST

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow *The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World v2017* (including updates through August 2017).

PHEASANTS, GROUSE AND ALLIES: Pha	asianidae	
Red-breasted (Hill) Partridge (BE)	Arborophila hyperythra	
Chestnut-necklaced (Borneo Necklaced) Partridge (BE)	Arborophila charltonii graydoni	
Great Argus	Argusianus argus H	
Crimson-headed Partridge (BE)	Haematortyx sanguiniceps	
(Bornean) Crested Fireback (BE)	Lophura ignita nobilis	
GREBES: Podicipedidae		
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus ruficollis	
STORKS: Ciconiidae		
Storm's Stork	Ciconia stormi	
Lesser Adjutant	Leptoptilos javanicus	
ANHINGAS: Anhingidae		
Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster	
HERONS, EGRETS AND BITTERNS: Ard	eidae	
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea	
Great Egret	Ardea alba	
Intermediate Egret	Mesophoyx intermedia	
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta	
Pacific Reef-Heron (-Egret)	Egretta sacra	
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus ibis coromandus	
Striated Heron	Butorides striata	



Black-crowned Night-Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax	
Rufous Night-Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus	
HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES: Accipit	ridae	
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus caeruleus	
Oriental Honey-buzzard	Pernis ptilorhynchus	
Jerdon's Baza	Aviceda jerdoni	
Crested Serpent-Eagle	Spilornis cheela	
Mountain (Kinabalu) Serpent-Eagle (BE)	Spilornis kinabaluensis	
Bat Hawk	Macheiramphus alcinus	
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus limnaeetus	
Blyth's Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus alboniger	
Wallace's Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus nanus	
Rufous-bellied (Hawk-) Eagle	Lophotriorchis kienerii	
Black Eagle	Ictinaetus malayensis	
Crested Goshawk	Accipiter trivirgatus	
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus	
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster	
Lesser Fish-Eagle	Ichthyophaga humilis	
Gray-headed Fish-Eagle	Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus	
RAILS, GALLINULES AND COOTS: Ra	llidae	
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus	
Eurasian (Common) Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus	
SANDPIPER AND ALLIES: Scolopacid	ae	
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos	



GULLS, TERNS AND SKIMMERS: Larida	e	
Little Tern	Sternula albifrons	
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida	G
Black-naped Tern	Sterna sumatrana	PT
PIGEONS AND DOVES: Columbidae		
Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)	Columba livia	
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia chinensis	
Ruddy Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia emiliana	
Little Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia ruficeps	
Asian Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica	
Zebra Dove	Geopelia striata	
Little Green-Pigeon	Treron olax	
Pink-necked (Green) Pigeon	Treron vernans	
Cinnamon-headed (Green) Pigeon	Treron fulvicollis	
Thick-billed (Green) Pigeon	Treron curvirostra	
Large Green-Pigeon	Treron capellei	
Jambu Fruit-Dove	Ptilinopus jambu	
Green Imperial-Pigeon	Ducula aenea	
Mountain Imperial-Pigeon	Ducula badia	
CUCKOOS: Cuculidae		
Short-toed Coucal	Centropus rectunguis	Н
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis	
Lesser Coucal	Centropus bengalensis	
Raffles's Malkoha (Rhinortha)	Rhinortha chlorophaeus	



Red-billed Malkoha	Zanclostomus javanicus	
Chestnut-breasted Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus curvirostris	
Black-bellied Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus diardi	
Violet Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus	
Little Bronze-Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx minutillus	
Banded Bay Cuckoo	Cacomantis sonneratii	
Plaintive Cuckoo	Cacomantis merulinus	
Brush (Rusty-breasted) Cuckoo	Cacomantis variolosus sepulcralis	
Square-tailed Drongo-cuckoo	Surniculus lugubris	Н
Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo	Hierococcyx vagans	
Dark (Penan) Hawk-Cuckoo (BE?)	Hierococcyx bocki	
Malaysian (Javan) Hawk-Cuckoo	Hierococcyx fugax	
Sunda Cuckoo	Cuculus lepidus	
BARN-OWLS: Tytonidae		
Oriental Bay-Owl	Phodilus badius	
OWLS: Strigidae		
Mountain Scops-Owl	Otus spilocephalus	
Sunda (Collared) Scops-Owl	Otus lempiji	Н
Barred Eagle-Owl	Bubo sumatranus	
Buffy Fish-Owl	Ketupa ketupu	
Brown (Bornean) Wood-Owl	Strix leptogrammica vaga	
Brown Boobook	Ninox scutulata	
FROGMOUTHS: Podargidae		
Large Frogmouth	Batrachostomus auritus	



Sunda (Sundan) Frogmouth	Batrachostomus cornutus
SWIFTS: Apodidae	
Silver-rumped (Spinetail) Needletail	Rhaphidura leucopygialis
Brown-backed (Brown) Needletail	Hirundapus giganteus
Waterfall (Giant) Swiftlet	Hydrochous gigas
Glossy Swiftlet	Collocalia esculenta
Bornean Swiftlet (BE)	Collocalia linchi
Mossy-nest Swiftlet	Aerodramus salangana
Black-nest Swiftlet	Aerodramus maximus
White-nest (Edible-nest) Swiftlet	Aerodramus fuciphagus
Germain's (German's) Swiftlet	Aerodramus germani
House Swift	Apus nipalensis
TREESWIFTS: Hemiprocnidae	
Gray-rumped Treeswift	Hemiprocne longipennis
Whiskered Treeswift	Hemiprocne comata
TROGONS: Trogonidae	
Red-naped Trogon	Harpactes kasumba
Diard's Trogon	Harpactes diardii
Whitehead's Trogon (BE)	Harpactes whiteheadi
Cinnamon-rumped Trogon	Harpactes orrhophaeus
Scarlet-rumped Trogon	Harpactes duvaucelii
HORNBILLS: Bucerotidae	
White-crowned Hornbill	Berenicornis comatus
Helmeted Hornbill	Buceros vigil



Rhinoceros Hornbill	Buceros rhinoceros	
Bushy-crested Hornbill	Anorrhinus galeritus	
(Asian) Black Hornbill	Anthracoceros malayanus	
Oriental (Sunda) Pied-Hornbill	Anthracoceros albirostris	
Wreathed Hornbill	Rhyticeros undulatus	
Wrinkled Hornbill	Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus	
KINGFISHERS: Alcedinidae		
Blue-eared Kingfisher	Alcedo meninting	
Rufous-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher	Ceyx rufidorsa	
(Bornean) Banded (Black-faced) Kingfisher (BE)	Lacedo pulchella melanops	
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis	
Collared Kingfisher	Todiramphus chloris	
Rufous-collared (Chestnut-collared) Kingfisher	Actenoides concretus	
BEE-EATERS: Meropidae		
Red-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis amictus	
Blue-throated Bee-eater	Merops viridis	
ROLLERS: Coraciidae		_
Dollarbird	Eurystomus orientalis	
ASIAN BARBETS: Megalaimidae		
(Bornean) Brown Barbet (BE)	Calorhamphus fuliginosus	
Blue-eared (Duvaucel's) Barbet	Psilopogon duvaucelii duvaucelii	
Bornean Barbet (BE)	Psilopogon eximius	н
Red-throated Barbet	Psilopogon mystacophanos	
Golden-naped Barbet (BE)	Psilopogon pulcherrimus	



Yellow-crowned Barbet	Psilopogon henricii	
Mountain Barbet (BE)	Psilopogon monticola	
Gold-faced (Gold-whiskered) Barbet (BE)	Psilopogon chrysopsis	
WOODPECKERS: Picidae		
Rufous Piculet	Sasia abnormis	
Sunda (Brown-capped Pygmy-) Woodpecker	Dendrocopos nanus	PT
Gray-capped (Pygmy-) Woodpecker	Dendrocopos canicapillus	
White-bellied Woodpecker	Dryocopus javensis	
Banded Woodpecker	Picus miniaceus	
Crimson-winged Woodpecker	Picus puniceus	
Checker-throated Woodpecker	Picus mentalis humii	
Rufous Woodpecker	Micropternus brachyurus	
Buff-rumped Woodpecker	Meiglyptes tristis	
Buff-necked Woodpecker	Meiglyptes tukki	
Maroon Woodpecker	Blythipicus rubiginosus	
Orange-backed Woodpecker	Reinwardtipicus validus	
Gray-and-buff Woodpecker	Hemicircus concretus sordidus	
Great Slaty Woodpecker	Mulleripicus pulverulentus	
FALCONS AND CARACARAS: Falconid	ae	
White-fronted (Bornean) Falconet (BE)	Microhierax latifrons	
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus	
OLD WORLD PARROTS: Psittaculidae		
Long-tailed Parakeet	Psittacula longicauda	
Blue-naped Parrot	Tanygnathus lucionensis	PT



Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot	Loriculus galgulus	
AFRICAN & GREEN BROADBILLS: Cal	yptomenidae	
Green Broadbill	Calyptomena viridis	
Whitehead's Broadbill (BE)	Calyptomena whiteheadi	
ASIAN AND GRAUER'S BROADBILLS:	Eurylaimidae	
Black-and-red Broadbill	Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos	
Long-tailed Broadbill	Psarisomus dalhousiae	
Banded Broadbill	Eurylaimus javanicus	
Black-and-yellow Broadbill	Eurylaimus ochromalus	
Dusky Broadbill	Corydon sumatranus	н
PITTAS: Pittidae		
Black-crowned (Black-and-crimson) Pitta (BE	E) Erythropitta ussheri	
Blue-banded Pitta (BE)	Erythropitta arquata	
Bornean Banded Pitta (BE)	Hydrornis schwaneri	
Blue-headed Pitta (BE)	Hydrornis baudii	
Hooded Pitta	Pitta sordida	
THORNBILLS AND ALLIES: Acanthizid	ae	
Golden-bellied (Sunda) Gerygone	Gerygone sulphurea sulphurea	
VANGAS, HELMETSHRIKES AND ALLI	ES: Vangidae	
Large Woodshrike	Tephrodornis virgatus	
Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	Hemipus picatus	
Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	Hemipus hirundinaceus	
Rufous-winged Philentoma	Philentoma pyrhoptera	
Maroon-breasted Philentoma	Philentoma velata	



WOODSWALLOWS: Artamidae		
White-breasted Woodswallow	Artamus leucorynchus	
BRISTLEHEAD: Pityriaseidae		
Bornean Bristlehead (BE)	Pityriasis gymnocephala	
IORAS: Aegithinidae		
Common lora	Aegithina tiphia	
Green Iora	Aegithina viridissima	
CUCKOOSHRIKES: Campephagidae		
Fiery Minivet	Pericrocotus igneus	
Gray-chinned Minivet	Pericrocotus solaris	
Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus speciosus	
Sunda Cuckooshrike	Coracina larvata	
Pied Triller	Lalage nigra	PT
Lesser Cuckooshrike (Cicadabird)	Coracina fimbriata schierbrandi	
WHISTLERS and ALLIES: Pachycephalid	ae	
Bornean Whistler (BE)	Pachycephala hypoxantha	
SHRIKES: Laniidae		
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	
VIREOS, SHRIKE-BABBLERS and ERPOR	NIS: Vireonidae	
Blyth's Shrike-Babbler	Pteruthius aeralatus	
White-bellied Erpornis	Erpornis zantholeuca	
OLD WORLD ORIOLES: Oriolidae		
Dark-throated Oriole	Oriolus xanthonotus	
Black-and-crimson Oriole	Oriolus cruentus	



DRONGOS: Dicruridae	
Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus stigmatops
Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus
Hair-crested (Bornean Spangled) Drongo (BE)	Dicrurus hottentottus borneensis
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus
FANTAILS: Rhipiduridae	
Spotted Fantail	Rhipidura perlata
Malaysian (Sunda) Pied-Fantail	Rhipidura javanica longicauda
White-throated Fantail	Rhipidura albicollis
MONARCH FLYCATCHERS: Monarchida	e
Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis azurea
Blyth's (Asian) Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone affinis
CROWS, JAYS AND MAGPIES: Corvidae	
(Bornean) Black Magpie (BE)	Platysmurus leucopterus aterrimus
Bornean (Short-tailed) Green-Magpie (BE)	Cissa jefferyi
Bornean Treepie (BE)	Dendrocitta cinerascens
House Crow	Corvus splendens
Slender-billed (Sunda) Crow	Corvus enca compilator
SWALLOWS: Hirundinidae	
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Pacific (House) Swallow	Hirundo tahitica
FAIRY FLYCATCHERS: Stenostiridae	
Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis
NUTHATCHES: Sittidae	



Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	Sitta frontalis
BULBULS: Pycnonotidae	
Puff-backed Bulbul	Pycnonotus eutilotus
Black-headed Bulbul	Pycnonotus atriceps
Straw-headed Bulbul	Pycnonotus zeylanicus
Bornean Bulbul (BE)	Pycnonotus montis
Scaly-breasted Bulbul	Pycnonotus squamatus
Flavescent (Pale-faced) Bulbul (BE)	Pycnonotus flavescens leucops
(Sunda) Yellow-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus goiavier gourdini
(Bornean) Olive-winged Bulbul (BE)	Pycnonotus plumosus insularis
Cream-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus simplex
Red-eyed Bulbul	Pycnonotus brunneus
Spectacled Bulbul	Pycnonotus erythropthalmos
(Sabah) Hairy-backed Bulbul	Tricholestes criniger
Finsch's Bulbul	Alophoixus finschii
Ochraceous Bulbul	Alophoixus ochraceus
Gray-cheeked (Guttural) Bulbul (BE)	Alophoixus bres gutturalis
(Sabah) Yellow-bellied Bulbul	Alophoixus phaeocephalus connectens
Charlotte's Bulbul (BE)	lole charlottae
Ashy (Cinereous) Bulbul	Hemixos flavala connectens
Streaked Bulbul	Ixos malaccensis
BUSH-WARBLERS AND ALLIES: Cettii	dae
Bornean Stubtail (BE)	Urosphena whiteheadi
Yellow-bellied (Sabah Bamboo Bush) Warbler	Abroscopus superciliaris



Mountain Tailorbird	Phyllergates cucullatus
Sunda Bush-Warbler	Horornis vulcanius
LEAF WARBLERS: Phylloscopidae	
Mountain (Leaf-) Warbler	Phylloscopus trivirgatus kinabaluensis
Yellow-breasted Warbler	Seicercus montis
GRASSBIRDS AND ALLIES: Locustellida	ае
Striated Grassbird	Megalurus palustris
CISTICOLAS AND ALLIES: Cisticolidae	
Dark-necked Tailorbird	Orthotomus atrogularis
Ashy Tailorbird	Orthotomus ruficeps
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird	Orthotomus sericeus
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris
WHITE-EYES, YUHINAS, and ALLIES: Z	osteropidae
Chestnut-crested Yuhina (BE)	Yuhina everetti
Pygmy White-eye (Bornean Ibon / Pygmy Heleia) BE	Oculocincta squamifrons
Mountain Black-eye (BE)	Chlorocharis emiliae
Black-capped White-eye	Zosterops atricapilla
Black-capped White-eye TREE-BABBLERS, SCIMITAR-BABBLERS	
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Chestnut-rumped Babbler	Stachyris maculata	
Gray-throated Babbler	Stachyris nigriceps	
Gray-headed Babbler	Stachyris poliocephala	Н
GROUND BABBLERS and ALLIES: Pello	rneidae	
(Bornean) Moustached Babbler (BE)	Malacopteron magnirostre cinereocapilla	
Sooty-capped Babbler	Malacopteron affine	
Scaly-crowned Babbler	Malacopteron cinereum	
Rufous-crowned Babbler	Malacopteron magnum	
(Sabah) Black-capped Babbler (BE)	Pellorneum capistratum morrelli	
Temminck's Babbler	Pellorneum pyrrogenys	
Short-tailed Babbler	Pellorneum malaccense	
White-chested Babbler	Pellorneum rostratum	
Ferruginous Babbler	Pellorneum bicolor	
Striped Wren-Babbler	Kenopia striata	
Bornean (Ground-) Wren-Babbler (BE)	Ptilocichla leucogrammica	
Horsfield's (Salvadori's Wren) Babbler (BE)	Turdinus sepiarius harteri	
Black-throated Wren-Babbler (BE)	Turdinus atrigularis	
Mountain Wren-Babbler (BE)	Turdinus crassus	
LAUGHINGTHRUSHES and ALLIES: Lei	othrichidae	
Brown (Bornean) Fulvetta (BE)	Alcippe brunneicauda eriphaea	
Sunda Laughingthrush	Garrulax palliatus	
Bare-headed (Bornean Bald) Laughingthrush (BE)	Garrulax calvus	
Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrush (BE)	Lanthocincla treacheri	



Asian Fairy-bluebird	Irena puella	
OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS: Muscicap	oidae	
Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus saularis	
White-rumped (Crowned) Shama (BE)	Copsychus malabaricus stricklandii	
Pale Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis unicolor	
Long-billed (Large-billed) Blue-Flycatcher	Cyornis caerulatus	
Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher	Cyornis turcosus	
Bornean Blue-Flycatcher (BE)	Cyornis superbus	
Gray-chested Jungle-Flycatcher	Cyornis umbratilis	
Chestnut-tailed (Rufous-tailed) Jungle-Flycatcher	Cyornis ruficauda	
Indigo Flycatcher	Eumyias indigo	
Verditer Flycatcher	Eumyias thalassinus	
Eyebrowed Jungle-Flycatcher (Bornean Shade- dweller) (BE)	Vauriella gularis	
White-browed (Bornean) Shortwing (BE)	Brachypteryx montana erythrogyna	
Bornean Whistling-Thrush (BE)	Myophonus borneensis	
White-crowned (Sabah Lowlands) Forktail	Enicurus leschenaulti	
White-crowned (Bornean) Forktail (BE)	Enicurus leschenaulti borneensis	
Chestnut-naped Forktail	Enicurus ruficapillus	н
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	Ficedula hyperythra	
Pygmy (Blue) Flycatcher	Ficedula hodgsoni	
Little Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula westermanni	
Rufous-chested Flycatcher	Ficedula dumetoria	
THRUSHES and ALLIES: Turdidae		
Orange-headed Thrush	Geokichla citrina	



Everett's Thrush (BE)	Zoothera everetti	
Fruit-hunter (BE)	Chlamydochaera jefferyi	Н
STARLINGS: Sturnidae		
Asian Glossy Starling	Aplonis panayensis	
Common Hill Myna	Gracula religiosa	
Javan Myna	Acridotheres javanicus	
Crested Myna	Acridotheres cristatellus	
LEAFBIRDS: Chloropseidae		
Greater Green Leafbird	Chloropsis sonnerati	
Lesser Green Leafbird	Chloropsis cyanopogon	
Bornean Leafbird (BE)	Chloropsis kinabaluensis	
FLOWERPECKERS: Dicaeidae		
Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker	Prionochilus maculatus	
Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker (BE)	Prionochilus xanthopygius	
Scarlet-breasted Flowerpecker	Prionochilus thoracicus	
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	Dicaeum chrysorrheum	
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker	Dicaeum trigonostigma	
Plain Flowerpecker	Dicaeum concolor	
Black-sided (Bornean) Flowerpecker (BE)	Dicaeum monticolum	
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	Dicaeum cruentatum	
SUNBIRDS and SPIDERHUNTERS: Nect	ariniidae	
	Chalesparia singalansia	
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird (Rubycheek)	Chalcoparia singalensis	
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird (Rubycheek) Plain Sunbird	Anthreptes simplex	



Red-throated Sunbird	Anthreptes rhodolaemus
Van Hasselt's (Purple-throated) Sunbird	Leptocoma brasiliana
Copper-throated Sunbird	Leptocoma calcostetha
Olive-backed (Ornate) Sunbird	Cinnyris jugularis ornatus
Temminck's Sunbird	Aethopyga temminckii
(Eastern / Lesser) Crimson Sunbird	Aethopyga siparaja siparaja
Thick-billed Spiderhunter	Arachnothera crassirostris
Long-billed Spiderhunter	Arachnothera robusta
Little Spiderhunter	Arachnothera longirostra
Purple-naped (Sunbird) Spiderhunter	Arachnothera hypogrammicum
Whitehead's Spiderhunter (BE)	Arachnothera juliae
Yellow-eared Spiderhunter	Arachnothera chrysogenys
Spectacled Spiderhunter	Arachnothera flavigaster
Bornean Spiderhunter (BE)	Arachnothera everetti
WAGTAILS and PIPITS: Motacillidae	
Paddyfield (Oriental) Pipit	Anthus rufulus
OLD WORLD SPARROWS: Passeridae	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus
WAXBILLS and ALLIES: Estrildidae	
Dusky Munia (BE)	Lonchura fuscans
Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin)	Lonchura punctulata
Chestnut (Black-headed) Munia	Lonchura atricapilla jagori



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MAMMAL LIST

HORSESHOE BATS: Rhinolophidae	
Acuminate Horseshoe Bat	Rhinolophus acuminatus
WRINKLE-LIPPED BATS: Molossidae	
Wrinkle-lipped Bat	Tadarida plicata
TREESHREWS: Tupaiidae	
Lesser Treeshrew	Tupaia minor
Plain (Common) Treeshrew	Tupaia logipes
Mountain Treeshrew (BE)	Tupaia montana
OLD WORLD MONKEYS: Cercopithecid	ae
Red Langur (Maroon Langur/Leaf-Monkey) BE	Presbytis rubicunda
Silvered Langur (Leaf-Monkey)	Trachypithecus cristatus
Proboscis Monkey (BE)	Nasalis larvatus
Long-tailed (Crab-eating) Macaque	Macaca fascicularis
Pig-tailed Macaque	Macaca nemestrina
GIBBONS: Hylobatidae	
North Borneo Gibbon (BE)	Hylobates funereus
GREAT APES (Hominids): Hominidae	
Bornean Orangutan (BE)	Pongo pygmaeus



SQUIRRELS: Sciuridae	
Kinabalu Squirrel (BE)	Callosciurus baluensis
Prevost's Squirrel	Callosciurus prevostii
Brooke's Squirrel (BE)	Sundasciurus brookei
Jentink's Squirrel (BE)	Sundasciurus jentinki
Low's Squirrel	Sundasciurus Iowi
Plantain Squirrel	Callosciurus notatus
Bornean Black-banded Squirrel (BE)	Callosciurus orestes
Bornean (Plain) Pigmy Squirrel (BE)	Exiliscriurus exilis
Giant Squirrel	Ratufa affinis
Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel (BE)	Dremomys everetti
FLYING SQUIRRELS: Petauristinae	
Thomas's Flying Squirrel (BE)	Aeromys thomasi
Red Giant Flying Squirrel	Petaurista petaurista
RATS: Muridae	
Norway Rat	Rattus norvegicus
Polynesian Rat	Rattus exulans
Kinabalu Rat (BE)	Rattus baluensis
WILD PIGS: Suidae	
Bearded Pig	Sus barbatus
DEER: Cervidae	
Sambar Deer	Cervus unicolor
Bornean Yellow Muntjac (BE)	Muntiacus atherodes

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REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN LIST

Saltwater Crocodile	Crocodylus porosus
Borneo Forest Dragon	Gonocephalus bornensis
Common Flying Lizard	Draco sumatranus
Sabah Slender Skink	Sphenomorphus sabanus
Asian House Gecko	Hemidactylus frenatus
Tokay Gecko	Gekko gecko
Water Monitor Lizard	Varanus salvator
Wolf Snake	Lycodon capucinus
Red-tailed Green Ratsnake	Gonyosoma oxycephalum
Amboina Box Turtle	Cuora amboinensis

BUTTERFLY LIST

Rajah Brooke's Birdwing	Trogonoptera brookiana
Common Birdwing	Troides helena
Ashy-white Tree-Nymph	Idea stolli
Malayan (Blue-banded) Jungle Glory	Thaumantis odana
Psyche	Leptosia nina



OTHER INVERTEBRATES & PLANTS

Cave Centipede	Thereuopoda longicornis
Giant Pill Millipede	Zephroniidae
Huntsman Spider	Sparassidae
Spiny Orb-weaver	Gasteracantha
Rafflesia flower	Rafflesia keithii



Rafflesias, like this *Rafflesia keithii*, are the largest flowers on Earth. This one was skillfully curated by our "guide", this little girl whose family owns the land where the flower grows.

