



Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Thailand I

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Trip Summary

Thailand has to be one of the best birding destinations in Asia, with good accommodation, excellent food, friendly people, wonderful National Parks and phenomenal birding!

Our trip total of 565 species in 23 days reflects the immense birding potential of this remarkable country. We were treated to an amazing number of star birds, including Chinese Francolin, spectacular Silver Pheasant, Siamese Fireback, Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Green Peafowl, White-rumped Falcon, Barred Eagle Owl, Spotted Wood Owl, Buffy Fish Owl, Great Eared Nightjar, Black-headed Woodpecker, Gurney's, Banded, Blue and Mangrove Pitta, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Slaty-bellied and Chestnut-headed Tesia, Large, White-browed, Red-billed, Coral-billed and Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, Limestone, Streaked, Eye-browed and Pygmy Wren Babbler, White-necked Laughingthrush, Red-faced Liocichla, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Giant Nuthatch, Dark-sided Thrush, Black-backed Forktail, Green-tailed Sunbird and Nicobar Pigeon.

For more highlights and a detailed trip report, read on.....



We started our adventure with an early departure from the capital, Bangkok. Leaving the bustling metropolis we headed south straight for the Gulf of Thailand, picking up our first Asian Pied Starling, White-vented Myna and three species of Dove. The wetlands en route were good for waterbirds such as Pheasant-tailed and Bronze-winged Jacanas, Cotton Pygmy Goose and Ruddy-breasted Crake, followed by a visit to Baan Pak Thale for shorebirds. Highlights in the area included Red-necked, Long-toed and Temminck's Stints, Asian Dowitcher and Broad-billed Sandpiper. After lunch we returned to the shorebirds site to continue our search for other target waders. The tide was rather low, however, and most of the waders were feeding on mudflats

too far away from us. Next on the cards was Kaeng Krachan National Park, a truly spectacular place where we stayed for the next 3 nights.

Kaeng Krachan has outstanding scenery (pristine forest as far as the eye can see), comfortable accommodation and wonderful food, which all combine perfectly with phenomenal Asian birding. On our first day here we went to the park's higher elevations, where the highlights included Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Yellow-vented Green Pigeon, White-hooded Babbler, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Spot-necked Babbler, Bamboo Woodpecker, Blue-throated Barbet, Rusty-cheeked Brown Hornbill, Speckled Piculet, Dark-sided Flycatcher, Rufous-browed Flycatcher and Ratchet-tailed Treepie. The next day we spent in the lower part of the park where we had a stunning male Orange-breasted Trogon, Green-eared Barbet, Black-thighed Falconet, Brown Hawk Owl and Streak-breasted Woodpecker. Further special sightings included Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Orange-bellied Leafbird and a brilliant male Crimson Sunbird. We spent our last morning in the garden of our Lodge where Eurasian Hoopoe, Thick-billed Warbler and Vinous-breasted Starling were added and later travelled to the famous Khao Yai National Park, picking up more shorebirds *en route* at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhon.

A day trip to Sab Sadao meant a change from evergreen forest birding, and we had a most enjoyable day in the deciduous woodlands of the area. Highlights included stunning views of Rufous-winged Buzzard, handsome Black Baza, Blossom-headed Parakeet, impressive White-bellied and superb Black-headed Woodpeckers, Black-hooded Oriole, White-browed Fantail, Indochinese Cuckooshrike, Brown Prinia and the cute Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch. On the way back from Sub Sadao, we stopped at Lum Phraplerng Dam and found Oriental Darter.



Khao Yai produced many new specials, including a magnificent male Silver Pheasant feeding on the road, followed by a male Siamese Fireback, Blue Pitta, Vernal Hanging Parrot, Red-breasted Parakeet, the highly sought after Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo (sadly, only heard!), Oriental Pied, Great and Wreathed Hornbills, striking Banded Kingfisher, Heart-spotted and Black-and-buff Woodpeckers, a confiding Large Scimitar Babbler, White-crested Laughingthrush, Golden-crested Myna and Van Hasselt's Sunbird.

Continuing on from Khao Yai we found Limestone Wren-Babbler, and later a stop at Wat



Tien Thawai produced Alexandrine Parakeet. Thereafter, it was onto Rangsit Marsh where we took a quick and comfortable flight north to Chiang Mai. After an early morning start from the second largest city in Thailand, we headed directly to Huai Hong Krai (King's Project), where we found one of the greatest pheasants of the world, the spectacular Green Peafowl! Onwards to the paddy field of Doi Saket, where we found a pair of Greater Painted-snipe, had stunning views of a male Siberian Rubythroat, and observed a pair of Baya Weavers building a nest on a Bombax tree. We spent the rest of the day at Wat Thum Pha Plong (the lower part of

Doi Chiang Dao), finding two Pin-tailed Pigeons, Himalayan Swift, Bay Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Warbler and Purple-naped Sunbird.

Our next destination, Doi Chiang Dao Wildlife Sanctuary, is the best and most reliable place for Giant Nuthatch, and we managed to find at least 2 birds. We then drove to the highlands of Doi Angkhang where we enjoyed some memorable walks along the forested trails. Some of the star birds seen here included Brown-breasted Bulbul, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler, White-browed Laughingthrush, magnificent Red-faced Liocichla, Spectacled Barwing, Spot-breasted and Grey-headed Parrotbill, White-bellied Redstart and beautiful White-gorgeted Flycatcher.

A visit to the remote and beautiful area of Doi Lang produced many great birds, including restless Yellow-bellied Fantail, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Crested Finchbill, tiny Black-throated Tit, Chestnut-headed Tesia, Rufous-backed and Dark-backed Sibias, Whiskered Yuhina and Chestnut Thrush. Late in the afternoon we descended from the high mountains to Tha Ton Marsh and picked up Striated Grassbird, Citrine Wagtail, and both Red-throated and Richard's Pipits.

Our last destination in the north was to the highest mountain in Thailand, Doi Inthanon. Here we enjoyed the wonderful cool climate and a host of special birds that included Rufous-throated Partridge, Speckled Wood Pigeon, Black-tailed Crake, White-headed Bulbul, tiny Pygmy Wren-Babbler, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush, Chestnut-tailed Minla, confiding Dark-sided Thrush, White-browed Shortwing, Black-backed Forktail and Green-tailed Sunbird.

An extension to southern Thailand followed and we headed south to Krabi. First up was a fantastic boat trip in the mangroves, where the impressive Mangrove Pitta, Buffy Fish Owl, Ashy Tailorbird, and Brown-winged and Ruddy Kingfishers were found. Later we headed inland to spend two fabulous days in the lowland forest of Khao Nor Chu Chi. Here we were treated to magnificent views of a male Gurney's and a pair of Banded Pitta. Finally, we visited the remote Similan Islands National Park, which produced great views of the highly sought-after Nicobar Pigeon.



Annotated List of Birds Recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC List Ver 2.3 of Please cite: Gill, F. and M. Wright. 2006. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

Total species recorded: 565 (including 31 heard)

Pheasants & Partridges *Phasianidae*

Chinese Francolin

Francolinus pintadeanus

One male was seen under a Tamarin tree on the way to Doi Chiang Dao.

Rufous-throated Partridge

Arborophila rufogularis

We had at least flight views of a pair in mid elevation at Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-legged (Scaly-breasted) Partridge

Arborophila chloropus

We heard this species in both Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's. Some of us may have a BVD of this species in Khao Yai NP.

Mountain Bamboo Partridge

Bambusicola fytchii

We saw a group of 4 birds in Doi Angkhang.

Red Junglefowl

Gallus gallus

We saw both males and females in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Lang. The commonest pheasants in the forest!

Kalij Pheasant

Lophura leucomelanos

We heard this species call in a thick bamboo gully but could not see them in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Silver Pheasant

Lophura nycthemera

We had a superb male feeding on the road in Khao Yai NP. Joe had some good photos of this male.

Siamese Fireback

Lophura diardi

We saw a single male feeding along the roadside in Khao Yai NP after spotting the Silver Pheasant. It was a great morning for Pheasants!

Grey Peacock-Pheasant

Polyplectron bicalcaratum

We saw a female with 2 black chicks walk across the forest road in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Green Peafowl

Pavo muticus

This was the largest bird for the trip. We had a very good view of a male with his long tail at Huai Hong Krai, or King's project area.

Swans, Geese & Ducks *Anatidae*

Lesser Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna javanica

We found many flocks (20 birds+ in each) at Lam Phraplerng dam on the way from Sab Sadao to Khao Yai, as well as near Rangsit Marsh and in Chiang Mai.

Common Teal

Anas crecca

A male with 3 females were seen at Nong Pan Jieng on the way to Doi Chiang Dao.

Cotton Pygmy Goose

Nettapus coromandelianus

We saw small flocks of males and females near Lam Phraplerng dam and Rangsit Marsh.

Grebes *Podicipedidae*

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis

We saw birds in both breeding and non-breeding plumage at Lam Phraplerng dam and Rangsit Marsh. A common species at lakes and marshes.

Storks *Ciconiidae*

Asian Openbill

Anastomus oscitans

We saw many of these storks in the Bangkok area, such as at Rangsit Marsh, and nearby Bangkok International airport.

Herons, Egrets & Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Yellow Bittern

Ixobrychus sinensis

We saw this bittern near Petchaburi.

Cinnamon Bittern

Ixobrychus cinnamomeus

One bird flew over in front of our car while we were waiting to pay the toll fee on the way from Bangkok to Khao Yai NP.

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax

A few birds were seen at Rangsit marsh.

Striated Heron

Butorides striatus

We saw our first one at Baan Pak Tale, then at Kok Kham, and a few more in the Krabi Mangroves.

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

Chinese Pond Heron

Ardeola bacchus

Small numbers were seen at scattered sites throughout Thailand.

Javan Pond Heron

Ardeola speciosa

A common species in lowland areas around Bangkok. We had a few birds in breeding plumage; a positive identification of this species. Non breeding plumage birds may not be possible to separate from Chinese Pond Heron.

Eastern Cattle Egret

Bubulcus(ibis) coromanda

A cosmopolitan species encountered at many sites.

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

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea

Small numbers were seen at Baan Pak Talae and Km 80, and one at Huai Hong Krai in Chiang Mai.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

We had several birds at Km 80 and a few at Rangsit marsh.

Great Egret

Ardea alba

Small numbers were encountered at most wetland sites.

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

Yellow-billed (Intermediate) Egret

Egretta intermedia

A bird was identified at Doi Saket paddyfield after the Green Peafowl.

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

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

A common Egret in paddyfields and wetland sites in Thailand.

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

Pacific Reef Heron

Egretta sacra

One bird was seen on the rock near Similan Islands NP.

Flamingos *Phoenicopteridae*

Greater Flamingo

Phoenicopus ruber

We found a single bird feeding with many shorebirds at Baan Pak Thale. The status of this bird in Thailand is uncertain.

Darters *Anhingidae*

Darter

Anhinga melanogaster

Jim spotted one at Lam Phraplerng Dam and we saw another one at Huai Hong Krai (King's project) in Chiang Mai.

Cormorants *Phalacrocoracidae*

Little Cormorant

Phalacrocorax niger

Many birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale, and one more at Rangsit Marsh.

Osprey *Pandionidae*

Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

We had one on the boat trip to Krabi mangrove.

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures *Accipitridae*

Black Baza

Aviceda leuphotes

We saw 3 birds displaying in Sub Sadao, great views of 2 birds at Huai Hong Krai, plus another 2 birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

Crested (Oriental) Honey-buzzard

Pernis ptilorhynchus

A few birds were seen in Kaeng Krachan, in Chiang Mai and also in the South.

Black-shouldered Kite

Elanus caeruleus

Small numbers were seen at several sites, including one *en route* to Similan Islands NP.

Black Kite

Milvus migrans

We observed a few birds at Km 80 and also near Petchaburi.

Brahminy Kite

Haliastur indus

Our first sighting was of one at Baan Pak Thale, a few more in Krabi town, and also at Similan Islands NP.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle

Haliaeetus leucogaster

One bird was seen in Krabi town, and a pair was seen near their nest site in the Similan Islands NP.

Crested Serpent-Eagle

Spilornis cheela

We enjoyed good views of several, including great scope views of one at Kaeng Krachan NP, and also in Khao Yai NP, Doi Angkhang and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Crested Goshawk

Accipiter trivirgatus

We saw the first one at Doi Angkhang; later we saw one in Doi Inthanon NP, as well as a few more birds in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Shikra

Accipiter badius

We saw this bird near the bat cave at the lower part of Khao Yai NP, at Rangsit Marsh, and at the lower parts of Doi Inthanon NP.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk

Accipiter nisus

We had good views of this raptor on Doi Chiang Dao and a few more birds were seen in Doi Angkhang.

Rufous-winged Buzzard

Butastur liventer

We had wonderful views of these smart raptors during our day at Sab Sadao, and 2 more sightings in Chiang Mai.

Grey-faced Buzzard

Butastur indicus

We saw this raptor at Kaeng Krachan NP, another flew very low near our Lodge in Kaeng Krachan NP, while another bird was seen along the road to Tha Ton town.

Common Buzzard

Buteo buteo

The first one was seen at Doi Angkhang, another bird was seen near Tha Ton, and yet another was seen near Doi Lang. The bird in Thailand is the subspecies *japonicus* which some people split as 'Japanese Buzzard, *Buteo japonicus*'.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle

Spizaetus cirrhatus

One was seen flying over by Jim and Allen in Khao Yai NP.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle

Spizaetus nipalensis

One was seen at Kaeng Krachan NP and another bird was seen in Doi Chiang Dao.

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle

Spizaetus alboniger

We heard this bird calling in forest on the hill slope in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae*

White-rumped Falcon

Polihierax insignis

A pair was seen very well on lower part of Doi Inthanon NP. Thanks to Lenny for spotting those birds!

Collared Falconet

Microhierax caerulescens

We had good looks at this small raptor in Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-thighed Falconet

Microhierax fringillarius

We had scope views of 3 at Kaeng Krachan NP, and another pair at Khao Nor Chu Chi in the South.

Common Kestrel

Falco tinnunculus

One was seen *en route* from Chiang Mai to Doi Angkhang.

Rails, Gallinules & Coots *Rallidae*

Slaty-breasted Rail

Gallirallus striatus

Jim was the only one who saw this bird at Leam Pak Bia (King's Project) near Petchaburi.

White-breasted Waterhen

Amaurornis phoenicurus

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

Black-tailed Crake

Porzana bicolor

We had great scope views of this rare crake in Doi Inthanon NP.

Ruddy-breasted Crake

Porzana fusca

We had great look of several birds at Leam Pak Bia (king's project)

Purple Swamphen

Porphyrio porphyrio

A few birds were seen in Rangsit Marsh.

Common Moorhen

Gallinula chloropus

Seen in small numbers throughout the trip. Many birds were seen in Rangsit Marsh and also at the roadside wetlands *en route* from Sab Sadao to Khao Yai NP.

Buttonquails *Turnicidae*

Yellow-legged Buttonquail

Turnix tanki

We saw up to 4 birds on the way to Sub Sadao.

Stone-curlews & Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

Eurasian Thick-knee

Burhinus indicus

We only heard this bird in the hotel grounds at Kaeng Krachan country club Lodge.

Avocets & Stilts *Recurvirostridae*

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus leucocephalus

Large numbers were seen along the road and in the saltpan areas and wetlands at Baan Pak Thale.

Plovers & Lapwings *Charadriidae*

Grey-headed Lapwing

Vanellus cinereus

Small numbers were seen at Km80, our hotel ground in Kaeng Krachan Lodge, Rangsit Marsh and also at the paddyfield of Doi Saket in Chiang Mai.

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

Seen regularly throughout the trip, but mainly in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.

Pacific Golden-Plover

Pluvialis fulva

Small numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kham, and afurther 12 birds were seen at a paddyfield in Chiang Mai.

Grey Plover

Pluvialis squatarola

Good numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

Small numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale, Kok Kham, Rangsit Marsh, a ricepaddy in Chiang Mai and Tha Ton Marsh.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*

A common species at Baan Pak Thale and a few birds at Tha Ton Marsh.

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*

Several hundred were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at Kok Kham.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

A good number were seen at Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Painted-snipes *Rostratulidae*

Greater Painted-snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*

We saw this bird in a paddyfield at Doi Saket near Chiang Mai.

Jacanas *Jacanidae*

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*

We saw small numbers of non-breeding birds at Km 80 near Petchburi.

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*

Up to twenty were seen at Km 80 near Petchburi, and more than ten at Rangsit Marsh.

Sandpipers & Allies *Scolopacidae*

Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*

Two birds were seen at Laem Pak Bia (King's project).

Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*

A few birds were seen at Km 80, and a few more in a paddyfield in Chiang Mai.

Asian Dowitcher *Limdromus semipalmatus*

Four birds were seen at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*

A minimum of three hundred were seen at Baan Pak Thale.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*

A few birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Small numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale and in Kok Kham.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

A large flock (close to a hundred) was seen at Baan Pak Thale, and a few birds at Kok Kham.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

Great views of more than ten birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale.

Common Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

Small numbers were seen at Kok Kham.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

Good numbers were seen at Baan Pak Tale and Kok Kham.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Up to thirty were seen at Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kham.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

We had scope views of one at Mae Taeng and another at Tha Ton Marsh.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

More than ten were seen in wetlands at Km80, and small numbers were seen in a rice paddy in Chiang Mai.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

Up to ten were seen near Krabi mangrove.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

We saw a few birds at Baan Pak Thale, Kok Kham, Chiang Mai and Krabi.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Small numbers were seen near Krabi mangrove.

Great Knot *Calidris canutus*

A large flock of two hundred was seen near Leam Pak Bia.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

A small flock was seen at Leam Pak Bia and Kok Kham.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

One of commonest stints in Thailand; we had very good views at Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kham.

Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii*

We enjoyed great scope views of three birds at Leam Pak Bia.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*

We had very good scope views of these smart waders at Baan Pak Talae.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

This is another common shorebird in Thailand. We saw good numbers of this sandpiper at Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kham.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*

We had great views of four birds at Baan Pak Tale.

Ruff *Philomachus pugnax*

We enjoyed good views of three at Baan Pak Thale.

Pratincoles Glareolidae

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

We saw 2 birds at Baan Pak Thale and heard one more in Rangsit Marsh.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*

A minimum of 100 birds were seen near Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kharm.

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*

We had three at Krabi river mouth near Krabi mangrove.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

A total of ten were seen at Baan Pak Thale, Leam Pak Bia and Kok Kham.

Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis*

Up to fifty were seen at Krabi river mouth near Krabi mangrove. The birds had beautiful orange bills!

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

We saw small numbers at Baan Pak Thale, Kok Kham, Krabi and on the way to Similan Islands NP.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

Many birds in breeding plumage were seen at Baan Pak Thale, and smaller numbers in Kok Kham and at Krabi river mouth.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*

Hundreds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kham. One of the commonest small terns in Thailand.

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

We had three birds at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Doves & Pigeons Columbidae

Common (Rock) Pigeon *Columba livia*

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

Speckled Wood Pigeon *Columba hodgsonii*

We had great scope views of more than twenty birds on a large tree near the road *en route* to the summit of Doi Inthon NP.

Ashy Wood Pigeon *Columba hodgsonii*

We only heard this species on top of Doi Inthanon NP.

Oriental Turtle Dove

Streptopelia orientalis

We had good views of several on Doi Lang.

Red Turtle Dove

Streptopelia tranquebarica

A common species along the roadside and in most of the places we visited, except in the Southern part of Thailand.

Spotted Dove

Streptopelia chinensis

Good numbers were seen at most localities.

Barred Cuckoo-Dove

Macropygia unchall

Jim was the only one who saw this species in Khao Yai NP.

Little Cuckoo-Dove

Macropygia ruficeps

We had great scope views of two in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Common Emerald Dove

Chalcophaps indica

We had great views of several birds along the roadside in Kaeng Krachan NP; a few more birds were seen in Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Zebra Dove

Geopelia striata

A common species in towns and surrounding open areas.

Nicobar Pigeon

Caloenas nicobarica

We had 6 birds at the very last minutes before the boat left Island No. 8 in the Similan Islands NP; one of the great pigeons of the world!

Pink-necked Pigeon

Treron vernans

Three birds were seen feeding in a fig tree near where we caught the speed boat to Similan Islands NP.

Thick-billed Green Pigeon

Treron curvirostra

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Yellow-vented Pigeon

Treron seimundi

We had scope views of a male feeding in a large fig tree in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Pin-tailed Green Pigeon

Treron apicauda

We had scope views of two in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao.

Green Imperial Pigeon

Ducula aenea

Several were seen in the Similan Islands NP.

Mountain Imperial Pigeon

Ducula badia

Our first sighting was of wonderful scope views of two in Kaeng Krachan NP; more birds were seen in Khao Yai NP and on Doi Angkhang.

Pied Imperial Pigeon

Ducula bicolor

Found to be quite common in the Similan Islands NP where we enjoyed great views of several.

Parrots, Macaws & Allies *Psittacidae*

Vernal Hanging-Parrot

Loriculus vernalis

Small numbers were seen at scattered sites; our best sightings were scope views of several in Khao Yai NP.

Alexandrine Parakeet

Psittacula eupatria

We had stunning views of a pair at Wat Tien Thawai, near Bangkok.

Grey-headed Parakeet

Psittacula finschii

We only heard this bird in lower parts of Doi Inthanon NP.

Blossom-headed Parakeet

Psittacula roseate

We had great views of a pair at Sab Sadao.

Red-breasted Parakeet

Psittacula alexandri

We had good views of one at Sab Sadao.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Greater Coucal

Centropus sinensis

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

Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>
We had great scope views of two at Tha Ton Marsh.	
Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo	<i>Carpococcyx renauldi</i>
We only heard this bird calling distantly in Khao Yai NP.	
Chestnut-bellied Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus sumatranus</i>
We had great views of one in the lowland forest of Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Raffles' Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus</i>
A really smart bird; a pair was seen very well in Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Red-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus javanicus</i>
We only heard this bird in Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Chestnut-breasted Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus curvirostris</i>
A bird was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and another bird was seen in the lowland forest of Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Green-billed Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus tristis</i>
Small numbers were seen at several sites, including great views of two at Khao Yai NP.	
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo	<i>Clamator coromandus</i>
One bird was seen briefly on Doi Lang.	
Asian Koel	<i>Eudynamis scolopaceus</i>
Seen in small numbers at many sites, including one in Similan Islands NP.	
Violet Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus</i>
We had great scope views of one male in Khao Yai NP.	
Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>
We had great views of one adult in Doi Chiang Dao.	
Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>
We enjoyed good views of one in a wetland near Km 80, and several birds in Rangsit Marsh.	
Asian Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>
We only heard this bird in Khao Yai NP.	
Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus sparverioides</i>
We saw this shy bird in Kaeng Krachan NP and heard a few in Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Large Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus sparverioides</i>
We had great views of one in Rangsit Marsh. It must have been a migrant returning to the North.	

Barn Owls *Tytonidae*

Eastern Barn Owl	<i>Tyto javanica</i>
One was heard calling near our hotel in Tha Ton.	

Typical Owls *Strigidae*

Collared Scops-Owl	<i>Otus lettia</i>
We enjoyed great views of one at our lodge near Kaeng Krachan NP.	
Barred Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo sumatranus</i>
Jim spotted a juvenile bird near Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Buffy Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa ketupa</i>
We had great scope views of one at a daytime roost in the Krabi mangrove. Thanks to Lenny again for spotting this bird for us!	
Spotted Wood Owl	<i>Strix seloputo</i>
We had scope views of a pair near Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Brown Wood-Owl	<i>Strix leptogrammica</i>
We had a superb view of this owl at a daytime roost at Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Collared Owlet	<i>Glaucidium brodiei</i>
We had incredible close scope views of one individual located by its diurnal call at Khao Yai NP.	
Asian Barred Owlet	<i>Glaucidium cuculoides</i>

Our first sighting was in Khao Yai NP with a further sighting in the garden of our Lodge near Doi Inthanon NP.

Spotted Owl *Athene brama*

We had great views of one near our Lodge in Kaeng Krachan, another at Sab Sadao and one more at Wat Tien Thawai.

Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata*

We enjoyed superb views of two in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Frogmouths *Podargidae*

Javan Frogmouth *Batrachostomus javanensis*

We only heard this bird in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Nightjars & Allies *Caprimulgidae*

Great Eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*

We saw a few birds feeding in the evening at Khao Yai NP.

Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus indicus*

One bird was seen briefly and another heard at Doi Angkhang.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*

We had great views of several at Kaeng Krachan NP and we also saw it in Khao Yai NP.

Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus*

We saw one briefly in the lower part of Doi Inthanon NP.

Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis*

We saw this species in the lower part of Doi Inthanon NP.

Treeswifts *Hemiprocnidae*

Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata*

We only heard a few calls in Doi Chiang Dao.

Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*

Small numbers were seen in flight and then perched in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*

We had great scope views of this bird at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Swifts *Apodidae*

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris*

We had our first sighting in Kaeng Krachan NP and several at Doi Chiang Dao.

Germain's Swiftlet *Aerodromus germani*

We had several at Baan Pak Thale and many more in the Krabi areas and at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Silver-rumped Spinetail *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

Small numbers were seen flying over the forest in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*

We saw small numbers in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NP's.

Asian Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

A common species in lowland areas and most places we visited.

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*

The most common swift in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Small numbers were seen in many locations such as Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Tha Ton and Krabi town.

Trogon Trogonidae

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*

We had wonderful views of a male in Kaeng Krachan NP and another bird in Khao Yai NP.

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

We heard one in Kaeng Krachan NP, later we had great views of a male and female in Khao Yai NP.

Rollers *Coraciidae*

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*

A common species along roadsides throughout the trip.

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Kingfishers *Alcedinidae*

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*

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

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*

We had great views of this impressive species in Khao Yai NP.

Brown-winged Kingfisher *Pelargopsis amauroptera*

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

Ruddy Kingfisher *Halcyon coromanda*

We had good looks of two in the Krabi mangroves.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Fairly widespread. We enjoyed great views of many perched along roadside telephone lines.

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*

We had great scope views in Kok Kham, Khao Yai, Chiang Mai and in the mangroves at Krabi.

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*

We saw a few birds in Baan Pak Thale, Kok Kham, Krabi mangrove and the Similan Islands.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Small numbers were seen at scattered sites including Leam Pak Bia, Kok Kham, the Chiang Mai area and in Krabi mangrove.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus*

We had excellent views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP and a male was seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*

A pair was seen very well in Khao Yai NP.

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*

A few birds were seen on the way to Sub Sadao, a few in the Doi Saket paddyfield, and a pair was seen digging a nest hole near Chiang Mai Airport.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

A few birds were seen in Baan Pak Thale and at Rangsit Marsh.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

Small numbers were seen Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Lang and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Hoopoes *Upupidae*

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

We had great scope views at our Kaeng Krachan Lodge. A few birds were seen at Sab Sadao and one at Tha Ton Marsh.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Rusty-cheeked Hornbill *Anorrhinus tickelli*

We had great views of a bird near a nest in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*

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

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis*

We enjoyed great sightings of this impressive bird in Kaeng Krachan and several more were seen in Khao Yai NP.

Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros undulates*

We had fantastic views of a male in Kaeng Krachan NP and few were seen later at Khao Yai NP.

Bushy-crested Hornbill *Anorrhinus galeritus*

A single bird was seen in the forest edge of Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Barbets *Capitonidae*

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*

We had great views of two in Kaeng Krachan NP with several more heard in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*

We had our first sighting in Sub Sadao and another view at our Lodge near Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-eared Barbet *Megalaima faiostriata*

We had wonderful scope views of this bird in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Gold-whiskered Barbet *Megalaima chrysopogon*

We had great scope views of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Red-crowned Barbet *Megalaima rafflesii*

We had stunning scope views of two birds calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Red-throated Barbet *Megalaima mystacophanos*

We heard this bird in Kaeng Krachan NP and had great views on several occasions in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*

We had our first sighting in Doi Lang and saw several more birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica*

We had great scope views of several birds in Kaeng Krachan NP and further sightings of one in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Ankhang.

Moustached Barbet *Megalaima incognita*

We only heard this bird in Kaeng Krachan NP, though later we notched up great scope views of several birds in Khao Yai NP.

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*

We saw several individuals feeding in a fruiting fig tree in Kaeng Krachan NP and a few more birds in Khao Yai NP and Nor Chu Chi.

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

A common species in towns and lowland forest. We had great views of two at Kaeng Krachan Lodge and many more during our trip.

Brown Barbet *Calorhamphus fuliginosus*

Two birds were seen well on a fig tree at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*

We saw this tiny woodpecker in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnochrms*

We heard one calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

White-browed Piculet *Sasia ochracea*

We heard one calling in Kaeng Krachan NP and another in Doi Angkhang.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*

We had good sightings of small numbers in Sub Sadao, Doi Inthanon and near our lodge at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei*

We all had great views of one bird in Sab Sadao.

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus*

We had stunning views of one in Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus*

Some of us saw this bird in Khao Yai NP.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

A most impressive species, we had superb views of a male in Sab Sadao and heard another in Doi Inthanon NP.

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*

We saw this species in Khao Yai NP, Sub Sadao and Doi Angkhang.

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*

We enjoyed great views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*

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

Streak-breasted Woodpecker *Picus viridanus*

We had scope views of a male in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Black-headed Woodpecker *Picus erythrogygius*

A spectacular bird, we were fortunate to have fantastic views of three in Sab Sadao.

Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus*

One was seen exceptionally well in Kaeng Krachan NP and another was seen in Doi Chiang Dao.

Common Goldenback *Dinopium javanense*

We saw two in the Krabi mangroves.

Greater Goldenback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

Two were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with a further sighting of two more in Khao Yai NP.

Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis*

A pair was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

After hearing this species on many occasions, we finally had good views of one in Doi Angkhang and later superb flight views of another in Doi Lang; a beautiful but often very elusive woodpecker!

Black and Buff Woodpecker *Meiglyptes jugularis*

We had great scope views of a male in Khao Yai NP.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*

We enjoyed a great sighting of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus*

We had good but brief views of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente*

A pair of these cute and stunning birds was seen in Khao Yai NP.

Broadbills Eurylaimidae

Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis*

We had stunning views of a male in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

We heard this species both in Kaeng Krachan and in Khao Yai NP, and finally secured good looks in Doi Inthanon NP; an absolutely stunning and uniquely Asian species.

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus*

Our first broadbill of the trip, we had a brief look of one in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*

We had incredible scope views of two pairs of this spectacular Broadbill in Khao Yai NP.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

We had scope views of a few pairs of this stunning species in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Pittas Pittidae

Eared Pitta

Pitta phayrei

We heard one calling in Khao Yai NP.

Rusty-naped Pitta

Pitta oatesi

We heard this species calling in Doi Lang, but even though it was so very close, we never managed to see it! This hill-forest species is very difficult to observe.

Blue Pitta

Pitta cyanea

This smart bird was heard first at Kaeng Krachan NP, followed by great looks of a male in Khao Yai NP.

Banded Pitta

Pitta guajana

We enjoyed incredible views of a pair of this spectacular species in Khao Nor Chu Chi NP. We were able to them for at least thirty minutes, allowing us to appreciate the subtle markings of this shy and elusive species. It is often considered to be the most beautiful of all the pittas. Thanks to Mr. Yotin and Mr. Nok, our two local guides, who helped us to see this beautiful bird!

Gurney's Pitta

Pitta gurneyi

We had an incredible experience with this mind-blowing species; a male was observed for over twenty minutes in Khao Nor Chu Chi. Certainly one of the highlights of the trip! Again, we thank Mr. Yotin and Mr. Nok for helping us to see this beautiful and endangered Pitta.

Mangrove Pitta

Pitta megarhyncha

After an extensive search in the mangroves at Krabi we finally saw one bird.

Australian Warblers *Acanthizidae*

Golden-bellied Gerygone

Gerygone sulphurea

We had very good views of a pair in the mangroves near Baan Pak Thale.

Woodshrikes and allies *Tephrodornithidae*

Large Woodshrike

Tephrodornis virgatus

We had a few flocks in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon, and heard it in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Common Woodshrike

Tephrodornis pondicerianus

We had wonderful scope views of a pair in Sub Sadao and another sighting on our way to the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao.

Rufous-winged Philentoma

Philentoma pyrhoptera

We only heard this species in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Woodswallows *Artamidae*

Ashy Woodswallow

Artamus fuscus

Commonly seen throughout the trip.

Ioras *Aegithinidae*

Common Iora

Aegithina tiphia

Small numbers were seen in Khao Yai NP, Rangsit Marsh, the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao and in Doi Angkhang.

Green Iora

Aegithina viridissima

We saw one bird in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Great Iora

Aegithina lafresnaye

We saw our first sighting in Khao Yai NP with further sightings in Doi Chiang Dao and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Cuckooshrikes *Campephagidae*

Large Cuckooshrike

Coracina macei

We had great views of several in Sab Sadao and a pair in Doi Chiang Dao.

Indochinese Cuckooshrike

Coracina polioptera

We had great scope views of one in Sub Sadao.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike

Coracina melaschistos

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and Doi Chiang Dao.

Rosy Minivet

Pericrocotus roseus

We only saw small flock of this species in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Swinhoe's (Brown-rumped) Minivet

Pericrocotus cantonensis

We had a few birds in Khao Yai NP.

Ashy Minivet

Pericrocotus divaricatus

We saw small flock in Sub Sadao and heard it in the Krabi mangroves.

Small Minivet

Pericrocotus cinnamomeus

We had wonderful views of many birds in Sab Sadao and a few more were seen at Wat Tien Thawai near Bangkok.

Grey-chinned Minivet

Pericrocotus solaris

We had our first sighting in Kaeng Krachan NP. Later we saw a pair in Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Long-tailed Minivet

Pericrocotus ethologus

We saw this bird in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

Short-billed Minivet

Pericrocotus brevirostris

A stunning pair was seen in Doi Inthanon.

Scarlet Minivet

Pericrocotus flammeus

The most common Minivet of the trip. We had great views in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Sub Sadao, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

Hemipus picatus

Small numbers seen at scattered sites including great looks at a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.

Shrikes *Laniidae*

Brown Shrike

Lanius cristatus

Small numbers were seen at several sites both during the main tour and the Southern extension.

Burmese Shrike

Lanius colluriooides

We had our first sighting on our way to the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao; then we had wonderful views in Doi Chiang Dao and more sightings in Doi Inthanon NP.

Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius schach

A common bird in Doi Angkhang; a few more were seen in Doi Lang and at Thaton Marsh.

Grey-backed Shrike

Lanius tephronotus

We had excellent scope views of one in Khao Yai NP. Also seen in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Vireos, Greenlets *Vireonidae*

White-browed Shrike-Babbler

Pteruthius flaviscapis

We had great views of a pair in Doi Chiang Dao and several more were seen in Doi Angkhang.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler

Pteruthius melanotus

We enjoyed good views of a male in Doi Lang.

Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler

Pternthus aenobarbus

We had awesome views of a male in Doi Angkhang and another in Doi Inthanon NP.

Old World Orioles *Oriolidae*

Slender-billed Oriole

Oriolus tenuirostris

This bird is resident in hill forests in Northern Thailand and we saw one in Doi Chiang Dao.

Dark-throated Oriole

Oriolus xanthonotus

We heard a few birds calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Black-naped Oriole

Oriolus chinensis

The most commonly encountered oriole with good sightings in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*

We had good views of several in Sub Sadao and later we saw them again in the Dry Dipterocarp forest in the lower parts of Doi Inthanon NP.

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*

We heard this species in Kaeng Krachan. Later, we secured views in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Commonly seen in open lowland habitats, we found them along the roads and in paddyfields.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

Another common species often seen in forests. We saw small numbers in various localities during our trip.

Crow-billed Drongo *Dicrurus annectans*

At least two were seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

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

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

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

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*

Seen commonly in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's, and also in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

First seen at Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Yai NP. We also heard it in the lower part of Doi Inthanon NP.

Fantails *Rhipiduridae*

Yellow-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hypoxantha*

We had great views in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Small numbers were seen in Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola*

We had great views of a pair in Sab Sadao.

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

Small numbers were seen in Baan Pak Thale, Kok Kham and Rangsit Marsh.

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

A common species in most forests. We saw small numbers in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and Doi Inthanon NP. We also heard it in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*

We had brief looks of a male in Doi Lang and several more in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Crows, Jays & Magpies *Corvidae*

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

Our first sighting of this smart bird was of two in Sab Sadao with a further two seen in Doi Chiang Dao.

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*

One was seen briefly in Huay Hong Krai (The King's project) and a few more in the lower part of Doi Inthanon NP.

Common Green Magpie

Cissa chinensis

A pair was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings of two in Khao Yai NP.

Black Magpie

Platysmurus galericulatus

A pair was seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Rufous Treepie

Dendrocitta vagabunda

We saw this bird at Huay Hong Krai (King's Project) and heard it in Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey Treepie

Dendrocitta formosae

Our first sighting was a brief view of one at Doi Chiang Dao. Later we had a better view in Doi Lang.

Racket-tailed Treepie

Crypsirina temia

We saw this species in Bann Pak Thale and a further pair in ThaTon Marsh.

Ratchet-tailed Treepie

Temnurus temnurus

A pair of these localised birds was seen briefly but well enough in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Large-billed Crow

Corvus macrorhynchos

Small numbers were seen at Bann Pak Tale, Keang Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Rangsit Marsh, Doi Inthanon NP, Krabi and Khao Nor Chuchi.

Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher

Culicicapa ceylonensis

A common species in most forests that we visited.

Chickadees & Tits *Paridae*

Cinereous (Great) Tit

Parus cinereus (major)

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

Yellow-cheeked Tit

Parus spilonotus

Small numbers were seen daily in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Yellow-browed Tit

Sylviparus modestus

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

Sultan Tit

Melanochlora sultanea

A pair of this handsome species was seen in Khao Yai NP.

Larks *Alaudidae*

Indochinese Bush Lark

Mirafra erythrocephala

A few birds were seen at Sub Sadao, a paddyfield at Doi Saket and near Chiang Mai airport.

Oriental Skylark

Alauda gulgula

We found one singing and displaying above the paddyfield of Doi Saket, Chiang Mai.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

Crested Finchbill

Spizixos canifrons

Up to twenty birds were seen in Doi Angkhang and a few pairs were seen daily in Doi Lang.

Striated Bulbul

Pycnonotus striatus

Our first sighting was of two at Doi Angkhang with further daily sightings at Doi Lang.

Black-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus atriceps

First seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Black-crested Bulbul

Pycnonotus melanicterus

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

Red-whiskered Bulbul

Pycnonotus jocosus

Common in Khao Yai NP, and small numbers were seen in Chiang Mai, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Brown-breasted Bulbul

Pycnonotus xanthorrhous

Up to ten were seen daily at Doi Angkhang.

Sooty-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus aurigaster

Our first sightings were in Kaeng Krachan Lodge, then small numbers were seen in Sab Sadao, Doi Chiang Dao and later often in Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Puff-backed Bulbul

Pycnonotus eutilotus

We saw a pair of this smart species in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Stripe-throated Bulbul

Pycnonotus finlaysoni

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's, Sub Sadao and also in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Flavescent Bulbul

Pycnonotus flavescens

Our first sighting was of four in Kaeng Krachan NP with numerous further sightings at Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Yellow-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus goiavier

First seen at km 80 near Petchburi plus a few birds in Rangsit Marsh. Later we saw it in Krabi and on the way to Similan Islands NP.

Olive-winged Bulbul

Pycnonotus plumosus

We saw one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Streak-eared Bulbul

Pycnonotus blanfordi

Seen commonly in open habitat throughout.

Cream-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus simplex

One was seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Red-eyed Bulbul

Pycnonotus brunneus

Good numbers were seen daily in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Spectacled Bulbul

Pycnonotus erythroptalmos

One was seen bathing in a forest stream in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Puff-throated Bulbul

Criniger pallidus

We saw several in Khao Yai NP and a few more in Doi Chiang Dao.

Ochraceous Bulbul

Criniger ochraceus

First seen at Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Nor Chu Chi NP.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul

Criniger bres

We had good views of two in Khao Nor Chu Chi NP.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul

Criniger phaeocephalus

We heard one calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Hairy-backed Bulbul

Tricholestes criniger

We had wonderful views of two in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Grey-eyed Bulbul

Iole propinqua

Small numbers were seen daily in Khao Yai NP and more birds were seen in Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Angkhang.

Buff-vented Bulbul

Iole olivacea

Good numbers were seen daily in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Mountain Bulbul

Ixos mcclllandii

Our first sighting was of two in Kaeng Krachan NP, later we saw many in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Streaked Bulbul

Ixos malaccensis

We had wonderful views of two bathing in a forest stream in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Ashy Bulbul

Hemixos flavala

We saw this bird first in Kaeng Krachan NP and later in Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Lang.

Black Bulbul

Hypsipetes leucocephalus

Small numbers were seen at Doi Chiang Dao with further sightings in Doi Lang.

White-headed Bulbul

Cerasophila thompsoni

We had one in Doi Angkhang and a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Sand Martin (Bank Swallow)

Riparia riparia

We saw a few birds in Baan Pak Thale and at Rangsit Marsh.

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

Good numbers were seen almost every day of our tour.

Pacific Swallow

Hirundo tahitica

Small numbers were seen in the Krabi area and on the trip to Similan Island.

Wire-tailed Swallow

Hirundo smithii

We had great scope views of three in Mae Tang and a few more at Tha Ton Marsh.

Asian (House) Martin

Delichon dasypus

Small numbers were seen in Doi Angkhang.

Red-rumped Swallow

Cecropis daurica

Good numbers were seen in Baan Pak Thale, Khao Yai NP, Sub Sadao, Doi Angkhang and Krabi areas.

Striated Swallow

Cecropis striolata

We saw this species at our Lodge near Doi Inthanon and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufous-bellied Swallow

Hirundo badia

Good numbers were seen in the Krabi area. This species was split from Striated Swallow.

Cettia bush Warblers & allies Cettidae

Chestnut-headed Tesia

Tesia castaneocoronata

We had superb views of one in Doi Lang and a brief look in Doi Angkhang.

Slaty-bellied Tesia

Tesia olivea

One was seen very well in Doi Inthanon NP.

Asian Stubtail

Urosphena squameiceps

One was seen briefly in Doi Lang and another was seen well in Doi Inthanon NP.

Aberrant Bush Warbler

Cettia flavolivacea

We heard this bird in Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

Yellow-bellied Warbler

Abroscopus superciliaris

We heard this bird in Kaeng Krachan NP and had good looks in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao.

Mountain Tailorbird

Phyllergates (Orthotomus) cucullatus

Small numbers of this smart bird were seen at Doi Lang and heard in Doi Inthanon NP.

Bushtits Aegithalidae

Black-throated Bushtit

Aegithalos concinnus

A pair of these striking birds was seen in Doi Lang.

Leaf Warblers & Allies Phylloscopidae

Dusky Warbler

Phylloscopus fuscatus

We saw this species mainly in wetlands such as Rangsit Marsh and Tha Ton Marsh.

Buff-throated Warbler

Phylloscopus subaffinis

A few birds were seen well in Doi Angkhang.

Yellow-streaked Warbler

Phylloscopus armandii

We had good looks of one bird in Doi Angkhang.

Radde's Warbler

Phylloscopus schwarzi

Our first sightings were in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Yai NP.

Buff-barred Warbler

Phylloscopus pulcher

We enjoyed good views of several birds in Doi Lang.

Ashy-throated Warbler

Phylloscopus maculipennis

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

Yellow-browed Warbler

Phylloscopus inornatus

A very common species found in most localities.

Hume's Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*

An uncommon species in Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Angkhang.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*

A few birds were seen in the Krabi mangroves.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*

We only heard this species in Doi Angkhang.

Two-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*

We found many birds in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Rangsit Marsh and in Chiang Mai.

Pale-legged Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes*

We had a brief look of one in Khao Yai NP.

Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*

A few birds were seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*

Our first sighting was of one in Kaeng Krachan NP. We had further views in Khao Yai NP, Doi Angkhang and then found it quite common on the summit of Doi Inthanon.

White-tailed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus davisoni*

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

Sulphur-breasted Warbler *Phylloscopus ricketti*

We saw two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Grey-crowned Warbler *Seicercus tephrocephalus*

We heard this bird in Doi Inthanon NP.

Martens's Warbler *Seicercus omeiensis*

We heard this species in Doi Inthanon NP.

Plain-tailed Warbler *Seicercus soror*

One bird was seen briefly in Khao Yai NP.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*

We had wonderful views of two birds in Doi Lang.

Reed Warblers & Allies *Acrocephalidae*

Thick-billed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon*

We saw one bird in the garden at Kaeng Krachan Lodge.

Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*

We saw this bird in wetlands at Km 80 and more birds were seen at Rangsit Marsh.

Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

We saw this species in wetlands at Km 80, Kok Karm and in Rangsit Marsh.

Grassbirds & Allies *Megaluridae*

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*

We had good scope views of one and also heard one nearby at Tha Ton Marsh.

Russet Bush Warbler *Bradypterus mandelli*

We heard this species in Doi Angkhang.

Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata*

We had good views of this difficult skulker near Sub Sadao and also heard it in most places.

Pallas's (Grasshopper) Warbler *Locustella certhiola*

We had brief views of one in Rangsit Marsh.

Cisticolas & Allies *Cisticolidae*

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

We found two during our time at Baan Pak Thale, a few more in the paddyfield at Doi Saket and also near Chiang Mai airport.

Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*

We had wonderful scope views of one in Khao Yai NP.

Brown Prinia *Prinia polychroa*

We had wonderful views of at least two at Sab Sadao.

Hill Prinia *Prinia atrogularis*

We had awesome views of a pair at Doi Angkhang and one more in Doi Lang.

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*

We had good looks in Doi Angkhang.

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*

We had good views of several at Sub Sadao and several more in the paddyfield at Doi Saket.

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*

We had great views of one at a wetland near KM. 80 and one more in the paddyfield at Doi Saket.

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*

A common Prinia in lowland marshes and paddyfields. We had great looks of several in a wetland near Km. 80, and then many more in Rangsit Marsh, the paddyfield at Doi Saket and in Tha Ton Marsh.

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*

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

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*

We had great views of several in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus*

We had good views of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*

We had excellent views of one in the Krabi mangrove.

Babblers, Parrotbills & Allies *Timaliidae*

Spot-throated Babbler *Pellorneum albiventre*

We had brief glimpses of this skulker in Doi Angkhang.

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*

We saw a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP, a few in Khao Yai NP, Doi Lang and also in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli*

We had brief views of a pair in Doi Chiang Dao but then secured excellent views of a pair at Mr. Daeng's House in Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-capped Babbler *Pellorneum capistratum*

We saw one bird walking in the grounds in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

White-chested Babbler *Trichastoma rostratum*

Unfortunately, we only heard this bird in the Krabi mangroves.

Ferruginous Babbler *Trichastoma bicolor*

We heard one calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*

We enjoyed great views of two in Khao Yai NP.

Short-tailed Babbler *Malacocincla malaccensis*

We saw a pair of this shy babbler in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron magnirostre*

We had good views of small flock in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum*

We heard small flock but sadly failed to see them in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Rufous-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron magnum*

We had very good views of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Large Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*

We were fortunate to find a pair calling alongside a stream in Khao Yai NP.

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*

We had superb scope views of this striking species in Doi Angkhang.

White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*

We had brief views of a pair in Doi Chiang Dao and then several sightings in Doi Angkhang.

Red-billed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps*

We had superb views of this uncommon species in Doi Lang.

Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus*

We had very good views of three birds in Doi Lang. This rare Scimitar Babbler is seldom seen during any birdwatching tour.

Streak Wren Babbler *Napothera brevicaudata*

We heard this species in Doi Chiang Dao, and then had great views of a pair at Wat Thum Sua (Tiger cave Temple). This was the last species of our Thailand trip!

Limestone Wren-Babbler *Napothera crispifrons*

We had good looks at a pair feeding on the limestone cliffs at Wat Pra Puthabath Noi, Saraburi.

Eye-browed Wren-Babbler *Napothera epilepidota*

A pair was seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

Large Wren Babbler *Napothera macrodactyla*

We heard one calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*

We had brief views of one in Doi Lang and later secured excellent close views on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyris rufifrons*

We had good views of a pair in bamboo forest in the lower part of Kaeng Krachan NP.

Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*

We had good views of several of these beautiful birds in mixed-feeding flocks in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*

We had good looks of one along the roadside in Doi Inthanon NP.

Spot-necked Babbler *Stachyris striolata*

We had great views of this shy species in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis*

We had good views of a pair in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata*

We had great views of 2 pairs in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera*

We enjoyed great views of a pair on the forest edge in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*

First seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, with further sightings in Khao Yai and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*

We had good views of a pair near our Lodge in Kaeng Krachan.

Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense*

A small flock was seen in the paddyfield at Doi Saket with further sightings of three in Doi Angkhang.

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*

Small numbers of this handsome species were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP. It never ceases to impress!

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*

Small numbers were seen in Khao Yai NP.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax pectoralis*

A flock of five were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

White-necked Laughingthrush *Garrulax strepitans*

A number were seen in Doi Angkhang and in Doi Lang.

Black-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax chinensis*

We had good but brief views of a pair in Doi Angkhang and a brief look at one in Doi Lang.

White-browed Laughingthrush *Garrulax sannio*

We had great views of several in Doi Angkhang.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*

We had superb views of one in Doi Lang, while several more were seen very well on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Red-faced Liocichla *Liocichla phoenicea*

We enjoyed incredible views of this shy and elusive species in both Doi Angkhang NP and Doi Lang.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argenteauris*

Small flocks of this stunning bird were seen daily in Doi Angkhang and a few more birds were seen in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhynchus rufulus*

After many attempts we secured good views of two in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Spectacled Barwing *Actinodura ramsayi*

We had excellent sightings of a pair in Doi Lang.

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*

Small numbers were seen daily in Doi Angkhang NP with further sightings in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Chestnut-tailed Minla *Minla strigula*

We had superb views of this stunning species on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*

Commonly seen at Doi Lang and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poioicephala*

We found several in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings of two in the lower parts of Doi Chiang Dao and a few more in Doi Angkhang.

Grey-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe morrisonia*

Commonly seen in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufous-backed Sibia *Heterophasia annectens*

Our first sighting was of a pair at Doi Angkhang with further sightings in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Dark-backed Sibia *Heterophasia melanoleuca*

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

Striated Yuhina *Yuhina castaniceps*

We had great views of small flock in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*

Small numbers were seen dialy in Doi Lang.

White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina) *Erpornis zantholeuca*

Our first sighting was of stunning views of two birds in Khao Yai NP with further sightings in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Inthanon NP and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Spot-breasted Parrotbill *Paradoxornis guttaticollis*

We had great views of a pair in Doi Angkhang NP.

Lesser Rufous-headed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis atrosuperciliaris*

We only heard this bird in Doi Lang.

Grey-headed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis gularis*

We had great looks of a small flock in Doi Angkhang and further sighting in Doi Lang.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus*

Up to twenty were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and further sighting of good numbers in Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

Japanese White-eye *Zosterops japonicus*

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

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

We had good views of small numbers in Khao Yai NP and in Doi Chiang Dao.

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*

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

Fairy-bluebirds *Irenidae*

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

Up to ten of these gorgeous birds were seen daily in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sighting in Khao Yai NP and a few more in Doi Chiang Dao.

Nuthatches *Sittidae*

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*

We enjoyed good views of one in Doi Angkhang and a further two in Doi Lang.

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta castanea*

Small numbers were seen at Sab Sadao.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

Small numbers were seen at Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Angkhang

Giant Nuthatch *Sitta magna*

We had magnificent scope views of two of these impressive Nuthatches in Doi Chiang Dao.

Treecreepers *Certhidae*

Brown-throated Treecreeper *Certhia discolor*

We had stunning views of one in Doi Lang with further sightings of three in Doi Inthanon NP.

Starlings *Sturnidae*

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

We had wonderful views of this bird after the boat trip to Similan Islands *en route* to Krabi.

Golden-crested Myna *Ampeliceps coronatus*

We had great scope views of two of these smart birds in Khao Yai NP.

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

Our first sighting was of a pair in Khao Yai NP with further sightings of several in the Similan Islands NP.

White-vented Myna *Acridotheres javanicus*

Commonly seen throughout the trip.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

Commonly seen throughout the trip.

Vinous-breasted Starling *Sturnus burmannicus*

We were fortunate to have superb scope views of two at our Kaeng Krachan Lodge and further sighting of two more at Sub Sadao.

Black-collared Starling *Sturnus nigricollis*

This handsome species was first seen at Sub Sadao with further sightings in the paddyfield of Doi Saket, Tha Ton Marsh and in the garden of Inthanon Highland Resort.

Asian Pied Starling *Sturnus contra*

Small numbers were seen in wetlands at Km 80 and the paddyfield of Doi Saket.

Daurian (Purple-backed) Starling *Sturnus sturninus*

We had great looks of four birds feeding on a fig tree on the way to Similan Islands NP.

White-shouldered Starling *Sturnus sinensis*

Three were seen feeding on a fig tree in Rangsit Marsh.

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus*

Two birds were seen along the road to Wat Pra Puthabaht Noi with further sighting of a flock of 14 near Inthanon Highland Resort.

Thrushes & Allies *Turdidae*

Blue Whistling-Thrush

Myophonus caeruleus

We saw this bird in Khao Yai and Doi Angkhang, and then had excellent views in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Dark-sided Thrush

Zoothera marginata

We had magnificent views of one at Mr. Daeng's house, Doi Inthanon NP; a rare and seldom seen species.

Black-breasted Thrush

Turdus dissimilis

We had superb views of a male in Doi Angkhang.

Chestnut Thrush

Turdus rubrocanus

We had very close views of one in Doi Lang with further sightings of several at the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-sided Thrush

Turdus feae

Up to three birds were seen on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP; a scarce species.

Eyebrowed Thrush

Turdus obscurus

Five birds were seen in flight in Khao Yai NP with further sightings of several birds in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-winged Blackbird

Turdus boulboul

One male was seen feeding in a fruiting tree on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Purple Cochoa

Cochoa purpurea

We heard one calling along the Jeep trail in Doi Inthanon NP.

Green Cochoa

Cochoa viridis

We heard this species calling in Doi Inthanon NP.

White-browed Shortwing

Brachypteryx montana

Allen was the only one who saw this species on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Blue Rock Thrush

Monticola solitarius

We enjoyed good sightings of a few birds, including one in Kaeng Krachan NP, two in Khao Yai NP and one at Sub Sadao.

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush

Monticola rufiventris

Gavin spotted this bird on Doi Angkhang.

White-throated Rock Thrush

Monticola gularis

We had great scope views of one male at Khao Yai NP.

Chats & Old World Flycatchers *Sylviidae*

Siberian Rubythroat

Luscinia calliope

We had stunning views of a male in the paddyfield of Doi Saket, Chiang Mai.

Siberian Blue Robin

Luscinia cyane

One female was seen in Khao Yai NP with further sightings including some stunning males in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Red-flanked Bluetail

Tarsiger cyanurus

We had great views of two females and one stunning male in Doi Lang.

Golden Bush Robin

Tarsiger chrysaeus

A young male was seen very well in Doi Lang. A rare winter visitor to Thailand.

Oriental Magpie-Robin

Copsychus saularis

Seen on most days of the trip.

White-rumped Shama

Copsychus malabaricus

We had stunning views of several, including great views of a male in Khao Yai NP.

White-bellied Redstart

Hodgsonius phaenicuroides

We had brief views of a female in Doi Angkhang.

Plumbeous Redstart

Rhyacornis fuliginosa

A male and female were seen near the waterfall in Doi Inthanon NP.

White-capped Redstart

Chaimarrornis leucocephalus

This spectacular bird was seen very well near the waterfall in Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-backed Forktail

Enicurus immaculatus

We had wonderful views of a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.

Slaty-backed Forktail

Enicurus schistaceus

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

Siberian (Asian) Stonechat

Saxicola maurus

Our first sighting was in the wetlands at Km 80 near Pechaburi. Small numbers were seen in Sub Sadao, Khao Yai, the paddyfield at Doi Saket, Doi Angkhang, Tha Ton Marsh and Doi Inthanon NP.

Pied Bush Chat

Saxicola caprata

We saw small numbers in Sub Sadao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang, Tha Ton Marsh and the lower parts of Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey Bush Chat

Saxicola ferreus

We saw several in Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher

Rhinomyias olivaceus

We had scope views of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Dark-sided Flycatcher

Muscicapa sibirica

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

Asian Brown Flycatcher

Muscicapa dauurica

We saw small numbers of this migrant species in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Rangsit Marsh, Khao Nor Chu Chi and in Similan Island NP.

Brown-streaked Flycatcher

Muscicapa williamsoni

We had great scope views of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher

Ficedula hodgsonii

We saw this bird in Doi Chiang Dao and in Doi Angkhang.

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher

Ficedula strophinata

We had great views of superb males in Doi Lang and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Taiga Flycatcher

Ficedula albicilla

Small numbers were seen throughout the trip.

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

White-gorgeted Flycatcher

Ficedula monileger

We enjoyed fantastic views of this bird in Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

Rufous-browed Flycatcher

Ficedula solitaria

After an extensive search we were all treated to great views of this species in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher

Ficedula hyperythra

We had fantastic views of 2 males; one in Doi Lang and another on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Little Pied Flycatcher

Ficedula westermanni

This stunner was first seen at Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and again at Doi Lang.

Ultramarine Flycatcher

Ficedula superciliaris

A female was seen on Doi Angkhang.

Slaty-blue Flycatcher

Ficedula tricolor

We had brief views of one male in Doi Angkhang, but also heard it in many places.

Sapphire Flycatcher

Ficedula sapphira

We saw one male in Doi Chiang Dao.

Green-backed Flycatcher

Ficedula elisae

We had great views of one male in Khao Nor Chu Chi. This is a rare migrant flycatcher in Thailand.

Verditer Flycatcher

Eumyias thalassinus

Commonly seen perched on exposed branches at many sites throughout the trip.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis hainanus

We had great views of one male in Khao Yai NP.

Pale Blue-Flycatcher

Cyornis unicolor

We had great views of one male in Doi Chiang Dao.

Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas*

We enjoyed several sightings at Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*

We had great views of two males in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides*

We saw one male in the lower part of Doi Inthanon NP.

Chinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis glaucicomans*

A male was seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Note: This species is a recent split from Blue-throated Flycatcher (Cyornis rubeculoides).

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*

Our first sighting was of superb views of a male at Doi Lang with further sightings in Doi Inthanon NP.

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoria*

Two males were seen very well in Doi Inthanon NP.

Vivid Niltava *Niltava vivida*

We had great scope views of two males in Doi Inthanon NP.

Leafbirds *Chloropseidae*

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati*

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

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

We found small numbers in Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP.

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*

We had a pair at Sab Sadao and further sightings in Doi Inthanon NP.

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

A pair was seen very well in Kaeng Krachan with further sightings of a few more in Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Angkhang.

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon*

Small numbers were seen daily in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae*

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculates*

We had good views of several in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus percussus*

A few birds were seen very well in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile*

We had great scope views of this bird at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

We had our first sighting at Sub Sadao, a further two in Khao Yai NP and one more in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum melanoxanthum*

We had good looks at a male on Doi Angkhang.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

We had great views of several in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum concolor*

We had one in Doi Chiang Dao.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

We had great sightings of several in Kaeng Krachan NP, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Buff-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cambodianum*

We had great views of several pairs in Khao Yai NP.

*NOTE: This species is sometimes split from Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *D. ignipectus*. Clements does not accept this split.*

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum cruentatum

Small numbers were seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's, Sub Sadao, Rangsit Marsh and in the Chiang Mai area.

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird

Chalcoparia singalensis

We found a pair building a nest at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Plain Sunbird

Anthreptes simplex

One bird was seen briefly in Khao Nor Chu Chi (leader only).

Brown-throated Sunbird

Anthreptes malacensis

Common species found in lowland forests and towns. We had great looks in Kaeng Krachan NP, Rangsit Marsh, Krabi's mangrove and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Purple-naped Sunbird

Hypogramma hypogrammicum

We had brief views of one at Doi Chiang Dao.

Van Hasselt's (Purple-throated) Sunbird

Leptocoma brasiliana

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

Purple Sunbird

Cinnyris asiaticus

We had great views of a pair at Sab Sadao with further sightings of several in the garden of our Lodge near Doi Inthanon NP and in the lower parts of Doi Inthanon NP.

Olive-backed Sunbird

Cinnyris jugularis

Commonly seen at Kaeng Krachan NP, Sub Sadao and Khao Yai NP.

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird

Aethopyga gouldiae

This stunner was first seen at Doi Angkhang with further sightings in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Green-tailed Sunbird

Aethopyga nipalensis

We had seen several stunning males on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-throated Sunbird

Aethopyga saturata

We found this species to be common in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Crimson Sunbird

Aethopyga siparaja

This stunning species was seen very well in Kaeng Krachan NP with a further sighting of a male in Khao Yai NP.

Little Spiderhunter

Arachnothera longirostra

We had great sightings of several in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Sub Sadao, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Inthanon NP and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Thick-billed Spiderhunter

Arachnothera crassirostris

We had great views of several birds feeding on mistletoe flowers in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Long-billed Spiderhunter

Arachnothera robusta

We had wonderful views of two in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Spectacled Spiderhunter

Arachnothera flavigaster

We had good looks of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter

Arachnothera chrysogenys

We saw this bird feeding on mistletoe flowers in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter

Arachnothera modesta

We had great views of several at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Streaked Spiderhunter

Arachnothera magna

We saw this spiderhunter for the first time in Kaeng Krachan NP, with more sightings in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

Small numbers were seen at Tha Ton Marsh.

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus*

We found a pair at Baan Pak Thale and a further 2 in Chiang Mai.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

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

Java Sparrow *Padda oryzivora*

We had scope views of three near Don Muang Airport, Bangkok.

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae*

Asian Golden Weaver *Ploceus hypoxanthus*

We had good views of this weaver in tall reeds at the wetlands near km 80.

Streaked Weaver *Ploceus manyar*

More than a dozen were seen at the wetlands near Km 80.

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*

We saw a pair building a nest at the paddyfield of Doi Saket, and saw a few more birds at the Chiang Mai university campus near Chiang Mai airport.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies *Estrildidae*

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

We saw this species in the paddyfield of Doi Saket and another small flock in Tha Ton Marsh.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

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

Chestnut (Black-headed) Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*

We saw this handsome munia at the wetlands near Km 80 and also at Rangsit Marsh.

Wagtails & Pipits *Motacillidae*

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*

We saw only one bird in an oil palm plantation near Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

We found 2 birds in Baan Pak Thale and a few more in Rangsit Marsh.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*

We found up to ten birds and had great scope views of this species at Tha Ton Marsh.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Small numbers were seen at many sites, especially Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NP's.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*

We saw many birds in the paddyfield of Baan Cho Lae, Chiang Mai and many more in Tha Ton Marsh.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*

We saw a few birds in Tha Ton Marsh and two at Chiang Mai university campus near Chiang Mai airport.

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

We had good views of this common and resident Pipit at Leam Pak Bia (king's project) and many more in open areas such as Rangsit Marsh and the paddyfield of Doi Saket.

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*

We had great views of many birds at Doi Angkhang and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*

We had scope views of this uncommon Pipit. Up to ten birds were seen at Tha Ton Marsh.

Finches *Fringillidae*

Common Rosefinch

Carpodacus erythrinus

We had great views of small flocks with males and females at Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Buntings & Allies *Emberizidae*

Little Bunting

Emberiza pusilla

We had scope view of 1 bird on Doi Angkhang. It was a bad year for Buntings!

MAMMALS

Treeshrews *Tupaiaidae*

Common (Southern) Treeshrew

Tupaia glis

We saw a few in Khao Nor Chu Chi forest.

Northern Treeshrew

Tupaia belageri

We saw this small mammal in Kaeng Krachan NP and in Khao Yai NP.

Monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Dusky Leaf Monkey

Presbytis obscura

A common species; up to ten were seen daily in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Long-tailed Macaque

Macaca fascicularis

A few monkeys were seen near Petchaburi and a few more in the Krabi mangroves.

Pig-tailed Macaque

Macaca nemestrina

Up to fifty were seen daily in Khao Yai NP.

Gibbons *Hylobatidae*

White-handed Gibbon

Hylobates lar

We had scope views of one family (4 animals) in Khao Yai NP.

Pileated Gibbon

Hylobates pileatus

We heard this species calling in Khao Yai NP.

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Black Giant Squirrel

Ratufa bicolor

A few animals were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-bellied Squirrel

Callosciurus caniceps

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

Burmese Striped Squirrel

Tamiops maclellandi

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

Variable Squirrel

Callosciurus finlaysoni

We enjoyed good views of several in Khao Yai NP.

Plantain Squirrel

Callosciurus notatus

Some of us saw this squirrel in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Pallas's Squirrel

Callosciurus erythraeus

We saw a few in Doi Inthanon NP.

Indochinese Ground Squirrel

Menetes berdmorei

We saw one on the way to Sub Sadao.

Red-cheeked Squirrel

Dremomys rufigenis

One was seen in Doi Lang.

Dolphins *Delphinidae*

Long-snouted Spinner Dolphin

Stenella longirostris

We all had great views of five from our speed boat on the way to Similan Island NP.

Mongoose *Herpestidea*

Small Asian Mongoose

Herpestes javanicus

We saw one in the paddyfield near Chiang Mai.

Flying Fox *Pteropodidae*

Island Flying Fox

Pteropus hypomelanus

Good numbers were seen on the Similan Islands.

Bats *Molossidae*

Wrinkle-lipped Bat

Chaerephon plicata

We witnessed the mass exodus of about half million bats from the caves near Khao Yai. What a sight!

Mouse-deer *Tragulidae*

Lesser Mouse-Deer

Tragulus javanicus

One was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Deer *Cervidae*

Indian Muntjac

Muntiacus muntjak

Several were seen along the road in Kaeng Krachan NP and in Khao Yai NP.

Sambar

Cervus unicolor

We had great views of several in Khao Yai NP.

REPTILES

Flying Lizards *Agamidae*

Flying Lizard

Draco spp.

We had good views of several of these fascinating creatures in Khao Yai NP.

Monitor Lizards *Varanidae*

Water Monitor

Varanus salvator

We had good views of several at Leam Pak Bia.

Bengal Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

We saw several in the Similan Island NP.

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