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# WildWings Thailand 2019

## The Spoon-billed Pitta's Tour.

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Tuesday January 22nd - Sunday 3rd February 2019



### Introduction

This was our twelfth 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. Sadly Kaeng Krachan's closure of the upper park meant we missed out, as did everyone else on those higher targets but nevertheless it was successful and enjoyable birding.

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I did go south with the group this year but sadly an internal infection meant I spent that period in hospital, instead of out in the field.

Thanks to a wonderfully relaxed group, primarily geared towards experiencing good views and photography rather than seeing as many species as possible, my absence was less of a problem. Thanks to my co-leader Pipith's excellent guidance, the group had a brilliant time and saw most of the primary targets, one or two I'm quite envious of. I thoroughly look forward to getting back soon.



George, Jonathan and Angie at Pak Thale Saltpans.

### Daily Summary.

**Jan 22nd** - Bangkok to Khao Yai. Having spent a couple of days myself in Khao Yai National Park just before the group arrived, I was fairly happy with which trails were producing and which seemed quiet. I met the team at Bangkok Airport early morning after they'd had an overnight from London. Bangkok traffic wasn't too bad and after a brief stop on route for Black Baza, a couple of hours later we were at the entrance and journeyed slowly into this World Heritage site. We stopped at KM33 for introduction to sights and sounds of forest birds and the magnificent forest here and after had a much needed lunch at visitors centre restaurants before checking in to our cabin. Afternoon was spent at Gulai Mai camping area where a low fruiting fig tree in the car park produced numerous eye-level barbets, fruit pigeons etc. A really nice introduction to birds that you often have to strain your neck for. Tried for Blue Pitta at a known locality, I'd seen it pre-trip a few days before but today it was really quiet. Early evening, and after dinner we drove along looking at the Khao Kiew road for nocturnal activity. Overnight in the park.

**Jan 23rd** - Dawn saw us up along the Khao Kiew road and a visit to the view point before breakfast which produced various altitudinal goodies and the target species, some splendid Silver Pheasant. After a late breakfast we visited Trail B luckily bumping into Siamese Fireback Pheasant along the trail. After another meal, evening spent looking for crepuscular and nocturnal birds and mammals. Overnight in the park.

**Jan 24th** - Visited an area on the Khao Kiew road at dawn for Blue Pitta which failed to show but a nice White-throated Rock Thrush was a reward. Decided to re-visit the Gulai Mai area after another

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Blue Pitta which on arrival was calling and closeby. Unfortunately a bull elephant was moving towards us through the undergrowth so we had to depart. After breakfast up to km33 and the trail there. Some great birds with the highlight being a pair of Eared Pitta leaf tossing close to the trail. After another meal, we drove back to Gulai Mai to try again for the Blue Pitta but the Elephant was now in camp, great views though! Overnight in the park.

**Jan 25th** - Gulai Mai for just after dawn where Blue Pitta and Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo both showed briefly out in an open patch of undergrowth though not everyone got onto them. Breakfast and a quick look again before we needed to checkout of our accommodation. Visited KM33 seeing another fabulous Banded Broadbill and once again, bumping into another Eared Pitta, a different male viewed at close range for over an hour! Mid afternoon we returned to Bangkok for an overnight in the capital awaiting further members of this years crew.

**Jan 26th** - Met our Thai team who had brought JM from the airport at our hotel, then drove south west toward Pak Thale, arriving late morning. It didn't take long to locate the primary target on the roosting pools, the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper. In fact we had three birds, including the flagged individual P7, before moving on to lunch at our favoured beach side restaurant. Checked in to our hotel and freshened up before driving a short distance to meet Khun Daeng and our boat trip out to the sand spit at Laem Pak Bia. All of the target species were seen well in pleasant conditions including the White-faced and Malaysian Sandplover and Chinese Egret. Night in Itara, Hat Chao Samran.

**Jan 27th** - After an early breakfast we visited an area we know for roosting Nordmann's Greenshank at Laem Pak Bia which was successful with a good number of reasonably close birds. The mass of roosting shorebirds here is phenomenal and we took time to scan through the swathes of Great and Red Knot adding a good number of scarce waders. We visited Pak Thale and once again found Spoon-billed Sandpipers, two this time amongst the masses of smaller shorebirds. After lunch we moved inland a little and after some searching, found good numbers of Asian Dowitcher in a relatively small hidden area. The temple, Wat Konnaram and its marshy grazing fields and pools added a number of species but sadly held no Oriental Pratincole on this day at least. Night in ITara, Hat Chao Samran.

**Jan 28th** - After breakfast, we checked out of our accommodation and moved on briefly to some nice looking habitat close to Hat Chao Samran gaining a good number of species we were not expecting to be quite so easy. Continuing West, we made our way to the Sing Waterhole, a privately run blind on the edge of Kaeng Krachan National Park where we spent the afternoon getting close views of a number of difficult forest species including the stunning Ferruginous Partridge. We stopped on the way to Samarn Birdcamp, our next accommodation to view a starling roost in sugar cane fields adding several species including Spot-winged Starling to the list. Night at Samarn's.

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**Jan 29th** - Because of the constraints of having the road closed from Ban Krang camp to the Panoenthung watchpoint including the famous streams area, visitors to Kaeng Krachan have inevitably struggled with a number of specialities and target birds. We knew this in advance and rather than cancel rearrange our usual movements and spend longer in the lower park. After an early breakfast we entered the park at dawn and slowly made our way along the road, stopping at various waterholes until reaching the camp. After coffee, we decided to chance our luck with a Leopard kill, a Sambar Deer close to camp. Although we didn't see the Leopards, we could smell them and despite spending time in camouflaged tents, the overwhelming smell of decay proved too much after a couple of hours no show. Mid afternoon and birding around camp before a slow descent through the park, again stopping off at various waterholes. Night at Samarn Bird Camp.

**Jan 30th** - After an early breakfast we once again entered the park and birded all morning up to Bang Krang camp before returning to Samarn's for an early lunch. Had some great birds including a stunning pair of Black and Red broadbill, Black-thighed Falconet, Asian Barred Owlet etc. Jonathan had opted to visit Baan Maka in the hope of connecting with a number of species coming to a feeding station there including a male Siberian Rubythroat. After lunch and checkout, we drove back to Bangkok for our flights down to Krabi or back to the UK. Overnight in Krabi for those on the extension. I needed to see a doctor as stomach pains that I had developed over the previous week had become unbearable.

**Jan 31st** - Unfortunately, I was taken into hospital in the morning and handed over to my Thai friend and counterpart Pipith to look after the group whilst I had a scan. The scans didn't look good and I was admitted to hospital for the duration of the southern extension and although speaking regularly on the phone, couldn't be part of the birding sessions. The group visited Krabi Mangroves before breakfast and then moved on to Aoi Phang Na National Park for an overnight. Mangrove Pitta the highlight.

**Feb 1st.** - Aoi Phang Na early morning for Mangrove Pitta etc before moving north and into Sri Phang Na National Park. Overnight in a hotel outside the park.

**Feb 2nd** - Sri Phang Na National Park all day.

**Feb 3rd** - Sri Phang Na NP early to midday, highlights Banded Pitta, Chestnut-naped Forktail and Blyth's Frogmouth. Afternoon back to Krabi and return flights to UK via Bangkok.

### **Annotated list of recorded Species.**

Taxonomy and nomenclature follows IOC World Bird list 9.2 This order has also been adopted by the excellent new Birds of Thailand field guide from the Lynx/Birdlife team.

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Location Acronyms:

Khao Yai - **KY** , Pak Thale Salt pans - **PT**, Laem Pak Bia - **LPB**, Hat Chao Samran - **HCS**, Wat Konneram - **WK**, Wat Kao Takrao - **WKT**, Kaeng Krachan - **KK**, Aoi Phang Na - **APN**, Sri Phang Na - **SPN**

## **BIRDS**

**Lesser Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna javanica* - One, Wat Konneram, **LPB**

**Garganey** *Anas querquedula* - One, Wat Konneram, **LPB**.

**Scaly-breasted Partridge** *Arborophila brunneopectus* - Two **KY** on both 23&24/01/19

**Ferruginous Partridge** *Caloperdix oculus* – One possibly two on 03/02 **KK**



Ferruginous Partridge ©Mark Andrews

**Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus* – Observed daily at **KY** with up to 20 birds in feeding groups.

**Silver Pheasant** *Lophura nycthemera* - Ten birds including three male on the 23/01 and five including two male on the 24/01 **KY**.

**Siamese Fireback** *Lophura diardi* - One on the 22/01, fifteen on the 23/01 including four male, male displaying on the 24/01, all **KY**.

**Kalij Pheasant** *Lophura leucomelanos* – Heard only 28/02 **KK**.



Male Silver Pheasant and Siamese Fireback ©Mark Andrews

**Grey Peacock Pheasant** *Polyplectron bicalcaratum* – A frustratingly close male several times calling at one of the waterholes where we were sat in a hide sadly refused to show itself 28/02 **KK**

**Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis* – 11 Wat Konneram, **LPB**.

**Painted Stork** *Mycteria leucocephala* – Large groups observed in the **LPB/PT** area with 100+ on 27/01.

**Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans* - Invariably seen whilst driving from the airport in Bangkok but also good numbers in the **WKT** area and inland of **HCS**.

**Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis* – Several near **WKT/NPL** area 27/01 and **HCS** 28/01.

**Chinese Egret** *Egretta eulophotes* – Two, Laem Pak Bia Sandspit 26/01.



Chinese Egret ©Jonathan Mercer.

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**Pacific Reef Egret** *Egretta sacra* – One, Laem Pak Bia Sandspit 26/01.

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

**Intermediate Egret** *Mesophoyx intermedia* - Six **WKT** 27/01 and two **HCS** 28/01.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bulbulcus coromandus* - Commonly recorded in suitable habitat.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* - Several in the LPB area.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* - Common

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* –Two, **HCS** 28/01.



Purple Heron ©Jonathan Mercer.

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

**Javan Pond Heron** *Ardeola speciosa* - Probably the commonest heron in the LPB/PT area with some attaining breeding plumage.

**Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* – A few seen in the LPB/PT area and Krabi.

**Little Heron** *Butorides striatus* – Small numbers recorded in the **LPB/PT** area and in the South.

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

**Little Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax niger* - Commonly recorded

**Black Baza** *Aviceda leuphotes* – Three hunting from the side of the road near **KY** 22/01.

**Oriental Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus* – One at **KY** 26/01 and one near **HCS** on 28/01.

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**Black-eared Kite** *Milvus migrans lineatus* – Observed at Krabi 31/01.

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

**Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* - Observed at **APN** on 31/01 and 01/02

**Eastern Marsh Harrier** *Circus spilonotus* – One observed over rice paddies near **HCS** 28/01.

**Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus* - Three sightings including display during our stay at **KY** and one at **KK**.

**Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela* – One at **KK** on 29/01.

**Changeable Hawk Eagle** *Spizaetus cirrhatus* - One **KY** 25/01 and one **KK** 28/01.

**Blyth's Hawk-eagle** *Spizaetus alboniger* – One **SPN** 03/02.

**White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus* - One, Krabi on 30/01.

**Watercock** *Gallicrex cinerea* – Two, **LPB** on 27/01.

**Common Moorhen** *Gallicrex cinerea* - 2/3 at **WKT/NPL** area

**Ruddy-breasted Crake** *Porzana fusca* - One near **HCS** on 28/01

**Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus* - Common

**Pied Avocet** *Recurvirostra avosetta* - A group of 150 birds around Laem Pak Bia often went missing in the vast area.

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

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

**Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus* - Common throughout.

**Swinhoe's Plover** *Charadrius dealbatus* - Good views of both a male and two female on the sandspit at **LPB** on 26/01.

**Malaysian Plover** *Charadrius peronii* –At least five pairs at **LPB** Sandspit, seen well on 26/01.

**Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus* – Good numbers, commonly seen **LPB/PT** area.

**Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii* - Small numbers, six the highest count intermixed with their smaller cousins **LPB/PT**.

**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**.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus* – Three together **LPB** on 27/01.

**Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata* - Fewer than usual due to tidal timings at Pak Thale on 31/02.





Lesser Sandplover and Malaysian Plover ©Jonathan Mercer.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *L. lapponica* - At least thirty birds near **LPB** on 27/01.

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa* – At least a hundred birds biggest count near **LPB** on 27/01..

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres* – Small numbers on the Krabi mudflats and around Pak Thale Salt pans.

**Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris* - At least 1000 birds in **LPB** area.

**Red Knot** *Calidris canutus* - Probably around a fifty birds intermixed with the main roosting flocks at **LPB/PT**.

**Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax* - Ten birds at **LPB** on 27/01.

**Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus* - Common and in very good numbers **LPB/PT** during our visit.

**Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea* – Common and in very good numbers **LPB/PT** during our visit.

**Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta* - Reasonably good numbers scattered around the drier areas of the **LPB/PT** salt pans with up to ten a day.

**Spoon-billed Sandpiper** *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus* - We obviously regularly visit these birds and had excellent views during the period. With three birds in the Pak Thale area on 26/01 one flagged and two at **PT** on the 27/01. It was again, a very good visit and a good period to observe them.

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

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

**Dunlin** *C. alpina* - One, **PT** 26/01.

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



Spoon-billed Sandpiper roosting ©Mark Andrews

**Asian Dowitcher** *Limnodromus semipalmatus* – A group of Eighty two birds together **LPB** on 27/01.

**Pintail Snipe** *Gallinago stenura* - Two at **WKT** on 27/01 and three near **HCS** on 28/01..

**Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago* – Singles at **WKT** on 27/01 and near **HCS** on 28/01.

**Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus* – A single and eight together at **PT/LPB** on 26/01 and 27/01.

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus* – Four on the 26/01 and eleven on the 27/01 **PT/LPB**.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos* - Small numbers throughout.

**Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus* - A handful at various locations around **LPB/HCS**.

**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus* – Small numbers observed close to Krabi Mangroves and around **LPB/PT**

**Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis* - Commonly seen often in very good numbers in group feeding frenzies on suitable pools around **LPB/PT**. 110 the biggest count.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola* - Commonly seen, especially around Laem Pak Bia pans with a maximum count of 30 on one pool.

**Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus* - Commonly seen, often in good numbers in select and favoured areas around **LPB/PT**. 179 together at **LPB** on 27/01.

**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus* – Small numbers observed close to Krabi Mangroves and around **LPB/PT**

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia* - Commonly seen, thirty together at a roost.

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**Nordmann's Greenshank** *Tringa guttifer* - Good views were obtained with a maximum count of around 76 birds together at LPB/PT on 27/01.



Nordmann's Greenshank with Grey Plover, Great Knot & Marsh Sandpiper © Jonathan Mercer.

**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 twenty six together on 26/01.

**Great-crested Tern** *Sterna bergii* – Around thirty birds observed at the roost off the Sandspit LPB on 26/01.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo* - Commonly seen LPB/PT area and at Krabi .

**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.

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

**Mountain Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula badia* – Birds observed at KY on 23/01 and 24/01.

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

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

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

**Thick-billed Green Pigeon** *T. curvirostra* – Close observations of birds in a fruiting tree at KY on 22/01 with at least six birds there on 25/01.



Thick-billed Pigeon © Mark Andrews

**Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon** *T. sphenura* – Several at **KK** on 29/01 and at **SPN** on 01/02.

**Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica* – Regularly heard in forest areas. Observed at **KY** on 24/01 and **SPN** on 01/02.

**Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis* – Observed or heard regularly throughout trip.

**Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo** *Carpococcyx renauldi* - One walking through the forest at **KY** on 25/01.

**Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus* - A pair near **HCS** on 28/01.

**Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonnerati* – Heard at **KK** on 29/01.

**Asian Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx maculatus* – Male, **KY** on 24/01.

**Drongo Cuckoo** *Surniculus lugubris* – One, at **KY** on 23/01.

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

**Chestnut-bellied Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus* – One on 31/01 **Krabi** and two **SPN** 03/01.

**Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis* – Observed at **KY**, **KK** and in the South.

**Red-billed Malkoha** *P. javanicus* – Observed at **SPN** on 03/02.



Chestnut-bellied Malkoha © Pipith Kaewta

**Chestnut-bellied Malkoha** *P. sumatranus* - Observed at **SPN** on 02/02.

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides* – Heard at **KY**, a pair seen well at **KK** on 29/01.

**Collared Owlet** *G. brodiei* - Two calling on 23/01, one plus three calling 24/01 and two the following night in **KY**.

**Oriental Scops Owl** *Otus sunia* – Heard at night, **KY**.

**Collared Scops Owl** *Otus bakkamoena* – Heard at **KY**, one observed on 26/01.

**Buffy Fish Owl** *Ketupa ketupu* - Heard and glimpsed at **KY** from our accomodation on 22/01.

**Brown (Mountain) Wood Owl** *Strix leptogrammica* - Observed on the Khao Kiew Rd, **KY** on 23/01 (*newarensis*). Heard at **SPN** on 03/02 (*leptogrammica*)

**Blyth's Frogmouth** *B. affinis* – Adult with two juvenile on a nest at **SPN** on 03/02.



Blyth's Frogmouth © Pipith Kaewta

**Great-eared Nightjar** *Eurostopodus macrotis* - Singles on 22/01, 23/01, two on 24/01 and one 25/01 at **KY** and two on 29/01 **KK**.

**Large-tailed Nightjar** *C. macrurus* – Singles nightly at **KY** and one at **KK** on 28/01.

**Germain's Swiftlet** *Collacalia germani* – Observed throughout the trip at all localities.

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

**Pacific Swift** *Apus pacifica*– Observed in the South.

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

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**Scarlet-rumped Trogon** *Harpactes duvaucelli* – Heard in the south at **SPN**.

**Orange-breasted Trogon** *H. oreskios* – Six observations at **KY** with a pair on the 24/01, Heard at **KK** on 28/01 and observed at **SPN** on 03/02.

**Red-headed Trogon** *H. erythrocephalus* – Males at **KY** on 23/01 and 24/01.

**Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis* – Eight sightings in total at **KY, LPB, KK** and **Krabi**.

**Brown-winged Kingfisher** *Halcyon amauroptera* – Observed in the south with three on 31/01.

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis* – Observed at **KK** on 28/01 & 29/01..

**Banded Kingfisher** *Lacedo pulchella* – Heard at **KY** on 24/01, failed to respond.

**Ruddy Kingfisher** *Halcyon coromanda* - Heard Ao Phang Na on 31/01.

**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, the **LPB/PK** area and **KK**.

**Collared Kingfisher** *Todirhamphus chloris* - Observed in the south and regularly seen in the **LPB/ PK** area.

**Blue-bearded Bee-eater** *Nyctyornis athertoni* – Frustratingly heard several times at **KY** and at **KK** but birds could not be located in the forest canopy.

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



Green Bee-eater ©Jonathan Mercer.

**Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus* – Singles in the **LPB/PK** area.

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**Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *M. leschenaulti* – Observed at **KY** with at least three birds on the 24/01.

**Hoopoe** *Upupa epops* – Observed close to **LPB** on 28/01.

**Oriental Pied Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris* – Observed almost daily in forested areas.

**Great Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis* – Seen well at **KY** on numerous occasions, heard at **KK** on 29/01 and observed at **SPN** 01/02 & 03/02.

**Austen's Brown Hornbill** *Anorrhinus austeni* - One seen and another heard **KY** on 23/01 and heard again the following day.

**Rusty-cheeked Hornbill** *Anorrhinus tickelli* – Heard only at **KK** on 29/01.

**Bushy-crested Hornbill** *A.galeritus* - Observed at **SPN** on 01/02 and heard there on 03/02.

**Wreathed Hornbill** *A. undulatus* – A pair at **KY** on 22/01, females on 23/01 & 24/01. Four on 05/01 and at **SPN** on 02/02 & 03/02.



Wreathed Hornbill ©Mark Andrews

**Green-eared Barbet** *M. faiostriata* – Observed daily at **KY**.

**Gold-whiskered Barbet** *M. chrysopogon* - Observed at **SPN** on 02/02.

**Moustached Barbet** *M. incognita* - Observed daily at **KY** on fruiting trees.



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**Blue-throated Barbet** *M. asiatica* – Heard only at **KK** 29/01.

**Blue-eared Barbet** *M. australis* - Several seen well at **KY** on 22/01 and heard daily. Two at **KK** on 29/01.



Blue-eared, Moustached and Green-eared Barbet ©Mark Andrews

**Red-crowned Barbet** *M. rafflesii* - Heard only at **SPN** on both 01/02 & 02/02.

**Red-throated Barbet** *M. mystacophanos* – Both heard and observed at **SPN** between 01/02 7 03/02.

**Coppersmith Barbet** *M. haemacephala* – Heard at **KK** on 28/01.

**Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Yungipicus canicapillus* - One **Sri Phang Na**.

**Stripe-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos atratus* – One **KY** on 26/02

**Black-and-Buff Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes jugularis* – A male at **KY** on 23/01.

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**Heart-spotted Woodpecker** *Hemicircus canente* - Males on 24/01 and 25/01 at **KY**.

**Banded Woodpecker** *Picus mineacus* - One at **SPN** on 02/02

**Greater Yellownape** *Picus flavinucha* – Two on 29/01 **KK**

**Streak-breasted Woodpecker** *Picus viridanus* – Observed in **SPN** 01/02.

**Laced Woodpecker** *Picus vittatus* - One **KY** on 22/01.

**Black-naped Woodpecker** *Picus guerini* - One **KY** on 23/01

**Grey-headed Woodpecker** *Picus canus* – Singles observed on 28/01 **KK**.

**Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense* – A pair on 24/01 **KY**.

**Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* – Observed almost daily at both **KY** and at **KK**.

**Black-thighed Falconet** *Microhierax fringillarius* - Six at **KK** on 29/01.

**Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus galgulus* – Two at **SPN** on 03/02.

**Green Broadbill** *Calyptomena viridis* - One seen and several heard at **SPN** on 03/01.

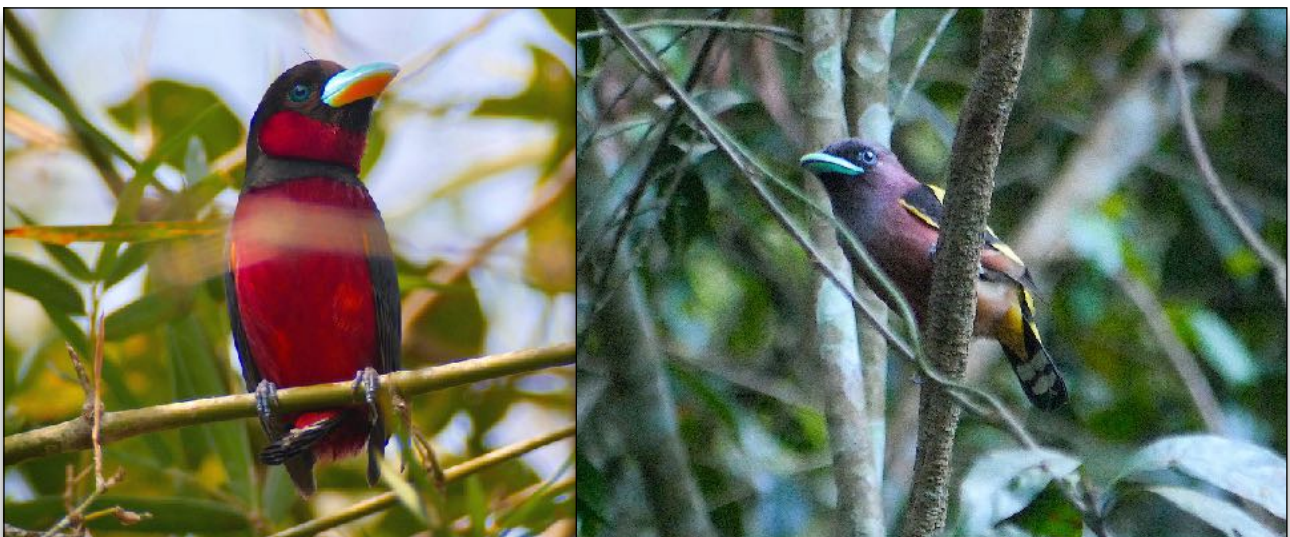
**Black-and-Red Broadbill** *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos* – A pair gave superb views at **KK** on 29/01, heard at **SPN** on 02/02 and seen 03/02.

**Silver-breasted Broadbill** *Serilophus lunatus* – One in **KY** on 23/01.

**Banded Broadbill** *Eurylaimus javanicus* – Male observed down to a few metres **KY** on 24/01 and another male at km33 **KY** the following day. Two **SPN** on 03/01.

**Black-and-yellow Broadbill** *E. ochromatus* – Male **KK** on 29/01 and heard **SPN** 02/01..

**Long-tailed Broadbill** *Psarismus dalhousiae* – A group at **KY** on 24/01.



Black and Red & Banded Broadbill ©Mark Andrews

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**Eared Pitta** *Pitta phayrei* - A pair watched at close range feeding in the leaf litter at **KY** on 25/01 was eclipsed the following day by another male at close range for an hour close to the trail in **KY** on 26/01.

**Blue Pitta** *Pitta cyanea* – One calling at **KY** on 23/01, one calling closeby at **KY** on 24/01 did respond and was observed briefly before an Bull Elephant forced us to move away. Male observed hopping along the forest floor 25/01 in the same, now rather flattened area the following day.

**Malayan Banded Pitta** *Hydrornis irena* - Heard at SPN on the 02/01 and male observed moving across a trail on 03/02 at SPN.



Eared Pitta watching from the undergrowth shadows (video still) ©Mark Andrews

**Mangrove Pitta** *P. megarhyncha* – Heard at Krabi mangroves on 31/01 and seen at APN on 01/02.

**Golden-bellied Gerygone** *Gerygone sulphurea* - Heard only this year, numerous birds around the mangroves at **LPB** but a high tide prevented exploration.

**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus picots* – **KY** up to six birds daily. Two at **KK** on 29/01.

**Large Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis virigatus* - Two **KK** on 29/01.

**Ashy Woodswallow** *Artamus fuscus* – daily at **KY** and four **KK** on 29/01.

**Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia* –One **HCS** 28/01 and one **KK** 29/01.

**Swinhoe's Minivet** *P. cantonensis* – Observed in groups of up to ten birds daily at **KY**.

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**Black-winged Cuckooshrike** *Coracina melaschistos* – Up to six daily at **KY** and daily at **SPN**.

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus* – Singles observed **KY**, the **LPB/PT** area and in the South.

**White-bellied Erpornis** *Erpornis zantholeuca* – Ten at **KY** on 23/01 and six **KY** on 24/01..

**Blyth's Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius aeralatus* – One **KK** on 28/01.

**Black-naped Oriole** *O. chinensis* - Regularly seen at **KY**, at **KK** and in the south.

**Black Drongo** *Dicurus macrocercus* – Numerous in suitable habitat especially **LPB/PT** area .

**Ashy Drongo** *Dicurus leucocephaeus* – Regularly observed in the South, at **KY** and at **KK** in forested areas.

**Crow-billed Drongo** *D. aeneus* – One at **KY** on 25/01.

**Bronzed Drongo** *D. aeneus* – Observed in the South at **SPN** on 01/02.

**Hair-crested Drongo** *D. hottentotus* – Regularly observed at **KY** and **KK** during our visits.

**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *D. paradiseus* – Observed daily at **KY**, at **KK** and heard in the south.

**Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica* – Common around the **LPB/PT** area and also in the south in suitable habitat.

**Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea* – Regularly observed at both **KY** and **KK**.



Black-naped Monarch ©Jonathan Mercer

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**Oriental Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone affinis*- One, a male, **KY** on 25/01.

**Common Green Magpie** *Cissa chinensis* – A pair on both 23/01 & 24/01 **KY**, heard **KY** 25/01, one **KK** 28/01, and three **KK** 29/01.

**Racket-tailed Treepie** *Crypsirina temia* - Four at the waterhole **KK** on 28/01.

**Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos* - Commonly seen in suitable habitat.

**Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher** *Cullicicapa ceylonensis* – Observed daily at **KY** and one **KK** 29/01.

**Sultan Tit** *Melanochlora sulfanea* - One, **KK** on 29/01.

**Australasian Bushlark** *Mirafra javanica* - One in grassland on way to **KY** 22/01.

**Indochinese Bushlark** *Mirafra marionae* –One **WK** 27/01.

**Oriental Skylark** *Alauda gulgula* - Four on the traditional patch behind the temple at **WK** 27/01 and four near **HCS** on 28/01.

**Black-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus atriceps* – Two **KK** on 29/01 and at **SPN** on 02/03 and 03/03.

**Black-crested Bulbul** *P. melanicterus* – Recorded daily at **KY** and **KK**.

**Sooty-headed Bulbul** *P. aurigaster* - Five, **KY** on 23/01.

**Stripe-throated Bulbul** *P. finlaysoni* – Observed at **KY** 26/01, **KK** 28/01 and 29/01 and **SPN** 01/02 and 02/02. Image ©Jonathan Mercer



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**Yellow-vented Bulbul** *P. goiaver* - Observed at **SPN** 01/02 and 02/02.

**Olive-winged Bulbul** *P. plumosus* - Observed at **SPN** on 02/02.

**Streak-eared Bulbul** *P. blandfordi* – Singles throughout **LPB/PT** period in suitable habitat, at **KK** and in the south.

**Grey-eyed Bulbul** *Iole propinqua* – Observed at **KY** in small numbers and at **KK** (**Baker's Bulbul** *cinnameoventris*) on the 29/01

**Puff-throated Bulbul** *Alophoixus pallidus* –Observed daily in forest at **KY**.

**Ochraceous Bulbul** *Alophoixus ochraceous* – Observed in the South, daily at **SPN**.

**Ashy Bulbul** *Hemixos flavala*- Two at **KY** on 23/01.

**Asian House Martin** *Delichon dasypus* – Three **KK** on 29/01.

**Dusky Crag Martin** *H. concolor*. - Observed at **SPN** on 02/02.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica* – Common throughout period.

**Pacific Swallow** *H. tahitica* – Observed in **SPN** 01/02 and 02/02.

**Red-rumped Swallow** *H. daurica* - Observed at **KY** and **KK** in open areas.

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

**Radde's Warbler** *P. schwarzi* – Observed daily at **KY** with up to four birds and at **SPN** on 02/02..

**Pale-legged Leaf-warbler** *P. tenellipes* – One **KY** 25/01, one **KY** 26/01, one **KK** 28/01 and one **KK** 29/01.

**Sakhalin Leaf Warbler** *P. borealoides* - One **KY** 22/01 and heard again the following day.

**Eastern-crowned Warbler** **P. coronatus** - One, **KY** on 23/01.

**Yellow-browed Warbler** *P. inornatus* – Heard throughout, common at **KY** and **KK**.

**Claudia's Leaf-warbler** *P. claudiae* – Regularly encountered in mixed bird parties at **KY** daily.

**White-tailed leaf-warbler** *P. davisoni* – One **KY** on 23/01.

**Sulphur-breasted Warbler** *P. ricketti* – Frequently encountered at **KY** with daily counts up to ten birds.

**Martens's Warbler** *Seicercus omissis* – One at **KY** on 28/01.

**Alstrom's Warbler** *S. soror* - Two **KY** on 23/01 and two **KY** 24/01.

**Black-browed Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps* - Two, **HCS** 28/01.

**Oriental Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus orientalis* -One, **HCS** 28/01.

**Thick-billed Warbler** *Acrocephalus aedon* – One Hat Chao Samran on 28/01

**Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** *Locustella certhiola* - One, **HCS** 28/01.

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**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* - Small numbers in the **LPB/PT/HCS** area.

**Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata* – Two in the LPB/PT area on 27/01.

**Common Tailorbird** *O. sutorius* - A single **KY** on 24/01 and four **KY** 25/01.

**Dark-necked Tailorbird** *Orthotomus atrogularis* – Heard **KY** and four **KK** on 29/01.

**Ashy Tailorbird** *O. ruficeps* – Observed in the South.

**Large Scimitar Babbler** *Erythrogenys hypoleucos* - One at the waterhole, **KK** on 28/01.

**White-browed Scimitar Babbler** *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* – Four **KY** 23/01, two **KY** 25/01 and four **KK** 28/01.

**Striped Tit-babbler** *Macronous gularis* – Regularly encountered at **KY** with up to eight birds daily and four **KK** on 28/01.

**Brown-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe poioicephala* - Observed at **SPN** on 02/03.

**Grey-cheeked Fulvetta** *A. morrisoni* - Fifteen, **KK** on 28/01.

**Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti* - One **KY** 22/01 and two **SPN** 01/02 and 03/02.

**Short-tailed babbler** *M. malaccensis* – Observed at **SPN** on 02/02 and 03/02..

**Puff-throated Babbler** *Pellomeum ruficeps* – Two recorded daily **KY** between 22/01 and 25/01.

**White-crested Laughingthrush** *G. leucolophus* - Recorded daily at **KY** with up to twenty birds a day.

**Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrush** *Garrulus monileger* – Heard at **KY** 22/01, one **KY** 23/01 and a group in **KK** 28/01.



White-crested and Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrush ©Jonathan Mercer

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**Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush** *G. pectoralis* – A sizeable group at **KK** on 28/01.

**Black-throated Laughingthrush** *G. chinensis* – Two **KY** on 23/01.

**Everett's White-eye** *Zosterops everetti* - Six at the viewpoint, **KY** 28/01.

**Chestnut-flanked White-eye** *Z. erythropleurus* - Fifteen, **KY** viewpoint 23/01.

**Asian Fairy Bluebird** *Irena puella* - Commonly encountered at **KY** and **KK**.

**Asian Glossy Starling** *Aplonis panayensis* - Observed at **SPN** 01/02.

**Spot-winged Starling** *Saroglossa spiloptera* - Twenty in a starling roost outside **KK** on 28/01.

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

**Great Myna** *Acridotheres grandis* - Recorded daily outside the forested areas .

**Hill Myna** *Gracula religiosa* – Two **KK** on 29/01.

**Chestnut-tailed Starling** *Sturnus malabaricus* - 200+ roost nr **KK** on 28/01 and 3 HCS same day.

**White-shouldered Starling** *S. sinensis* - Four in a starling roost outside **KK** on 28/01.

**Asian Pied Starling** *Graupica contra* - Observed on the way to **KY** on 22/01, around **LPB** and **HCS** 27& 28 and at **KK** 28/01.

**Orange-headed Thrush** *Zoothera citrina* – male, **KY** on 24/01.

**Eye-browed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus* – Two, **KY** 22/01, one **KY** 25/01 and one **KK** 28/01.



Eyebrowed Thrush ©Mark Andrews



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**Grey-sided Thrush** *T. feae* - One briefly with Eye-browed **KY** 22/01.

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

**White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus* - Daily sightings at **KY**, four **KK** on 28/01 and four **SPN** 02/02.

**Dark-sided Flycatcher** *Muscicapa sibirica* – One only, at **SPN** on 02/02.

**Asian Brown Flycatcher** *M. dauurica* – Singles observed throughout.

**Brown-streaked Flycatcher** *M. williamsoni* - One **SPN** on 02/02.



White-rumped Shama ©Jonathan Mercer

**Hainan Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis hainanus* - Male **KK** 29/01.

**Hill Blue Flycatcher** *C. banyumas* – Three male **KY** on 23/01 and male **KY** 24/01.

**Indochinese Blue Flycatcher** *C. sumatrensis* - Four **KK** on 29/01 and daily at **SPN**.

**Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassina* – Daily observations at **KY** between 23-24/01.

**Siberian Blue Robin** *Luscinia cyane* – Male **KY** 22/01, a pair 23/01, female 24/01 and female **KK** 28/01.

**Chestnut-naped Forktail** *Enicurus ruficapillus* - A pair, **SPN** on 03/02.



Indochinese Blue Flycatcher ©Jonathan Mercer

**Slaty-backed Forktail** *E. schistaceus* - One **KY** on 22/01.

**White-crowned Forktail** *E. leschenaulti* - A pair, **KY** on 23/01.

**Yellow-rumped Flycatcher** *Ficedula zanthopygia* - Male at **KK** on 29/01.

**Red-throated Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla* – A common wintering bird at **KY** and **KK**.

**White-throated Rock Thrush** *Monticola gularis* - Male, **KY** on 24/01.

**Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius* – Two, **KY** on 23/01, one **KY** 24/01 and one **APN** on 31/01.

**Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maura* - Small numbers in the more suitable drier areas in the **LPB/PT** area and outside **KK**.

**Greater Green Leafbird** *Chloropsis sonnerati* – Observed in the South.

**Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* - Seen well at **KY** most days and at **KK** on 29/01.

**Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*– One at **SPN** on 02/02. **Orange-bellied**

**Flowerpecker** *D. trigonostigma* – Several at **SPN** on 03/02.

**Plain Flowerpecker** *D. minullum* One **KY** 23/01, one **KY** 24/01 and one **SPN** 02/02.

**Thick-billed Flowerpecker** *D. agile* - One **SPN** 02/02.

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**Cambodian Flowerpecker** *D. cambodianum* - One KY on 22/01 and three KY on 24/02.  
**Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** *D. cruentatum* - Four KK on 29/01 and at APN on both 01/02 and 02/02.

**Brown-throated Sunbird** *A. mallacensis* - One near Bangkok 26/01 and APN 31/01 and 01/02.

**Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** *A. singalensis* - Two **KK** on 29/01.

**Olive-backed Sunbird** *Nectarinia jugularis* – Regularly observed **KY**, at **KK** and in the South.

**Black-throated Sunbird** *Aethopyga saturata* - One, **KY** 23/01.

**Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra* – One **KY** on 22/01 and at **SPN** on both 02/02 and 03/02.

**House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus* – Singles in Bangkok during each passing through.

**Plain-backed Sparrow** *Passer flaveolus* - Twenty individuals of this rather smart looking social sparrow were seen near HCS.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus* - Commonly recorded.

**Baya Weaver** *Ploceus manyar* – Six in the marsh area near **HCS** on 28/01.

**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata* – Observed at **APN** 31/01.

**Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis* - Four on the wetland behind the temple at **WK** 27/01

**Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea* –Daily at **KY** and one at **KK** on 28/01.

**Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus ruffles* - One **WK** 27/01 and two near **HCS** on 28/01.

**Yellow-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza aureola* - Four in marshes near **HCS** 28/01.

## **MAMMALS**

**Northern Tree Shrew** *Tupaia belangeri* - Two **KY** on 26/01 and two **KK** 28/01.

**Lyle's Flying Fox** *Pteropus lylei* - There is a very large roost in the mangroves at Laem Pak Bia.

**Western Striped Squirrel** *Tamiops mccllellandii* – Regularly observed at **KY** and **KK**.

**Variable Squirrel** *Callosciurus finlaysoni* - Observed daily at **KY**.

**Grey-bellied Squirrel** *Callosciurus caniceps* – Four at **KK** on 28/01.

**Black Giant Squirrel** *Ratufa bicolor* – Ten individuals over three days at **KY**.

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**Malayan Porcupine** *Hystrix brachyura* - Up to six a night during our stay in **KY**, sometimes even in the restaurant.



Malayan Porcupine © Mark Andrews

**Small Indian Civet** *Viverricula indica* - One **KY** on 23/01 & three **KY** 25/01 during nocturnal sessions. Image ©Mark Andrews



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**Large Indian Civet** *V. zibetha* - One **KY** 24/01.

**Common Palm Civet** *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus* – Two **KY** on 22/01.

**Binturong (Bearcat)** *Arctictis binturong* - One **KY** on 23/01.

**Leopard** *Panthera pardus* - We inadvertently walked into an area of a kill at **KK** and could smell Leopard very strongly but couldn't see them, a mother and cubs. Despite spending time in high heat in a photographic hide close to the kill they were not seen again.

**Long-tailed Macaque** *Macaca fascicularis* – Twenty+ observed near **APN** on 31/01 and near **SPN** on 01/02.

**Northern Pig-tailed Macaque** *M. leonina* - Up to twenty seen daily during the visit to **KY** National Park.

**Dusky Langur** *Trachypithecus obscurus* – Around twenty individuals observed at **KK** on 29/01.

**White-handed Gibbon** *Hylobates lar* – Observed and heard daily at **KY** with some fabulous prolonged views. Heard at **KK** on 29/01 and observed **SPN** 02/02 and 03/02.



White-handed Gibbon©Mark Andrews

**Pileated Gibbon** *H. pileatus* - A distant family group at **KY** on both 23/01 and 24/01.

**Greater Mousedeer** *Tragulus napu* - Two at Lung Sing hide, **KK** on 28/01.

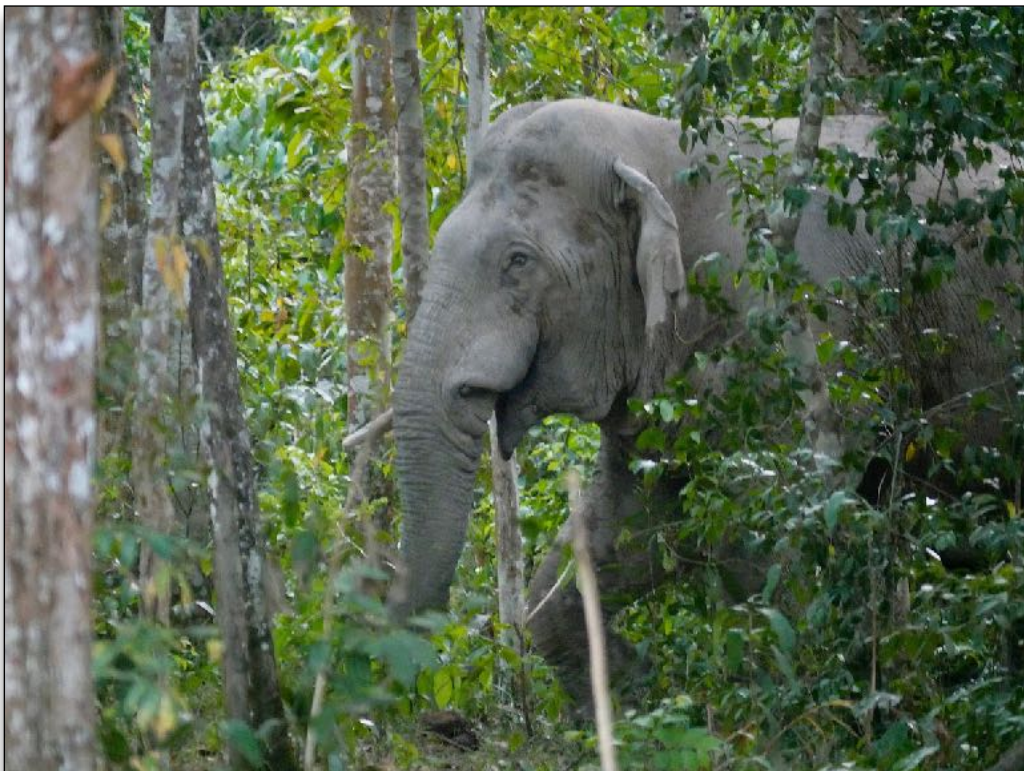


Greater Mousedeer ©Jonathan Mercer

**Red Muntjac** *Muntiacus muntjak* – Observed daily at **KY**.

**Sambar Deer** *Rusa unicolor* - Observed daily at **KY**.

**Asian Elephant** *Elaphas maximus* – A bull on the 24/01 in **KY** was extremely close, but calm, heard on the 25/01 **KY** and one **KK** on 29/01. Elephant on Blue Pitta site ©Mark Andrews



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## REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

**Water Monitor** *Varanus salvator* – Regularly seen **KY, LPB** and **KK**.

**Bengal Monitor** *V. bengalensis* - Observed at **SPN** on both 02/02 and 03/02.

**Tokay Gecko** *Gekko gekko* – Regularly heard in forested areas.

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

**Common Gliding Lizard** *Draco volans* - One, **KY** 26/01.

**Emma Gray's Forest Lizard** *Calotes emma alticristatus* – One **SPN** 01/02.

## FISH

**Giant Mudskipper** *Periophthalmodon schlosseri*. – Common around the mangroves at Laem Pak Bia.

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