



**TROPICAL  
BIRDING**



## **VIETNAM: A CROSS-SECTION OF INDOCHINA**

**A Birding with a Camera  
/ Enigmatic Wildlife  
Custom Tour**

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### **TOUR SUMMARY**

Vietnam is one of Asia's biologically richest countries. Unfortunately, it's also famous as a place that is over-hunted and over-trapped, and heavily populated, making the wildlife viewing quite difficult. A couple things have recently improved this situation. One is the creation of several bird feeding and watering stations with blinds, which allows intimate views and good photography of the normally shy birds. Another is improved protection of some rare primate species, including the involvement of local communities. While Vietnam remains an often-challenging country for wildlife viewing, it's better now than it has been in a long time, and there is hope that things will improve further in the future.

This tour's itinerary was built around two things: places with good bird blind setups, and places with rare primates. Some more typical birding filled in the cracks between these two things. It proved a very enjoyable trip, and featured a boggling number of high-quality wildlife sightings. Vietnam can be a frustrating place for hardcore birder who wants to "clean up" on localized endemics and other species, but a very enjoyable place for a slower-paced "birding with a camera"

approach. The accommodations are comfortable, especially in the south, and good food can be found everywhere, from fresh stir-fries to tasty Bánh mì sandwiches and steaming bowls of fragrant Phở.

The trip started in the south at Cat Tien, Vietnam's best-protected and most diverse national park. Lots of time in various hides gave us mind-boggling views of two wonderful pheasants: Germain's Peacock-Pheasant and Siamese Fireback, plus two pittas: Bar-bellied and Blue-rumped Pittas. These were joined by lots of other birds such as Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, White-rumped Shama, and a variety of babblers and bulbuls. We also walked various roads and trails in search of primates, and had excellent sightings of Black-shanked Douc Langur and Buff-cheeked Gibbon. One disappointment was that the Annamese Silvered Langurs eluded us despite an extensive search.



**What's even better than a pitta in the Asian birding hierarchy?  
A spectacular pheasant like this Siamese Fireback!**





**Red-shanked Douc Langur is a strong candidate for  
“world’s coolest monkey”.**

Heading north, we climbed onto the Da Lat Plateau, Vietnam’s richest area for endemic birds. Although the birding here could formerly be bafflingly difficult, there are now several carefully constructed hides. Not only do these simply allow you to see most of the endemics, they allow you to see them vividly and intimately, and to take excellent photos. It’s a different world from birding Da Lat ten years ago! Just a few of our prized hide sightings include both Blue and Rusty-naped Pittas, Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler, Black-crowned Fulvetta, Collared and Orange-breasted Laughingthrushes, Lesser Shortwing, Gray-bellied Tesia, and Siberian Thrush. Birding along roads filled in a few other endemics like Vietnamese Cutia and Da Lat Shrike-Babbler, plus the sought-after Yellow-billed Nuthatch.

A short domestic flight brought us to Danang, in central Vietnam. Our first mission here was to find the Red-shanked Douc Langur. Despite a drizzling rain, we quickly found a troop of langurs, and watched and photographed them for over an hour. This bizarre but beautiful primate is quite possibly the world’s best-looking monkey; it’s a stunner! Heading south, we next sought out the even rarer Critically Endangered Gray-shanked Douc Langur. With the help of some local rangers, we were thrilled to spot this exceptionally rare monkey. It was simultaneously heartening to see this community conservation

project getting off the ground, and tragic to see the tiny scrap of forest to which these langurs are now confined.

The next couple of days were spent birding at Mang Den and Ngoc Linh. On the way to Mang Den, we briefly birded a stretch of recently constructed road, and were thrilled to hear a Crested Argus calling from a steep valley. Although these areas have wonderful forest, the hunting pressure is heavy, and the lack of blind setups means that the birding was tough work. Nonetheless, we did spot some great birds like Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler, Black-crowned



**We saw Yellow-billed Nuthatch several times, both at Da Lat and Mang Den.**

Barwing, Gray-headed Parrotbill, and lots more Yellow-billed Nuthatches. Unfortunately, we were unable to visit one major birding area due to its being closed to foreigners due to Coronavirus paranoia.

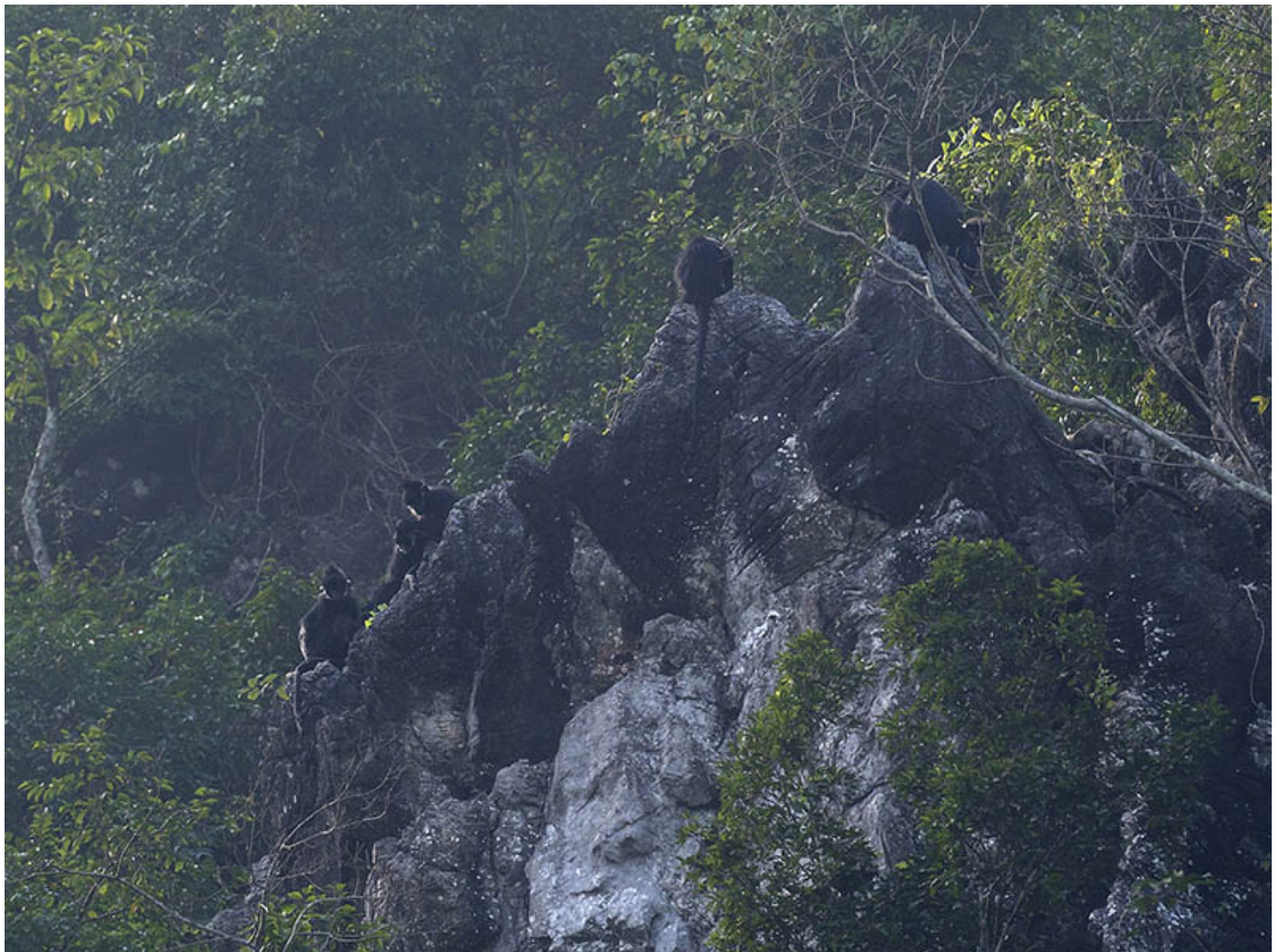


**In northern Vietnam, we sought out limestone specialists like the Limestone Leaf-Warbler.**

Heading north, we spent one night at Bach Ma National Park. This area holds beautiful forest, but once again, the birding was tough, and the weather was cold and misty. Nonetheless, we really enjoy two additional sightings of the beautiful Red-shanked Douc Langur, including one sighting where the thick mist concealed us, and allowed us to approach the langurs to within a few meters. The weather improved drastically when we left Bach Ma and



drove towards Phong Nha-Kẻ Bàng National Park. This park has spectacular limestone mountain scenery, which makes it a justly popular feature of the backpacker travel circuit. We were in search of a range-restricted limestone specialist birds, the unique Sooty Babbler. During a long hike up to a huge cave system, we enjoyed long sightings of a couple groups of babblers. Another specialist, the Limestone Leaf-Warbler, also performed well, singing away just overhead. On our final afternoon at Phong Nha, we were thrilled to spot a single Hatinh Langur high on a limestone mountain. The following morning, on the way north, we stopped at a community conservation project, and enjoyed even better scope views of a whole troop of langurs perched on a karst pinnacle.



**A whole troop of the rare Hatinh Langur watching us from their limestone fortress.**

The final leg of our trip was in north Vietnam. The main mission here was to find another beautiful and Critically Endangered primate, which is also a limestone specialist: the Delacour's Langur. This langur is found in Van Long Wetland Reserve, a spectacular landscape of towering limestone mountains that is accessed by hand-paddled boats. This experience is always magical, and was made all the more enjoyable by our having several good views of Delacour's Langurs along the way. The father of the participant who organized the trip had temporarily lived on the estate of Monsieur Delacour during World War One, creating a special connection between their families, and making this sighting, in memory of the great French-American naturalist, all the more meaningful. The last night of our trip was spent in Cuc Phuong National Park. Once again, birding was challenging, and mammals were sadly absent. But we did have great views of yet another limestone specialist: the Limestone Wren-Babbler. Driving a few hours, we caught our homebound connections out of Hanoi's Noi Bai airport.



At a hide setup near Cat Tien NP, we had amazing views of a pair of Blue Pittas.



## ITINERARY

<b>February 9</b>	Arrival in Saigon.
<b>February 10-13</b>	Cat Tien National Park.
<b>February 14</b>	Cat Tien to Di Linh Pass.
<b>February 15</b>	Morning Di Linh. Drive to Da Lat.
<b>February 16-17</b>	Da Lat.
<b>February 18</b>	Flight from Da Lat to Danang. Night in Quảng Nam.
<b>February 19</b>	Morning Quảng Nam. Drive to Mang Den.
<b>February 20</b>	Mang Den to Ngoc Linh.
<b>February 21</b>	Ngoc Linh to Danang.
<b>February 22</b>	Danang to Bach Ma National Park.
<b>February 23</b>	Bach Ma NP to Phong Nha-Kẻ Bàng National Park.
<b>February 24</b>	Phong Nha-Kẻ Bàng National Park.
<b>February 25</b>	Phong Nha to Van Long.
<b>February 26</b>	Morning Van Long Wetland Reserve. Afternoon to Cuc Phuong NP.
<b>February 27</b>	Cuc Phuong to Hanoi. Departure via Thailand.



**Hainan Blue Flycatcher is a common bird of lowland forest throughout Vietnam.**

## PHOTO GALLERY



Hide setups attract a lot of bulbuls like Ochraceous (left) and Streak-eared (right) Bulbuls.



Hides are also good for smaller mammals like Slender-tailed Treeshrew.





An immature Brown Fish-Owl was tame and easy to see this year in Cat Tien.





Gray-crowned Crocias is a rare Vietnam endemic, which we saw on Da Lat.



Siberian Blue Robin is a regular visitor the Cat Tien hides.





Small prizes: "Gray-crowned" Black-throated Tit (left) and Fork-tailed Sunbird (right).



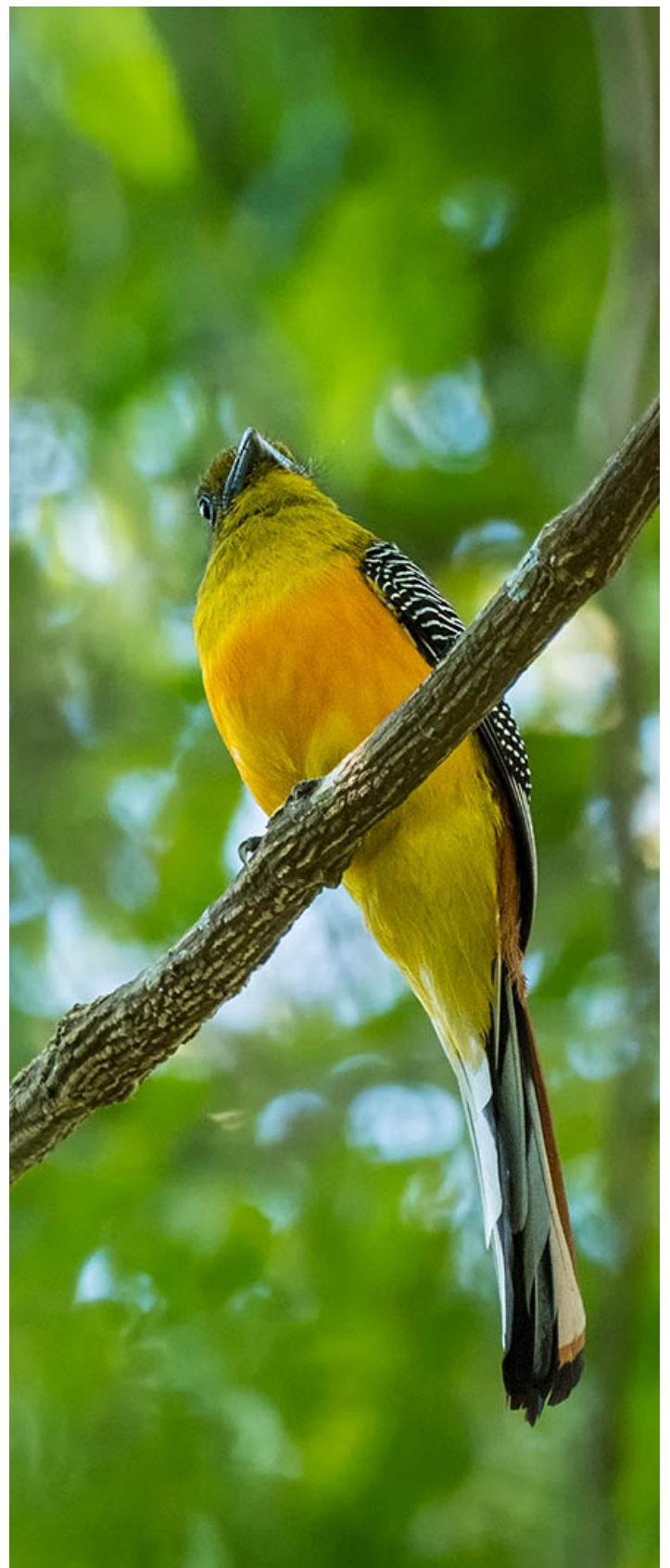
Black-headed Sibia of the "White-spectacled" Da Lat subspecies.





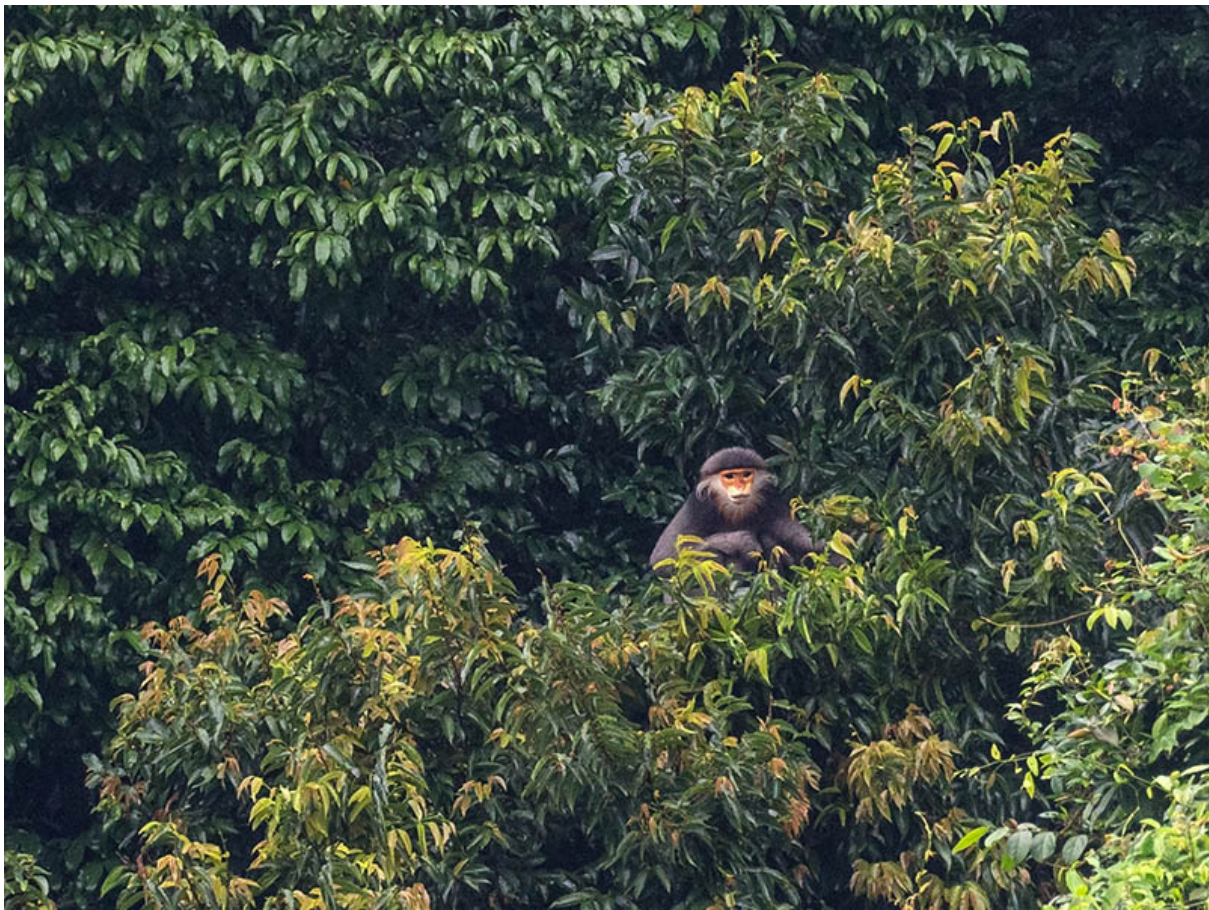
**Delacour's Langur on the limestone karst of Van Long Wetland Reserve.**





**Classic marquee birds of southeast Asia: Long-tailed Broadbill on a nest (left) and an Orange-breasted Trogon in Cat Tien National Park.**





Gray-shanked is the rarest of the three Douc Langur species.



Seeing Siberian Thrushes at a hide in Da Lat was a real treat.





We saw both "normal" Sultan Tit (left) and the very distinctive "Annam" Sultan Tit (right).



Puff-throated Babbler is a cute, ovenbird-like babbler.



The Sooty Babbler is an odd and unique limestone-inhabiting babbler, which seems to be wearing goggles!



"Langbian" Green-backed Tit is found on Da Lat, one of many potential future splits.





Black-and-red Broadbill is a beauty whose range just enters southern Vietnam.



Hill Prinia is fairly common on Da Lat.





**A male Buff-cheeked Gibbon in Cat Tien National Park.**





Collared Laughingthrush is endemic to Da Lat, and perhaps the best-looking laughingthrush of them all.



We had some terrible weather at Ngoc Linh, but still managed to spot the rare Black-crowned Barwing.



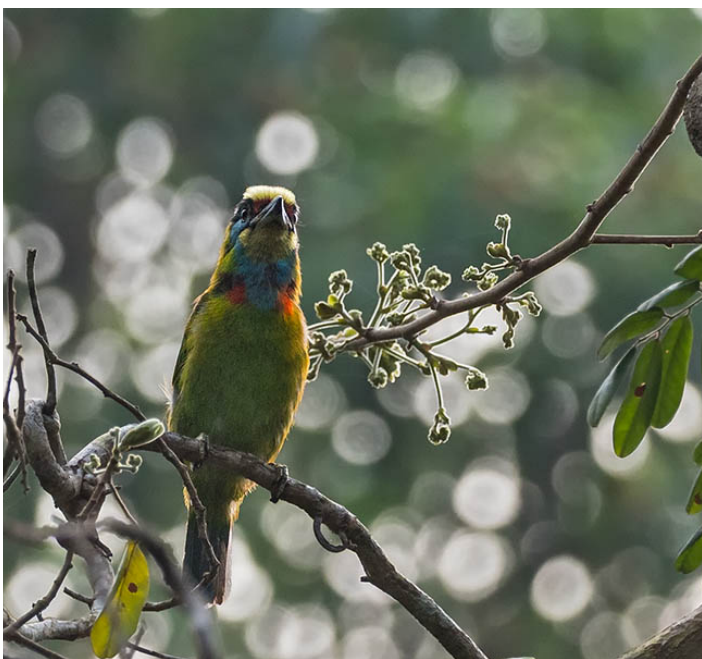


Female Blue Pitta is a great-looking bird in its own right.





We had a great sighting of a troop of Black-shanked Douc Langurs in Cat Tien.



Indochinese Barbet (left) and Burmese Shrike (right).





**Indochinese Ground Squirrel munching happily at a Cat Tien blind.**



**Gray-bellied Tesia, a delightfully tailless tiny bird.**





At a new hide setup in Cuc Phuong NP, we had amazing views of a pair of Blue-rumped Pittas.



Stripe-throated Bulbul is a common hide visitor.





**Hume's Treecreeper (left) and Flavescent Bulbul (right) at Da Lat.**



**Mugimaki Flycatcher is a delightful wintering bird.**





Mountain Fulvetta (left) and Limestone Wren-Babbler (right).



The Germain's Peacock-Pheasant is an epic bird when seen well.





Orange-breasted Laughingthrush is another beautiful Da Lat endemic.



Rufous-tailed Robin (left) and White-throated Rock-Thrush (right).





**Black-collared Starling is quite a handsome bird when seen well.**



**White-browed Scimitar-Babbler often visits the Da Lat hides.**





Cool flycatchers are common hide visitors: Fujian Niltava (left) and Snowy-browed Flycatcher (right).



In Cuc Phuong, we saw the “Tonkin” Scaly-breasted Partridge, which is probably a full species.





Epic views of a flock of Vietnamese Cutias was a highlight in Da Lat.



Black-crowned Fulvetta is a scarce Da Lat endemic.





Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler is actually a big wren-babbler. In any case, it's a great bird!



Having great views of the incredibly shy Rusty-naped Pitta is a real treat.





Forktails are remarkably shy birds, so having intimate views of a pair of Spotted Forktails was wonderful.

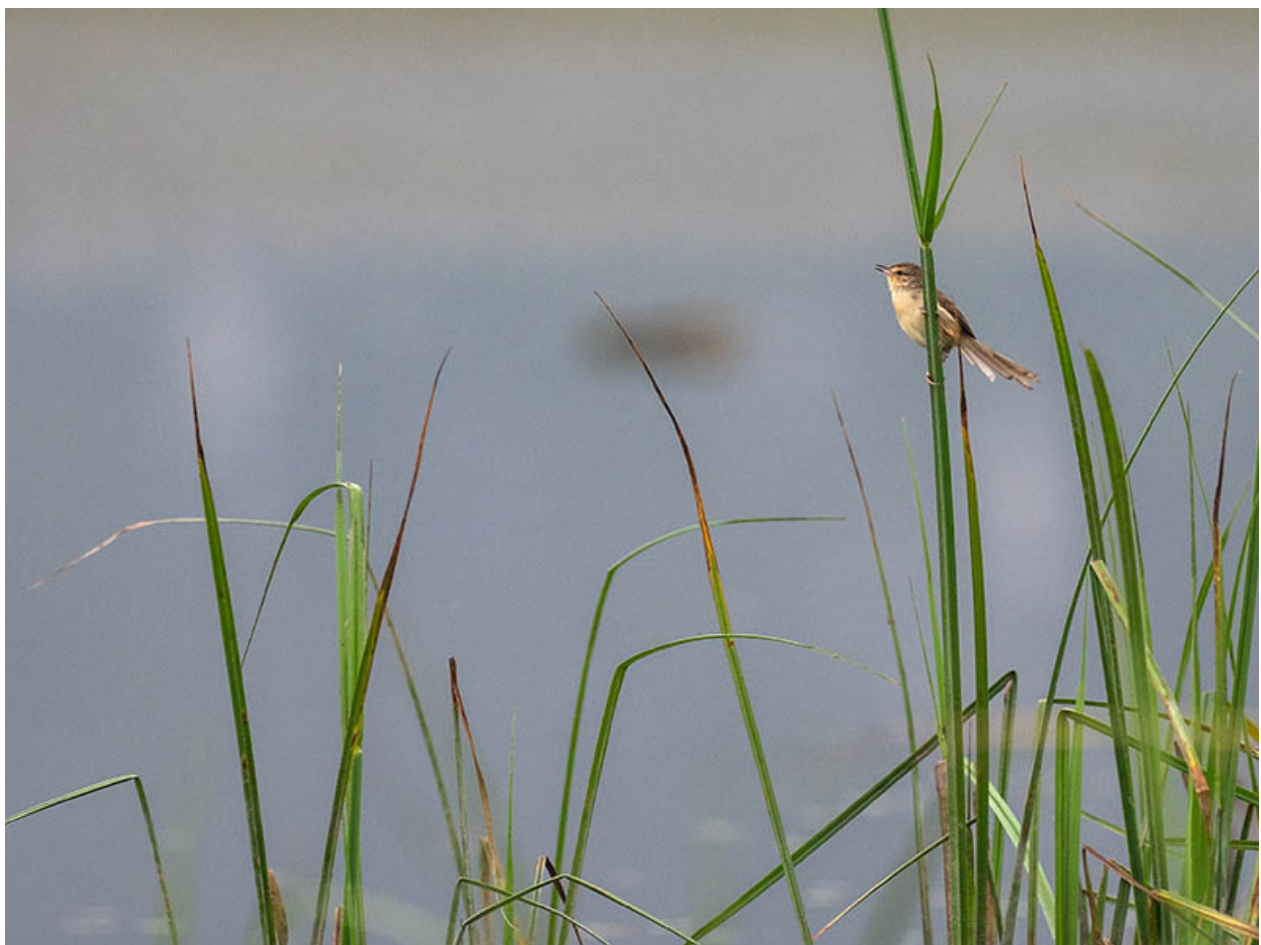


Indochinese Blue-Flycatcher (left) and Slaty-legged Crake (right).





**Crimson Sunbird is fairly common lowland bird across Vietnam.**



**Plain Prinia in Van Long.**



## BIRD LIST

Taxonomy and nomenclature follow *The Clements Checklist of the Birds of the World v2019* (including updates through August 2019).

<b>GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae</b>			
	Rufous-throated Partridge	<i>Arborophila rufogularis</i>	H
	Bar-backed Partridge	<i>Arborophila brunneopectus</i>	H
	Scaly-breasted (Green-legged) Partridge	<i>Arborophila chloropus</i>	
<b>E</b>	Scaly-breasted (Tonkin) Partridge	<i>Arborophila chloropus tonkinensis</i>	
	Crested Argus	<i>Rheinardia ocellata</i>	H
	Green Peafowl	<i>Pavo muticus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Germain's Peacock-Pheasant	<i>Polyplectron germaini</i>	
	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	
	Siamese Fireback	<i>Lophura diardi</i>	
<b>PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae</b>			
	Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	
<b>COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae</b>			
	Rock Pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>	
	Ashy Wood-Pigeon	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>	
	Red Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia tranquebarica</i>	
	Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	
	Barred Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia unchall</i>	
	Asian (Gray-capped) Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	
	Zebra Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	
	Pink-necked Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron vernans</i>	
	Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron bicinctus</i>	
	Thick-billed Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron curvirostra</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Yellow-vented Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron seimundi</i>	
	Green Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	
	Mountain Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula badia</i>	
<b>CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae</b>			
	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>	
	Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>	
	Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>	
	Asian Emerald Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx maculatus</i>	
	Violet Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus</i>	



	Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>	
	Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	
	Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	
	Large Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx sparveroides</i>	
	Hodgson's (Whistling) Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Hierococcyx nasicolor</i>	H
	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	H
	Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	G
<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Podargidae</b>			
	Hodgson's Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus hodgsoni</i>	H
	Blyth's (Indochinese) Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus affinis continentalis</i>	H
<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae</b>			
	Great Eared-Nightjar	<i>Lyncornis macrotis</i>	
	Gray Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus jotaka</i>	H
<b>CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Apodidae</b>			
	Silver-backed / Brown-backed Needletail	<i>Hirundapus cochinchinensis / giganteus</i>	
	White-throated Needletail	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>	
	Germain's Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus germani</i>	
	Cook's Swift	<i>Apus cooki</i>	
	House Swift	<i>Apus nipalensis</i>	
	Asian Palm-Swift	<i>Cypsiurus balasiensis</i>	
<b>GRUIFORMES: Rallidae</b>			
	Slaty-legged Crake	<i>Rallina eurizonoides</i>	
	Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	
	Eurasian Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
	Gray-headed (Indochinese) Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio poliocephalus viridis</i>	
	White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	
	White-browed Crake	<i>Amaurornis cinerea</i>	
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae</b>			
	Red-wattled (Black-necked) Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus atronuchalis</i>	
	Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae</b>			
	Pheasant-tailed Jacana	<i>Hydrophasianus chirurgus</i>	
<b>CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae</b>			
	Pin-tailed Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>	
	Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
	Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	



<b>CHARADRIIFORMES: Turnicidae</b>			
	Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>	H
<b>CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae</b>			
	Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	
	Woolly-necked Stork	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	
<b>SULIFORMES: Anhingidae</b>			
	Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	
<b>SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae</b>			
	Little Cormorant	<i>Microcarbo niger</i>	
<b>PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae</b>			
	Great Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	NL
	Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	
	Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>	
	Black Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	
	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	
	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	
	Intermediate Egret	<i>Ardea intermedia</i>	
	Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	
	Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
	Chinese Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>	
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae</b>			
	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	
<b>ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae</b>			
	Oriental (Indomalayan) Honey-buzzard	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus ptilorhynchus</i>	
	Jerdon's Baza	<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>	
	Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>	
	Mountain Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus nipalensis</i>	
	Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>	
	Black Eagle	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>	
	(Eastern) Imperial Eagle	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	
	Gray-faced Buzzard	<i>Butastur indicus</i>	
	Crested Goshawk	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>	
	Besra	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>	
	Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	
	Gray-headed Fish-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus ichthyaetus</i>	



STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae			
	Mountain Scops-Owl	<i>Otus spilocephalus</i>	H
	Brown Fish-Owl	<i>Ketupa zeylonensis</i>	
	Collared Owlet	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>	
	Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>	
TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae			
	Red-headed Trogon	<i>Harpactes erythrocephalus</i>	
	Orange-breasted Trogon	<i>Harpactes oreskios</i>	
BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae			
	Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	
BUCEROTIFORMES: Bucerotidae			
	Great Hornbill	<i>Buceros bicornis</i>	
	(Austen's) Brown Hornbill	<i>Anorrhinus austeni</i>	
	Oriental Pied-Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae			
	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	
	Banded Kingfisher	<i>Lacedo pulchella</i>	
	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	
	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae			
	Blue-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctornis athertoni</i>	
	(Asian) Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops orientalis</i>	
	Blue-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops viridis</i>	
CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae			
	Indochinese Roller	<i>Coracias affinis</i>	
	Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	
PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae			
	Coppersmith Barbet	<i>Psilopogon haemacephalus</i>	
	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Psilopogon duvaucelii</i>	
NE	Red-vented Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lagrandieri</i>	
	Green-eared Barbet	<i>Psilopogon faiostrictus</i>	
	Lineated Barbet	<i>Psilopogon lineatus</i>	
NE	Necklaced Barbet	<i>Psilopogon auricularis</i>	
NE	Indochinese (Annam) Barbet	<i>Psilopogon annamensis</i>	
PICIFORMES: Picidae			
	Speckled Piculet	<i>Picumnus innominatus</i>	H



	White-browed Piculet	<i>Sasia ochracea</i>	
	Heart-spotted Woodpecker	<i>Hemicircus canente</i>	
	Gray-capped Woodpecker	<i>Yungipicus canicapillus</i>	
	Stripe-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos atratus</i>	H
	Bay Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</i>	
	Greater Flameback	<i>Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus</i>	
	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>	
	Black-and-buff Woodpecker	<i>Meiglyptes jugularis</i>	
	Pale-headed Woodpecker	<i>Gecinulus grantia</i>	
	Lesser (Himalayan) Yellownape	<i>Picus chlorolophus chlorolophus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Red-collared Woodpecker	<i>Picus rabieri</i>	H
	Laced Woodpecker	<i>Picus vittatus</i>	
	Greater Yellownape	<i>Chrysophlegma flavinucha</i>	H
	Great Slaty Woodpecker	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>	
	White-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>	H
<b>FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae</b>			
	Collared Falconet	<i>Microhierax caerulescens</i>	
	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
<b>PSITTACIFORMES: Psittaculidae</b>			
	Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula roseata</i>	
	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	
	Vernal Hanging-Parrot	<i>Loriculus vernalis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Eurylaimidae</b>			
	Black-and-red Broadbill	<i>Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos</i>	
	Long-tailed Broadbill	<i>Psarisomus dalhousiae</i>	
	Silver-breasted Broadbill	<i>Serilophus lunatus</i>	H
	Banded Broadbill	<i>Eurylaimus javanicus</i>	H
	Dusky Broadbill	<i>Corydon sumatranus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae</b>			
	Rusty-naped Pitta	<i>Hydornis oatesi</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Blue-rumped Pitta	<i>Hydornis soror</i>	
	Blue Pitta	<i>Hydornis cyaneus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Bar-bellied Pitta	<i>Hydornis elliotii</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae</b>			
	Gray-chinned Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>	
<b>E</b>	Long-tailed (Annam) Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus annamensis</i>	

	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>	
	Ashy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus divaricatus</i>	
	Brown-rumped Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cantonensis</i>	
	Large Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina macei</i>	
	Black-winged Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage melaschistos</i>	
	Indochinese Cuckooshrike	<i>Lalage polioptera</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae</b>			
	Blyth's Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius aeralatus</i>	
<b>E</b>	Dalat Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius annamensis</i>	
	Clicking Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius intermedius</i>	
	White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae</b>			
	(Eastern) Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis diffusus</i>	
	Black-hooded Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthornus</i>	
	Maroon Oriole	<i>Oriolus traillii</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae</b>			
	Ashy Woodswallow	<i>Artamus fuscus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Vangidae</b>			
	Large Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis virgatus</i>	
	Common Woodshrike	<i>Tephrodornis pondicerianus</i>	
	Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae</b>			
	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	
	Great Iora	<i>Aegithina lafresnayeii</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae</b>			
	White-throated Fantail	<i>Rhipidura albicollis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae</b>			
	Black Drongo	<i>Dicrurus macrocercus</i>	
	Ashy (Sooty) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus leucophaeus</i>	
	Ashy (Chinese White-faced) Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus innexus</i>	
	Bronzed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus aeneus</i>	
	Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus remifer</i>	
	Hair-crested Drongo	<i>Dicrurus hottentottus</i>	
	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae</b>			
	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	



	Blyth's (Oriental) Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone affinis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae</b>			
	(Northern) Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus cristatus</i>	
	(Philippine) Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus lucionensis</i>	
	Burmese Shrike	<i>Lanius collurioides</i>	
	(Chinese) Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach schach</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae</b>			
	Eurasian (White-faced) Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius leucotis</i>	
	Indochinese Green-Magpie	<i>Cissa hypoleuca</i>	
	Racket-tailed Treepie	<i>Crypsirina temia</i>	
	Ratchet-tailed Treepie	<i>Temnurus temnurus</i>	
	Large-billed (Eastern Jungle) Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos levaillantii</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae</b>			
	Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	<i>Culicicapa ceylonensis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Paridae</b>			
	(Common) Sultan Tit	<i>Melanochloa sultanea sultanea</i>	
<b>NE</b>	(Annam) Sultan Tit	<i>Melanochloa sultanea gayeti</i>	
	Green-backed Tit	<i>Parus monticolus monticolus</i>	H
<b>E</b>	Green-backed (Langbian) Tit	<i>Parus monticolus legendrei</i>	
	Cinereous Tit	<i>Parus cinereus</i>	H
	Japanese Tit	<i>Parus minor</i>	
	Yellow-cheeked Tit	<i>Machlolophus spilonotus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae</b>			
	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	
	Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>	
	Hill Prinia	<i>Prinia superciliaris</i>	
	Rufescent Prinia	<i>Prinia rufescens</i>	
	Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>	
	Plain Prinia	<i>Prinia inornata</i>	
	(Double) Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis tinnabulans</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae</b>			
	Black-browed Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus bistrigiceps</i>	NL
	Oriental Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Pnoepygidae</b>			
	Pygmy Cupwing	<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>	H
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae</b>			

	(Eurasian) Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
	(Asian) Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	
	Striated Swallow	<i>Cecropis striolata</i>	
	Asian House-Martin	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae</b>			
	Black-headed Bulbul	<i>Brachypodius atriceps</i>	
	Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Rubigula flaviventris</i>	
	Red-whiskered Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	
	Light-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus sinensis</i>	
	(Northern) Sooty-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus aurigaster chrysorrhoides</i>	
	(Southern) Sooty-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus aurigaster aurigaster</i>	
	Stripe-throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus finlaysoni</i>	
	Flavescent Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus flavescent</i>	
	(Sunda) Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus goiavier analis</i>	
	Streak-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus conradi</i>	
	Puff-throated Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus pallidus</i>	
	Ochraceous Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus ochraceus</i>	
	Gray-eyed Bulbul	<i>Iole propinqua</i>	
	Black Bulbul	<i>Hypsipetes leucocephalus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Ashy (Brown-backed) Bulbul	<i>Hemixos flavala remotus</i>	
	(Northern) Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mccllellandii mccllellandii</i>	
	(Southern) Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mccllellandii tickelli</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae</b>			
	Ashy-throated Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus maculipennis</i>	
	Yellow-browed Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus inornatus</i>	
	Radde's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus schwarzi</i>	
	Dusky Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus fuscatus</i>	
	White-spectacled Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus intermedius</i>	H
	Gray-cheeked Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus poliogenys</i>	
	Two-barred Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus</i>	
	Pale-legged Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus tenellipes</i>	
	Arctic Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>	
	Chestnut-crowned Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus castaniceps</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Limestone Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus calciatilis</i>	
	Blyth's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus reguloides</i>	
	Claudia's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus claudiae</i>	
	Kloss's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus ogilviegranti</i>	



PASSERIFORMES: Scotocercidae			
	Gray-bellied Tesia	<i>Tesia cyaniventer</i>	
	Rufous-faced Warbler	<i>Abroscopus albogularis</i>	
	Mountain Tailorbird	<i>Phyllergates cucullatus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae			
NE	Black-throated (Gray-crowned) Tit	<i>Aegithalos concinnus annamensis</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae			
	Gray-headed Parrotbill	<i>Psittiparus gularis</i>	
NE	Black-headed Parrotbill	<i>Psittiparus margaritae</i>	H
PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae			
	Indochinese Yuhina	<i>Yuhina torqueola</i>	
	Black-chinned Yuhina	<i>Yuhina nigrimenta</i>	
	Indian (Oriental) White-eye	<i>Zosterops palpebrosus</i>	
	Swinhoe's (Japanese / Chinese) White-eye	<i>Zosterops simplex</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae			
	Chestnut-capped Babbler	<i>Timalia pileata</i>	
	Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	<i>Mixornis gularis</i>	
NE	Gray-faced Tit-Babbler	<i>Mixornis kelleyi</i>	
	Golden Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma chrysaeum</i>	
	Rufous-capped Babbler	<i>Cyanoderma ruficeps</i>	
	Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps</i>	
	Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus ferruginosus</i>	
	White-browed Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Pomatorhinus schisticeps</i>	
	Large Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Megapomatorhinus hypoleucos</i>	H
	Gray-throated Babbler	<i>Stachyris nigriceps</i>	
	Spot-necked Babbler	<i>Stachyris striolata</i>	
NE	Sooty Babbler	<i>Stachyris herberti</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae			
E	Black-crowned Fulvetta	<i>Schoeniparus klossi</i>	
	Rufous-throated Fulvetta	<i>Schoeniparus rufogularis</i>	
	Puff-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum ruficeps</i>	
	Spot-throated Babbler	<i>Pellorneum albiventris</i>	
	Buff-breasted Babbler	<i>Pellorneum tickelli</i>	
NE	Short-tailed (Indochinese) Scimitar-Babbler	<i>Napothera danjoui</i>	
	Abbott's Babbler	<i>Turdinus abbotti</i>	
	Limestone Wren-Babbler (Greyish Limestone-babbler)	<i>Turdinus crispifrons</i>	H

<b>NE</b>	(Tonkin) Streaked Wren-Babbler	<i>Turdinus brevicaudatus stevensi</i>	H
<b>E</b>	(Annam) Streaked Wren-Babbler	<i>Turdinus brevicaudatus rufiventer</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae</b>			
	Mountain Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe peracensis</i>	
	Black-browed Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe grotei</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Vietnamese Cutia	<i>Cutia legalleni</i>	
	Masked Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax perspicillatus</i>	
	(Eastern) White-crested Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax leucolophus diardi</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Black-hooded Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax milleti</i>	
<b>E</b>	Orange-breasted Laughingthrush	<i>Garrulax annamensis</i>	
	Black-throated Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla chinensis chinensis</i>	H
<b>NE</b>	White-cheeked Laughingthrush	<i>Ianthocincla vassali</i>	
<b>E</b>	Collared Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron yersini</i>	
	Red-tailed Laughingthrush	<i>Trochalopteron milnei</i>	H
<b>E</b>	Black-headed (White-spectacled) Sibia	<i>Heterophasia desgodinsi robinsoni</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Black-headed (Brownish-backed) Sibia	<i>Heterophasia desgodinsi engelbacki</i>	
	Silver-eared Mesia	<i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>	
	Rufous-backed Sibia	<i>Minla annectens annectens</i>	
<b>E</b>	Gray-crowned Crocias	<i>Crocias langbianis</i>	
	Black-crowned Barwing	<i>Actinodura sodangorum</i>	
	Blue-winged Minla	<i>Actinodura cyanouroptera cyanouroptera</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Blue-winged (Plain) Minla	<i>Actinodura cyanouroptera orientalis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae</b>			
	Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	<i>Sitta nagaensis</i>	
	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Yellow-billed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta solangiae</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae</b>			
	Hume's (Manipur) Treecreeper	<i>Certhia manipurensis</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae</b>			
	Golden-crested Myna	<i>Ampeliceps coronatus</i>	
	Common Hill Myna	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	
	Black-collared Starling	<i>Gracupica nigricollis</i>	
	White-shouldered Starling	<i>Sturnia sinensis</i>	
	Chestnut-tailed Starling	<i>Sturnia malabarica</i>	
	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	
	Vinous-breasted Starling (Myna)	<i>Acridotheres burmannicus</i>	



	Crested Myna	<i>Acridotheres cristatellus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae</b>			
	White's Thrush	<i>Zoothera aurea</i>	
	Siberian Thrush	<i>Geokichla sibirica</i>	
	Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Geokichla citrina</i>	
	Chinese Blackbird	<i>Turdus mandarinus</i>	
	Japanese Thrush	<i>Turdus cardis</i>	
	Eyebrowed Thrush	<i>Turdus obscurus</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae</b>			
	Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>	
	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	
	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>	
	Rufous-browed Flycatcher	<i>Anthipes solitaris</i>	
	White-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis concretus</i>	H
	Hainan Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis hainanus</i>	
	Pale Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis unicolor</i>	
	Indochinese (Tickell's) Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis sumatrensis</i>	
	Large Niltava	<i>Niltava grandis</i>	
	Fujian Niltava	<i>Niltava davidi</i>	
	Verditer Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias thalassinus</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Lesser (Langbian) Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx leucophris langbianensis</i>	
	Rufous-tailed Robin	<i>Larvivora sibilans</i>	
	Siberian Blue Robin	<i>Larvivora cyane</i>	
	Blue (Yellow-billed) Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus caeruleus flavirostris</i>	
	White-crowned Forktail	<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>	
	Spotted Forktail	<i>Enicurus maculatus</i>	
	Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>	H
	Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Calliope calliope</i>	
	White-tailed Robin	<i>Myiomela leucura</i>	
	Mugimaki Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula mugimaki</i>	
	Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>	
	Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>	
	White-throated Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola gularis</i>	
	(Eastern) Blue Rock-Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius philippensis</i>	
	Siberian (Japanese) Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus stejnegeri</i>	
	Pied Bushchat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>	
	Gray Bushchat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>	

PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae			
	Thick-billed (Modest) Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum agile obsoletum</i>	
	Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum chrysorrheum</i>	
	Plain Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum minullum</i>	
	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>	
	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae			
	Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Chalcoparia singalensis</i>	
	Brown-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>	
	Van Hasselt's (Maroon-bellied) Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma brasiliana</i>	
	Olive-backed (Ornate) Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis ornatus</i>	
	Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata saturata</i>	
<b>E</b>	Black-throated (Langbian) Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata johnsi</i>	
	Green-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga nipalensis</i>	
<b>NE</b>	Mrs. Gould's (Annam) Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga gouldiae annamensis</i>	
	(Greater) Crimson Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga siparaja seheriae</i>	
	Fork-tailed Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga christinae</i>	
	Purple-naped Spiderhunter	<i>Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum</i>	H
	Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>	
	Streaked Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera magna</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Irenidae			
	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae			
	Blue-winged Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>	
	Golden-fronted Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis aurifrons</i>	
	Orange-bellied (Greyish-crowned) Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis hardwickii lazulina</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae			
	Pin-tailed Parrotfinch	<i>Erythrura prasina</i>	
	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>	
	Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae			
	House (Indian) Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus indicus</i>	
	Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	
PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae			
	Gray Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	
	White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	



	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>	
	Olive-backed Pipit	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>	
<b>PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae</b>			
<b>E</b>	Vietnamese Greenfinch	<i>Chloris monguilloti</i>	
	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	

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Vietnamese Cutia is a Da Lat specialty, a weird laughingthrush that acts like a nuthatch.

## MAMMAL LIST

	Northern Treeshrew	<i>Tupaia belangeri</i>
	Northern Slender-tailed Treeshrew	<i>Dendrogale murina</i>
<b>E</b>	Hatinh Langur	<i>Trachypithecus hatinhensis</i>
<b>E</b>	Delacour's Langur	<i>Trachypithecus delacouri</i>
<b>NE</b>	Red-shanked Douc Langur	<i>Pygathrix nemaeus</i>
<b>E</b>	Gray-shanked Douc Langur	<i>Pygathrix cinerea</i>
<b>NE</b>	Black-shanked Douc Langur	<i>Pygathrix nigripes</i>
	Rhesus Macaque	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>
	Pig-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>
	Long-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>
<b>NE</b>	Buff-cheeked Gibbon	<i>Nomascus gabriellae</i>
	Masked Palm Civet	<i>Paguma larvata</i>
	Small Indian Civet	<i>Viverricula indica</i>
	Small Asian Mongoose	<i>Herpestes javanicus</i>
	Eurasian Wild Pig	<i>Sus scrofa</i>
	Red Muntjac	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>
	Sambar	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
	Black Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>
	Pallas' Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus erythraeus</i>
	Variable Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus finlaysonii</i>
	Cambodian Striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops rodolpheii</i>
	Indochinese Ground Squirrel	<i>Menetes berdmorei</i>
	Red-cheeked Squirrel	<i>Dremomys rufigenis</i>
	Wild Boar	<i>Sus scrofa</i>

## REPTILE LIST

Neon Blue Lizard	<i>Calotes bachae</i>
Garden Lizard	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>
Tokay Gecko	<i>Gekko gekko</i>
Common House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
Flat-tailed House Gecko	<i>Hemidactylus platyurus</i>
Speckled Forest Skink	<i>Eutropias macularia</i>
Sun Skink	<i>Eutropias fisticulus</i>
Red-necked Keelback	<i>Rhabdophis subminiatus</i>