

Report Of A Birding Trip To

The Philippines

Mindanao, Palawan and Luzon

from February 10th till March 4th 2000

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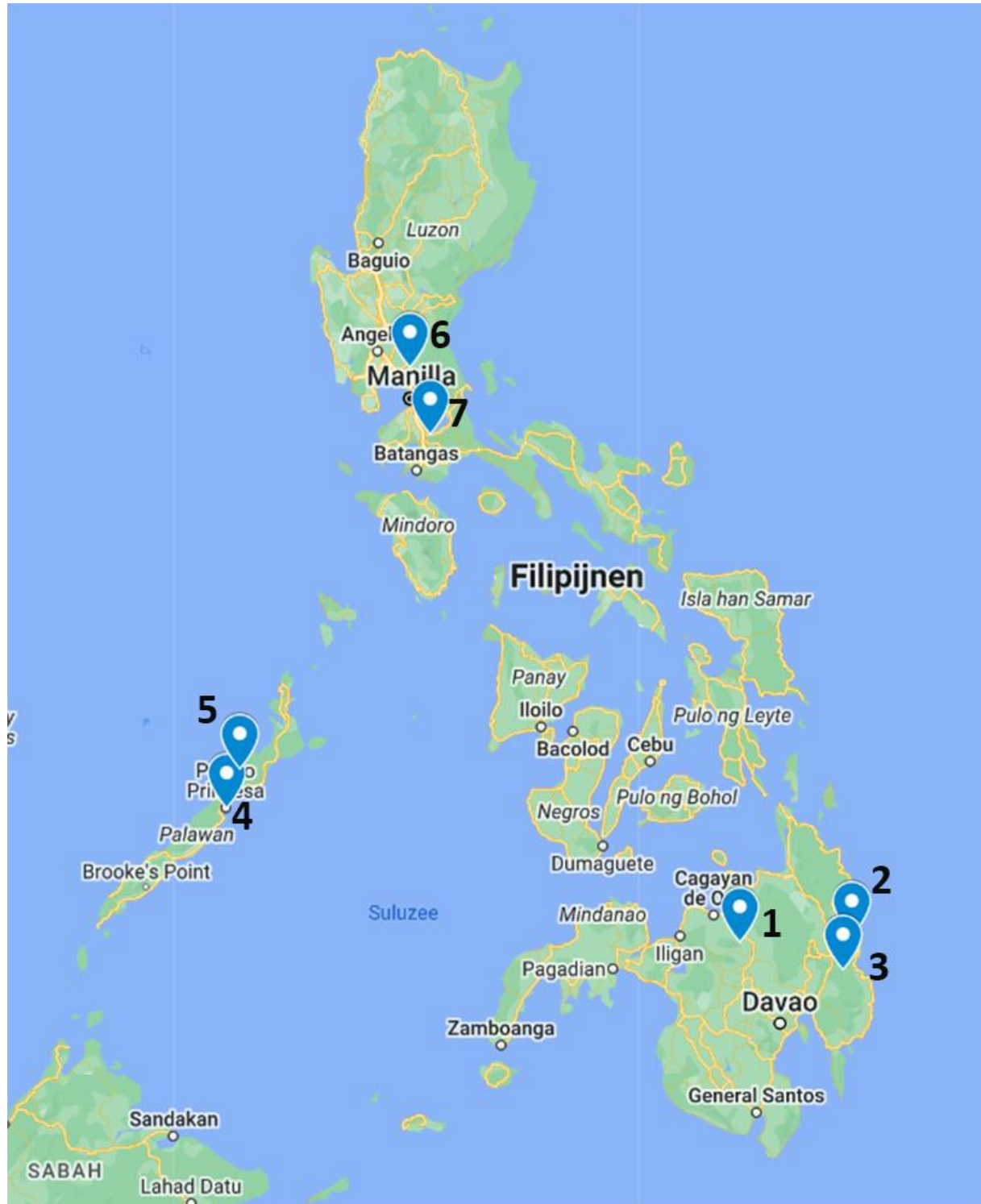
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Philippine Eagle, Mount Katanglad, Mindanao, 12 February 2000 (© Jan van der Laan)



Map of the Philippines



1. Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao
2. Bislig, PICOP, Mindanao
3. Mount Pasion, Mindanao
4. Puerto Princesa, Palawan
5. St Paul NP, Palawan
6. Angat Reservoir, Luzon
7. Los Baños, Mount Makiling, Luzon



Introduction

From February 10th till March 4th 2000 Marc Guijt, Leo Heemskerk and me, Jan van der Laan, made a birding trip to the Philippines. Our main goal was to see the Philippine Eagle and next to see as many Philippine endemic species as possible before it was too late.

- Wed 9-02** At 19:30 hours on flight KL807 (FI 1599/€ 725) with KLM we departed from **Amsterdam** to **Manila**, with a stop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Nothing special happened during the flight.
- Thu 10-02** Arrival 19:05 hours at **Ninoy Aquino Intl. Airport, Manila Luzon**. Took taxi (free) to **Philippine Village Hotel** (one room three beds for \$ 99). We met Birdquest led by Simon Harrap there in the hotel restaurant, who had terrible day at Quezon NP and had not seen a thing.
- Fri 11-02** Early morning departure (5:05 hours) from Manila to **Cagayan de Oro** with Philippine Airlines PR181 (2448 ps/€ 62, arrival at 6:35 hours; taxi to Dalwangan (1500 ps/37,50 €). At **Dalwangan**, Carlito (whom I wrote in advance) told us we had to buy a permit at the DENR-office in **Malaybalay**. There we heard it was \$ 15 each for a permit and we were told we were allowed to stay for one night only. Also we had to sign a letter to promise we would - amongst other things - not to cut any trees! Next we had to buy all food supplies for 4 days plus three bottles of white wine, three live chickens, a white cloth of 1 meter in length and each person should have 9 coins of 1 pesos and 4 coins of a quarter. This was to please the Pandi people living in the Kitanglad National Park. Back at Carlito's we heard this was all nonsense. We were put in a tricycle (200 ps/5 €), special tourist price!) and for c 10 kilometres we drove through large pineapple fields. We stopped at a village, where the luggage was put on two horses. One of Carlito's daughters guided us with the two horses (100 ps/2,50 €) for each horse) to the **Del Monte's Ecolodge** in the **Kitanglad NP**, a harsh hot walk for two hours. Finally we reached the lodge at around 15:00 hours. We drank some tea and installed our beds (available in the attic of the lodge). Next we did some birding until dusk. At one of the clearings we met an English birdwatcher named Pete. Pete had seen the eagle that day, but far away. First interesting birds were Black-headed Shrike, McGregor's Cuckoo-shrike, Elegant Tit, Streak-breasted Rhabdornis, Negros Leaf Warbler (formerly known as Mountain Leaf Warbler) and Black-and-cinnamon Fantail. Carlito's daughter made dinner (spaghetti with tuna and tomato-sauce), which was not bad at all. In the evening we heard Great-eared Nightjars and in the middle of the night a Philippine Frogmouth.
- Sat 12-02** When we awoke, a Bukidnon Woodcock was roding already. First in the morning we went to the site were Raf Drijvers had seen and heard Bagobo Babbler near the **Lower Eagle View Point**. We had some luck with bad views of a Hombron's Kingfisher, but a pair of Rufous-headed tailorbirds was well seen. Then we went to the second site for the Bagobo Babbler and Hombron's Kingfisher (see map 1). There we suddenly heard the cry of the Philippine Eagle, so we ran into the open and started scanning the forested slopes. Almost immediately Leo saw the beast perched in a tree and we could watch this magnificent bird for an hour. Also present was a Oriental Honey Buzzard, a Philippine Serpent Eagle and a probable Rufous-bellied Eagle (or Pinsker's Hawk-Eagle). Next we went to the **Higher Eagle View Point**, where we had several White-cheeked Bullfinches, Cinnamon Ibons and lots of Mountain White-eyes. In the **Mossy Forest** above the Higher Eagle View Point we looked for the Apo Sunbird without success, so we went down again to the Lodge. On our way back we saw Olive-capped Flowerpecker and Naked-faced Spiderhunter. We arrived at the Lodge at about 17.00 hours, very exhausted. In the evening we saw several Great-eared Nightjars plus Bukidnon Woodcock and for a short period a probable Mindanao Scops Owl (see caption) was calling. Later at night the Frogmouth called again, but was not seen. In the evening it started to rain for a few hours, like it did every evening.
- Sun 13-02** In the early morning we went to the **1st Bagobo Babbler-site**, where we had bad views of Red-cheeked Parrot-finch. Again playing the tape of Hombron's Kingfisher, but no luck. Next we went to the **second BB-site** and at the start of the **Stream Trail** our guide Akin heard the Hombron's Kingfisher from the stream below. We went down, but this was a long walk down, so I stayed up and went to the **Higher Eagle View Point**. Marc en Leo had more luck in the stream, seeing the Hombron's Kingfisher, Mindanao White-eye,



Flame-crowned Flowerpecker and good views of White-cheeked Bullfinch. We met again at the **Mossy Forest** above the Higher Eagle View Point and spent a few hours looking for Apo Sunbird, but no luck. It started to rain when we went down, so we stayed to hide from the rain in a cabin at the Higher Eagle View Point. Two (most probably) Mindanao Racket-tails passed very quickly and two Apo Mynas were seen well. After the rain stopped, we walked back. During the walk down, we saw a Japanese Sparrow-Hawk, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Grey-faced Buzzard and the first Philippine Fairy Bluebirds. At night we heard the Mindanao Eagle Owl calling for a short period and managed to see the Philippine Frogmouth in the spotlights too for a short period.

Mon 14-02 In the morning we looked for Bagobo Babbler at the **Lower Eagle View Point** and both **Bagobo Babbler-sites** and the start of the **Stream trail**, but no sign of the Babbler. Again a Hombron's Kingfisher was seen and a Flame-crowned Flowerpecker. Also the endemic Buff-spotted Flameback was seen. The Philippine Eagle was heard calling again, but was not seen. At 14:30 we left the lodge, leaving Pete behind. A lot of horses with luggage of Birdquest arrived. The large bottles of cold Coca Cola looked very tempting, but we managed to control ourselves. After a less than two hours walk (not so hard as the way-up) we arrived at 16.00 at Carlito's house in **Delwangan**. The taxi driver was already waiting and after a slow but pleasant ride we arrived at **Cagayan de Oro** at 18:00 hour. There we took the **Grand City Hotel Canyon** for 800 ps/20 €. Dinner at the Sea King Garden restaurant where we saw our first Black Rat freely and happily walking under the tables!

Tue 15-02 In Cagayan de Oro we took the bus to **Trentum** (150 ps/3,75 €) at 9:00. At 16:00 hours in Trentum we had to wait for several hours to wait for the bus to **Bislig/Mangagoy**. Just when we thought there would be no bus coming, the last bus to Mangagoy arrived from Davao. The bus had some trouble between Davao and Trentum. We departed at around 20:00 hours, and arrived at around 22:30 hours at Bislig/Mangagoy. In **Bislig/Mangagoy** we took the Paper Inn for 4 nights (800 ps/20 € for a clean room with aircon and three beds).

Wed 16-02 In the morning we made arrangements with Felizardo Goring, whom we wrote in advance. It is absolutely vital you get into the concession through him. We paid 2500 ps (62,50 €) a day for the jeepney he had arranged for us, but we thought his services were included. Later we found out we had to pay him too, but that was when we were already in Manila. Happily Tim Fisher gave him the 400 ps (10 €) a day he is charging. Remember he is taking a non-paid leave from work. So we started immediately for the Southern Silvery Kingfisher at **Road 1** within the **PICOP (Paper Industry Corporation of the Philippines) logging concession**. After half an hour we found one bird and had good views of this most beautiful bird. After some birding at Road 1 (with Black-naped Monarch, Winchell's Kingfisher heard only, Philippine Green Pigeon, Philippine Leafbird, Large-billed Crow, Philippine Oriole, Black-bibbed Cicadabird, Scarlet Minivet, and Rufous Paradise Flycatcher), we went to **Road 1-4**. There we heard an Azure-breasted Pitta, but could not get it into view. Other birds were Black-faced Coucal, Guaiabero, Philippine Falconet, Asian Glossy Starling, Olive-backed Flowerpecker, Red-striped Flowerpecker and Orange-bellied Flowerpecker. In the late afternoon we went to the old **Bislig Airport**. This is surrounded by paddies and produced good birds like Philippine Duck (the best place in the Philippines to see it is here), Wandering Whistling Duck, Collared Kingfisher, Lesser Coucal, Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler, Australasian Grass-Owl, Cinnamon Bittern, two Swinhoe's/Pintail Snipes and Golden-headed Cisticola. Dinner in the Paper Inn.

Thu 17-02 We rose very early (5:00 hours) and went birding first at **Road 1** (where we saw our only Black-chinned Fruit Dove) and next to **Road 1-4** in the **PICOP logging concession**. We managed to see Winchell's Kingfisher very well and also had stunning views of an Azure-breasted Pitta. Rest of the day was spent at **Road 4** in search of Mindanao Broadbill, both Short-crested and Celestial Monarchs and hornbills, although we heard Rufous Hornbill only and saw some Mindanao Hornbills. Other birds seen or heard this day were White-bellied Woodpecker, Philippine Trogon, Black-faced Coucal (finally seen), Blue-crowned Racket-tail (the characteristic call heard only), Philippine Needletail, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Philippine Honey Buzzard, Philippine Falconet, Black-and-white Triller, Yellow-wattled Bulbul, Black-headed Tailorbird (heard only, a mega-skulker), Brown Tit-Babbler, Stripe-sided Rhabdornis, Buzzing Flowerpecker, Orange-tufted and Naked-faced Spiderhunter.



- Fri 18-02** Very early start (4:00 hours) to **Mount Pasian**, within the **PICOP logging concession** with four Hungarians of Saker Tours. We met Professor Olah and his son Janos Olah jr., then only 23 years old but very promising (and indeed now one of the best Birdquest leaders). Mt Pasian was extremely rainy and windy. We arrived at about 8:00 and left at 11.00 hours. The road is too bad 5 km before summit, so you need to walk to the top. There are three stations with radio transmitters (booster stations). Apparently the best place to see Lina's Sunbird is between the second and third (the third is the summit, 1600 m). Note the transmitters are hardly visible when it is raining. Good primary forest, but few side trails. Birdquest and King Tours used to have the undescribed Shortwing here, but nothing was singing (and therefore not seen) at the top. Other interesting birds were Cryptic Flycatchers (3), Olive-capped Flowerpecker, Metallic-winged Sunbird and Citrine Canary-Flycatcher, while professor Olah saw a Flame-crowned Flowerpecker. Rest of the day was spent slowly driving along **Road 6** back to Bislig. Road 6 has good patches of primary forest, but there is also a lot of logging. Best birds here were an incredible number of c 55 Writhed Hornbills, Rufous and Mindanao Hornbills, Crested Goshawk, Philippine Needletail, Purple Needletail, Pink-bellied Imperial Pigeon, Guiabero, Black-faced Coucal, Philippine Serpent Eagle, Philippine Honey buzzard, Philippine Falconet, Pygmy Babbler and Black-headed Tailorbirds (heard only). We returned at the hotel late in the evening. In front of the hotel was a crowd of about 200 schoolgirls screaming! Sadly, it was not for us, but for some soap-stars who also stayed in the same hotel.
- Sat 19-02** In the morning we did some birding at **Road 1-4, PICOP**. The most interesting bird was a female Little Slaty Flycatcher, plus Rufous-ored Kingfisher, Rufous Paradise flycatcher and Mindanao Hornbill. Around 9.00 hours we left with a mini-bus (bargained 1500 ps/37,50 €) to Davao. Next flight to Cebu with Cebu Pacific (5J-598 16:10 - 17:00 hours; 1649 ps/42 €). Night at the **Elegant Circle Inn** (900 ps/22,50 €) in **Cebu City** which proved to be not so elegant with a room full with cockroaches.
- Sun 20-02** On **Cebu** we failed to get in contact Perla Magsalay and failed to find Tabunan Forest, so no Cebu Flowerpecker, Black Shama or Streak-breasted Bulbul. Later we heard we should have contact the DENR office in Cebu City. There is a DENR-desk at the airport and they can arrange transport and guides to Tabunan Forest. Disappointed by this we went to our hotel and collapsed (this time the **Park Place Hotel** for 1100 ps/27,50 €), waking up at 17:00 hours! In the evening in one of the numerous internet cafés, we learned a Franklin's Gull was seen in the Netherlands, a new bird for Marc. Happily this bird stayed long enough for him to see it.
- Mon 21-02** We took the Philippine Airlines flight PR245 (2532 ps/63 €) to Palawan, with an hour stop at **Iloilo** on **Panay**. We arrived on **Palawan** at 14:30 hours. We took a tricycle to downtown **Puerto Princesa** and checked in at the very nice Casa Linda for around 700 ps/17,50 € for a room with three beds and aircon. The rest of the afternoon we spent in the mangroves of **Garceliano Beach**. There we saw several shorebirds like Red-necked Stint, Greater and Lesser Sandplover, Pacific Golden Plover, Grey-tailed Tattler and the best bird of the day, a Chinese Egret. On our way back we taped out a Hooded Pitta in the scrub behind the village and several Rufous-tailed Tailorbirds. In the hotel garden we saw our first Purple-throated Sunbirds. In town we had very good dinner (tuna, chicken, large shrimps and very cold beer) opposite the Casa Linda Hotel for almost nothing.
- Tue 22-02** At 7:30 we took a van from **Puerto Princesa**, to **Sabang** (400 ps/10 €). After a three-hour drive we reached Sabang. There we bought a permit at the DENR-office and next went straight to **Mary's Beach Resort**, where we took two cottages, one with shower (250 ps/6,25 €) and one without (200 ps/5 €). After a swim in the sea we went to **St Paul NP**. The first interesting bird was an Ashy-headed Babbler. Later we saw Philippine Megapode, Palawan Leafbird, Spot-throated Flameback, Palawan Crow, Hooded Pitta, and on our way back at the bridge a pair of Philippine Cockatoos flying from the park towards the palm trees at Mary's Beach Resort.
- Wed 23-02** In the dark we returned to **St Paul NP**. Whole day was spent at the **Orange/Ridge Trail**. Highlights were the Falcated Babbler, Palawan Hornbill, Palawan Blue-Flycatcher, Blue-winged Racket-tail, Yellow-throated Leafbird, Palawan Bulbul and Pale Spiderhunter. At midday we returned to **Mary's Beach Resort** for a swim and lunch. In the afternoon we returned to St Paul's. Leo and I took the **Orange/Ridge Trail**, while Marc decided to stay photographing at the **Ranger Station**.



- Thu 24-02** In the morning we birded the **Monkey Trail** west of the **Ranger Station** in **St Paul NP**. Here the forest is very beautiful and considerable time was spent looking for the Peacock-Pheasant, but no luck. We managed to find Palawan Tit, Palawan Blue Paradise Flycatcher, Palawan Flowerpecker, heard Blue-winged Rackettails and Palawan Hornbills flying over the canopy and saw Philippine Megapode. In the afternoon we took a bus (400 ps/10 €) to **Puerto Princesa**. There we took the **Casa Linda** again and had dinner at the excellent restaurant opposite the hotel. We cancelled the arrangement with a tricycle drive for Iwahig, since we had enough of birding.
- Fri 25-02** We took flight 2P 213 with Air Philippines at 12:00, arrival at **Manila** at 13:10 hours (1998 ps), there we took a taxi to **Angat Reservoir** for a terrible 2400 ps/60 €. We phoned the hotel the day before so we managed to get into the **Hilltop** area without any trouble (National Power Corporation, 09-213-541; note Mr T. Largo is not working there anymore). In the evening at dinner the Birdquest tour jumped him. First words of Tim Fisher: "You stole my bed". The rooms were overbooked, although I explicitly said we were not members of Birdquest. But with some arrangement everybody was happy again. After some talking with Tim Fisher and Simon Harrap (who had seen Luzon Jungle Flycatcher, Whiskered Pitta and Flame-breasted Fruit Dove at Mount Polis) we went to bed.
- Sat 26-02** We rose before sunset (we heard Philippine Scops Owl and Luzon Hawk-Owl at the first 100 meters) to get to the clearing described in Brian Gee at the **Angat Reservoir**. For two hours we walked in the dark on the so-called **Ridge Trail** with the Birdquest tour, but Tim Fisher was not pleased we had joined them and ordered us to stay behind, saying it was at that spot as good as anywhere. Indeed some Spotted Kingfishers were calling, but this was more a lifeless bamboo desert, so we followed close behind. Just before the clearing (100 meters on the left-hand site) I heard a flycatcher song that appeared to be the song of the Furtive Flycatcher. However, also the Birdquest group was there, tape-luring this rare little known flycatcher. But in the end we had all good views of this bird. After lunch the rest of the day along the **Reservoir Trail** produced slow birding, because cicadas making a lot of noise. Also illegal logging and drought had badly degraded the area. Tim Fisher announced this was the last time they went there. We managed to hear or see Red-crested Malkoha, Rufous Hornbill, Philippine Dwarf-Kingfisher (heard only) Blackish Cuckoo-Shrike, Balicassio, Oriental Honey buzzard, Philippine Fairy-bluebird, White-lored Oriole (heard only), Blue-headed Fantail, Red-striped, Bicolored and Pygmy Flowerpeckers. Simon Harrap had taken the Reservoir Trail in the early morning and saw Ashy Thrush on the trail and Sooty Woodpecker further up the trail. All shops were closed, the cook had left, but we managed to get some rice at one of the food stalls in the compound.
- Sun 27-02** In the early morning we did a final attempt at the **Reservoir Trail** of the **Angat Reservoir** for Sooty Woodpecker and Ashy Thrush. Birds were extremely shy and few, so at 11:00 hours we stopped birding and at noon we took a jeepney to **Bigte** and from there the regular bus to **Manila**. In Manila we took the excellent hotel Robelle (1100 ps/27,50 €) in the Korean Quarter. In the hotel they had a Philippine Cockatoo saying hello. During dinner several attempts were made to count the fish in the aquarium, but we were not sure if there were actually 15 or 16! We also tried to make reservations for the bus to Banaue, but it proved only night buses went there and back, so we decided to spent the rest of the holiday at Mt Makiling and to do Northern Luzon during another holiday when there is more known.
- Mon 28-02** From **Manila** we took the bus to **Los Baños**. There we took the excellent hotel **City of Springs Resort Hotel** for about 1000 ps/25 €. Rest of the afternoon was spent looking over the **Laguna de Bay** which produced Yellow Bittern, Eastern Osprey, Whiskered Tern and Pacific Swallow.
- Tue 29-02** Early morning we went to the **University Campus** where the entrance is to **Mount Makiling**. Nice forest and more specially, the birds are not shy and good to observe! We spent all day slowly walking till 1 km past the food stands. Good birds here were both species of Malkohas, Purple Needletail, Emerald Dove, Blue-headed Fantail, White-browed Shama (heard only), Striped Flowerpecker, Flaming Sunbird and the newly split Handsome Sunbird. On the University Campus we flushed a Spotted Buttonquail, an unexpected bonus. Also we visited the Museum of Natural History where we bought the booklet Birds of Mt Makiling. In this book we read the Blue-banded Kingfisher is fairly common in the Botanical Garden. Also in the museum was



one stuffed specimen of the Philippine Eagle. Rest of the evening was spent swimming in the swimming pool of the hotel.

- Wed 1-03** Before sunrise we were at **Mt Makiling** again, trying hard for Luzon Bleeding-Heart and Ashy Thrush, but no luck with this species. We finally got very good views of Spotted Kingfishers. We walked to the summit of Mt Makiling where some good primary forest is still around. Interesting birds were Luzon Flameback, Luzon Hornbill, Philippine Trogon, Rusty-breasted Cuckoo, Red-crested and Scale-feathered Malkohas, Asian Palm Swift, Philippine Serpent Eagle, Philippine Falconet, Ashy Minivet, White-browed Shama (finally very good views), Grey-backed Tailorbird (plus one very probable Trilling Tailorbird), Stripe-sided Rhabdornis, Striped, Red-striped and Pygmy Flowerpeckers, Grey-throated Sunbird and Flaming Sunbird. Marc heard a probable Luzon Bleeding-Heart. In the evening we returned to the hotel, where the rest of the evening was spent swimming.
- Thu 2-03** Rain prevented an early start. Went to **UPC** at about 9.00 when it stopped raining. Spent all day birding at the **Botanical Garden** at the UPC at the foot of Mt Makiling. Highlights there were the good views of Indigo-banded Kingfisher and the two Philippine Eagles in the **raptor centre**. They are half the size bigger compared to White-tailed Sea-Eagle in the next cage!
- Fri 3-03** Very hard rain prevented another early start. Several Uniform Swifts above the hotel was the only thing worth to mention. Decided to go back to Manila. In **Manila** we checked in at the **Philippine Village Hotel**, but this time it was more expensive (\$110 for three).
- Sat 4-03** In the morning we visited the **American Cemetery** in **Manila**. Lowland White-eye was common and several Barred Rails, Oriental Reed Warbler, Golden-bellied Gerygone, Grey-faced Buzzard, Mangrove Kingfisher, Pied Triller ended our birding on the Philippines. In the afternoon we went to the airport. Our plane departed in time (20.30 hours with flight KL 808). We had a quiet flight with nothing special.
- Sun 5-03** Arrival at 7:05 hours at **Schiphol, Amsterdam, Netherlands**.

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Suggested Reading

During our visit we had to identify birds with the outdated and very heavy Philippine Birds by John E DuPont, 1971, Delaware Museum of NH. In the autumn of 2000 the new guide was released and this is much better for identifying the Philippine endemics. So the following literature is essential:

- The Birds of the Philippines, Dickinson 1991, BOU.
- A Guide to the Birds of the Philippines, Kennedy et al 2000, Oxford.
- Where to Watch Birds in South-East Asia, Nigel Wheatley 1996, Helm Publishers.
- There are several trip reports available at [Cloudbirders](http://www.cloudbirders.com) but in 2000 the following two were essential:
- Philippines, February - April 1997. Raf Drijvers 1997, privately published (not available on Cloudbirders).
- The Philippines Winter 1996/97. Brian Gee 1997, privately published (not available on Cloudbirders).



The Species Accounts

The order and nomenclature follows the IOC World Bird List, **version 14.1**. Some species have their original name in brackets.

The IOC World Bird list can be downloaded from <http://www.worldbirdnames.org/names.html>. According to this list there are now no less than **265** endemic species in the Philippines! Species like Blue-naped Parrot, Philippine Pitta (formerly known as Red-bellied Pitta), Rufous Paradise Flycatcher, Everett's White-eye and White-vented Whistler are also found on several small islands in Sabah or Indonesia and are therefore not included in the list of Philippine endemic species.

The taxonomic status of several other species could change in the future, e.g. Negros Shama, Visayan Balicassio or Sierra Madre Crow to name a few.

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Illegal logging at Road 1-4, PICOP Concession, Mindanao Philippines, February 2000.



All Philippine endemic bird species can be found on [this link](#) available as excel-sheet.

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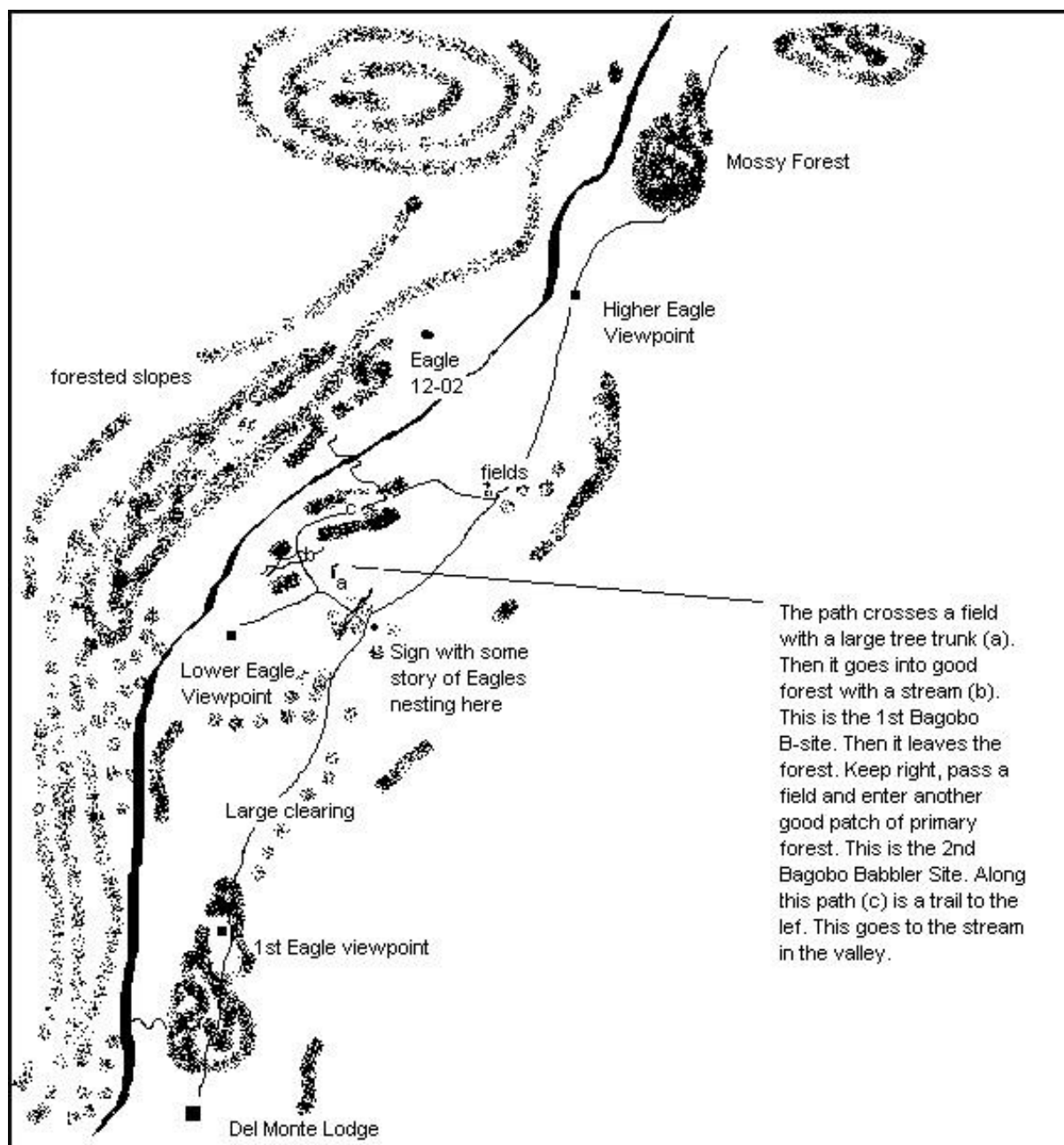
Interesting birdsites on the internet:

- http://www.pbase.com/liquidstone/philippine_wild_birds (good collection of pictures).
- <http://www.birdtourasia.com/> (best for organised tours in the Philippines).
- <http://orientalbirdimages.org/> (enormous collection of excellent photographs).
- <http://www.xeno-canto.org/asia/> (database for birdsounds, do not go without consulting this!).
- <http://www.orientalbirdclub.org/> (please become a member!).
- <http://www.haribon.org.ph/> (also very useful and gives an overview of the key conservation sites).

All major Air Companies have their own internetsite, where you can check the frequently changed schedules and fares:

- <http://www.cebupacificair.com/>
- <http://www.philippineair.com/>

Map 1: Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao



It is essential to write Carlito in advance. Also check the itineraries of the bigger bird tour companies like Birdquest and King Bird, otherwise the lodge is fully booked.

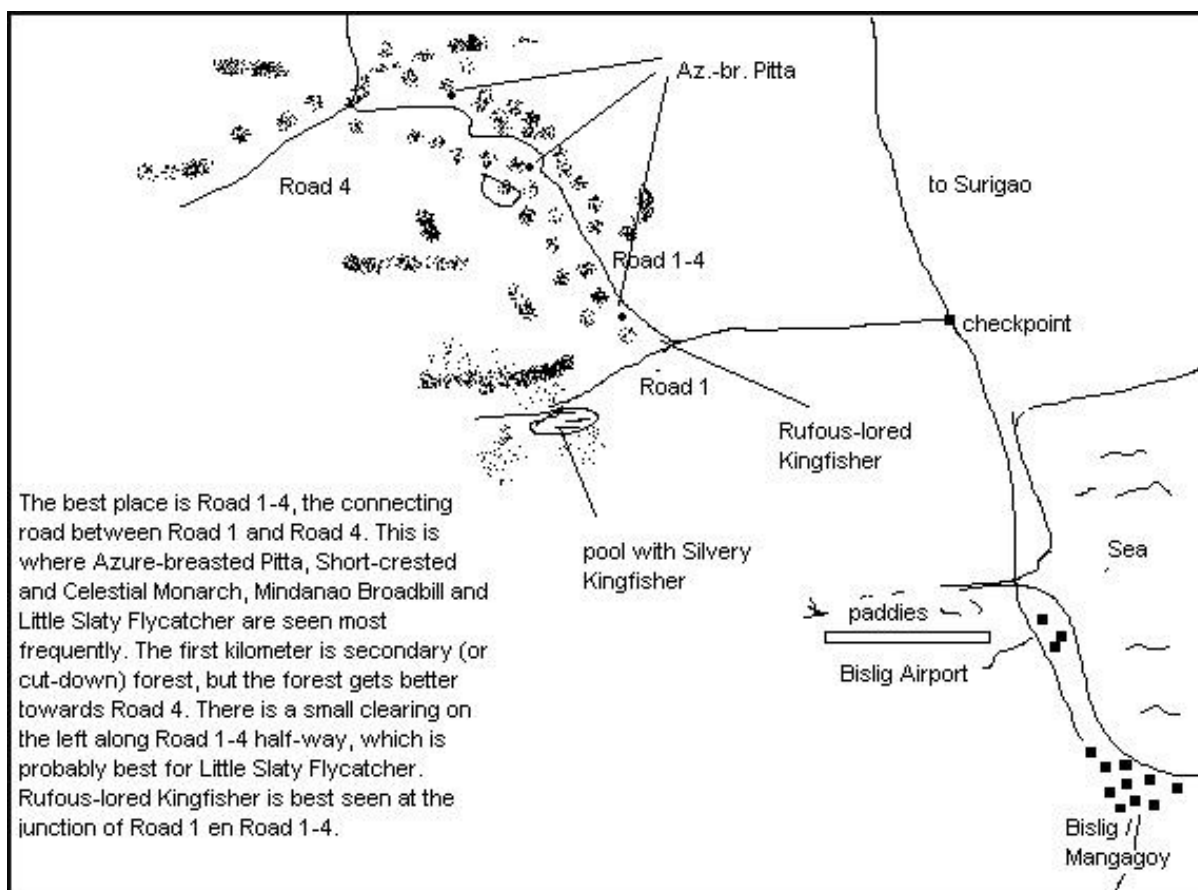
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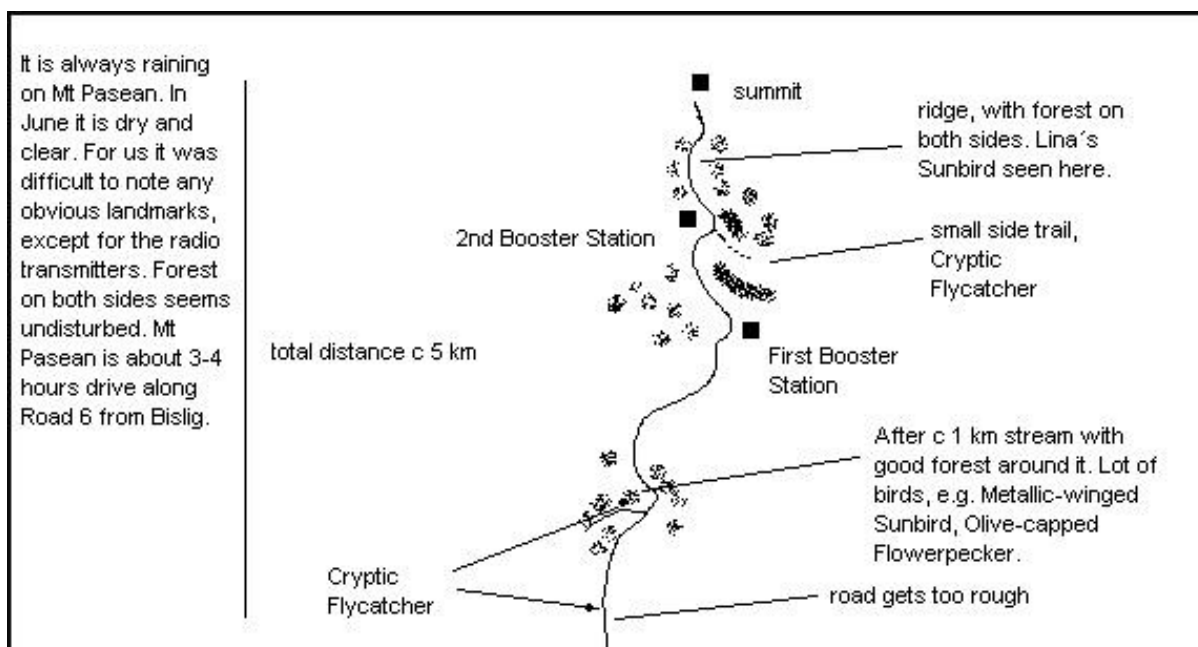
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Map 2: PICOP logging concession, Bislig, Mindanao



Map 3: Mt Pasean, PICOP logging concession, Bislig, Mindanao



To get into the PICOP area, write Felizardo well in advance and let the people at the Paper Inn contact him when you arrive.

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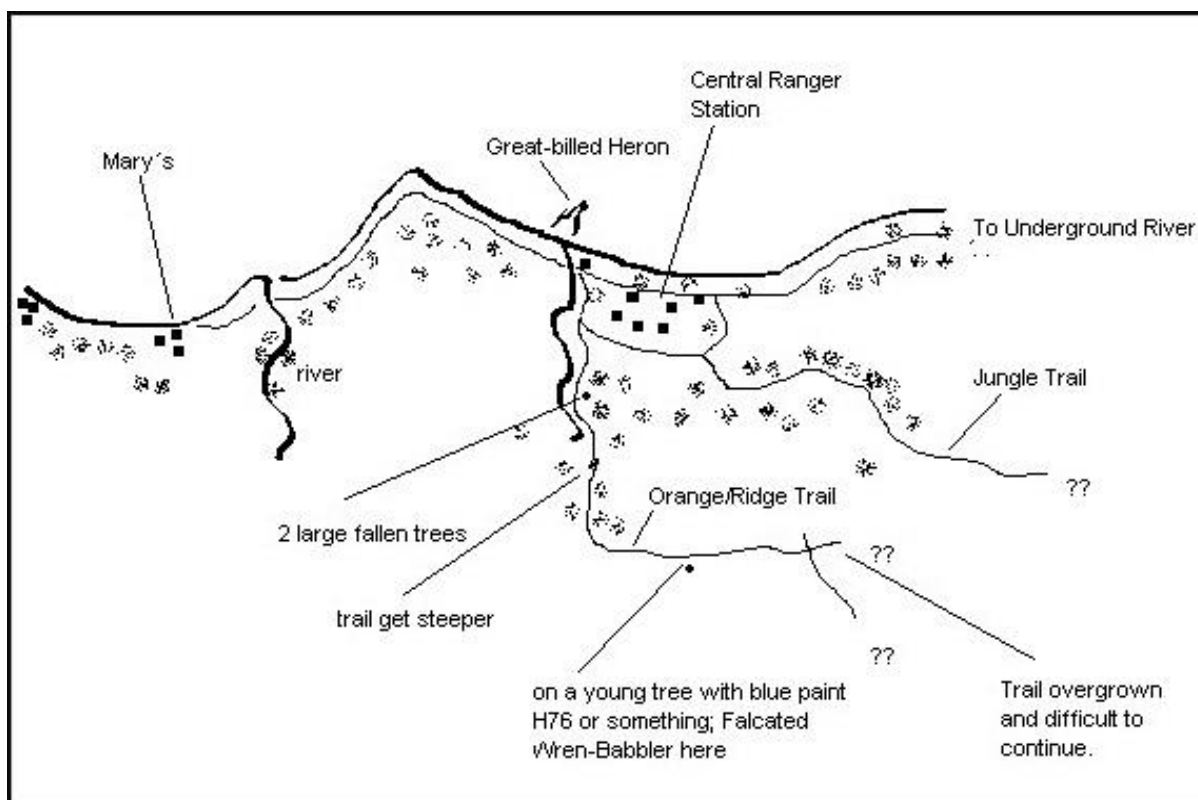
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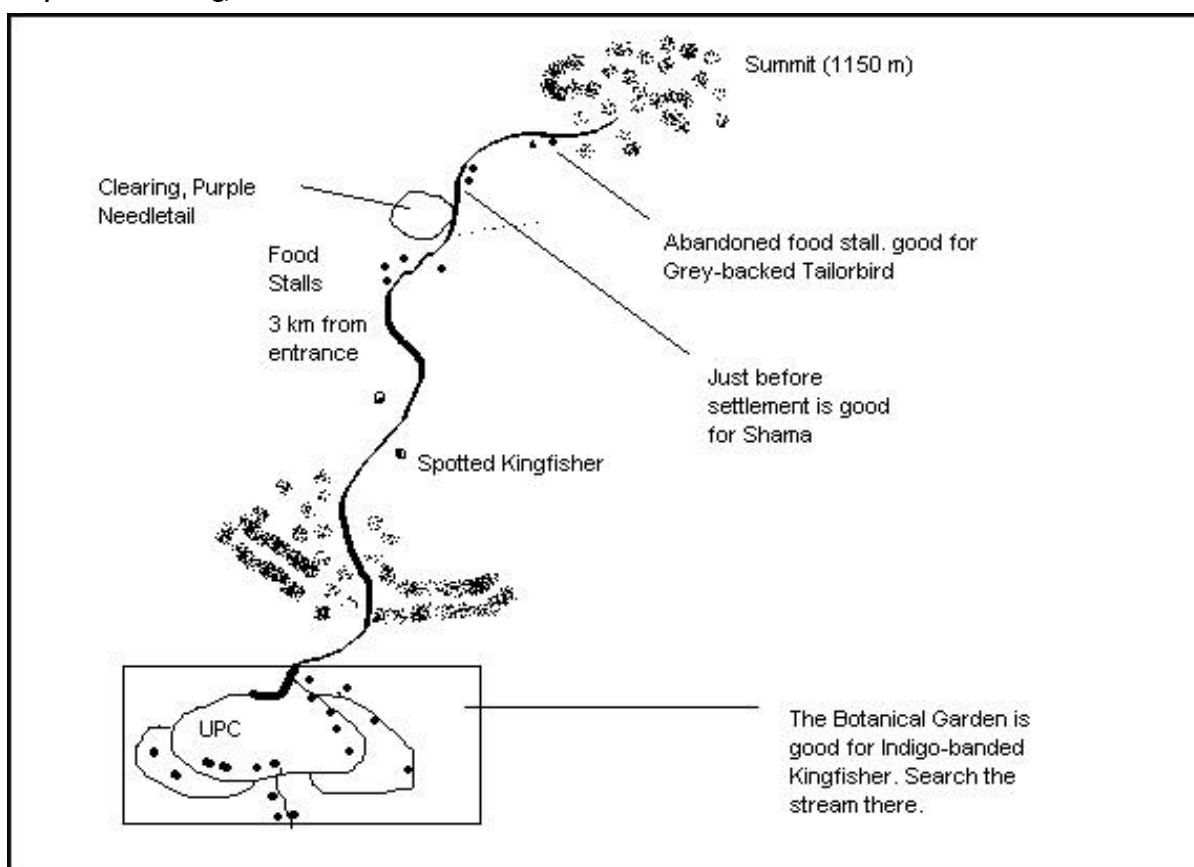
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Map 4: St Paul NP, Palawan



Map 5: Mt Makiling, Luzon



To get to the entrance of Mt Makiling ask for the Forestry. The Botanical Garden and the small Museum of Natural History are close.

I made no attempt to make a map of the Angat Reservoir. The Angat Reservoir is described very accurately in Brian Gee's report and Raf Drijvers's report.



001. **Philippine Megapode** - *Megapodius cumingii*
 22-02 2 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 23-02 c 5 (heard only), Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 2 Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
002. **Wandering Whistling Duck** - *Dendrocygna arcuata*
 16-02 c 10 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
003. **PHILIPPINE DUCK** - *Anas luzonica*
 16-02 4 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
 The old Bislig Airport is probably the most reliable site for this endemic duck, at least on Mindanao.
004. **PHILIPPINE FROGMOUTH** - *Batrachostomus septimus septimus*
 Every night one bird was calling at the Del Monte Lodge, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao. When we did some effort to look for it (leaving the lodge), it became silent. Seen on the evening of 13-02, its eyes reflecting in the torch.
005. **Great Eared Nightjar** - *Eurostopodus macrotis macrotis*
 11-02 2-3 heard only, Del Monte Lodge, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 12-02 2-3 also seen, Del Monte Lodge, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao; also on 13-02.
 18-02 1 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
006. **Large-tailed Nightjar** - *Caprimulgus macrurus johnsonii*
 22-02 1 (seen) Mary's Beach Resort, Sabang, Palawan; also heard on 23-02.
007. **PHILIPPINE NIGHTJAR** - *Caprimulgus manillensis*
 14-02 1-2 (heard only) Del Monte Lodge, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
008. **Whiskered Treeswift** - *Hemiprocne comata major*
 Fairly common ant Mt Kitanglad and the PICOP area, Mindanao.
009. **GREY-RUMPED SWIFTLET** - *Collocalia marginata marginata*
 26-02 c 5 Angat, Luzon, a flock of c 5 birds was thought to be this species.
010. **RIDGETOP SWIFTLET** - *Collocalia isonota bagobo*
 At Mt Kitanglad the most common swiftlet. At Road 6, PICOP, Mindanao, swiftlets were seen hunting close above the road, showing grey rumps and some showing uniform rumps. Split from Glossy Swiftlet [following Rheindt et al 2017](#).
011. **PYGMY SWIFTLET** - *Collocalia troglodytes*
 The most common swiftlet, seen on every island, with daily totals up to 100. Typically feeding between the trees.
012. **PHILIPPINE SWIFTLET** - *Aerodramus mearnsi*
 Several larger and browner swifts (c 10 birds) seen high above the valley on February 12th and 13th at Mt Kitanglad were identified as this species.
013. **AMELINE SWIFTLET** - *Aerodramus amelis*
 22-02 c 10 above the ridge at St Paul NP, Palawan (*ssp palawanensis*).
 23-02 c 25 St Paul NP, Palawan (*ssp palawanensis*).
 c 20 above Puerto Princesa, Palawan (*ssp palawanensis*).
 Uniform coloured swifts seen above Laguna de Bay, Los Baños on Luzon were thought to be *A a amelis*.

**014. PHILIPPINE SPINE-TAILED SWIFT** - *Mearnsia picina*

17-02 1 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao and 1 at Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

18-02 2 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

This was one of the most beautiful birds of the trip. This bird looked more like *Batman* than any other bird!**015. Purple Needletail** - *Hirundapus celebensis*

18-02 2 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

29-02 3-4 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

016. Asian Palm Swift - *Cypsiurus balasiensis pallidor*

01-03 4 University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon.

017. BLACK-FACED COUCAL - *Centropus melanops melanops*

16-02 1 (seen, more heard) Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

17-02 3 (seen, more heard) Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

18-02 1 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

018. PHILIPPINE COUCAL - *Centropus viridis viridis*

11-02 1 (seen) Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao

Heard regularly at Mt Kitanglad and in the PICOP-area, Mindanao.

019. Lesser Coucal - *Centropus bengalensis philippinensis*

16-02 1 (seen) Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.

020. ROUGH-CRESTED MALKOHA - *Dasylophus superciliosus superciliosus*

25-02 4 Angat Reservoir.

29-02 c 10 Mt Makiling, Luzon.

01-03 c 6 Mt Makiling, Luzon.

021. SCALE-FEATHERED MALKOHA - *Lepidogrammus cumingi*

29-02 7 Mt Makiling, Luzon.

01-03 1 Mt Makiling, Luzon.

This weird looking bird is worth looking for and we had very good views of it.

022. Plaintive Cuckoo - *Cacomantis merulinus*

17-02 1 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

18-02 1 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

023. Rusty-breasted Cuckoo - *Cacomantis sepulcralis*

12-02 1 (hepatic phase) Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

01-03 2 (1 seen) Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

024. PHILIPPINE DRONGO-CUCKOO - *Surniculus velutinus*Heard regularly at Mt Kitanglad and PICOP, Mindanao (*ssp velutinus*). Only seen at Mt Makiling, Luzon (*ssp chalybaeus*).The calls consists of 7-8 ascending whistling notes. Again, we follow the Handbook of the Birds of the World (del Hoyo *et al* 1997), where this species is split from *S lugubris* on morphological grounds (*S velutinus* has a velvety mantle, tail is square-ended and juveniles are uniformly rufous) and sound (*S lugubris* usually as 6 notes).



025. **Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo** - *Surniculus lugubris*
 23-02 3-4 (heard only) Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
026. **PHILIPPINE HAWK-CUCKOO** - *Hierococcyx pectoralis*
 Regularly heard on Mt Kitanglad and at PICOP, Mindanao, with daily totals up to 5. Seen on 1-03 at Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon. This species is split from Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo *H nasicolor* on morphological grounds (e.g. wing formula) and sounds.
027. **PHILIPPINE COLLARED DOVE** - *Streptopelia dusumieri*
 Regularly observed on Mindanao and Luzon.
028. **Red Turtle Dove** - *Streptopelia tranquebarica humilis*
 04-03 c 10 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon.
029. **Spotted Dove** - *Streptopelia chinensis*
 Only noted on Mindanao, where it was fairly common. Introduced.
030. **Philippine Cuckoo-Dove** - *Macropygia tenuirostris*
 Regularly observed on Mindanao and Luzon.
031. **Common Emerald Dove** - *Chalcophaps indica*
 29-02 1 Mt Makiling, Luzon.
032. **Zebra Dove** - *Geopelia striata*
 11-02 3 Malaybalay, Mindanao.
 Not much attention was payed to pigeons and doves during travel days.
033. **WHITE-EARED BROWN DOVE** - *Phapitreron leucotis*
 Fairly common at Mt Kitanglad, PICOP, Mindanao (*ssp brevirostris*), Angat Reservoir and Mt Makiling (*ssp leucotis*).
034. **PHILIPPINE GREEN PIGEON** - *Treron axillarius*
 Common at PICOP, Mindanao (with 25 birds on a fruiting tree on Road 1 on February 16th *ssp canescens*) and - although less common - at Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon (*ssp axillaris*). Formerly known as Pompadour Green Pigeon *T pompadora*, but now split into six distinct species.
035. **YELLOW-BREASTED FRUIT DOVE** - *Ptilinopus occipitalis*
 Fairly common at Mt Kitanglad and at PICOP, Mindanao (both *ssp incognitus*), Angat Reservoir and Mt Makiling, Luzon (both *ssp occipitalis*).
036. **BLACK-CHINNED FRUIT DOVE** - *Ptilinopus leclancheri leclancheri*
 17-02 1 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
037. **PINK-BELLIED IMPERIAL PIGEON** - *Ducula poliocephala*
 18-02 2 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (only seen by Marc and Felizardo).
038. **Green Imperial Pigeon** - *Ducula aenea*
 17-02 1 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp aenea*).
 19-02 1 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp aenea*).
 22-02 c 5 St Paul NP, Palawan; also on 23-02 and 24-02 (*ssp palawanensis*).



039. **Barred Rail** - *Gallirallus torquatus torquatus*
 04-03 c 6-8 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon.
 It is very odd to see this nice bird run between all the white crosses of the fallen American navy men.
040. **PLAIN BUSH-HEN** - *Amaurornis olivaceus olivaceus*
 13-02 1 (heard only) clearing before the 1st Bagobo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 From 16-02 till 18-02 several were heard at PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao. One was crossing the road at dusk near Bislig, seen only by the Hungarians, who joined us on February 18th to Mt Pasion.
041. **Common Moorhen** - *Gallinula chloropus orientalis*
 16-02 3 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
042. **SPOTTED BUTTONQUAIL** - *Turnix ocellatus ocellatus*
 29-02 1 (female) University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon.
 An unexpected observation. This bird was seen walking in some scrub on the campus and flew off when approached by us. The chestnut breastband was well seen, thus ruling out Barred Buttonquail.
043. **Pacific Golden Plover** - *Pluvialis fulva*
 21-02 3 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
044. **Grey Plover** - *Pluvialis squatarola*
 21-02 3 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
045. **Little Ringed Plover** - *Charadrius dubius dubius*
 16-02 5 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
046. **Siberian Sand Plover** - *Charadrius mongolus mongolus/stegmanni*
 21-02 c 15 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
 22-02 c 5 Mary's Beach Resort, Sabang, Palawan.
047. **Greater Sand Plover** - *Charadrius leschenaultii leschenaultii*
 21-02 4 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
048. **Whimbrel** - *Numenius phaeopus (variegates?)*
 19-02 3 Bislig, Mindanao.
 21-02 c 10 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
 22-02 2 at beach at Mary's Beach Resort, Sabang, Palawan.
049. **Ruddy Turnstone** - *Arenaria interpres interpres*
 21-02 1 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
 22-02 1 at the beach at Mary's Beach Resort, Sabang, Palawan.
050. **Red-necked Stint** - *Calidris ruficollis*
 21-02 1 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
051. **BUKIDNON WOODCOCK** - *Scolopax bukidnonensis*
 Heard on every morning and evening and seen on the evening of February 12th and 13th, always one bird, but on the morning of February 14th we heard two birds at the first clearing. This species is discovered in 1993 by Simon Harrap and Tim Fisher on a Birdquest trip. The Natural History museum of Delaware owns a specimen collected in 1969 at



Dalton's Pass, Luzon. This particular bird stood model for plate 23 in the DuPont's guide. Finally, in 2001 this bird was described as a new species ([Forktail 17, 2001](#)).

052. **Swinhoe's Snipe** - *Gallinago megala*

16-02 2 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao. Only seen in flight, the feet did not protrude behind the tail, therefore probably excluding Pintail Snipe – *G stenura*, and Swinhoe's Snipe is the default snipe here.

053. **Common Sandpiper** - *Actitis hypoleucos*

21-02 1 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
24-02 2 at the beach at Mary's Beach Resort, Sabang, Palawan.

054. **Grey-tailed Tattler** - *Tringa brevipes*

21-02 5 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
23-02 2 at the beach at Mary's Beach Resort, Sabang, Palawan.

055. **Common Redshank** - *Tringa totanus*

21-02 1 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

056. **Black-headed Gull** - *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

Between 28-02 and 2-03 2-3 birds seen at Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon.

057. **Whiskered Tern** - *Chlidonias hybrida hybrida/javanica*

19-02 1 seen somewhere between Bislig and Davao, Mindanao.
Seen daily (up to 10) at Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon.

058. **Yellow Bittern** - *Ixobrychus sinensis*

29-02 1-2 Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon.

059. **Cinnamon Bittern** - *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

16-02 1-2 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.

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

02-03 1 Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon.

061. **Striated Heron** - *Butorides striata ssp javanica / amurensis*

21-02 1 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
23-02 1 beach between Mary's Beach Resort, Sabang and St Paul NP, Palawan.
28-02 1 Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon; also on 29-02.

062. **Eastern Cattle Egret** - *Bubulcus coromandus*

Common, seen daily when not in primary forest.

063. **Grey Heron** - *Ardea cinerea*

02-03 2 Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon.

064. **Great-billed Heron** - *Ardea sumatrana*

23-02 1 St Paul Bay, St Paul NP, Palawan.



065. **Great Egret** - *Ardea alba modesta*
Fairly common throughout, typically seen when travelling from one site to the other.
066. **Little Egret** - *Egretta garzetta*
Seen in small numbers throughout the archipel.
067. **Pacific Reef Egret** - *Egretta sacra*
21-02 2 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
22-02 4 beach between Mary's Beach Resort, Sabang and St Paul NP, Palawan.
23-02 2 Sabang Beach, Sabang, Palawan.
068. **Chinese Egret** - *Egretta eulophotes*
21-02 1 (summer plumage) Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
069. **Western Osprey** - *Pandion haliaetus*
29-02 2 Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon.
03-03 1 Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon.
Osprey is split into two species, Western Osprey *P haliaetus* and Eastern Osprey *P cristatus*.
070. **Black-winged Kite** - *Elanus caeruleus hypoleucus*
11-02 1 between Cagayan de Oro and Malaybalay, Mindanao.
071. **Crested Honey Buzzard** - *Pernis ptilorhynchus philippensis*
12-02 1 between Lower Eagle View Point and Higher Eagle View Point, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
17-02 3 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
26-02 1 Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
072. **PHILIPPINE HONEY BUZZARD** - *Pernis steerei*
17-02 1 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
18-02 2 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
073. **Crested Serpent Eagle** - *Spilornis cheela palawanensis*
23-02 1 St Paul NP, Palawan.
074. **PHILIPPINE SERPENT EAGLE** - *Spilornis holospilus*
12-02 1 between Lower and Higher Eagle View Point, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
18-02 1 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
01-03 1 Mount Makiling, Luzon.
075. **PHILIPPINE EAGLE** - *Pithecophaga jefferyi*
12-02 1 (first-year bird) between Lower and Higher Eagle View Point, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
14-02 1 (heard only) near the Lower Eagle View Point, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
55 hours after departure from Holland, we found this young bird when it was calling. We could observe it between 8:15 and 9:35 hours at a distance of ca. 300 meters. Then it disappeared behind the tree tops in the valley. The star bird of the holiday! A pair bred successfully in 1999 opposite the Lower Eagle View Point. At the University in Los Baños we saw two birds in the raptor centre. There was a White-tailed Eagle too and the Eagle was almost half a size bigger!
076. **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** - *Nisaetus cirrhatus limnaetus*
13-02 1 between Del Monte Lodge and Lower Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.



077. **Rufous-bellied Eagle** - *Lophotriorchis kienerii formosus*
 12-02 1 (probably) between Lower and Higher Eagle View Point, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 13-02 1 (imm.) between Del Monte Lodge and Lower Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
078. **Crested Goshawk** - *Accipiter trivirgatus extimus*
 18-02 1 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
079. **Japanese Sparrowhawk** - *Accipiter gularis (gularis?)*
 13-02 1 (male, seen well) just north of the Higher Eagle View Point, Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
080. **White-bellied Sea Eagle** - *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
 23-02 3-4 St Paul NP, Palawan.
081. **Grey-faced Buzzard** - *Butastur indicus*
 13-02 1 Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 04-03 2 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon.
082. **Eastern Grass Owl** - *Tyto longimembris*
 16-02 4 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
083. **GIANT SCOPS OWL** - *Otus gurneyi*
 13-02 1 (heard only, a rather sinister *whroow*) Del Monte Lodge, Mt Kitanglad Mindanao.
084. **PHILIPPINE SCOPS OWL** - *Otus megalotis*
 26-02 1 (heard only) Ridge Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
 01-03 1 (heard only) University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon.
085. **MINDANAO SCOPS OWL** - *Otus mirus*
 12-02 1 (heard only) Del Monte Lodge, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 This individual was calling for a short period and uttered only single notes, not the double notes as on Jelle Scharringa's CD-ROM. Calls were identical however. Another possibility is that the second note was inaudible.
086. **LUZON HAWK-OWL** - *Ninox philippensis philippensis*
 26-02 1-2 (heard only) Ridge Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
087. **PHILIPPINE TROGON** - *Harpactes ardens ardens*
 17-02 3 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 18-02 1 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 01-03 2 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon (*ssp luzoniensis*).
088. **RUFIOUS HORNBILL** - *Buceros hydrocorax*
 17-02 c 3 (heard only) Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp mindanensis*).
 18-02 2 (heard only) Mt Pasian, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp mindanensis*).
 4 (seen well) Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp mindanensis*).
 26-02 c 3 (heard only) Ridge Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon (*ssp hydrocorax*)
089. **PALAWAN HORNBILL** - *Anthracosceros marchei*
 23-02 2 (seen well) Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.



- 24-02 c 10 (heard only) Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
090. **WRITHED HORNBILL** - *Rhabdotorrhinus leucocephalus*
18-02 c 55 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
091. **LUZON HORNBILL** - *Penelopides manillae*
01-03 4 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
092. **MINDANAO HORNBILL** - *Penelopides affinis*
13-02 c 3 (heard only) Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
17-02 c 5 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
18-02 2 Mt Pasion, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 c 5 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
19-02 3 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
093. **SPOTTED WOOD KINGFISHER** - *Actenoides lindsayi lindsayi*
26-02 c 4 (heard only) Ridge Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
01-03 5 (including very good views of a pair) Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
The birds of Mt Makiling reacted very well to the tape, one female flew above our heads within a meter!
094. **HOMBRON'S KINGFISHER** - *Actenoides hombroni*
12-02 1 1st Bagobo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
13-02 1-2 Stream Trail, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
14-02 1 start of Stream Trail/2nd Bagobo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad.
All sightings were quick fly-by's. Apparently, the birds recognise tape recordings (or at least notice something is not right), as one bird flew in silently. When it saw us, it quickly flew away. Better views were obtained at the bottom of the valley, where one bird flew from one side of the stream to the other.
095. **Stork-billed Kingfisher** - *Pelargopsis capensis gouldi*
11-02 1 between Cagayan de Oro and Malaybalay, Mindanao.
23-02 1 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
096. **BROWN-BREASTED KINGFISHER** - *Halcyon gularis*
11-02 2 between Cagayan de Oro and Malaybalay, Mindanao.
16-02 2 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
17-02 1 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
18-02 3 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
097. **WINCHELL'S KINGFISHER** - *Todirhamphus winchelli mindanensis*
16-02 1 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
17-02 2 corner of Road 1 and road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 2 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
19-02 3 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
This species is very noisy and when using playback in their territory, without exception the birds will come closer. Illustrated as shy and friendly birds in Kingfishers, Bee-eaters etc., in real they are aggressive and bold birds!
098. **Collared Kingfisher** - *Todirhamphus chloris collaris*
16-02 1 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
21-02 2 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.



- 22-02 3 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
- 23-02 6 Mary's Beach Resort and Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
- 24-02 4 Mary's Beach Resort and Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
- 29-02 1 University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon.
- 04-03 1-2 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon.
099. **Common Kingfisher** - *Alcedo atthis bengalensis*
- 21-02 2 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
- 23-02 2 at the stream near Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan; also on 24-02.
100. **Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher** - *Ceyx rufidorsa motleyi*
- 23-02 1 at the stream near Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
101. **PHILIPPINE DWARF KINGFISHER** - *Ceyx melanurus melanurus*
- 26-02 1 (heard only) Ridge Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon. Unsatisfactory record, not counted!
Very frustratingly, a small kingfisher was calling loudly in flight in the forest far away from water, but was not seen.
102. **INDIGO-BANDED KINGFISHER** - *Ceyx cyanopectus cyanopectus*
- 02-03 1 (male) Botanical Garden of University at Los Baños, Luzon.
In most books this species is illustrated with two pectoral bands, but it is better to describe the underside as completely blue with a heart-spotted orange patch on the breast and a larger orange patch on the lower belly.
103. **SOUTHERN SILVERY KINGFISHER** - *Ceyx argentatus*
- 16-02 1 (twice seen well in roadside pool) Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
- 17-02 1 (passing by quickly) Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
The pool at Road 1 was well known to Felizardo, our guide at PICOP. One of the highlights of the holiday.
104. **Blue-throated/Blue-tailed Bee-eater** - *Merops viridis/philippinus*
- 11-02 1 seen from the car, somewhere between Cagayan de Oro and Malaybalay, Mindanao.
105. **Coppersmith Barbet** - *Megalaima haemacephala*
- Fairly common on Mindanao (*mindanensis*) and Luzon. The song is one of the characteristic sounds of the forest.
106. **PHILIPPINE PYGMY WOODPECKER** - *Dendrocopos maculatus*
- 11-02 2 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao (*ssp fulvifasciatus*).
- 17-02 1 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
- 29-02 4 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon (*ssp validirostris*).
- 01-03 2 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
107. **White-bellied Woodpecker** - *Dryocopus javensis*
- 17-02 1 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp multilunatus*).
- 24-02 2 Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan (*ssp hargitti*).
108. **SPOT-THROATED FLAMEBACK** - *Dinopium everetti*
- 22-02 2 Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
109. **BUFF-SPOTTED FLAMEBACK** - *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*
- 14-02 2-3 2nd Bagobo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao (*ssp montanus*).



110. **LUZON FLAMEBACK** - *Chrysocolaptes haematribon*
 01-03 2 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
 The flamebacks were split from the Common and Greater Flamebacks, following Collar 2011 in Forktail 27 (2011).
111. **PHILIPPINE FALCONET** - *Microhierax erythrogenys*
 16-02 2 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp meridionalis*).
 17-02 8 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp meridionalis*).
 18-02 2 Road 6 near Mt Pasian, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp meridionalis*).
 01-03 2 University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon (*ssp erythrogenys*).
112. **Common Kestrel** - *Falco tinnunculus interstinctus*
 18-02 1 (probably; could as well be an Oriental Hobby) Davao Airport, Mindanao.
 02-03 1 University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon.
 04-03 1 American Cemetery, Manila.
113. **RED-VENTED or PHILIPPINE COCKATOO** - *Cacatua haematuropygia*
 22-02 2 seen from the bus between Puerto Princesa (45 min. from there) and Sabang, Palawan.
 2 seen apparently to roost from the bridge at the entrance of St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 1-2 (heard only) Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 On 28th February we saw one in a cage in Hotel Robelle in Manila. The bird said *hello* when we came near!
114. **MINDANAO RACKET-TAIL** - *Prioniturus waterstradti*
 13-02 2 Higher Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 Two parrots were seen flying past the view point with square - not long pointed - tails. On Palawan we learned the rackets of this genus are not always obvious or perhaps not present at all.
115. **BLUE-HEADED RACKET-TAIL** - *Prioniturus platenae*
 23-02 c 10 (seen) Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 c 5 (heard only) Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
116. **BLUE-CROWNED RACKET-TAIL** - *Prioniturus discurus discurus*
 17-02 1 (heard only) Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
117. **Blue-naped Parrot** - *Tanygnathus lucionensis salvadorii*
 22-02 4 St Paul NP, Palawan.
 23-02 8 St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 3 St Paul NP, Palawan.
118. **GUAIBERO** - *Bolbopsittacus lunulatus mindanensis*
 16-02 c 10 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 18-02 1 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
119. **PHILIPPINE HANGING PARROT** - *Loriculus philippensis philippensis*
 Fairly common at Mt Kitanglad, PICOP (*ssp apicalis*), Angat and Mt Makiling, with daily totals between 5-10 birds.
120. **Philippine Pitta** - *Erythropitta erythrogaster*
 17-02 1 (heard only) Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp erythrogaster*).
 23-02 1 (heard only) Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan (*ssp propinqua*).



121. **Western Hooded Pitta** - *Pitta sordida palawanensis*
- 21-02 2 (one seen close, the other heard only) Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
 22-02 1 (seen briefly) St Paul NP.
 23-02 1 (heard only) St Paul NP; also on 24-2.
122. **AZURE-BREASTED PITTA** - *Pitta steerii steerii*
- 16-02 1 (heard only) Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 17-02 1 (seen at close range for fifteen minutes) Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 This individual sat motionless for fifteen minutes at a distance of 10 meters. This Pitta looks very bold and reminded us more of a forest kingfisher than of a cute shy bird like Pittas should be. Another highlight!
123. **Golden-bellied Gerygone** - *Gerygone sulphurea simplex*
- 04-03 c 20 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon.
124. **White-breasted Woodswallow** - *Artamus leucorhynchus leucorhynchus*
- 11-02 c 15 Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao.
 16-02 1 Road 5, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 2-3 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
 19-02 3-4 seen somewhere between Bislig and Davao, Mindanao.
 29-02 2 University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon.
 01-03 1 University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon.
125. **Scarlet Minivet** - *Pericrocotus speciosus gonzalesi*
- 16-02 4 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 17-02 2 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 18-02 2 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
126. **Ashy Minivet** - *Pericrocotus divaricatus divaricatus*
- 01-03 8 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
127. **Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike** - *Coracina striata*
- 17-02 c 5 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp kochii*).
 18-02 c 5 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp kochii*).
 23-02 1 Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan (*ssp difficilis*).
 26-02 2 Ridge Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon (*ssp striata*).
 29-02 2 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon (*ssp striata*).
128. **MCGREGOR'S CUCKOO-SHRIKE** - *Malindangia mcgregori*
- 11-02 1 Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 13-02 c 20 Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 14-02 c 10 Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.
129. **BLACKISH CUCKOO-SHRIKE** - *Edolisoma coerulescens coerulescens*
- 26-02 1 Reservoir Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
130. **BLACK-BIBBED CICADABIRD** - *Edolisoma mindanensis mindanensis*
- 16-02 c 5 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 17-02 2 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.



131. **BLACK-AND-WHITE TRILLER** - *Lalage melanoleuca minor*
 17-02 c 10 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
132. **Pied Triller** - *Lalage nigra nigra*
 21-02 3 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
 04-03 c 10 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon.
133. **YELLOW-BELLIED WHISTLER** - *Pachycephala philippinensis*
 Common, seen on Mindanao (*ssp apoensis*) and Luzon (*ssp philippensis*).
134. **Brown Shrike** - *Lanius cristatus*
 Common in every habitat, even in hotel gardens. Subspecies *cristatus* and *lucionensis* were seen. Some *lucionensis* were very greyish above, causing some confusion the first day when we thought to have seen Mountain Shrike on a clearing on Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
135. **Long-tailed Shrike** - *Lanius schach nasutus*
 Only seen on Mindanao, when several were seen between Cagayan de Oro and Malaybalay, up to 5 seen daily at Mt Kitanglad. This is the black-headed race *L s nasutus*, which may be a good species in the near future.
136. **Ventriloquial Oriole** - *Oriolus consobrinus persuasus*
 23-02 1 Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
137. **PHILIPPINE ORIOLE** - *Oriolus steerii samarensis*
 16-02 c 10 Road 1 and Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 18-02 3 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 19-02 c 5 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
138. **WHITE-LORED ORIOLE** - *Oriolus albiloris*
 26-02 1 (heard only) Ridge Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
 27-02 1 (heard only) Reservoir Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
139. **Black-naped Oriole** - *Oriolus chinensis chinensis*
 16-02 1 at the corner of Road 1 and Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 18-02 1 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
140. **Ashy Drongo** - *Dicrurus leucophaeus leucophaeus*
 22-02 1 Central Ranger Station, St Paul, Palawan.
 23-02 c 5 Central Ranger Station, St Paul, Palawan.
141. **BALICASSIAO** - *Dicrurus balicassius balicassius*
 Common at the Angat Reservoir and Mount Makiling, Luzon.
142. **SHORT-TAILED DRONGO** - *Dicrurus striatus samarensis*
 Common to very common on Mindanao.
 Recently split from Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* following [Shakya et al. \(2020\)](#).
143. **PALAWAN DRONGO** - *Dicrurus palawanensis palawanensis*
 Common on Palawan.
 Recently split from Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* following [Shakya et al. \(2020\)](#).

**144. BLUE-HEADED FANTAIL** - *Rhipidura cyaniceps*

26-02	c 6	Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
27-02	4	Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
29-02	c 10	Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon; also on 1-03.

145. PHILIPPINE PIED FANTAIL - *Rhipidura nigritorquis*

21-02	c 5	Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
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The Fantails are split into four more species; there are now seven species of endemic fantails on the Philippines: Blue-headed Fantail *R cyaniceps*, Visayan Fantail *R albiventris*, Tablas Fantail *R sauli*, Mindanao Blue Fantail *R superciliaris*, Visayan Blue Fantail *R samarensis* and Philippine Pied Fantail *R nigritorquis* (Sánchez-González & Moyle 2011). The status of Pied Fantails on Palawan is not yet assigned (I will keep it in *nigritorquis* in this report for the time being).

146. BLACK-AND-CINNAMON FANTAIL - *Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea*

11-02	6	Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
12-02	c 25	Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
13-02	c 30	Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
14-02	c 10	Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

147. Black-naped Monarch - *Hypothymis azurea azurea*

16-02	3	Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
17-02	2	Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
18-02	4	Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
19-02	2	Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
26-02	3	Reservoir Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
27-02	2	Reservoir Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
29-02	2	Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon; also on 1-03.

148. BLUE PARADISE FLYCATCHER - *Terpsiphone cyanescens*

24-02	2	Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
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149. Rufous Paradise Flycatcher - *Terpsiphone cinnamomea*

16-02	1	Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (ssp <i>cinnamomea</i>).
17-02	1	Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (ssp <i>cinnamomea</i>).
19-02	1	Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (ssp <i>cinnamomea</i>).
27-02	1	Reservoir Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon (ssp <i>unirufa</i>).

150. PALAWAN CROW - *Corvus pusillus*

22-02	3	Central Ranger Station, St Paul, Palawan.
23-02	c 5	Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
24-02	3	Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.

Palawan Crow *Corvus pusillus* is split from *C. enca* based on plumage, bill morphology, and vocal differences (Allen 2020).

151. Large-billed Crow - *Corvus macrorhynchos philippinus*

16-02	3	Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
17-02	4	Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
18-02	c 5	Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

152. Citrine Canary-flycatcher - *Culicicapa helianthea panayensis*

18-02	2	Mt Pasion, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
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153. **ELEGANT TIT** - *Pardaliparus elegans*
Common at Mt Kitanglad and in the PICOP-area, Mindanao (ssp *mindanensis*). Also common at the Angat Reservoir and Mt Makiling, Luzon (ssp *elegans*). Typically, the main bird of feeding flocks.
154. **PALAWAN TIT** - *Pardaliparus amabilis*
24-02 c 8 St Paul NP, Palawan.
155. **YELLOW-WATTLED BULBUL** - *Pycnonotus urostictus philippensis*
17-02 2 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
156. **Yellow-vented Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus goiavier*
Common on Luzon (ssp *goiavier*) and Mindanao (ssp *suluensis*).
157. **PALAWAN BULBUL** - *Alophoixus frater*
23-02 1 St Paul NP, Palawan
Formerly treated as a subspecies of Grey-cheeked Bulbul *A bres*.
158. **SULPHUR-BELLIED BULBUL** - *Iole palawanensis*
22-02 2 St Paul NP, Palawan.
23-02 c 10 St Paul NP, Palawan, also on 24-02.
159. **PHILIPPINE BULBUL** - *Hypsipetes philippinus*
Common on Mindanao (ssp *saturator*) and Luzon (nominat *philippinus*).
Now split into three species: Philippine Bulbul, Mindoro Bulbul *H mindorensis* and Visayan Bulbul *H guimarasensis*.
160. **YELLOWISH BULBUL** - *Hypsipetes everetti*
Common in the PICOP area, Bislig, Mindanao, with daily totals up to 20 birds.
161. **Barn Swallow** - *Hirundo rustica*
The most common swallow, seen daily on every visited island.
162. **Pacific Swallow** - *Hirundo tahitica javanica*
Seen daily (up to 10) at Laguna de Bay, Los Baños, Luzon.
163. **Striated Swallow** - *Cecropis striolata striolata*
11-02 1 (seen from the car) between Cagayan de Oro and Malaybalay, Mindanao.
02-03 3 (collecting clay) University Campus Soccer Field, Los Baños, Luzon.
164. **RUFIOUS-HEADED TAILORBIRD** - *Phyllergates heterolaemus*
12-02 2 (building a nest) 1st Bagobo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao. However, not seen on one of the following days.
165. **LEMON-THROATED LEAF WARBLER** - *Phylloscopus cebuensis luzonensis*
27-02 1 Reservoir Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
This species was most probably overlooked, explaining the lack of records.
166. **Arctic/Japanese Leaf/Kamchatka Leaf Warbler** - *Phylloscopus borealis/xanthodyras/examinandus*
A total of c 5 birds was seen between 12-02 and 14-02 on Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.



18-02 1 Mt Pasion, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

01-03 1 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

There are now three species: Arctic Warbler *P borealis*, Japanese Leaf Warbler *P xanthodyras* and Kamchatka Leaf Warbler *P examinandus*. Unfortunately, we did not know at the time how to identify the various Arctic Warbler-taxa.

167. **NEGROS LEAF WARBLER** - *Phylloscopus nigrorum*

A total of c 10 birds was seen between 12-02 and 14-02 on Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao (*ssp flavostriatus*)

18-02 4 Mt Pasion, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp mindanensis*)

This taxon is split from Mountain Leaf Warbler *P trivirgatus*. Better name is Philippine Mountain Leaf Warbler.

168. **Oriental Reed Warbler** - *Acrocephalus orientalis*

16-02 1 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.

04-03 2-3 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon.

169. **Middendorff's Warbler** - *Locustella ochotensis*

16-02 c 10 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.

170. **LONG-TAILED BUSH WARBLER** - *Helopsaltes ochotensis unicolor*

11-02 1 (heard only) 1st Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

12-02 1 (heard only) 2nd Bagobo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

1 (heard only) 1st Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao; also on 13-02.

The birds on Luzon seems to have a 2 note song (*tsr-trsieeee*), while birds on Mt Kitanglad a single *tsrieeeee*.

171. **Tawny Grassbird** - *Cincloramphus timoriensis crex*

12-02 1 (seen, more heard) 1st clearing, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao; also on 13-02 and 14-02.

172. **Striated Grassbird** - *Megalurus palustris forbesi*

Several were heard and 2-3 seen at Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao between 11-02 and 14-02.

18-02 1 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

173. **Golden-headed Cisticola** - *Cisticola exilis semirufus*

16-02 1 Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.

174. **GREY-BACKED TAILORBIRD** - *Orthotomus derbianus*

01-03 c 3 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

One bird was seen very well. It responded both to the recording of Philippine Tailorbirds and Grey-backed Tailorbirds.

One bird sang exactly as Philippine Tailorbird recorded on Negros on the excellent Raf Drijver's tape.

175. **Rufous-tailed Tailorbird** - *Orthotomus sericeus*

21-02 2 Garceliano Beach, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

22-02 1 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.

23-02 2 Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.

176. **BLACK-HEADED TAILORBIRD** - *Orthotomus nigriceps*

17-02 1 (heard only) Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

c 4 (heard only) Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

18-02 2 (heard only) Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

The two birds on Road 6 were frustratingly close, but did not come into view at all.



177. **Pin-striped Tit-Babbler** - *Macronus gularis woodi*
 23-02 c 10 Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 c 10 Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 Also known under the name Striped Tit-Babbler.
178. **BROWN TIT-BABBLER** - *Macronus striaticeps mindanensis*
 17-02 c 10 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 18-02 c 5 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 19-02 4 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
179. **FALCATED WREN-BABBLER** - *Ptilocichla falcata*
 23-02 1 (seen) Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 This Palawan endemic was singing on a log at a distance of 20 meters. Another highlight!
180. **ASHY-HEADED BABBLER** - *Malacocincla cinereiceps*
 22-02 1 (seen) Entrance of St Paul NP, Palawan.
 23-02 3 (1 seen, 2 heard) Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 1 (seen) Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
181. **MINDANAO PYGMY BABBLER** - *Dasyctropha plateni*
 18-02 2 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 Pygmy Babbler is split into two species, Mindanao Pygmy Babbler *D plateni* and Visayan Pygmy Babbler *D pygmaea*.
182. **MINDANAO WHITE-EYE** - *Lophozosterops goodfellowi*
 13-02 c 5 Stream trail, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao (only seen by Marc en Leo).
 14-02 2 Lower Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao (only seen by Marc).
183. **Warbling White-eye** - *Zosterops japonicus*
 Common at Mt Kitanglad from 12-02 till 14-02 (*ssp vulcani*) and Mt Pasian on 18-02 (*ssp diutae?*), Mindanao.
 The taxonomy of South-east Asian White-eyes have been reshuffled following [Lim et al. \(2018\)](#).
184. **Lowland White-eye** - *Zosterops meyeri meyeri*
 04-03 c 30 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon.
185. **EVERETT'S WHITE-EYE** - *Zosterops everetti basilanicus*
 17-02 c 5 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
186. **YELLOWISH WHITE-EYE** - *Zosterops nigrorum innominatus*
 01-03 1 (at least) Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
 Several groups of white-eyes (total of c 50) on Mt Makiling staying high in the canopy were believed to be this species.
187. **PALAWAN FAIRY-BLUEBIRD** - *Irena tweeddalei*
 23-02 1 Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 c 5 St Paul NP, Palawan.
188. **PHILIPPINE FAIRY-BLUEBIRD** - *Irena cyanogaster*
 13-02 2 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao (*ssp hoogstrali*).
 16-02 c 10 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (*ssp hoogstrali*).



- 18-02 2 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (ssp *hoogstrali*).
- 26-02 2 Reservoir Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon (ssp *cyanogaster*).
189. **SULPHUR-BILLED NUTHATCH** - *Sitta oenochlamys*
- 12-02 c 10 Mt Kitanglad Mindanao; also on 13-02 and 14-02 (ssp *apo*).
- 18-02 1 Mt Pasian, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao (ssp *apo*).
- 29-02 4 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon; also on 01-03 (ssp *isarog*).
190. **Asian Glossy Starling** - *Aplonis panayensis panayensis*
- 16-02 c 5 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
191. **Short-tailed Starling** - *Aplonis minor todayensis*
Seen daily at Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao with maximum of 6 birds.
192. **APO MYNA** - *Basilornis miranda*
- 13-02 2 Higher Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao. One of the best birds of the trip.
193. **COLETO** - *Sarcops calvus*
Common at PICOP, Mindanao (ssp *melanotus*), Angat and Mt Makiling, Luzon (ssp *calvus*).
194. **Crested Myna** - *Acridotheres cristatellus*
- 04-03 c 10 American Cemetery, Manila, Luzon (introduced).
195. **Common Myna** - *Acridotheres tristis tristis*
- 10-02 4 Kuala Lumpur International Airport, Malaysia.
196. **STRIPE-HEADED RHABDORNIS** - *Rhabdornis mysticalis*
- 17-02 6 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
- 18-02 c 30 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
- 29-02 3 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
- 01-03 5 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
197. **STRIPE-BREASTED RHABDORNIS** - *Rhabdornis inornatus*
- 11-02 2 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
Between 12-02 and 14-02 c 20 birds were seen at Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao. Also one of our favourites.
198. **Eyebrowed Thrush** - *Turdus obscurus*
At Mt Kitanglad, every evening and early morning roosting flocks of c 10-50 birds were seen.
199. **WHITE-BROWED SHAMA** - *Copsychus luzoniensis luzoniensis*
- 27-02 2 (heard only) Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
- 29-02 2 (heard only) Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
- 01-03 3 (seen) Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
- 02-03 1 (heard only) Botanical Gardens, University Campus, Los Baños, Luzon.
200. **WHITE-VENTED SHAMA** - *Copsychus niger*
- 22-02 1 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
- 23-02 2 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.



- 24-02 4 St Paul NP, Palawan.
201. **Grey-streaked Flycatcher** - *Muscicapa griseisticta*
- 11-02 1 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
- 12-02 3 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
- 13-02 4 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
- 18-02 1 Mt Pasion, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
- 22-02 1 St Paul NP, Palawan.
- 01-03 1 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
202. **PALAWAN BLUE FLYCATCHER** - *Cyornis lemprieri*
- 23-02 c 10 (2 seen well, others heard) Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
203. **RUFOUS-TAILED JUNGLE FLYCATCHER** - *Cyornis ruficauda*
- 18-02 1 (first thought to be *Ficedula crypta* or *F. basilanica*) Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
Split into three species (i.e. Crocker JF and Sula JF), making this nominate taxon endemic for the Philippines.
204. **Turquoise Flycatcher** - *Eumyias panayensis nigriloris*
- 12-02 c 5 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao, also on 13-02.
Formerly known as (Island) Verditer Flycatcher *E thalassinus*, from which it is now split.
205. **PHILIPPINE SHORTWING** - *Brachypteryx poliogyna*
- 12-02 1 (heard only, but seen by Leo on the 14th) first Bagabo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao;
also present on 13 and 14 February.
206. **Mugimaki Flycatcher** - *Ficedula mugimaki*
- 13-02 1 Higher Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
- 14-02 1 Stream Trail/2nd Bagobo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
207. **LITTLE SLATY FLYCATCHER** - *Ficedula basilanica basilanica*
- 19-02 1 (female) road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
Females of this lowland species are very difficult to separate from Cryptic Flycatcher, which is a strict montane species and is never seen at Road 1-4, which in turn is currently the best place to see Little Slaty Flycatcher.
208. **CRYPTIC FLYCATCHER** - *Ficedula crypta*
- 18-02 3 Mt Pasion, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
Currently Mt Pasion is THE place to see this rare endemic species. Despite the pouring rain and harsh wind we managed to see this cute little flycatcher. Alternative name is Russet-tailed Flycatcher.
209. **BUNDOK FLYCATCHER** - *Ficedula luzoniensis daggayana*
- 13-02 1-2 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao; also on 14-02.
Recently split from Snowy-browed Flycatcher – *F hyperythra*.
210. **FURTIVE FLYCATCHER** - *Ficedula disposita*
- 26-02 1 Ridge Trail, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
This birds was taped-out successfully by the Birdquest team. Seen for a short period, though well sound-recorded. Formerly called Vaurie's Flycatcher. This species is split into Furtive Flycatcher (rediscovered here at Angat in 1994) and Cryptic Flycatcher. These little Philippine flycatchers stay typically one meter above the ground in dense forest. Song is 5-note whistle, *sie-siee*, (*pause*) *siee-sie-sieeuw* (the last note falling).



211. **Little Pied Flycatcher** - *Ficedula westermanni westermanni*
 13-02 2 Higher Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
212. **PHILIPPINE LEAFBIRD** - *Chloropsis flavipennis*
 16-02 1 Road 1, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 1 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 17-02 1 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
213. **YELLOW-THROATED LEAFBIRD** - *Chloropsis palawanensis*
 22-02 1 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 23-02 2 Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 3 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 2 Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
214. **OLIVE-BACKED FLOWERPECKER** - *Prionochilus olivaceus olivaceus*
 16-02 2 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 17-02 1 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
215. **PALAWAN FLOWERPECKER** - *Prionochilus plateni plateni*
 23-02 2 Ridge/Orange Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 c 6 Jungle Trail, St Paul NP, Palawan.
216. **STRIPED FLOWERPECKER** - *Dicaeum aeruginosum striatissimum*
 29-02 1 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
 01-03 2-4 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
217. **OLIVE-CAPPED FLOWERPECKER** - *Dicaeum nigrilore nigrilore*
 11-02 2 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 13-02 2 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 18-02 2 Mt Pasion, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
218. **FLAME-CROWNED FLOWERPECKER** - *Dicaeum kampalili kampalili*
 13-02 2 (pair) Stream Trail, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 14-02 1 (male) start of the Stream Trail, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
219. **BICOLORED FLOWERPECKER** - *Dicaeum bicolor inexpectatum*
 26-02 3 Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
 27-02 c 5 Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
220. **RED-KEELED FLOWERPECKER** - *Dicaeum australe*
 16-02 2 (males in dispute with their bills held vertically) Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 26-02 c 5 Angat Reservoir, Luzon; also on 27-02.
 01-03 c 3 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.
221. **Orange-bellied Flowerpecker** - *Dicaeum trigonostigma cinereigulare*
 16-02 2 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 17-02 c 5 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

**222. BUZZING FLOWERPECKER** - *Dicaeum hypoleucum*

- 13-02 1 (male) Stream Trail, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao (ssp *pontifex*).
 27-02 2-3 Angat Reservoir, Luzon (ssp *obscurum*).
 01-03 2-3 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon (ssp *obscurum*).

After the release of the new guide to the Philippines we found out we swapped the sightings of Buzzing Flowerpecker with the sightings of Bicolored Flowerpecker. According to the new guide the subspecies *obscurum* on Luzon is not black-and-white, but is more drab-coloured. The bird we saw at Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao was the subspecies *pontifex*, which looks like Bicolored Flowerpecker, but with a finer and more pointed bill.

223. PYGMY FLOWERPECKER - *Dicaeum pygmaeum pygmaeum*

- 25-02 2-3 Hilltop, Angat Reservoir, Luzon.
 26-02 c 5 Angat Reservoir, Luzon; also on 27-02.
 01-03 2-3 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

224. FIRE-THROATED FLOWERPECKER - *Dicaeum luzoniense apo*

- 12-02 2 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 13-02 c 5 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 14-02 2-3 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Note that all above observations of flowerpeckers are just a fraction of all the flowerpeckers we have seen, but we were not able to identify, because these little birds stay high in the canopy and/or move about rapidly.

225. GREY-THROATED SUNBIRD - *Anthreptes griseigularis birgitae*

- 01-03 2 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

This species is now split from Brown-throated Sunbird, following Cheke and Mann in HBW 13, p 247 and has two subspecies: *birgitae* from Luzon and the nominate *griseigularis* from the other islands.

226. PURPLE-THROATED SUNBIRD - *Leptocoma sperata trochilus*

- 21-02 4 Casa Linda, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.
 22-02 c 20 Sabang and St Paul NP, Palawan.
 23-02 c 10-12 Mary's Beach Resort and Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 24-02 c 6 Mary's Beach Resort and Central Ranger Station, St Paul NP, Palawan.
 25-02 2 Casa Linda, Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

This sunbird is now split from Van Hasselt's Sunbird *L. brasiliana*. As a result *sperata* is another endemic sunbird.

227. GARDEN SUNBIRD - *Cinnyris jugularis jugularis*

- 12-02 c 5 Dalwangan, Mindanao.
 16-02 2 Road 1-4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 17-02 c 5 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.
 27-02 c 3 Angat Reservoir, Luzon (ssp *obscurior?*).
 01-03 c 5 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

228. GREY-HOODED SUNBIRD - *Aethopyga primigenia primigenia*

- 11-02 1 Del Monte Lodge, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 12-02 c 5 at the sign near the Lower Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 13-02 c 5 Lower Eagle View Point and Stream Trail, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
 14-02 2-3 near the Del Monte Lodge, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

229. LINA'S SUNBIRD - *Aethopyga linaraborae*

- 18-02 2 (1 male seen and 1 bird only seen in flight which uttered the same flight-call) between the



second and third booster station, Mount Pasian, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

This Mindanao endemic was only first described in 1997. Good identification mark is the small yellow throat-stripe, the red and orange on the breast, green gloss on the forehead and the purplish wings and tail. We had good views of the throat, but did not see a yellow rump as depicted in *A Guide to the Birds of the Philippines* by Kennedy et al (2000). The new identification guide on Sunbirds by Cheke et al (2001) also describes it with yellow on the rump. It is always raining at this place, but the birds we see did not bother and are probably used to this weather.

230. **FLAMING SUNBIRD** - *Aethopyga flagrans*

29-02 4 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

01-03 3 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

231. **METALLIC-WINGED SUNBIRD** - *Aethopyga pulcherrima*

18-02 c 10 Mount Pasian, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

232. **LOVELY SUNBIRD** - *Aethopyga shelleyi*

22-02 4 Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

23-02 c 20 St Paul NP, Palawan.

24-02 c 12 St Paul NP, Palawan.

233. **HANDSOME SUNBIRD** - *Aethopyga bella minuta*

29-02 1 Mt Makiling, Los Baños, Luzon.

Handsome Sunbird is split from Lovely Sunbird following an article by CF Mann in: *Systematic notes on Asian birds. 28. Taxonomic comments on some south-east Asian Members of the family Nectariniidae. Zoologische verhandelungen, Leiden 340: 179-189.*

234. **ORANGE-TUFTED SPIDERHUNTER** - *Arachnothera flammifera*

17-02 2 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

18-02 2 Road 6, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

This species is now split from Little Spiderhunter *A longirostra*, following Cheke & Mann in HBW 13 (Lynx Edicions). It breeds on Samar, Leyte, Bohol and Mindanao.

235. **PALE SPIDERHUNTER** - *Arachnothera dilutior*

23-02 6 St Paul NP, Palawan.

24-02 2 St Paul NP, Palawan.

This is now split from Little Spiderhunter *A longirostra* following Cheke & Mann in HBW 13 (Lynx Edicions). It breeds only Palawan plus probably its satellite islands.

236. **NAKED-FACED SPIDERHUNTER** - *Arachnothera clarae*

13-02 2 Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao (ssp *malindangensis*?).

17-02 2 Road 4, PICOP, Bislig, Mindanao.

237. **CINNAMON IBON** - *Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus*

12-02 c 5 Higher Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

13-02 c 5 Stream Trail, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

14-02 c 5 Stream Trail, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

c 5 Higher Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

238. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** - *Passer montanus*

Very common, especially in towns and other human settlements.



239. **Chestnut Munia** - *Lonchura atricapilla jagori*

11-02	2	Airport of Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao.
16-02	c 50	Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
19-02	c 10	Davao Airport, Mindanao.

240. **RED-EARED PARROTFINCH** - *Erythrura coloria*.

12-02	1	(heard only) 1 st Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
13-02	c 5	(1 seen, more heard) 1 st Bagobo Babbler-site, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.

This Mindanao endemic utters a tiny and soft *siet, siet* and is very difficult to get into view. Most of the time you see only a head or tail and next it is gone! This bird is probably common at borders of clearings.

241. **Eastern Yellow Wagtail** - *Motacilla tschutschensis*

Single birds (ssp *taivana* or *simillima*?) were seen at Mt Kitanglad, on the airstrip at Bislig and in the PICOP-area, Mindanao. Eastern Yellow Wagtail is split from the Western Yellow Wagtail *M flava*.

242. **Grey Wagtail** - *Motacilla cinerea robusta*

Single birds were seen almost daily on every visited island.

243. **Paddyfield Pipit** - *Anthus rufulus*

12-02	1	Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
04-03	c 5	American Cemetery, Manila Luzon.

244. **WHITE-CHEEKED BULLFINCH** - *Pyrrhula leucogenis steerei*

12-02	c 6	(mostly heard, seen badly) near Higher Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
13-02	2	(seen well) Higher Eagle View Point, Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao.
