



Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Thailand

*Northern & Central Thailand
27th February - 15^h March 2016
& Southern Thailand Extension
15th-21st March 2016*



Mrs. Gould's Sunbird by Trevor Jones

Trip Leaders: Uthai Treesucon and Erik Forsyth
Trip Report compiled by Erik Forsyth

Tour Summary

Our trip total of 535 species in 23 days reflects the immense birding potential of Thailand. Participants were treated to an amazing number of star birds including Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Nordmann's Greenshank, Pallas's Gull, Mountain Bamboo Partridge, Mrs. Hume's and Silver Pheasants, Siamese Fireback, Green Peafowl, Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Jerdon's Baza, Black-tailed Crake, Great and Wreathed Hornbills, Hodgson's and Blyth's Frogmouths, Barred Eagle-Owl, Spotted Wood and Brown Wood Owl and the near mythical Oriental Bay Owl, stunning Malayan Banded, Blue, Rusty-naped and Mangrove Pittas, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Limestone, Streaked, Eye-browed and Pygmy Wren-Babblers, Scarlet-faced Liocichla, Grey-headed and Spot-breasted Parrotbills, Giant Nuthatch, Slaty, Heart-spotted, White-bellied and Black-headed Woodpeckers, Sultan Tit, Chestnut-naped Forktail, Mrs. Gould's Sunbird, and Nicobar Pigeon.

Daily Diary

A tense but excited group of birders arrived at Pak Thale, famous for its wintering wader flocks. Within half an hour, we were watching the target of our long journey here to the Gulf of Thailand – the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper. We were a relieved and happy group of birders to witness that this species still visits this area annually. There have been several positive outcomes with the captive breeding programme, as one of the birds had a leg flag! A short while later it was joined by a second bird. Other notable birds in this area included 40 of the globally threatened Nordmann's Greenshanks, 300 Eurasian Curlews, 4 Far Eastern Curlews, 6 Slender-billed Gulls, many Broad-billed Sandpipers and a very confiding Slaty-breasted Rail that walked past us in the open! At a nearby beach we saw 3 of the scarce wintering Chinese Egrets, 3 Pallas's Gulls, and "White-faced" and Malaysian Plovers, the latter a newly described species. Back at the jetty, a pair of Ratchet-tailed Treepie showed well in some mangroves. Later at the King's Project, a male Greater Painted snipe, several Pin-tailed and Common Snipe and a skulking Thick-billed Warbler were seen.



Speckled Wood Pigeon by Ann Urlanda



Spot-breasted Parrotbill by Roger Staples

Kaeng Krachan NP, our next port of call, produced many highlights and included great views of Red-headed and Orange-breasted Trogons, a pair of Jerdon's Baza, which were scoped, a stunning male Gray Peacock-Pheasant, which sauntered through an open area of forest incredibly close to the vehicles, gaudy Sultan Tits, Common Green Magpie, Collared Babbler, Green-legged Partridge and the large Great Slaty Woodpecker, which was much appreciated as it flew past and landed in a large tree allowing good scope views. A large fruiting tree gave us excellent looks at Great, Wreathed and Oriental Pied Hornbills, while several White-handed Gibbons entertained us, jumping from tree to tree and a pair of the much sought-after Ratchet-tailed Treepie were admired, at its only site in Thailand. Not far from our lodge we scored with Vineous-breasted starling, Barred Buttonquail and stunning scope looks at 3 Black Baza.



Banded Kingfisher at Khao Yai by Ann Urlanda

The popular Khao Yai NP was up next, and we scored well here with a male Silver Pheasant crossing the road, giving us fabulous looks at this striking bird, scope views of 3 Black-thighed Falconets, Collared and Barred Owlets with highly sought-after Banded, Black-and-yellow and Silver-breasted Broadbills bringing a splash of colour, White-crested Laughingthrush and Vernal Hanging Parrots zooming overhead, and at last, we managed scope views of several perched birds, a male Siberian Robin, Alstrom's Warbler feeding in front of us and a beautiful Blue Pitta, watched for ten minutes down to 5m, were some of the other highlights of this great park. A visit to a nearby wetland gave us the highly desired Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Citrine Wagtail and Oriental Pratincole, while at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands we found three large Spot-billed Pelicans - a scarce winter visitor here, Black-headed Ibis, many Black-tailed Godwits, Wood Sandpipers and several smart Long-toed Stints. On our second visit, we enjoyed great looks at a Yellow Bittern.



Banded Broadbill and Black and Yellow Broadbill by Ann Urlanda

On one of the evenings we made a visit to a bat cave at dusk where millions of bats were seen departing for their night's feeding and were preyed upon by hunting Oriental Hobby, Grey-faced Buzzards, Shikra and Eastern Buzzards. After our visit to Khao Yai we departed for the woodlands of Sab Sadou, first stopping at the nearby Saekarat Biosphere reserve, where a stunning male Siamese Fireback approached us at close range, a smart Orange-headed Thrush and a pair of Brown Prinia. Two visits to Sab Sadou produced the goods, with Rufous-wing Buzzard, Brown Hawk Owl, smart Black-headed and huge White-bellied Woodpeckers, Red-breasted and striking Blossom-headed Parakeets, Crested Treeswift, Eurasian Jay, Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters and Rufous Treepie all seen well.



Green Peafowl by Trevor Jones



Orange-breasted Trogon by Roger Staples

From here, we flew north to Chiang Mai and our first port of call was Doi Inthanon NP. Our three days in this area produced an array of new birds, including Speckled Wood Pigeons, Rufous-throated Partridge, Bar-throated Minlas, Blue-fronted Redstart, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, Mrs. Gould's and Green-tailed Sunbirds, Pygmy Wren-Babbler, White-browed Shortwing, all at the highest elevations. Dry woodlands at lower elevations gave us White-headed Bulbul, tiny Collared Falconets, Savanna and Indian Nightjars, Black-backed Forktail, Large Niltava and the stunning Black Baza. A long wait at a mid-altitude wetland eventually produced fabulous looks at a pair of the highly sought-after Black-tailed Crake much to everyone's delight. From here, we headed to the mountains at Doi Lang, first stopping en route at Doi Chiang Dao, where we enjoyed great looks at a flock of Pin-tailed Green Pigeons, Streaked Spiderhunters and a mobile Bay Woodpecker.



Silver Pheasant by Ann Urlanda

Doi Lang lived up to its reputation as a fabulous birding area, with sightings of 3 Mrs Hume's Pheasant including two males having a territorial fight on the road, magic! Giant Nuthatch, Chinese Bamboo Partridge, Crested Finchbill, a very confiding Spot-breasted and Grey-headed Parrotbills, Siberian Rubythroat, White-browed Laughingthrush, White-gorgeted and Rufous-gorgeted Flycatchers, White-bellied Redstart, Slender-billed and Maroon Orioles, and a family group of five of the highly desirable Himalayan Cutias showed really well in a tree alongside the road! Our final destination of the tour was Doi Angkhang, and we scored here with many very desirable birds, including, a pair of the almost mythical Green Cochoa, seen down a precarious slope, with the group hanging on to vegetation so as not to tumble down the hill, an exhilarating but stressful experience and definitely a tour highlight. No less impressive was the much sought-after Rusty-naped Pitta seen down to 10 meters, Speckled Piculet, striking Rufous-bellied Niltava, Silver-eared Mesia, White-tailed Robin and brilliant looks at the glowing Scarlet-faced Liocichla. This ended our mainland tour and we had done exceptionally well with the birds, enjoyed good weather and great fun as a group. With time on our side, we even managed a visit to Doi Suthep which overlooks Chiang Mai. We did really well here, with fabulous close looks at an Eye-browed Wren-Babbler, several pairs of Blyth's Shrike Babbler and Vivid Niltava, the latter a scarce winter visitor throughout.



The highly sought-after Rusty-naped Pitta by Ann Urlanda

The southern extension got off to an amazing start, with four owls in less than two days at the famous Khao Nor Chu Chi Forest Reserve. First, we started off with scope looks at a Barred Eagle Owl, an adult and juvenile...wow! A short drive away, three Spotted Wood-Owls were seen, allowing fabulously good looks. Our third owl was "a dream come true" for most birders, the mythical and highly sought after Oriental Bay Owl on a day roost! We enjoyed fabulous looks and managed great pictures of the highly desired species. Our fourth owl was a Brown Wood Owl hooting one morning in the forest and we managed to locate it and set up a scope. This was not the last nocturnal bird as we managed brilliant looks at a Blyth's Frogmouth seen at close range.



Blyth's Frogmouth by Trevor Jones



Oriental Bay Owl by Erik Forsyth

Other goodies at this forest were Black Magpie, Red-billed and Raffles's Malkoha, Golden-whiskered and Sooty Barbet, Rufous Piculet, wintering Crow-billed Drongo, Black-capped, Short-tailed, Ferruginous as well as the smart-looking Black-throated Babblers, Long-billed, Grey-breasted and Purple-naped Spiderhunters, Grey-rumped and Whiskered Treeswifts, a scarce wintering Green-backed Flycatcher, while the electric green of a pair of Green Broadbill was enjoyed at close range. A day visit to the Si Phra Nga NP produced a few great birds and it wasn't long before we were watching a stunning male Malaysian Banded Pitta. Other notable species included Chestnut-naped Forktail, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, White-browed Piculet, Rufous-winged Philentoma and a wintering Forest Wagtail. A delightful day tour to the Similan Islands gave us the stunning Nicobar Pigeons feeding on the ground and allowing close approach while Pied and Green Imperial Pigeons were seen in the surrounding forest.

Our final destination was the Krabi Mangroves where a short boat tour produced the huge Brown-winged Kingfisher, two adult and two juvenile White-bellied Sea Eagles, great, close looks at the scarce Mangrove Whistler and very close looks at another colourful Mangrove Pitta, calling just meters away. The Southern Extension had been short, but action-packed, and we had found many excellent and much-wanted species which pushed our total to well over 500 bird species for the tours combined. Thailand is a bird-rich country with friendly people, great lodgings and cuisine and I look very much to returning in the near future.



Highly sought-after Himalayan Cutia and Black-tailed Crake by Ann Urlanda



Hodgson's Frogmouth on the nest by Trevor Jones



A superb Mangrove Pitta at Krabi Mangroves by Trevor Jones



A striking male Blue Pitta and White-gorgeted Flycatcher by Ann Urlanda



A dazzling male Malaysian Banded Pitta by Erik Forsyth

BIRDS (535 species recorded, 25 heard)

Swans, Geese & Ducks *Anatidae*

Lesser Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna javanica

This widespread species was first recorded en route to the saltpans at Baan Pak Thale. We had several other sightings at wetlands at the Bang Tan Boon and Lam Plak Blong Wetlands.

Cotton Pygmy Goose

Nettapus coromandelianus

Seven birds were scoped at the Lam Plak Blong Wetlands.

Pheasants & Partridges *Phasianidae*

Chinese Francolin

Francolinus pintadeanus

Two birds were heard calling in woodland and later seen in flight at Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufous-throated Partridge

Arborophila rufogularis

Two birds were seen searching in leaf-litter for food at the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Bar-backed Partridge

Arborophila brunneopectus

A single bird was seen at Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-legged Partridge

Arborophila chloropus

We saw two birds in forest at Kaeng Krachan NP. We even managed a scope view.

Mountain Bamboo Partridge

Bambusicola fytchii

Great looks at three birds on both our visits to the summit of Doi Lang.

Red Junglefowl

Gallus gallus

Our first pair were seen at Kaeng Krachan with several others at Khao Yai NP.

Silver Pheasant

Lophura nycthemera

Our first encounter was of a stunning male seen crossing the main road in Khao Yak NP with a further sighting of a male the following day.

Siamese Fireback

Lophura diardi

We had excellent view of a confiding male at Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve.

[Mrs] Hume's Pheasant

Syrmaticus humiae

Reaching the summit of Doi Lang, we were excited to find, a male and a pair of these much sought after pheasants allowing fabulous looks. The following morning, two males were seen fighting alongside the road allowing great looks.

Grey Peacock-Pheasant

Polyplectron bicalcaratum

We heard several birds calling at Kaeng Krachan NP and on returning to the vehicle we were alerted by Jun (our driver) to a bird that was walking through an open patch in the forest. Wow!

NOTE: The IOC has split the subspecies P. katsumatae as a separate species, Hainan Peacock-Pheasant, which is now endemic to Hainan Island.

Green Peafowl

Pavo muticus

This was another trip highlight. We had very good views of a stunning male at the Hui Hang Krai Kings Project near Chiang Mai. He even put on a show by displaying in full on a bank on the opposite side of the lake. Walking back to the vehicle we were surprised to see 13 more birds feeding in open grassy areas on the opposite side of the lake.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis

We saw both breeding and non-breeding plumaged birds on four dates at several wetlands.

NOTE: The IOC has upgraded the subspecies T. tricolour into a full species, Tricolored Grebe, which is found in Australasia, Lesser Sundas, Java and Sulawesi.

Storks Ciconidae

Painted Stork

Mycteria leucocephala

We had great looks at fifteen birds at Lam Pak Bia and around fifty at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands.

Asian Openbill

Anastomus oscitans

We had many sightings especially in the rice fields around Bangkok. Recorded on eight dates.

Ibis, Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Black-headed Ibis

Threskiornis melanocephalus

Fifteen of these localised winter visitors were seen at the Baan Tan Boon wetlands near Bangkok.

Pelicans Pelicanidae

Spot-billed Pelican

Pelicanus philippensis

A single bird was seen on our first visit and three birds were seen on our second visit. A scarce wintering bird in Thailand.

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae

Yellow Bittern

Ixobrychus sinensis

A Singleton was seen at Bang Tan Boon Wetlands and two at Lam Pak Long.

Cinnamon Bittern

Ixobrychus cinnamomeus

A single bird was seen briefly in flight at a small wetland in Krabi town.

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax

4 birds were seen in flight at Pak Thale.

Striated Heron

Butorides striatus

Recorded at Baan Pak Thale and daily in mangroves near Krabi.

NOTE: A polytypic and cosmopolitan superspecies with over 30 recognized forms. Clements recognizes two full species, the North American Green Heron B. virescens and the widespread nominate form which we recorded in Malaysia. This split is not recognized by Handbook of Birds of the World (del Hoyo et al) who lump both these forms under the nominate.

Chinese Pond Heron

Ardeola bacchus

In non-breeding (winter) plumage these birds are not easy to identify from the next species. It has been found that this species has dark edges to the wing tips and frequents forest pools and rivers whereas Javan Pond Heron has all pale wings. Good numbers were therefore seen daily at scattered sites throughout Thailand including 1 on the Similan islands.

Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa*

This species is found in rice fields and at coastal mudflats and rarely recorded in forest areas. Most of the birds we identified were in preferred habitat and showed all pale wings and at least three breeding plumage birds were noted at Lam Pak Bia.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromanda*

A cosmopolitan species encountered at many sites.

NOTE: This group may be split into 2 species, the nominate Common Cattle Egret and the Asian/Australasian Eastern Cattle Egret (E. coromanda). This split is as yet not recognised by Clements.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Two birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and a further ten were seen in wetlands en route to Bangkok airport.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

We had seen two birds at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands and a further sighting near Chiang Mai.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Recorded at Baan Pak Thale, at Rangsit Marsh and one at a wetland near Chiang Mai.

NOTE: The nominate Old World Great Egret may be split from the New World A. a. egretta which would become American Egret. This split is as yet not recognized by Clements.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*

Seen at various wetlands on seven dates.

NOTE: This group may be split into 3 species, the African Yellow-billed Egret (E. brachyrhyncha), Plumed Egret (E. plumifera) and the nominate Intermediate Egret. This split is as yet not recognized by Clements.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

A common egret in paddyfields and wetland sites in Thailand.

NOTE: Clements lumps Little and Madagascar's Dimorphic (E. dimorpha) Egret into a single species. This treatment is not widely accepted.

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra*

4 birds were found at the coast on our boat trip to look for White-faced Plover and 2 birds at Krabi.

Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*

We had excellent views of 3 birds at Lam Pak Bia. This is a scarce winter visitor.

Cormorants *Phalacrocoracidae*

Little Cormorant *Microcarbo niger*

Many birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia with more around Bangkok.

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*

Our only sightings were at Baan Pak Thale and Bang Tan Boon Wetlands.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

A single bird was seen briefly in flight at a wetland near Khao Yai.

Osprey *Pandionidae*

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Our only sighting was of a single bird at Baan Pak Thale.

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures *Accipitridae*

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Singletons were seen near Khao Yai NP, Sab Sadou and in fields near Chiang Mai.

NOTE: This species is sometimes split into Black-winged Kite, E. caeruleus of Africa and Asia, White-tailed Kite, E. leucurus of the Americas and Black-shouldered Kite, E. axillaris of Australasia. Both Clements and the IOC accept these splits.

Crested (Oriental) Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

This widespread Asian raptor was recorded on eleven dates.

Jerdon's Baza

Aviceda jerdoni

Recorded at Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan NP's. A generally scarce species.

Black Baza

Aviceda leuphotes

We enjoyed fabulous looks at Kaeng Krachan where three birds were scoped roosting in a tree. A further two birds were seen in flight around Sab Sadao.

Crested Serpent Eagle

Spilornis cheela

We enjoyed good views of singletons at Khao Yai NP, and heard its distinctive call in Doi Inthanon NP, and two seen at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle

Niseatus cirrhatius

A singleton was seen at Khao Yai NP.

Crested Goshawk

Accipiter trivirgatus

Our first sightings were at Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings at Khao Yai NP and lastly at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Shikra

Accipiter badius

First recorded at Sab Sadao Reserve, and in the lower part of Doi Inthanon NP.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk

Accipiter nisus

A good sighting was at Khao Yai NP.

Pied Harrier

Circus melanoleucos

Singletons, both females, were seen en route to Sab Sadao and at Thaton Marsh.

Black Kite

Milvus migrans lineatus

Two birds were seen at Ban Pak Thale and a few in paddies near Chiang Mai.

NOTE: Some authorities, such as the IOC, treat the resident African subspecies of this raptor as a separate species, Yellow-billed Kite M. aegyptius. This is not accepted by Clements. Occasionally the Asian race of Black Kite M. lineatus is split as a separate species Black-eared Kite. This is seldom accepted.

Brahminy Kite

Haliastur indus

Two at Baan Pak Thale with further sightings at wetlands near Bangkok and around Krabi.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle

Haliaeetus leucogaster

Two adults and two juveniles were seen at Krabi Mangroves.

Rufous-winged Buzzard

Butastur liventer

A single bird was seen during our visit to Sab Sadao.

Grey-faced Buzzard

Butastur indicus

At least six birds were seen at the Bat Caves near Khao Yai NP with singletons at Doi Lang and Doi Angkhang.

Eastern (Common) Buzzard

Buteo japonicus

Four birds were seen at the Bat caves near Khao Yai NP with singletons seen daily at Doi Angkhang

NOTE: The bird in Thailand is subspecies japonicus which are some people split it to another species call "Japanese Buzzard Buteo japonicus".

Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae

Slaty-breasted Rail

Gallirallus striatus

Very good looks were had of a bird in the open at Lam Pak Bia.

White-breasted Waterhen

Amaurornis phoenicurus

A fairly common species at most wetlands, we had great views of this species throughout the trip.

Black-tailed Crake

Porzana bicolor

Two birds were seen well one evening at a small marsh at mid-elevation, Doi Inthanon NP. A highly sought-after and scarce species.

Ruddy-breasted Crake

Porzana fusca

A single bird was seen at a wetland near Khao Yai and another was seen one evening at Thaton Marsh.

Common Moorhen

Gallinula chloropus

Small numbers seen at wetlands near Bangkok and Chang Mai.

NOTE: The IOC has recently split the Old World Common Moorhen (*G. chloropus*) from the New World Common Gallinule (*G. galeata*). This split is not currently widely accepted.

Buttonquails *Turnicidae*

Barred Buttonquail

Turnix suscitator

A single bird was flushed at the Kaeng Krachan Country Resort.

Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

Indian Stone-curlew

Burhinus indicus

Heard calling all night at the Kaeng Krachan Country Resort but we could not locate them in the grasslands during the day.

Avocets & Stilts *Recurvirostridae*

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus leucocephalus

Large numbers with up to 100 birds seen at salt pans and wetlands at Baan Pak Thale, near Bangkok and at Chiang Mai.

Pied Avocet

Recurvirostra avosetta

Three to four birds were seen on our initial visit and then a flock of up to forty birds were seen distantly at Lam Pak Bia. An uncommon winter migrant to Thailand.

Plovers & Lapwings *Charadriidae*

River Lapwing

Vanellus duvaucelli

Three birds were scoped at Takuapa River, near Krabi. A good find as this is a localised species only occurring along certain rivers.

Grey-headed Lapwing

Vanellus cinereus

This year, only two birds were found in rice fields near our lodge at Doi Inthanon. A winter visitor to Thailand.

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

Regularly seen throughout the trip.

Pacific Golden-Plover

Pluvialis fulva

Recorded at Baan Pak Thale, Laem Pak Bia and lastly at Coral Beach near Krabi.

Grey (Black-bellied) Plover

Pluvialis squatarola

Recorded at Baan Pak Thale, and at Coral Beach near Krabi.

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

A few at Baan Pak Thale, Doi Suket rice fields and at Thaton Marsh.

Kentish Plover

Charadrius alexandrinus

Small numbers at Baan Pak Thale and Coral Beach.

Malaysian Plover

Charadrius peronii

A pair of these scarce birds were seen at a beach at Laem Pak Bia.

[White-faced Plover]

Charadrius sp.

Three birds were seen on a small sandy beach near Laem Pak Bia, Petchaburi. Please see note.

Note: This species is under taxonomic review and has not been accepted as a full species by the IOC or Clements.

Lesser Sand Plover

Charadrius mongolus

Small numbers were identified at Baan Pak Thale and Coral Beach, Krabi.

Greater Sand Plover

Charadrius leschenaultii

Large numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale, Lam Pak Bia and at Coral Beach, near Krabi.

Painted-snipes *Rostratulidae*

Greater Painted-snipe

Rostratula benghalensis

A male bird was flushed and seen well at the Kings Project, Lam Pak Bia.

Jacanas *Jacanidae*

Pheasant-tailed Jacana

Hydrophasianus chirurgus

Up to six birds in partial breeding plumage were seen at a wetland near Khao Yai.

Bronze-winged Jacana

Metopidius indicus

Two were scoped at Lamprapreng Reservoir near Khao Yai.

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae

Pin-tailed Snipe

Gallinago stenura

Three birds were seen at Laem Pak Bia (King's project) and another near Chiang Mai.

Common Snipe

Gallinago gallinago

Four birds were seen at the Kings Project, Lam Pak Bia and three more near Chiang Mai.

Black-tailed Godwit

Limosa limosa

Good numbers at Baan Pak Thale and the Bang Tan Boon wetlands.

Bar-tailed Godwit

Limosa lapponica

Smaller numbers were seen amongst the above species at Baan Pak Thale and Coral Beach.

Whimbrel

Numenius phaeopus

Small numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at Coral Beach.

Eurasian Curlew

Numenius arquata

Three hundred birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale, and a single bird was seen at a mudflat near Krabi mangroves.

Far Eastern Curlew

Numenius madagascariensis

Three birds were picked out amongst the hundreds of Eurasian Curlews at Baan Pak Thale. The diagnostic dark-back was a giveaway in flight.

Spotted Redshank

Tringa erythropus

We had great views at Baan Pak Thale and at Lam Paklong.

Common Redshank

Tringa erythropus

Four birds were seen at Laem Pak Bia and a single at Lam Paklong.

Marsh Sandpiper

Tringa stagnatilis

Large numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale and a few at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands near Bangkok.

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

Up to ten were seen at Baan Pak Thale and a few at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands.

Nordmann's Greenshank

Tringa guttifer

One of the star attractions at Laem Pak Bia where we had excellent scope views of up to fifty birds on two days. Here we had the opportunity to compare, leg size, bill colour and other critical features with Common Greenshank which was also in groups nearby.

Green Sandpiper

Tringa ochropus

Singletons were seen at the Kings Project, Lam Pak Bia and the Mae Tang Irrigation Works, near Chiang Mai.

Wood Sandpiper

Tringa glareola

Recorded at Baan Pak Thale, Bang Tan Boon Wetlands and near Chiang Mai.

Grey-tailed Tattler

Tringa brevipes

Two birds were seen well at Coral Beach, near Krabi.

Terek Sandpiper

Xenus cinereus

A single bird at Lam Pak Thale and thirty at Coral beach near Krabi.

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

Recorded at Baan Pak Thale, Maeteng Irrigation, Chiang Mai and Krabi mangroves.

Ruddy Turnstone

Arenaria interpres

Only recorded at Coral Beach near Krabi.

Great Knot

Calidris canutus

We saw up to 100+ birds at Baan Pak Thale and a few at the Bang Tan Boon Wetlands.

Red Knot

Calidris canutus

A single bird was found at Baan Pak Thale with the Great Knots.

Sanderling

Calidris alba

Only recorded in small numbers at Lam Pak Bia and at Coral Beach near Krabi.

Red-necked Stint

Calidris ruficollis

We had very good views at Baan Pak Thale, Bang Tan Boon wetlands and at Coral Beach.

Temminck's Stint

Calidris temmincki

A singleton was scoped at Lam Pak Bia.

Long-toed Stint

Calidris subminuta

Small numbers of these colourful stints were found at Baan Pak Thale and the Bang Tan Boon Wetlands.

Curlew Sandpiper

Calidris ferruginea

We recorded small numbers in non-breeding plumage at Baan Pak Thale.

Dunlin

Calidris alpina

Up to thirty birds were noted at the salt pans at Pak Thale.

Spoon-billed Sandpiper (CE)

Eurynorhynchus pygmeus

We enjoyed great scope looks at two wintering birds at Baan Pak Thale. This was certainly the highlight for most. Sadly, this was a bitter sweet moment, as Spoon-billed Sandpipers are one of the most threatened wader species in the world with an estimated 250-400 birds! A captive breeding programme is underway and young birds have been released into the wild population. Time will tell if the population increases and the project successful!

Broad-billed Sandpiper

Limicola falcinellus

We had great scope views of more than 100 birds at Laem Pak Bia.

Ruff

Philomachus pugnax

Eight birds were seen on our arrival day at Pak Thale.

Red-necked Phalarope

Phalaropus lobatus

Four birds were seen well at Pak Thale.

Pratincoles Glareolidae

Oriental Pratincole

Glareola maldivarum

Four birds were seen flying over at Pak Thale, five at the Bang Tan Boon Wetlands and four at Thaton Marsh.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Brown-headed Gull

Larus brunnicephalus

Up to 300 birds were seen near Baan Pak Thale and around 100 at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands near Bangkok.

Pallas's Gull

Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus

A single of these large gulls were seen at Lam Pak Bia beach.

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Larus fuscus

Two were recorded at Lam Pak Bia beach.

Gull-billed Tern

Gelochelidon nilotica

Only observed at Baan Pak Thale, where we saw 8 birds.

Caspian Tern

Sterna caspia

Several birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at the Lam Pak Bia.

Greater Crested Tern

Thalasseus bergii

Fairly common at Baan Pak Thale and three at the coast at Coral Beach, Krabi.

Lesser Crested Tern

Thalasseus bengalensis

Four birds were seen briefly at Coral Beach, Krabi.

Little Tern

Sterna albifrons

Many birds in breeding plumage were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at Coral Beach, Krabi.

Bridled Tern

Sterna anaethetus

We saw three birds on our boat trip to Similan Islands NP.

Common Tern

Sterna hirundo

Fairly common at Baan Pak Thale with further sightings of four from the speed boat on the way to Similan Islands NP.

Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybridus

Hundreds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands.

White-winged Tern

Chlidonias leucopterus

We scoped smaller numbers of this species amongst the other terns at Baan Pak Thale.

Doves & Pigeons *Columbidae*

Rock Dove (Pigeon)

Columba livia

We found this species to be fairly common in towns and cities throughout.

Speckled Wood Pigeon

Columba hodgsonii

Up to twenty birds were seen near the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Oriental Turtle Dove

Streptopelia orientalis

A single bird was seen on the road up to Doi Lang by one vehicle.

Red Turtle Dove

Streptopelia tranquebarica

A common species along the roadsides and found in most of the sites we visited.

Spotted Dove

Streptopelia chinensis

Good numbers were seen at most localities.

Barred Cuckoo-Dove

Macropygia unchall

We saw two birds in forest around Doi Angkhang.

Common Emerald Dove

Chalcophaps indica

We had great views of several birds along the roadside in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and in Khao Nor Chuchi.

NOTE: The IOC has recently split the race C. longirostris of Australasia as a separate species Pacific Emerald Dove.

We recorded the nominate on our tour C. indica. This split is not currently recognized by Clements.

Zebra Dove

Geopelia striata

A common species throughout the tour.

Nicobar Pigeon

Caloenas nicobarica

Up to eight of these stunning birds were seen on the Similan Island tour. Great views and photographs were taken as they walked in the open campsite. A major highlight on the extension and one of the great pigeons of the world!

Thick-billed [Green] Pigeon

Treron curvirostra

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, at our lodge in Doi Inthanon and in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Pin-tailed [Green] Pigeon

Treron apicauda

Fantastic views were obtained at Doi Chiang Dao, including a flock of twenty.

Yellow-vented [Green] Pigeon

Treron seimundi

A single bird was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP. A scarce resident throughout Thailand.

Green Imperial Pigeon

Ducula aenea

Three were seen in the campsite at the Similan Islands NP.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon

Ducula badia

Our first sighting was of two birds at Kaeng Krachan, two at Khao Yai NP and many excellent looks at Doi Lang.

Pied Imperial Pigeon

Ducula bicolor

We enjoyed excellent scope views of several birds on the Similan Islands.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Greater Coucal

Centropus sinensis

This is a widespread species that was seen or heard in small numbers on virtually every day of the trip.

Lesser Coucal

Centropus bengalensis

We had great flight views of single birds at the Kaeng Krachan Country Resort, at a wetland near Khao Yai and at a paddy field at Doi Inthanon.

Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo (H) *Carpococcyx renauldi*

This mythical species was heard calling distantly in Khao Yai NP.

Raffles' Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus*

A pair were seen very well in Khao Nor Chuchi forest.

Red-billed Malakoha *Zanclostomus javanicus*

A single bird was seen at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest, near Krabi.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

A single bird was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP and a pair were seen at very close range at Sri Phra Nga NP near Krabi.

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus*

Good looks at a pair in the Krabi mangroves.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

Small numbers were seen at several sites throughout the tour.

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus*

Seen or heard in small numbers at many sites including on Similan Islands NP.

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

Great scope views at Kaeng Krachan NP, Doi Inthanon and Doi Angkhang NP's.

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*

Heard regularly at many lowland forest sites and then scope views in the lower foothills at Doi Inthanon NP.

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

We enjoyed good views at our lodge near Sab Sadou with another sighting at Doi Angkhang

Square-tailed (Asian) Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

Good views at Kaeng Krachan NP and later at Doi Lang.

NOTE: The IOC have recently split the Asian Drongo-Cuckoo complex into three separate species. We recorded two of these species on our tour. The third species occurs on Sulawesi and Halmahera and is called Moluccan Drongo-Cuckoo (S. musschenbroeki)

Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus dicruroides*

Two good sightings at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides*

Two brief sightings at Khao Yai NP and several heard at Doi Inthanon and Doi Angkhang.

NOTE: IOC splits this species into two species: Dark Hawk-Cuckoo H. bocki and Large Hawk-Cuckoo H. sparverioides, whereas Clements only recognizes one species, Large Hawk-Cuckoo H. sparverioides.

Indian Cuckoo (H) *Cuculus micropterus*

Heard distantly at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Himalayan Cuckoo (H) *Cucurus saturatus*

Heard calling in the lower foothills at Doi Angkhang.

Barn Owls Tytonidae

Oriental Bay Owl *Phodilus badius*

Fantastic views were had of an adult and juvenile on a day roost in forest near Khao Nor Chuchi. A highly desirable and sought-after species.

Typical Owls Strigidae

Mountain Scops-Owl (H) *Otus spilocephalus*

We heard five birds distantly at Doi Angkhang but could not get closer due to the terrain!

Collared Scops-Owl *Otus lettia*

Heard at several sites and seen well at Doi Angkhang. We also had excellent looks at an adult and two fledglings in our hotel grounds at Sri Phra Nga.

Oriental Scops Owl (H) *Otus sunia*

Heard briefly at Doi Inthanon NP.

RBT Thailand Trip Report February-March 2016

NOTE: The IOC has recently elevated the race *O. socotranus*, which is endemic to Socotra to full species level and have called it *Socotra Scops Owl*.

Barred Eagle-Owl

Bubo sumatranus

We enjoyed good scope looks at this marvellous-looking bird near Khao Nor Chuchi Forest. A scarce bird throughout its range.

Spotted Wood Owl

Strix seloputo

We enjoyed great looks at two adults and a juvenile of this scarce species in a woodland near Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Brown Wood Owl

Strix leptogrammica

Great scope looks at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Collared Owlet

Glaucidium brodiei

We had good scope views of one at Khao Yai NP.

Asian Barred Owlet

Glaucidium cuculoides

Our first sightings were in Kaeng Krachan NP with a further sighting at Sab Sadou and in the foothills at Doi Inthanon NP. It was also heard at many other sites

Spotted Owlet

Athene brama

Four birds were scoped at their roosting trees at Sab Sadao.

Brown Hawk-Owl

Ninox scutulata

We enjoyed great flight views and brief perched looks at Sab Sadao.

Frogmouths Podargidae

Hodgson's Frogmouth

Batrachostomus hodgsoni

Fabulous scope looks at a bird sitting on a nest on Doi Lang.

Blyth's Frogmouth

Batrachostomus javanensis

Fabulous looks were had at Khao Nor Chuchi forest.

NOTE: The species we recorded in Thailand *B. affinis* has been recently split by the IOC from the nominate *B. javensis* (Javan Frogmouth), which is confined to Java. The IOC has also split the subspecies *B. chaseni* into a fully recognised species, Palawan Frogmouth, endemic to Palawan Island on the Philippines.

Nightjars & Allies Caprimulgidae

Great Eared Nightjar

Eurostopodus macrotis

A single bird was seen at dusk at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Large-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus macrurus

We had great views of several in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and at our lodge in the foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

Indian Nightjar

Caprimulgus asiaticus

A singleton was seen in woodland near the foothills at Doi Inthanon NP.

Savanna Nightjar

Caprimulgus affinis

A singleton was seen in woodland near the foothills at Doi Inthanon NP.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Crested Treeswift

Hemiprogne coronata

Good views were had in the lower woodlands at Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-rumped Treeswift

Hemiprogne longipennis

We had good looks at several birds in Kaeng Krachan NP and at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Whiskered Treeswift

Hemiprogne longipennis

Excellent scope views of a pair at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Swifts Apodidae

Himalayan Swiftlet

Aerodramus brevirostris

A flock of twenty were seen at the Mae Tang Irrigation works near Chiang Mai.

Germain's Swiftlet

Aerodromus germani

We had several at Baan Pak Thale, wetlands near Bangkok and many were seen in the Krabi areas and at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Silver-rumped Spinetail *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

We had great scope looks at around ten birds in Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*

Great views of up to fifteen birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Asian Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

A common species in the lowlands.

Cook's Swift *Apus pacificus*

Recorded in the mountain areas at Doi Lang, Doi Chiang Dao and at Doi Angkhang.

NOTE: This species has recently undergone a four way split. The race we recorded, A. cooki is now known as Cook's Swift and occurs through Vietnam, south China, Thailand, Malay Peninsula and Myanmar. The nominate race becomes Pacific Swift A. pacificus and occurs through Eastern Asia with non-breeding birds going as far south as Australasia. The other two races are A. salimali, Salim Ali's Swift which occurs on the east Tibetan plateau and adjacent west Sichuan and A. leuconyx, Blyth's Swift which is found in Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan and north-east India. Clements only accepts one species Fork-tailed Swift.

Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus*

Recorded in the lower foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Small numbers were seen in Chiang Mai, Doi Inthanon and Doi Lang.

Trogons Trogonidae

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*

We had wonderful scope views in Kaeng Krachan NP and at Khao Yai NP.

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

Great scope views of a female bird in Khao Yai NP.

Rollers Coraciidae

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*

A common species seen throughout the trip.

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

Singletons were seen in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai NP and at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of a male in Khao Yai NP.

Brown-winged Kingfisher *Pelargopsis amauroptera*

We had fantastic views of several during our boat trip in the mangroves at Krabi.

Ruddy Kingfisher *Halcyon coromanda*

We had good scope looks at a bird in the Phra Nga mangroves.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

We enjoyed great views of many at several sites throughout the tour.

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*

We had views at Baan Pak Thale mangroves.

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*

Up to ten birds were seen in Baan Pak Thale with further sightings on the Similan Islands and in the Krabi mangroves.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

This widespread species was recorded at Laem Pak Bia, Khao Yai NP, Chiang Mai and at Krabi.

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx erithacus*

Heard calling twice as it flew past us in Sri Phrang Nga NP and one seen briefly at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Notes: This kingfisher, is sometimes split into 2 species, 1. Rufous-backed Kingfisher *Ceyx rufidorsa* 2. Black-backed Kingfisher *Ceyx erithacus*. We saw both Black-backed Kingfisher and Rufous-backed Kingfisher in small stream in the lower part of Kaeng Krachan NP. We saw one Rufous-backed Kingfisher at the small forest stream at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*

We enjoyed good scope looks in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP's.

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*

Good numbers in dry woodland at Kaeng Krachan, Sab Sadou, Chiang Mai and near our lodge at Doi Inthanon NP.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

Two birds were seen in flight at Pak Thale.

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

Two birds were seen by some at a brief stop en route to Kaeng Krachan NP, our only sighting of the tour.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

Recorded in dry country around Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Sab Sadou and near Doi Inthanon NP.

Hoopoes *Upupidae*

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

We had great scope views at our Kaeng Krachan Country Lodge with further sightings at Sab Sadao.

NOTE: The Hoopoe complex has had a confusing taxonomic history, with one to four species being recognised by various authorities. Clements splits the group into two forms, Madagascar *U. marginalis* and Eurasian *U. epops*. The most generally accepted treatment is that of three species, Madagascar, Eurasian and African. Further confusion arises in the placement of the *senegalensis* form within this grouping with most authorities placing it with the dark-winged *africana* group, however, Stevenson & Fanshawe place it with the white-winged Eurasian nominate grouping. The IOC accepts the splits of Madagascar, African and Eurasian Hoopoes.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis*

We enjoyed great sightings of these impressive birds in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.

Helmeted Hornbill (H) *Buceros vigil*

Frustratingly close, as we heard this bird calling on the forested hillside in Sri Phra Nga NP.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill *Anthraceroceros albirostris*

We saw a few small flocks in Kaeng Krachan and in Khao Yai.

Bushy-crested Hornbill (H) *Anorrhinus gaaleritus*

Heard only at Sri Phrang Nga NP.

Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros undulates*

Great sightings in Kaeng Krachan and at Khao Yai NP's.

Barbets *Capitonidae*

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*

We had good views of this large, striking species in Doi Lang. Also heard at Kaeng Krachan NP and in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon.

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*

We had our first sighting of birds in Sab Sadao with a further sighting in the lower foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-eared Barbet *Megalaima faiostricta*

Our only sightings were in Kaeng Krachan NP and at Khao Yai NP.

Golden-whiskered Barbet *Megalaima chrysopogon*

Great scope views of a calling bird in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Red-crowned Barbet (H)

Megalaima rafflesii

We only heard two distant birds calling in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Red-throated Barbet

Megalaima mystacophanos

Heard at Kaeng Krachan NP before our first sighting at Doi Inthanon and later scoped at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Golden-throated Barbet

Megalaima franklinii

Or first sighting was in Doi Lang, with a further birds heard at Doi Inthanon NP.

Blue-throated Barbet

Megalaima asiatica

We had great scope views of two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP and further sightings at Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Ankhong, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Moustached Barbet

Megalaima incognita

We had one bird in Kaeng Krachan NP and several in Khao Yai NP.

Blue-eared Barbet

Megalaima australis

Recorded in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai and Khao Nor Chuchi.

Coppersmith Barbet

Megalaima haemacephala

A common species in town and lowland forest.

Sooty Barbet

Caloramphus hayii

Three birds were seen above us in a high tree at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

Speckled Piculet

Picumnus innominatus

Fantastic close views at this beauty at Doi Inthanon NP and at Doi Angkhong.

Rufous Piculet

Sasia abnormis

A single bird was seen well at Khao Nor Chuchi.

White-browed Piculet

Sasia ochracea

Heard at Kaeng Krachan NP and one seen well at Si Phra Nga NP at its most southern location in Thailand.

Heart-spotted Woodpecker

Hemicircus canente

A pair were seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker

Dendrocopos canicapillus

Singletons were seen at Doi Lang and in woodland on Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker

Dendrocopos atratus

We had stunning views of pairs daily at Doi Lang.

White-bellied Woodpecker

Dryocopus javensis

We enjoyed fantastic scope looks at a mobile pair of these huge woodpeckers at Sab Sadao. A brilliant bird!

Greater Yellownape

Picus flavinucha

We enjoyed great views of singletons in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Lesser Yellownape

Picus chlorolophus

A great scope look at Doi Lang after a fair search.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker

Picus puniceus

A single bird was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Streak-breasted Woodpecker

Picus viridanus

We had good scope views of a bird in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Laced Woodpecker

Picus vittatus

We had great views of a pair in Khao Yai NP.

Black-headed Woodpecker

Picus erythropygius

A spectacular bird! We were fortunate to have fabulous scope looks at a pair at Sab Sadao.

Grey-headed Woodpecker (H)

Picus canus

Heard only at Khao Yai NP.

Common (Goldenback) Flameback

Dinopium javanense

Great scope looks at two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Greater (Goldenback) Flameback

Chrysocolaptes lucidus

Singletons seen daily in Khao Yai NP.

Bamboo Woodpecker

Gecinulus viridis

Good flight views were had of a very responsive bird at Kaeng Krachan and at Doi Chiang Dao.

Bay Woodpecker

Blythipicus pyrrhotis

Good flight looks at Kaeng Krachan and at Doi Chaeng Dao.

Rufous Woodpecker

Micropternus brachyurus

Good scope looks in Khao Yai NP.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker

Meiglyptes tristis

A single bird was seen at Kaeng Krachan and one was seen briefly in flight at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Black-and-Buff Woodpecker

Meiglyptes jugularis

A pair were scoped at Khao Yai NP giving excellent looks.

Great Slaty Woodpecker

Mulleripicus pulverulentus

Fabulous flight and scope looks of a pair of these huge beasts at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae*

Collared Falconet

Microhierax caerulescens

We had great scope views of three of these small raptors in the Ditreocarp woodland in the lower foothills at Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-thighed Falconet

Microhierax fringillarius

Fantastic scope looks at two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Common (Eurasian) Kestrel

Falco tinnunculus

Recorded near Khao Yai and at Thathon Marsh.

NOTE: Some authorities including the IOC split this species into Common Kestrel, F. tinnunculus which we observed and occurs from Asia, through Europe and into North Africa and Rock Kestrel, F. rupicolus, which occurs in Southern Africa. Clements does not as yet recognize these splits.

Oriental Hobby

Falco severus

A single bird was hunting at the bat cave near Khao Yai NP.

Peregrine Falcon

Falco peregrinus

A single bird was found in a tower en route to Kaeng Krachan Country Resort.

NOTE: IOC splits F. peregrinus into two species, Peregrine Falcon (F. peregrinus) and Barbary Falcon (F. peregrinoides) of SW Europe & N Africa. Clements doesn't recognize this split.

Parrots, Macaws & Allies *Psittacidae*

Vernal Hanging-Parrot

Loriculus vernalis

Seen almost daily in flight “zooming over” at Kaeng Krachan NP, in Khao Yai NP and in Khao Nor Chuchi. We did however have excellent scope views of a few feeding birds.

Blossom-headed Parakeet

Psittacula roseate

Several birds were seen in flight and one pair perched allowing great scope looks in the dry woodlands of Sab Sadao.

Red-breasted Parakeet

Psittacula alexandri

We had good scope views of several pairs at Sab Sadao.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*

Green Broadbill

Calyptomena viridis

We enjoyed fabulous close views of a pair in Khao Nor Chuchi forest.

Black-and-red Broadbill (H)

Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus

Heard briefly at Sri Phra Nga mangroves.

Long-tailed Broadbill

Psarisomus dalhousiae ๕๕๗

Heard in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and Doi Angkhang but found by Trevor at Doi Lang where we had fabulous views.

Silver-breasted Broadbill

Serilophus lunatus

Three birds were playing hide and seek at Khao Yai NP eventually allowing good scope looks.

Banded Broadbill

Eurylaimus javanicus

We had good close views of a pair low down in a tree in Khao Yai NP.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill

Eurylaimus ochromalus

We had excellent scope views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan and we heard several in Khao Nor Chuchi and saw a further two at Si Phra Nga NP in the south.

Pittas Pittidae

Eared Pitta (H)

Pitta phayrei

Frustratingly close, but we could not get a glimpse of this much sought-after species in Khao Yai NP.

Rusty-naped Pitta

Pitta oatesi

At Doi Angkhang, we visited a “photographic feeding area” where a pair, initially quite shy, came in and gave us excellent, close looks. This is a hill-forest species which are rarely seen.

Blue Pitta

Pitta cyanea

We enjoyed fabulous close views of a very confiding individual at Khao Yai NP with walk-away views.

Malayan Banded Pitta

Pitta guajana

We had excellent, close looks at a stunning male in Sri Phrang Nga NP.

*NOTE: The Banded Pitta complex has recently been split by the IOC into 3 separate species. The race we recorded *H. irena* is now known as Malayan Banded Pitta. The nominate, *H. guajanus* is now called Javan Banded Pitta while the race *H. schwaneri* is called Bornean Banded Pitta.*

Mangrove Pitta

Pitta megarhyncha

After a short search in the mangroves at Phrang Nga we were rewarded with good views of 2 of these stunning birds running in dense vegetation and later fabulous looks one perched in an open tree. We had another great look at a perched bird in mangroves around Krabi where 3 others were heard calling.

Australian Warblers Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone

Gerygone sulphurea

We had brief views of a bird in mangroves at the Kings Project, Laem Pak Bia. Later we had excellent looks at a pair at the Bang Tan Boon Wetlands.

Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

Hemipus picatus

We found this species in woodland at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, at Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon.

Large Woodshrike

Tephrodornis virgatus

Good views at Kaeng Krachan and at the lower woodlands of Doi Inthanon NP.

Common Woodshrike

Tephrodornis pondicerianus

A single bird was seen at Sab Sadao.

*NOTE: *T. affinis*, which is endemic to Sri Lanka is split by the IOC as Sri Lanka Woodshrike. It is not split by Clements.*

Rufous-winged Philentoma

Philentoma pyroptera

We saw two of these scarce forest birds daily at Si Phra Nga NP.

Woodswallows Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow

Artamus fuscus

Commonly seen along the roadside throughout the trip.

Ioras Aegithinidae

Common Iora

Aegithina tiphia

Small numbers were seen throughout the tour.

Green Iora

Aegithina viridissima

Two sightings in Khao Nor Cuchi Forest.

Great Iora

Aegithina lafresnayei

We had sightings at Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai, NP, Doi Chiang Dao and at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Cuckooshrikes *Campephagidae*

Large Cuckooshrike

Coracina macei

We had great views of a pair at Sab Sadao, Doi Lang and at Doi Inthanon.

Indochinese Cuckooshrike

Coracina polioptera

Flyby looks as we were walking in Sab Sadou one evening.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike

Coracina melaschistos

More widespread than the previous species. We recorded it at Kaeng Krachan, at Khao Yai NP and Doi Lang.

Rosy Minivet

Pericrocotus roseus

Four birds were seen well one evening in dry woodland in the lower foothills at Doi Inthanon NP.

Swinhoe's (Brown-rumped) Minivet

Pericrocotus cantonensis

Recorded at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.

Small Minivet

Pericrocotus cinnamomeus

We had wonderful views of ten in the dry woodlands at Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-chinned Minivet

Pericrocotus solaris

We had great looks at small numbers at Doi Lang.

Long-tailed Minivet

Pericrocotus ethologus

We enjoyed great looks at these stunners daily on Doi Inthanon NP.

Short-billed Minivet

Pericrocotus brevirostris

Our only sighting was of a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.

Scarlet Minivet

Pericrocotus flammeus

This strikingly plumaged species was the most common minivet of the trip and was seen in lowland forest and in the mountains.

NOTE: The nominate P. flammeus is endemic to South India and Sri Lanka and is called Orange Minivet. We recorded P. speciosus which is commonly known as Scarlet Minivet. This is not split by Clements but is regarded as a full species by the IOC.

Whistlers & Allies *Pachycephalida*

Mangrove Whistler

Pachycephala grisola

We had great looks at a pair showing well in the mangroves near Krabi.

Shrikes *Laniidae*

Brown Shrike

Lanius cristatus

A common winter visitor seen on most days of the tour.

Burmese Shrike

Lanius collurioides

Our only sighting of this species was on Doi Lang.

Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius schach

Regularly recorded in small numbers from Chiang Mai to Doi Angkhang.

Grey-backed Shrike

Lanius tephronotus

A good find in mid-elevation at Doi Inthanon NP. A scarce species throughout Thailand

Vireos, Greenlets *Vireonidae*

White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina)

Erpornis zantholeuca

Good but brief looks in Khao Yai NP and Doi Inthanon NP.

Blyth's (White-browed) Shrike-Babbler

Pteruthius flaviscapis

First recorded in the higher area of Doi Inthanon with further sightings on Doi Lang and Doi Angkhang. Our best sightings were at Doi Suket where we saw two pairs at close range.

NOTE: Clements lumps Blyth's Shrike-babbler *P. aeralatus* with Pied Shrike-babbler *P. flaviscapis*, Himalayan Shrikebabbler *P. ripleyi* and Dalat Shrike-babbler *P. annamensis* as White-browed Shrike-babbler *P. flaviscapis*.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler

Pteruthius melanotus

Seen briefly in a bird flock at Doi Inthanon.

Clicking (Chestnut-fronted) Shrike-Babbler

Pternthus aenobarbus

We had good views of a single bird at Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: This species has recently been split up by the IOC into Clicking and Trilling Shrike-babblers. The species we observed is Clicking Shrike-babbler, *P. intermedius*. The nominate Trilling Shrike-babbler *P. aenobarbus* is confined to Java.

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae*

Slender-billed Oriole

Oriolus tenuirostris

This scarce hill forest resident was seen well at Doi Lang.

Black-naped Oriole

Oriolus chinensis

The most commonly encountered oriole that occurs in varied habitats was seen in Bangkok, Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and at Doi Inthanon NP's.

Black-hooded Oriole

Oriolus xanthornus

A single bird in dry woodland at Doi Inthanon and a pair at Doi Chaeng Dao.

Maroon Oriole

Oriolus traillii

We had good looks at single birds at Doi Inthanon, Doi Lang and at Doi Angkhang.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Black Drongo

Dicrurus macrocercus

Commonly seen in open habitats especially farm and woodlands.

Ashy Drongo

Dicrurus leucophaeus

Another common forest species which we saw small numbers in various localities during our trip.

Crow-billed Drongo

Dicrurus annectans

Singletons of this scarce winter migrant were seen very well at Kha Nor Chuchi and at Sri Phrang Nga.

Bronzed Drongo

Dicrurus aeneus

Small numbers of this species also commonly seen in various types of forests.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus remifer

This species was seen in hill forest on Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Hair-crested Drongo

Dicrurus hottentottus

Seen commonly in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's and also seen on Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Inthanon NP. A huge gathering of twenty birds were seen feeding in the flowering *Erythrina* trees.

NOTE: Clements splits this species into two species: Hair-crested Drongo *D. hottentottus* and Tablas Drongo *D. menagei* whereas IOC only recognizes one species, Hair-crested Drongo *D. hottentottus*.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus paradiseus

A drongo of lowland forests where we first recorded it at Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in forests throughout the tour.

NOTE: *D. lophorinus* is not split by Clements but is regarded as a separate species, Sri Lanka Drongo, which is endemic to Sri Lanka by the IOC.

Fantails *Rhipiduridae*

White-throated Fantail

Rhipidura albicollis

We had only one sighting this year at Doi Inthanon NP.

Malaysian Pied Fantail

Rhipidura javanica

Small numbers were seen in Bangkok, Kaeng Krachan NP, Sab Sadao, and at the Krabi Mangroves.

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

Black-naped Monarch

Hypothymis azurea

A common species in most forests. We had seen small numbers in Kaeng Krachan NP, Sab Sadao, Khao Yai NP and at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher

Terpsiphone paradisi

First seen in Kaeng Krachan with further sightings in Khao Yai, Doi Chiang Dao and lastly in Khao Nor Chuchi where we recorded two stunning white-phased males.

Crows, Jays & Magpies *Corvidae*

Black Magpie

Platysmurus galericulatus

We had fabulous looks at a pair as they flew through the forest and occasionally perched at Khao Nor Chuchi. A shy forest species.

NOTE: The distinctive, all-black Bornean race is regarded by some authorities as a full species, Bornean Black Magpie.

Eurasian Jay

Garrulus glandarius

We had good views on two visits in Sab Sadao.

Red-billed Blue Magpie

Urocissa erythrorhyncha

A great look at six of these spectacular birds in flight near our lodge at Doi Inthanon NP.

Common Green Magpie

Cissa chinensis

A pair of these striking birds were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Rufous Treepie

Dendrocitta vagabunda

Two were seen at Saekarat Biosphere Reserve and several at Doi Inthanon lodge.

Grey Treepie

Dendrocitta formosae

Heard calling at high elevations at several sites before we found a pair at Doi Lang and later at Doi Inthanon NP and enjoyed good scope looks.

Racket-tailed Treepie

Crypsirina temia

A pair were seen very well in mangroves at Lam Pak Bia with a further sighting in woodland near our lodge in the foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

Ratchet-tailed Treepie

Temnurus temnurus

We had superb views of a pair birds at Kaeng Krachan NP. This is the only place in Thailand where this species occurs!

Large-billed Crow

Corvus macrorhynchos

Small numbers were seen in the south at Krabi.

NOTE: Clements lumps this species with Indian Jungle Crow C. culminatus and Eastern Jungle Crow C. levaillantii as Large-billed Crow C. macrorhynchos.

Eastern Jungle (Large-billed) Crow

Corvus levaillanti

Recorded at many sites in the central area of Thailand.

NOTE: See previous species account.

Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*

Yellow-bellied Fantail

Rhipidura hypoxantha

We had great views of a pair at the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher

Culicicapa ceylonensis

A fairly common species seen in several forests that we visited.

Chickadees & Tits *Paridae*

Sultan Tit

Melanochlora sultanea

We enjoyed great scope looks at a pair of these smart looking birds with the funky, yellow crests in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Japanese Tit

Parus minor

We found small numbers in Doi Lang, Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: Clements lumps Cinereous Tit P. cinereous with Great Tit P. major and Japanese Tit P. minor as Great Tit P. major. Clements does however recognize another split of Great Tit P. major that IOC does not recognize, this being Turkestan Tit P. bokharensis.

Yellow-cheeked Tit

Parus spilonotus

Small numbers of this attractive bird were seen at Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Larks *Alaudidae*

Indochinese Bush Lark

Mirafra erythrocephala

A few birds were seen in the surrounds of Kaeng Krachan Lodge.

Oriental Skylark

Alauda gulgula

A single bird at a wetland near Khao Yak and fabulous looks at a singing bird at the Doi Suket rice fields near Chaeng Mai.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

Crested Finchbill

Spizixos canifrons

First recorded at Doi Lang and seen daily through the mountains to Doi Angkhang.

Striated Bulbul

Pycnonotus striatus

This large bulbul was seen well at Doi Lang and at Doi Angkhang.

Black-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus atriceps

First seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Yai NP and common at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Black-crested Bulbul

Pycnonotus melanicterus

First seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with regular sightings at many sites thereafter.

NOTE: Clements lumps Black-crested Bulbul P. flaviventris with Black-capped Bulbul P. melanicterus, Ruby-throated Bulbul P. dispar, Flame-throated Bulbul P. gularis and Bornean Bulbul P. montis as Black-crested Bulbul P. melanicterus, whereas IOC recognizes all the above splits.

Red-whiskered Bulbul

Pycnonotus jocosus

Recorded in the mountains from Doi Lang to Doi Inthanon. Commonly seen as cage birds in the south where we failed to see a wild bird!

Brown-breasted Bulbul

Pycnonotus xanthorrhous

Up to twenty were seen daily at Doi Angkhang.

Sooty-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus aurigaster

Our first sightings were in Sab Sadao, thereafter recorded in most of the mountain sites.

Puff-backed Bulbul

Pycnonotus eutilotus

Two birds were seen well at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Stripe-throated Bulbul

Pycnonotus finlaysoni

Good views of single birds at Kaeng Krachan and at Khao Yai NP.

Flavescent Bulbul

Pycnonotus flavescens

Our first sighting was of four birds on the higher slopes of Kaeng Krachan NP, with numerous further sightings at Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Yellow-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus goiavier

Suprisingly, very few sightings with our first sighting in scrub around Khao Nor Chuchi and Krabi.

Olive-winged Bulbul

Pycnonotus plumosus

Our only sighting was of a pair at Krabi.

Streak-eared Bulbul

Pycnonotus blanfordi

Seen commonly in open habitats, towns and lowland forests throughout the trip.

Cream-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus simplex

Good sightings daily in Khao Nor Chuchi Forest and at Si Phra Nga NP.

Asian Red-eyed Bulbul

Pycnonotus brunneus

Small numbers were seen in Sri Phrang Nga NP.

Spectacled Bulbul

Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos

Three birds were seen at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Puff-throated Bulbul

Criniger pallidus

This large bulbul was seen in small numbers in Khao Yai NP and at Doi Inthanon NP.

Ochraceous Bulbul

Criniger ochraceus

A large, vocal bulbul was seen very well at Kaeng Krachan NP with a further sighting in Sri Phrang Nga.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Criniger bres*

Two birds showed well in Khao Nor Chuchi after a bit of a run-around.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul (H) *Criniger phaeocephalus*

Heard only in Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes criniger*

We had wonderful close views of this small, “large-eyed bulbul” in Khao Nor Chuchi and Sri Phrang Nga.

Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua*

Small numbers were seen in the higher elevations at Khao Yai NP and more birds were seen at Doi Angkhang.

Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole olivacea*

Small numbers were seen daily in Kaeng Krachan NP and at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mcclellandii*

Our first sighting was at Doi Inthanon, later we saw many in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

Streaked Bulbul *Ixos malaccensis*

Two brief birds at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flava*

We heard it first in Kaeng Krachan NP and later had good views at Khao Yai NP and at Doi Inthanon.

NOTE: IOC splits this species into two species: Ashy Bulbul H. flava and Cinereous Bulbul H. cinereus, whereas Clements only recognizes one species, Ashy Bulbul H. flava.

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

Small numbers were seen at Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: H. leucocephalus is split into two species by IOC according to the latest update, Black Bulbul (H. leucocephalus) and Square-tailed Bulbul (H. ganessa) of S India and Sri Lanka. Clements does not recognize this split.

White-headed Bulbul *Cerapophaga thomasoni*

We had great look at four birds in mid-elevation forest at Doi Inthanon NP. This is a localised species and a good find.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

Four birds were seen at a wetland near Khao Yai one evening.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Good numbers were seen almost every day throughout the trip.

NOTE: This cosmopolitan species complex may be split based on the Old World nominate form and its congeners which would become Eurasian Swallow H. rustica and the New World Barn Swallow H. erythrogaster. Further splitting within the group may also be done e.g. the distinctive H. r. savignii, which breeds in the Nile Valley and would be named Egyptian Swallow.

We only recorded representatives of the Palearctic migrant Barn/Eurasian Swallow.

Clements does not yet recognize any of these splits.

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

Good numbers were seen in the Krabi area and on the trip to Similan Islands NP.

NOTE: H. domicola is not split by Clements but is regarded as a full species by IOC according to the latest update. H. domicola is now known as Hill Swallow and is endemic to South India and Sri Lanka.

Asian (House) Martin *Delichon dasypus*

Up to thirty birds were seen at mid elevation in Doi Inthanon NP.

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Small numbers were seen at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai NP, Chaeng Mai and at Thaton.

NOTE: IOC splits H. daurica into three species, Red-rumped Swallow (H. daurica), Sri Lanka Swallow (H. hyperythra) of Sri Lanka and West African Swallow (H. domicella) of W Africa. Clements does not yet recognize these splits.

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

First recorded near Chiang Mai with further sightings and in the dry woodlands in the foothills at Doi Inthanon NP and at Doi Angkhang.

Rufous-bellied Swallow

Hirundo badia

Good numbers were seen in the Krabi mangrove area.

Notes: This species has been split by some authorities from Striated Swallow.

Wren-babblers *Pnoepygidae*

Pygmy (Cupwing) Wren-babbler

Pnoepyga pusilla

We enjoyed excellent close looks at one of these, tail-less mites, at the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Cettia bush Warblers & allies *Cettidae*

Yellow-bellied Warbler

Abroscopus superciliosus

We had good looks at a pair in bamboo at Kaeng Krachan NP and another at Doi Angkhang.

Mountain Tailorbird

Phyllergates (Orthotomus) cucullatus

Heard singing at Doi Inthanon before this smart bird were seen at Doi Angkhang.

Aberrant Bush Warbler

Cettia flavolivacea

Brief but good looks at a responsive bird at Doi Lang.

Slaty-bellied Tesia (H)

Tesia olivea

Heard at Doi Inthanon NP but not responsive to playback.

Pale-footed Bush Warbler (H)

Urosphena pallidipes

Heard calling briefly Khao Yai NP's

Leaf Warblers & Allies *Phylloscopidae*

Dusky Warbler

Phylloscopus fuscatus

First recorded at Pake Thale where we saw two birds and then two birds were seen in rank grass near our lodge at Kaeng Krachan, one at Doi Suket paddy and a further two at Thaton Marsh.

Buff-throated Warbler

Phylloscopus subaffinis

Great looks at a single bird at Doi Angkhang.

Radde's Warbler

Phylloscopus schwarzi

Small numbers of this Siberian migrant were seen at Kaeng Krachan, Sab Sadao and at Khao Yai.

Buff-barred Warbler

Phylloscopus pulcher

We had good views of two birds at the summit of Doi Inthanon.

Ashy-throated Warbler

Phylloscopus maculipennis

We had great views of four birds at the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Chinese Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus yunnanensis

A good view and heard calling at Doi Angkhang. A scarce winter migrant to Thailand.

Yellow-browed Warbler

Phylloscopus inornatus

This winter visitor was recorded on most days of the tour.

Hume's Warbler

Phylloscopus humei

Recorded at Doi Lang and then seen very well on Doi Angkhang. Also heard at Doi Inthanon NP.

Arctic Warbler

Phylloscopus borealis

Singletons seen well in Khao Yai NP, at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest, on the Similan Islands and in the Krabi mangroves.

NOTE: Some authorities split Arctic Warbler into three species, Arctic, Kamtchatka and Sakhalin Warblers, all three winter in Thailand. Very difficult to separate in the field but each has a different winter call. At present Clements does not accept these splits.

Two-barred Warbler

Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus

Identified on its winter contact call, we had good looks at a single bird at the Mae Wang Irrigation works.

NOTE: The Greenish Warbler complex has recently been split into two species and we recorded both on our Thailand tour. The race *P. plumbeitarsus* while the nominate remains as Greenish Warbler.

Pale-legged Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus tenellipes

Heard calling at Kaeng Krachan NP and at Khao Yai NP where its distinctive call was heard and later good looks were had at a bird in mangroves at Phra Nga while looking for Mangrove Pitta.

Eastern Crowned Warbler

Phylloscopus coronatus

We had good sightings of this species at Kaeng Krachan NP and at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus reguloides

We had good views of several singing birds at the summit at the Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: This species complex has recently undergone a three way split. We recorded both Blyth's Leaf Warbler (P. reguloides) and Claudia's Leaf Warbler (P. claudiae) on our Thailand tour. The other species Hartert's Leaf Warbler (P. goodsoni) is found in south-east China. Clements does not recognize any of these splits.

Claudia's Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus claudiae

Excellent views of several birds at Khao Yai NP and at Doi Angkhang. Its distinctive "nuthatch-like" feeding along branches was seen

NOTE: See above.

Davison's (White-tailed) Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus davisoni

Large numbers were seen daily in Doi Inthanon NP, Doi Lang, Doi Chiang Dao and at Doi Angkhang.

NOTE: Clements calls Davison's Leaf Warbler White-tailed Leaf Warbler which is the nominate race. The IOC has recently also split the race P. ogilviegranti as Kloss's Leaf Warbler which is found in Vietnam, Sichuan and Yunnan.

Sulphur-breasted Warbler

Phylloscopus ricketti

Two were seen briefly in mixed bird flocks at Khao Yai NP.

Grey-crowned Warbler

Seicercus tephrocephalus

A single bird was seen briefly on Doi Lang.

Bianchi's Warbler (H)

Seicercus valentini

Heard only at Doi Angkhang.

Martens's Warbler

Seicercus omeiensis

A single bird was seen well as it fed low close to a female Siberian Robin at a trail in Khao Yai NP.

Alstrom's Warbler

Seicercus soror

A single bird was seen briefly at Khao Yai NP.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler

Seicercus castaniceps

Great looks were had of this striking little bird at Doi Lang.

Reed Warblers & Allies Acrocephalidae

Oriental Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus orientalis

Singletons were seen at Laem Paklong.

Black-browed Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus bistrigiceps

We saw two birds in reedbeds at Lam Paklong.

Thick-billed Warbler

Acrocephalus aedon

We had good but brief looks at one at the Kings Project at Lam Pak Bia and two at Kaeng Krachan Resort.

Grassbirds & Allies Megaluridae

Russet Bush Warbler

Bradypterus mandelli

Brief views by some of this skulker at Doi Angkhang.

NOTE: This species complex has recently undergone a four way split. The nominate B. seebohi is now known as Banguet Bush Warbler and is endemic to the Philippines. Russet Bush Warbler (B. mandelli) is the species we recorded while Javan Bush Warbler (B. montis) is endemic to Java and Timor Bush Warbler (B. timorensis) is endemic to Timor.

Baikal Bush Warbler (H)

Locustella davidi

This waterside skulker was heard singing at Thaton Marsh on our evening visit.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola

Cisticola juncidis

We found several birds at Baan Pak Thale, Lam Paklong and others at rice fields near Chiang Mai.

Golden-headed Cisticola

Cisticola exilis

We had wonderful scope views of two in non-breeding plumage at Khao Yai NP.

Brown Prinia

Prinia polychroa

A pair were seen very well in the dry woodlands at Saekarat Biosphere Reserve and at Sab Sadao.

Hill Prinia

Prinia atrogularis

We had good views of a pair at Doi Lang, Doi Angkhang and heard in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: The nominate *P. atrogularis* is known by Clements as Hill Prinia however the IOC have recently split this species into two with the nominate now being called Black-throated Prinia and the race *P. superciliaris* known as Hill Prinia.

Rufescent Prinia

Prinia rufescens

A pair were seen very well in the dry woodlands at Saekarat Biosphere Reserve and at Sab Sadao.

Grey-breasted Prinia

Prinia hodgsonii

We had good views of two in grasslands on Doi Lang and at Doi Angkhang.

Yellow-bellied Prinia

Prinia flaviventris

We had great views of this wetland prinia at Thaton Marsh.

Plain Prinia

Prinia inornata

We had great look of several on seven dates.

Common Tailorbird

Orthotomus sutorius

Small numbers were seen in towns and near most of our lodges and hotels.

Dark-necked Tailorbird

Orthotomus atrogularis

We had great views of several in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao, Krabi mangroves and in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird

Orthotomus sericeus

We had good but brief views of a pair in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Ashy Tailorbird

Orthotomus ruficeps

We had excellent close views of one in the Krabi mangroves.

Babblers, Parrotbills & Allies Timaliidae

Large Scimitar Babbler (H)

Pomatorhinus hypoleucos

Heard calling distantly at Keang Krachan Counntry Resort.

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus erythrogenys

We had good but brief looks at two birds daily at Doi Lang.

White-browed Scimitar Babbler

Pomatorhinus schisticeps

We had good views of a pair in Khao Yai NP with further views at Doi Lang and Doi Angkhang and heard in most of the places in the north.

Grey-throated Babbler

Stachyris nigriceps

Single bird was seen at Doi Angkhang.

Black-throated Babbler

Stachyris nigricollis

This smart babbler was seen very well in Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Chestnut-winged Babbler

Stachyris erythroptera

A pair were seen in tall forest at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Rufous-fronted Babbler

Stachyris rufifrons

We had good views of a bird at Kaeng Krachan, Doi Angkhang and at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Golden Babbler

Stachyris chrysaea

A brief view for some at Keang Krachan and great views of this little gem at Doi Lang over two days.

Pin Striped Tit-Babbler

Macronous gularis

We saw small numbers of this species at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and at Khao Nor Cuchi Forests.

NOTE: The race *M. bornensis* has recently been split as Bold- striped Tit-Babbler by the IOC and Clements and is endemic to Borneo.

Chestnut-capped Babbler

Timalia pileata

We had good looks at two birds at Thaton Marsh.

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers Pellorneidae

Rufous-winged Fulvetta

Alcippe castaneiceps

Fantastic views at close range at the summit, Doi Inthanon NP.

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta

Alcippe poioicephala

We found three birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Yunnan (Grey-cheeked) Fulvetta

Alcippe morrisonia

Good views were had around Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Limestone Wren-Babbler

Napothera crispifrons

We had excellent views at a single bird at the limestone cliffs at Wat Pra Puthabath Noi, Saraburi.

Streaked Wren Babbler (H)

Napothera brevicaudata

Heard only at Doi Chiang Dao and at Doi Angkhang.

Eye-browed Wren-Babbler

Napothera epilepidota

We had poor looks at a bird in fading light at Doi Inthanon NP but made up for it at Doi Suthep where we enjoyed excellent close looks.

Collared (White-hooded) Babbler

Gampsorhynchus torquatus

Fabulous looks at two birds in hill forest at Kaeng Krachan NP.

NOTE: This species group has recently been split into two species by the IOC and Clements. The race G. torquatus becomes Collared babbler and is the species we recorded while the nominate remains as White-hooded Babbler (G. rufulus)

Abbott's Babbler

Malacocincla abbotti

We enjoyed great views of one in Khao Yai NP and in Sri Phrang Nga.

Short-tailed Babbler

Malacocincla malaccensis

Great looks at three birds in Khao Nor Cuchi Forest.

Moustached Babbler (H)

Malacopteron magnirostre

Heard only in Khao Nor Chuchi.

White-chested Babbler (H)

Malacopteron rostratum

Heard distantly at Si Phra Nga mangroves.

Ferruginous Babbler

Trichastoma bicolor

A pair of these striking birds were seen in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Spot-throated Babbler

Pellorneum albiventris

After a lot of scanning in thickets, everybody had good looks at a pair on Doi Angkhang. Well done Uthai, for not giving up on this bird.

Puff-throated Babbler

Pellorneum ruficeps

Excellent views were had at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Buff-breasted Babbler

Pellorneum tickelli

Good views were had of a pair in the foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-capped Babbler

Pellorneum capistratum

Great views of this terrestrial species at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae

White-crested Laughingthrush

Garrulax leucolophus

Small numbers of this handsome species were seen in Khao Yai NP and heard at Doi Angkhang.

White-necked Laughingthrush

Garrulax strepitans

We managed several brief views of this super-shy species.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush

Garrulax pectoralis

A flock were seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Black-throated Laughingthrush

Garrulax chinensis

Trevor saw a bird on Doi Angkhang.

White-browed Laughingthrush

Garrulax sannio

We had great views on Doi Lang.

Spot-breasted Laughingthrush (H)

Garrulax merulinus

Heard at Doi Lang, a shy and elusive species.

Silver-eared Laughingthrush

Garrulax erythrocephalus

We had superb views of several confiding birds on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: The Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush complex has recently been split into multiple species with the nominate T. erythrocephalus remaining as Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush. Other species in the group include G. melanostigma which is the species we recorded and Assam (G. chrysopterum), Golden-winged (G. ngoclinhense) and Malayan Laughingthrushes (G. peninsulae). Both the IOC and Clements accept these splits.

Himalayan Cutia

Cutia nipalensis

We enjoyed fantastic (crippling) views of a group of five of this highly desired species as they fed in mossy branches at Doi Lang. A scarce and seldom recorded species here.

Blue-winged Minla

Minla cyanouroptera

Small numbers were seen on Doi Lang and Doi Angkhang.

Bar-throated (Chestnut-tailed) Minla

Minla strigula

Great looks at this stunner on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Scarlet-faced Liocichla

Liocichla ripponi

We enjoyed several excellent views of this shy and elusive species on Doi Lang and again on Doi Angkhang. Everybody got to see the bright scarlet of this species!

NOTE: The IOC has recently split the race *L. ripponi* as Scarlet-faced Liocichla while the nominate remains Red-faced Liocichla (*L. phoenicea*).

Spectacled Barwing

Actinodura ramsayi

We had excellent views of several birds on Doi Lang.

Silver-eared Mesia

Leiothrix argenteauris

Small flocks of these stunning birds were seen at Doi Lang and at Doi Angkhang.

Rufous-backed Sibia

Heterophasia annectens

Our first sighting was of a pair at Doi Lang with further sightings of a few birds at Doi Angkhang.

Dark-backed Sibia

Heterophasia melanoleuca

Small numbers were seen daily in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Long-tailed Sibia

Heterophasia picaoides

Six of these scarce birds were seen well at Doi Lang

Sylviid Babblers, Parrotbills, Myzornis Sylviidae

Yellow-eyed Babbler

Chrysomma sinense

A pair were seen at Thaton Marsh and another en route to Doi Inthanon.

Grey-headed Parrotbill

Paradoxornis gularis

Up to four birds were seen well on Doi Lang.

Spot-breasted Parrotbill

Paradoxornis guttaticollis

We enjoyed fabulous close views of a responsive bird on Doi Lang. Much appreciated!

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Striated Yuhina

Yuhina castaniceps

We had great views of small flock in Doi Inthanon.

Japanese White-eye

Zosterops japonicus

We saw three birds on Doi Lang with further sightings at Doi Angkhang.

Oriental White-eye

Zosterops palpebrosus

The most widespread of the white-eyes. We had good views at Doi Angkhang and at Krabi mangroves.

Everett's White-eye

Zosterops everetti

A flock of thirty birds were seen well in the higher areas of Kaeng Krachan NP.

Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae

Asian Fairy-bluebird

Irena puella

Up to ten of these gorgeous birds were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Yai NP and Doi Inthanon NP's.

Nuthatches Sittidae

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch

Sitta nagaensis

We enjoyed good views on Doi Lang and Doi Angkhang.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

Sitta frontalis

Small numbers were seen at Sab Sadao, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and at Si Phra Nga NP.

Giant Nuthatch

Sitta magna

We had great views of two birds on Doi Lang including a close feeding bird.

Treecreepers *Certhidae*

Hume's (Brown-throated) Treecreeper

Certhia discolor

Excellent close looks at a single bird at Doi Inthanon NP and at Doi Lang.

Starlings *Sturnidae*

Asian Glossy Starling

Aplonis panayensis

Several birds were seen in the Krabi and Pra Nga areas.

Golden-crested Myna

Ampeliceps coronatus

We had great scope views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Common Hill Myna

Gracula religiosa

Recorded at Kaeng Krachan and at Khao Yai NP's.

Great (White-vented) Myna

Acridotheres javanicus

First seen in Bangkok City and commonly seen throughout the trip. Also recorded near Krabi in the south where it is scarce.

Jungle Myna

Acridotheres fuscus

Six birds were found at a garage stop near Krabi, our only sighting of the tour.

Common Myna

Acridotheres tristis

Commonly seen throughout the trip.

Vinous-breasted Starling

Sturnus burmannicus

Two birds at our Kaeng Krachan Lodge and another pair at Sab Sadou were our only sightings.

Black-collared Starling

Sturnus nigricollis

We had good views of several birds in paddies near Chiang Mia and at Thaton Marsh.

Pied Myna

Sturnus contra

Recorded at Lam Pak Bia, Khao Yai, Sab Sadao and near Chiang Mai.

White-shouldered Starling

Sturnia sinensis

Fabulous looks at a flock of fifteen birds at The Kings Project, Lam Pak Bia.

Chestnut-tailed Starling

Sturnia malabarica

Small numbers at Doi Suket fields at Chiang Mai, Sab Sadou and Thaton Marsh.

Thrushes & Allies *Turdidae*

Orange-headed Thrush

Geokichla citrina

We enjoyed great looks at single bird found by Jean at Saekarat Biosphere Reserve.

Black-breasted Thrush

Turdus dissimilis

A single male was seen at the Royal Project, Doi Angkhang.

Chestnut Thrush

Turdus rubocanus

Paul saw one of these wintering thrushes on Doi Inthanon.

Eyebrowed Thrush

Turdus obscurus

Six birds were seen in flowering *Erythrina* trees at Kahao Yai NP with a further two at Doi Lang.

Green Cochoa

Cochoa viridis

After hearing a bird calling close by at Doi Inthanon NP and not getting a look, we were again up for the challenge at Doi Angkhang. A few minutes passed, and then Uthai called to say that he could see the birds, and all chaos ensued. We scrambled off the trail and down a precarious bank carefully. And there they were, a pair of the mythical Green Cochoa's - a highly sought-after species. We were very thrilled to see this species. Well done Uthai.

Chats & Old World Flycatchers *Sylviidae*

Oriental Magpie-Robin

Copsychus saularis

A common species, seen on most days of the trip.

White-rumped Shama

Copsychus malabaricus

It took a while for everybody to see this species at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's. We eventually all had good looks at a male in bamboo at Mae Tang irrigation works and another pair were seen well at the Si Phra Nga NP.

Dark-sided Flycatcher

Muscicapa sibirica

We had wonderful scope views of three in Kaeng Krachan NP and another two in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Asian Brown Flycatcher

Muscicapa dauurica

We had seen small numbers of this migrant species in Kaeng Krachan NP, Sab Sadao, Khao Yai NP, Doi Lang and in Khao Nor Chuchi.

NOTE: The race M. williamsoni is occasionally split off as a separate species by Robson and is known as Brownstreaked Flycatcher. This is not accepted by Clements or the IOC.

Brown-streaked Flycatcher

Muscicapa williamsoni

A pair of these very scarce forest inhabitants were seen well at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

White-gorgeted Flycatcher

Anthipes monileger

We enjoyed fantastic views of a bird on two days at Doi Lang NP. Usually, a very shy species!

Rufous-browed Flycatcher (H)

Anthipes solitaries

This shy species was heard singing at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis hainanus

We enjoyed good views at Khao Yak NP.

Pale Blue-Flycatcher

Cyornis unicolor

We had great scope views at Kaeng Krachan NP. Also heard at Doi Inthanon NP.

Hill Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis banyumas

Good views were had at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NP and Doi Angkhang.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis tickelliae

A male was seen at the Hui Hang Krai Kings Project near Chiang Mai.

Chinese Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis glaucicomans

Recorded at Kaeng Krachan NP and two males were seen in the dense forest at Khao Nor Chuchi.

NOTE: This species was recently split from Blue-throated Flycatcher Cyornis rubeculoide.

Rufous-bellied Niltava

Niltava sundara

A stunning male was seen briefly on Doi Angkhang.

Vivid Niltava

vivida

Great scope looks at Doi Suthep near Chiang Mai. A scarce winter visitor.

Large Niltava

Niltava grandis

Our first sighting was of a female at Doi Inthanon NP and two female birds at Doi Angkhang.

Small Niltava

Niltava macgrigoria

A pair were seen very well but briefly at Doi Inthanon NP.

Verditer Flycatcher

Eumyias thalassinus

Commonly seen perched up on exposed branches at many sites especially in the northern parts of Thailand.

Lesser Shortwing

Brachypteryx leucophrys

We had brief views of a pair on Doi Lang. A very shy species

White-browed Shortwing

Brachypteryx montana

Two males were seen at the sphagnum bog on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Siberian Blue Robin

Luscinia cyane

A female bird was first seen and then a stunning male at Khao Yai NP and another male at the Saekar Biosphere Reserve. A female type bird was later seen at Khao Nor Chuchi. They are often found on the forest floor and the vibrating of the tail is a give-away to identification in female birds. A fairly common winter visitor from Siberia.

Bluethroat

Luscinia svecica

We had great views of up to eight wintering birds at Thaton Marsh.

White-bellied Redstart

Hodgsonius phaenicuroides

We had fabulous views of a female bouncing over the road at Doi Lang. Later we had good but brief looks at a male at Doi Angkhang.

Siberian Rubythroat

Luscinia calliope

Great views were had of a male, with his glowing red throat, and a female bird at Doi Lang. This is a winter visitor.

White-tailed Robin

Myiomela leucura

We had stunning views of a male at Doi Angkhang.

Himalayan Bluetail

Tarsiger rufilatus

We enjoyed fabulous looks at this stunner on Doi Lang.

Chestnut-naped Forktail

Enicurus ruficapillus

An enjoyable encounter with one of these scarce forest stream-dwellers, as they fed in Sri Phrang Nga NP.

Black-backed Forktail

Enicurus immaculatus

A single bird was seen briefly at a stream in the foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

White-crowned Forktail

Enicurus leschenaulti

A single bird was seen briefly on Doi Inthanon as it flew away from us.

Blue Whistling-Thrush

Myophonus caeruleus

Good views daily at the higher areas of Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-backed Flycatcher

Ficedula elisae

A female bird was seen well in Khao Nor Chuchi Forest. A scarce winter visitor from NE China.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher

Ficedula hodgsonii

We had good views of a pair on Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher

Ficedula strophciata

Good sightings of three birds at Doi Lang.

Taiga Flycatcher

Ficedula albicilla

Small numbers of this winter migrant were recorded on 9 dates.

NOTE: This species has recently been split from Red-breasted Flycatcher F. parva.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher

Ficedula hyperythra

We had good views of a pair at the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Little Pied Flycatcher

Ficedula westermanni

Small numbers were seen at Doi Lang.

Ultramarine Flycatcher

Ficedula superciliaris

We enjoyed great looks at a male on Doi Lang and later a pair. This is a scarce wintering bird here.

Slaty-blue Flycatcher

Ficedula tricolor

Great views at the “feeding station” at Doi Lang.

Sapphire Flycatcher (H)

Ficedula sapphira

Heard in song at Doi Lang.

Blue-fronted Redstart

Phoenicurus frontalis

A striking male was seen near the summit of Doi Inthanon NP. A scarce wintering visitor here.

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush

Monticola rufiventris

A male was scoped on Doi Lang and at Doi Angkhang.

White-throated Rock Thrush

Monticola gularis

Excellent close views of two wintering birds at Sab Sadao.

Siberian (Asian) Stonechat

Saxicola maurus

We recorded birds at, Kaeng Krachan, Kao Yai NP, several in fields around Chiang Mai, and at Thaton Marsh.

Note: We recorded the resident S. Maura above as well as the migrant Siberian Stonechat, S. Stejnegeri. Other species include European Stonechat, S. rubicola from Europe and North Africa. Canary Islands Stonechat, S. dacotiae from the Canary Islands. African Stonechat, S. torquatus from Africa. Madagascar Stonechat, S. sibilla from Madagascar and Stejneger's Stonechat, S. Stejnegeri from Eastern Siberia, Mongolia to Japan. These are in addition to those already split by Clements

Pied Bush Chat

Saxicola caprata

Good looks in the low-lying farmland areas of Sab Sadao, Doi Suket, Doi Angkhang, Thaton Marsh and at Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey Bush Chat

Saxicola ferreus

We saw several at high elevations of Doi Lang and at Doi Angkhang.

Leafbirds *Chloropseidae*

Greater Green Leafbird (H)

Chloropsis sonnerati

Heard calling in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Lesser Green Leafbird

Chloropsis cyanopogon

Good views of two birds at a flowering tree in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Blue-winged Leafbird

Chloropsis cochinchinensis

We had seen small numbers in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and at Doi Chaeng Dao.

NOTE: The Blue-winged Leafbird complex has been split by the IOC and Clements into three separate species namely C. cochinchinensis, Blue-winged Leafbird, which we recorded. Bornean Leafbird (C. kinabaluensis) is endemic to Borneo and Jerdon's Leafbird (C. jerdoni) is endemic to India and Sri Lanka.

Golden-fronted Leafbird

Chloropsis aurifrons

Good looks were had in the dry woodlands at Sab Sadou.

Orange-bellied Leafbird

Chloropsis hardwickii

Heard at Doi Inthanon, Doi Lang and seen briefly at Doi Angkhang.

Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae*

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker

Prionochilus percussus

A brief male was seen by some in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Thick-billed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum agile

We had great views of birds feeding at Khao Yai NP and a single bird was seen on the lower slopes of Khao Nor Chuchi.

NOTE: The race D. aeruginosum has been split into a separate species by the IOC, Striped Flowerpecker, which is endemic to the Philippines. This is not accepted by Clements.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker

Dicaeum chrysorrheum

We had good but brief views of two birds in Khao Yai NP and at Khao Nor Chuchi.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker

Dicaeum trigonostigma

We had great views of several birds in Khao Nor Chuchi and at Sri Phang Nga.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

Dicaeum ignipectus

We had great sightings of this high elevation species at Doi Inthanon and at Doi Angkhang.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum cruentatum

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai NP, Sab Sadao, around Chaeng Mai and at Krabi and surrounds.

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird

Chalcoparia singalensis

Two at Sab Sadou and several at Krabi Mangroves.

Plain Sunbird

Anthreptes simplex

We had good looks at for birds in Sri Phra Nga NP.

Brown-throated Sunbird

Anthreptes malacensis

A common species found in lowland forests. A single bird was seen at our lodge at Sab Sadou and we had great looks at several birds in Krabi's mangroves and in Khao Nor Chuchi.

NOTE: The race A. griseigularis has been split by the IOC and is now known as Grey-throated Sunbird, which is endemic to the Philippines. This is not accepted by Clements as yet.

Red-throated Sunbird

Anthreptes rhodolaemus

Brief but good looks at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Purple-naped (Spiderhunter) Sunbird

Hypogramma hypogrammicum

Fabulous, close looks in Khao Nor Chuchi Forest and at Sri Phra Nga NP.

Van Hasselt's (Purple-throated) Sunbird

Leptocoma sperata

Good views at Khao Yai NP and at Khao Nor Chuchi.

NOTE: Purple-throated Sunbird has recently been split by the IOC into two species. The nominate L. sperata remains as Purple-throated Sunbird while the race L. brasiliensis becomes Van Hasselt's Sunbird, the species we recorded.

Purple Sunbird

Cinnyris asiaticus

Six birds were seen at Sab Sadao with further sighting in scrubland at Chaeng Mai and in the lower foothills at Doi Inthanon.

Olive-backed Sunbird

Cinnyris jugularis

Commonly seen at Kaeng Krachan NP, Sab Sadao and Khao Yai NP, Krabi city and in Bangkok.

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird

Aethopyga gouldiae

We enjoyed great looks at this much sought after species at Doi Inthanon NP, Doi Lang and at Doi Angkhang.

Green-tailed Sunbird

Aethopyga nipalensis

We had fabulous, close views of several stunning males on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP and at Doi Angkhang.

Black-throated Sunbird

Aethopyga saturata

First recorded in the higher areas in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, on Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang, and Doi Inthanon.

Crimson Sunbird

Aethopyga siparaja

Two cracking males were seen very well at Khao Yai NP and at Khao Nor Cuchi.

Little Spiderhunter

Arachnothera longirostra

Brief sightings in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, and three at Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Thick-billed Spiderhunter

Arachnothera crassirostris

A single bird was seen well at Khao Nor Cuchi Forest.

Spectacled Spiderhunter

Arachnothera flavigaster

Great scope looks in Khao Nor Chuchi Forest.

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter

Arachnothera modesta

Three were seen at Khao Nor Chuchi forest.

Streaked Spiderhunter

Arachnothera magna

First recorded at Kaeng Krachan NP at Doi Chaeng Dao and Doi Angkhang.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

A few birds were seen at urban settlements near Petchaburi.

Plain-backed Sparrow

Passer flaveolus

We saw several birds at the "Bat Caves", near Khao Yai, Sab Sadao and near Chiang Mai.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Passer montanus

This species was recorded in small numbers at virtually all towns throughout the trip.

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae*

Baya Weaver

Ploceus philippinus

A large flock were seen roosting in reedbeds one evening at Thaton Marsh.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies *Estrildidae*

Red Avadavat

Amandava amandava

Three birds were seen well in reedbeds at Thaton Marsh.

White-rumped Munia

Lonchura striata

We saw two birds at a random stop near near Chiang Mai.

Scaly-breasted Munia

Lonchura punctulata

Small numbers were seen at many sites, especially in the lowland areas.

White-bellied Munia

Lonchura leucogastra

A pair of these scarce forest munias was seen at Khao Nor Cuchi Forest.

Wagtails & Pipits *Motacillidae*

Forest Wagtail

Dendronanthus indicus

A few saw this species briefly at Kaeng Krachan NP and later great scope looks at this migrant at Si Phra Nga NP.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava

We found one bird at Baan Pak Thale and six at a wetland near Khao Yai NP.

NOTE: This species has recently been split from Western Yellow Wagtail M. flava. Subspecies of M. tschutschensis include simillima, taivana & macronyx. Those subspecies that have been retained in M. flava are flavissima, flava, beema, thunbergi, plexa, iberiae, cinereocapilla, pygmaea, feldegg, lutea & leucocephala. This has been accepted by the IOC.

Citrine Wagtail

Motacilla citreola

Two striking birds were found at a wetland near Khai Yai NP and two birds were found at Thathon Marsh with some adults in stunning breeding plumage.

Grey Wagtail

Motacilla cinerea

Recorded at the higher elevations of Kaeng Krachan NP, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and at Doi Inthanon.

White Wagtail

Motacilla alba

A few birds were seen in rice fields around Chiang Mai and several were seen coming to roost at Thathon Marsh at dusk.

Richard's Pipit

Anthus richardi

Single birds at Pak Thale and at a wetland near Khao Yai NP.

Paddyfield Pipit

Anthus rufulus

We had good views of this resident at Nong Pla Lai rice fields and near Kaeng Krachan.

Olive-backed Pipit

Anthus hodgsoni

Recorded in small numbers at Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Lang and several at Doi Angkhang.

Red-throated Pipit

Anthus cervinus

We had two fly-overs at Thathon Marsh en route to their roosting site.

Rosy Pipit

Anthus roseatus

Great scope looks at two wintering birds at Thathon Marsh. A seldom recorded wintering bird here.

Finches *Fringillidae*

Common Rosefinch

Carpodacus erythrurus

Good views at Doi Angkhang and at Doi Inthanon.

Spot-winged Grosbeak

Mycerobas melanozanthos

Good scope looks at a female bird at our lodge at Doi Angkhang. Earlier, Ann had spotted a striking male in the gardens at our resort.

Buntings & Allies *Emberizidae*

Crested Bunting

Emberiza pusilla

Three birds were found by Trevor at Thathon Marsh.

MAMMALS

Elephants *Elephantidae*

Asian Elephant

Elephas maximus

We heard one calling but missed it crossing the road in Khao Yai NP. We were trying to find a calling Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo calling on a high ridge at the time.

Wolves, Foxes, Jackals *Canidae*

Dhole

Cuon alpinus

Paul and Sherry had a clear sighting, as one crossed the road in Khao Yai NP. A scarce resident of the park. Also known as Asiatic Wild Dog.

Weasels, Otters Mustelidae

Small Asian Mongoose *Herpestes javanicus*
A good sighting at Sab Sadou.

Deer Cervidae

Sambar Deer *Cervus unicolor*
Fairly common at Khao Yai NP where the animals are confiding.
Southern Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*
Four were seen well in Khao Yai NP.

Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Dusky Leaf Monkey *Presbytis obscura*
A common species with up to twenty seen daily in Kaeng Krachan NP.
Long-tailed (Crab-eating) Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*
A few monkeys were seen near Petchaburi and many were seen in the Krabi mangroves.
Northern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca leonina*
Up to fifteen were seen daily in Khao Yai NP.

Gibbons Hylobatidae

White-handed (Lar) Gibbon *Hylobates lar*
We enjoyed great looks at a troop bounding from tree to tree in Kaeng Krachan and heard calling in Khao Yai NP.
Pileated Gibbon (H) *Hylobates pileatus*
We heard this species in Khao Yai NP.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*
A few were seen by some of the group in Kaeng Krachan and in Khao Yai NP's.
Grey-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps*
Small numbers were seen at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.
Finlayson's (Variable) Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysonii*
We enjoyed good views of several in Kaeng Krachan, Sab Sadao and in Khao Yai NP.
Pallas's (Red-bellied Mountain) Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus*
We had good sightings at Doi Angkhang.
Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandii*
This tiny creature was seen well at Doi Inthanon, Doi Lang and Doi Angkhang.

Flying Fox Pteropodidae

Island Flying Fox *Pteropus hypomelanus*
Good numbers were seen on the Similan Islands.

Treeshrews Tupaiidae

Common (Southern) Treeshrew *Tupaia glis*
We single animal was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.
Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belageri*
We saw this small mammal in Doi Chiang Dao and in Doi Angkhang.

REPTILES

Flying Lizards Agamidae

Flying Lizard *Draco spp.*

We had good views of several of these fascinating creatures in Kaeng Krachan NP and at Doi Chiang Dao.

Monitor Lizards *Varanidae*

Water Monitor

Varanus salvator

We had good views of several at Leam Pak Bia mangroves.

Bengal Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

We saw one on the Similan Islands NP.

**Rockjumper Birding Ltd
c/o Summit Trust Mauritius Limited
Labourdonnais Village
Mapou
Mauritius**

Tel (USA & Canada) toll free: 1-888-990-5552

Email: info@rockjumperbirding.com

Alternative email: rockjumperbirding@yahoo.com

Website: www.rockjumperbirding.com