
WildWings Thailand 2017

The Spoon-billed Pitta's Tour

Thursday January 26th - Tuesday February 7th 2017.



Introduction

This was our tenth year of visiting the region in search of enigmatic shorebirds on the Gulf of Thailand combined with the magnificent tropical forests in search of jewel thrushes, broadbills and other mouthwatering denizens. This tour also offers a great opportunity to see mammals as well as other forms of wildlife and once again, Thailand did not disappoint. It was great to be back not just on the saltpans of Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia but also to enjoy the verdant forests at both Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan National Parks. I didn't go south with the group, instead returned back to Kaeng Krachan for the last few days but I do envy your Rail Babbler. Thanks to a great group, we had an excellent time and I thoroughly look forward to getting back soon.



Thailand 2017

By Tour Leader Mark Andrews

Summary

Thursday 26th January.

Having spent a couple of days myself in Khao Yai National Park just before the group arrived so I was fairly happy with which trails were producing and which seemed quiet. I met the team at Bangkok Airport though with a delayed London flight, we didn't quite set off on time as anticipated. A few hours later and we were soon at the entrance and journeyed slowly into this World Heritage site. We stopped briefly at the KM 33 pullover and trail but it was already midday and the heat was rising so bird activity was slowing down. We still managed a few nice

species before drifting on to the HQ and visitor centre area stopping for lunch and table side birding in the restaurant area. Our accommodation, bungalows inside the park were ready for us to move into after lunch and we were soon quickly settled in. An afternoon session on a forest trail was slow but relatively productive with some nice local birds including the very smart Sulphur-breasted Warbler. As the afternoon progressed, we drove around to a large open area in the hope of seeing Great-eared Nightjars emerge at dusk. Sadly today wasn't to be but whilst watching a rather twitchy Sambar Deer, its unease became clear when some of us glimpsed a Dhole sneaking through the grass. We had our evening meal back at the restaurant area before driving back to our cabins after dark. Understandably, the team were tired after long haul flights so retired early. A quick drive around after dark on my own to check a few areas proved rather fortuitous as several excellent nocturnal mammals were seen.

Friday 27th January.

Up early to watch the dawn over coffee from our veranda overlooking the forest and we were soon out into the field. Our first stop, the Khao Kiew road in the hope of some early morning pheasant activity was a good decision. We had excellent views of three Silver Pheasant including a fine male from the viewpoint boardwalk. A very smart Blue-throated Flycatcher and various phylloscopus warblers kept us occupied. I was hoping to attract a Blue Pitta that had been calling on previous days but failed to get a response. A crazy encounter with a ridiculously tame Pied Hornbill was a good distraction. A roadside forest edge stop and then it was back down to the HQ area and a late breakfast/brunch Thai curry overlooking the forest edge and river. Late morning and we returned to a nearby forest trail. Quietly walking the edge of a stream we quickly located a pair of White-crowned Forktail though views were typically fleeting. A little further on we came across a group of Siamese Fireback quietly moving through sun dappled undergrowth. Not everyone had seen them before they disappeared into the shadows but half expecting them to reappear further along, we moved toward an area we thought they might come out. Movement at the edge of a sunny patch and my binoculars focussed onto a stunning male Blue Pitta. The bird literally just froze for a second before casually bouncing off into the undergrowth before anyone

could get onto it. We continued to watch the area but sadly no further sign of the pheasants or the pitta. Calling Long-tailed Broadbills drew us to a nice bird party which included six fabulous Silver-breasted Broadbill viewed at close range. Late afternoon was spent around the campsite area and another crack at Blue Pitta. A male quickly responded but was away uphill somewhere. Not wanting to let this one go, we quietly walked in, stopping and listening as the bird performed somewhere up ahead of us. Eventually we got close enough to work out where he was and soon managed to get an angle where we could see him. He was bouncing around a lot and calling from a fallen trunk. It was a stunning bird but then most Pitta's are. With light going it was back to the HQ area via suitable nightjar viewpoints before an evening meal back at the restaurant area. We drove for a while looking for nocturnal activity and although a fairly quiet evening we still managed some Large-tailed Nightjar and Porcupine.



Silver Pheasant, Silver-breasted Broadbill

Pied Hornbill, Blue Pitta © Pied Hornbill, Blue Pitta © Mark Andrews

Saturday 28th January.

Dawn saw us watching a pair of the astonishingly raptor like Great-eared Nightjars hawking around close to our bungalows, displaying and then mating. First light and we were off up to the trail at km 33. Fortunately we had the trail to ourselves for the first few hours but despite hearing lots it was quite hard going. Activity really started once the Gibbons had started to sing and we did get some cracking views this morning. We tried hard to locate any tapping birds but were frustrated by a lack of woodpeckers, surprising considering the wealth of the forest here. Once again we had a brief glimpse of a male Siamese Fireback. We saw both Great and Wreathed Hornbill, Orange-headed Ground Thrush, a noisy group of White-crested Laughingthrush along with White-browed Scimitar Babblers but bird of the morning would undoubtedly rest with a lovely male Banded Kingfisher that gave itself up for us to enjoy. Back to HQ for Brunch. In the afternoon we again visited trail four before covering various sites up to KM33 before returning to Pa Gluay Mai area. Despite being stupidly busy being the weekend, walk a few metres into the forest and you lose the crowd. The Blue Pitta was again calling but from a near inaccessible area in which it refused to budge. I was hoping for a few of the more regular Khao Yai birds that had so far evaded us but the forest was largely silent. We went back to the HQ and ended up on the loop trail for the last half an hour of decent light where we encountered a very close Asian Elephant. After dinner, a night drive away from the volume of spotlighting vehicles amassing for the weekenders produced for me, one of the moments of the trip. We'd seen virtually nothing and having driven up a very quiet Khao Kiew and were coming back on the descent when something briefly showed itself on the roadside. I must admit I thought it was a civet of some kind as the headlights had bleached out any pattern. We stopped and reversed a little with the lights off and I squeaked whilst using red torchlight. It took a moment or two but slowly but surely the animal walked back out of the vegetation. It was a stunning Leopard Cat that casually stopped in front of the car, curled its tail round its front feet and just sat there watching only metres away. We were mesmerised, a fitting end to a great day.



Banded Kingfisher, Strangler Fig, Forest Stream, Malayan Porcupine © Mark Andrews

Sunday 29th January.

After pre-dawn coffee and breakfast bars, first light saw us back up to the loop trail behind the Khao Yai HQ. Our target was a fruiting fig tree that we hoped would be a draw for a variety of birds. Our initial attempt was thwarted, last night's Elephant was still here and today was even closer, stood feeding beside the very narrow track. We enjoyed it for a moment before retracing our steps and heading the other way round the loop, hoping the fig tree was a little further back. The tree was certainly busy with activity but not quite reaching the range of species we were hoping for. We got nice views of a couple of hornbills, the odd barbet and pigeon but viewing was difficult and it didn't seem quite right. We went back up to KM33 and birded the forest edge there for a while, before entering the forest and back on the trail. We encountered a nice group of Red Junglefowl and mixed amongst them Siamese Fireback, even better, a displaying male doing the wing-whir. The birds disappeared over the ridge

edge but continued to call and rustle about. An odd moaning sound was investigated and appeared to be a Sun Bear. Only the top of the head was visible, but it was shaking in a way to suggest it was nervous so was deemed unsafe to hang around. We ventured back along the trail but it was much quieter now, and with the temperature slowly rising it was time for a late breakfast. We needed to get back to the cabins to pack up our kit before checkout at twelve. We decided that although we had walked it quite a few times already, trail 4 was still producing and offered a few possibilities in the last few hours before we left the park. We walked the stream slowly and again got the pair of White-crowned Forktail. They teased from the shadows, but when they do cross a sunlit patch, they positively glow. As we stood at the stream crossing there was a heavy rustling through the leaf litter so we froze and waited. I have to say I wasn't really expecting anything quite so big to walk out from behind the bush, I was thinking mongoose or similar not another Bear! Only metres away, it walked down into the stream bed, crossed, glanced at us and then bumbled off up the opposite hillside. At the time I thought it was an Asiatic Black due to the rather fluffy looking fur on the back. However the face was creamy and it had no neck ruff and was small. I've since watched videos of the two and am happy it was a Sun Bear. One of the team missed it whilst having a toilet stop so we set off down the trail in the hope of seeing it further along the ridge. Unfortunately it wasn't to be, and it was rapidly approaching time to leave. We retraced our route seeing a few birds along the way before it was time to return to Bangkok and the next part of the journey.



Siamese Fireback & Great Hornbill © Mark Andrews

Monday 30th January.

In Bangkok we awaited the arrival of the remainder of the group to arrive from the airport having just flown in and being collected by our ground ops team. It didn't take long before we were on our way once again, this time heading down to the saltpans on the Gulf of Thailand and the lure of special shorebirds. After a brief coffee stop to allow the new members time to get ready, we arrived at Pak Thale just as the heat was beginning to rise and began our search. Having checked through all the close waders, we moved up toward the main bund to search through the mass of waders roosting on the large abandoned pan. It didn't take too long before the first Spoon-billed Sandpiper was located, having a preen on a mud bank. We soaked it up for a while knowing that now under the belt as it were, we could return at our leisure and have another crack. There was a nice array of waders present, as expected although it was not a full roost. We did pick up two Far-eastern Curlew as the main Curlew flock departed out to the bay. Satisfied, we moved on, checking suitable salt pans as we drifted south. At Laem Pak Bia, the favoured pools looked very good as we passed but the roost was still building and some important members were missing. We moved on to our favoured beach side restaurant for a welcome break from the sun, a nice sea breeze and some fabulous fresh food. After lunch we checked into our nearby hotel before returning back out into the field as the high heat started to lessen. The first port of call, the salt pans at Laem Pak Bia were full and from a distance, a certain pool looked just right. On closer inspection, there amongst the hundreds of Great Knot were a group of very pale, chunky greenshank, Nordmann's! We crept a little closer allowing the flock to settle and managed we counted thirty five birds. It was a very good spot with an array of shorebirds including Red-necked Phalarope, Long-toed Stints amongst the thousands. Happy we moved back up to Pak Thale for another look for Spoon-billed Sandpiper amongst the gathering there. Once again it didn't take long before one was located on one of the dry bunds. Birds come and go and the roost was disturbed several times so it's always difficult trying to keep track but a spoonie was relocated in amongst large groups of sandplover several times afterwards. It offered the opportunity for some great viewing as the birds settled and relaxed once more. We retired to our hotel satisfied it had been a successful first day on the gulf.



Spoon-billed Sandpiper © Mark Andrews

Tuesday 31st January.

After an early breakfast, we drove a short distance to an area that often holds shorebirds that prefer less salinity and also holds pools favoured by another desired wader species. Our luck was certainly in again as we fairly quickly located a group of the globally threatened Asian Dowitcher. Twenty seven birds together is a nice sight and we soaked up their feeding behaviour. The pools were also very productive for smaller waders and we scrutinised everything, enjoying close views of Long-toed Stint and Broad-billed Sandpiper amongst other. It was also fairly productive with passerines including a number of wanted species, highlight being the unfortunately named Plain-backed Sparrow. We visited a nearby Temple area which offered Oriental Skylark in the adjacent grassland and distractions such as the gorgeous Coppersmith Barbet. Sadly there were no Oriental Pratincole in the area so onward and upward so to speak. Next stop was inland and a series of wetlands and paddyfields around Wat Khao Takhrao. A lake here held a couple of thousand Garganey, two hundred Pintail and a handful of Cotton Pygmy Goose. In nearby paddyfields and wetland patches we managed to see both jacana, a couple of bittern species plus an impressive pair of the fabulous Black Baza, perhaps the best looking bird of prey. Back to Hat Chao Samran and lunch at our beach restaurant just as the sun became too hot. A bit of birding around the hotel gardens and we were off again, for a boat trip out to the Sandspit at Laem Pak Bia. Met up with our old friend Mr Deang and took two boats out through the mangroves to the spit for the next batch of wanted shorebirds. We saw Chinese Egret easily from the boat and with a high tide fairly rapidly made it to the favoured sandy patches. A smart Pallas's Gull with some Greater Crested Terns greeted us on arrival. The beach held a number of very dapper Malaysian Plover amongst the Kentish and unusually five of the enigmatic Swinhoe's aka White-faced Plover. We had great views at close range in good light as the afternoon had lost much of its heat. After an hour on the spit we were happy with our haul so took the boat back and with an hour of light remaining visited the adjacent Kings Project area. Sadly much of what used to drag many birders here in the past has been drained, the mangroves here still have an impressive roost of thousands. We enjoyed the spectacle of hundreds of Black Drongo, tens of Bee-eaters etc coming in at last light and then the changeover of emerging

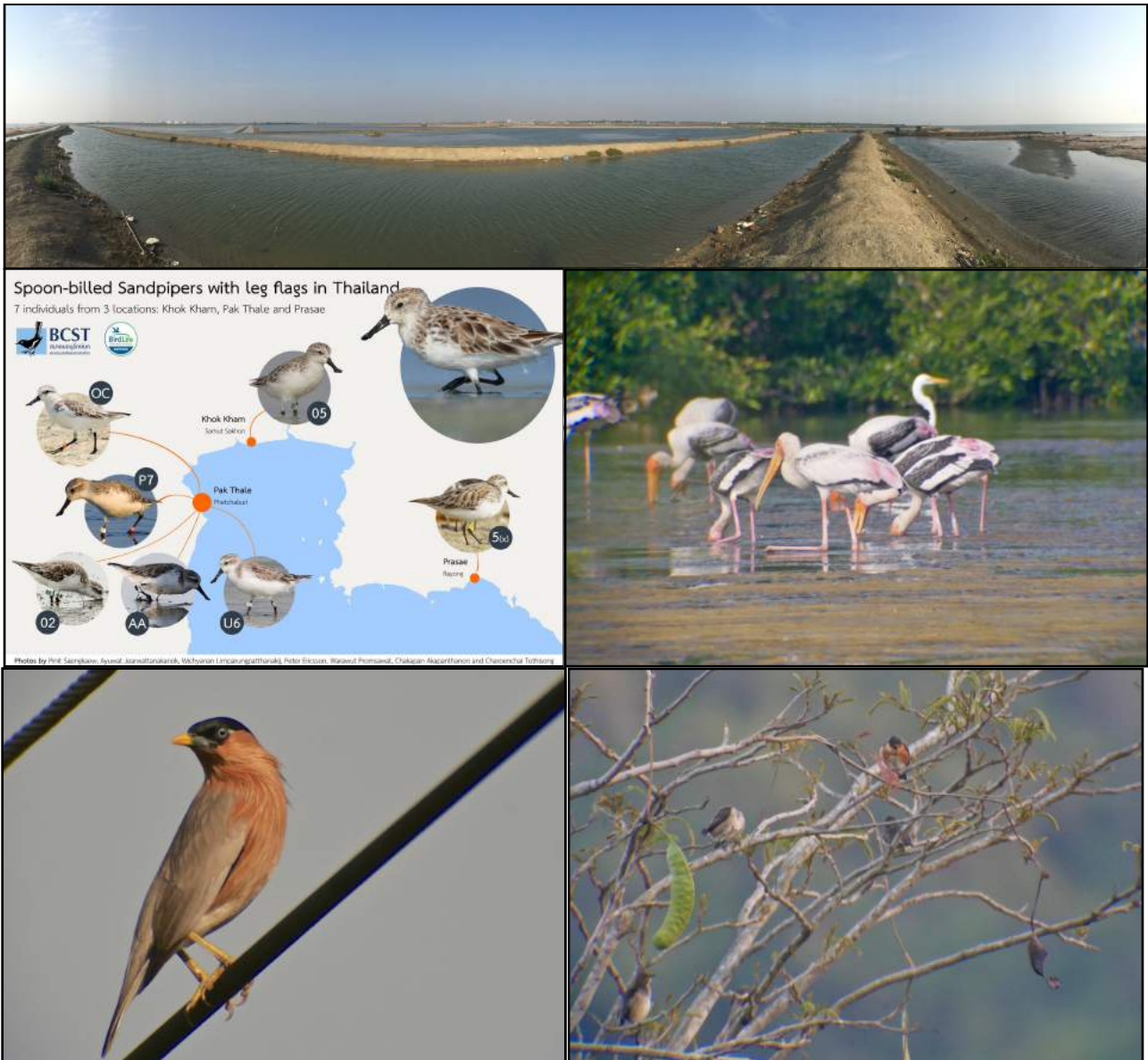
Fruitbats and Night Heron in equally huge numbers. Finally, having almost called it a day, we finally found a pair of Indian Nightjar and enjoyed remarkably close and prolonged views of them on the ground. It had been another great day and we'd thoroughly earned the beer awaiting us back at the hotel.



Coppersmith Barbet, Pallas's Gull, White-faced & Malaysian Plover © Mark Andrews

Wednesday 1st February.

There were a few species folk wanted to catch up on and the promise of a rather interesting starling roost in the late afternoon close to Kaeng Krachan had us head back out onto the saltpans for a quick run around in the morning. At Pak Thale we managed to find perhaps at least four Spoon-billed Sandpipers including a leg flagged bird from the Russian project. Although it was fairly close, it was against the light however it was picked up and photographed by Thai friends later and resolved, it was OC. We had our hopes raised for Milky Stork when a large group of Painted Stork with the odd pale bird landed on roadside pools but sadly they were hybrid birds attached to the pure flock. Nevertheless, Painted Stork in numbers are always impressive to see. We revisited the wetland/grassland area behind a local temple but still failed to find any Pratincole. We did manage a couple of Bittern and finally got some Pin-tailed Snipe out of the marshy area. Lunch at the beach restaurant, hotel checkout and we were off to Baan Maka and the cooler forests of Kaeng Krachan National Park. We arrived in good time to have a brief exploration of the wonderful grounds at Baan Maka before it was time to make a short journey to the starling roost area. Literally one of the first birds observed was a gorgeous Brahminy Starling perched by the roadside. The starlings slowly started to come in and within an hour were building up nicely, perched up in remnant forest trees in the farms. It was quite hard work keeping tabs on incoming birds but we managed to find an impressive seven species amongst the throngs. We had great views of some pretty scarce or rare birds for this region. The Spot-winged, Chestnut-tailed and Brahminy were pretty easy, as were the White-shouldered but skulking amongst them was an adult Rose-coloured, Purple-backed and a trio of Vinous-breasted that weren't quite so easy to collectively see. We stayed until they finally went to roost just before dark in the sugar cane fields before venturing back to Baan Maka. After our evening meal, we did a spotlight walk getting stunning views of a Large-tailed Nightjar perched on a wire close to the entrance.



Pak Thale, OC ©BCST, Painted Storks, Brahminy & Spot-winged Starlings © Mark Andrews

Thursday 2nd February.

An early start and into Kaeng Krachan National Park, heading up for the higher forest and the scenic views at Panoen Tung. We swapped our vehicles at the park entrance for 4WD pickup trucks and ventured up through the park just after dawn. Driving up through the forest at this time of the morning invariably provides birds on the roads though today apart from the odd Junglefowl and Dove it was the primates that drew most attention, specifically, the lovely Dusky langur. We ventured up to the area known as KM27 and started birding. There are a number of good birds

around this altitude and we were soon picking up some special birds. We got a rather nice view of a Great Barbet calling from an open branch and moments later, the stunning but comical Long-tailed Broadbill, a pair on a nest. We watched these at close range before moving on foot for a while, birding the forest edge. We had an oblivious Malayan Porcupine charge toward us before disappearing off into the forest. Bird wise we were doing well with Black-throated Laughingthrush, Collared babbler, various flycatchers and a rather smart male Red-headed Trogon. Back on the vehicles and up to Panoen Tung and the camp area there overlooking the high forest. We had a great view of a flyby squadron of Wreathed Hornbill, caught up with Streaked Spiderhunter, White-browed Scimitar Babbler amongst others just from the verandah. We walked a bit before lunch, birding the forest edge from the road further up from camp but pulled out nothing surprising. After lunch at the camp we walked back downhill until downtime for vehicles allowed us to be picked up again. Returning to the KM27 area we added Black-and-Buff and Buff-rumped Woodpeckers, the former at the nest hole. We rechecked the fruiting fig tree adding a few more species, and bumped into the babbler and laughingthrush once again before it was time to slowly descend. We were aiming to get down to the pools area in the lower park for the last hour or so of light. Back on the vehicles, open-backed pick-ups and invariably birds and mammals are spotted on the way. An Orange-breasted Trogon male drew admirers and managed to split the vehicles. A pair of Kalij Pheasant and a pair of the impressive wild bovine Gaur were seen by one vehicle and not by the other. Down in the lower park we all made it in time for a roost of the worlds smallest bird of prey, the stunning Black-thighed Falconet and enjoyed close views of three birds. It was whilst we were watching the falconets that we heard alarm calls behind us. First a Sambar Deer, then the Dusky Langurs and then bird alarm calls. They were persistent and it was clear that there had to be a predator, almost certainly a Leopard, which often linger around the waterhole areas. We searched very hard, watching into the forest and although we could hear something stalking through the undergrowth, we just couldn't see it. Just as we were giving up, a shout to get back on the vehicles suddenly became urgent. Elephant time, as an individual had walked out onto the road and was starting to walk towards us. A few moments of comedy gold followed including us reversing into the crash barrier before the Elephant decided to call it a day

and walked back into the forest. It was now time to leave, as you have to be out of the park by seven. We managed the expected haul of Large-tailed Nightjars on the way out before returning to Baan Maka tired but happy.



Great Barbet, Long-tailed Broadbill, Red-headed Trogon, Black & Buff Woodpecker, Black-thighed Falconet, Asian Elephant © Mark Andrews

Friday 3rd February.

Up early once again and packed ready to leave. Most of the group were going south in the late afternoon to join up with Yotin so we intended to spend the morning exploring the mid levels of the park. We arrived at the streams area not long after dawn and worked the forest between the three. Several broadbill species were calling including Black & Yellow and Banded but frustratingly neither would respond. We did get a nice group of Rusty-cheeked Hornbill, more Great Hornbill and dozens of Asian Pied. A Grey Peacock Pheasant called from deep within the forest too, but refused to budge. We tried for Blue Pitta here also but today the forest was seemingly very quiet. We had great views of both White-handed Gibbon and Dusky Langur troops, both species of primate doing very well here. A calling Great Slaty Woodpecker frustrated whilst mineral licks full of Tropical Butterflies entertained. Toward late morning we moved back to Ban Krang camp and birded the forest edge there, adding a few nice species due to some nearby fruiting trees whilst sipping fresh coffee. Despite having to literally tear ourselves away, we did journey back out of the park with plenty of time to get back to Bangkok. Of course, when your driving through forest, wildlife will inevitably be seen so we made the odd stop despite increasingly worried drivers. The last stop of the day, for an impressive group of the rather shy Stump-tailed Macaque. Early afternoon and the journey back to Bangkok airport was uneventful, well we might have snoozed a little. The team flew south to Krabi or were UK bound.



Dusky Langur & Stump-tailed Macaque © Mark Andrews

Southern Extension

Saturday 4th February.

Krabi and onto Khao Nor Chuchi.

Sunday 5th February.

Birding in Khao Nor Chuchi and then drive down to Tapair Satul Mangroves.

Monday 6th February.

Tapair Satul Mangroves, then Thuugrin Forest before returning to Krabi

Tuesday 7th February.

Krabi Mangroves including a boat trip up through the mangroves and out into the bay followed by birding Krabi parklands, Krabi Airport and onto Bangkok.

2016 Species Checklist.

Locations

Khao Yai – KY

Pak Thale Saltpans/Laem Pak Bia – PT/LPB Hat Chao Samran - HCS

Wat Khao Takroa - WKT Kaeng Krachan - KK

Khao Nor Chuchi – KNC

Tapair Satul Mangroves - TSM Thuugrin Forest - TF

Krabi - K

BIRDS

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator* – One KK area on 01/02.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* – Seen KY 27/28/29 and KK 02+03/02.

Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera* - Three, KY on 27/01.

Kalij Pheasant *Lophura leucomelanos* – A roadside pair, KK 02/02

Siamese Fireback *Lophura diardi* - At least seven birds including displaying males at KY between 27th and 29th.

Grey Peacock Pheasant *Polyplectron bicalcaratum* – Heard on both days at KK, unfortunately wouldn't show.

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica* – 5 WKT on 31/01.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* - 200+ at WKT on 31/01.

Garganey *Anas querquedula* - 2000+ at WKT on 31/01.

Cotton Pygmy Goose *Nettapus coromandelanus* - 5+ at WKT on 31/01.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* – Common at WKT 31/01.

Fulvous -breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei* – One HCS on 31/01

Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis* – Heard KK 02/02.

Speckled Piculet *Sasia innominatus*– One KK 02/02.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis* – Observed KK on 02/02 and the South both on 05 & 06/02.

Black-and-Buff Woodpecker *Meiglyptes jugularis* – Three KK on 02/02 including at a nest.

Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente* - Heard KY 27/01 and two KK on 03/02.

Banded Woodpecker *Picus mineaceus* - Male in the South 07/02.

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha* – Heard KY 27-29/01, 2 KK 03/02.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus* – One KK 03/02

Streak-breasted Woodpecker *Picus viridanus* – One in the South.

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense* – One KK area 01/02.

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* – Observed at KK on bot o2 & 03/02.

Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus* – One KY on 29/01.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* – One KY 28/01, Heard KK 03/02.

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens* – Several seen well on 02/02 KK.

Lineated Barbet *M. lineata*. - One in the South 04/02.

Green-eared Barbet *M. faiostricta* – One KY 28/01 and three KK 03/02.

Gold-whiskered Barbet *M. chrysopogon* - South 06/02.

Moustached Barbet *M. icognita* - KY on 27 & 28/01.

Blue-throated Barbet *M. asiatica* – Heard KK 02/02.

Blue-eared Barbet *M. australis* - Observed KK 03/02 ,South 06 & 07/01.

Red-crowned Barbet *M. rafflesii*– Heard in the South 04/02.

Red-throated Barbet *M. mystacophanos* – Observed in the South

Coppersmith Barbet *M. haemacephala* – Observed LPB area, KK and the South.

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* – Seen well at KY and KK on all days.

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* – Seen well at both KY and KK.

Austen's Brown Hornbill *Anorrhinus austeni* - Heard at KY 28/01.

Rusty-cheeked Hornbill *Anorrhinus tickelli* – Six plus at KK on 03/02.

Wreathed Hornbill *A. undulatus* – Seen well at both KY and KK.

Scarlet-rumped Trogon *Harpactes duvaucelli* – Heard South 06/02.

Orange-breasted Trogon *H. oreskios* – KY on 29/01 and KK on both 02 & 03/02.

Red-headed Trogon *H. erythrocephalus* – One KY 26/01 and one KK 02/02.

Brown-winged Kingfisher *Halcyon amauroptera* – Four South 07/02.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* – 2 WKT 30/01.

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella* – Male KY 28/01 and Male South 05/02.

White-throated Kingfisher *H. smyrnensis* – Observed in the south and regularly seen in the LPB/PK area.

Black-capped Kingfisher *H. pileata* - Observed in the south and around the LPB/PT area.

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris* - Observed in the south and around the LPB/PT area.



Collared Kingfisher © Mark Andrews

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus* – Heard at KY on 26 & 29/01 and KK on 03/02.

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis* – Small numbers in the LPB/PK area.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus* – 30 WKT and LPB 31/01.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *M. leschenaulti* – Observed at KY on three days 26-28/01 and KK 01-03/02.

Moustached Hawk Cuckoo *Hierococcyx vagans* - Heard South 04/02.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* – Observed/Heard regularly throughout trip.

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus* - Two South 04/02.

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonnerati* – Observed in the South 07/01.

Plaintive Cuckoo *C. merulinus* - One WKT 31/01.

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* – One in the South 05/02.

Drongo Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* – One KK 03/02.

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea* – Recorded throughout the period.

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus* – One on route to KY 26/01 and one in the South 07/02.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis* – Observed at KY 26 & 27/01 and KK 03/02.

Raffle's Malkoha *P. chlorophaeus* – One in the South 05/02.

Red-billed Malkoha *P. javanicus* – One in the South 05/02.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *P. curvirostris* -One in the South 04/02.

Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo *Carpococcyx renauldi* - Heard KY 27/02.

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis* – Observed at HCS, WKT, KK and the South.

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* - One KK 03/02, One in The South 07/02.

Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis* – Several in KK on 02/02.

Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot *L. galgulus* - Three in the South 06/02.

Himalayan Swiftlet *Collocalia brevirostris* – Six KK on 02/02

Germain's Swiftlet *Collocalia germani* – Observed throughout the trip at suitable locations.

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis* – Observed throughout the tour.

House Swift *A. nipalensis* – Breeding bird at our hotel in Hat Chao Samran.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus* – Two South 04/02 and six 05/02.

Crested Treeswift *H. coronata* - Several over Baan Maka, KK on 01/02.

Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis* – Observed South on 04/02.

Oriental Bay Owl *Phodilus badius* –Heard KY on 27/01.

Barred Eagle Owl *Bubo sumatranus* - Observed in the South 04/02.

Spotted Wood Owl *S. seloputo* - Observed in the South 04/02.

Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica* - Observed in the South 04/02.

Great-eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis* - A pair KY 29/02.

Gould's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus stellatus* – Observed in the South 04/02.

Large-tailed Nightjar *C. macrurus* – Two observed KY 27/01, One Baan Maka, KK on 01/02 and nine KK on 02/02.

Indian Nightjar *C. asiaticus* – A pair in the Kings Project LPB on 31/01, one KK 02/02.

Rock (Feral) Pigeon *Columba livia* – Throughout.

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia* – Birds observed at KY 27-29/01 and KK on 02/02.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* – Commonly recorded KY, LPB/PK and elsewhere.

Red-collared Dove *S. tranquebarica* - Commonly recorded around KY, LPB/PK.

Peaceful (Zebra) Dove *Geopelia striata* - Commonly recorded.

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *T. curvirostra* – Two KY 28/02 and singles KK on 03/02 and the South 04/02.

Ashy-headed Green Pigeon *T. phayrai* - Six KY 29/02.

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* – Two KY 27/02 and 2 KK 02/02.

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca* - One WKT 30/01 and LPB 01/02.

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura* - Two LPB area 01/02.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa* – Observed daily LPB/PT.

Bar-tailed Godwit *L.lapponica* - Small numbers LBP/PT and 50 Krabi 07/02.

Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus* – 27 birds LPB on 31/01.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* – One PT/LPB 01/02.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* - 1000+ PT/LPB area.

Far-eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis* – Two PT on 30/01 and 4 there 01/02.

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus* – Several in stunning plumage in the WKT/NPL area 31/01.

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirugus* – Three in non-breeding plumage around the WKT/NPL area on 31/01.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* - Regularly seen, in select and favoured areas around LPB/PT. Thirty plus PT on 30/01.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* – 2 LPB/PT 31/02 and 9 Krabi 07/02.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* - Commonly seen, often in good numbers in group feeding frenzies on suitable pools around LPB/PT. 300 plus on 30/01.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* - Commonly observed.

Nordmann's Greenshank *Tringa guttifer* - 35 on saltpans LPB 30/02.



Nordmann's Greenshank © Mark Andrews

Green Sandpiper *T. ochropus* - One WKT on 31/01.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* - 20 on 31/01 & 45+ on 01/02 LPB/PT

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* – One LPB 30/01 and 9 Krabi 07/02.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* - A handful LPB/PT and 15 Krabi 07/02.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* – Three LPB on 30/01.

Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris* - Perhaps 600+ in LPB/PT area 30/01 - 01/02. Five Krabi 07/02.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus* - Probably around a forty birds intermixed with the main roosting flocks at Laem Pak Bia./Pak Thale.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax* - Only one this year, LPB on 01/02.

Sanderling *Calidris alba* - Small numbers around the saltpans and a good roost at the sandpit.

Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus* - We obviously regularly visit these birds and had some excellent views during the period. With at least four birds in the Pak Thale area, it was a good period to observe them. Particularly happy to have observed one of the flagged individuals from Chukotska as it continues to underline just how important this area is for a number of globally threatened waders.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* - Commonly seen with occasional large flocks LPB/PT.

Temminck's Stint *C. temminckii* - Three LPB 01/02.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta* - Reasonably good numbers scattered around the drier areas of the LPB/PT saltpans. 30+ LPB on 01/02.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea* – Good numbers LPB/PT.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus* - Small groups throughout with some excellent views during the period LPB/PT

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* – 10+ at LPB throughout.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* - Common

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta* - A group of 45 birds LPB 31/01.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* - Small numbers throughout LPB/PT area.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* - Common throughout.

Swinhoe's Plover *Charadrius dealbatus* - Excellent views of five birds on the Sandspit at Laem Pak Bia on 31/01.

Malaysian Plover *Charadrius peronii* – At least six birds at Laem Pak Bia Sandspit on 31/01.



Malaysian Plover © Mark Andrews

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus* – Good numbers, regularly seen often intermixed with their bigger cousins LPB/PT area.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* - Twenty plus birds observed intermixed with their smaller cousins LPB/PT area .

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* - Again regularly recorded, often in good numbers in the drier areas LPB/PT area.

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola* - Commonly recorded LPB/PT area Krabi.

Red-wattled lapwing *Vanellus indicus* - Observed KY, LPB/PT area and KK on 02-03/02.

Pallas's Gull *Larus ichthyaetus* – Adult Laem Pak Bia Sandspit 31/01.

Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus* – The common gull in the LPB/PT area.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* - Good numbers present this year LPB/PT with 50+ recorded on 30/01.

Lesser-crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis* – Observed around Krabi Mangroves with 100+ on 07/01.

Great-crested Tern *Sterna bergii* – Eleven observed at the roost off the Sandspit Laem Pak Bia on 30/01 and two LPB 31/01.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* - Regularly observed LPB/PT area.

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica* - Commonly seen LPB/PT area and Krabi.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons* - Commonly seen LPB/PT area.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* - Very common in the LPB/PT area.

White-winged Tern *C. leucopterus* - One, LPB 01/02.

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* - Two, WKT area on 31/01.

Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus* – Two KY 27/01.

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis* - One KK on 02/02

Black-eared Kite *Milvus migrans lineatus* – Around 20 birds between WKT and inland at Norng Pai Lai on 31/02.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus* - Observed daily in the LPB/PT area and again at Krabi.

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* - One Krabi 07/02.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* - One KY 26/01 and one KK 01/02.

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* – Two KY on 26/01, 1 KY 28/01, 2 KK 03/02 and South 06/02.

Rufous-bellied Eagle *Hieraaetus kienerii* – One at KY on 29/01.

Mountain Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus nipalensis* - One KY 28/01 and 1 KK 02/02.

Blyth's Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus nanus* – One in the South 05/02.

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius* - Three KK 02/03

Peregrine *Falco peregrinus* – One LPB 30/01.

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis* - Observed most days around the gulf but always in much smaller numbers than the next species.

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger* - Commonly recorded

Great Cormorant *P. carbo* - Three LPB 31/01.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* - Common

Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes* – Two, LPB 31/01, one Krabi 07/01.

Pacific Reef Egret *Egretta sacra* – Observed regularly over lunch in the LPB/PT area with up to 4 birds.

Eastern Great Egret *Ardea alba modesta* - Regularly observed throughout.

Intermediate Egret *Messophyx intermedia* - One WKT area 31/01.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bulbulcus coromandus* - Small numbers, suitable habitat 31/01 & 01/02.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* - Singles LPB/PT area.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* – Three in the WKT area 31/01

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus* – Small number seen in KY & KK where the similarly winter plumaged Javan does not occur.

Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa* - Probably the commonest heron in the LPB/PT area.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* – 100+ WKT 31/01.

Little Heron *Butorides striatus* – 1 KY 27/01, 2 LPB 31/01, 1 South 05/02 and 2 Krabi 07/01.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* – One WKT area 31/01.

Cinnamon Bittern *I. cinnamomeus* - Three WKT area 31/01.

Black-headed Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus* – Twelve WKT 31/01.

Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala* – 20+ in PT/LPB area 31/01 & 01/02.

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans* - Invariably seen whilst driving from and to the airport in Bangkok.

Blue Pitta *Pitta cyanea* – A male was observed briefly on a forest trail at KY on the morning of 27/01 but refused to show itself beyond the initial observation. A further male was eventually teased out in a different area of KY in the afternoon and showed well calling from a fallen log. A bird was heard at KK on 03/02 but would not respond.

Malayan Banded Pitta *Pitta irena* - One briefly in the South 06/02.

Mangrove Pitta *P. megarhyncha* – Three Krabi mangroves 07/02.

Black-and-Red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos* – Heard KK 03/02.

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus* – Four KY 27/01, One KK 02/02.

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus* – Heard KK 03/02 would not respond. Observed Krabi 07/02.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *E. ochromatus* – Observed KNC 05/02, Heard South 06 & 07/02.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* – Great views of a pair at a nest KK 02/03.

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati* – One KK 02/03.

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon* – One Thuugin Forest on 06/02.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* - Six KY on 28/01 and 2 KY on 02/02.

Golden-fronted Leafbird *C. aurifrons* - Two KK on 03/02.

Asian Fairy Bluebird *Irena puella* - Commonly encountered in Thai forests.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus* – One LPB 30/01 and one KK area 01/02.

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*– Male KY 28/01.

Rail Babbler *Eupetes macrocerus* - One showed well TF 06/02

Black Drongo *Dicurus macrocercus* – Numerous in suitable habitat outside of forest.

Ashy Drongo *Dicurus leucocephaeus* – Regularly observed at KY and KK.

Crow-billed Drongo *D. aeneus* – Heard KNC 04&05/02 Seen Krabi 07/02.

Bronzed Drongo *D. aeneus* – Two KK on both 02 & 03/02.

Hair-crested Drongo *D. hottentotus* – Probably the most regularly encountered and heard Drongo in the forest at KY and KK.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *D. paradiseus* – Singles at KY 26 & 29/01 and KK on 02 & 03/02.

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos* - Regular in suitable habitat.

Crested Jay *Platylophus galericulatus* – One KNC on 04/02.

Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus* - Five KNC 06/02.

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis* – Singles at KK on 02 & 03/02.

Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia* - One LPB 30/01 and at KK on 01/02.

Black-naped Oriole *O. chinensis* - One KY 28/01, 1 KK 02/02 3 KK 03/02.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Coracina melaschistos* – Singles at KY on 27 & 29/01 and 2 KK 02/02 and 3 03/02.

Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus* - Two males KY on 29/01.

Swinhoe's Minivet *P. cantonensis* - One KY 26/01 and two 29/01.

Ashy Minivet *P. divaricatus* – Two KK on 03/02 and one Krabi 07/02.

Scarlet Minivet *P. flammeus* – 10+ KY 28/01, 6+ KY 29/01.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picots* – Singles at KY on 26&27/01, single at KK on 03/02.

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica* – 6 LPB/PT 31/01, 2 LPB 01/02, 2 Krabi 06/02.

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia* – Singles KY daily 26 - 28/01

Green Iora *A. viridissima* – Two KNC 04/02.

Great Iora *A. lafresnayei* – One KNC 05/02 and one Krabi 07/02.

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* – Singles at KY 28/01 and KK 02/02.

Asian Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisea* - Two KNC 05/02.

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis* – Two Krabi 06/02.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* – Three KY 27/01 and 2 Krabi 07/02.

Orange-headed Thrush *Zoothera citrina* – One KY 28/01 and 1 KNC 05/02. .

Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* – One KK on 02/02.

Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala grisola* - One TSM on 06/02.

Fulvous-chested Jungle-flycatcher *Rhinomyias olivacea* - One KNC 04/02.

Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica* – Three KK on 02/03.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *M. dauurica* – One KY 27/01 & daily in South.

Red-throated Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla* – Singles at both KY and KK.

Blue-throated Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides* - One KY 27/01

Chinese Blue Flycatcher *C. glaucicomans* – One KK 03/02.

Hill Blue Flycatcher *C. banyumas* – One at KK on 02/02.

Mangrove Blue Flycatcher *C. rufigastra* - Recorded at TSM 05 & 06/02.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina* – Observed at KK on both days.

Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher *Cullicicapa ceylonensis* – Observed daily at KY and one at KK 02/02.

Siberian Blue Robin *Luscinia cyane* – One KY 27/01 also recorded in the South.

Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis* – Regular in suitable habitat throughout.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* Two KY 27/01 and one KY 28/01.

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti* - Pair KY 27/01, one KY 29/01

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maura* - Singles at KY on 27/01 & WKT 31/01

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus* – Small numbers daily at KY and 10 KK area 01/02.

Asian Pied Starling *Graupica contra* - Small numbers around the LPB area and at the starling roost KK on 01/02.

Rosy Starling *Sturnus roseus* - Adult at the starling roost KK 01/02.

Spot-winged Starling *Saroglossa spiloptera* - 20+ at the starling roost KK 01/02.

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus* - 200+ at the starling roost KK 01/02.

Brahminy Starling *S. pagodorum* - 2 at the starling roost KK 01/02.

Purple-backed Starling *S. sturninus* - 1 at the starling roost KK 01/02.

White-shouldered Starling *S. sinensis* - 1 at the starling roost KK 01/02.

Vinous-breasted Starling *S. burmannicus* - 3+ at the starling roost KK 01/02.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* - Recorded daily, throughout period.

White-vented Myna *Acridotheres grandis* - Recorded daily outside the forest.

Golden Crested Myna *Ampeliceps coronatus* - One KY 26/01.

Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* – Two KY 27/01, 4 KY 28/01, 4 KY 29/01, 2 KK 03/02.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* - One KY 27/01

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* - One KY 29/01, Heard KK 03/02.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* – Common throughout period.

Pacific Swallow *H. tahitica* – Observed in the South with 20 Krabi 07/01.
Red-rumped Swallow *H. daurica* - Observed on route to KY 26/01 and HCS 30/01.

Striated Swallow *H. striolata* - Six Krabi 07/02.

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps* – Two KK on 02/02, 2 KK on 03/02, Common in South with 20 KNC 05/02.

Black-crested Bulbul *P. melanicterus* – Commonly observed at both KY and KK.

Sooty-headed Bulbul *P. aurigaster* - Ten, outside KK 01/02.

Stripe-throated Bulbul *P. finlaysoni* –Two at KK on 02/02.
Flavescent Bulbul *P. flavescens* – Observed at KK on 02/02.
Yellow-vented Bulbul *P. goiavier* - One on route to KY 26/01.

Streak-eared Bulbul *P. blandfordi* – Observed away from the true forest areas, outside KY, around LPB/PT.

Cream-vented Bulbul *P. simplex* - Singles KNC 05 & 06/02.

Red-eyed Bulbul *P. brunneus* –Six KNC 04/02.
Spectacled Bulbul *P. erythroptalmus* - One Krabi 06/02.

Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua* – One KY 29/01, 6 KK 01/02 and 10 KK 02/02. 2 Krabi 07/02.

Puff-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus pallidus* - Regularly observed at KY.
Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceous* – Common at KK and KNC.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *A. bres* –Two KNC 04/02.
Yellow-bellied Bulbul *A. phaeocephalus* - One KNC 05/02.

Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes criniger* - Two KNC 04/02 and one KNC 05/02.

Mountain Bulbul *Hypsipetes mccllellandii* - One at KK on 02/02.

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flava* - Observed at KY 28/01 and KK 03/02.

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea* - Two seen well WKT area 31/01 Heard regularly LPB area.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* - Six WKT 31/01

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens* - One KNC 05/02.

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata* – Singles in the LPB/PT area.

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* - Singles at KY, WKT and Krabi.

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* – One KY 28/01 and two KK 02/02.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *O. sericeus* - One KNC 04/02.

Ashy Tailorbird *O. ruficeps* – Observed in the South 05-07.02.

Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps* - Six LPB/PT area 01/02.

Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis* - One WKT area 31/01.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* - Singles in the WKT & LPB/PT area.

Radde's Warbler *P. schwarzii* - One KY 27/01.

Arctic Warbler *P. borealis* – One KY 28/01.

Two-barred Warbler *P. plumbeitarsus* - Singles KY at 27 & 28/01.

Pale-legged Leaf-warbler *P. tenellipes* – Heard regularly at KY.

Yellow-browed Warbler *P. inornatus* – Common wintering bird at KY and KK.

Claudia's Leaf-warbler *P. claudiae* – Singles in KY 27 & 28/01.

Kloss's Leaf-warbler *P. ogliviegrantii* – One at KY 27/01..

Sulphur-breasted Warbler *P. ricketti* – Observed individuals daily at KY and KK 02 & 03/01.

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* - Four KK 02/02 and 1 Krabi 06/02.

Marten's Warbler *Seicercus omissus* – Singles at KY on 27/01 and at KK on 02/02.

Alstrom's Warbler *S. soror* - Singles at KY 27 & 28/01

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* – One KK on 02/03 and 2 KNC 05/02.

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulus leucolophus* - Observed almost daily at KY with around 20 birds on 29/01 and six KK on 02/02.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *G. pectoralis* – Six plus at KK on 03/02.

Black-throated Laughingthrush *G. chinensis* – Two KK on 02/02.

Short-tailed babbler *M. malaccensis* – One in the South 06/02.

Black-capped Babbler *P. capistratum* –Two KNC 04/02.

White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* – Singles KY on 28 & 29/01 and four KK on 02/02.

White-chested Babbler *Trichastoma rostratum* - Singles KNC 04/02 and TF 06/02

Ferruginous Babbler *Trichastoma bicolor* – One at KNC on 04/02

Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron magnirostre* – One at Krabi on 07/02.

Striped Tit-babbler *Macronous gularis* – Observed at both KY and KK in small numbers.

Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis*– Two Krabi 07/02.

Chestnut-rumped Babbler *S. maculata* –Three KNC 05/02.

Chestnut-winged Babbler *S. erythroptera* – One KNC 05/02.

White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca* – Small numbers daily at KY.

White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhynchus rufulus* - Eight at KK on 02/02.

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculates* – Singles at TSM on 04 & 05/02.

Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile* - Four TF 06/02.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *D. chrysorrheum* - Singles at TSM on 04 & 05/02.

Plain Flowerpecker *D. minullum* - Two KY 27/01

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *D. trigonostigma* – Two at TSM on 04 & 05/02.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *D. ignipectus* - One at KY 26/01, six KY 27/01.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *D. cruentatum* - Two outside KK on 01/02 and further birds in the South.

Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum* - One KNC 05/02.

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Anthreptes singalensis* - South, one on 05/02 and three 07/02.

Van Hasselt's Sunbird *Leptocoma brasiliensis*– One TSM 05/02.

Copper-throated Sunbird *Nectarinia calcostetha* - One TF 06/02.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis* – Observed at LPB/PT, KK and the South.

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* - One KY 27/01 and one KK 02/02.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra* –One KY 27/01, Heard KNC 05/02, Heard Krabi)7/02.

Thick-billed Spiderhunter *A. crassirostris* - Heard KNC 05/02.

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter *A. affinis* – Heard KNC 04/02 and one Krabi 07/02.

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna* – Two KK on 02/02.

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus ruffles* - Three Kings Project LPB 31/01 and one nearby 01/02.

Indochinese Bushlark *Mirafra marionae* – Two HCS 31/01.

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula* - Three in the usual area close to LPB on 31/01.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* – Observed in suitable habitat.

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus* - One HCS hotel gardens and a pair at LPB 31/02.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* - Observed in suitable habitat.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* – Small numbers around the LPB/PT/WKT area.

White-bellied Munia *L. leucogastra* - Three KNC 05/02.

MAMMALS

Lyle's Flying Fox *Pteropus lylei* - There is a very large roost in the mangroves at Laem Pak Bia where we saw huge numbers leaving in the early evening.

Western Striped Squirrel *Tamiops mccllellandii* – Singles at KK on 02 & 03/02.

Grey-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps* – Six plus individuals during the course of the visit to KK.

Finlayson's Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysonii* - One, KK on 02/03

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* – Observed at both KY and KK singles daily.

Malayan Porcupine *Hystrix brachyura* – Common nocturnal forager at KY with individuals most nights. One at KK charged out onto the road towards us giving everyone daytime views too.

Small Indian Civet *Viverricula indica* – One Khao Yai 26.01

Common Palm Civet *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus* – One KY 26.01.

Dhole *Cuon alpinus* - One plus checking out a Sambar Deer, Khao Yai 26/01.

Sun Bear *Helarctos malayanus* - One on the ridge at KM33 KY and incredibly another walked out in front of us on Trail 6, KY on the same day 29/01.

Leopard Cat *Prionailurus bengalensis* - Fabulous and prolonged close-range views of this beautiful cat when we squeaked one out at Khao Yai 28/01.

Leopard *Panthera pardus* - Heard KK 02/02

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis* – 20+ observed Krabi 07/02.

Northern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca leonine* – Regularly observed at Khao Yai often in very large groups along the roadside.

Stump-tailed Macaque *M. arctoides* - At least 15 at Kaeng Krachan on 03/02.

Dusky Langur *Trachypithecus obscurus* – Observed regularly and in good numbers on both days at Kaeng Krachan 02-03/02.

White-handed Gibbon *Hylobates lar* – Lots of great encounters in Khao Yai audibly and visually most days in the forest there. Observed both days in the forest at Kaeng Krachan.



White-handed Gibbon © Mark Andrews

Pileated Gibbon *H. pileatus* – Two plus, Khao Yai 28/01

Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak* – Observed easily at Khao Yai in the evenings along the forest edge.

Sambar *Rusa unicolor* – Common and easy to see around Khao Yai daily. Two Kaeng Krachan 02/02.

Gaur *Bos frontalis* - A pair at roadside pools Kaeng Krachan 02/02.

Asian Elephant *Elaphas maximus* – Very close views of one encountered in the forest at Khao Yai on both 28 & 29/01. One at Kaeng Krachan on 02/02.

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Water Monitor *Varanus salvator* – Regularly encountered at Khao Yai and around the mangroves at Laem Pak Bia and in the south.

Tokay Gecko *Gekko gekko* – Regularly heard at Kaeng Krachan, seen at Baan Maka..

Spiny-tailed House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* – This species it seems regularly around our various accommodations

Flat-tailed House Gecko *Cosymbotus platyurus* – The other numerous species in the various accommodations.

Barred Flying Lizard *Draco taeniopterus* - Singles at KY.

King Cobra *Ophiophagus hannah* - One crossed the road close to Kaeng Krachan 01/02.

FISH

Giant Mudskipper *Periophthalmodon schlosseri*. – Common mangroves LPB but not easy this year due to a higher than usual tide.

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