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The scarce and beautiful Jambu Fruit Dove, Taman Nagara by Rosemary Loyd





The rare Whitehead's Trogon, Mt Kinabalu and a male Crested Fireback, Taman Nagara, both by Butch Carter

Top Ten Birds as voted by the participants:

- 1) Whitehead's Broadbill
- 3) Jambu Fruit Dove
- 5) Long-tailed Broadbill
- 7) Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher/Hooded Pitta
- 9) Rhinoceros Hornbill

- 2) Whitehead's Trogon
- 4) Bornean Green Magpie
- 6) Buffy Fish Owl
- 8) Temminck's Sunbird
- 10) Crested Fireback

Mammals:

- 1) Malaysian Tapir
- 3) Proboscis Monkey

- 2) Orangutan
- 4) Small-clawed Otter



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Temminck's Sunbird by John Clark

Tour Summary

On this year's tour we recorded the rare and highly prized Whitehead's Trogon, Whitehead's Broadbill (after a long search on Mount Kinabalu) and Garnet, Blue-headed, Black-crowned and Hooded Pittas. Other mouthwatering species seen were Rhinoceros, Wreathed, Wrinkled and Black Hornbills, White-fronted and Black-thighed Falconets, Black-and-red, Black-and-yellow, Long-tailed, Dusky, Green and Banded Broadbills, the stunning Oriental Dwarf, Blue-eared, Blue-banded and Stork-billed Kingfishers, Red-headed, Diard's, Red-naped and Scarlet-rumped Trogons, Great-billed Heron, Painted and Storm's Storks, Lesser Adjutant, Wallace's, Rufous-bellied and Blyth's Hawk-Eagles, Crested Fireback, Buffy Fish and Brown Wood Owls, the highly sought-after Bornean Bristlehead and Blue Nuthatch, the endangered Straw-headed Bulbul, a whopping eight sightings of Orangutan and several troops of Proboscis Monkey, Malaysian Tapir and Western Tarsier. For more details of this highly successful and enjoyable tour, read on....

On our first morning in Peninsular Malaysia, we started our list in earnest across the road from our hotel in Kuala Lumpur, where we had good views of Black-naped Oriole, Asian Glossy Starling, Common Tailorbird, Asian Palm Swift, close looks at a Common Flameback and, at a reservoir, several Black-crowned Night Heron, Striated Herons and three striking White-throated Kingfishers. After breakfast we



headed off towards the coastal town of Kuala Selangor. En route we enjoyed scope looks at a magnificent Crested Goshawk sunning itself in the early morning sunlight atop a palm tree, a pair of Long-tailed Parakeets that landed next to the bus, Collared and White-throated Kingfishers, thousands of Edible-nest Swifts (nesting in buildings used for harvesting their nests) and the first of many Brahminy Kites. A stop at a series of wetlands produced a large breeding colony of Black-crowned Night and Purple Herons, Lesser Coucal, White-breasted Waterhen, great scope looks at a pair of Greater Painted-snipe, a lone Painted Stork, Red-wattled Lapwing, White-headed Munia and Baya Weaver attending their nests. Reaching Kuala Selangor, we soon departed for the Taman Alam Reserve, where we watched our first primates of the trip, Silvered Leaf Monkeys and Long-tailed Macaques. The reserve protects an area of regenerating mangroves and associated brackish habitats, and here we saw a few species largely confined to this type of habitat in Malaysia, including Ashy Tailorbird, Cinereous (Great) Tit, Laced Woodpecker and Common Flameback, Brown-throated and Ruby-cheeked Sunbirds and Malaysian Pied Fantail, while the elusive Mangrove Whistler put in an appearance after a long standoff. A fantastic lunch was enjoyed along the Selangor River, and later we headed back into the Tam Alam Reserve. Overlooking the wetland area in the late afternoon, we found Pink-necked Green Pigeons and Pied Triller.

Before breakfast the next morning, while it was still dark, we searched the hotel grounds for Large-tailed Nightjar. After only a short walk we found our target and had good views as it flew past calling at close range. Other good birds here included a Stork-billed Kingfisher, four Oriental Pied Hornbills, Coppersmith Barbets and we had good looks at three Asian Koels calling in the garden. After breakfast we packed up and started our drive to Fraser's Hill, first stopping at Hulu Yam, an old tin mining area. Here we soon found Red-wattled Lapwing, the attractive Long-tailed Shrike, Black-winged Kites and enjoyed good views of Blue-throated Bee-eaters hawking insects from the power-lines. Just before we left a Little Bronze Cuckoo was heard calling in the distance and with a little work we enjoyed good, close scope looks. Further along our drive, stopping at a bridge over the highway, we had close looks at House Swifts, a few Glossy Swiftlets and a pair of Rufous-bellied (Striated) Swallows. After reaching Fraser's Hill, we had a quick lunch before birding along the roadside, which produced one good bird after another in quick succession, including Long-tailed Sibia, Black-throated Sunbird and Lesser Racket-tailed Drongos. A busy flock then materialized in front of us and soon we were watching Blue-winged Minla, a group of stunningly plumaged Silver-eared Mesias, Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Fire-tufted and Black-browed Barbets, smart Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, Mountain Fulvetta and, best of all, a stunning Blue Nuthatch!

The following morning, before breakfast, we positioned ourselves at a site for the rare Malaysian Whistling Thrush. After twenty minutes and no sighting, we returned to the hotel for breakfast picking up a smart pair of Slaty-backed Forktails and several stunning Long-tailed Broadbills en route. After breakfast, we visited a feeding station set up by photographers. Here we had excellent close looks at Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush and Silver-eared Mesia as well as several confiding Common Tree-Shrews. We didn't have to wait long before a pair of Malayan Laughingthrush put in an appearance, our only sighting of the tour. After this great start we again walked the Telekom Loop road, finding a host of new and familiar birds including Orange-bellied Leafbird, bizarre Fire-tufted Barbet, Javan Cuckooshrike, another pair of Blue Nuthatch, stunning Grey-chinned Minivet, Streaked Spiderhunter, Common Green Magpie and a nice pair of the funky-crested Sultan Tit, much to everyone's delight. After lunch a few of us birded along a nearby road where Streaked Wren-Babblers and a nice male Lesser Shortwing were seen very well. In the late afternoon we travelled to a waterfall in the lower Gap



area, where we hoped the scarce Malaysian Eared Nightjar would put in an appearance. We were not disappointed, having great views of two calling birds in the early evening light. We headed back to the hotel after a long but fantastic day.

The following morning before dawn, we again tried for the Malaysian Whistling Thrush. We had no luck, but enjoyed good looks at a pair of Large Niltava feeding in the early light. After breakfast we then birded the new Gap road. Birding was slow at times, but we saw plenty more memorable species, including close views of a smart Red-bearded Bee-eater, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Mountain and Cinereous (Ashy) Bulbuls, Blyth's (White-browed) Shrike Babbler, Everett's White-eye and the smart Mountain Tailorbird, Golden-whiskered and Blue-eared Barbets, Black and Crimson Oriole, Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, noisy Ochraceous Bulbuls and delightful little Golden Babblers. Our afternoon walk was fairly quiet but we did enjoy views of a confiding Siamang, several Fire-breasted Flowerpeckers, Rufous-browed Flycatchers, more Common Green Magpies and a Ferruginous Partridge was heard calling on a steep slope. In the early evening our plan to visit a site for Brown Wood Owl was abandoned due to rain.



Bornean Green Magpie on Mt. Kinabalu by Marianne Wakelin

On our final morning at Fraser's Hill we again positioned ourselves for the Malaysian Whistling Thrush site but no sightings was had. After breakfast we packed up and travelled by road to the well-known Taman Negara NP. Several exciting birds were seen en route as we ascended into lower altitudes including Black Hornbill, Crested Serpent Eagle, Black-and-yellow Broadbill and several stunning Scaly-breasted Bulbuls feeding in a fruiting tree alongside the road. We arrived at Taman Negara NP in the late afternoon, caught our boat for the short crossing over the Tahan River to the park hotel and checked into our chalets. A quick visit to the hide saw us scoping a family group of Black-thighed Falconets on a dead tree, while Stripe-throated Bulbuls fed nearby and the occasional Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot and Crimson-winged Woodpeckers were seen flying overhead.



Before dawn the following morning a few of us headed out to a patch of nearby forest where we heard Gould's Frogmouth and an Oriental Bay Owl calling. After a bit of a search we had brief flight views of the frogmouth but the owl remained hidden. After breakfast we then headed out on the River Trail and here a variety of stunning lowland specials were seen on our walk, including a spectacular male Red-naped Trogon, an iridescently-plumaged male Green Broadbill which allowed close looks as it sat overhead, Abbott's Babbler, Black-and-yellow Broadbills, and Grey-cheeked and Yellow-bellied Bulbuls. A Banded Kingfisher was heard calling and after a search Mary spotted it on an overhanging branch and we enjoyed great scope looks. At the river the rare and localized Straw-headed Bulbul was watched flying to and from some fruiting trees. Several Wreathed Hornbills were seen in flight over the river but the calling Rhinoceros Hornbills could not be seen. During the morning we also heard the calls of Great Argus in the surrounding forests and although we visited a display area, there was no evidence that a bird had been using it recently. After lunch, with a bit of time off, we birded a fruiting fig tree in the campsite. Here we enjoyed excellent looks at many species including Red-eyed, Yellow-vented, Spectacled and Olive-winged Bulbuls, Sooty, Blue-eared and Red-throated Barbets and, best of all, a pair of the scarce and elusive Jambu Fruit Dove – only recorded on two previous tours!! That afternoon we birded the campsite and visited the hide, where Crimson-winged and Banded Woodpeckers as well as flyover Blue-crowned Hanging Parrots, two Black-thighed Falconets and two large White-bellied Woodpeckers were also seen. In the evening, while walking to the restaurant, we were delighted to see a Malaysian Tapir in the campsite. This is a habituated individual that visits the campsite on occasion, and was enjoyed by all.

The next morning we took a predawn walk to look for night birds, but after an hour we managed only to hear Gould's Frogmouth, Oriental Bay Owl and Brown Hawk-Owl. Post breakfast we took a boat ride up-river to another section of forest. Our morning here was very productive and we scored with views of stunning and colorful Raffle's Malkoha, Diard's Trogons, Red-bearded Bee-eater, a pair of Black Magpie, Banded and Black-and-yellow Broadbills, Rufous-winged Philentoma and Chestnut-rumped, Sooty-capped, Rufous-crowned and Black-throated Wren-Babblers. A calling Malaysian Peacock-Pheasant was heard deep in the forest but a Garnet Pitta was eventually tracked down, showing well as it jumped around high in a tree. From here we headed by boat back to camp for lunch. In the afternoon we again spent time at the fruiting tree in the camp, seeing the same species as yesterday, including the pair of Jambu Fruit Dove. In the afternoon we took the Swamp Trail where we had good views of the super shy Crested Jay and Ferruginous and Fluffy-backed Tit Babblers, while White-bellied and Great Slaty Woodpecker were seen perched atop a dead tree opposite the hide.

On our last morning in Taman Nagara, we took a boat cruise up the quieter backwaters of the Tahan Channel. The journey was very exciting as we had to cross several rapids but our boatmen were experienced and handled the situation well. Our main target along this stretch of river was the scarce Blue-banded Kingfisher and a pair were seen flying across the water on two separate occasions, as well as a Lesser Fish Eagle and Stork-billed Kingfisher. At the picnic spot we scanned with scopes and came up trumps with a Chestnut-naped Forktail in flight, male Violet Cuckoo, several Fiery Minivets and another huge Stork-billed Kingfisher were also seen. At another stop midway along the channel we took a trail into the forest and immediately heard a calling Giant Pitta, which led us on a trek through the forest without a glimpse. Very exciting but disappointing as it sounded so close at one stage! A beautiful male Scarlet-rumped Trogon was eventually lured in and showed well directly above us. Heading back to the camp we again had views of Blue-banded Kingfishers and though they were seen several fleeting



times, not everybody had views and we would have to wait till Danum for another chance. After lunch we again walked the Swamp Trail, which led to repeat sightings of Crested Jays, Ferruginous Babblers and Greater Racket-tailed Drongos. That evening we returned to the Swamp Trail to look for Reddish Scops Owl, which we heard calling but as hard as we tried could not locate the bird in a densely foliated tree.



Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot by John Clark



Olive-backed Woodpecker by John Clark

The following morning we drove back to Kuala Lumpur, where we caught our flight to Kota Kinabalu for an overnight stay. In the morning, with heavy rain falling, we visited a nearby coastal park and from the bus we recorded new species such as Blue-naped Parrot, Green Imperial Pigeon and Pacific Reef Heron, while several Whiskered Terns were seen offshore. Later in the morning we caught a short flight to Lahad Datu. Here we ate lunch and then transferred to 4x4 vehicles for our visit to the world-famous lowland rainforests in the Danum Valley. Driving to our camp in the rainforest was exciting and produced Crested Serpent and Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Red-bearded Bee-eater, a stately Great-billed Heron at a river crossing and several flocks of Dusky Munias. A comfort stop at the research camp gave us Bornean Blue Flycatcher and two Oriental Small-clawed Otters, although rather briefly. After dinner we went on a night drive and scored with Brown Wood Owl, Thomas's and Red Giant Flying Squirrels as well as three Sambar deer.

On our first morning in this wonderful park, we were eager to head out and go birding. A walk along the



main access road to the Canopy Tower produced a pair of Crested Fireback, a nice flock of Dusky Broadbills and a pair of vocal Bornean Black Magpies. Within a few minutes a shout went up from Denis that he had heard a bristlehead calling! We quickly connected with one of our major tour targets, the highly sought-after and rare Bornean Bristlehead, enjoying good flight views and hearing their distinctive calls. They landed at the top of a large tree and through the scope we had fabulous looks! After this early success, we spent time searching for many of Danum's shy birds. We then visited the Canopy Tower, where we enjoyed good looks at Grey-rumped and Whiskered Treeswifts, Green Ioras, a stunning white morph Asian Paradise Flycatcher which allowed close views, and a female Olive-backed Woodpecker that was seen at close range. It was shortly after this that we were alerted to the sighting of an Orangutan a kilometer or so from where we were and soon we sped off at a lightning pace. Arriving at the site we had time to catch our breath as the Orangutan was feeding quietly just a few meters up and allowing fabulous close views – one of the dream mammals that most people wish to see in Borneo! We also had a smart Maroon-breasted Philentoma here. Before lunch we had time to relax and look for Bornean and Spectacled Spiderhunters, often feeding in the flowering ginger plants around the chalets, while some of us searched the river and came up trumps with great looks at Blue-banded Kingfisher. It was here that we had further views of the scarce Great-billed Heron. After a scrumptious lunch, and break, we again headed out on the trails, picking up Ferruginous Babbler, Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker, White-crowned Shama and Hairy-backed Bulbul. That evening we enjoyed a pleasant night drive, finding Thomas's and Red Giant Flying Squirrel, and had good looks at a Brown Wood Owl. After the drive, we found a Buffy Fish Owl fishing in shallow water just off the boardwalk, allowing great looks and photos.

The following morning we again birded the access road, finding the same birds as previously and then, heading down to the river, we found a calling Striped Wren-Babbler, allowing great looks in the scope. A short while later a search for a calling Blue-headed Pitta was successful as two responsive birds came bounding in, allowing fabulous close views even although they disappeared shortly afterwards. A long walk along the Hornbill Trail was fairly quiet but eventually we scored big time with a calling Black-crowned Pitta, which was seen well sitting and calling downslope. Our afternoon session was fairly quiet, with sightings of Rhinoceros Hornbill, Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Bornean Spiderhunter and further sightings of an Orangutan. After a fabulous evening meal, we then headed out on another night drive, which produced Thomas's and Red-Giant Flying Squirrels, a pair of Brown Wood Owls and, best of all, a Western Tarsier, a tiny little primate with huge eyes.





Temminck's Sunbird at Mt Kinabalu by Butch Carter



Silver-eared Mesia by Marianne Wakelin

On our last morning, we headed out on the Jacuzzi Trail, picking up several new birds including Long-billed (Sunda) Flycatcher, Sooty-capped and Moustached Babblers, White-crowned Shama and brief looks at Chestnut-naped Forktail for some, while a calling Helmeted Hornbill, frustratingly, could not be seen. By mid-morning we said our farewells to this fabulous area and drove to Lahad Datu for lunch, stopping briefly at the research station where we enjoyed fabulous looks at three Oriental Small-clawed Otters. After lunch we arrived at the Gomontong Caves: birding along the access road we saw Purple-naped Sunbird, Maroon Woodpecker, Rhinoceros Hornbill and Chestnut-breasted Malkoha. We then headed into the cave where Denis showed us the different nests containing Edible, Black and Mossy Nest Swiftlets, as well as many bats flying high overhead. A fascinating place indeed, but we were keen to leave as the smell and cockroaches were not everyone's cup of tea. Outside we waited for the bats to emerge but ran out of time as we still had to get to our lodge. After a fairly short drive and boat transfer, we arrived at our accommodations, the lights glowing in the dark on the Kinabatangan River. We settled in fairly quickly and enjoyed an evening meal.

The following morning we went out on the Kinabatangan River where we had a fabulous day's birding. Sightings included close looks at Oriental Darter, Grey-headed Fish Eagle, a pair of Jerdon's Baza, an unexpected Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle causing some initial confusion, and then a stunning Black Eagle flew straight over our boat, giving fabulous looks! Also seen were Black, Bushy-crested, Oriental Pied, Wrinkled, Wreathed and Rhinoceros Hornbills, Banded Bay Cuckoo, Long-tailed Parakeets, Oriental Dollarbird and, best of all, the endangered Storm's Stork and Lesser Adjutant. (The Kinabatangan River is in fact about the only area where we can see the former.) In the afternoon, on a smaller channel, we saw several smart looking Blue-eared Kingfishers, Malaysian Blue Flycatcher, White-chested Babbler and enjoyed fabulous looks at a striking Hooded Pitta, with several others heard nearby. Another highlight of the afternoon was seeing several family groups of Proboscis Monkeys proclaiming their roosting tree alongside the river. We enjoyed good, close looks at these troops, including a few big males with "large noses", before heading back to our lodge for dinner.



After our meal we then embarked on another boat trip, first seeing two Small-toothed Palm Civets at the jetty. The night boat trip was very exciting and we did well with five sightings of Buffy Fish Owl, a roosting Blue-eared Kingfisher, two Black-crowned Night Herons and, lastly, two roosting Oriental Pied Hornbills.



Storm's Stork, Kinatbatangan River by John Clark



Blue-banded Kingfisher, Danum Valley by John Clark

The next day was a travel day as we drove to Sandakan and caught our short flight to Kota Kinabalu, first stopping en route at the Gomontong Caves for some early morning birding. Birding was slow along the entrance road but we did see two juvenile Crested Goshawks, Little Green Pigeon, Green Imperial Pigeon, Long-tailed Parakeet, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Cream-vented Bulbuls for some, and Black-and-red Broadbills over the road. At the Sandakan Airport, Little Terns could be seen carrying fish to an old airstrip where breeding was suspected. After a short flight we arrived at Kota Kinabalu. A Western Osprey and a pair of Crested Mynas were seen while eating lunch at Kota Kinabalu airport, before we drove to Mt. Kinabalu NP for a four-night stay.

Early the following morning, we drove to Mt. Kinabalu National Park where we birded along the entrance road near the park HQ. A plethora of new birds awaited us and soon we were watching stunning Bornean Green Magpies, Bornean Whistling Thrush, Temminck's Babbler, flocks of Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrushes, Chestnut-crested Yuhinas and Bornean Treepies. After this heady success we headed along the Silau-Silau Trail and after a fairly quiet spell we chanced upon an Eye-browed Jungle



Flycatcher. After enjoying good looks at this scarce species we were halted in our tracks by three Whitehead's Trogons over the trail – wow! It was a family group made up of a pair and a juvenile male, and we enjoyed fantastic looks and took many photos. With this great and early success, we could relax a bit and look for the other rare inhabitants of the mountain. We then enjoyed a great lunch in the park while watching a pair of Temminck's Sunbirds and Black-sided Flowerpeckers feeding in a flowering tree alongside the restaurant balcony. The trails in the afternoon were fairly quiet but new birds included Sunda Laughingthrush, Bornean Whistler and Hair-crested Drongo.

The next day we drove up to the Temphon Gate, entrance to the Summit Trail in the upper reaches of the park. Here we found a lively flock of feeding birds and enjoyed sightings of Sunda and Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrushes, small numbers of the strange Mountain Black-eye, Black-capped White-eye, and had fantastic looks at Golden-naped Barbet, Bornean Whistling Thrush, Indigo Flycatcher, Pale-faced Bulbul and fast-moving flocks of Chestnut-headed Yuhinas. From the gate we walked downhill to the park HQ which produced several new birds, including Sunda Bush Warbler, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Golden-naped Barbet, singing Yellow-breasted Warblers, Little Cuckoo-Dove, Mountain Tree Shrews and brief looks at Bornean Forktail flying down the road, and great scope looks at Himalayan Cuckoo. Calling Crimson-headed and Rufous-breasted Partridges were heard at several sites. After another good lunch we continued our search for the species we were missing and in particular the Whitehead's Broadbill, which had been heard calling briefly during the morning. While walking along the main road we walked up the hill and soon bumped into a large feeding flock. The majority of the birds were Chestnut-hooded and Sunda Laughingthrushes and Chestnut-crested Yuhinas, with the odd Checker-throated Woodpecker, Javan Cuckooshrike, Bornean Whistler, Bornean Green Magpies and Black-capped White-eyes. During this organized frenzy we also heard Bare-headed Laughingthrushes calling and pursued them, only to get reasonable views as they fed high up in a large wooded tree. We then rejoined the bird flock and within a few minutes John had spotted our target species, the rare and elusive Whitehead's Broadbill! Frantic descriptions of where it was sitting followed until everybody had a view and, better still, we even managed scope views, allowing fabulous closer looks with much greater detail. Thus ended another great day and we returned to our hotel with many of our major targets already in the bag!





The rare and highly sought-after Whitehead's Broadbill at Mt Kinabalu by Rosemary Loyd

On our final morning in the park, we again visited the summit trail entrance where we saw all the species seen on our first visit and had great looks at Ashy Drongo, Mountain Black-eye and splendid looks at the beautiful Yellow-breasted Warbler, which sang and fed in the early morning sunlight. Unfortunately, with the tragic loss of life after a recent earthquake, the Summit Trail to look for Friendly Warbler was not accessible. We instead again birded the road down to the HQ, hearing Red-breasted and Crimson-headed Partridges, Himalayan Cuckoo, Golden-aped and Mountain Barbets, Ochraceous Bulbul, Blyth's Shrike-Babbler, Little Pied Flycatcher and some smart Grey-chinned Minivets. After lunch, we then birded the lower Silau-Silau trail and came up trumps with good views of Bornean Forktail, our last endemic. On the last day of the tour we drove down to Kota Kinabalu to catch our flights home, but not before first stopping at a small heronry, where we had close looks at Black-crowned and Nankeen (Rufous) Night Herons and Great and Little Egrets. And so ended our fabulous tour of Malaysia.

Once again it was a wonderful trip, with many memorable birds, great food and a fun group of



enthusiastic participants. Special thanks to Dennis Yong for his great handling of our tour logistics, expertise and knowledge on the wildlife we encountered – till next time!



Orangutan in the Danum Valley by Marianne Wakelin

Annotated List of Birds recorded

Note: Names and taxonomical order of the bird species list follows that of IOC (International Ornithological congress), Gill, F. and M. Wright. 2012; Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press (version 3.3 (1)). Names in square brackets represent names given by IOC and omitted by Clements whereas names in round brackets represent names given by Clements and omitted by IOC. Names without square or round brackets represent the name given by both IOC and Clements. A notes section can be found where splitting and/or lumping of the species by the respective authorities (IOC & Clements) differs from each other.

ME = Malaysia peninsula endemic, **BE** = Bornean endemic.

BIRDS (354 species recorded including 20 heard only)

Pheasants, Fowls and Allies Phasianidae



Red-breasted Partridge (BE) (H) *Arborophila hyperythra*

Heard daily at the summit trail on Mt Kinabalu.

Chestnut-necklaced Partridge (H) *Arborophila charltonii*

Several birds were heard calling in the Danum Valley.

Crimson-headed Partridge (H) *Haematortyx sanguiniceps*

Heard daily at Mt Kinabalu.

Crested Partridge *Rollulus rouloul*

Four birds were seen by Neil and Erik as they ran through the forest at Taman Nagara.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

A female bird was seen running in to forest en route to Taman Nagara.

Crested Fireback *Lophura ignita*

Excellent close looks at several birds at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley. The two subspecies involved are very different and the Bornean birds are likely to be recognised as an endemic species in the future.

Malayan Peacock-Pheasant (ME) (H) *Polyplectron malacense*

Heard only in Taman Nagara.

Great Argus *Argusianus argus*

At Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley, we heard the “Bow-wow” calls daily but try as we did we could not find a bird at the display sights. A bird in the camp at Taman Nagara was confiding and tame and was of unknown origin and lastly, Neil chanced upon a single male while walking the trails at Taman Nagara.

Storks Ciconidae**Storm's Stork** *Ciconia stormi*

We had good views of two of these rare birds roosting in big trees along the Kinabatangan River.

Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*

A singleton was seen at a wetland close to Kuala Lumpur allowing great scope looks. This is a scarce resident in Malaysia.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*

Two birds were seen in flight on the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Bitterns and Herons Ardeidae**Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Three birds were seen in flight at a wetland en route to Fraser's Hill.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Large numbers were seen at a heronry near Kuala Lumpur and two birds along the Kinabatangan River.

Nankeen (Rufous) Night-Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*

A small breeding colony was enjoyed at Kota Kinabalu.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

Four birds were seen at a reservoir on the first day opposite our hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

NOTE: IOC splits this species into three species: Striated Heron B. striata, Green Heron B. virescens & Lava Heron B. sundevalli, whereas Clements only recognizes two splits: Striated Heron B. striata & Green Heron B. virescens.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus ibis*

A cosmopolitan species encountered at a heronry en route to Kuala Selangor and alongside the airport at Lahad Datu. Recently split by some authors into two species.

NOTE: Clements lumps this species with Western Cattle Egret B. ibis as Cattle Egret B. ibis.



Grey Heron*Ardea cinerea*

Recorded at wetlands near Kuala Lumpur on the first two days of the tour, with a further sighting thereafter at the Kinabatangan River.

Great-billed Heron*Ardea sumatrana*

A single bird was seen at a river crossing while driving into the Danum Valley, while another was seen on the river, opposite our lodge. This is a rare resident of lowland forests.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea*

This widespread species was observed in large numbers near Kuala Selangor and singletons at the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Great Egret*Ardea alba*

Small numbers encountered at most wetland sites.

Intermediate Egret*Egretta intermedia*

Recorded feeding in grasslands at the Lahad Datu and Sandakan Airport in Sabah, Borneo.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta*

Small numbers were encountered at several sites during the tour.

Pacific Reef Egret*Egretta sacra*

Several birds were seen along canals in Kota Kinabalu.

Anhingas Anhingidae**Oriental Darter***Anhinga melanogaster*

Seen daily on the river opposite our lodge in the Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

NOTE: The resident African form A. rufa is sometimes lumped with the Asian A. melanogaster and the enlarged species called Darter. Clements uses the latter treatment of lumping these forms.

Ospreys Pandionidae**Western Osprey***Pandion haliaetus*

A single bird was seen flying near the airport at Kota Kinabalu while we ate lunch.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae**Black-winged (shouldered) Kite***Elanus caeruleus*

Two birds were seen in open country en route to Fraser's Hill.

Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard*Pernis ptilorhynchus*

We had three sightings in the Danum Valley.

Jerdon's Baza*Aviceda jerdoni*

We had great views of a pair along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Crested Serpent Eagle*Spilornis cheela*

This was the commonest raptor during the trip (nine dates) and we enjoyed some great views of this impressive raptor.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle*Nisaetus cirrhatus*

Two sightings in the lower foothills below Fraser's Hill and another at Danum.

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle*Nisaetus alboniger*

We were treated to two sightings of birds in flight at Fraser's Hill and at Taman Negara.

Wallace's Hawk-Eagle*Nisaetus nanus*

We had two excellent sightings in the Danum Valley and another on the Kinabatangan River.

Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle*Lophotriorchis kienerii*

A juvenile bird along the Kinabatangan River was a huge surprise and we were initially puzzled over its identification.

Black Eagle*Ictinaetus malayensis*

We had two great sightings at Danum and right over our boat on the Kinabatangan River.

Crested Goshawk*Accipiter trivirgatus*

Great scope looks near Kuala Selangor, along the Kinabatangan River and at the Gomontong Caves.

Besra*Accipiter Virgatus*

An immature bird, thought to be this species, was seen in the Danum Valley while another immature was seen at Mount Kinabalu.

Brahminy Kite*Haliastur indus*

This attractive raptor was observed at Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Selangor, along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau and lastly in Kota Kinabalu.

White-bellied Sea Eagle*Haliaeetus leucogaster*

A pair were seen at Kuala Selangor.

Lesser Fish-Eagle*Haliaeetus humilis*

We had good views at Taman Negara, opposite our lodge in the Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Grey-headed Fish-Eagle*Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*

A single bird was found by Colin along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Falcons and Caracaras Falconidae**Black-thighed Falconet***Microhierax fringillarius*

We enjoyed great scope looks daily at the Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.

White-fronted (Bornean) Falconet (BE)*Microhierax latifrons*

We enjoyed fabulous looks at a pair seen on an open tree along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae**White-breasted Waterhen***Amaurornis phoenicurus*

This common waterbird was seen on eight dates.

Purple Swamphen*Porphyrio porphyrio*

A singleton was scoped at a wetland near Kuala Lumpur.

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

Good numbers were seen between Kuala Lumpur and Kuala Selangor and at Hulu Yam.

Painted-snipes Rostratulidae**Greater Painted-snipe***Rostratula benghalensis*

A fantastic pair were enjoyed with excellent scope looks at a wetland near Kuala Lumpur. Seldom recorded on our tours in Malaysia.

Sandpipers Scolopacidae**Whimbrel***Numenius phaeopus*

A singleton was seen on the beach at Prince Phillip Park by those doing the extension on the last day of the tour.



Red-necked Stint*Calidris ruficollis*

A singleton was seen amongst roosting Little Terns at Prince Phillip Park by those doing the extension on the last day of the tour.

Gulls, Terns and Skimmers Laridae**Little Tern***Sterna albifrons*

Up to ten birds were seen at Sandakan airport and another 13 roosting on the beach at Kota Kinabalu for those doing the extension.

Whiskered Tern*Chlidonias hybrida*

Four birds were seen flying along the coast on our last day of the tour at Kota Kinabalu.

Common Tern*Sterna Longipennis*

A single bird was found roosting with Little Terns at Prince Phillip Park, Kota Kinabalu by those doing the extension.

Pigeons and Doves Columbidae**Rock (Pigeon) Dove***Columba livia*

Recorded in cities throughout the tour.

Spotted Dove*Spilopelia chinensis*

Small numbers seen on at least eleven dates.

Little Cuckoo-Dove*Macropygia ruficeps*

Good numbers at Fraser's Hill and many found in fruiting trees at the summit trail on Mount Kinabalu.

(Common) Emerald Dove*Chalcophaps indica*

Small numbers seen daily in flight at Taman Nagara and our drive in to the Danum Valley.

Zebra Dove*Geopelia striata*

A fairly common urban species seen on eight days.

Little Green-Pigeon*Treron olax*

Great looks along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Pink-necked Green-Pigeon*Treron vernans*

Common at Kuala Selangor, at Prince Phillip Park in Kota Kinabalu and along the Kinabatangan River.

Thick-billed Green-Pigeon*Treron curvirostra*

Good scope looks at Taman Nagara.

Green Imperial-Pigeon*Ducula aenea*

Great looks in the Danum Valley, Kinabatangan River and at Prince Phillip Park, Kota Kinabalu.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon*Ducula badia*

Small numbers seen daily at Fraser's Hill and heard in Mt. Kinabalu Park

Parrots and Cockatoos Psittacidae**Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot***Loriculus galgulus*

Flight views of several at Taman Nagara, Kinabatangan River at Sakau and in the Danum Valley.

Blue-naped Parrot*Tanygnathus lucionensis*

A singleton was seen at Prince Phillip Park, Kota Kinabalu. Possibly, introduced from the Philippines many years ago but now a free-flying feral population. A further five birds were seen at Prince Phillip Park by those doing the extension.

Long-tailed Parakeet*Psittacula longicauda*

A pair were seen well en route to Fraser's Hill with further sightings at Prince Phillip Park, Kota



Kinabalu and along the Kinabatangan River.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

Greater Coucal

Centropus sinensis

This spectacular and often heard species was recorded on thirteen dates.

Lesser Coucal

Centropus bengalensis

A singleton was seen in flight at a wetland near Kuala Selangor and another was seen en route to Fraser's Hill. Much smaller than the previous species.

Raffles' Malkoha

Rhinortha chlorophaeus

A common lowland forest bird seen at Taman Nagara, Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River.

Red-billed Malkoha

Zanclostomus javanicus

A fabulous view of a courting pair, calling and displaying at Fraser's Hill. Another bird was seen in the Danum Valley.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus curvirostris

Recorded at Taman Nagara, Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River.

Green-billed Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus tristis

We enjoyed good looks at a pair on Fraser's Hill.

Asian Koel

Eudynamis scolopacea

Two males and a female bird were seen opposite our hotel in Kuala Lumpur and another two in the grounds at our hotel at Kuala Selangor.

Violet Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus

We had scope looks at a bird on the Tahan Channel in Taman Nagara NP.

Little Bronze Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx minutillus

A single bird was seen very well at Tam Alam Nature Reserve at Kuala Selangor.

Banded Bay Cuckoo

Cacomantis sonneratii

Good looks on the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Plaintive Cuckoo

Cacomantis merulinus

Heard at Taman Nagara and then seen in the Danum Valley.

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo

Cacomantis sepulcralis

Singletons at Kuala Selangor and in lowland forest en route to Taman Nagara.

[Square-tailed] (Asian) Drongo-Cuckoo

Surniculus lugubris

The mournful notes of this cuckoo were a dominant sound of lowland rainforest at Taman Nagara where we saw two birds.

NOTE: Clements lumps this species with Fork-tailed Drongo Cuckoo S. dicruroides and Moluccan Drongo-Cuckoo S. musschenbroeki as Asian Drongo-Cuckoo S. lugubris.

Indian Cuckoo (H)

Cuculus micropterus

Heard daily at Taman Nagara.

Himalayan Cuckoo

Cuculus saturatus

Heard daily at Mt Kinabalu Park, where a singleton was scoped, allowing great views.

Note: Initially we thought that this was Sunda Cuckoo, C. lepidus, calling at Mt Kinabalu, but going on the call, it had the 4 notes and identical sound to Himalayan Cuckoo, C. saturatus. We believe it to be Himalayan Cuckoo.

Barn Owls Tytonidae

Oriental Bay Owl (H)

Phodilus badius

Heard calling on two pre-dawn walks in Taman Nagara but moved away when we were close.



Owls Strigidae

Reddish Scops Owl (H)

Otus rufescens

Heard on the Swamp Trail at Taman Nagara one evening, but unfortunately could not be located in a densely foliated tree.

Mountain Scops Owl (H)

Otus spilocephalus

Heard calling nightly near our hotel at Fraser's Hill but would not come closer to playback.

Buffy Fish-Owl

Ketupa ketupu

Great views of an individual fishing in shallow waters, in the Danum Valley. We enjoyed further sightings along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Brown Wood Owl

Strix leptogrammica

Excellent views were had in the Danum Valley on two nights.

Collared Owlet

Glaucidium brodiei

This diurnal species was heard at Fraser's Hill. A few of us had looks at a bird on a steep slope on Mt. Kinabalu, Borneo.

Brown Hawk-Owl (H)

Ninox scutulata

Heard on two pre-dawn walks at Taman Nagara.

Frogmouths Podargidae

Gould's Frogmouth

Batrochostomus stellatus

Brief looks at a bird in flight on our predawn walks in Taman Nagara. Also heard in the Danum Valley.

Nightjars Caprimulga

Malaysian Eared Nightjar

Lyncornis temminckii

We had good looks at dusk of two individuals in flight at Fraser's Hill.

Large-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus macrurus

Fabulous looks at close range near our hotel in Kuala Selangor before dawn.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Gray-rumped Treeswift

Hemiproctus longipennis

Seen well in the camp at Taman Nagara and from the canopy tower in the Danum Valley.

Whiskered Treeswift

Hemiproctus longipennis

We had good scope looks at pairs daily in the Danum Valley.

Swifts Apodidae

Glossy Swiftlet

Collocalia esculenta

This species was encountered in good numbers at most sites.

Bornean [Cave] Swiftlet (BE)

Collocalia dodgei

This recently recognised Bornean endemic was seen flying in the upper parts of Mt. Kinabalu Park by a few participants. Several birds showed the "glossy green of this species".

Mossy-nest Swiftlet

Aerodramus salangana

Small numbers were found on its distinctive nest in the Gomontong Caves.

Black-nest Swiftlet

Aerodramus maximus

Several birds were seen at their nests high up in the Gomontong Caves.

Edible-nest Swiftlet

Aerodramus fuciphagus



First seen in large numbers near Kuala Selangor and then seen on its distinctive “white nest” at the Gomontong Caves.

Silver-rumped Spinetail *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

Seen almost daily in Taman Nagara and at the Danum Valley.

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Small numbers were seen in Kuala Lumpur, our only sighting of the tour.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Small numbers were seen on seven days of the trip.

Trogon Trogonidae

Red-naped Trogon *Harpactes kasumba*

We had excellent looks at a male bird at Taman Nagara and another in the Danum Valley.

Diard's Trogon *Harpactes diardii*

We enjoyed multiple looks at calling males in the Danum Valley.

Whitehead's Trogon *Harpactes whiteheadi*

Fantastic close views of a confiding pair and a sub-adult male were had on the Silau-Silau trail at Mount Kinabalu. A rare and highly sought after montane resident. Fabulous!

Scarlet-rumped Trogon *Harpactes duvaucelii*

Good close looks at a spectacular male in Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

We enjoyed great looks at two birds were seen in forest around Fraser's Hill.

Rollers Coraciidae

[Oriental] Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

A widespread species that we encountered en route to Fraser's Hill, Taman Nagara and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*

We had fabulous scope looks at a male at Taman Nagara. Well done Mary for spotting this cryptic forest species.

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*

This magnificent bird was seen at Kuala Selangor, Taman Nagara, at our lodge on the Danum River with further sightings on the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

This urban kingfisher was seen several times on Peninsular Malaysia.

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*

This widespread species was encountered on seven dates, mainly in mangrove and oil plantations.

Blue-banded Kingfisher *Alcedo euryzona*

A pair were seen on our boat trip along the Tahan Channel in Taman Nagara, with a further sighting of a male seen well near our lodge on the Danum River.

Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting*

A singleton was seen in the Danum Valley and another was seen roosting along the Kinabatangan River, Sakau.

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx erithaca rufidorsa*



Fabulous close looks at two birds including one roosting at night in the Danum Valley.

NOTE: Clements splits the above species into two species: Black-backed Kingfisher *C. erythaca* and Rufous-backed Kingfisher *C. rufidorsa*, whereas IOC only recognizes one species: Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher *C. erythaca*.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Red-bearded Bee-eater

Nyctornis amictus

Three of these striking forest dwellers were seen in the lower foothills at Fraser's Hill and another in the Danum Valley.

Blue-throated Bee-eater

Merops viridis

This widespread lowland species was seen on eleven dates.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Bushy-crested Hornbill

Anorrhinus galeritus

Good views in the Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill

Anthracoceros albirostris

First recorded en route to Kuala Selangor with further sightings along Kinabatangan River at Sakau and at the Gomontong Caves.

Black Hornbill

Anthracoceros malayanus

We had three sightings, at Taman Negara, near Sandakan and several along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Rhinoceros Hornbill

Buceros rhinoceros

This fantastic looking species was heard daily at Fraser's Hill and at Taman Negara, where large hornbills seem to be increasingly rare. We went on to see several very well in Borneo, at Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Helmeted Hornbill (H)

Rhinoplax vigil

Heard calling in the Danum Valley but no view was had.

White-crowned Hornbill (H)

Berenicornis cornatus

Heard calling briefly on the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Wrinkled Hornbill

Aceros corrugatus

A pair were seen well in flight at the Danum Conservation area.

Wreathed Hornbill

Rhyticeros undulatus

Great views at Taman Negara, in the Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Barbets and Toucans Capitonidae

Fire-tufted Barbet

Psilopogon pyrolophus

These handsome and vocal barbets, confined to Sumatra and the Malay Peninsular, were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Lineated Barbet

Megalaima lineata

A single bird was seen at Kuala Selangor.

Gold-whiskered Barbet

Megalaima chrysopogon

Recorded in the foothills of Fraser's Hill, Taman Negara and the Danum Valley.

Red-throated Barbet

Megalaima mystacophanos

Singletons were seen at Taman Negara and heard daily in the Danum Valley.

Black-browed Barbet

Megalaima oorti

Very common in the highlands of Peninsular Malaysia, where seen regularly at Fraser's Hill.

Mountain Barbet (BE) (H)

Megalaima monticola



Heard only on Mount Kinabalu.

Yellow-crowned Barbet *Megalaima henricii*

Good scope looks below Fraser's Hill and in the Danum Valley.

Golden-naped Barbet (BE) *Megalaima pulcherrima*

We enjoyed great views daily on Mt. Kinabalu.

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*

First seen at Fraser's Hill, and then heard at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

We enjoyed scope views at Kuala Selangor.

Bornean Brown Barbet (BE) *Calorhamphus fuliginosus*

Good scope looks in the Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River. A recent split from the next species

Sooty Barbet *Calorhamphus hayii*

Great scope looks daily at a fruiting tree in Taman Nagara.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnormis*

Three good sightings of this tiny mite at Taman Nagara.

Sunda [Pygmy] (Brwn-cap) Woodpecker *Dendrocopus moluccensis*

A pair were seen at Tam Alam Reserve, Kuala Selangor.

NOTE: IOC splits the above species into two species: Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker D. moluccensis and Brown-capped Pygmy Woodpecker D. nanus, whereas Clements only recognizes one species: Brown-capped Woodpecker D. moluccensis.

Grey and Buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus*

A male was seen by Neil at Taman Nagara, a brief sighting in the Danum Valley and then a pair were seen well along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

A pair of these huge beasts were seen very well at Taman Nagara and another pair in the Danum Valley.

Banded Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma miniaceum*

Two were seen well in the campground at Taman Nagara and another pair at Mt. Kinabalu.

Checker-throated Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma mentali*

Great views of three birds daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*

Good views at Fraser's Hill and another at Taman Nagara.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus*

Recorded at the lower foothills below Fraser's Hill, in Taman Nagara and at Danum.

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*

Three birds were seen in woodland at Taman Alam Nature Reserve, Kuala Selangor

Olive-backed Woodpecker *Dinopium rafflesii*

First heard in lowland forest en route to Taman Nagara and then close views of a female bird at the canopy tower in the Danum Valley.

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*

Great looks at a pair in Kuala Lumpur opposite our hotel and a female bird in Taman Alam Nature Reserve, Kuala Selangor.

Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis*

A single bird was seen by some of the group in the lower foothills at Fraser's Hill.

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus*



Seen by Neil at Taman Nagara and by all at the Gomontong Caves and daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Orange-backed Woodpecker *Reinwardtipicus validus*

We enjoyed fantastic close looks at two female birds below Fraser's Hill with further sightings in Taman Nagara and at Danum.

Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus*

Three birds were seen well at the Tam Alam Reserve, Kuala Selengor and another by Neil at Taman Nagara.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*

Neil found a single bird in Taman Nagara.

Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki*

A pair was seen by some of the group in Taman Nagara.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

Singleton's of this huge and much sought-after species were seen daily at Taman Nagara.

Broadbills Eurylaimidae

Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis*

We had excellent daily sightings in Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Whitehead's Broadbill *Calyptomena whitheadi*

After a long search over two days we eventually tracked down this rare montane endemic. A female bird had joined a feeding flock and we were very lucky to obtain prolonged scope looks at this highly-sought after species.

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos*

Excellent looks daily in lowland forest at Taman Nagara, the Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

Splendid looks at three birds at Fraser's Hill. A bizarre-looking species.

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*

Great looks at three birds at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

We enjoyed incredible close views at Taman Nagara, in the Danum Valley, Gomontong Caves and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau. Another spectacular denizen of Malaysian forests.

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus*

Excellent scope looks on the lower slopes below Frasers Hill and a group of seven daily in the Danum Valley.

Pittas Pittidae

Giant Pitta (H) *Hydrornis caeruleus*

Frustratingly heard at fairly close range at Taman Nagara and again in the Danum Valley but as hard as we tried we could not get a view of this shy forest dweller.

Blue-headed Pitta (BE) *Hydrornis baudii*

Fantastic close looks at two female birds bounding around us in the Danum Valley.

Garnet Pitta *Erythropitta granatina*

Great looks at a calling bird high in a tree at Taman Nagara.

Black-crowned Pitta (NE) *Erythropitta ussheri*

Good looks at a close bird sitting 3m up in a tree in the Danum Valley. Several others were heard calling.



Hooded Pitta*Pitta sordida*

Brilliant close looks at a calling bird and several heard on our boat trip along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Australasian Warblers Acanthizidae**Golden-bellied Gerygone [Flyeater]***Gerygone sulphurea*

A pair were seen in mangroves at the Taman Alam Reserve, Kuala Selangor. Also heard at Danum and at the Gomontong Caves.

Woodshrikes & Allies Tephrodornithidae**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike***Hemipus picatus*

Seen daily in mixed flocks at Fraser's Hill and a pair on Mt. Kinabalu.

Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike*Hemipus hirundinaceus*

Small flocks seen daily in lowland forest in the Danum Valley.

Large Woodshrike*Tephrodornis virgatus*

A single bird was seen briefly below Fraser's Hill.

NOTE: IOC splits this species into two distinct species; Large Woodshrike *T. virgatus* and Malabar Woodshrike *T. sylvicola* whereas Clements only recognizes one species, Large Woodshrike *T. gularis*.

Rufous-winged Philentoma*Philentoma pyrhoptrum*

Good looks at this smart bird at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley

Maroon-breasted Philentoma*Philentoma velatum*

A good view of a showy bird while we were watching an Orangutan in the Danum Valley.

Bristlehead Pityriasisidae**Bornean Bristlehead***Pityriasis gymnocephala*

Fabulous scope looks at two birds perched then in flight and then moving around in the canopy of a large tree in the Danum Valley. One of Borneo's most highly sought-after birds, placed in its own monotypic family.

Woodswallows Artamidae**White-breasted Woodswallow***Artamus leucorhynchus*

Seen in small numbers around Kota Kinabalu, Sakau and Mt. Kinabalu.

Ioras Aegithinidae**Common Iora***Aegithina tiphia*

We had good views on our first day near Kuala Selangor as well as in Taman Nagara.

Green Iora*Aegithina viridissima*

Small numbers were seen in the Danum Valley.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae**Javan Cuckoo-shrike***Coracina javensis*

Good views daily at Fraser's Hill.

Sunda Cuckooshrike*Coracina larvata*

Seen daily on Mt. Kinabalu.

Lesser Cuckooshrike*Coracina fimbriata*

A single bird was seen in the Danum Valley.

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*

Recorded at Taman Alam Nature Reserve, Kuala Selangor and at Kota Kinabalu.

Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus*

Pairs were seen at Taman Nagara in the Danum Valley and at the Gomontong Caves.

Gray-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*

We enjoyed great views of strikingly-plumaged pairs on a number of occasions at Fraser's Hill and again in the Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*

A pair were seen well in the Danum Valley.

Whistlers Pachycephalidae

Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea (grisola)*

Excellent looks at a bird in mangroves at Taman Alam Nature Reserve, Kuala Selangor.

Bornean Whistler (BE) *Pachycephala hypoxanth*

We enjoyed close sightings of several, daily, on Mt. Kinabalu.

Shrikes Laniidae

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*

A single bird was observed at Hulu Yam and two were seen en route to and from the Gomontong Caves to Sandakan Airport.

Vireos & Greenlets Vireonidae

White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina) *Erpornis zantholeuca*

A single bird was seen briefly by some at Mt. Kinabalu NP.

Blyth's (White-browed) Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus*

We had views daily at Fraser's Hill with further sightings at Mt. Kinabalu.

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

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*

Good looks at this little stunner at the lower elevations at Fraser's Hill.

Orioles and Figbirds Oriolidae

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus*

Heard only at Taman Nagara and then we had great views of this species in the Danum Valley.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*

Good numbers were seen opposite our hotel at Kuala Lumpur and at Kuala Selangor.

Black-and-Crimson Oriole *Oriolus cruentus*

Excellent looks at several birds on Fraser's Hill.

Drongos Dicruridae

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

A single bird was seen at Tam Alam Reserve, Kuala Selangor and we found the pale endemic Bornean race, *stigmatops* in Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*



Recorded at Fraser's Hill and at the Gomontong Caves.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

Fabulous looks at Fraser's Hill.

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*

Singletons of this large, glossy blue species were seen daily on Mt. Kinabalu.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

This spectacular species was enjoyed daily at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Fantails Rhipiduridae

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Small numbers were seen daily at higher elevations at both Fraser's Hill and in Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Malaysian Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

We had good numbers near Kuala Selangor, some along the Kinabatangan and a few in the Danum Valley.

Spotted Fantail *Rhipidura perlata*

We enjoyed good views of two birds in the Danum Valley.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

We enjoyed good but brief looks in Taman Nagara and at Danum.

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*

A couple of males and females were seen briefly at Taman Nagara and later we enjoyed spectacular views of a white morph male daily from the canopy tower in the Danum Valley – stunning!

Jays and Crows Corvidae

Crested Jay *Platylophus galericulatus*

Three of these super-shy forest birds were seen very well on the Swamp Trail at Taman Nagara. We also heard a bird calling at the canopy tower, Danum Valley.

Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus*

Excellent close looks at a few pairs at Taman Nagara, and another pair of the distinctive subspecies were seen at the Danum Valley.

Notes: the bornean race is often regarded as a full species, Bornean Black Magpie

Bornean (Short-tailed) Green Magpie *Cissa jefferyi*

This stunner was seen on daily in the Mt. Kinabalu Park.

NOTE: IOC splits the above species into two species: Bornean Green Magpie C. thalassina and Javan Green Magpie C. thalassina, whereas Clements only recognizes one species: Short-tailed Magpie C. thalassina.

Bornean Treepie (BE) *Dendrocitta cinerascens*

We had superb views of this impressive endemic daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

House Crow *Corvus splendens*

Many were seen at Kuala Lumpur and at Kota Kinabalu. A common urban bird.

Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca*

Our first sightings were in the Danum Valley with further sightings en route to Sandakan.

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Seen regularly in small numbers at Fraser's Hill, at Taman Nagara on the Malay Peninsular.

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



Rail-babbler Eupetidae**Rail-babbler (H)***Eupetes macrocerus*

Heard daily but frustratingly could not be seen in Taman Nagara.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae**Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher***Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Two sightings of this widespread species at Fraser's Hill

Tits and Chickadees Paridae**Cinereous (Great) Tit***Parus cinereus*

We found a pair in the mangroves at Kuala Selangor. Some authors treat this as a separate species, Grey Tit, which in Malaysia is confined to mangroves.

NOTE: Clements lumps Cinereous Tit *P. cinereus* with Great Tit *P. major* and Japanese Tit 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*.

Sultan Tit*Melanochlora sultanea*

A pair were seen on the Telkom Road at Fraser's Hill and a further eight birds were enjoyed at a lower elevation. A great-looking bird!

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae**Straw-headed Bulbul***Pycnonotus zeylanicus*

A singleton of this endangered species was seen on the Tahan Channel at Taman Nagara and another bird in the Danum Valley.

Black-headed Bulbul*Pycnonotus atriceps*

A couple of birds were seen at Taman Nagara and small flocks were seen along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Black-crested Bulbul*Pycnonotus melanicterus*

We found these smart looking birds at Fraser's Hill.

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.

Scaly-breasted Bulbul*Pycnonotus squamatus*

Ten of these striking birds were seen in a fruiting tree in lowland forest between Fraser's Hill and Taman Nagara.

Puff-backed Bulbul*Pycnonotus eutilotus*

Good scope looks in the Danum Valley.

Stripe-throated Bulbul*Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

Small numbers were seen daily at our lodge in Taman Nagara.

Flavescent (Pale-faced) Bulbul*Pycnonotus flavescent*

Three birds were seen at the Thempon Gate, Mt. Kinabalu.

Yellow-vented Bulbul*Pycnonotus goiavier*

The commonest bulbul in non-forest habitats and seen in small numbers throughout the tour.

Olive-winged Bulbul*Pycnonotus plumosus*

Recorded at the Tam Alam Nature Reserve at Kuala Selangor, Gomontong Caves and along the Kinabatangan River.



Cream-vented Bulbul*Pycnonotus simplex*

A pair were seen by some at the Gomontong Caves.

[Asian] Red-eyed Bulbul*Pycnonotus brunneus*

We had several sightings at Taman Negara, Kinabatangan River and at Danum Valley.

Spectacled Bulbul*Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos*

Just a few sightings at Taman Negara and in the Danum Valley.

Ochraceous Bulbul*Alophoixus ochraceus*

Great looks at this large, robust bulbul at Fraser's Hill and at Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Gray-cheeked Bulbul*Alophoixus bres*

Seen in Taman Negara, at Danum Valley and the Gomontong Caves.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul*Alophoixus phaeocephalus*

Small numbers of this attractive species were found in Taman Negara and the Danum Valley.

Hairy-backed Bulbul*Tricholestes criniger*

Several of these cute songsters were seen at Taman Negara, in the Danum Valley and Gomontong Caves.

Buff-vented Bulbul*Iole olivacea*

A few were observed at Taman Negara, Danum Valley and at the Gomontong Caves.

Mountain Bulbul*Ixos mccllellandii*

Good views were had at Fraser's Hill.

Streaked Bulbul*Ixos malaccensis*

Good, close looks at two birds at Taman Negara.

Cinereous (Ashy) Bulbul*Hemixos flavala*

Recorded at Fraser's Hill and at Mt. Kinabalu.

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

Martins and Swallows Hirundinidae**Pacific Swallow***Hirundo tahitica*

Recorded on every day of our tour.

Rufous-bellied (Striated) Swallow*Cecropis badia*

A single bird was watched feeding by a bridge en route to Fraser's Hill with a further four were seen in low lying areas below Fraser's Hill.

Cettia Bush Warblers & Allies**Yellow-bellied Warbler***Abroscopus superciliaris*

We enjoyed good views of a pair in bamboo in the foothills below Fraser's Hill.

Mountain Tailorbird*Phyllergates cucullatus*

This stunner was seen very well at Fraser's Hill and heard on Mt. Kinabalu.

Sunda Bush-Warbler*Horornis vulcania*

We had great views of a very obliging bird on Mount Kinabalu.

Wren-Babblers Pnoepygidae**Pygmy Wren-babbler***Pynoepyga pusilla*

Heard calling briefly at Fraser's Hill.



Leaf Warblers and Allies

- Mountain (Leaf) Warbler** *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*
Several were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu, represented by the endemic race *kinabaluensis*.
- Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus castaniceps*
Good views were had of this species in mixed bird flocks at Fraser's Hill.
- Yellow-breasted Warbler** *Seicercus montis*
We had daily sightings of this beautiful bird at Mt. Kinabalu.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

- Rufescent Prinia** *Prinia rufescens*
A pair were seen in grasslands below Fraser's Hill.
- Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris*
First seen at Tam Alam Nature Reserve, with further sightings at Hulu Yam and in the Danum Valley.
- Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius*
This species was sighted near Kuala Selangor, Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.
- Dark-necked Tailorbird** *Orthotomus atrogularis*
Recorded below Fraser's Hill, Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.
- Rufous-tailed Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sericeus*
Seen at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.
- Ashy Tailorbird** *Orthotomus ruficeps*
This common species was heard or seen on at least six dates.

Babblers, Scimitar Babblers Timaliidae

- Large Scimitar Babbler (H)** *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*
Heard calling at Fraser's Hill.
- Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler (H)** *Pomatorhinus montanus*
Heard calling at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.
- Gray-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps*
Small numbers were seen along the trails in Kinabalu Park.
- Chestnut-rumped Babbler** *Stachyris maculata*
A pair were seen well in Taman Nagara.
- Black-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigricollis*
Everyone saw this species well at Taman Nagara, a beautiful bird.
- Chestnut-winged Babbler** *Stachyris erythroptera*
Several sightings in Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.
- Golden Babbler** *Stachyris chrysaea*
Excellent close looks at several of these stunners daily at Fraser's Hill.
- [Pin]-Striped Tit-Babbler** *Macronous gularis*
Good sightings around Taman Nagara.
- [Bold]-Striped Tit-Babbler (BE)** *Macronous bornensis*
Seen very well at the Danum Valley.
- Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler** *Macronous ptilosus*
This striking species gave us great views at Taman Nagara.

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers



Brown Fulvetta*Alcippe brunneicauda*

We had several good sightings of this songster in the Danum Valley.

Mountain Fulvetta*Alcippe peracensis*

Seen daily at Fraser's Hill associating with mixed species flocks.

Large Wren-Babbler (H)*Napothera atrigularis*

Heard this shy species at Taman Nagara

Mountain Wren-Babbler (BE)*Napothera crassa*

A few of the group found this species at Mt. Kinabalu.

Abbott's Babbler*Malacocincla abbotti*

First heard at Tam Alam, Kuala Selangor and then three birds were seen well at Taman Nagara.

Horsfield's Babbler*Malacocincla sepiaria*

Four birds were seen in the Danum Valley.

Short-tailed Babbler*Malacocincla malaccensis*

Two birds were seen by some of the group at Taman Nagara.

Moustached Babbler*Malacopteron magnirostre*

Recorded at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Sooty-capped Babbler*Malacopteron affine*

First seen well at Taman Nagara and later in the Danum Valley, Sabah, where we encountered the distinctive brown-crowned endemic race *phoeniceum*, a possible future split.

Scaly-crowned Babbler*Malacopteron cinereum*

Seen daily in the Taman Nagara.

Rufous-crowned Babbler*Malacopteron magnum*

Seen on three days at Taman Nagara and at Danum.

White-chested Babbler*Trichastoma rostratum*

We enjoyed superb views of this riverine forest specialist at Danum and at the Gomontong Caves.

Ferruginous Babbler*Trichastoma bicolor*

Pairs were seen in Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Striped Wren Babbler*Kenopia striata*

Excellent close looks at a singing bird near our lodge in the Danum Valley.

Temminck's Babbler*Pellorneum pyrrogenys*

Three birds were seen by some at Mt. Kinabalu.

Black-capped Babbler (H)*Pellorneum capistratum*

This ground-dwelling babbler was heard at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae**Sunda Laughingthrush***Garrulax palliatus*

We enjoyed excellent views at Mt. Kinabalu on a couple of occasions.

Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush (ME)*Garrulax mitratus*

We enjoyed superb sightings of many flocks at Fraser's Hill. A recently recognised endemic.

Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrush (BE)*Garrulax treacheri*

This attractive species was common in the Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Bare-headed Laughingthrush*Garrulax calvus*

Three birds were seen on Mount Kinabalu. A scarce resident.

Malayan (Chestnut-crowned) Laughingthrush (ME)*Trochalopteron peninsulæ*

A pair of these skulking understory endemics was seen at Fraser's Hill.

Blue-winged Minla*Minla cyanouroptera*

Seen regularly in mixed flocks at Fraser's Hill.

Silver-eared Leiothrix (Mesia) *Leiothrix argentea*

Small flocks of this stunning gem were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides*

Conspicuous and vocal at Fraser's Hill.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Chestnut-crested Yuhina (BE) *Yuhina everetti*

This lovely Bornean endemic was seen daily in fast moving flocks at Mt. Kinabalu.

Mountain Black-eye (BE) *Chlorocharis emiliae*

Great views of several small groups at the upper reaches of Mt. Kinabalu.

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

Only seen at Taman Alam Reserve, Kuala Selangor on our first day.

Black-capped White-eye *Zosterops atricapilla*

Seen daily in small numbers at Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*

Large numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Fairy-Bluebirds Irenidae

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

This striking beauty was first spotted at Taman Nagara and then seen in the Danum Valley.

Nuthatches and Wallcreeper Sittidae

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

We enjoyed great views on two days in the Danum Valley.

Blue Nuthatch *Sitta azurea*

A pair of these stunners were seen twice at Fraser's Hill.

Starlings Sturnidae

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

Seen regularly at scattered sites throughout our tour.

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

Good looks at Taman Nagara, at the Danum Valley and along Kinabatangan River. This used to be a common forest bird but seems to have declined markedly.

Great Myna *Acridotheres grandis*

Only seen in Kuala Lumpur by Neil and Erik.

Javan Myna *Acridotheres javanicus*

Seen on nine seven – this species seems to have displaced Jungle Myna from many sites, including Taman Nagara on the peninsular. Common in urban environments on Borneo.

Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus*

Two birds were seen while driving from Kota Kinabalu to Mt. Kinabalu.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Small numbers were seen around urban areas.

Thrushes Turdidae



Bornean Whistling-Thrush (BE) *Myophonus borneensis*

We enjoyed daily sightings at the upper reaches of Mt. Kinabalu.

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophrys*

Excellent views were had of a male bird that was seen as it hopped along a gully at Fraser's Hill.

White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx Montana*

Great views were had of a male seen in the Spagnum Bog at the peak of Doi Inthanon NP.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis*

Common and widespread and seen on most days of the trip.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

This beauty was seen at Fraser's Hill and at Taman Nagara while we heard many more.

White-crowned Shama (BE) *Copsychus stricklandii*

Fantastic looks at this shy forest species in the Danum Valley.

Rufous-tailed Shama (H) *Trichixos pyrropygus*

Heard singing close by in the Danum Valley.

White-tailed Robin (H) *Myiomela leucura*

Heard singing on three days at Fraser's Hill.

Chestnut-naped Forktail *Enicurus ruficapillus*

A single bird was seen by some as it flew across the Tahan Channel in Taman Nagara.

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

We enjoyed good looks daily at Fraser's Hill.

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus borneensis*

We enjoyed views at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Bornean Forktail (BE)

After chasing this species for two days with brief glimpses, we eventually saw it well on the Silau-silau trail at Mt. Kinabalu.

Note: the endemic subspecies borneensis in the highlands of north-west Borneo/Mt. Kinabalu has recently been split and is a Bornean endemic.

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura*

Heard singing and only seen by Erik at Fraser's Hill.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

Great views of a pair in Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

A few encounters were had at both Fraser's Hill and in Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

This striking beauty was observed at Fraser's Hill and in the Danum Valley.

Indigo Flycatcher *Eumyias indigo*

This beauty was seen daily in small numbers at Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Sunda Blue (Long-billed) Flycatcher *Cyornis caerulea*

Two males were seen in the Danum Valley. A scarce and low-density forest species.

Bornean Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis superbus*

Good views of a single bird in the Danum Valley.

Malaysian Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis turcosis*

Regular sightings in Taman Nagara, the Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River on our boat trip.



Rufous-browed Flycatcher*Ficedula solitaries*

Excellent views of this very attractive but shy forest flycatcher were had at Fraser's Hill.

Large Niltava*Niltava grandis*

Excellent views of several pairs at Fraser's Hill.

Leafbirds Chloropseidae**Greater Green Leafbird***Chloropsis sonnerati*

Good looks at several pairs at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

Lesser Green Leafbird*Chloropsis cyanopogon*

A few pairs were seen well in the Danum Valley.

Blue-winged Leafbird*Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

Excellent close looks were had in the lower foothills below Fraser's Hill.

Notes: A distinct population of this species on Mount Kinabalu is believed to be a full species, Bornean Leafbird.

Orange-bellied Leafbird*Chloropsis hardwickii*

This beauty was seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae**Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker***Prionochilus maculatus*

Two birds were seen feeding daily in berry trees at our lodge in the Danum Valley.

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker*Prionochilus percussus*

Good views daily of this beauty at Taman Nagara.

Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker (BE)*Prionochilus xanthopygius*

We enjoyed excellent daily looks at pairs feeding low in bushes by our lodge in the Danum Valley.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker*Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

Two birds were seen in a fruiting fig tree at lower elevations below Fraser's Hill.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker*Dicaeum trigonostigma*

Seen well in the grounds at our lodge in Danum and along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Black-sided Flowerpecker (BE)*Dicaeum monticolum*

Small numbers of this endemic were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker*Dicaeum ignipectus*

Good numbers daily at Fraser's Hill.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker*Dicaeum cruentatum*

A male was seen at opposite our hotel in Kuala Lumpur on the first day, a female bird was seen en route from Taman Nagara to Kuala Lumpur. However, a pair were seen well at our lodge along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

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

A female bird was seen in the Danum Valley and a male at the Gomontong Caves.

Plain Sunbird*Anthreptes simplex*

This unobtrusive sunbird was seen in lowland forest in the Danum Valley.

Brown-throated Sunbird*Anthreptes malacensis*

A widespread species was seen on four dates.

Red-throated Sunbird*Anthreptes rhodolaemus*

Recorded daily at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.



Purple-naped Sunbird*Hypogramma hypogrammicum*

Recorded daily at Taman Nagara, in the Danum Valley and two juveniles watched feeding at the Gomontong Caves.

Olive-backed Sunbird*Cinnyris jugularis*

Two birds were seen well at the Taman Alam Reserve on our first day of the tour.

Black-throated Sunbird*Aethopyga saturata*

We found quite a number at Fraser's Hill including several stunning males.

(Eastern) Crimson Sunbird*Aethopyga siparaja*

A male was seen in the Danum Valley and another at the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Temminck's Sunbird*Aethopyga temminckii*

This is another beautiful species which we saw daily in Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Little Spiderhunter*Arachnothera longirostra*

Recorded in the foothills below Fraser's Hill and in flowering *Ginger* plants at our lodge in the Danum Valley.

Long-billed Spiderhunter*Arachnothera robusta*

Good views were had by some at our lodge in the Danum Valley. Our first sighting was brief below Frasers Hill.

Spectacled Spiderhunter*Arachnothera flavigaster*

Good views for some at our lodge in the Danum Valley.

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter*Arachnothera modesta*

Three sightings at Taman Nagara.

Bornean (Streaky-breasted) Spiderhunter*Arachnothera evertti*

A few seen feeding on introduced flowers around the cabins at Danum Valley.

Streaked Spiderhunter*Arachnothera magna*

Seen daily at Fraser's Hill and we enjoyed several very close views.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae**Eurasian Tree Sparrow***Passer montanus*

This species was recorded in small numbers at virtually all towns throughout the tour and occasionally along the roadside.

Weavers and Widowbirds Ploceidae**Baya Weaver***Ploceus philippinus*

Good views of two males building nests at a wetland en route to Fraser's Hill.

Waxbills, Munias and Allies Estrildidae**Dusky Munia (BE)***Lonchura fuscans*

Common in Sabah were seen most days, with a maximum of about 20 daily at Danum Valley.

Scaly-breasted Munia*Lonchura punctulata*

We found a flock en route to Kuala Selengor and a group of six birds on our way to Fraser's Hill.

Chestnut Munia*Lonchura atricapilla*

A few were seen on our drive to the Danum Valley.

White-bellied Munia*Lonchura leucogastra*

Two birds were seen by some of the group as we crossed a bridge leaving the Danum Conservation area.

White-headed Munia*Lonchura maja*

Fantastic looks at 6 birds at a wetland between Kuala Lumpur and Kuala Selengor



Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Paddyfield (Oriental) Pipit*Anthus rufulus*

Seen in grasslands en route to Kuala Selengor and another two at Lahad Datu.

Annotated List of Mammals recorded

Treeshrews Tupaiidae

Common Tree-Shrew*Tupaia glis*

A singleton was seen in the foothills below Fraser's Hill.

Pygmy (Lesser) Tree-Shrew*Tupaia minor*

Two of these tiny creatures were seen at our lodge in the Danum Valley.

Mountain Tree-Shrew*Tupaia montana*

Daily sightings around the summit at Mt. Kinabalu Park.

Great Apes Pongidae

Orangutan*Pongo pygmaeus*

We enjoyed fantastic close looks for an extended period as a mother and baby fed unconcerned by our presence, a major highlight of our visit to the Danum Valley. In the afternoon a young male was located near the camp allowing many visitors to this famous lodge a chance to see this endearing primate. We enjoyed about eight sightings in total.

Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Dusky Leaf Monkey*Presbytis obscura*

A few were seen very well in forest en route from Fraser's Hill to Taman Negara.

Banded Leaf Monkey*Presbytis femoralis*

Great looks at several feeding at the bird table at our hotel at Fraser's Hill.

Red Leaf Monkey*Presbytis rubicunda*

We saw this impressive monkey at close range at Danum Valley.

Silvered Leaf Monkey*Presbytis cristata*

A few were seen at Kuala Selangor and others were spotted along the Kinabatangan River.

Proboscis Monkey*Nasalis larvatus*

We enjoyed sightings of several troops at close range, including, pendulous-nosed males, along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau. Certainly another highlight of our Malaysian tour.

Long-tailed Macaque*Macaca fascicularis*

Commonly seen throughout the tour.

Pig-tailed Macaque*Macaca nemestrina*

Not as common as the above species but seen at Fraser's Hill, Taman Negara and in the Danum Valley.

Western Tarsier

Good looks at this tiny primate on our night drive in the Danum Valley.

Gibbons Hylobatidae

White-handed Gibbon (H)*Hylobates lar*

Heard at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara, but never very close.



Siamang*Hylobates syndactylu*

Great views of a single individual at Fraser's Hill and heard calling at Taman Nagara.

Bornean Gibbon (H)*Hylobates muelleri*

Heard calling daily in the Danum Valley,

Squirrels Sciuridae**Black (Malaysian) Giant Squirrel***Ratufa bicolor*

Excellent close looks at the Gomontong Caves.

Gray-bellied Squirrel*Callosciurus caniceps*

Daily sightings in lower elevations at Fraser's Hill and at Taman Nagara.

Plantain Squirrel*Callosciurus notatus*

Observed on our first day of the tour at Taman Alam Reserve and in Taman Negara.

Bornean Black-banded Squirrel*Callosciurus orestes*

Two were seen well on Mt. Kinabalu.

Prevost's Squirrel*Callosciurus prevostii*

We had good looks around the lodge in the Danum Valley.

Pallas's Squirrel*Callosciurus erythraeus*

Two were seen at Fraser's Hill

Himalayan Striped Squirrel*Tamias maclellandi*

Seen daily at Fraser's Hill in small numbers.

Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel*Dremomys everetti*

A singleton was seen on the summit trail, Mt. Kinabalu.

Jentink's Squirrel*Sundaciurus jentinki*

Three seen well on Mt. Kinabalu.

Slender Squirrel*Sundasciurus tenuis*

Three seen at Taman Nagara.

Thomas's Flying Squirrel*Aeromys thomasi*

Two seen on both our night drives in the Danum Valley.

Red Giant Flying Squirrel*Petaurista petaurista*

Good views on our Danum night drive.

Least (Common) Pygmy Squirrel*Exilisciurus exilis*

This tiny squirrel was seen at Poring Hot Springs, the Danum Valley and at our lodge along the Kinabatangan River at Sakau.

Tufted (Plain) Pygmy Squirrel*Exilisciurus whiteheadi*

This stunning little creature with the bizarre ear tufts, were seen well on Mt. Kinabalu.

Badgers and Otters Mustelidae**Oriental Small-clawed Otter**

Brief looks at two running away while we stopped at the research station for a break on our drive in to the Danum Valley but later, fabulous close looks at three fairly inquisitive animals hunting up the river towards us, on our drive out.

Civets and Mongooses Viverridae**Small-toothed Palm Civet***Arctogalidi trivirgata*

Two were seen at the jetty for our night boat trip on the Kinabatangan River.



Pigs Suidae

Bearded Pig

Sus barbatus

Excellent views for some vehicles in the Danum Valley.

Tapirs Tapiridae

Malaysia Tapir

Tapirus indicus

A habituated male was seen on two evenings at Taman Nagara campsite. Even posing for photos.

Deer Cervidae

Sambar

Cervus unicolor

We had good views on our night drive in the Danum Valley.

Mouse Deer Tragulidae

Lesser Mouse-Deer

Tragulus napu

Great looks nightly on our drives in the Danum Valley.

Miscellaneous Sightings:

Radja Birdwing Butterfly – Lowland Forests

Pygmy Water Snake – Danum Valley

Flying Lizard – several sightings at Taman Nagara and in the Danum Valley.

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