



Rockjumper Birding Tours

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Thailand II

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Tour Summary

Our trip total of 551 species in 23 days reflects the immense birding potential of Thailand. Participants were treated to an amazing number of star birds including Chinese Francolin, Mountain Bamboo Partridge, spectacular Silver Pheasant, Siamese Fireback, Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Green Peafowl, Black-tailed Crake, Masked Finfoot, Barred Eagle Owl, Buffy Fish Owl, the mythical Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo, Gurney's, Banded, Blue-winged, Hooded and Mangrove Pittas, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Slaty-bellied Tesia, Large, White-browed, Coral-billed and Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babblers, Limestone, Streaked, Eye-browed and Pygmy Wren Babblers, White-necked Laughingthrush, Red-faced Liocichla, Grey-headed and Spot-breasted Parrotbills, Chestnut-bellied and Giant Nuthatches, Chestnut-bellied Rock 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 sitting on wires along the busy roads. Our first stop was at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn, to search for waders. Highlights included Red-necked and Long-toed Stints, Asian Dowitcher, Broad-billed Sandpiper, and both Great and Red Knots. Later we drove to some nearby wetlands where we found the strikingly plumaged Pheasant-tailed Jacana, as well as Bronze-winged Jacana, Cotton Pygmy Goose, Lesser Whistling Duck, and White-browed and Ruddy-breasted Crakes. In the late afternoon, we travelled on to Kaeng Krachan where we stayed for the next three nights. After dinner we compiled our checklists, and were elated to have recorded an impressive 102 species on our first day!



Kaeng Krachan National Park was truly spectacular with outstanding scenery – pristine forest as far as the eyes could see comfortable accommodation and wonderful food, combined with truly excellent birding. On our first day we journeyed to the highest elevation of the park, where the highlights included Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Yellow-vented Green Pigeon, Great Hornbill, White-hooded Babbler, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Spot-necked Babbler, Blue-throated Barbet, the scarce Rusty-cheeked Brown Hornbill, Speckled Piculet, bizarre looking Long-tailed Broadbills, Dark-sided Flycatcher and the very localised Ratchet-tailed Treepie. The next day we spent our time exploring the lower elevations in the park where we found a stunning male Orange-breasted Trogon, Banded Kingfisher, Crimson-winged Woodpecker, Green-eared Barbet, Black-thighed Falconet, a roosting Brown Hawk Owl, Streak-breasted Woodpecker, and the beautifully colourful Hooded and Blue-winged Pittas. Further special sightings included brief looks at the scarce Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Crested Jay, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Banded and Silver-breasted Broadbills and a brilliant male Crimson Sunbird.



We spent our last morning in the garden of our lodge where we saw Eurasian Hoopoe, the peculiar Thick-billed Warbler, Lanceolated Warbler and Vinous-breasted Starling. We then headed to Khao Yai NP, stopping to bird the dry deciduous woodlands at Sab Sadao and Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve *en route*. Highlight's here included stunning views of Rufous-winged Buzzard, handsome Blossom-headed Parakeet, impressive White-bellied and superb Black-headed Woodpeckers, Black-hooded Oriole, White-browed Fantail, Indochinese Cuckoo-shrike, Brown Prinia and the cute Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch. At the nearby Lum Phraplerng Dam we enjoyed good looks of a pair of Greater Painted-snipe. We then continued on to Khao Yai NP, where we arrived in the late afternoon.



Khao Yai produced many specials, including both the highly desired and sought-after Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo and Masked Finfoot! Other notable sightings were of a magnificent male Silver Pheasant feeding along the road, a Siamese Fireback walking in the forest, Black Eagle, Vernal Hanging Parrot, Red-breasted Parakeet, Oriental Pied, Great and Wreathed Hornbills, striking Red-

headed Trogon, Laced and Bamboo Woodpeckers, Eared and Hooded Pittas, confiding White-crested Laughingthrush, Golden-crested Myna and Purple-throated Sunbird.

Leaving Khao Yai we drove to Wat Praputhabaht Noi, where we found the highly localised Limestone Wren Babbler, while visits to Rangsit Marsh and Wat Tien Thawai produced Black Bittern and Alexandrine Parakeet. From Bangkok we then took a quick and comfortable flight north to Chiang Mai, Thailand's second largest city. We had a very early start the next morning in order to get from Chiang Mai to Huai Hong Krai (King's Project), as we had to be there early to see one of the great pheasants of the world, the spectacular and rare Green Peafowl. Our early start was well worth the effort, as we indeed managed to find four stunning males! After enjoying these scarce and spectacular birds, we then continued to Doi Saket. A paddyfield here held a male Siberian Rubythroat and several Baya Weavers building their nests in a Bombax tree. We spent the rest of the day at Wat Thum Pha Plong (the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao), notching up Pin-tailed Pigeon and Thick-billed Flowerpecker.



A visit to Doi Chiang Dao Wildlife Sanctuary then produced the localised Giant Nuthatch, where we had excellent views of three birds. Thereafter we continued to the highlands of Doi Angkhang where we enjoyed 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, and Spot-breasted and Grey-headed Parrotbills.



A visit to the remote and beautiful area of Doi Lang produced many great birds, including the restless Yellow-bellied Fantail, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Crested Finchbill, tiny Black-throated Tit, cute Yellow-browed Tit, Rufous-backed and Dark-backed Sibias and Whiskered Yuhina, as well as several Mountain Bamboo Partridges. In the late afternoon we then drove from the high mountains down to the foothills and birded the Tha Ton Marsh. Here we found Striated Grassbird, Barred Button-Quail, Yellow-eyed Babbler, and both Red-throated and Richard's Pipits.

Our next destination was to the highest mountain in Thailand, Doi Inthanon. Here we enjoyed the wonderful cool climate and a host of special birds. These included Ashy Wood Pigeon, the highly sought-after Black-tailed Crake, White-headed Bulbul, tiny Pygmy Wren-Babbler, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush, Chestnut-tailed Minla, White-browed Shortwing, Black-backed Forktail, as well as Mrs Gould's and Green-tailed Sunbirds.



Thereafter we headed south to Krabi where we enjoyed a fantastic boat trip in the mangroves, finding Ruddy and Brown-winged Kingfishers and Chestnut-bellied Malkoha. The following day we left our hotel very early to catch our speedboat to the Similan Islands National Park. The main reason for visiting these islands was to see the scarce Nicobar Pigeon, and we were fortunate to have great views of these handsome birds, finding a total of six as they fed at very close range. The



next morning in Krabi we birded the mangrove boardwalk where we found the impressive Mangrove Pitta, enjoyed fabulous scope views of a pair of Buffy Fish Owl, and also notched up Ashy Tailorbird. In the late morning we then drove to the lowland at Khao Nor Chu Chi where we spent a fabulous two days. Here we were treated to magnificent views of a pair of Gurney's Pitta at their last known breeding site in Thailand. Other highlights here included a pair of smart looking Banded Pitta, Green Broadbill, Dark-throated Oriole, Hairy-backed Bulbul, Black-throated and Chestnut-rumped Babblers and Thick-billed Spiderhunter.

What a way to end a highly successful and enjoyable Thailand tour!

Photo credits: Siamese Fireback, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Crimson Sunbird, Masked Finfoot, Limestone Wren-Babbler, Mountain Bamboo Partridge, Nicobar Pigeon and Gurney's Pitta all by Uthai Treesucon.

BIRDS (551 species recorded)

Pheasants & Partridges Phasianidae

Chinese Francolin

Francolinus pintadeanus

We heard 2-3 birds calling at Sub Sadao, but could not initially find them! After much effort we finally saw a male calling from a Tamarin tree, which then jumped down and ran away. This was en route to the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao.

Rufous-throated Partridge

Arborophila rufogularis

We first heard this bird at Doi Lang, and heard a few more at Doi Inthanon NP.

Bar-backed Partridge

Arborophila brunneopectus

We had brief looks in Magic valley, Doi Angkhang, and some of us had very good views of one as it walked very close to us while we were waiting for Green Cochoa on Doi Angkhang.

Green-legged (Scaly-breasted) Partridge

Arborophila chloropus

We heard this species in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's, as well as in Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Mountain Bamboo Partridge

Bambusicola fytchii

Up to eight birds were seen at Doi Lang.

Red Junglefowl

Gallus gallus

We had good looks at a beautiful male in Sakaerat and a few more birds were seen and heard in most places.

Silver Pheasant

Lophura nycthemera

Great views of two males and one female were had as they fed along the roadside in Khao Yai NP. Another male was seen briefly in Doi Angkhang.

Siamese Fireback

Lophura diardi

We had excellent view of 5 males and 3 females at Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve and later we had another four birds in Khao Yai NP.

Grey Peacock-Pheasant

Polyplectron bicalcaratum

We heard them calling in Kaeng Krachan NP, but try as hard as we could to see them inside the forest, only David managed a good look at a male as it walked away from us.

Green Peafowl

Pavo muticus

This was certainly a trip highlight! We had very good views of four stunning males at Chiang Mai.

Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae

Lesser Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna javanica

We found many flocks (with 20 birds + in each flock) at a wetland at Lam Phraplerng dam on the way from Sab Sadao to Khao Yai, and then up to 400 birds in Nong Pan Jiang en route to Chiang Mai.

Cotton Pygmy Goose

Nettapus coromandelianus

We saw a flock of up to 20 birds at a wetland near Doi Chiang Dao.

Grebes Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis

We saw both breeding and non-breeding plumaged birds at Rangsit Marsh.

Storks Ciconidae

Painted Stork

Mycteria leucocephala

We had great looks at 17 birds near Petchaburi.

Asian Openbill

Anastomus oscitans

Common in the Bangkok area.

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae

Yellow Bittern

Ixobrychus sinensis

We saw two birds in the grounds of the Kaeng Krachan Lodge and a few more in Rangsit Marsh.

Cinnamon Bittern

Ixobrychus cinnamomeus

One bird was seen walking near a forest stream in Kaeng Krachan NP, another two were seen briefly near our Kaeng Krachan Lodge, and one bird was seen by some of us on the way out from Tha Ton Marsh.

Black Bittern

Dupetor(Ixobrychus) flavicollis

One bird was seen as it flew over tall reeds at Rangsit Marsh.

Malayan Night Heron

Gorsachius melanolophus

We heard two birds calling at dusk in Khao Yai NP.

Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax

A least five birds were seen at the wetlands near Km80.

Striated Heron

Butorides striatus

We saw three at Baan Pak Tale, a singleton at Rangsit Marsh, and two 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 which we recorded in Malaysia. This split is not recognized by Handbook of Birds of the World (del Hoyo et al) who lump both these forms under the nominate.

Chinese Pond Heron

Ardeola bacchus

Small numbers were seen at scattered sites throughout Thailand.

Javan Pond Heron

Ardeola speciosa

Common in the lowlands around Bangkok. Most of the birds were fortunately in breeding plumage, which allows for positive identification of this species. (It is very difficult to separate non-breeding plumaged Javan Pond 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

Two birds were seen at Baan Pak Talae and a further three were seen flying in Khao Yai NP.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

We had seen two birds at a wetland near Km 80 and further one at Rangsit Marsh.

Great Egret

Ardea alba

Up to fifty birds were seen near Baan Pak Thale, two more at Rangsit Marsh and one bird flew over on Doi Angkhang.

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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*

One bird was seen at Baan Pak Thale and another one at Doi Saket paddyfield near Chiang Mai.

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.

Darters Anhingidae

Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*

Richard spotted one as it flew over the forest at Sub Sadao and another was seen in Chiang Mai.

Cormorants Phalacrocoracidae

Little Cormorant *Microcarbo (Phalacrocorax) niger*

Many birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and Leam Pak Bia, a further four were seen at Lum Phra Pleng Dam and one more at Rangsit Marsh.

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*

We had more than ten birds at Baan Pak Thale and Leam Pak Bia, Petchaburi.

Osprey Pandionidae

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

We had one near Baan Pak Thale and another in the Krabi mangroves.

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures Accipitridae

Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni*

We saw one perched in a tree at Kaeng Krachan forest.

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes*

We saw a flock of more than fifty birds soaring high over Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve and a further two in Doi Inthanon NP.

Crested (Oriental) Honey-buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

We saw two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP, one bird in Khao Yai NP, two on Doi Lang and another in Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Small numbers were seen at several sites, including a singleton seen very well in Tha Ton Marsh.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

We had one at a wetland near Km 80 and a further sighting of a singleton near Baan Pak Thale.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

More than five birds were seen at Km 80 with further sightings of one at Krabi town and another in the Similan Islands NP.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

We had one bird in the Krabi mangroves and a pair near their nest site in the Similan Islands NP.

Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

We enjoyed good views of three at Kaeng Krachan NP, two in Khao Yai NP, two in Doi Chiang Dao, two in Doi Angkhang and one bird in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Our first sighting was at Doi Angkhang. Later we saw another in Doi Inthanon NP and a few more in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*

We saw a female fly overhead on Doi Angkhang.

Shikra *Accipiter badius*

One bird was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, three were seen in the garden of Kaeng Krachan Lodge, a pair was seen in Sub Sadao, a pair near Rangsit Marsh, two near Doi Lang and a pair in the lower part of Doi Inthanon NP.

Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis*

A male was seen flying over on Doi Chiang Dao, another sighting was of two males on Doi Lang and another male in Doi Inthanon NP.

Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis*

One bird was seen at Huai Hong Krai (King's project), Chiang Mai.

Besra *Accipiter virgatus*

We had scope views of a very distant bird.

Rufous-winged Buzzard *Butastur liventer*

We had wonderful scope views of 5 of these smart raptors during our day at Sab Sadao.

Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

A singleton was seen soaring in Doi Inthanon NP.

Notes: The bird in Thailand is the subspecies *japonicus* which some people split into "Japanese Buzzard *Buteo japonicus*".

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*

One was seen in Khao Yai NP.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus(Spizaetus) nipalensis*

One was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and other two birds in Doi Angkhang.

Blyth's Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus alboniger*

A juvenile was seen sitting in a tree in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Falcons & Caracaras Falconidae

Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens*

We had scope views of this small raptor in Doi Inthanon NP.

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*

We had scope views of a singleton in Kaeng Krachan NP and three more at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae

Slaty-breasted Rail *Gallirallus striatus*

We had fantastic scope views of one 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 bird throughout the trip.

Black-tailed Crake *Porzana bicolor*

We had great scope views of this scarce species in Doi Inthanon NP.

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca*

We had excellent looks of at least ten birds at Leam Pak Bia (King's project) and another at Rangsit Marsh.

White-browed Crake *Porzana cinerea*

Two birds were seen at a wetland near Km80 on the way to Petchaburi.

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*

We saw one bird and heard many more in tall reeds at Rangsit Marsh.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Small numbers were seen throughout the trip.

Buttonquails Turnicidae

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator*

We had incredible scope views of three in Tha Ton Marsh. The birds were feeding in an open field!

Stone-curlews & Thick-knees Burhinidae

Indian Stone-curlew (Eurasian Thick-knee) *Burhinus indicus*

We 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, with up to 200 birds at a saltpan and in the wetlands at Baan Pak Thale.

Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae

Grey-headed Lapwing

Vanellus cinereus

A singleton was seen in Tha Ton Marsh, Chiang Mai.

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

Regularly seen throughout the trip.

Pacific Golden Plover

Pluvialis fulva

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

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

One was seen at Rangsit Marsh and four more in Tha Ton Marsh.

Kentish Plover

Charadrius alexandrinus

We saw up to 20 birds at Kok Kham and Baan Pak Thale.

Malaysian Plover

Charadrius peronii

A pair was seen on a small sandy beach near Leam Pak Bia, Petchaburi.

Lesser Sand Plover

Charadrius mongolus

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

Greater Sand Plover

Charadrius leschenaultii

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

Painted-snipes Rostratulidae

Greater Painted-snipe

Rostratula benghalensis

A pair was seen at Leam Pak Bia, Petchaburi and another pair at Lum Phra Plerng Dam on the way back to Khao Yai NP.

Jacanas Jacanidae

Pheasant-tailed Jacana

Hydrophasianus chirurgus

Up to 20 birds were seen at a wetland near Petchaburi and another bird was seen at Rangsit Marsh.

Bronze-winged Jacana

Metopidius indicus

Up to twenty were seen at Km 80 near Petchburi, three birds were seen at Lum Phra Plerng Dam and another 8 birds were seen at Rangsit Marsh.

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae

Pin-tailed Snipe

Gallinago stenura

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

Asian Dowitcher

Limdromus semipalmatus

Up to twenty birds, both in breeding and non-breeding plumage, were seen at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Black-tailed Godwit

Limosa limosa

Up to four hundred were seen at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Bar-tailed Godwit

Limosa lapponica

Four birds were seen at a mudflat near the Krabi mangroves in Southern Thailand.

Whimbrel

Numenius phaeopus

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

Eurasian Curlew

Numenius arquata

Five birds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and three at a mudflat near Krabi mangroves, Southern Thailand.

Spotted Redshank

Tringa erythroptera

We had great views of more than forty birds at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn, more than twenty birds at Baan Pak Thale, Petchaburi and more than ten birds at A mudflat near Krabi mangroves, Krabi.

Common Redshank *Tringa erythropus*

A minimum of ten birds were seen at Kok Kham and more than twenty at Baan Pak Tale.

Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*

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

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*

Up to ten were seen at Kok Kham and another one at Baan Pak Thale.

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Three birds were seen in wetlands at Km80 and one near Baan Pak Thale.

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus*

We had distant views of one bird on the mudflats near Krabi mangroves.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

We saw a few birds at Kok Kham and Baan Pak Thale.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Up to fifteen birds were seen at Kok Kharm, Samut Sakhorn.

Great Knot *Calidris canutus*

We saw five birds at Kok Kharm and a flock of thirty were seen flying over Krabi mangroves.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus*

We saw one bird feeding on the mudflats at Kok Kharm, Samut Sakhorn.

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

A singleton was seen at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*

The commonest stint in Thailand. We had very good views at Kok Kharm, Samut Sakhorn, and four birds at a mudflat near Krabi mangroves.

Little Stint *Calidris minuta*

We enjoyed scope views of two at Kok Kharm, Samut Sakhorn.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*

We had three birds near Kok Kharm, Sakhorn.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

This is another common shorebird in Thailand. We saw more than thirty birds in both breeding and non-breeding plumage at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus*

We had great views of more than ten of these scarce birds at Kok Kharm, Samut Sakhorn.

Pratincoles Glareolidae

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*

We had our first sighting of a singleton at Rangsit Marsh with further sightings of three in Tha Ton Marsh and one bird near Krabi mangroves.

Gulls, Terns, Jaegers & Skimmers Laridae

Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*

Up to five birds were seen during our boat trip to the Similan Islands NP.

Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*

Up to 100 birds were seen near Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kharm.

Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia*

Two birds were seen at Kok Kharm and a further two at Baan Pak Thale.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

More than ten birds were seen at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn, and a further sighting was of one from the speedboat on the way to Similan Islands NP.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*

Many birds in breeding plumage were seen at Baan Pak Thale and at Kok Kham, while a singleton was seen in Krabi.

Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus*

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

Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana*

We saw up to twenty birds in the Similan Islands NP.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*

Hundreds were seen at Baan Pak Thale and Kok Kham.

White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*

Up to twenty birds were seen 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.

Ashy Wood Pigeon *Columba hodgsonii*

Up to six birds were seen on the summit 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 roadsides and 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 up to a dozen in Khao Yai NP and a single bird on Doi Chiang Dao.

Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps*

We heard this species 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, Sub Sadao, Doi Lang and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*

A common species in towns throughout.

Nicobar Pigeon *Caloenas nicobarica*

We had 6 of these stunning birds on the Similan Island tour. They were easy to see as they walked on the ground by the restaurant and the souvenir shop. Certainly one of the great pigeons of the world!

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

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

Yellow-vented Pigeon *Treron seimundi*

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

Pin-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron apicauda*

We had scope views of three in Doi Chiang Dao.

Wedge-tailed (Green) Pigeon *Treron sphenurus*

Sadly, we only heard this species. (Six birds seen in a fruiting tree were a leader only sighting.)

Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*

Several were seen in the Similan Islands NP.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula badia*

Our first sighting was of six birds in Khao Yai NP, then two birds in Doi Chiang Dao and one bird on Doi Angkhang.

Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor*

At least six were seen on the Similan Islands.

Finfoots Heliornithidae

Masked Finfoot

Heliopais personata

Linda spotted this highly sought-after species swimming in a small stream in Khao Yai NP. It is a rare and difficult bird to find!

Parrots, Macaws & Allies Psittacidae

Vernal Hanging-Parrot

Loriculus vernalis

We had great scope views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Yai NP and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Alexandrine Parakeet

Psittacula eupatria

We had brief views of one at Wat Tien Thawai, near Bangkok.

Grey-headed Parakeet

Psittacula finschii

Heard only in Doi Inthanon NP.

Blossom-headed Parakeet

Psittacula roseate

We had great views of two pairs at Sab Sadao.

Red-breasted Parakeet

Psittacula alexandri

We had good views of up to fifty birds at a nesting colony near Khao Yai NP, and saw another two birds in Sub 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

Centropus bengalensis

We had brief views of one in Khao Yai NP and great scope views of two at Tha Ton Marsh.

Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo

Carpococcyx renauldi

A pair of these mythical birds was seen in Khao Yai NP. A rare and little known species.

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus sumatranus

We had one in the Krabi mangroves and further great views of another in the lowland forest of Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Raffles' Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus

A really smart bird; two pairs were seen very well in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Red-billed Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus javanicus

We saw one bird in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Green-billed Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus tristis

Small numbers were seen at several sites, including great views of two in Khao Yai NP.

Asian Koel

Eudynamis scolopaceus

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

Violet Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus

We had four birds in Kaeng Krachan NP and one in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao. Most were seen in flight.

Banded Bay Cuckoo

Cacomantis sonneratii

We had great views of two in Doi Chiang Dao.

Plaintive Cuckoo

Cacomantis merulinus

We enjoyed good views of one in Khao Yai NP, but heard it in most places.

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo

Surniculus lugubris

We had scope views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP and a further sighting of a pair in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo

Cuculus sparverioides

We heard one in Kaeng Krachan NP and had great looks of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Malaysian Hawk Cuckoo

Hierococcyx (Cuculus) fugax

We had wonderful scope views of an adult male at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo

Hierococcyx (Cuculus) sparverioides

We heard this bird at Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Eurasian Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

Hugh spotted a bird perched on an open tree near the roadside in Doi Inthanon NP.

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*

We heard one calling in Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve near Sub Sadao.

Barn Owls Tytonidae

Oriental Bay Owl *Phodilus badius*

We heard one calling at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Typical Owls Strigidae

Collared Scops-Owl *Otus lettia*

We heard this species in three different places.

Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia*

We had great views of one in Doi Inthanon NP.

Barred Eagle Owl *Bubo sumatranus*

We enjoyed good looks of a juvenile near Khao Nor Chu Chi. A fantastic find as this species is scarce throughout its range!

Buffy Fish Owl *Ketupa ketupa*

We had great scope views of a pair at their daytime roost in the Krabi mangroves.

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei*

We had incredibly close scope views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP and another bird in Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*

Our first sighting was in Kaeng Krachan NP with a further sighting in Doi Inthanon NP.

Spotted Owlet *Athene brama*

We had brief views of one in the garden of Kaeng Krachan Lodge and later we enjoyed scope views of a pair at Sab Sadao.

Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata*

We enjoyed scope views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Frogmouths Podargidae

Hodgson's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus hodgsoni*

We heard a few calling, while a female was a leader only sighting.

Javan Frogmouth *Batrachostomus javanensis*

We had good looks at a pair in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Nightjars & Allies Caprimulgidae

Great Eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*

We heard distant calls of this species but sadly failed to find them in Khao Yai NP.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*

We had great views of several in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus*

A singleton was seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis*

Two were seen in Doi Inthanon NP.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Crested Treeswift *Hemiprogne coronata*

We had fantastic scope views of three birds in Doi Chiang Dao and another two in Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-rumped Treeswift

Hemiprocne longipennis

Three birds were seen at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Whiskered Treeswift

Hemiprocne longipennis

We heard this species calling at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Swifts Apodidae

Himalayan Swiftlet

Aerodramus brevirostris

We had small numbers in Kaeng Krachan NP, Sub Sadao and several birds were seen at Doi Chiang Dao and in Doi Angkhang.

Germain's Swiftlet

Aerodromus germani

We had several at Wat Chong Lom where they nest in the temple, and saw several at Baan Pak Thale. Many more were seen in the Krabi areas and at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Silver-rumped Spinetail

Rhaphidura leucopygialis

Two birds were seen flying over the forest in Khao Nor Chu Chi. Sadly, another leader only sighting.

Brown-backed Needletail

Hirundapus giganteus

Two were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, up to twenty in Khao Yai NP, and five at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Asian Palm-Swift

Cypsiurus balasiensis

A common species in the lowlands.

Fork-tailed Swift

Apus pacificus

A common species at all sites.

House Swift

Apus nipalensis

Small numbers were seen in many locations, such as Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao, Tha Ton town, Doi Inthanon NP, Krabi town and on the way to the Similan Islands NP.

Trogons Trogonidae

Orange-breasted Trogon

Harpactes oreskios

We had wonderful views of two in Khao Yai NP.

Red-headed Trogon

Harpactes erythrocephalus

We saw three of these beautiful birds in Khao Yai NP.

Diard's Trogon

Harpactes diardii

We only heard one calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Scarlet-rumped Trogon

Harpactes duvaucii

Heard calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Rollers Coraciidae

Indian Roller

Coracias benghalensis

A common species seen throughout the trip.

Oriental Dollarbird

Eurystomus orientalis

Three birds were seen in Khao Yai NP.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Banded Kingfisher

Lacedo pulchella

We enjoyed stunning scope views of a male in Kaeng Krachan NP and another male in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

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 three in the Krabi mangroves.

White-throated Kingfisher

Halcyon smyrnensis

We enjoyed great views of many perched on telephone lines at several sites.

Black-capped Kingfisher

Halcyon pileata

We had great scope views in Kok Kham, Kaeng Krachan NP and at Baan Pak Thale.

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*

Up to ten birds were seen in the Kok Kham areas and one at Baan Pak Thale. We also saw six birds on the Similan Islands and several in the Krabi mangroves.

Rufous-collared Kingfisher *Actennoides concretus*

We had good scope views of a male at Khao Nor Chu Chi. Generally a scarce species.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Three birds were seen in Leam Pak Bia and the Kok Kham areas.

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx erithacus*

Singletons were seen in Keng Krachan NP and at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

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

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus*

We had excellent views of three birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*

We saw singles in Kaeng Krachan NP and Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve, a pair in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao and three birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*

Six birds were seen in the Kok Kharn areas, three near our Lodge in Kaeng Krachan, more than six on the way to Sub Sadao and a singleton in the Doi Saket paddyfield.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

Two birds were seen at Kok Kham, up to ten birds near our Lodge in Kaeng Krachan, and more on the way to Khao Yai.

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

Six birds were seen flying over the forest at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*

We saw three in Khao Yai NP, more than a dozen in Doi Inthanon NP, and one on the drive to Similan Islands NP.

Hoopoes Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*

We had great scope views of up to six birds at our Kaeng Krachan Lodge. Four birds were seen at Sab Sadao and one at Doi Chiang Dao.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Rusty-cheeked Hornbill *Anorrhinus tickelli*

We had great views of three birds near an active nest in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*

We saw five birds in Kaeng Krachan NP and three in Khao Yai NP.

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis*

We enjoyed great sightings of these impressive birds at Kaeng Krachan and two more in Khao Yai NP.

Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros undulates*

Two were seen in Khao Yai NP.

Barbets Capitonidae

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*

We had good views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP, one in Doi Chiang Dao, and one in Doi Angkhang.

Lineated Barbet

Megalaima lineata

We had our first sighting of 3 birds in Sub Sadao with two more at Huai Hong Krai (King's project) in Chiang Mai.

Green-eared Barbet

Megalaima faiostricta

Up to twenty birds were feeding at eye-level in a fig tree 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 only heard two birds calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Red-throated Barbet

Megalaima mystacophanos

We had excellent views of two birds feeding in a fruiting tree in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Golden-throated Barbet

Megalaima franklinii

We had two birds in Doi Angkhang, five in Doi Lang and two in Doi Inthanon NP.

Blue-throated Barbet

Megalaima asiatica

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

Moustached Barbet

Megalaima incognita

We had one bird in Kaeng Krachan NP and then enjoyed great scope views of several in Khao Yai NP.

Blue-eared Barbet

Megalaima australis

We saw two in Kaeng Krachan NP and two more in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Coppersmith Barbet

Megalaima haemacephala

A common species in towns and lowland forests throughout. Our first sighting was at Kaeng Krachan Lodge, with many more during our trip.

Brown Barbet

Calorhamphus fuliginosus

Two birds were seen in Bangkok (by the early arrival group), one was seen very well in a fig tree at Kaeng Krachan NP, several were seen at Wat Tien Thawai and Rangsit Marsh, and one bird at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Speckled Piculet

Picumnus innominatus

We saw this tiny woodpecker for the first time in Kaeng Krachan NP. Small numbers were then seen in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Inthanon NP and Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Rufous Piculet

Sasia abnochrms

One was seen at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

White-browed Piculet

Sasia ochracea

We saw two in Kaeng Krachan NP, one in Khao Yai and another in Doi Lang.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker

Dendrocopos canicapillus

Up to six birds were seen in Sub Sadao, four birds were seen in Doi Chiang Dao and one in Doi Angkhang.

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker

Dendrocopos atratus

We had stunning views of three pairs in Doi Chiang Dao, one bird in Doi Angkhang and another in Doi Lang.

Rufous Woodpecker

Celeus brachyurus

Only heard calling in Doi Chiang Dao.

White-bellied Woodpecker

Dryocopus javensis

The most impressive woodpecker species, we had superb views of one male at Sab Sadao.

Lesser Yellownape

Picus chlorolophus

We saw one bird in Sub Sadao.

Greater Yellownape

Picus flavinucha

We enjoyed great views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP and another pair in Doi Chiang Dao.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker

Picus punniceus

We had stunning scope views of one male in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*

We had great views of two males in Khao Yai NP.

Streak-breasted Woodpecker *Picus viridanus*

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

Black-headed Woodpecker *Picus erythrogygius*

A spectacular bird, we were fortunate to have brief views of a bird in the Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve.

Common Goldenback *Dinopium javanense*

Singleton's were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai and the Krabi mangroves, with a further six birds in Sub Sadao.

Greater Goldenback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

Two pairs were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with a further sighting of another pair in Khao Yai NP.

Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis*

We saw a male in Khao Yai NP.

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosa*

We only it calling and drumming in the lowland forest at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

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

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*

One was seen briefly in Kaeng Krachan NP, but we then had excellent views of a pair at their nest hole at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus*

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

Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente*

We only heard this species in Khao Yai NP.

Broadbills Eurylaimidae

Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis*

We had stunning views of up to five birds in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Black and Red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus*

We had fantastic views of a pair building a nest near the roadside in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousia*

We had superb views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP. Later we saw three in Khao Yai NP and another one at Doi Angkhang.

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus*

Two birds in Kaeng Krachan NP were an excellent find!

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*

We had incredible scope views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus*

Excellent scope views were had of two in Khao Yai NP.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

We had scope views of a pair building a nest in Kaeng Krachan and also heard several in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Pittas Pittidae

Eared Pitta *Pitta phayrei*

We were fortunate to find this scarce species in Khao Yai NP.

Rusty-naped Pitta *Pitta oatesi*

We only heard this species calling on the lower slopes of Dio Chiang Dao. This hill-forest skulker is very difficult to observe!

Blue Pitta

Pitta cyanea

Heard only in Khao Yai NP.

Hooded Pitta

Pitta sordida

We had brief view of one in Kaeng Krachan NP; later in Khao Yai we had great looks at three, while another bird was seen briefly in the Similan Islands NP.

Blue-winged Pitta

Pitta moluccensis

We had excellent views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP and later we saw four at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Banded Pitta

Pitta guajana

We had brief views of up to three of these stunners at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Gurney's Pitta

Pitta gurneyi

We had an incredible experience with this mind-blowing species; a female was observed for over ten minutes in the morning, and later in the afternoon we had superb views of a male in Khao Nor Chu Chi. Certainly one of the highlights of the trip! Many thanks to Mr. Nok, our local guide who helped us find this beautiful and endangered pitta.

Mangrove Pitta

Pitta megarhyncha

After an extensive search in the mangroves at Krabi we were finally rewarded with scope views of a bird perched on a mangrove tree.

Australian Warblers Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone

Gerygone sulphurea

We had very good views of 2 pairs in the mangroves at Kok Kham, Samut Sakhorn, and another bird was seen in a rubber plantation near Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae

Large Woodshrike

Tephrodornis virgatus

We had a flock of seven birds in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Common Woodshrike

Tephrodornis pondicerianus

We had wonderful scope views of a pair in Sub Sadao.

Rufous-winged Philentoma

Philentoma pyrhoptera

We saw two birds at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Woodswallows Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow

Artamus fuscus

Commonly seen along the roadsides throughout the trip.

Ioras Aegithinidae

Common Iora

Aegithina tiphia

Small numbers were seen throughout the tour.

Green Iora

Aegithina viridissima

Heard only in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Great Iora

Aegithina lafresnayeri

Our first sighting was 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 up to six birds at Sab Sadao and two in Doi Chiang Dao.

Indochinese Cuckooshrike

Coracina polioptera

We had great scope views of one in Sub Sadao.

Black-winged Cuckooshrike

Coracina melaschistos

Singleton's were seen in Khao Yai NP and Doi Chiang Dao.

Lesser Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina fimbriata</i>
One bird was seen at Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Ashy Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus divaricatus</i>
We saw a flock of twenty birds in Sub Sadao.	
Small Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus cinnamomeus</i>
We had wonderful views of five birds in Sab Sadao.	
Grey-chinned Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>
We had great looks at a pair in Doi Suthep-pui NP.	
Long-tailed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus ethologus</i>
We saw one male on Doi Chiang Dao and a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.	
Short-billed Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus brevirostris</i>
We saw two pairs in Doi Inthanon NP.	
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
The most common Minivet of the trip and seen throughout.	
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
Small numbers were seen at scattered sites including great looks at a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.	

Whistlers & Allies Pachycephalida

Mangrove Whistler	<i>Pachycephala cinerea</i>
We had great looks of one bird at the Mangroves Study Centre, Samut Sakhorn.	

Shrikes Laniidae

Tiger Shrike	<i>Lanius titinus</i>
Ken spotted one in the Similan Islands NP and Linda spotted another in Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
Seen in small numbers at several sites.	
Burmese Shrike	<i>Lanius colluriooides</i>
We had our first sighting at Doi Chiang Dao, then good views of two birds on Doi Angkhang and another in Doi Inthanon NP.	
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>
Regularly recorded in small numbers at several sites throughout the tour.	
Grey-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius tephronotus</i>
We had excellent scope views of one in Doi Chiang Dao and another in Doi Inthanon NP.	

Vireos, Greenlets Vireonidae

White-browed Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius flaviscapis</i>
We had great views of a pair on Doi Chiang Dao and several were seen on Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and in Doi Inthanon.	
Black-eared Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius melanotus</i>
We enjoyed excellent views of two males in Doi Lang.	
Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pternthius aenobarbus</i>
We had great views of two males in Doi Angkhang, one male in Doi Inthanon NP and a pair in Doi Suthep-pui NP.	

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

Slender-billed Oriole	<i>Oriolus tenuirostris</i>
This hill forest resident we saw well in Northern Thailand at Doi Chiang Dao.	
Dark-throated Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthonotus</i>
A singleton was seen at Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>

The most commonly encountered oriole. We had good sightings in Bangkok, Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai NP's and in Rangsit Marsh.

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*

We had good views of three birds in Sub Sadao.

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*

We saw four of these smart birds at Doi Angkhang.

Drongos Dicruridae

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Commonly seen in open lowland habitats.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

Another common forest species. We saw small numbers in various localities.

Crow-billed Drongo *Dicrurus annectans*

Singletons of this scarce migrant were seen in Bangkok and at the Mangroves Study Centre, Samut Sakhorn.

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

Small numbers were seen in various types of forests.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

Seen in the Hill Forest at 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 on Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Inthanon NP.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

First seen at Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in forests throughout the tour.

Fantails Rhipiduridae

Yellow-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hypoxantha*

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

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Small numbers were seen at Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang, Doi Inthanon NP and in Doi Suthep-pui NP.

White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola*

We had great views of a bird at Sab Sadao.

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

Small numbers were seen in Bangkok, Kok Kham, Kaeng Krachan NP, Sub Sadao, Rangsit Marsh and at Krabi Mangroves.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

A common species in most forests. We had small numbers in Kaeng Krachan NP, Sub Sadao, Doi Suthep-pui NP and at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*

First seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings at Doi Angkhang and quite common in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

We saw two birds in Sab Sadao.

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha*

One of these smart looking birds was seen briefly at Huay Hong Krai (The King's project) and later we enjoyed good looks at Doi Inthanon NP.

Common Green Magpie

Cissa chinensis

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

Crested Jay

Platylophus galericulatus

We had excellent views of a single bird in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Black Magpie

Platysmurus galericulatus

Heard only at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Rufous Treepie

Dendrocitta vagabunda

We saw one bird very well in the garden of our Kaeng Krachan Lodge.

Grey Treepie

Dendrocitta formosae

We saw two birds at Doi Lang and later we had scope views of two more in Doi Inthanon NP.

Racket-tailed Treepie

Crypsirina temia

We had three birds at Kok Kham, a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP and a pair at Tha Ton Marsh.

Ratchet-tailed Treepie

Temnurus temnurus

We had superb views of four birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Large-billed Crow

Corvus macrorhynchos

Small numbers were seen throughout the tour.

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher

Culicicapa ceylonensis

A common species seen in most forests 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 at Doi Lang, Doi Inthanon NP and Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Yellow-browed Tit

Sylviparus modestus

We had good views of two birds at Doi Lang.

Sultan Tit

Melanochlora sultanea

Six of this handsome species were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Larks Alaudidae

Indochinese Bush Lark

Mirafra erythrocephala

A few birds were seen in the garden of Kaeng Krachan Lodge, Sub Sadao and in paddyfields at Doi Saket.

Oriental Skylark

Alauda gulgula

We heard one singing above the paddyfield of Doi Saket, Chiang Mai.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Crested Finchbill

Spizixos canifrons

Two birds were seen in Doi Angkhang and a few pairs were seen daily on Doi Lang.

Striated Bulbul

Pycnonotus striatus

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

Black-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus atriceps

First seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Yai NP and common at 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

A common species seen throughout.

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, thereafter at Sab Sadao, Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao and later commonly seen on Doi Angkhang and in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Grey-bellied Bulbul

Pycnonotus cyaniventris

One bird was seen bathing in a small stream at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Puff-backed Bulbul

Pycnonotus eutilotus

We saw up to five birds in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Stripe-throated Bulbul

Pycnonotus finlaysoni

Up to a dozen were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, two in Sub Sadao, six in Khao Yai NP and four in Khao Nor Chuchi.

Flavescent Bulbul

Pycnonotus flavescens

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

Yellow-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus goiavier

We had three in Bangkok, one in Krabi city and two in the Similan Islands NP.

Olive-winged Bulbul

Pycnonotus plumosus

Heard calling in the Krabi mangroves and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Streak-eared Bulbul

Pycnonotus blanfordi

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

Cream-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus simplex

One was heard in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Red-eyed Bulbul

Pycnonotus brunneus

Good numbers were seen in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Spectacled Bulbul

Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos

We had excellent views of a pair along a forest trail, and another bathing in a forest stream, in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Puff-throated Bulbul

Criniger pallidus

Seen in small numbers at Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Ochraceous Bulbul

Criniger ochraceus

We saw more than ten birds in Kaeng Krachan NP with a further sighting of five in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul

Criniger bres

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

Yellow-bellied Bulbul

Criniger phaeocephalus

We saw three birds at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Hairy-backed Bulbul

Tricholestes criniger

We had wonderful views of one bird in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Grey-eyed Bulbul

Iole propinqua

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

Buff-vented Bulbul

Iole olivacea

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

Mountain Bulbul

Ixos mcclllandii

Our first sighting was of one in Kaeng Krachan NP; later we saw many more in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang, Doi Inthanon NP and Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Streaked Bulbul

Ixos malaccensis

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

Ashy Bulbul

Hemixos flavala

We saw our first bird in Kaeng Krachan NP and later more were seen in Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Lang.

Black Bulbul

Hypsipetes leucocephalus

Small numbers were seen at Doi Chiang Dao with further sightings in Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

White-headed Bulbul *Cerasophila thompsoni*

We had great looks of three birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

Swallows Hirundinidae

Sand Martin (Bank Swallow) *Riparia riparia*

We saw two birds in Khao Yai NP.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Good numbers were seen almost every day throughout the trip.

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

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

Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*

We had great scope views of up to ten birds at the Mae Tang Irrigation project.

Asian (House) Martin *Delichon dasypus*

We had our first bird at Kaeng Krachan NP and later we saw small numbers in Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*

Good numbers were seen at Baan Pak Thale, Sub Sadao and Khao Yai NP.

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

Common at Doi Angkhang and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufous-bellied Swallow *Hirundo badia*

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

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

Cettia bush Warblers & allies Cettidae

Slaty-bellied Tesia *Tesia olivea*

One was seen very well in Doi Inthanon NP.

Aberrant Bush Warbler *Cettia flavolivacea*

We saw our first bird in Doi Chiang Dao and had further sightings in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*

We had very good views of a bird in Kaeng Krachan NP and a further four in Khao Yai NP.

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates (Orthotomus) cucullatus*

Small numbers of this smart bird were seen in Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and in Doi Inthanon NP.

Bushtits Aegithalidae

Black-throated Bushtit *Aegithalos concinnus*

Three of these striking birds were seen in Doi Lang.

Leaf Warblers & Allies Phylloscopidae

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*

We saw two at Kok Kham and Rangsit Marsh with further sightings of singletons at Doi Saket paddyfield and Tha Ton Marsh.

Yellow-streaked Warbler *Phylloscopus armandii*

We had good looks at one in Doi Chiang Dao and two at Doi Angkhang.

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

Singletons were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and Doi Inthanon NP.

Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*

We enjoyed good views of two birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*

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

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

We had one bird in Kaeng Krachan NP and another at Doi Chiang Dao.

Hume's Warbler

Phylloscopus humei

Singletons were seen at Doi Angkhang and another in Doi Inthanon NP.

Arctic Warbler

Phylloscopus borealis

We had six birds in the Krabi mangroves and another at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Greenish Warbler

Phylloscopus trochiloides

We saw one in Doi Inthanon NP.

Two-barred Warbler

Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus

We had good looks in Kaeng Krachan NP and saw many in Khao Yai NP.

Pale-legged Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus tenellipes

Heard only in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP's.

Eastern Crowned Warbler

Phylloscopus coronatus

We saw three birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Blyth's Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus reguloides

Heard only in Khao Yai NP and later we had good views of several on the summit of Doi Inthanon.

White-tailed Leaf Warbler

Phylloscopus davisoni

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

Chestnut-crowned Warbler

Seicercus castaniceps

We had brief looks of one bird in Doi Angkhang and later enjoyed wonderful views of three birds in Doi Lang.

Reed Warblers & Allies Acrocephalidae

Thick-billed Warbler

Acrocephalus aedon

We had brief looks at one in Kaeng Krachan NP and had good views of another in the garden of Kaeng Krachan Lodge.

Oriental Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus orientalis

Singletons were seen at Leam Pak Bia, Petchaburi, Rangsit Marsh and Doi Saket, Chiang Mai.

Black-browed Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus bistrigiceps

We saw one bird in the garden of Kaeng Krachan Lodge; later we saw up to ten birds in Rangsit Marsh and another in the paddyfield of Doi Saket, Chiang Mai.

Grassbirds & Allies Megaluridae

Striated Grassbird

Megalurus palustris

We had distant scope views of one bird at Tha Ton Marsh.

Russet Bush Warbler

Bradypterus mandelli

We had excellent views of this skulker at Doi Angkhang.

Brown Bush Warbler

Bradypterus luteoventris

Heard calling in Doi Angkhang.

Lanceolated Warbler

Locustella lanceolata

We had good views in the garden of our Kaeng Krachan Lodge.

Pallas's (Grasshopper) Warbler

Locustella certhiola

Heard only in Rangsit Marsh.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola

Cisticola juncidis

We found more than ten birds at Doi Saket, Chiang Mai.

Golden-headed Cisticola

Cisticola exilis

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

Brown Prinia

Prinia polychroa

We had good views of at least five birds at Sab Sadao.

Hill Prinia

Prinia atrogularis

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We had awesome views of a pair at Doi Chiang Dao, one in Doi Lang and another one in Doi Inthanon NP.

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*

We had good looks at one in Sub Sadao and saw two more in Doi Chiang Dao.

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*

We had good views of two at Sub Sadao and a few more in paddyfields at Doi Saket and Tha Ton Marsh.

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*

We had great views of one at a wetland near KM. 80, four were seen in Rangsit Marsh and a few birds were seen at Doi Saket and at Tha Ton Marsh.

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*

We had great look of several in wetlands near Km. 80, and then many more in Rangsit Marsh, 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, Doi Chiang Dao, Krabi mangroves and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus*

Some of us had good views of one in Khao Nor Chu Chi and a few more birds were heard only.

Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*

We had excellent views of two in the Krabi mangroves.

Babblers, Parrotbills & Allies Timaliidae

Spot-throated Babbler *Pellorneum albiventris*

We had brief glimpses of this skulker in Doi Angkhang and later had fantastic views of a pair in Doi Lang.

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*

We saw this species at several forest sites, including excellent views of a pair in Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli*

We heard this bird at several localities and finally managed good looks at one bird in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao.

Black-capped Babbler *Pellorneum capistratum*

Heard only at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Ferruginous Babbler *Trichastoma bicolor*

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

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*

We enjoyed great views of one in Khao Yai NP with further sightings of six birds in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Short-tailed Babbler *Malacocincla malaccensis*

We had good looks at one of these shy babblers in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron magnirostre*

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

Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum*

We had good views of three birds in Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve and small numbers were also seen 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 see four drinking and bathing in a small stream in Keang Krachan NP.

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*

We had superb scope views of four birds at Doi Angkhang.

White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*

We had good views of a pair in Kaeng Krachan NP and heard it in most places in the north.

Red-billed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps*

We heard this uncommon species in Doi Angkhang.

Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus*

Richard had good looks of one bird in Doi Lang whilst the rest of the group only heard them. This rare Scimitar Babbler is seldom seen during any birdwatching tour.

Streak Wren Babbler *Napothera brevicaudata*

We had brief views of one bird in Doi Angkhang, later we had great views of a pair in Doi Inthanon NP.

Limestone Wren-Babbler *Napothera crispifrons*

We had excellent views at a pair feeding on the limestone cliffs and also on the ground at Wat Pra Puthabath Noi, Saraburi.

Eye-browed Wren-Babbler *Napothera epilepidota*

One bird was seen very well at Doi Lang.

Large Wren Babbler *Napothera macrodactyla*

We heard one calling in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*

We had excellent close up views of two on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP. What a bird!

Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyris rufifrons*

We had good views of a pair in Doi Angkhang.

Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*

We had our first sighting of one in Kaeng Krachan NP, later we saw two birds in Doi Angkhang and four in Doi Lang.

Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*

We had good looks at five birds feeding in the forest of Doi Suthep-pui 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 one bird in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata*

2 pairs were seen well in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera*

A pair was seen in tall forest in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus gularis*

This is a common Tit-Babbler found in most habitats in Thailand. We saw small numbers in most localities.

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*

We had brief views of one in the garden of Kaeng Krachan Lodge, and finally we had very good views of a pair at Tha Ton Marsh, Chiang Mai.

Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense*

We had scope views of two birds in Tha Ton Marsh.

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*

Small numbers of this handsome species were seen in the Sakaerat biosphere Reserve, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon NP's.

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*

We saw five birds in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax pectoralis*

A flock of six birds was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

White-necked Laughingthrush *Garrulax strepitans*

Six birds were seen in Doi Angkhang.

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 and several 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 both on Doi Angkhang NP and in Doi Lang.

Silver-eared Mesia

Leiothrix argenteauris

Small flocks of these stunning birds were seen at Doi Angkhang and a few in Doi Inthanon NP.

White-hooded Babbler

Gampsorhynchus rufulus

After trying many times without success, we finally had good views of six in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Spectacled Barwing

Actinodura ramsayi

We had excellent views of a pair at Doi Angkhang.

Blue-winged Minla

Minla cyanouroptera

Small numbers were seen in Doi Angkhang and Doi Lang.

Bar-throated (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 in Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP's.

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta

Alcippe poioicephala

We found several in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings of three in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao.

Grey-cheeked Fulvetta

Alcippe morrisonia

Commonly seen in Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Rufous-backed Sibia

Heterophasia annectens

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

Dark-backed Sibia

Heterophasia melanoleuca

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

Striated Yuhina

Yuhina castaniceps

We had great views of a small flock in Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Angkhang.

Whiskered Yuhina

Yuhina flavicollis

Up to ten birds were seen in Doi Lang.

White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina)

Erpornis zantholeuca

Linda saw one in Kaeng Krachan NP, later we had good views of a few birds in Khao Yai and Doi Suthep-pui NP's.

Spot-breasted Parrotbill

Paradoxornis guttaticollis

We had great views of a pair in Doi Angkhang, while another was seen briefly in Doi Lang.

Grey-headed Parrotbill

Paradoxornis gularis

Up to six birds were seen in Doi Angkhang.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Japanese White-eye

Zosterops japonicus

We saw one bird in Doi Angkhang and two in Doi Lang.

Oriental White-eye

Zosterops palpebrosus

We had good views of more than ten birds taking a bath at the Mangroves Study Centre, and later we saw small numbers in Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao Doi Inthanon and Doi Suthep-pui NP's.

Everett's White-eye

Zosterops everetti

More than ten birds were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae

Asian Fairy-bluebird

Irena puella

Up to ten of these gorgeous birds were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings in Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Nuthatches Sittidae

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*

We enjoyed good views of one at Doi Angkhang and another in Doi Lang.

Burmese (Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch) *Sitta neglecta*

Three birds were seen at Sab Sadao.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

Small numbers were seen at Sub Sadao, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Giant Nuthatch *Sitta magna*

We had magnificent scope views of three of these impressive birds in Doi Chiang Dao.

Treecreepers Certhidae

Brown-throated Treecreeper *Certhia discolor*

We had brief views of one at Doi Lang and also heard one in Doi Inthanon NP.

Starlings Sturnidae

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

Many birds were seen in Krabi town.

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*

We saw four birds at Sub Sadao, six in Khao Yai NP, with further sightings of two birds 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 four birds at our Kaeng Krachan Lodge with further sightings of two more at Sub Sadao.

Black-collared Starling *Sturnus nigricollis*

This handsome species was first seen in Bangkok by some of the group. We then had good views of several birds in Kaeng Krachan NP, Sub Sadao, the paddyfield of Doi Saket and at Tha Ton Marsh.

Asian Pied Starling *Sturnus contra*

Up to twenty birds were seen at Kok Kham, Leam Pak Bia and at Doi Saket.

Daurian (Purple-backed) Starling *Sturnus sturninus*

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

Thrushes & Allies Turdidae

Blue Whistling-Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*

Our first sighting was in Khao Yai NP with further sightings at Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Siberian Thrush *Zoothera sibirica*

We saw two birds feeding on fruit in Doi Angkhang.

Dark-sided Thrush *Zoothera marginata*

We only heard this bird on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP; a rare and seldom seen species.

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

We saw one in Kaeng Krachan NP, eleven in Khao Yai NP and two in Doi Angkhang.

Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus boulboul*

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

Green Cochoa	<i>Cochoa viridis</i>
We heard this species calling in Doi Angkhang. Two birds seen were a leader only sighting.	
Lesser Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx leucophrys</i>
We had excellent views of two birds in Doi Lang and another bird in Doi Inthanon NP.	
White-browed Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx montana</i>
More than ten birds were seen on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.	
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>
We had one male in Kaeng Krachan NP and another male in Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola rufiventris</i>
We had one male at Doi Lang.	

Chats & Old World Flycatchers Sylviidae

Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>
We had great views of a pair at Tha Ton Marsh.	
Siberian Rubythroat	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>
We had stunning views of a male in a paddyfield at Doi Saket and another male at Tha Ton Marsh, Chiang Mai.	
Siberian Blue Robin	<i>Luscinia cyane</i>
One male was seen briefly in Kaeng Krachan NP with another male on the Similan Islands.	
Red-flanked Bluetail	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>
We heard a bird calling in Doi Lang.	
Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
A common species seen on most days of the trip.	
White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
We had stunning views of several including great views of a male in Khao Yai NP.	
White-bellied Redstart	<i>Hodgsonius phaenicuroides</i>
We had good views of two females and brief views of one male in Doi Lang.	
White-capped Redstart	<i>Chaimarrornis leucocephalus</i>
This spectacular bird was seen very well at the Huai Sai Luang waterfall, Doi Inthanon NP.	
White-tailed Robin	<i>Myiomela leucura</i>
We had stunning views of two males in Doi Lang and another male was seen in Doi Suthep-pui NP.	
Black-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus immaculatus</i>
We had wonderful views of a bird in Doi Inthanon NP.	
Slaty-backed Forktail	<i>Enicurus schistaceus</i>
We had stunning views of two pairs in Doi Inthanon NP.	
White-crowned Forktail	<i>Eniculus leschenaultii</i>
We had great looks at a pair in Doi Chiang Dao and another in Doi Inthanon NP.	
Siberian (Asian) Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>
We recorded five birds at Doi Saket, four in Doi Angkhang and one at Tha Ton Marsh.	
Pied Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola caprata</i>
We had one bird in Sub Sadao, six in Doi Saket, six in Doi Angkhang, six in Tha Ton Marsh and six at Doi Inthanon NP.	
Jerdon's Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola jerdoni</i>
We had great views of a male at Doi Lang.	
Grey Bush Chat	<i>Saxicola ferreus</i>
We had several at Doi Chiang Dao and a singleton at Doi Angkhang.	
Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher	<i>Rhinomyias olivaceus</i>
We saw two birds in Khao Nor Chu Chi.	
Dark-sided Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa sibirica</i>
We had wonderful scope views of one in Kaeng Krachan NP and another in Doi Inthanon NP.	
Asian Brown Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>

We saw small numbers of this migrant species in Kaeng Krachan NP, Sub Sadao, Khao Yai NP, Huai Hong Krai, Doi Lang and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Yellow-rumped Flycatcher *Ficedula zanthopygia*

Two stunning males were seen in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula hodgsonii*

We had good views of one male 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 two birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

We had fantastic views of 3 males, one in Doi Lang and two on the summit of Doi Inthanon NP.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Small numbers of these stunners were seen at Doi Chiang Dao and at Doi Lang.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

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

Pale Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor*

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

Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas*

We enjoyed several sightings at Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*

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

Blue-throated Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides*

We had very brief views of a male at Doi Inthanon NP and also heard many birds.

Chinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis glaucicomans*

A male was seen in the dense forest at Kaeng Krachan NP.

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

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*

Our first sighting was superb views of two males at Doi Lang with a further sighting of another male at Doi Inthanon NP.

Small Niltava *Niltava macgrigoria*

Two males and a female were seen very well in Doi Inthanon NP.

Vivid Niltava *Niltava vivida*

We had great scope views of a female in Doi Angkhang.

Leafbirds Chloropseidae

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati*

We saw a male in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

We had small numbers in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Lang.

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*

We had five birds at Sab Sadao with a further sighting of two birds in Doi Inthanon NP.

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

A pair was seen very well in Doi Chiang Dao with further sightings of a few birds in Doi Angkhang and one in Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon*

We only heard this bird 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 briefly in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile*

We had great scope views at Kaeng Krachan NP while another bird was seen on the lower slopes of Doi Chiang Dao.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

We had wonderful views of two birds in Khao Yai NP.

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum melanoxanthum*

We had a good look at a male in Doi Inthanon NP.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

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

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum concolor*

We had two birds at Doi Chiang Dao.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

We had great sightings of several in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang, Doi Inthanon NP and Doi Suthep-pui NP.

Buff-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cambodianum*

We had great views of three birds 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 Bangkok, Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai NP and in Khao nor Chu Chi.

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*

We saw several birds at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*

A common species in lowland forests. We had great looks at several birds in the Krabi's mangroves and in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum*

We had good views of one at Khao Nor chu Chi.

Purple-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma sperata*

A male was seen in Khao Yai NP.

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus*

A pair was seen at Sab Sadao with further sightings of several in Doi Inthanon NP.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

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

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae*

Only David saw one male of this stunner at Doi Angkhang.

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis*

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

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*

Commonly seen in Kaeng Kachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang, Doi Inthanon and Doi Suthep-pui NP's.

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja*

This stunning species was seen very well in Kaeng Krachan NP with further sightings of three males in Khao Yai NP and another male at Doi Chiang Dao.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

Recorded in Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP, Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Lang and Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Thick-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera crassirostris*

We had great views of one bird feeding on mistletoe flowers in Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Spectacled Spiderhunter

Arachnothera flavigaster

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

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter

Arachnothera modesta

Four were seen well at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

Streaked Spiderhunter

Arachnothera magna

First recorded at Kaeng Krachan NP, with several sightings in Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

Three birds were seen near Petchaburi.

Plain-backed Sparrow

Passer flaveolus

We saw three birds in the garden of our Kaeng Krachan Lodge, two at Sub Sadao, one in Khao Yai NP, two in Rangsit Marsh and one at Doi Saket.

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

We had good views of more than ten birds in tall reeds at the wetlands near km 80.

Streaked Weaver

Ploceus manyar

At least two birds were seen at the wetlands near Km 80.

Baya Weaver

Ploceus philippinus

We saw up to ten birds at Doi Saket and over fifty birds at Tha Ton Marsh.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

Red Avadavat

Amandava amandava

One male was seen at Doi Saket and seven birds were seen in Tha Ton Marsh.

White-rumped Munia

Lonchura striata

We saw five birds at Doi Saket.

Scaly-breasted Munia

Lonchura punctulata

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

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Forest Wagtail

Dendronanthus indicus

We saw up to five birds daily in Kaeng Krachan NP and another bird was seen in Khao Yai NP.

(Western) Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla flava

We found one bird at Rangsit Marsh and up to ten birds were seen at Tha Ton Marsh.

***This species consists of *tshutschensis* (includes *simillima*), *taivana* & *macronyx*: Alstrom & Mild (2003) conclude that "[...] the Yellow Wagtail complex is probably most appropriately classified as two species also under the BSC" (p34). Retained in *M. flava* are *flavissima*, *flava*, *beema*, *thunbergi* (incl. *plexa*), *iberiae*, *cinereocapilla*, *pygmaea*, *feldegg*, *lutea* & *leucocephala*. This treatment was adopted by Rasmussen & Anderton (2005).

Grey Wagtail

Motacilla cinerea

One bird was seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and another nine birds were seen on the way to Doi Chiang Dao.

Richard's Pipit

Anthus richardi

We saw four birds in Tha Ton Marsh.

Paddyfield Pipit

Anthus rufulus

We had good views of this common and resident Pipit at Leam Pak Bia (king's project) and many birds were seen in open areas such as Rangsit Marsh and Doi Saket. We also saw one bird while we walked to the pier on the Similan Islands NP.

Olive-backed Pipit

Anthus hodgsoni

We heard one calling at Doi Chiang Dao.

Red-throated Pipit

Anthus cervinus

We had one fly over at Tha Ton Marsh.

Finches Fringillidae

Scarlet Finch

Haematospiza sipahi

Ken was the only one who saw this bird well at Doi Lang.

Spot-winged Grosbeak

Mycerobas melanozanthos

We heard this bird in Doi Angkhang.

Buntings & Allies Emberizidae

Yellow-breasted Bunting

Emberiza aureola

We had scope views of three birds in Tha Ton Marsh.

Chestnut Bunting

Emberiza rutila

We saw six birds in Khao Yai NP.

MAMMALS

Treeshrews Tupaiidae

Common (Southern) Treeshrew

Tupaia glis

We saw a few in the Khao Nor Chu Chi forest.

Northern Treeshrew

Tupaia belageri

We saw this small mammal in Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Angkhang.

Monkeys Cercopithecidae

Dusky Leaf Monkey

Presbytis obscura

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

Long-tailed Macaque

Macaca fascicularis

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

Pig-tailed Macaque

Macaca nemestrina

Up to thirty were seen daily in Khao Yai NP.

Gibbons Hylobatidae

White-handed Gibbon

Hylobates lar

We had scope views of two families (3 animals each) in Kaeng Krachan NP.

Pileated Gibbon

Hylobates pileatus

We heard this species calling in Khao Yai NP.

Squirrels Sciuridae

Black Giant Squirrel

Ratufa bicolor

A few were seen in Kaeng Krachan and in Khao Yai NP's.

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, Doi Chaing Dao, Doi Lang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Variable Squirrel

Callosciurus finlaysoni

We enjoyed good views of several in Sub Sadao and in Khao Yai NP.

Pallas's Squirrel (Red-bellied Mountain Squirrel)

Callosciurus erythraeus

We had good sightings at Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Angkhang and Doi Inthanon NP.

Phayre's Flying Squirrel

Hylopetes phayrei

We saw one on the tree while looking for a frogmouth in Doi Angkhang.

Weasels & Badgers Mustelidae

Large-toothed Ferret Badger *Melogale personata*

We saw one walking along the road at night in Doi Angkhang.

Mongoose Herpestidae

Small Asian Mongoose (Javan Mongoose) *Herpestes javanicus*

We saw one in Khao Yai NP and another in a paddyfield near Chiang Mai.

Crab-eating Mongoose *Herpestes urva*

We saw one run across the road in Kaeng Krachan NP.

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 a million bats from the caves near Khao Yai.

Elephants Elephantidae

Asian Elephant *Elephas maximus*

We had very close looks at a male in Khao Yai NP.

Deer Cervidae

Indian Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*

One was seen along the road in Kaeng Krachan NP and many more 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 Kaeng Krachan NP and at Doi Chiang Dao.

Monitor Lizards Varanidae

Water Monitor *Varanus salvator*

We had good views of several at Leam Pak Bia, Petchaburi.

Bengal Monitor *Varanus bengalensis*

We saw several on the Similan Islands NP.

Family Colubridae

Common Brownzeback *Dendrelaphis pictus*

We saw one at Sub Sadao.

Red-tailed Racer *Gonyosoma oxycephalum*

We saw one about 2 meters in length at Khao Nor Chu Chi.

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