



# ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## Thailand

### Highlights

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## Trip Report



The spectacular Green Peafowl by Glen Valentine

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## Tour Summary



**Female Amur Falcon in Khao Yai NP**

Our Highlights trip of Thailand takes in the must-visit, key birding sites of Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon National Parks, as well as the vast, coastal wetlands of Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia to the south of Bangkok. The number of species seen during this quick-fire birding tour around Thailand is truly astounding! There is nowhere else in Asia where one can encounter as many species in such a short period of time. The superb birding coupled with delicious food, good accommodation, excellent vehicles and drivers and extremely friendly and hospitable people make Thailand a birding destination like few others.

There were indeed a wealth of serious birding highlights on this tour, and these included the likes of the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Nordmann's Greenshank, Asian Dowitcher, the rarely-seen Chinese Egret, the unique and bizarre Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Black-headed and Bamboo Woodpeckers, the spectacular Silver Pheasant, Siamese Fireback, Orange-breasted Trogon, Green Peafowl, Collared and Black-thighed Falconets, a female Amur Falcon, the seldom-recorded Rain Quail, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Black-and-red and Dusky

Broadbills, Blue Pitta, the brilliant Sultan Tit, rare and localised White-headed Bulbul, Slaty-bellied Tesia, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Black-backed Forktail, the scarce and elusive Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker and the exquisite Mrs. Gould's Sunbird, to mention just a few. This was our adventure...

An excited group of birders and seasoned travellers gathered in the foyer of our Bangkok hotel and with the bags all loaded up into our two awaiting vans, we met our friendly drivers, piled into the vehicles and struck out at first light for the world-famous birding locality of Pak Thale to the south of Bangkok. After a two hour drive across Bangkok and through Phetchaburi, we arrived at the extensive and teeming coastal wetlands where we'd spend the remainder of the morning. Soon after arriving, we were admiring hordes of Great Knot and Broad-billed Sandpipers, as well as smaller numbers of Lesser and Greater Sand Plovers, Red-necked and Temminck's Stint and Curlew Sandpipers, along with the occasional Dunlin. Suddenly, the excitement levels rose even higher when the calls of Spoon-billed Sandpiper pierced the air! There, amongst the numerous Red-necked Stints, was a single Spoonbill. However, it did not stick around very long as something, probably a raptor of sorts, startled the entire flock of waders and we lost sight of this mega wader as it disappeared out of sight. Fortunately, we were able to find another



**The rare and elusive Grey-headed Parrotbill**





individual a short while later and this particular bird stayed around for ages and allowed us to admire it at length through the scopes, until we were completely and utterly satisfied with the views of this serious



**The brilliant Mrs. Gould's Sunbird, always a trip highlight**

with a pair of Golden-bellied Gerygone, Great and Pied Mynas, a lovely flock of White-shouldered Starlings and finally, four of the highly sought-after and extremely scarce Asian Dowitcher. *What a superb first day's birding!* In the late afternoon, we departed the Phetchaburi area and continued the drive south-west towards the extensive lowland and mid-altitude forests of Kaeng Krachan, our base for the next three nights.

Our time in Kaeng Krachan National Park was extremely rewarding, and the lowlands especially rewarded us with some of the best forest birding of the entire trip. We concentrated our efforts on the upper, middle and lower elevations of the reserve and despite the high volumes of foot and vehicle traffic, we still managed to see an amazing suite of gorgeous south-east Asian birds. The higher elevations yielded the very special Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Blyth's Shrike-babbler, Flavescent, Ochraceous and Buff-vented Bulbuls, Chestnut-flanked White-eye, Dark-sided, Hill Blue and Verditer Flycatchers, Greater Green Leafbird, Yellow-vented and Plain Flowerpeckers, Black-throated Sunbird and the zippy Streaked Spiderhunter; while a huge mixed species flock that we encountered in the mid-morning produced Speckled and White-browed Piculets, Great Iora, Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, the bamboo-dwelling Yellow-bellied Warbler, Alstrom's Warbler, White-browed Scimitar Babbler, Golden Babbler, Brown-cheeked Fulvetta and a furtive family group of Collared Babbler. One of the trip highlights came when three Yellow-throated Martens were found sprawled out along the mossy limbs of a large forest tree at the highest point of the reserve. *Fantastic!*



**Yellow-throated Marten in Kaeng Krachan NP**

In the mid elevations, we sought out a calling Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo and also managed to track down the rare Bamboo Woodpecker, as well as





**Blyth's Shrike-Babbler**

Puff-throated and Rufous-fronted Babblers, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, a beautiful male Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker and Pin-striped Tit-Babbler. The small, seasonal ponds and pans along the entrance road gave us White-throated and Black-capped Kingfishers, the shy and scarce Black Bittern, Chinese Pond Heron and White-breasted Waterhen; while Crested Honey Buzzard and Crested Goshawk were also seen in this area.

A full morning and late afternoon were spent in the highly productive lowlands of the reserve, and here we were treated to the finest and birdiest sessions of birding of the entire trip! Highlights were plentiful, and included specialities and eye-catching target species such as Thick-billed Green

Pigeon, Green-billed Malkoha, Banded Bay Cuckoo, Grey-rumped Treeswift, Germain's Swiftlets in flight overhead, Blue-bearded and Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters, small, noisy flocks of Oriental Pied Hornbills, the immaculate Green-eared, Blue-throated and Blue-eared Barbets, Common and Greater Flamebacks, the sought-after Black-thighed Falconet, the tiny, fast-flying Vernal Hanging Parrot, Ashy Woodswallow, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, the bright red and glossy-black Scarlet Minivet, Black-naped Oriole, Bronzed, Hair-crested and the spectacular Greater Racket-tailed Drongos, the magnificent Sultan Tit, Black-headed, Black-crested, Stripe-throated and Streak-eared Bulbuls, Dark-necked Tailorbird, the dazzling Asian Fairy-bluebird, Common Hill Myna, melodious White-rumped Shama, Asian Brown and Taiga Flycatchers, Blue-winged Leafbird, the brilliant Ruby-cheeked, Olive-backed and Crimson Sunbirds, the striking Black-and-red Broadbill and an unexpected bonus in the form of a Yellow-eared Spiderhunter that showed remarkably well for an extended period while enjoying tea and coffee in the field along with some local Thai treats. In the evening, we managed to track down, with the razor-sharp eyesight of Uthai, a calling Collared Scops Owl back at our accommodation nearby the park.

Departing the bird-rich wonderland of Kaeng Krachan, we began the drive to our next destination - the famous Khao Yai National Park, but not before a short, pre and post breakfast birding stint in the grassland and scrub adjoining our accommodation. Our pre-dawn walk in this area turned up the scarce Indian Nightjar, as well as an Indian Stone-curlew, while our post-breakfast session yielded at least four Indochinese Bush Larks, a Purple Heron, Zebra Dove and Red Turtle Doves, Grey-breasted and Plain Prinias and Oriental Magpie-Robin.

Later in the morning, we returned to the Pak Thale area on our final quest to find the rare and endangered Nordmann's Greenshank, and this time we came up trumps, with three birds amongst the hundreds of Great Knots that were present in one particular area. We also saw many of the same species that were seen on the first visit to this area,



**White-crested Laughingthrush**





but we did also manage to obtain views of a Racket-tailed Treepie, as well as a flock of around fifty Pied Avocets – a scarce and erratic species in Thailand. A short visit to the nearby wetlands of Ban Bang Ta Boon turned up a few new and noteworthy species like Western Osprey, Black and Brahminy Kites, Painted Stork, Asian Openbill, Yellow-bellied Prinia and some distant Northern Pintail, Eurasian Teal, Garganey and Eurasian Wigeon. After another delicious lunch in a nearby town, we continued the drive towards Khao Yai. A broadcasting of “The Big Year” passed the time rather pleasantly and by dusk, we’d arrived at our hotel near the entrance to the national park.



**The magnificent Great Hornbill**

The birding at Khao Yai proved challenging at times, but we still managed to encounter most of the reserve’s special species. We birded both the higher and lower elevation forest during our time here. These varied elevations gave us two sightings of Silver Pheasant, as well as several stunning Orange-breasted Trogons, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, the localised Moustached Barbet, the impressive Great Hornbill, Himalayan Swiftlet, nesting Vernal Hanging Parrots, hordes of Asian Fairy-bluebirds around fruiting trees, the resident, yellow-billed race of Blue Whistling Thrush, Abbott’s Babbler, a female Blue Rock Thrush and Grey Wagtail; while mixed species flocks yielded the scarce Heart-spotted Woodpecker, Large Woodshrike, several sizable flocks of

Swinhoe’s Minivet, White-bellied Erpornis, Puff-throated and Grey-eyed Bulbuls, Sulphur-breasted Warbler, the very attractive and charismatic White-crested Laughingthrush, Oriental White-eye, Hainan Blue and Verditer Flycatchers, Fire-breasted Flowerpecker, Little Spiderhunter, the vibrant Sultan Tit and numerous Claudia’s Leaf Warblers. A short birding stop in an open grassy area produced Brown Shrike, Golden-headed Cisticola and Red-wattled Lapwing and we also managed to track down the vagrant female Amur Falcon that had recently pitched up and was hanging around in one specific area close to the park headquarters. *A major surprise and trip highlight!*

On our final afternoon, we walked a portion of one of the lower elevation trails and here we added several of Khao Yai’s best birds that included a pair of Blue Pitta, the superb Siamese Fireback, three Common Green Magpies, a very handsome adult Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle and a family group of Dusky Broadbill. Khao Yai also turned up several other noteworthy raptor species, like Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle and Black Eagle; while our nocturnal forays produced a wonderful, calling Collared Owlet, a beautiful, perched Brown Hawk-Owl and two fly-over Great Eared Nightjars at dusk.



**Male Hainan Blue-flycatcher**



Departing Khao Yai, we stopped in the early morning at a patch of woodland-edge right in the middle of town. The quantity and quality of birds seen here within twenty minutes was quite staggering indeed! We added several new species that were all scoped and showed superbly well. These included the main



**Spectacled Barwing**

target here: the gorgeous and noisy Red-breasted Parakeet, as well as perched Coppersmith and Lineated Barbets, a vociferous male Asian Koel, a perched adult Shikra and a flock of Chestnut-tailed Starlings, amongst many other species already encountered by this stage of the trip. Thereafter, we made a short stop in at a nearby wetland. We initially birded the surrounding grassland and scrub here and found Greater Coucal, Oriental Skylark, Zitting Cisticola, Common Tailorbird, Plain-backed Sparrow, Siberian Stonechat, Paddyfield, Richard's and Olive-backed Pipits, Scaly-breasted Munia and an exceptional surprise in the form of three Rain Quails that flew up from under our feet and showed well as they buzzed away into the dense grassland. The wetland and edge held Common and Pin-tailed Snipes, a Yellow Bittern and several Eastern Yellow Wagtails; while Red-rumped Swallows entertained us overhead.

Our next stop of the morning was a temple area en route to Bangkok, where we quickly found and obtained excellent views of the extremely localised and habitat-specific Limestone Wren-Babbler. After a noodle lunch at the edge of the city, we quickly popped into another temple area close to the airport at the edge of the vast Rangsit Marsh and here we were delighted to find Spotted Owlet, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Malaysian Pied Fantail and a flock of Small Minivet before boarding our domestic flight to Chiang Mai, situated in north-western Thailand, and the gateway to the country's various forested and bird-rich mountains that bridge the border with Burma. This evening, some of us opted to visit the nearby Chiang Mai night market that hummed with tourists and tiny stalls selling various trinkets and handicraft items, as well as more day-to-day items like flip-flops (*thongs, for the Ozzies!*) and sunglasses. After a long but rewarding day, we returned to our rather luxurious hotel for a well-deserved night's rest in preparation for the next leg of the trip.

After an early breakfast, we reunited with our wonderful drivers and struck out for some early morning birding at the nearby King's Project (Huai Hong Krai), where our main target species was the spectacular and rare Green Peafowl. Shortly after arriving, we were in business when four of these stunning pheasants flew across a clearing right in front of us, showing their brilliant, emerald flight feathers before diving into the dense forest understorey, not to be seen again during the course of the morning. Ecstatic with our success, we continued birding the area and



**Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle in Khao Yai NP**





managed to find several other notable species, such as Black Baza, Asian Barred Owlet, Brown-backed Needletail, a rather fleeting pair of Rosy Minivet, Golden-fronted Leafbird and Tickell's Blue Flycatcher. We left the forest and ponds of Huai Hong Krai in the mid-morning and began the drive south towards Doi Inthanon. En route we made a short coffee and tea stop that gave us a pair of Brown-throated Sunbird



**The stunning Yellow-cheeked Tit**

in a flowering tree, and after negotiating some heavy traffic, we finally arrived at the Doi Lor rice-fields where we spent a short while scanning and birding the paddyfield edges. This proved rather worthwhile as we encountered several new and noteworthy species, the most interesting being three Booted Eagles, Black-winged Kite, Common Kestrel, Sooty-headed Bulbul, Grey-breasted Prinia, Pied Bush Chat and White Wagtail. Thereafter, we continued the drive and arrived at our comfortable and well-appointed accommodations near the entrance to Doi Inthanon National Park in perfect time for a delicious Pad-Thai lunch, before heading into the reserve for the remainder of the afternoon.

The park was packed with local tourists and birding along the main road proved a bit of a challenge, although extremely birdy! We only had a short time to bird before dusk would arrive and we'd have to leave the park, but we sure made the most of our time here and managed to find a wealth of exciting and eye-catching species. These included the striking Yellow-cheeked Tit, Flavescent, Mountain and Black Bulbuls, highly-active Two-barred and Davison's Leaf Warblers, Yunnan Fulvetta, the extremely shy and furtive White-necked Laughingthrush, rather skulking Hill Prinia, Dark-backed Sibia, Orange-bellied Leafbird, a male Eyebrowed Thrush, Cook's Swift and large numbers of Asian House Martins.

Our itinerary allowed us three full days to search for and soak in the mountain's wonderful avifauna, and during the course of our time here, we were able to cover most of the mountain's unique and diverse habitats and elevations, thereby allowing us to find a huge number of Doi Inthanon's most prized birds. The lower altitude, semi-deciduous, broad-leaved, dipterocarp woodland yielded the handsome, range-restricted and generally scarce Black-headed Woodpecker, as well as the huge White-bellied Woodpecker, and an incredible group of ten Collared Falconets, all perched up in one tree!

The beautiful, mid-altitude, broad-leaved evergreen forest was a major zone of focus for us, and our time spent in this marvellous habitat produced many of our best sightings and species of the entire trip. Most notable were several Golden-throated Barbets,



**A group of Collared Falconets (7 in this picture and 10 in the tree!) in the lower elevations of Doi Inthanon**



Grey-chinned, Long-tailed and Short-billed Minivets, a superb male Asian Emerald Cuckoo, Blyth's Shrike-Babbler, a female Maroon Oriole, the flashy Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, White-throated and Yellow-bellied Fantails, Mountain Tailorbird, the minuscule Slaty-bellied Tesia, Pygmy Wren-babbler,



**The smart White-capped Redstart**

Bianchi's, Martens's and Chestnut-crowned Warblers, a shy but highly responsive Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, a pair of the shy Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler, Blue-winged Minla, the smart Spectacled Barwing, a flock of the rare and elusive Grey-headed Parrotbill, the aptly-named Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, White-gorgeted, Little Pied and Pale Blue Flycatchers, Hume's Treecreeper and a pair of the stunning-blue Large Niltava.

In the mid-altitude mixed pine and broad-leaved woodland, grassland and scrub, we added Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Eurasian Jay, the localised, scarce and very attractive White-headed Bulbul, Japanese and Cinereous Tits,

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Slaty-blue Flycatcher, Buff-throated Warbler and Grey Bush Chat; while a lunch stop at Mr Daeng's yielded the migratory, black-billed race of Blue Whistling Thrush, as well as a particularly confiding White-browed Shortwing and a female Siberian Blue Robin. The numerous picturesque waterfalls and rivers on the mountain also yielded a number of new, exciting and classically Asian species, such as Black-backed and Slaty-backed Forktails and White-capped and Plumbeous Water Redstarts.

On our final morning in the national park, we ventured up to the top of the mountain and spent the morning exploring the road-edge and sphagnum bog, where we found a number of spectacular species like the scarce and erratic Speckled Wood Pigeon, attractive flocks of Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon, a female Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Slaty-backed Flycatcher, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, Bar-throated Minla, the exquisite Mrs. Gould's and Green-tailed Sunbirds, White-crowned Forktail, a female Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush and Blyth's Leaf Warbler, to name just a few of the most exciting species seen in this area. Our night-time excursions around and close to our accommodations produced another fantastic sighting of Collared Scops Owl, as well as another close-flying Indian Nightjar for those that missed them earlier around Kaeng Krachan.

On our final morning, we visited Mr Tii's – a large canopy tower that rises up above the surrounding dipterocarp woodland and is most famous as a reliable site to see the rare and beautiful Blossom-headed Parakeet. We succeeded in finding at least ten of these gorgeous little parrots and also encountered a range of other



**Silver-eared Laughingthrush at the top of Doi Inthanon**





great birds: Red-billed Blue Magpies flopped around from tree to tree, Crested Honey Buzzards and a Eurasian Sparrowhawk passed by overhead, Green Bee-eaters hawked insects from the tops of bushes, a party of four Common Woodshrikes, Lineated Barbet, the stunning Purple Sunbird and several Red-whiskered Bulbuls foraged close-by; while the beautiful Black-hooded Oriole also made an appearance. Striated Swallows hawked insects on the wing and a nearby field hosted four Black-collared Starlings,



Bar-throated (Chestnut-tailed) Minla

but the absolute show-stopper was undoubtedly a flock of thirteen Green Peafowl that fed unperturbed in a grassy clearing at the forest edge and included an immaculate adult male in spectacular, impeccable plumage!

Alas, it was time to bid the bird-rich and vibrant Thailand goodbye as we made our way back to Chiang Mai to connect with our flight back to Bangkok and our international flights back home.

Thank you to everyone, from Uthai and our superb drivers to the wonderful participants who all helped make this Highlights tour of Thailand so memorable and successful.

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## ANNOTATED LIST OF BIRDS RECORDED (385 species recorded (356 seen and 29 heard only))

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC List 6.4. Please cite: Gill, F. and M. Wright. 2016. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press. Names in round brackets represent alternative names for the species. A notes section is included where recent taxonomical changes have taken place.

### Key to abbreviations:

(H) = Heard only; (I) = Introduced; NP = National Park; (CR) = Critically endangered; (EN) = Endangered; (VU) = Vulnerable; (NT) = Near Threatened; (NE) = Near-endemic

### Swans, Geese & Ducks *Anatidae*

#### **Northern Pintail**

*Anas acuta*

Around a hundred birds were seen at the Ban Bang Ta Boon wetlands.

#### **Eurasian Wigeon**

*Anas penelope*

Several seen at Ban Bang Ta Boon wetlands.

#### **Eurasian (Common) Teal**

*Anas crecca*

A few seen at Ban Bang Ta Boon wetlands.

*NOTE: Sometimes split into two species: Eurasian Teal and Green-winged Teal.*

#### **Garganey**

*Anas querquedula*

At least 6 seen at Ban Bang Ta Boon wetlands.



**Pheasants & Partridges Phasianidae****Rufous-throated Partridge (H)***Arborophila rufogularis*

A leader-only sighting along the boardwalk trail on top of Doi Inthanon. Several heard in the area.

**Bar-backed Partridge***Arborophila brunneopectus*

A pair seen very briefly next to the road half way up Doi Inthanon.

**Green-legged (Bar-breasted) Partridge (H)***Arborophila chloropus*

We heard this species at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

**Rain Quail***Coturnix coromandelica*

A total of 4 birds flushed in grassland surrounding the wetland near Khao Yai NP. A major surprise!

**Red Junglefowl (H)***Gallus gallus*

Strangely this species was only heard in Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NPs.

**Silver Pheasant***Lophura nycthemera*

Two separate encounters of males and females were had near the top of Khao Yai.

**Siamese Fireback***Lophura diardi*

A pair showed well but briefly along a trail in Khao Yai NP.

**Grey Peacock-Pheasant (H)***Polyplectron bicalcaratum*

A leader-only sighting with several birds calling in Kaeng Krachan NP.

NOTE: IOC now recognizes two species: Grey Peacock-Pheasant and Hainan Peacock-Pheasant.

**Green Peafowl (EN)***Pavo muticus*

This was another trip highlight. We had very good views of four birds in flight at Huai Hong Khrai with another 13 that included a stunning adult male at Mr Tii's tower near Doi Inthanon NP.

**Grebes Podicipedidae****Little Grebe (Dabchick)***Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Several seen at various small wetlands.

NOTE: IOC recognizes two species: Little Grebe and Tricolored Grebe.

**Storks Ciconidae****Painted Stork (NT)***Mycteria leucocephala*

These handsome birds were seen around Ban Pak Bia and at Ban Bang Ta Boon wetlands.

**Asian Openbill***Anastomus oscitans*

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

**Ibis, Spoonbills Threskiorithidae****Black-headed Ibis***Threskiornis melanocephalus*

Around 4 of these birds were seen at the Ban Bang Ta Boon wetlands.

**Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae****Yellow Bittern***Ixobrychus sinensis*

Heard near our hotel at Kaeng Krachan and then seen well in flight and perched at the wetland near Khao Yai NP.

**Black Bittern***Dupetor flavicollis*

A single bird was flushed from a small pond in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Black-crowned Night Heron***Nycticorax nycticorax*

One bird seen at Lam Pak Bia.

**Striated (Green-backed) Heron***Butorides striatus*

Seen at Lam Pak Bia.





NOTE: Three species now exist: Straited, Green and Lava Herons.

### Chinese Pond Heron

*Ardeola bacchus*

In non-breeding (winter) plumage these birds are almost impossible to identify from the next species. Some experts say that this species has dark edges to the wing tips and frequents forest pools and rivers whereas Javan Pond Heron has all pale wings and occurs in open rice paddy and wetland environments during winter. This is however very debatable and yet to be proven. If this is the case we then saw good numbers daily at scattered sites throughout Thailand.

### Javan Pond Heron

*Ardeola speciosa*

If wing tips and habitat are good features to identify this and the latter species we would then have seen this species in rice fields and open wetland environments around Ban Pak Bia. Both species are common throughout Thailand when in breeding plumage and easily identified so it is almost inevitable that we encountered both species during our time in the country.

### Eastern Cattle Egret

*Bubulcus coromanda*

A cosmopolitan species encountered at many sites.

NOTE: IOC recognizes two species: Eastern Cattle Egret and Western Cattle Egret.

### Grey Heron

*Ardea cinerea*

Small numbers found at scattered wetlands.

### Purple Heron

*Ardea purpurea*

Two seen near our hotel at Kaeng Krachan.

### (Eastern) Great Egret

*Ardea alba*

Frequently recorded.

NOTE: Two species are sometimes recognized: Eastern Great Egret and Western Great Egret.

### Intermediate (Yellow-billed) Egret

*Egretta intermedia*

A total of three seen.

### Little Egret

*Egretta garzetta*

Commonly seen.

NOTE: Two species are usually recognized: Little Egret and Dimorphic Egret.

### Pacific Reef Heron (Egret)

*Egretta sacra*

Two dark morph birds were seen at Lam Pak Bia.

### Chinese Egret (VU)

*Egretta eulophotes*

Excellent views were enjoyed of three separate birds during our boat trip out to Lam Pak Bia.

## Cormorants *Phalacrocoracidae*

### Little Cormorant

*Microcarbo niger*

Many birds were seen at Ban Pak Thale and Lam Pak Bia, with more at other wetlands.

### Indian Cormorant

*Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*

Small numbers seen at Pak Thale.

## Osprey *Pandionidae*

### Western Osprey

*Pandion haliaetus*

Singletons at Ban Bang Ta Boon and at the wetland near Khao Yai NP.

NOTE: IOC recognizes two species: Eastern Osprey and Western Osprey.

## Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures *Accipitridae*

### Black-winged (Black-shouldered) Kite

*Elanus caeruleus*

Singletons were seen near Khao Yai NP and at Doi Lor paddyfields.

NOTE: Three species are now recognized: Black-winged (Black-shouldered) Kite, White-tailed Kite and Black-shouldered (Australian) Kite.



<b>Crested (Oriental) Honey-buzzard</b>	<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>
This widespread Asian raptor was recorded on four dates.	
<b>Jerdon's Baza (H)</b>	<i>Aviceda jerdoni</i>
Only heard in Kaeng Krachan NP.	
<b>Black Baza</b>	<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>
Good views of two in flight at Huai Hong Krai.	
<b>Crested Serpent Eagle</b>	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
This common but attractive raptor was seen at Khao Yai and Huai Hong Krai.	
<b>Changeable Hawk-Eagle</b>	<i>Niseatus cirrhatus</i>
One brief sighting in Khao Yai NP.	
<i>NOTE: Sometimes split into two species: Changeable Hawk-Eagle and Crested Hawk-Eagle.</i>	
<b>Rufous-bellied Hawk Eagle</b>	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>
Excellent flight views of an adult in Khao Yai NP.	
<b>Black Eagle</b>	<i>Ictinaetus malaiensis</i>
One seen well in flight in Khao Yai NP.	
<b>Booted Eagle</b>	<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>
Three birds (both pale and dark morphs) were seen well in flight at Doi Lor paddyfields.	
<b>Crested Goshawk</b>	<i>Accipiter trivirgatus</i>
Singletons were seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.	
<b>Shikra</b>	<i>Accipiter badius</i>
Excellent perched views of an adult near the edge of Khao Yai NP.	
<b>Besra</b>	<i>Accipiter virgatus</i>
Brief flight views were had of two separate birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.	
<b>Eurasian Sparrowhawk</b>	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
A female was seen in flight near our hotel at the edge of Doi Inthanon NP.	
<b>Black (Black-eared) Kite</b>	<i>Milvus migrans lineatus</i>
Small numbers were seen at several localities on three separate dates.	
<i>NOTE: Often split into three species: Black Kite, Yellow-billed Kite and Black-eared Kite.</i>	
<b>Brahminy Kite</b>	<i>Haliastur indus</i>
Several birds were seen in the Pak Thale/Laem Pak Bia area.	

### **Rails, Gallinules & Coots *Rallidae***

<b>White-breasted Waterhen</b>	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>
Fairly common and widespread and seen on four dates.	
<b>Black-tailed Crake (H)</b>	<i>Porzana bicolor</i>
Unfortunately only heard at the small marsh in Doi Inthanon NP.	
<b>Common Moorhen</b>	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>
Two seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with another one at Huai Hong Krai.	
<i>NOTE: Recently split into two species: Common Moorhen and Common Gallinule.</i>	

### **Thick-knees *Burhinidae***

<b>Indian Stone-curlew (Thick-knee)</b>	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>
Heard calling and then seen in flight at dawn at the edge of our Kaeng Krachan accommodation.	
<i>NOTE: Recently split into two species: Eurasian Stone-curlew and Indian Stone-curlew.</i>	

### **Avocets & Stilts *Recurvirostridae***

<b>Black-winged Stilt</b>	<i>Himantopus leucocephalus</i>
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Large numbers with up to several hundred birds seen at salt pans and wetlands at Baan Pak Thale.

**Pied Avocet***Recurvirostra avosetta*

A flock of around 50 birds was encountered at Pak Thale. A scarce and seldom seen bird in Thailand!

**Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae****Red-wattled Lapwing***Vanellus indicus*

Regularly seen throughout the trip.

**Pacific Golden-Plover***Pluvialis fulva*

Fair numbers seen at Pak Thale.

**Grey (Black-bellied) Plover***Pluvialis squatarola*

Large numbers seen at Pak Thale.

**Little Ringed Plover***Charadrius dubius*

A few at Pak Thale.

**Kentish Plover***Charadrius alexandrinus*

Around 20 at Pak Thale.

**Malaysian Plover (NT)***Charadrius peronii*

Excellent views of 8 birds at the sandbar at Laem Pak Bia.

**Lesser Sand Plover***Charadrius mongolus*

Large numbers at Pak Thale.

**Greater Sand Plover***Charadrius leschenaultii*

At least 6 birds identified at Pak Thale.

**Jacanas Jacanidae****Bronze-winged Jacana***Metopidius indicus*

A brief flight view was had of a single bird en route to Pak Thale on the first morning.

**Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae****Pin-tailed Snipe***Gallinago stenura*

Singletons were seen near Khao Yai and at Doi Lor.

**Common Snipe***Gallinago gallinago*

First seen near Laem Pak Bia and then again near Khao Yai NP.

**Asian Dowitcher (NT)***Limdromus semipalmatus*

After a lengthy search, we finally managed to find four of these rare and sought-after waders in the Pak Thale area.

**Black-tailed Godwit (NT)***Limosa limosa*

Large numbers seen at Pak Thale.

**Bar-tailed Godwit***Limosa lapponica*

As with the previous species, large numbers seen at Pak Thale.

**Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus*

One bird found at Pak Thale.

**Eurasian Curlew (NT)***Numenius arquata*

A massive flock seen in the distance at Pak Thale.

**Spotted Redshank***Tringa erythropus*

Fair numbers seen at Pak Thale.

**Common Redshank***Tringa erythropus*

Around 30 birds seen in the Pak Thale area.

**Marsh Sandpiper***Tringa stagnatilis*

Large numbers seen in the Pak Thale area.

**Common Greenshank**

*Tringa nebularia*

Large numbers at Pak Thale.

**Nordmann's Greenshank (EN)**

*Tringa guttifer*

We found three of these rare and endangered waders upon our return trip to the Pak Thale area.

**Green Sandpiper**

*Tringa ochropus*

One bird seen in the Pak Thale area.

**Wood Sandpiper**

*Tringa glareola*

Seen at scattered localities throughout the tour.

**Terek Sandpiper**

*Xenus cinereus*

A single bird seen well at Pak Thale.

**Common Sandpiper**

*Actitis hypoleucos*

Small numbers seen at Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia.

**Great Knot (VU)**

*Calidris canutus*

Huge numbers were seen on both visits to Pak Thale.

**Sanderling**

*Calidris alba*

Fair numbers at Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia.

**Red-necked Stint**

*Calidris ruficollis*

Large numbers seen in the Pak Thale area.

**Temminck's Stint**

*Calidris temmincki*

A few birds were seen in the Pak Thale area.

**Long-toed Stint**

*Calidris subminuta*

Two of these fairly scarce waders were seen well in the Pak Thale area.

**Curlew Sandpiper**

*Calidris ferruginea*

Huge numbers seen at Pak Thale.

**Dunlin**

*Calidris alpine*

Three birds were found at Pak Thale.

**Spoon-billed Sandpiper (CR)**

*Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*

Two separate birds were found during our morning at Pak Thale. The second individual showed particularly well and for an extended period offering us excellent scope views. A superb little bird and an undoubted highlight of the trip!

**Broad-billed Sandpiper**

*Limicola falcinellus*

Large numbers of this usually scarce wader were seen in the Pak Thale area.

**Ruff**

*Philomachus pugnax*

Small numbers seen around Pak Thale.

**Red-necked Phalarope**

*Phalaropus lobatus*

A total of four birds were seen during our time in the Pak Thale area.

### **Gulls, Terns & Skimmers** *Laridae*

**Slender-billed Gull**

*Chroicocephalus genei*

This scarce migrant was seen well at Pak Thale. Two were seen.

**Brown-headed Gull**

*Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*

Up to 100 birds were seen around Pak Thale with a few more at Ban Bang Ta Boon wetlands.

**Gull-billed Tern**

*Gelochelidon nilotica*

Small numbers seen at Pak Thale and Ban Bang Ta Boon.





**Caspian Tern***Sterna caspia*

Several birds seen at Pak Thale.

**Greater Crested (Swift) Tern***Thalasseus bergii*

Small numbers around Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia.

**Little Tern***Sterna albifrons*

Fairly large numbers were seen in the Pak Thale area.

NOTE: Usually split into two species: Little Tern and Saunders's Tern.

**Common Tern***Sterna hirundo*

Fairly common around Pak Thale.

**Whiskered Tern***Chlidonias hybridus*

Fairly large numbers were seen in the Pak Thale area.

**White-winged Tern***Chlidonias leucopterus*

At least 10 birds seen in the Pak Thale area.

**Doves & Pigeons Columbidae****Rock (Common) Dove (Pigeon) (I)***Columba livia*

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

**Speckled Wood Pigeon***Columba hodgsonii*

Six birds were seen near the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

**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 (H)***Macropygia unchall*

Heard in Khao Yai NP.

**Common (Asian) Emerald Dove***Chalcophaps indica*

Brief views were had of singletons on three dates.

NOTE: Two species now exist: Common Emerald Dove and Pacific Emerald Dove.

**Zebra Dove***Geopelia striata*

A common species throughout the tour.

**Thick-billed Green Pigeon***Treron curvirostra*

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.

**Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon***Treron sphenurus*

Excellent views were had on two dates in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Mountain Imperial Pigeon***Ducula badia*

Three birds seen in Khao Yai NP.

**Cuckoos Cuculidae****Greater Coucal***Centropus sinensis*

This is a widespread species that was seen on four separate dates.

**Green-billed Malkoha***Phaenicophaeus tristis*

Good views were had of several birds in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

**Asian Koel***Eudynamis scolopaceus*

Seen or heard in small numbers at many sites.

**Asian Emerald Cuckoo***Chrysococcyx maculatus*

One male seen very well in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Banded Bay Cuckoo***Cacomantis sonneratii*

Good scope views had in the lower levels of Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Plaintive Cuckoo (H)** *Cacomantis merulinus*

Heard near the edge of Rangsit Marsh.

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

Excellent scope views of one calling individual in Kaeng Krachan NP.

*NOTE: Recently split into four species but a very dubious split that is not very well known or understood: Square-tailed, Fork-tailed, Philippine and Moluccan Drongo-Cuckoos.*

### Typical Owls *Strigidae*

**Collared Scops Owl** *Otus lettia*

Excellent views of one at our Kaeng Krachan accommodation and at our hotel near Doi Inthanon NP.

*NOTE: Recently split into three species: Collared, Indian and Sunda Scops Owls.*

**Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei*

Great views of one in Khao Yai NP.

**Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*

Heard on many occasions and seen very well at Huai Hong Krai.

**Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama*

One seen superbly well at the edge of Rangsit Marsh.

**Brown Hawk-Owl (Boobook)** *Ninox scutulata*

Cracking views of one in Khao Yai NP.

*NOTE: Two species now exist: Brown Hawk-Owl and Northern Hawk-Owl.*

### Nightjars & Allies *Caprimulgidae*

**Great Eared Nightjar** *Eurostopodus macrotis*

Two fly-overs were had at dusk in Khao Yai NP.

**Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus*

One brief fly-over near the entrance to Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Indian Nightjar** *Caprimulgus asiaticus*

Excellent views were had of individuals near our Kaeng Krachan accommodation and in woodland near Doi Inthanon NP.

### Treeswifts *Hemiprocnidae*

**Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiproctus longipennis*

At least 8 birds were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

### Swifts *Apodidae*

**Himalayan Swiftlet** *Aerodramus brevirostris*

Small numbers seen in Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NPs.

**Germain's Swiftlet** *Aerodromus germani*

Large numbers seen in the southern lowlands.

**Silver-rumped Spinetail (Needletail)** *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

A surprise sighting of one in Khao Yai NP.

**Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus*

A large flock was seen at Huai Hong Krai with another two in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Asian Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

A common species in the lowlands.

**Cook's (Fork-tailed) Swift** *Apus pacificus*

Good views of around a dozen in Doi Inthanon NP.





NOTE: Four species now recognized from the old Fork-tailed Swift: Pacific Swift, Cook's Swift, Blyth's Swift and Salim Ali's Swift.

**House Swift***Apus nipalensis*

Two seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Trogons Trogonidae****Orange-breasted Trogon***Harpactes oreskios*

Superb views of several different birds in Khao Yai NP.

**Red-headed Trogon (H)***Harpactes erythrocephalus*

Heard twice in Khao Yai NP.

**Rollers Coraciidae****Indian Roller***Coracias benghalensis*

A common species seen throughout the trip.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae****Banded Kingfisher (H)***Lacedo pulchella*

Unfortunately only heard in Khao Yai NP.

**White-throated Kingfisher***Halcyon smyrnensis*

Several seen in and around Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Black-capped Kingfisher***Halcyon pileata*

Small numbers seen around Pak Thale and Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Collared Kingfisher***Todirhamphus chloris*

Small numbers seen around Laem Pak Bia.

NOTE: Recently split into a staggering number of different species!

**Common Kingfisher***Alcedo atthis*

Seen in small numbers on five dates.

**Bee-eaters Meropidae****Blue-bearded Bee-eater***Nyctyornis athertoni*

One seen very well in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Green Bee-eater***Merops orientalis*

Around six seen near Mr Tii's.

NOTE: Sometimes recognized as two separate species: African Green Bee-eater and Asian Green Bee-eater.

**Blue-tailed Bee-eater***Merops philippinus*

First seen around Pak Thale and again at the edge of Rangsit Marsh.

**Chestnut-headed Bee-eater***Merops leschenaulti*

Small numbers seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP.

**Hornbills Bucerotidae****Great Hornbill (NT)***Buceros bicornis*

After hearing this species in Kaeng Krachan NP we managed to obtain excellent views of a pair in Khao Yai NP.

**Oriental Pied Hornbill***Anthracoceros albirostris*

Around a dozen seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with a further sighting in Khao Yai NP.

**Barbets Capitonidae****Great Barbet***Megalaima virens*

Heard on a few occasions with a brief sighting in the upper reaches of Doi Inthanon NP.

**Lineated Barbet** *Megalaima lineata*

Two seen near Khao Yai NP and again near Doi Inthanon NP.

**Green-eared Barbet** *Megalaima faiostrica*

Excellent views were had in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

**Golden-throated Barbet** *Megalaima franklinii*

Good views of several birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

*NOTE: Recently split into two species: Golden-throated and Necklaced Barbets.*

**Blue-throated Barbet** *Megalaima asiatica*

One seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and another in Doi Inthanon NP.

*NOTE: Recently split into two species: Blue-throated and Turquoise-throated Barbets.*

**Moustached Barbet** *Megalaima incognita*

Two in Kaeng Krachan NP and several in Khao Yai NP.

**Blue-eared Barbet** *Megalaima australis*

Three in Kaeng Krachan NP and a further three in Khao Yai NP.

*NOTE: Recently split into two species: Blue-eared and Yellow-eared Barbets.*

**Coppersmith Barbet** *Megalaima haemacephala*

First seen near the edge of Khao Yai NP and then again at Huai Hong Krai.

### Woodpeckers *Picidae*

**Speckled Piculet** *Picumnus innominatus*

Singletons seen in Kaeng Krachan and Doi Inthanon NPs.

**White-browed Piculet** *Sasia ochracea*

We enjoyed an excellent encounter with this species in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Heart-spotted Woodpecker** *Hemicircus canente*

Superb scope views of one in Khao Yai NP.

**Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus*

Three seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Stripe-breasted Woodpecker (H)** *Dendrocopos atratus*

Heard in Doi Inthanon NP.

**White-bellied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus javensis*

A responsive male was seen briefly perched and in flight in woodland in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Greater Yellownape (H)** *Picus flavinucha*

Heard on one occasion in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Laced Woodpecker (H)** *Picus vittatus*

Heard in Khao Yai NP.

**Black-headed Woodpecker** *Picus erythropygius*

A spectacular bird! We enjoyed superb scope views of several birds in the foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

**Common Flameback (Goldenback)** *Dinopium javanense*

Great scope looks at two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Greater Flameback (Goldenback)** *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

A pair was seen very well in Kaeng Krachan NP.

*NOTE: Recently split into a number of different species.*

**Bamboo Woodpecker** *Gecinulus viridis*

Good flight and brief perched views were had of this scarce bamboo specialty in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Bay Woodpecker (H)** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

Heard in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Black-and-buff Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes tristis*



Mike and Carol were fortunate to have seen this scarce woodpecker in Khao Yai NP.

### Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae*

#### **Collared Falconet**

*Microhierax caerulescens*

Incredible views of a group of ten of these tiny raptors in the Dipterocarp woodland in the lower foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

#### **Black-thighed Falconet**

*Microhierax fringillarius*

Fantastic scope views of three in Kaeng Krachan NP.

#### **Common (Eurasian) Kestrel**

*Falco tinnunculus*

One seen in flight at Doi Lor.

NOTE: Usually split into two species: Rock Kestrel and Common Kestrel.

#### **Amur (Eastern Red-footed) Falcon**

*Falco amurensis*

A real surprise and one of the trip highlights! We were very fortunate to have had lengthy, close views of a sub-adult female in Khao Yai NP.

### Parrots, Macaws & Allies *Psittacidae*

#### **Blossom-headed Parakeet (NT)**

*Psittacula roseate*

Ten birds were seen in flight in the dry woodlands (Mr Tii's) near Doi Inthanon NP.

#### **Red-breasted Parakeet (NT)**

*Psittacula alexandri*

Wonderful views of around twenty birds near the entrance to Khao Yai NP.

#### **Vernal Hanging Parrot**

*Loriculus vernalis*

Excellent views of several birds in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

### Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*

#### **Black-and-red Broadbill**

*Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus*

Sensational views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP.

#### **Silver-breasted Broadbill (H)**

*Serilophus lunatus*

Unfortunately just heard on one occasion in Doi Inthanon NP.

#### **Dusky Broadbill**

*Corydon sumatranus*

Good scope views were had of this scarce species in Khao Yai NP.

### Pittas *Pittidae*

#### **Blue Pitta**

*Pitta cyanea*

We were very fortunate to let alone hear this species, nevermind see it, albeit briefly, in Khao Yai NP.

### Australian Warblers *Acanthizidae*

#### **Golden-bellied Gerygone**

*Gerygone sulphurea*

Excellent views of a pair in the Pak Thale area.

### Woodshrikes and allies *Tephrodornithidae*

#### **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**

*Hemipus picatus*

Six birds seen in Khao Yai NP.

#### **Large Woodshrike**

*Tephrodornis virgatus*

Good views of three birds in a mixed flock in Khao Yai NP.

NOTE: Now considered two species: Large Woodshrike and Malabar Woodshrike.

#### **Common Woodshrike**

*Tephrodornis pondicerianus*

Four birds seen in dry woodland near Doi Inthanon NP.





NOTE: Now considered two species: Common Woodshrike and Sri Lanka Woodshrike.

### **Woodswallows Artamidae**

**Ashy Woodswallow** *Artamus fuscus*  
Commonly seen along the roadside in many areas.

### **Ioras Aegithinidae**

**Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia*  
Small numbers were seen in the Kaeng Krachan area.

**Great Iora** *Aegithina lafresnayei*  
Several good looks were had in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

### **Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae**

**Black-winged Cuckooshrike** *Coracina melaschistos*  
Singletons and pairs were seen on four dates.

**Rosy Minivet** *Pericrocotus roseus*  
A pair showed briefly at Huai Hong Krai.

**Swinhoe's (Brown-rumped) Minivet** *Pericrocotus cantonensis*  
Seen regularly in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

**Small Minivet** *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*  
This smart species showed well at the edge of Rangsit Marsh.

**Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris*  
Four birds seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus*  
Small flocks in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Short-billed Minivet** *Pericrocotus brevirostris*  
Four seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus*  
The most common minivet of the trip and seen in the lowlands and mountains.

NOTE: Recently split into two species: Scarlet Minivet and Orange Minivet.

### **Shrikes Laniidae**

**Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*  
A common winter visitor seen on six days of the tour.

**Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach*  
One bird seen en route from Doi Inthanon to Chiang Mai.

### **Vireos, Greenlets Vireonidae**

**White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina)** *Erpornis zantholeuca*  
Several birds seen in Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NP's.

**Blyth's (White-browed) Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius flaviscapis*  
Excellent views of this vocal species in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings on Doi Inthanon.  
NOTE: White-browed Shrike-babbler now regarded as four species: Blyth's, Himalayan, Dalat and Pied Shrike-babblers.

### **Old World Orioles Oriolidae**

**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*  
The most commonly encountered oriole that occurs in varied habitats. We saw this species on several



occasions in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.

**Black-hooded Oriole**

*Oriolus xanthornus*

Two birds seen well at Mr Tii's.

**Maroon Oriole**

*Oriolus trailii*

After hearing this species a few times we finally managed to obtain distant views of a female in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: Possibly going to be split soon into Maroon and Red Orioles respectively.

**Drongos *Dicruridae***

**Black Drongo**

*Dicrurus macrocercus*

Commonly seen in open habitats especially farm and woodlands.

**Ashy Drongo**

*Dicrurus leucophaeus*

Another common forest species that was seen almost daily.

**Bronzed Drongo**

*Dicrurus aeneus*

Small numbers seen at most forest sites.

**Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo**

*Dicrurus remifer*

First seen briefly in Kaeng Krachan NP and then very well on Doi Inthanon.

**Hair-crested Drongo**

*Dicrurus hottentottus*

Seen commonly at all forest localities.

NOTE: Recently split into several different species and once considered part of the Spangle Drongo complex.

**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**

*Dicrurus paradiseus*

This spectacular species was seen a few times in the lower lying forests at most sites.

NOTE: Two species now recognized: Greater Racket-tailed and Sri Lanka Drongos.

**Fantails *Rhipiduridae***

**White-throated Fantail**

*Rhipidura albicollis*

Four seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Malaysian Pied Fantail**

*Rhipidura javanica*

Small numbers were seen in the lowlands on three dates.

NOTE: Recently split into two species: Malaysian Pied Fantail and Philippine Pied Fantail.

**Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae***

**Black-naped Monarch**

*Hypothymis azurea*

Heard several times and seen briefly in the lowlands at Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Oriental (Asian) Paradise-Flycatcher (H)**

*Terpsiphone affinis*

Only heard in Kaeng Krachan NP.

NOTE: Asian Paradise Flycatcher recently split into three species: Oriental, Indian and Amur Paradise Flycatchers.

**Crows, Jays & Magpies *Corvidae***

**Eurasian Jay**

*Garrulus glandarius*

Excellent scope views of one in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Red-billed Blue Magpie**

*Urocissa erythrorhyncha*

Seen briefly in Doi Inthanon NP and then very well at Mr Tii's.

**Common Green Magpie**

*Cissa chinensis*

Heard in Kaeng Krachan and then seen in flight in Khao Yai NP.

**Racket-tailed Treepie**

*Crypsirina temia*

One bird seen well in the Pak Thale area with another brief sighting near Doi Inthanon.



**Ratchet-tailed Treepie***Temnurus temnurus*

One of Thailand's top birds! We were thrilled to obtain good views of this rarity in the upper reaches of Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Eastern Jungle (Large-billed) Crow***Corvus levaillanti*

Seen most days.

NOTE: Usually regarded as three species: Large-billed, Eastern Jungle and Indian Jungle Crows respectively.

**Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*****Yellow-bellied Fantail***Rhipidura hypoxantha*

Small numbers seen daily in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher***Culicicapa ceylonensis*

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

**Chickadees & Tits *Paridae*****Sultan Tit***Melanochlora sultanea*

These smart looking birds with funky, yellow crests were seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.

**Japanese Tit***Parus minor*

Small numbers seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: Great Tit was recently split into three species: Great Tit, Japanese Tit and Cinereous Tit.

**Cinereous Tit***Parus cinereus*

Two birds seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: See above note.

**Yellow-cheeked Tit***Parus spilonotus*

This handsome species was seen daily in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Larks *Alaudidae*****Indochinese Bush Lark***Mirafra erythrocephala*

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

**Oriental Skylark***Alauda gulgula*

Good views of two birds near Khao Yai NP.

**Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*****Striated Bulbul (H)***Pycnonotus striatus*

Heard in Khao Yai NP.

**Black-headed Bulbul***Pycnonotus atriceps*

Two seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Black-crested Bulbul***Pycnonotus melanicterus*

Commonly seen throughout.

NOTE: Several different species are now recognized from the original Black-crested Bulbul.

**Red-whiskered Bulbul***Pycnonotus jocosus*

Three birds seen in dry woodland near Doi Inthanon.

**Sooty-headed Bulbul***Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Small numbers seen in Khao Yai NP and near Doi Inthanon.

**Stripe-throated Bulbul***Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

First seen in Kaeng Krachan and then later in Khao Yai NP.

**Flavescent Bulbul***Pycnonotus flavesceus*

Three in Kaeng Krachan NP with small numbers daily on Doi Inthanon.





**Streak-eared Bulbul**

Small numbers seen on five dates.

*Pycnonotus blanfordi*

**Puff-throated Bulbul**

Seen in small numbers in Khao Yai NP.

*Criniger pallidus*

**Ochraceous Bulbul**

Small numbers seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

*Criniger ochraceus*

**Grey-eyed Bulbul**

Small numbers were seen in the higher elevations at Khao Yai and again on Doi Inthanon.

*Iole propinqua*

**Buff-vented Bulbul (NT)**

Three seen well in Kaeng Krachan NP.

*Iole olivacea*

**Mountain Bulbul**

Small numbers seen daily in Doi Inthanon NP.

*Ixos mcclellandii*

**Ashy Bulbul**

Brief views of six in Doi Inthanon NP.

*Hemixos flavala*

NOTE: Two species are now recognized: Ashy and Cinereous Bulbuls.

**Black Bulbul**

Small numbers were seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

NOTE: Recently split into two species: Black Bulbul and Square-tailed Bulbul.

**White-headed Bulbul (NE)**

Excellent views of two of these localised and scarce bulbuls in mid-elevation forest in Doi Inthanon NP. Another 8 birds were later seen again by some of the group a little higher up.

*Cerasophila thompsoni*

**Swallows *Hirundinidae*****Barn Swallow**

Good numbers were seen almost every day throughout the trip.

*Hirundo rustica*

NOTE: Might soon be split into Old World and New World Barn Swallows respectively.

**Dusky Crag Martin**

Two birds noted on Doi Inthanon.

*Ptyonoprogne concolor*

**Asian House Martin**

Up to forty birds were seen daily in Doi Inthanon NP.

*Delichon dasypus*

**Red-rumped Swallow**

Good numbers were seen in the Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon areas.

*Cecropis daurica*

NOTE: IOC recognizes three species: Red-rumped, West African and Sri Lanka Swallows.

**Striated Swallow**

Good views of at least ten near Doi Inthanon.

*Cecropis striolata*

NOTE: Now regarded as two species: Striated and Rufous-bellied Swallows respectively.

**Wren-babblers *Pnoepygidae*****Pygmy (Cupwing) Wren-babbler**

Two separate sightings were had in Doi Inthanon NP.

*Pnoepyga pusilla*

**Cettia bush Warblers & allies *Cettidae*****Yellow-bellied Warbler**

We had good looks at a pair in bamboo at Kaeng Krachan NP.

*Abroscopus superciliosus*

**Mountain Tailorbird**

Heard on several occasions with a single sighting in Doi Inthanon NP.

*Phyllergates (Orthotomus) cucullatus*

**Slaty-bellied Tesia**

*Tesia olivacea*



Excellent views were had of this tiny species in Doi Inthanon NP.

### Leaf Warblers & Allies *Phylloscopidae*

#### **Dusky Warbler**

*Phylloscopus fuscatus*

Heard with brief views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP.

#### **Buff-throated Warbler**

*Phylloscopus subaffinis*

Four birds showed very well in open grassy/pine savanna in Doi Inthanon NP.

#### **Yellow-streaked Warbler (H)**

*Phylloscopus armandii*

Heard in dry woodland near Doi Inthanon.

#### **Radde's Warbler**

*Phylloscopus schwarzi*

Heard and seen briefly in and around Doi Inthanon NP.

#### **Buff-barred Warbler (H)**

*Phylloscopus pulcher*

One bird heard at the summit of Doi Inthanon.

#### **Ashy-throated Warbler**

*Phylloscopus maculipennis*

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

#### **Yellow-browed Warbler**

*Phylloscopus inornatus*

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

#### **Hume's Warbler**

*Phylloscopus humei*

Small numbers seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

#### **Two-barred Warbler**

*Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*

We had good looks at several at most forest reserves.

NOTE: Two species now accepted: Two-barred Warbler and Greenish Warbler.

#### **Pale-legged Leaf Warbler**

*Phylloscopus tenellipes*

Two seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with more heard in Khao Yai NP.

#### **Blyth's Leaf Warbler**

*Phylloscopus reguloides*

At least 15 in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: Three species now accepted: Blyth's, Claudia's and Hartert's Leaf Warblers.

#### **Claudia's Leaf Warbler**

*Phylloscopus claudiae*

Small numbers were had in Khao Yai NP.

NOTE: See above.

#### **Davison's Leaf Warbler**

*Phylloscopus davisoni*

Large numbers seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: White-tailed Leaf Warbler now regarded as two species: Davison's and Kloss's Leaf Warblers.

#### **Sulphur-breasted Warbler**

*Phylloscopus ricketti*

This bright yellow and black warbler was seen on four days.

#### **Bianchi's Warbler**

*Seicercus valentini*

One bird seen well in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: The Golden-spectacled Warbler complex has recently been split into 6 different species: Green-crowned, Grey-crowned, Whistler's, Bianchi's, Martens's (Omei) and Alstrom's (Plain-tailed) Warblers respectively.

#### **Martens's Warbler**

*Seicercus omeiensis*

Heard and seen in Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NPs.

NOTE: See above note.

#### **Alstrom's Warbler**

*Seicercus soror*

Two birds seen well in Kaeng Krachan NP.

NOTE: See Above note:

#### **Chestnut-crowned Warbler**

*Seicercus castaniceps*

One seen on Doi Inthanon.



**Reed Warblers & Allies    *Acrocephalidae*****Oriental Reed Warbler***Acrocephalus orientalis*

One seen in an open grassy area in Khao Yai NP.

**Thick-billed Warbler (H)***Acrocephalus aedon*

Heard in Khao Yai NP.

**Grassbirds & Allies    *Megaluridae*****Russet Bush Warbler (H)***Bradypterus mandelli*

Heard in the distance on Doi Inthanon.

NOTE: Three species now accepted: Russet, Dalat and Taiwan Bush Warblers.

**Lanceolated Warbler (H)***Locustella lanceolata*

This ultra-secretive species was heard extremely close-by near our Kaeng Krachan accommodation.

**Cisticolas & Allies    *Cisticolidae*****Zitting Cisticola***Cisticola juncidis*

Six birds seen around a wetland near Khao Yai NP.

**Golden (Bright)-headed Cisticola***Cisticola exilis*

A singleton showed very well in Khao Yai NP.

**Hill Prinia***Prinia atrogularis*

Heard and seen briefly in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: Two species now accepted: Black-throated Prinia and Hill Prinia.

**Grey-breasted Prinia***Prinia hodgsonii*

Small numbers seen around Kaeng Krachan, Doi Lor and near Doi Inthanon.

**Yellow-bellied Prinia***Prinia flaviventris*

One vocal bird showed very well at Ban Bang Ta Boon.

**Plain Prinia***Prinia inornata*

Seen in open scrubby habitat in the lowlands.

**Common Tailorbird***Orthotomus sutorius*

Several birds were seen in scrub in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

**Dark-necked Tailorbird***Orthotomus atrogularis*

Seen commonly and very well in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

**Babblers, Parrotbills & Allies    *Timaliidae*****Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler***Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*

One seen well but briefly in Doi Inthanon NP.

**White-browed Scimitar Babbler***Pomatorhinus schisticeps*

One vocal individual showed briefly in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Rufous-fronted Babbler***Stachyridopsis rufifrons*

A pair showed briefly with another better sighting later on in the understory in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Golden Babbler***Stachyris chrysaea*

Brief views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Pin Striped Tit-Babbler***Macronous gularis*

Commonly heard and seen at most forests.

NOTE: Recently split into two species: Bold-striped and Pin-striped Tit-Babblers.

**Chestnut-capped Babbler (H)***Timalia pileata*

Heard in the distance on our last morning near Doi Inthanon.





**Fulvetta, Ground Babblers Pellorneidae****Rufous-winged Fulvetta** *Alcippe castaneiceps*

Fantastic views at close range in Doi Inthanon NP.

NOTE: Recently split into two species: Rufous-winged and Black-crowned Fulvetta.

**Brown-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe poioicephala*

We found around 20 in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Yunnan Fulvetta** *Alcippe morrisonia*

Large numbers seen on Doi Inthanon.

NOTE: The Grey-cheeked Fulvetta complex has recently been split into many different species, Yunnan Fulvetta being one of those splits.

**Limestone Wren-Babbler** *Napothera crispifrons*

We had excellent views of two on the limestone cliffs at a Wat near Bangkok.

**Eye-browed Wren-Babbler** *Napothera epilepidota*

We had good looks at a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Collared Babbler** *Gampsorhynchus torquatus*

A furtive family group was seen briefly in hill forest at Kaeng Krachan NP.

NOTE: Two species now accepted: White-hooded Babbler and Collared Babbler.

**Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti*

We enjoyed great views of one in Khao Yai NP.

**Puff-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum ruficeps*

Excellent views were had of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae****White-crested Laughingthrush** *Garrulax leucolophus*

Eight of these handsome birds showed extremely well in Khao Yai NP.

**White-necked Laughingthrush** *Garrulax strepitans*

Two of these extremely retiring laughingthrushes were heard and then seen briefly in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush (H)** *Garrulax pectoralis*

Heard twice in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Black-throated Laughingthrush (H)** *Garrulax chinensis*

This species melodic and beautiful song was heard at close range in Khao Yai NP but wouldn't show.

**Silver-eared Laughingthrush** *Garrulax erythrocephalus*

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

NOTE: The Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush complex has recently been split into multiple species with Silver-eared Laughingthrush being one of those splits.

**Blue-winged Minla (Siva)** *Minla cyanouroptera*

Ten seen at Doi Inthanon.

**Bar-throated (Chestnut-tailed) Minla** *Minla strigula*

Great looks at around 30 birds around the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

**Spectacled Barwing** *Actinodura ramsayi*

We had excellent views of a group on Doi Inthanon.

**Rufous-backed Sibia (H)** *Heterophasia annectens*

Unfortunately only heard in a flock on Doi Inthanon.

**Dark-backed Sibia** *Heterophasia melanoleuca*

Commonly seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Sylviid Babblers, Parrotbills, Myzornis Sylviidae****Grey-headed Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis gularis*

We were thrilled to find a flock of eight birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

### White-eyes *Zosteropidae*

#### **Chestnut-flanked White-eye**

*Zosterops erythropleurus*

Large numbers seen throughout the tour.

#### **Oriental White-eye**

*Zosterops palpebrosus*

The most widespread of the white-eyes. We had good views at Khai Yai and Doi Inthanon NPs.

### Fairy-bluebirds *Irenidae*

#### **Asian Fairy-bluebird**

*Irena puella*

Three of these gorgeous birds were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Yai NP.

### Nuthatches *Sittidae*

#### **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch**

*Sitta nagaensis*

Four seen on Doi Inthanon.

#### **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**

*Sitta frontalis*

Two separate sightings were had on Doi Inthanon.

### Treecreepers *Certhidae*

#### **Hume's (Brown-throated) Treecreeper**

*Certhia discolor*

Excellent, close looks at a single bird on Doi Inthanon.

NOTE: Brown-throated Treecreeper was recently split into two species: Sikkim and Hume's Treecreepers.

### Starlings *Sturnidae*

#### **Common Hill Myna**

*Gracula religiosa*

Recorded at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

NOTE: Four species now accepted: Common, Southern, Nias and Enggano Hill Mynas.

#### **Great (White-vented) Myna**

*Acridotheres javanicus*

Commonly seen throughout the lowlands and in open habitats.

#### **Common Myna**

*Acridotheres tristis*

Commonly seen throughout the trip.

#### **Black-collared Starling**

*Sturnus nigricollis*

This handsome species was seen on our final morning near Doi Inthanon NP.

#### **Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling)**

*Sturnus contra*

Small numbers seen in open areas on three dates.

#### **White-shouldered Starling**

*Sturnia sinensis*

Excellent views were had of this rather localised and scarce species in the Pak Thale area.

#### **Chestnut-tailed Starling**

*Sturnia malabarica*

Good views of six near Khao Yai NP.

### Thrushes & Allies *Turdidae*

#### **Eyebrowed Thrush**

*Turdus obscurus*

One male showed well in Doi Inthanon NP.

#### **Green Cochoa (H)**

*Cochoa viridis*

We heard this species calling in Doi Inthanon NP but despite our best efforts were unable to locate it.



**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*

A few of these songsters were seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

*NOTE: Split into two species: White-rumped and White-crowned Shamans.***Dark-sided (Siberian) Flycatcher***Muscicapa sibirica*

Two seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Asian Brown Flycatcher***Muscicapa dauurica*

A few were seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

*NOTE: Two species now regarded: Asian Brown and Brown-streaked Flycatchers with several more splits probably to come.***White-gorgeted Flycatcher***Ficedula monileger*

Good views (at least for this species) were had of two birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Hainan Blue Flycatcher***Cyornis hainanus*

A total of five males seen during the trip with especially good views in Khao Yai NP.

**Pale Blue-Flycatcher***Cyornis unicolor*

A female was seen briefly on Doi Inthanon.

**Hill Blue Flycatcher***Cyornis banyumas*

Three birds showed well in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Tickell's Blue Flycatcher***Cyornis tickelliae*

A singing male showed briefly at Huai Hong Krai.

**Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher (H)***Cyornis rubculoides*

Heard at lower elevation in Doi Inthanon NP.

*NOTE: Recently split into two species: Blue-throated and Chinese Blue Flycatchers.***Large Niltava***Niltava grandis*

Brief views of a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Small Niltava (H)***Niltava macgrigoria*

Heard in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Verditer Flycatcher***Eumyias thalassinus*

Commonly seen at all forests.

**Lesser Shortwing (H)***Brachypteryx leucophrys*

Heard on Doi Inthanon.

**White-browed Shortwing***Brachypteryx montana*

We had excellent views of a singleton at Mr Daeng's, Doi Inthanon. A very shy species!

**Siberian Blue Robin***Luscinia cyane*

A female showed very well at Mr Daeng's, Doi Inthanon.

**White-bellied Redstart (H)***Hodgsonius phaenicuroides*

Heard once on Doi Inthanon.

**Siberian Rubythroat (H)***Luscinia calliope*

Heard near our hotel in the Kaeng Krachan area and in Khao Yai NP.

**Black-backed Forktail***Enicurus immaculatus*

One showed well but briefly in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Slaty-backed Forktail***Enicurus schistaceus*

A singleton popped up in Doi Inthanon NP.

**White-crowned Forktail***Enicurus leschenaulti*

Brief views were had of one at the summit of Doi Inthanon.

*NOTE: Now regarded as two species: White-crowned and Bornean Forktails.***Blue Whistling-Thrush***Myophonus caeruleus*



Our first sighting was in Khao Yai NP with further sightings at Doi Inthanon NP. We recorded both the resident, yellow-billed race and the migrant race with the all black bill.

**Slaty-backed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hodgsonii*

A single male showed in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla*

Commonly seen throughout.

NOTE: Two species now exist: Red-breasted and Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatchers.

**Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni*

Males and females were seen on a few occasions in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Slaty-blue Flycatcher** *Ficedula tricolor*

Excellent views of a female and brief views of males on Doi Inthanon.

**Plumbeous Water Redstart** *Phoenicurus fuliginosus*

Superb views of a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.

**White-capped Redstart** *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*

This spectacular bird was seen very well at Doi Inthanon NP.

**Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius*

A female was seen in Khao Yai NP with a further two seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush** *Monticola rufiventris*

A female was seen well in Doi Inthanon.

**Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maurus*

Several seen at a wetland near Khao Yai NP.

NOTE: Common Stonechat now regarded as 7 species, Siberian Stonechat being one of seven species.

**Pied Bush Chat** *Saxicola caprata*

A pair showed well at Doi Lor rice fields.

**Grey Bush Chat** *Saxicola ferreus*

Small numbers were seen at Doi Inthanon.

### Leafbirds *Chloropseidae*

**Greater Green Leafbird** *Chloropsis sonnerati*

Four birds showed well in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

Seen on five dates in small numbers.

NOTE: Three species are now known: Blue-winged, Jerdon's and Bornean Leafbirds respectively.

**Golden-fronted Leafbird** *Chloropsis aurifrons*

Two birds were seen at Huai Hong Krai.

**Orange-bellied Leafbird** *Chloropsis hardwickii*

Pairs and singletons showed well in Doi Inthanon NP.

### Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae*

**Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

We had good views of several birds in Kaseng Krachan NP with another sighting in Khao Yai NP.

**Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum melanoxanthum*

Brief views of a female on Doi Inthanon.

**Plain Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum minullum*

Four birds showed very well in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum ignipectus*

Small numbers seen in Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NPs.



**Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker***Dicaeum cruentatum*

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and en route to Doi Inthanon.

**Sunbirds & Spiderhunters Nectariniidae****Ruby-cheeked Sunbird***Chalcoparia singalensis*

We saw several of these smart birds at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.

**Brown-throated Sunbird***Anthreptes malacensis*

A pair showed well in a flowering tree at a coffee break en route to Doi Inthanon.

NOTE: Recently split into two species: Brown-throated and Grey-throated Sunbirds.

**Purple Sunbird***Cinnyris asiaticus*

Two males showed well in dry woodland near Doi Inthanon.

**Olive-backed Sunbird***Cinnyris jugularis*

Commonly seen at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

**Mrs Gould's Sunbird***Aethopyga gouldiae*

This stunner showed well in Doi Inthanon NP.

**Green-tailed Sunbird***Aethopyga nipalensis*

A male was finally found near the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

**Black-throated Sunbird***Aethopyga saturata*

First recorded in the higher areas in Kaeng Krachan NP and later seen fairly commonly in Doi Inthanon NP.

**(Eastern) Crimson Sunbird***Aethopyga siparaja*

This stunning species was seen very well in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

NOTE: Sometimes Split into two species: Eastern Crimson Sunbird and Vigor's Sunbird.

**Little Spiderhunter***Arachnothera longirostra*

A single bird was seen in Khao Yai NP.

**Yellow-eared Spiderhunter***Arachnothera chrysogenys*

A surprise find of a single bird in Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Streaked Spiderhunter***Arachnothera magna*

Two seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with another sighting on Doi Inthanon.

**Old World Sparrows Passeridae****House Sparrow***Passer domesticus*

Seen in the Bangkok area.

**Plain-backed Sparrow***Passer flaveolus*

Excellent views of small numbers at a wetland near Khao Yai NP.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow***Passer montanus*

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

**Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae****Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin)***Lonchura punctulata*

Small numbers were seen at many sites, on four dates, especially in lowland areas.

**Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae****Eastern Yellow Wagtail***Motacilla tschutschensis*

Three seen at a wetland near Khao Yai NP.

NOTE: Now regarded as two species: Western and Eastern Yellow Wagtails. Many unique subspecies exist within both complexes that may very well be split further in future. The race of Eastern Yellow Wagtail that we saw was *tschutschensis*.



<b>Grey Wagtail</b>	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
Recorded at the higher elevations of Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon.	
<b>White Wagtail</b>	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
Singletons were seen on four dates.	
<b>Richard's Pipit</b>	<i>Anthus richardi</i>
One was seen at a wetland near Khao Yai.	
NOTE: Has been split into many different species for many years now.	
<b>Paddyfield Pipit</b>	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>
Small numbers were seen at various grassy areas.	
<b>Olive-backed Pipit</b>	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>
First seen at Kaeng Krachan and then again on Doi Inthanon.	

## **ANNOTATED LIST OF MAMMALS RECORDED: (16 species recorded (14 seen and 2 heard only))**

### **Old World Monkeys *Cercopithecidae***

<b>Crab-eating (Long-tailed) Macaque</b>	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>
A few of these monkeys were seen near Petchaburi.	
<b>Southern Pig-tailed Macaque</b>	<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>
Up to 20 were seen daily in Khao Yai NP.	
<b>Dusky Leaf-monkey</b>	<i>Trachypithecus obscurus</i>
A common species with up to 12 seen daily in Kaeng Krachan NP.	

### **Gibbons *Hylobatidae***

<b>Lar (White-handed) Gibbon (H)</b>	<i>Hylobates lar</i>
Unfortunately only heard in the distance in Kaeng Krachan.	
<b>Pileated Gibbon (H)</b>	<i>Hylobates pileatus</i>
Only heard in Khao Yai NP.	

### **Squirrels *Sciuridae***

<b>Grey-bellied Squirrel</b>	<i>Callosciurus caniceps</i>
Small numbers were seen at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.	
<b>Finlayson's (Variable) Squirrel</b>	<i>Callosciurus finlaysonii</i>
We enjoyed good views of several in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP.	
<b>Pallas's (Red-bellied Mountain) Squirrel</b>	<i>Callosciurus erythraeus</i>
We had good sightings at Doi Inthanon.	
<b>Black Giant Squirrel</b>	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>
Singletons seen in Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NPs.	
<b>Himalayan Striped Squirrel</b>	<i>Tamias mccllellandii</i>
Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NPs.	

### **Deer *Cervidae***

<b>Southern Red Muntjac</b>	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>
Two were seen well in Khao Yai NP.	
<b>Sambar Deer</b>	<i>Cervus unicolor</i>
Fairly common at Khao Yai NP where the animals are confiding.	



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**Porcupines *Hystriidae***

**Malayan Porcupine**

*Hystrix brachyura*

Two were seen crossing the road one evening in Khao Yai NP.

**Flying Fox *Pteropodidae***

**Lyle's Flying Fox**

*Pteropus lylei*

Eight of these large mammals were seen in the Laem Pak Bia area.

**Treeshrews *Tupaiaidae***

**Northern Treeshrew**

*Tupaia belageri*

One sighting at Mr Daeng's, Doi Inthanon.

**Martens, Weasels & Allies *Mustelidae***

**Yellow-throated Marten**

*Martes flavigula*

Fabulous views were enjoyed of three of these beautiful mammals in gorgeous late afternoon light at the top of Kaeng Krachan.

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**REPTILES**

**Water Monitor**

*Varanus salvator*

We had good views of several at Leam Pak Bia, Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.

**Burmese Python**

*Python bivittatus*

This huge snake was seen crossing the road on the drive out of Kaeng Krachan NP.

**Tokay Gecko**

*Gekko gecko*

Heard and seen a few times in the Kaeng Krachan area.

**Snake sp.**

A small, unidentified snake was seen in Khao Yai NP.

**Turtle sp.**

A few of these in the river at the restaurant and information centre area in Khao Yai NP.

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