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Trip Report



Silver Pheasant by Erik Forsyth

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Tour Summary

Our trip total of 330 species in 11 days reflects the immense birding potential of Thailand. Participants were treated to an amazing number of star birds, including Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Malaysian Plover, Painted Stork, Pallas's Gull, Black-naped Tern, Silver Pheasant, Siamese Fireback and Green Peafowl, Great and Wreathed Hornbills, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, stunning Long-tailed, Silver-breasted and Black-and-yellow Broadbills, Indochinese Green Jay, Limestone and Pygmy Wren-Babblers, Grey-and-Buff and Black-headed Woodpeckers, Silver-eared Mesia, a male Banded Kingfisher, White-crowned Forktail, Green-tailed and Mrs Gould's Sunbird and the scarce White-headed Bulbul, to name a few.

Daily Diary



Pallas's and Brown-headed Gulls by Erik Forsyth

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Kaeng Krachan NP was excellent over the next two days, producing many highlights, including fabulous looks at Kalij Pheasants, Crested Serpent Eagle, beautiful Red-headed and Orange-breasted Trogons, the spectacular Indochinese Green Magpie, Asian Barred Owllet, Green-eared, Coppersmith and Blue-throated Barbets, Green-legged Partridge, White-rumped Shama, Orange-headed Thrush, Oriental Pied and the large Great Hornbill,

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Black-naped Tern by Glen Valentine



which was much appreciated as it flew past. A large fruiting tree gave us excellent looks at several bulbuls, including Buff-vented, Ochraceous, Black-headed and Black-crested, as well as the striking Stripe-throated Bulbul; along with Thick-billed Green Pigeons, Asian Fairy Bluebird, and Golden-crested and Common Hill Mynas. We also enjoyed spectacular views of nest-building Long-tailed, Silver-breasted and a pair of Black-and-yellow Broadbills. Other great moments were watching a pair of Black-and-Buff Woodpeckers attending their nest hole, scope views of the tiny Black-



Stripe-throated Bulbul by Erik Forsyth

thighed Falconets, a juvenile Mountain Hawk-Eagle alongside its nest, a Large-tailed Nightjar flying near our chalets at dawn, as well as several White-handed Gibbons jumping from tree to tree.

On our last morning, we visited an Eco-tourism initiative just outside the park. What used to be a hunting area along narrow vegetated valleys is now a financially viable eco-tourism venture. Hunting has stopped and hides have been set up along these dry corridors where birds and mammals abound and are attracted to a few remaining pools of water. The hides are in great demand from photographers, which will benefit eco-tourism in this region. We took up our places in the hides and within 10 minutes, we had racked up several new species, including Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrush, a stunning male Red Junglefowl with several females, a pair of Eurasian Hoopoe, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Brown Fulvetta, Green-legged Partridge, and Emerald Dove; while a scarce Chestnut-winged Cuckoo was a surprise. Mammals were also notable, with many Grey-bellied and tiny Himalayan Striped Squirrels, Common Treeshrew and a skittish Lesser Mouse (Chevrotain) Deer.

After a fantastic stay at Kaeng Krachan, we travelled to our next destination, Khao Yai NP, first stopping at some grasslands near Bangkok, where we added Chestnut Munia, Asian Golden Weaver, Zitting Cisticola and Plain-backed Sparrow. In the late afternoon, we arrived at Moosi Village, where we had great looks at Red-breasted Parakeets before checking into our hotel. On our first morning in the park, we headed to the Radio Tower where we scored quickly with a flock of noisy White-crested Laughingthrushes. A little later, we stopped to watch the rare Dhole, or Asiatic Wild Dog, standing in an open field. This is a scarce resident of the park and we were very lucky to have such a good sighting. Further up the road, we jumped out of the car to look for a bird that ran quickly across the road. We were all surprised when a stunning male Silver Pheasant walked back over the road, just 20 metres away. *Wow!*

Further up the road, at the tower, we added several new additions to our list, such as Black-browed Barbet, Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Black-throated Laughingthrush, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher and Rudd's Warbler. In the lower elevations, we found a male Banded Kingfisher at the entrance to his nest hole in a termite mound 30 feet above the ground, allowing great scope looks. A noise of wings



Red Junglefowl by Erik Forsyth



crashing around in thick vegetation near the road was found to be a male Siamese Fireback having a territorial dispute with another bird. It suddenly popped up onto a branch 10 feet in front of us, giving fabulous but brief looks! That evening, we visited the nearby bat cave outside the park,



Siamese Fireback by Erik Forsyth

where we had a jaw-dropping sighting of millions of bats exiting the cave at dusk. Best of all was the numerous raptors that were catching the bats, including Grey-faced and Rufous-winged Buzzards, Shikra, Common Kestrel and Common Buzzard.

Our second day in the park gave us several new bird species, including close looks at the stunning Scarlet Minivet, giant Wreathed Hornbills, Blue-winged and Golden-fronted Leafbirds, White-bellied Erpornis, Verditer Flycatcher and second looks, for some, of Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog) and an Asiatic

Black Bear crossing the road. In the afternoon, we walked a trail to look for the shy Eared Pitta. No luck there, but we did see a young Asian Elephant Bull running down the road and then disappearing along a stream. After lunch, we visited a wetland not far from the park, finding several new birds, including Yellow Wagtail, good scope looks at Oriental Pratincole, Paddyfield and Richard's Pipit, several singing Indochinese Bush Larks and a distant Black-winged Kite.

On our last morning, we visited Prapoeng Dam, where we scored with several new birds, including Bronze-winged Jacana, Cotton Pygmy Geese, Yellow-bellied Prinia, a cracking Yellow Bittern, Black-browed and Clamorous Reed Warbler and after a bit of a scan, we eventually tracked down a distant Pheasant-tailed Jacana walking on floating vegetation. From here, we drove to the Bang Tan Boon wetlands, where we found four large Spot-billed Pelicans – *a scarce winter visitor here* – many stunning Painted Storks, Black-headed Ibis, Black-tailed Godwits, Wood Sandpipers and several smart Long-toed Stints.

From here, we flew north to Chiang Mai for a night's stay. The following morning, we drove to the Hua Hang Krai King's project to the east of the city. Birders visit this area to look for the rare and endangered Green Peafowl. It didn't take long, as we could hear a bird calling. After a short walk, we found two magnificent male Green Peafowl, one of which was calling and displaying its elaborate tail feathers. We admired these stunners through the scope. *Fantastic!* After this success, we continued to Doi Inthanon NP – *our final destination*. Our three days in this area produced an array of new birds. At the higher elevations, a walk along the sphagnum bog boardwalk and a visit to the nearby cafeteria produced Speckled Wood Pigeons, Rufous-throated Partridge (*two adults and four chicks*), tame Bar-throated Minlas, Rufous-winged Fulvetta, a wintering Slaty-legged Crake, Red-flanked Bluetail, Silver-eared Laughingthrushes, the tiny Pygmy Wren-Babbler, dazzling Green-tailed Sunbirds, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, White-browed Shortwing and Blue Whistling Thrush. It



Wood Sandpiper by Adam Riley



took a while, but we eventually tracked down two Dark-sided Thrushes and a White-crowned Forktail, *which gave us a real run-around before we had satisfactory looks*. The dry dipterocarp woodlands of the lower foothills gave us several tiny Collared Falconets, plus we admired stunning Black-headed Woodpeckers, Common Flameback, Eurasian Jay and a smart Black-hooded Oriole. At mid-elevation, we saw Dark-backed Sibia, Streaked Spiderhunter, Black-throated and the highly-desired Mrs Gould's Sunbirds, Chestnut-flanked and Oriental White-eyes, Hair-crested Drongo,



Blue Whistling Thrush by Erik Forsyth

Flavescent Bulbul and Orange-bellied Leafbird.

On our final morning, we tracked down the scarce and stunning White-headed Bulbul before we drove to the airport to fly to Bangkok. It had been a short but intense tour and I thank the participants for making it very enjoyable. A big thanks to Tui, our local guide (*and numerous drivers, especially Sunny*) for his endless enthusiasm and taking care of all our needs while travelling in his wonderful country.

Annotated List of Species Recorded

BIRDS (330 species recorded, 12 heard)

Swans, Geese & Ducks: Anatidae

Lesser Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna javanica

This widespread species was seen at the Lam Prapoeng Dam.

Cotton Pygmy Goose

Nettapus coromandelianus

Seven birds were scoped at the Lam Prapoeng Dam.

Garganey

Anas querquedula

A male was found at the Baan Tan Boon Wetlands

Northern Pintail

Anas Acuta

Six birds were found at the Baan Tan Boon wetlands.

Eurasian Wigeon

Anus Penelope

A pair was seen swimming in a flooded salt pan at Pak Thale.

Pheasants & Partridges: Phasianidae

Rufous-throated Partridge

Arborophila rufogularis

Two adults and four tiny chicks were seen searching in leaf litter for food at the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-legged Partridge

Arborophila chloropus

We had brief looks at a single bird in forest at Kaeng Krachan NP and fabulous looks at two at Lun Sin Hide nearby.

Red Junglefowl

Gallus gallus

Our first pair was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP, several more were seen at Lun Sin Hide and others were heard at Khao Yai NP.



Silver Pheasant*Lophura nycthemera*

Fabulous close looks at a stunning male crossing the main road in Khao Yai NP.

Siamese Fireback*Lophura diardi*

We had an excellent view of a confiding male at Khao Yai NP, with a second male seen briefly.

Grey Peacock-Pheasant (H)*Polyplectron bicalcaratum*

We heard several birds calling at Kaeng Krachan NP.

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

Green Peafowl*Pavo muticus*

This was another trip highlight. We had very good views of two stunning males at the Hui Hang Krai King's Project near Chiang Mai. He even put on a show by displaying on a bank on the opposite side of the lake.

Grebes: Podicipedidae**Little Grebe***Tachybaptus ruficollis*

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

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

Storks: Ciconiidae**Painted Stork***Mycteria leucocephala*

We had great looks at five birds at Lam Pak Bia and at around 30 at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands.

Asian Openbill*Anastomus oscitans*

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

Ibis, Spoonbills: Threskiornithidae**Black-headed Ibis***Threskiornis melanocephalus*

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

Pelicans: Pelecanidae**Spot-billed Pelican***Pelecanus philippensis*

A single bird was seen in Pak Thale and four birds were noted at the Baan Tan Boon Wetlands. A scarce wintering bird in Thailand.

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

A singleton was seen at Lam Prapoeng Dam.

Black-crowned Night Heron*Nycticorax nycticorax*

Two birds were seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Striated Heron*Butorides striatus*

Recorded at Kaeng Krachan and at Khao Yai.

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

Chinese Pond Heron*Ardeola bacchus*

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

Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa*

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

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromanda*

A cosmopolitan species encountered at many sites.

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

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Two birds were seen at Pak Thale and another 10 were seen in wetlands en route to Bangkok airport.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Two birds were recorded in wetlands near Bangkok.

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Recorded at several wetlands.

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

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*

Three birds were noted.

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

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

A common egret in paddyfields and wetland sites in Thailand.

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

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra*

A single bird was seen in flight at the coast on our boat trip to look for White-faced Plover.

Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*

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

Cormorants: Phalacrocoracidae

Little Cormorant *Microcarbo niger*

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

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*

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

Osprey: Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

We had three sightings in the Khao Yai area.

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures: Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*



A singleton was seen in grassland near Khao Yai NP.

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

Crested (Oriental) Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

This widespread Asian raptor was recorded on three dates.

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

We enjoyed good views of singletons at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Niseatus cirrhatus*

A singleton was seen at Doi Inthanon NP.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Our first sightings were at Keang Krachan NP, with further sightings at Doi Inthanon.

Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

A brief look as this huge accipiter flew across the road high up on Doi Inthanon.

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

Only a handful of sightings on four dates.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans lineatus*

Two birds were seen at Baan Tan Boon and in paddies near Chiang Mai.

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

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

Three were seen well at Pak Thale.

Rufous-winged Buzzard *Butastur liventer*

Three birds were seen at the “Bat Cave” and two daily at the foothills of Doi Inthanon.

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus*

At least two birds were seen at the Bat Caves near Khao Yai NP.

Eastern (Common) Buzzard *Buteo japonicus*

A single bird was seen at the Bat caves near Khao Yai NP.

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

Rails, Gallinules & Coots: Rallidae

White-breasted Waterhen (H) *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Surprisingly, only heard at two sites.

Black-tailed Crake (H) *Porzana bicolor*

Calling at a small marsh at mid-elevation, Doi Inthanon NP, but would not show.

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca*

Seen only briefly by Erik at Lam Prapoeng Dam.

Slaty-legged Crake *Rallina eurizonoides*

This scarce wintering migrant was seen very well below the boardwalk at the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Small numbers at Lam Prapoeng Dam.

NOTE: The IOC has recently split the Old World Common Moorhen (*G. chloropus*) from the New World Common



Gallinule (G. galeata). This split is not widely accepted.

Avocets & Stilts: *Recurvirostridae*

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus leucocephalus

Large flocks of up to 100 birds seen at salt pans and wetlands at Pak Thale, near Bangkok and at Chiang Mai.

Plovers & Lapwings: *Charadriidae*

Grey-headed Lapwing

Vanellus cinereus

Three birds were found in rice fields near our lodge at Doi Inthanon NP. A winter visitor to Thailand.

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

Regularly seen throughout the trip.

Pacific Golden-Plover

Pluvialis fulva

Recorded at Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia.

Grey (Black-bellied) Plover

Pluvialis squatarola

Recorded at Pak Thale.

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

A few at Pak Thale and Tangoi Lake.

Kentish Plover

Charadrius alexandrinus

Small numbers at Pak Thale.

Malaysian Plover

Charadrius peronii

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

[White-faced Plover]

Charadrius sp.

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

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

Lesser Sand Plover

Charadrius mongolus

Small numbers were identified at Pak Thale.

Greater Sand Plover

Charadrius leschenaultii

Large numbers were seen at Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia.

Painted-snipes: *Rostratulidae*

Greater Painted-snipe

Rostratula benghalensis

A female bird was seen briefly by Erik at the King's Project, Laem Pak Bia.

Jacanas: *Jacanidae*

Pheasant-tailed Jacana

Hydrophasianus chirurgus

A single bird in winter plumage was seen at Prapoeng Dam.

Bronze-winged Jacana

Metopidius indicus

Several were scoped at Prapoeng Dam.

Sandpipers & Allies: *Scolopacidae*

Pin-tailed Snipe

Gallinago stenura

A singleton was seen at Laem Pak Bia (King's Project).



Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
A single bird was scoped at the foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.	
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
Good numbers at Baan Pak Thale and the Bang Tan Boon wetlands.	
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Smaller numbers were seen among the above species at Pak Thale.	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Small numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at Coral Beach.	
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>
Three hundred birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale.	
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
We had great views of this elegant wader at Baan Pak Thale.	
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>
Large numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale and a few at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands near Bangkok.	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Up to 10 were seen at Baan Pak Thale and a few at the Bang Tan Boon wetlands.	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>
Recorded at Pak Thale and Bang Tan Boon Wetlands.	
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>
Good scope looks at Pak Thale.	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>
Recorded at Pak Thale and at wetlands near Khao Yai.	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Five birds at Lam Pak Bia.	
Great Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>
We saw up to 200+ at Pak Thale.	
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>
Recorded only in small numbers at Lam Pak Bia.	
Red-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
We had very good views at Pak Thale.	
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temmincki</i>
Two were scoped at Pak Thale.	
Long-toed Stint	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>
Small numbers of these colourful stints were found at Pak Thale.	
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>
Two were seen in non-breeding plumage at Pak Thale.	
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
Four were noted at the salt pans at Pak Thale.	
Spoon-billed Sandpiper (CE)	<i>Eurynorhynchus pygmeus</i>
We enjoyed great scope looks at a single wintering bird at Baan Pak Thale. This was certainly the highlight for most. Sadly, this was a bittersweet moment as Spoon-billed Sandpipers are one of the	



most threatened wader species in the world, with an estimated 250-400 birds! A captive breeding programme is underway and young birds have been released into the wild population. Time will tell if the population increases and the project is successful!

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*

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

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

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

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus labatus*

Seven of these dainty waders were seen well at Pak Thale.

Pratincoles: Glareolidae

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

Forty birds were seen flying over Thangoi Lake near Khao Yai and three at the Bang Tan Boon Wetlands.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers: Laridae

Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*

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

Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*

A single bird was photographed by our local guide, Tui, at Pak Thale. A rare winter visitor.

Pallas's Gull *Ichthyaetus ichthyaeus*

A single of these large gulls was seen in full breeding plumage at Laem Pak Bia beach.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Observed only at Pak Thale and Baan Tan Boon Wetland.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

Several birds were seen at Pak Thale and at Laem Pak Bia.

Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*

Fairly common at Laem Pak Bia Beach.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

Many birds in breeding plumage were seen at Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia Beach.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Fairly common at Pak Thale and Laem Pak Bia Beach.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*

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

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

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

Black-naped Tern

Great scope looks at one on the beach at Laem Pak Bia.

Doves & Pigeons: Columbidae

Rock Dove (Pigeon) *Columba livia*

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



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- Speckled Wood Pigeon** *Columba hodgsonii*
Up to 20 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** *Macropygia unchall*
We saw six birds near the radio tower at Khao Yai NP.
- Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*
We had great views of several birds along the roadside in Kaeng Krachan NP.
NOTE: The IOC has recently split the race C. longirostris of Australasia as a separate species Pacific Emerald Dove. We recorded the nominate on our tour C. indica. This split is not currently recognised by Clements.
- Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata*
A common species throughout the tour.
- Thick-billed Green Pigeon** *Treron curvirostra*
Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP.
- Mountain Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula badia*
We enjoyed good looks at Khao Yai NP.

Cuckoos: Cuculidae

- Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis*
This is a widespread species that was seen or heard in small numbers virtually every day of the trip.
- Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo (H)** *Carpococcyx renauldi*
This mythical species was heard calling distantly in Khao Yai NP.
- Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis*
Small numbers were seen well at several sites throughout the tour.
- Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** *Clamator coromandus*
A single bird was seen at Lun Sin Hide near Kaeng Krachan NP.
- Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus*
Seen or heard in small numbers at many sites.
- Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii*
Heard regularly at many lowland forest sites.
- Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo** *Surniculus dicruroides*
We had excellent scope looks at four birds.
NOTE: The IOC has recently split the Asian Drongo-Cuckoo complex into three separate species. The third species occurs on Sulawesi and Halmahera and is called Moluccan Drongo-Cuckoo (S. musschenbroeki)
- Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Hierococcyx sparverioides*
Heard at Doi Inthanon and only seen by Tui.
NOTE: IOC splits this species into two species: Dark Hawk-Cuckoo H. bocki and Large Hawk-Cuckoo H. sparverioides, whereas Clements only recognises one species, Large Hawk-Cuckoo H. sparverioides.
- Himalayan Cuckoo (H)** *Cucurus saturatus*
Heard calling in the lower foothills at Doi Inthanon.

Typical Owls: Strigidae



Mountain Scops-Owl (H) *Otus spilocephalus*

Heard calling only by Erik at our lodge at mid-elevation Doi Inthanon.

Collared Owlet (H) *Glaucidium brodiei*

Heard at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and at Doi Inthanon NPs.

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*

Our only sightings were in Kaeng Krachan NP, with others heard at Khao Yai NP and at Doi Inthanon

Nightjars & Allies: Caprimulgidae**Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus*

We had great views of a responsive bird pre-dawn at Kaeng Krachan Country Club.

Treeswifts: Hemiprocnidae**Crested Treeswift** *Hemiproctne coronata*

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

Swifts: Apodidae**Germain's Swiftlet** *Aerodromus germani*

We had several sightings at Pak Thale and at wetlands near Bangkok.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*

Great views at Kaeng Krachan NP and distant views at the "Bat Cave" near Khao Yai NP.

Asian Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

A common species in the lowlands.

Cook's Swift *Apus pacificus*

Recorded in the mountain areas at Doi Inthanon.

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

Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus*

Recorded in the lower foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Small numbers were seen in Chiang Mai and Doi Inthanon.

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

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

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

Great scope views at Kaeng Krachan NP and heard in Khao Yai NP.

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

A common species, seen throughout the trip.



Oriental Dollarbird*Eurystomus orientalis*

Singletons were seen in Kaeng Krachan.

Kingfishers: Alcedinidae**Banded Kingfisher***Lacedo pulchella*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of a male at a nest hole in a termite mound, situated high in a tree at Khao Yai NP.

White-throated Kingfisher*Halcyon smyrnensis*

We enjoyed great views at this stunning species.

Collared Kingfisher*Todirhamphus chloris*

Up to three birds were seen in Pak Thale mangroves.

Common Kingfisher*Alcedo atthis*

This widespread species was recorded at a small stream at Doi Suket rice paddies.

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

Bee-eaters: Meropidae**Red-bearded Bee-eater (H)***Nyctyornis amictus*

Heard only at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater*Nyctyornis athertoni*

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

Green Bee-eater*Merops orientalis*

A single bird was seen at Mae Wong near Doi Inthanon NP.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater*Merops philippinus*

Recorded at the Ban Tan Boon wetlands.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater*Merops leschenaulti*

Recorded in dry country at Khao Yai NP and Doi Inthanon NP.

Hoopoes: Upupidae**Eurasian Hoopoe***Upupa epops*

We had great scope views at Lun Sin Hide at Kaeng Krachan, with further sightings at Mae Wong.

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

Hornbills: Bucerotidae**Great Hornbill***Buceros bicornis*

We enjoyed a great sighting of this impressive bird at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill*Anthracoseros albirostris*

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

Tickell's Brown Hornbill (H)*Anorrhinus tickelli*

We heard a bird calling at Kaeng Krachan, but as hard as we tried, could not locate it in dense forest.



Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros undulates*

Great sightings in Kaeng Krachan and at Khao Yai NPs.

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

We had good views of this large, striking species near Mae Wong. Also, heard at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*

We had great looks in the lower foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-eared Barbet *Megalaima faiostriata*

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

Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*

Reasonable looks at the Orchid Garden Doi Inthanon NP.

Blue-throated Barbet (H) *Megalaima asiatica*

This widespread species was heard only at all sites.

Moustached Barbet *Megalaima incognita*

We had excellent looks at the radio tower, Khao Yai NP.

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*

Recorded in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai.

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

A common species in town and lowland forests.

Woodpeckers: Picidae**Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus*

A pair was seen near Mae Wong.

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus*

We had stunning scope views at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*

We enjoyed great views of a bird in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Black-headed Woodpecker *Picus erythropygius*

A spectacular bird! We were fortunate to have fabulous scope looks at several at Mae Wong.

Common (Goldenback) Flameback *Dinopium javanense*

Great scope looks at two birds at Mae Wong.

Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis*

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

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

Good flight looks high up at Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-and-Buff Woodpecker *Meiglyptes jugularis*

A pair was scoped at Kaeng Krachan NP, allowing excellent looks.

Falcons & Caracaras: Falconidae**Collared Falconet** *Microhierax caerulescens*

We had great scope views of up to eight of these small raptors in the Dipterocarp woodland in the lower foothills at Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*

Fantastic scope looks at two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Common (Eurasian) Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

A single bird was seen at the “Bat Cave”, Khao Yai.

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

Parrots, Macaws & Allies: Psittacidae

Vernal Hanging-Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*

Seen almost daily in flight “zooming over” at Kaeng Krachan NP and in Khao Yai NPs.

Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseate*

Several birds were seen in flight and one pair perched allowing great scope looks in the dry woodlands at the foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*

We had good scope views of several pairs at Khao Yai.

Broadbills: Eurylaimidae

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* ๕๕๓

Great looks at Kaeng Krachan NP, where a bird was attending a nest.

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus*

We found a pair building a nest at eye-level in Kaeng Krachan NP. Wow!

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

We had excellent close views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Pittas: Pittidae

Blue Pitta (H) *Pitta cyanea*

Heard only once at Khao Yai NP.

Australian Warblers: Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone (H) *Gerygone sulphurea*

We heard a bird in mangroves at the King’s Project, Laem Pak Bia.

Woodshrikes and allies: Tephrodornithidae

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

We found this species in woodland at Khao Yak NP.

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus*

After tracking down an unfamiliar call at Kaeng Krachan NP, we found this species.

Woodswallows & Butcherbirds: Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*

Commonly seen along the roadside throughout the trip.



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

A pair was seen at the beginning of the road to Mae Wong.

Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayei*

We had good sightings at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Cuckooshrikes: Campephagidae**Large Cuckooshrike** *Coracina macei*

We had great views of a pair at Mae Wong.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike *Coracina melaschistos*

We recorded a female at Kaeng Krachan and a male at Khao Yai NP.

Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*

We enjoyed three sightings of this stunner in dry woodland in the lower foothills at Doi Inthanon NP.

Swinhoe's (Brown-rumped) Minivet *Pericrocotus cantonensis*

Recorded at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*

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

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*

Wow! This strikingly plumaged species was found in the carpark while having lunch at Khao Yai NP. What a bird!

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

Recorded at a grassland en route from Kaeng Krachan to Khao Yak NP.

Burmese Shrike *Lanius colluriooides*

Our only sighting of this species was on Doi Inthanon.

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*

Recorded at the Orchid Garden, Doi Inthanon.

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*

A good find of a wintering bird at Khao Yai NP. A scarce species throughout Thailand

Vireos, Greenlets: Vireonidae**White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina)** *Erpornis zantholeuca*

Good looks in Khao Yai NP.

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

Heard calling at the higher elevations in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yak NPs.

*NOTE: Clements lumps Blyth's Shrike-babbler P. aeralatus with Pied Shrike-babbler P. flaviscapis, Himalayan Shrikebabbler P. ripleyi and Dalat Shrike-babbler P. annamensis as White-browed Shrike-babbler P. flaviscapis.***Old World Orioles: Oriolidae****Slender-billed Oriole** *Oriolus tenuirostris*

This scarce hill forest resident was seen well at Doi Inthanon. Good find Tui.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*

The most commonly encountered oriole that occurs in varied habitats was seen in Bangkok, Kaeng Krachan, and Khao Yai NPs.

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*

Great looks at a single bird in dry woodland at Mae Wong.

Maroon Oriole (H) *Oriolus traillii*

Heard calling at mid-elevation, Doi Inthanon NP.

Drongos: Dicruridae

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Commonly seen in open habitats, especially farm and woodlands.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

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

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

Small numbers of this species were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*

This spectacular bird was seen in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NPs.

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

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

A drongo of lowland forests where we first recorded it at Kaeng Krachan NP, with further sightings in the lower foothills of Doi Inthanon NP.

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

Fantails: Rhipiduridae

Malaysian Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

Small numbers were seen in Bangkok, Kaeng Krachan NP and in the Khao Yai area.

Monarch Flycatchers: Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

Small numbers in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP.

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*

A stunning white-phased male was seen briefly flying through the trees at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Crows, Jays & Magpies: Corvidae

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

We had good views en route to Mae Wong.

Indochinese Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*

A pair of these striking birds was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and another pair at Khao Yai NP.

Grey Treepie (H) *Dendrocitta formosae*

Heard calling at mid-elevation at Doi Inthanon NP, but could not be located.

Ratchet-tailed Treepie



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

Recorded at many sites in the central area of Thailand.

NOTE: See previous species account.

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

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

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Seen only at Khao Yai NP.

Chickadees & Tits: Paridae**Cinereous Tit** *Parus minor*

We found small numbers in dry woodlands at Doi Inthanon NP.

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

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

A few birds were seen in in grasslands near Khao Yai NP.

Bulbuls: Pycnonotidae**Black-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus atriceps*

First seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, with further sightings in Khao Yai NP.

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus*

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

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

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

Recorded in woodland at Doi Inthanon.

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Our first sightings were in Khao Yai, thereafter recorded at Doi Inthanon.

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

Excellent views of birds at Kaeng Krachan and at Khao Yai NPs.

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens*

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

Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi*

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

Puff-throated Bulbul *Criniger pallidus*

This large bulbul was seen in small numbers in Khao Yai NP.

Ochraceous Bulbul *Criniger ochraceus*

A large and vocal bulbul was seen very well at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua*

Small numbers were seen at Khao Yai NP.



Buff-vented Bulbul*Iole olivacea*

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Mountain Bulbul*Ixos mccllellandii*

Our first sighting was at the higher elevation of Kaeng Krachan NP and heard at Doi Inthanon.

Ashy Bulbul*Hemixos flavala*

Good views at Khao Yai NP.

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

Black Bulbul*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*

Small numbers were seen at Doi Inthanon NP.

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

White-headed Bulbul*Cerasophila thompsoni*

After a bit of a search for a flowering Erythrina Tree. We enjoyed great looks at a pair in the mid-elevation forest at Doi Inthanon NP. This is a localised species and a good find.

Swallows: Hirundinidae**Sand Martin***Riparia riparia*

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

Barn Swallow*Hirundo rustica*

Good numbers were seen almost every day throughout the trip.

NOTE: This cosmopolitan species complex may be split based on the Old World nominate form and its congeners, which would become Eurasian Swallow *H. rustica* and the New World Barn Swallow *H. erythrogaster*. Further splitting within the group may also be done, e.g. the distinctive *H. r. savignii*, which breeds in the Nile Valley and would be named Egyptian Swallow. We recorded only representatives of the Palearctic migrant Barn/Eurasian Swallow. Clements does not as yet recognise any of these splits.

Asian (House) Martin*Delichon dasypus*

Up to 70 birds were seen at mid-elevation in Doi Inthanon NP.

Red-rumped Swallow*Cecropis daurica*

Small numbers were seen near Khao Yai NP.

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

Striated Swallow*Cecropis striolata*

Good views in the dry woodlands in the foothills at Doi Inthanon NP.

Wren-babblers: Pnoepygidae**Pygmy (Cupwing) Wren-babbler***Pnoepyga pusilla*

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

Cettia Bush Warblers & allies: Cettiidae**Mountain Tailorbird***Phyllergates (Orthotomus) cucullatus*

Great views of a pair at mid-elevation, Doi Inthanon NP.

Slaty-bellied Tesia (H)*Tesia olivea*

Heard at close range at Doi Inthanon NP, but not responsive to playback.

Leaf Warblers & Allies: Phylloscopidae**Dusky Warbler***Phylloscopus fuscatus*

A single bird was seen briefly at Laem Pak Bia.

Yellow-streaked Warbler *Phylloscopus armandii*

A single bird was found by Tui at the radio tower at Khao Yai NP.

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

We had excellent looks at two of these Siberian migrants at the radio tower, Khao Yai NP.

Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*

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

Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*

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

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

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

Hume's Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*

Two sightings of singing birds high up at the radio tower Khao Yai NP.

Pale-legged Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes*

A single bird was seen at the hide near Kaeng Krachan NP.

Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*

Two were seen at the hide, Kaeng Krachan NP.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*

We had good views of several singing birds at the summit at the Doi Inthanon NP, including one building a nest.

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

Claudia's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus claudiae*

Excellent views of several "small flocks" at Khao Yai NP. Its distinctive "nuthatch-like" feeding along branches was seen.

NOTE: See above.

Davison's (White-tailed) Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus davisoni*

Three birds were seen in the upper reaches of Doi Inthanon NP.

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

Alstrom's Warbler *Seicercus soror*

A single bird was seen well at Khao Yai NP.

Reed Warblers & Allies: Acrocephalidae

Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*

Singletons were seen at Lam Prapoeng Dam.

Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

We saw two birds in reedbeds at Lam Prapoeng Dam.

Cisticolas & Allies: Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

We found several birds at a wetland near Bangkok and at Thangoi Lake.

Hill Prinia *Prinia atrogularis*

We had good views of a pair at Doi Inthanon NP while searching for Black-tailed Crake.



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

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*

We had good views of two in grasslands in Doi Inthanon.

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*

Good views at Lam Prapoeng Dam.

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*

We had great looks at several on seven dates.

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*

Heard often and a pair seen at a café in Chiang Mai.

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*

We had great views of several in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NPs.

Babblers, Parrotbills & Allies: Timaliidae

Large Scimitar Babbler (H) *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*

Heard calling distantly at Kaeng Krachan NP.

White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*

We had good views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP, with further views at Khao Yai NP.

Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*

Fantastic views at close range high up at Doi Inthanon NP.

Pin Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*

We saw small numbers of this species at Kaeng Krachan and at Khao Yai NPs.

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

Fulvetas, Ground Babblers: Pellorneidae

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*

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

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poioicephala*

A singleton was seen well in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Yunnan (Grey-cheeked) Fulvetta *Alcippe morrisonia*

Good views were had around Doi Inthanon NP.

Limestone Wren-Babbler *Napothera crispifrons*

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

Eye-browed Wren-Babbler (H) *Napothera epilepidota*

Heard calling briefly at Doi Inthanon.

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*

Excellent views were had at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Laughingthrushes: Leiothrichidae

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*

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

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*

A flock was seen at the hide, Kaeng Krachan NP.



Black-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax chinensis*

Excellent looks at the radio tower, Khao Yai NP.

Silver-eared Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*

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

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

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

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

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentea*

Small flocks of these stunners were seen at Doi Inthanon NP.

Dark-backed Sibia *Heterophasia melanoleuca*

Small numbers were seen daily in Doi Inthanon NP.

White-eyes: Zosteropidae**Striated Yuhina** *Yuhina castaniceps*

A quick fly-by flock at the summit of Doi Inthanon.

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus*

We had excellent looks at several flocks in Doi Inthanon.

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

The most widespread of the white-eyes. We had good views at Doi Inthanon NP.

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*

A small flock was seen well in the higher areas of Kaeng Krachan NP.

Fairy-bluebirds: Irenidae**Asian Fairy-bluebird** *Irena puella*

Up to 10 of these gorgeous birds were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, with further sightings in Khao Yai NP.

Starlings: Sturnidae**Golden-crested Myna** *Ampeliceps coronatus*

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

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

Great looks at our lunch area in Khao Yai NP.

Great (White-vented) Myna *Acridotheres javanicus*

First seen in Bangkok City and commonly seen throughout the trip.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Commonly seen throughout the trip.

Pied Myna *Sturnus contra*

Recorded at Laem Pak Bia, Khao Yai and near Chiang Mai.

Brahminy Starling *Sturnus pagodarum*

A singleton was found at the dump near Pak Thale. A rare bird in Thailand.

Red-billed Starling *Sturnus sericeus*

Tui found this bird among a flock of Chestnut-tailed Starlings at the Blossom-headed Parakeet tower at Doi Inthanon. A very rare bird in Thailand!

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnia malabarica*

Good looks opposite our hotel in Khao Yak and at Doi Inthanon.

Thrushes & Allies: Turdidae

Orange-headed Thrush *Geokichla citrina*

We enjoyed great looks at a single bird on the road at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Dark-sided Thrush *Zoothera marginata*

Two birds were seen well at the summit trail on Doi Inthanon.

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

A single bird was seen in flight at the Orchid Garden, Doi Inthanon.

Grey-sided Thrush *Turdus feae*

A single bird was seen feeding with a Blue Whistling and Dark-sided Thrush in the forest at the summit of Doi Inthanon.

Chats & Old World Flycatchers: Sylviidae

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

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

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

This vocal but shy species was heard on several days before we had a good view at Khao Yai NP.

Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica*

We had wonderful scope views of three in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

We had seen small numbers of this migrant species in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP.

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

Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas*

Heard singing at Kaeng Krachan and then excellent views at the radio tower, Khao Yai.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*

Good looks at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Large Niltava (H) *Niltava grandis*

Heard singing at Doi Inthanon NP.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

A single bird was seen at Khao Yai NP.

White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana*

Fabulous looks of two males daily at the sphagnum bog on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Siberian Blue Robin *Luscinia cyane*

A striking male was found by Larry along a trail at Khao Yai NP.

Himalayan Bluetail *Tarsiger rufilatus*

We enjoyed fabulous looks at this stunner at the boardwalk summit trail, Doi Inthanon.

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti*

A single bird was seen well but briefly as it darted around the summit trail Doi Inthanon.



Blue Whistling-Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*

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

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*

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

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

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

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

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*

Brief looks at a male in flight at Doi Inthanon.

Plumbeous Water Redstart *Phoenicurus fuliginosus*

Fabulous looks at this scarce river species at Doi Inthanon. A good find.

White-capped Water Redstart *Phoenicurus leucocephalus*

Tui took us to a secret site for this species and we were rewarded with a superb male. Well done Tui!

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus*

We recorded birds at Kao Yai NP, several in fields around Chiang Mai.

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

Pied Bush Chat *Saxicola caprata*

Good looks in the low-lying farmland areas at Doi Inthanon NP.

Leafbirds: Chloropseidae**Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

We had seen small numbers in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

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

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*

Good looks were had in the dry woodlands at Mae Wong.

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

Good looks at males at Doi Inthanon NP.

Flowerpeckers: Dicaeidae**Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

We had good but brief views of two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum melanoxanthum*

A male was seen by Ella near our lodge at Doi Inthanon.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

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

Note: The sub-species *cambodianum* known as Buff-bellied Flowerpecker was seen at KhaoYai NP.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.



Sunbirds & Spiderhunters: Nectariniidae

Brown-throated Sunbird

Anthreptes malacensis

A single bird was seen at Khao Yai and a pair at a café en route to Doi Inthanon NP.

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

Purple Sunbird

Cinnyris asiaticus

Recorded at Chiang Mai and in the lower foothills at Doi Inthanon.

Olive-backed Sunbird

Cinnyris jugularis

Commonly seen at Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP.

Mrs Gould's Sunbird

Aethopyga gouldiae

We enjoyed great looks at a male in a flowering bottlebrush tree at our lodge at Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-tailed Sunbird

Aethopyga nipalensis

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

Black-throated Sunbird

Aethopyga saturata

Good views in the higher areas at Doi Inthanon.

Crimson Sunbird

Aethopyga siparaja

Two cracking males were seen very well at Kaeng Krachan.

Streaked Spiderhunter

Arachnothera magna

First recorded at Kaeng Krachan NP, with further looks at Doi Inthanon.

Old World Sparrows: Passeridae

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

A few birds were seen in urban settlements near Petchaburi.

Plain-backed Sparrow

Passer flaveolus

We saw several birds opposite our hotel in Khao Yai.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Passer montanus

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

Weavers and Allies: Ploceidae

Asian Golden Weaver

Ploceus hypoxanthus

A small flock were seen in reedbeds near Bangkok.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies: Estrildidae

Scaly-breasted Munia

Lonchura punctulata

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

Chestnut Munia

Lonchura atricapilla

Eight were seen in grasslands near Bangkok.

Wagtails & Pipits: Motacillidae

Eastern Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava

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

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



- Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
Recorded at the higher elevations of Kaeng Krachan NP and at Doi Inthanon.
- Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*
A pair was noted at a wetland near Khao Yai NP.
- Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus*
We had good views of this resident at a wetland near Khao Yai NP.
- Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*
Recorded in small numbers on grassy hillsides at Doi Inthanon NP.

Finches: *Fringillidae*

- Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*
Scope views of a female bird at Doi Inthanon NP.

MAMMALS

Elephants: *Elephantidae*

- Asian Elephant** *Elephas maximus*
We saw a young male walking down the road in Khao Yai NP one afternoon.

Wolves, Foxes, Jackals: *Canidae*

- Dhole (Asiatic Wild Dog)** *Cuon alpinus*
We had excellent looks at a singleton in open grassland for two minutes. The following day, one crossed the road and was seen by Erik and Randy. Both sightings were in in Khao Yai NP. A scarce resident of the park. Also, known as Asiatic Wild Dog.

Bears: *Ursidae*

- Asiatic Black Bear** *Ursus thibetanus*
A brief view for some of us as it crossed the road at Khao Yai NP.

Deer: *Cervidae*

- Sambar Deer** *Cervus unicolor*
Fairly common at Khao Yai NP, where the animals are confiding.
- Fea's Muntjac** *Muntiacus Feae*
A pair was seen well in Kaeng Krachan NP.
- Southern Red Muntjac** *Muntiacus muntjak*
Four were seen well in Khao Yai NP.

Chevrotains: *Tragulidae*

- Lesser Oriental Chevrotain** *Tragulus kanchil*
Two of these tiny, cute forest deer were seen at the hide at Kaeng Krachan.

Monkeys: *Cercopithecidae*

- Dusky Leaf Monkey** *Presbytis obscura*
A common species, with up to 20 seen daily in Kaeng Krachan NP.



Long-tailed (Crab-eating) Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*

A few monkeys were seen near Petchaburi.

Northern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca leonina*

Up to 15 were seen daily in Khao Yai NP.

Northern Stump-tailed Macaque *Macaca arctoides*

Seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Gibbons: Hylobatidae**White-handed (Lar) Gibbon** *Hylobates lar*

We enjoyed great looks at a troop bounding from tree to tree in Kaeng Krachan and heard calling in Khao Yai NP.

Squirrels: Sciuridae**Black Giant Squirrel** *Ratufa bicolor*

We had good looks in Kaeng Krachan.

Grey-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps*

Small numbers were seen at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NPs.

Finlayson's (Variable) Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysonii*

We enjoyed good views of several in Khao Yai NP.

Pallas's (Red-bellied Mountain) Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus*

We had good sightings at Doi Inthanon.

Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandii*

This tiny creature was seen well at Khao Yai NP.

Porcupines: Hystricidae**Asiatic Porcupine** *Hystrix brachyura*

A great view one morning as we drove into Kaeng Krachan NP.

Treeshrews: Tupaiidae**Common (Southern) Treeshrew** *Tupaia glis*

A single animal was seen well at the hides near Kaeng Krachan NP.

Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belageri*

We saw this small mammal in Doi Inthanon.

REPTILES**Flying Lizards: Agamidae****Flying Lizard** *Draco spp.*

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

Monitor Lizards: Varanidae**Water Monitor** *Varanus salvator*

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



Bengal (Tree) Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

We saw one on Doi Inthanon NP.

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