

Bird trip report to Vietnam

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Introduction

Once in the 2-3 years we have gained enough credits from our wives, girlfriends and children to go on a hard core birding trip abroad. This year, after a fairly legal voting, the choice was on Vietnam. Mostly because we have already been to India, Thailand and Malaysia and expected to score some new species of known families. Besides, Vietnam holds some good endemics birds.

The website of Wildtour Company says: "Vietnam is home to one of the richest but most poorly known avifaunas of any Southeast Asian country, with a number of endemic and near-endemic and highly threatened species found there. As a matter of fact, no other mainland Southeast Asian country can boast as many endemics as Vietnam. Although intense agriculture, population pressures, and the long era of strife in this small country have taken their toll on the native wildlife and habitat, several fine reserves and national parks dot the length of the country and shelter some of Southeast Asia's rarest birds and mammals, including several species new to science. Figures for the total number of bird species recorded in the country range around 870 species. The high bird species richness in Vietnam can be attributed to the wide latitudinal and elevational variation present within the country, which has led to the development of a wide range of habitat types".

There are now considered to be twelve true Vietnamese endemics if we count species found only in Vietnam:

- Annam Partridge *Arborophila merlini*
- Edwards's Pheasant *Lophura edwardsi*
- Orange-breasted Laughingthrush *Garrulax annamensis*
- Collared Laughingthrush *Garrulax yersini*
- Golden-winged Laughingthrush *Garrulax ngoclinhensis*
- Chestnut-eared Laughingthrush *Garrulax konkakinhensis*
- White-throated Wren Babbler *Rimantor pasquieri*
- Pale-throated Wren Babbler *Spelaeornis kinneari*
- Vietnamese Cutia *Cutia legalleni*
- Black-crowned Fulvetta *Alcippe klossi*
- Grey-crowned Crocias *Crocias langbianis*
- Vietnamese Greenfinch *Carduelis monguilloti*

The aim of this report is to share our own experiences of birdwatching in Vietnam. Much has been written in excellent reports you can find on the worldwide web. We especially used the portal www.eurobirding.com for our preparation on the trip. From 25 reports we made a checklist of which species was to be expected in which area we were going to visit. For further information on birding in Vietnam see:

www.vietnambirding.com,

http://www.fatbirder.com/links_geo/asia/vietnam.html,

http://avibase.bsc-eoc.org/links/links.jsp?page=1 asi_vn§ion=reports,

<http://www.worldtwitich.com/vietnam.htm>

Logistics

As we want to spend all our valuable time on birdwatching during our trips, we always arrange a full package deal with a local organisation specialized in birdwatching tours. Late december 2009 we chose to use the service offered by Wildtour Company, led by Nguyen Hoai Bao (Bao). See for more details www.birdwatchingvietnam.net. The deal was made after intense e-mail contact (birdvietnam@gmail.com), with Bao answering our mails very quickly. Because of our limited time, we didn't want to visit both Northern and Southern Vietnam, but only the central and southern

parts of the country, including the well known hotspots Phong Nha, Bach Ma, Lo Xo, Da Lat, Di Linh and Cat Tien.

We had to pay € 1650 for each person, we thought was a fair deal. This included all transport by airconditioned van, two internal flights, all accommodations in hotels, all meals and even drinks and entrance fees. Of course one can travel around, sleep and eat in a cheaper way, but we like it this way so we can fully concentrate on birding.

We booked our flights to Vietnam and back ourselves, with Cathay Pacific. We paid € 836 for a return flight, which took us from Amsterdam Airport to Ho Chi Minh City, with a stop at Hong Kong. Also we arranged our visa in advance, with Het Visumburo in Amsterdam (www.visumburo.nl).

Because of our late booking (less than two months before departure) it was not possible to have Nguyen Hoai Bao (Bao) as our guide during the tour. Since it is said that there are only some good birdwatchers in Vietnam, we were a bit anxious who would be our guides. Bao managed to have mr. Le Quy Minh (Minh) guiding us the first week (Phong Nha, Bach Ma and Lo Xo) with the help of mr. Nguyen Hao Quang (Quang). Minh proved to be an excellent birding guide, knowing the target species very well. He has worked for the Bach Ma National Park for more than 10 years. Minh also was nice company, with a good sense of humor. He used an I-Pod with speakers for play back. In the second week, Quang was our guide, this time accompanied by mr. Nguyen Nhat Truong (Truong). Both are former students of Bao, learning on the job for birdwatching guide. They have done their graduated papers in ornithology and know the Da Lat and Cat Tien area very well. Quang knew the target species and their stake outs and discovered many good species for us. He also was very nice and helpful. For play back he used his mobile phone. He didn't have all relevant sounds and the speaker of the phone wasn't that loud. So we were happy that we brought our own MP3 player with the most important bird sounds, mainly collected from the CD Rom Birds Of Tropical Asia and from the fantastic website www.xeno-canto.org. Truong was obviously the less experienced birdwatcher, but he was of use arranging all sorts of things. We brought one telescope, which was useful in all terrains.

Trip itinerary

- Day 1: Arrival Ho Chi Minh City, Can Gio mangroves
- Day 2: Flight to Dong Hoi, drive to Phong Nha
- Day 3: Birding in Phong Nha
- Day 4: Birding in Phong Nha, drive to Bach Ma in the afternoon
- Day 5: Bach Ma
- Day 6: Bach Ma – Drive to Kham Duc
- Day 7: Birding at Lo Xo – Drive to Da Nang
- Day 8: Flight Da Nang – Nha Trang, drive Nha Trang to Da Lat
- Day 9: Da Lat
- Day 10: Da Lat
- Day 11: Da Lat – drive to Di Linh
- Day 12: Di Linh – drive to Cat Tien
- Day 13: Cat Tien
- Day 14: Cat Tien
- Day 15: Cat Tien
- Day 16: Cat Tien – Ho Chi Minh City – flight home to Amsterdam



Report day by day

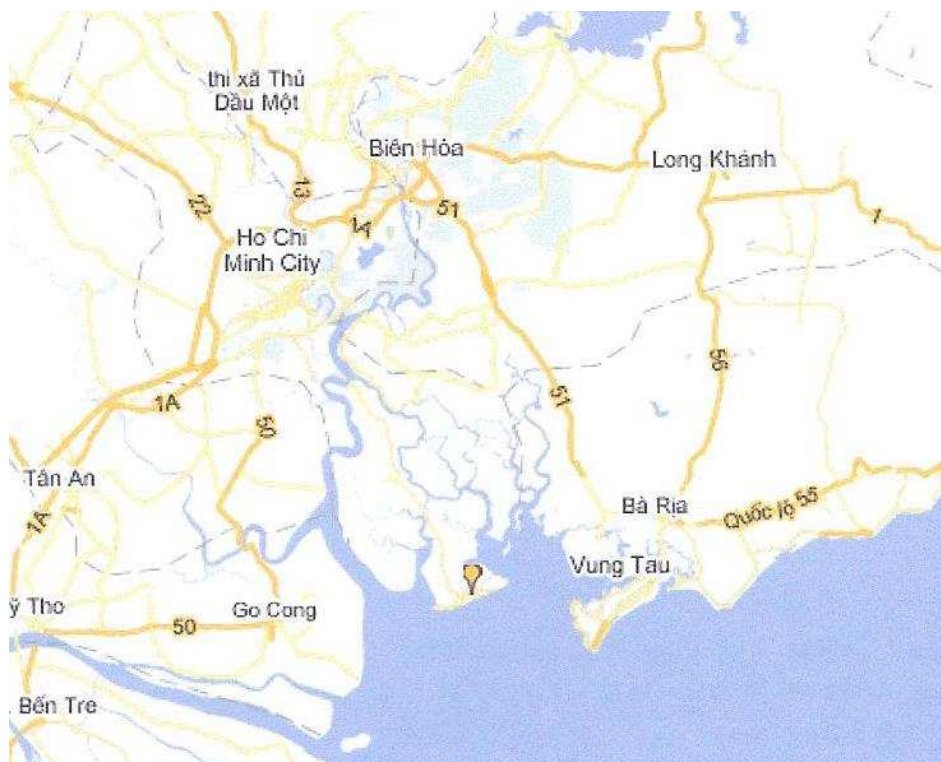
February 19th

After a good flight we arrived at 10.40 AM at the airport of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), where we were picked up by Bao and Quang. Bao is 31 years old and a nice guy to talk with. He took us to the fine Park Royal Hotel, near the airport. We passed lots and lots of motorbikes, with most of the drivers wearing facemasks. It turned out that they outnumber by far cars and vans in Vietnam. The hotel was a very nice and clean business hotel with good rooms. We started with a lunch, our first of many tastful Vietnamese meals, eating with wooden chops. The weather: sunny, warm (32 °C) and humid.

Bao had several suggestions to spend the rest of the day, because our internal flight to Hue was planned next morning. We could choose between a visit at the famous Cu Chi Tunnels (with some regular birds to be expected), a city tour or birdwatching in the Can Gio mangroves, one hour driving from the hotel. This was our only chance to score some coastal waders, so we went for the mangroves. It was a rather long drive, first through the city (so we got our city tour anyway), via a ferry on the Nha Be River, and then on a seemingly endless dirt road passing mangrove woodland on both sides. After quite some time we reached the first salt pans, with some normal (for us Europeans) waders like Kentish Plovers, Little Ringed Plover, Wood Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Greenshank and so on. We continued our way until we arrived at a greater salt pan with some mudflats. These looked more promising with more waders and after a short while Wim discovered two Kentish Plovers. One of the birds had much white on the face. Wim, who prepared himself thoroughly as ever, had read the article on the internet “Malaysia’s mystery plover” by David Bakewell and Peter Kennerly (www.surfbirds.com/Features/plovers1108/malayplovers.html) and put forward the possibility of

“White-faced Plover”, a still undescribed possible new taxon. The bird had indeed more white of his head than the accompanying Kentish Plover and a slightly longer bill. Hans managed to take some distant pictures before the birds flew up. As we searched for it on the mudflat we soon noticed some more birds with whiter faces than the surrounding Kentish Plovers so we thought we lost our minds in the upcoming jetlag. Soon we were distracted by the other birds foraging and flying around, like 4 Long-toed Stints, a nice Broad-billed sandpiper, a Red-necked Stint, some Lesser Sandplovers and even more Greater Sandplovers, Marsh Sandpipers, Black-winged Stilts, Caspian and Whiskered Terns, 4 Oriental Skylarks, Little Cormorants, our only Black-capped Kingfishers, many egrets and our only Scaly-breasted Munias of the trip. Bao and Quang didn’t know the existence of “White-faced Plover” (just like us except Wim) and didn’t pay attention to the birds.

Only when we were back in Holland, the discussion about our possible White-faced Plovers came back when Hans visited Wim a week after our return. Wim showed Hans some pictures of White-faced Plover in the book “Shorebirds of the Northern Hemisphere” by Richard Chambler. That night Hans checked the pictures he made and was struck by the similarity. He mailed the pictures to Wim, who mailed them forward to David Bakewell. David responded soon as follows: “These are certainly White-faced. How many did you see? It would be useful to know the location and date as well, to help us build up a picture of the overall numbers and distribution of this taxon”. We also contacted Max Berlijn who is preparing an article about this (hopefully) new taxon. He pointed out that WF Plover is probably much scarcer than assumed, because there are no sightings between their only known breeding site (Fujian Delta in China) and their wintering sites in southeast Asia. So protection will be an important issue, as the Fujian Delta is threatened. There are not many records in Vietnam so we call up everyone birdwatching in Vietnam to pay special attention to this species and to send records to David Bakewell (digdeep1962@yahoo.com) and Max Berlijn (max.berlijn@ing.com). You can find the right place on Google Maps (type “Can Gio Vietnam”) and scroll southwards on the right hand side of the Saigon River Delta. When zooming in on the satellite map you find the mudflats on the southernmost part of the delta, just above the street name Duyen Hai. See also the maps below:



The mudflats where we saw White-faced Plovers are marked with a yellow arrow



In more detail the place for White-faced Plover, Can Gio

For more information about White-faced Plover, see:
<http://www.thaibirding.com/ornithology/lostplover.htm>
<http://www.thaibirding.com/news/wfplover.htm>



White-faced Plover (left) with Kentish Plover, Can Gio



White-faced Plover, Can Gio

On our way back we made a short stroll on a trail into the silent mangroves, which produced some hear only records of Pied Fantails and Golden-bellied Gerygony and a nice Striated Heron. We heard our first of many Yellow-browed Warblers. After that we returned to Ho Chi Minh City where we had a delicious BBQ dinner buffet in the open air restaurant Lau Nuong. Some nice cold beers of some obscure Russian brand tasted well. At 21.00 PM we were back in the Park Royal Hotel and fell in a deep sleep after a long journey which began yesterday with the departure from Amsterdam.

February 20th

Wake up call at 5.00 AM. With a good packed breakfast (sandwiches, sausages, fruit, water) we left the hotel for the airport, where we said farewell to Bao. Quang joined us and arranged the boarding cards etc. We departed at 7.15 AM in a Boeing of Jetstar Pacific for the flight to Hue, in central Vietnam. Here we landed at 8.20 AM and met Minh and our new driver with his Mercedes van. A 4 hour drive took us to Phong Nha, through open agricultural landscape (sawa's) and woodland (secondary growth), with some common birds like Long-tailed and Brown Shrikes, many egrets, our first Dollarbird, Large-billed Crows. Our best record was a flock of 20 Light-vented Bulbuls and a Chinese Francolin who killed suicide by flying against our car! There are may billboards with socialistic propaganda along the roads. Speed is limited and fines are high for breaking these limits.

At 12.30 PM we arrived in Phong Nha and had an nice lunch in a basic restaurant. Rice, noodles, beef, soup, pork, vegetables, even chips. The dishes were flavored with tasty herbs and had to be eaten with spicy fish sauce and squeezed lime. Jammy!!! The weather here was much cooler than in the southern part of Vietnam: 20 °C and cloudy. We checked in at the Hotel Saigon Phong Nha, quite simple, but OK (cold showers). The hotel was near a river and had view on the beautiful limestone hills, part of the Unesco World Heritage. We had our only Japanese White-eyes of the trip in the hotelgarden!

At 14.30 PM we went birdwatching in the nearby Phong Nha Kebang National Park. An official of the park joined us. Later we heard that this was obligatory. Just a few years ago it was not possible to enter this park and the target species had to be searched for in a kind of rat race in an area for tourists. Birding was difficult this afternoon, because many birds were silent and a soft drizzle started. However it was a good introduction to the birds this park. Best birds were Yellow-vented

Greenpigeon (flying over), a big flock of Oriental Pied Hornbill, Black-throated Laughingthrush (heard only), Orange-bellied Leafbird (heard only), Large Cuckooshrike (heard only), Red-headed Trogon (brief views of 2 birds) and 9 White-winged Magpies flying in the distant. We tried in vain for the rare Red-Collared Woodpecker. One other star bird of this park, the Sooty Babbler, was also heard only, when it responded on the I Pod, but stayed in the cover. We returned at 18.15 PM to the hotel where it soon cooled down. So wearing a fleece we had dinner in the open air. The beer this time was the local brand "333", not bad at all. The night was rather cold, so we slept keeping on our fleeces.



Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park

February 21st

Again we got up at 5.00 AM and had breakfast with fried noodles and strong coffee (quite a combination!). The full day we searched in Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park for our target species: Sooty Babbler and Limestone Leaf-warbler. The day started cloudy and cold, but in the afternoon the sun came and temperature rose to 24 °C. Many butterflies started flying. Birding in this park is very easy. There are some broad tarmac roads going through the half open woodlands (loneley tall trees and secondary growth) and hills. Our telescope was usefull as many birds perched well in the sometimes leafless trees. There is hardly any traffic. Especially in the morning bird activity was high, with many birds being vocal. After 10.00 AM they became more silent and there was no revival in the late afternoon. We had lunch in a very basic cafeteria in the park, near the ecotrail, where Wim saw an Asian Stubtail. We had to wait some time for the food to be prepared, because two still living chickens were brought by a man on a motorbike. The chickens must have been of old age, as their meat in noodle soup was rather tough. The hightlights were a nice male Siamese Fireback in the early morning along the roadside, just behind the entrance, Swinhoe's Minivets, Long-tailed Broadbill, Racket-tailed Treepies, White-winged Magpies, Wedge-tailed Green Pigeons, Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrushes (skulking in low bushes), Sultant Tits, perched Crested Serpent Eagles, a displaying Creste Goshawk, Streaked Wrenbabblers and two Limestone Leaf-warbler seen and heard singing from a distance. This park was the best place for Scarlet Minivet during our trip. But the day was

characterized by our many attempts and failures to see Sooty Babblers. At several places we heard the birds and they responded on the play back, but never came out of the dens undergrowth. We did however had good views of a group of Francois or White-necked Langurs.



Francois Langur



Some nice butterfly

At 18.15 PM we returned to the hotel and had a good dinner in the same restaurant where we had lunch the day before, just 500 meters from the hotel. This time we also tried Hula Beer, but we preferred "333". This evening it was less cold than the night before. We went to bed at 22.15 PM.

February 22nd

We woke up at 5.00 AM again and this time breakfast consisted of two tough baguettes met fried eggs. We birded Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park until 9.30 AM, especially in the productive area 1 kilometer after the second large bridge. It was a bit drizzling and cloudy (19°C).



Crested Goshawk in display flight

Immediately after the second bridge we heard Sooty Babblers calling on a ridge and then several birds came in sight, hopping on the rocks. Wow, at last we succeeded and had good views on these funny birds. Other goodies this morning were: Hill Myna (two in “kale boem” – bare tree), Black-throated Laughingthrush, Bar-bellied Pitta (two calling), Ratchet-tailed Treepies, Indochinese Green Magpie (one seen very briefly), again a nice flock of Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrushes, among many other kind of species.



*Roadside birding In Phong Nha Kebang National Park.
From left to right: Ferdy, Minh, Pim, Quang, Jeroen and Wim*

Crested Serpent Eagle

Back at the hotel we packed our stuff and had a quick look near the river, which produced a Black-eared Kite, an Eastern Stonechat and a well performing Dusky Warbler.

At 10.45 AM we head with our van to Bach Ma National Park, a long drive on mainly the same way back to Hue. We had lunch in Dong Ha at 13.00 PM with nice squid and prawns with ginger and garlic, beef, rice and so on. We also could have snakehead and pigheart, but somehow no one was interested in these local specialities....

On our way we encountered three accidents between cars and motorbikes, sadly we saw this evening on TV that there were three casualties involved. In and near the cities there are incredible many motorbikes and cars have to adapt tho the speed of the motorbikes.

We saw more birds during our drive than expected. In trip reports we had read that the countryside outside the protected areas is empty birdwise. But we had for instance Zitting Cisticolas, Crested Mynas, Siberian Stonechats, Long-tailed and Brown Shrikes, Osprey, Eastern Marsh Harrier and Oriental Honey Buzzard. At 17.00 PM we arrived at the headquarters of Bach Ma National Park. Unfortunately the guesthouse near the summit of Bach Ma mountain in the park was severely damaged by a thunderstorm in October 2009, so we could not overnight over there. Near the summit are the specialities. In stead we had to sleep in the very basic and rather filthy guesthouse with cold water shower at the entrance. In the room of Jeroen and Hans a very large spider was hiding in the bathroom, as well as a big cockroach....



The spider

Before dusk we had a little walk in the park which was not very productive. After dinner (with beer called "Festival"!) we entered the park again and heard and saw some Large-tailed Nightjars in the spotlight of Minh. He discovered two small leeches on his foot. There was a karaoke bar with loud and false singing drunken Vietnamese (it was Tet, New Year), but fortunately this didn't last all night.



Bach Ma National Park

February 23rd

Again we woke up at 5.00 AM. We should have quick breakfast with baguettes and have our lunch in the park, which meant we should carry cooking equipment to prepare noodles. Because of road construction in the park it was not known how far we could drive in our van, so this plan changed and we had noodles breakfast instead. Therefore we only entered the park at 6.15 AM. Meantime Minh and Wim spotted a Orange-headed Thrush near the visitors center. We drove as far as possible and continued walking the way to the summit. In the afternoon the driver picked us up at a higher place, so we didn't have to descend all the way down. All in all, we walked 12 kilometers this day, mainly on the main road, with some sidetrails near the summit. The weather was nice, 28°C and sunny, but not too warm because of a fresh breeze. Birding was slow in the morning, with many birds only heard. Near the summit the avifauna changed and we had some good sightings. However the main target species of the day, Indochinese Wren Babbler, didn't show up, despite many attempts by Minh. He played their song all the time and whistled their call, but none reacted. We had lunch with baguettes, La vache qui rit cheese, eggs, cookies and water in the sadly damaged guesthouse near the summit. Best birds of the day were: Rufous-throated Hill Partridge (only heard in the distance), Orange-flanked Bushrobin (male and female), our only Asian House Martins, Fork-tailed Sunbird, Dusky Crag Martin, Mountain and Black-browed Fulvetta (the latter occurring on lower altitude than Mountain), Grey-crowned Tit, Sultan Tit, White-gorgeted Flycatcher (wow, what a delicate bird!), White-crowned and Slaty-backed Forktail, Golden Babbler, White-browed Shrike Babbler, Large Hawk-Cuckoos, beautiful Black Eagles, Grey-cheeked Warblers, many Chestnut-collared Yuhinas, White-tailed Leaf-warbler (klossi), Indochinese Green Magpie and White-browed Scimitar Babbler. Most numerous was Yellow-browed Warbler with more than 100 birds! Good mammals were Stump-tailed Macaque and Red-shanked Douc-Langur, both far away.



Black Eagle, Bach Ma National Park

At 18.15 PM we returned to the HQ and had a good dinner in the open air. Especially the marinated pork was delicious. The Festival Beer was not as bad as the so called "festival beer" in our own country (watery beer one gets at out door events). It turned out that Ferdy had a leech this day.

February 24th

Today is Ferdy his birthday! As a treat, he rediscovered the Orange-headed Thrush during breakfast. The splendid bird hopped around us before it disappeared. This morning we should visit the lower parts of Bach Ma National Park, but we started in the nearby village to look for Masked Laughing-thrushes because of the fog. We immediately found 4 of these big laughing-thrushes, "grote hufters" as we say in Holland. After this we entered the park where the fog blew away and the sun began to shine and heaten up the woodlands. We walked the Pheasant Trail hoping for Silver Pheasant which didn't show up, neither did Crested Argus. We heard Blue-rumped Pitta at the beginning of the trail not far away, but we couldn't get the bird in our bins. We heard Blue-throated Flycatcher, but also this bird was elusive. Our mood deteriorated furthermore when Minh twice saw the same male Japanese Thush in front of him on the trail. We only heard a thin whistle, which belonged to either Japanese or Orange-headed Thrush. However we heard our only Annam Hill Partridges, and saw at last two fine Rufous-tailed Robins, 3 Buff-breasted Babblers and a obliging White-browed Piculet.

At 12.00 AM we left for Kham Duc, some way to the south. We had lunch in a restaurant near a big lake. There were large bottles stuffed with cobra, lizards and even a smal dog. For consumption or decoration? Well, the food was nice although the fried fish was a bit dry. We continued our way and stopped around 16.00 PM along the river Dak Min to look for some birds. This was a good stop with our only Rufous-bellied Eagle of the trip, a perched juvenile Grey-faced Buzzard, our first Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters, a sighting of a calling Plaintative Cuckoo, Asian Koel calling and Black-collared Starlings among others. Back in the van we got an amazing message via sms from Holland that Sven Kramer was disqualified on the 10 KM speedskating in the Winterolympics in Vancouver....We arrived in Kham Duc at 18.00 PM and checked in at the Kham Duc Hotel. Our rooms were in a big bungalow and they were big, quite luxurious and clean with at last a hot shower and a minibar with iccold beer! Before our room a female Blue Rock-thrush sat on a roof. This night we had dinner in a restaurant where the food was already served before we entered the dining room (sometimes Minh and Quang ordered



River Dak Min

the food and sometimes we did, but this time apparently the food was prepared right after Minh made the reservation!). Beer was this time Red Saigon Beer, which was rather good. We celebrated Ferdy his birthday before our bungalow with the ingredients of the several minibars. It was a warm evening.

February 25th

Up at 5.00 AM and with packed breakfast we drove in the dark to the famous Lo Xo pass (1200 m), known as the place to spot Black-crowned Barwing, a species only discovered in 1996. We arrived at 6.30 AM and had breakfast (baguettes, cheese, eggs, fruit) in a small agricultural field. It was a bit windy and cold so most of us wore long trousers. Except Pim, who was severely bitten by some kind of fly, which turned his bare legs into a moon landscape. The Barwings responded well to the tape and a pair flew in and displayed at short distance. Wow, what a good start of the day! We birded along an unpaved road which wound through small scale agricultural fields and plantations and nice woodland, until 15.15 PM. This was one of our best days birdwise, as –apart from the barwings- we saw Flavescent Bulbul, our only Mountain Hawk Eagle of the trip, Asian Emerald Cuckoo (high up in a kale boom), Rufous-backed Sibia, Lesser Shortwing (4 only heard singing), Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Black-chinned Yuhina, Silver-eared Mesia's, Two-barred Greenish Warbler, 5 Silver-breasted Broadbills just above us, Yellow-cheeked Tit, Crested Argus (calling once, fortunately all of us heard the bird), Yellow-billed Nuthatch (one briefly seen not by all of us; our only bird of the trip) and Red-tailed Minla (same story). Golden-throated Barbet was numerous. Pim was the only lucky bastard who spotted Coral-billed Scimitar-babbler. As in Bach Ma, Yellow-browed Warbler was very numerous. Hans had problems with his stomach all day.

Satisfied we drove to Da Nang, the third city of Vietnam, where we arrived at 19.00 PM in our nearly decadent Sandy Beach Resort, a big and very good hotel (4 stars) with a big garden at the seaside.

We said goodbye to Minh and the driver Khan, after giving them a good tip and thanking them for good guidance and driving. So now Quang was fully in charge. After a nice shower we had dinner in the



Lo Xo pass

open air. Although we all liked the Vietnamese food very well, this was our chance to choose something else. So instead of beef noodles, we got sirloin steak, pizza, T bone steak and so on. We were “entertained” by two female singers in hot pants and high boots playing backing western songs. Which was rather pathetic. An unexpected addition to our trip list was a calling Indian Nightjar in the garden of the hotel. It was a warm night, so some of us were unlucky because the airco in their room didn’t function.

February 26th

This day is Pim’s birthday. We had a long night, because we rose at 5.45 AM. That is, some of us who made the right decision to go out of bed to inspect the garden of the hotel. So Wim, Pim and Hans birded until breakfast at 7.00 AM and added Rufescent Prinia, a female Japanese Thrush on the lawn, Cinnamon Bittern flying by, Sooty-headed Bulbul, great Tit, White-shouldered Starling, very nice Dusky Warblers, Grey-capped Greenfinch and Black-throated Sunbird to mention only the highlights. They met Quang, who discovered a nice Collared Scops Owl in the bamboo near the hotel. He also had some Plain-backed Sparrows, the only species during this trip that we didn’t and the guide did record. We left the hotel at 8.00 AM in a van of the Sandy Beach Resort for the airport of Danang. It was warm and sunny (30°C). We took off at 9.40 AM for a short flight to Na Thrang with Vietnam Airlines. We landed here at 10.25 AM where we met our driver of day 1 (Ho Chi Minh City). Because he looked like Charles Bronson we used to call him Charly. Now we were in southern Vietnam again. We had a long drive to Da Lat, partly due to many road constructions. This day millions of butterflies migrated.



Hans and Ferdy enjoying a good lunch

We had an excellent lunch at 13.30 PM with well fried thick chips (we call them Vlaamse frieten), rice, sweet and sour pork, beef, fried shrimps, salad and stuffed omelette. From the van we saw Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Dollardbird, Indian Roller and many egrets. In a hilly area we had our first Striated Swallows and a nice Blue Rock Thrush of the subspecies philippensis (red belly). We birded along the main road in Bi Doup Nai Ba National Park, in search for Blyth's Kingfisher (in vain). We only had two Common Kingfishers, but also Annam Barbet, Mrs Gould's Sunbird (splendid male), 4 Slaty-backed Forktails, Grey-faced Buzzard and a Large-tailed Nightjar flying in the dusk. We reached Da Lat, a nice big town with French influences, at 18.50 PM and checked in the HAGL Resort. A very good hotel with spacious, clean rooms and very nice bathrooms. Very good beds. During dinner (good food with Tiger Beer) we met Truong, who was going to assist Quang in guiding us.



HAGL Resort, Da Lat

February 27th

Wake up call was set on 5.00 AM again. The employees of the hotel were still preparing breakfast when we arrived. It was a buffet with toast, jam, spaghetti (!!), sausages, bacon, coffee, orange jus

and so on. We left at 6.00 AM (maybe a bit too late because of the late breakfast) to the famous Ta Nung Valley, only 25 minutes drive from the hotel. This is a small valley with some patches of pine forest, bamboo, tall grass, bushes, small watercourses and a nice part with tropical forest. This is the place to do the Grey-crowned Grocias and some other Da Lat specialities. But we didn't have much luck this morning, despite the fact that we saw many of the more common species. We only heard the Grocias once responding on the tape (played by Hans with his Radio Shack speaker, which was way louder than the mobile phone of Quang). We met birding guide Richard Craik and his group who had Vietnamese Cutia and Orange-breasted Laughingthrush this morning. We saw however a nice group of White-cheeked laughingthrushes and some wonderful Black-hooded Laughingthrushes, some Red-vented Barbets, Mountain Bulbul, 4 Grey-throated Babblers, splendid Black-throated Sunbirds, a Large Niltava, heard twice a Pygmy Wren-babbler at the beginning of the trail in the tropical forest and a Chestnut-crowned Warbler. A male Siberian Robin jumped from the trail before giving good views. There were many Annam Barbets calling, echoing in the valley.

Back in the hotel we had our first Burmese Shrikes and Slender-billed Orioles in the garden. According to Quang this was also a good place for Plain-backed Sparrows, but we only saw the usual Tree Sparrows (including an aberrant individual, looking a bit like a Plain-backed). The weather was fine with sun and 27 °C. After lunch we drove at 14.00 AM to Lake Ho Tuyen Lam. This big lake is surrounded by pine forest and a good place for some (other) Da Lat specialities. But again luck wasn't at our side. When walking a trail to a good part of the forest two woodcutters told Quang and Truong that we were not allowed to continue. Our guides didn't decided to return, as they were afraid to get in trouble. Later this afternoon we met Richard Craik again who suggested that those men were on their way to cut wood illegally. Anyway Quang and Truong didn't have a plan B so we chose some trails at random. At last we saw Chestnut-vented Nuthatch (but no Yellow-billed or Cutia), many Slender-billed Orioles, Grey Bushchat, many Burmese Shrikes, a pair of Red Crossbill showing well, again a good flock of White-cheeked Laughingthrushes and Eurasian Jays of the subspecies leucotis.

Back at the hotel we had a beer from the minibar and discussed our tactics for the coming days. We decided to read our tripreports well to know ourselves the several places for the wanted species and to talk this over with Quang. Dinner was excellent for instance very good pork with ginger, shrimps with shi-take, beef with sugarsnaps. Much garlic and coriander. Very tasty, so were the several Tiger Beers.



Burmese Shrikes, Ho Tuyen Lam



Lake Ho Tuyen Lam

February 28th

This time we had a quick breakfast at 5.15 AM so we headed for Mount Lang Bian at 5.45 AM. After half an hour we reached the entrance and turned over to a jeep (which is obligatory). We were dropped at the start of Trail D, which is the trail every birder takes. But Quang knew this as well, so we considered the events of the afternoon before as an incident. The trail goes to the summit of the mountain through rather open pine forest and after some while (after passing a gully) tropical forest. The weather was exceptional: sun, 26 °C, little breeze. Today our luck changed somewhat, although we couldn't find Vietnamese Cutia. The star bird however was the Collared Laughingthrush. With much patience and some play back we managed to attract some of this beautiful birds, just behind the gully, but none came in very close. Only one bird showed some parts of this body: black head, silver cheeks and redbrown breast. Too bad Pim didn't succeed in seeing this bird. Other good records involved Little Pied Flycatcher, Rufous-capped Babbler, Grey-bellied Tesia (only heard), Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Blyth's Leaf Warbler, Mountain Tailorbird, Pygmy Wren Babbler (only heard responding on tape). Wim was the lucky bastard who saw the only Black-crowned Fulvetta of the trip.



Looking for Collared Laughingthrush

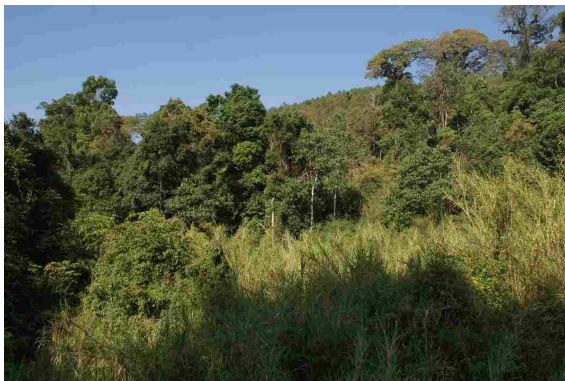


View from Mount Lang Bian

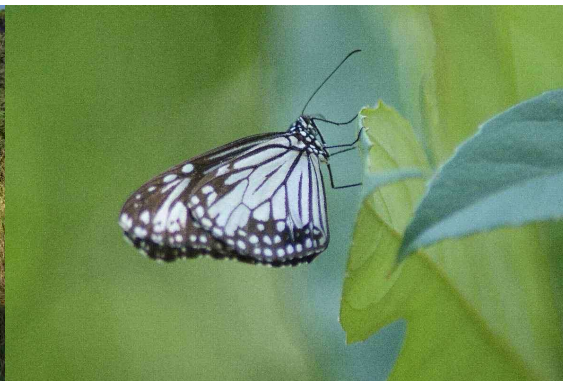
We had an early lunch at 11.00 AM in the forest with white bread, boiled eggs, bananas. We were picked up by a jeep at the start of trail D again. The afternoon we spent at another side of Ho Tuyen Lam. Here we walked through a lovely old pineforest in search of the elusive Cutia. But we failed againalthough Quang worked hard and we checked every tree we only found many Chestnut-vented Nuthatches. We had our first good sightings of Vietnamese Greenfinches, a splendid male Mugimaki Flycatcher, some Large Wood-shrikes, a White-browed Scimitar Babbler, and Ferdy and Jeroen saw an Collared Owlet. We returned to the hotel, where we had good dinner at 19.30 PM. Tired as we were, we went to bed early.

March 1st

At 5.00 AM the alarm bells woke us. Today the plan was to bird Ta Nung again and to drive to Di Linh. We were delayed because the ATM next to the hotel refused to return the pin card of Pim. We left Truong behind so he could sort things out. Ta Nung was very good this morning; it is amazing to see and hear so many (different kinds of) birds. There were flocks of Black Bulbuls and Red-whiskered Bulbuls and tens of Annam Barbets were calling from the top of kale boems. White-tailed Leaf-warbler were singing and showing well. But the highlights were two single Grey-crowned Gocias which gave good views, two Radde's Warblers in the open field, prolonged views of an immature Siberian Robin feeding on the trail, our only Black-crowned Parrotbills of the trip, no less than 5 calling Pygmy Wren Babbler and one perching on a rock, an Indochinese Green Magpie (again seen in a split second), a female Chestnut-fronted Shrike-babbler, a calling Collared Owlet, a Pale-legged Leaf warbler, very nice White-throated Rock Thrush in the pines near the entrance. And last but not least: we heard the beautiful song of Orange-breasted Laughingthrush in the patch of tropical forest. This bird proved to be a very skulking one, but most of us did see some parts of the bird moving through thick bushes. But we left the Da Lat area without Cutia, so our last chance would be Di Linh....



Ta Nung Valley



Nice butterfly

We continued with our van to Di Linh at 11.00 AM, with Truong who recaptured the card of Pim. The weather was very good, sunny and not too hot. The landscape was rather boring and there were just a few birds along the road (or were we all sleeping?). At 13.00 PM we arrived in Di Linh, a small town. We had lunch in a very disappealing restaurant, but the food was OK. We checked in at the hotel (name forgotten), which was simple but good enough. The rest of the day we birded along the main road (between km 75 and 76) and a side trail of the Deo Nui San pass, in remainings of good tropical forest. Birding was sometimes slow, but we had some nice Orange-billed Scimitar Babbler, Grey-throated Babbler, two Velvet-fronted Nuthatches and many of the species we have seen before (no Cutia). In the evening we went to a restaurant with our van where we were the only customers. The food was not so good this time, tough beef, rather uncooked chips and vegetables. Our first beer (Tiger) was cold, the second (333) not ☹️. We had a voting for our next destination, in 2-3 years from now. Brazil won; Pantanal eat year heart out! Back in the hotel it was rather noisy inside with noisy people, but we had a good rest anyway.

March 2nd

We already got up at 4.45 AM and took breakfast with us to Deo Nui San pass again. Here we had breakfast at the much described teastall, in fact a very basic roadside shop. Apparently it was no problem to eat our own stuff, as we ordered strong Vietnamese coffee from the shop. We first birded the main road between KM 76 en KM 78, which was good with numerous birds, but nothing special. At 7.30 AM we took the trail up behind the teastall through beautiful tropical forest, although logging goes on. The trail follows more or less a little watercourse. We crossed this and continued for some 500 meters till a wide logging track. We heard one of our targets, Blue Pitta, before and after this crossing. There was also a skulking Orange-breasted Laughingthrush which gave brief views. This was the place where we had our first Black-headed Sibias. At distance their calls resembled a bit like a calling Green Cochoa. We did however dipped on that most wanted species.....Other species worth mentioning were many White-cheeked Laughingthrush again (we never thought seeing this species was that easy), our first Green-billed Malkohas, a Long-tailed Broadbill giving extended views, a nice White-browed Scimitar Babbler, a magnificent Speckled Piculet, a Streaked Wren-babbler posing on a rock for some time, our only Oriental White-eyes and our first Vernal Hanging Parrot. Blue-eared Barbet was present in large numbers. We ended at some pines along the mainroad in a desperate last attempt for Vietnamese Cutia, but what we never expected became the harsh truth: we should leave Vietnam without a Cutia!!! We haven't read in any report of people dipping on this species.



Breakfast at the teastall, Deo Nui San

We returned in the hotel in Di Linh at 11.00 AM and packed our luggage. We left for our last destination, the world famous Cat Tien National Park. On the way we had lunch in Bao Loc, a town with some colorful temples and churches (surprisingly there are many churches in Vietnam). For the first time we ate together, with Quang, Truong and "Charly" because there were not enough free seats. At all other occasions, our Vietnamese friends were sitting separately. After lunch we were taken to a chic coffee house where we got free coffee or tea, in the expectation that we bought some coffee or tea. Some of us couldn't resist the temptation (and learned that at the airport the same products were half as cheap). At 16.15 PM we reached the crossing of the river Dong Nai to the entrance of Cat Tien. It is very hot here with no wind. At the other side of the river the head-quarters are situated, with two restaurants and bungalows. The rooms have airco (although not working very well) and mosquito nets. It is rather basic, but OK. At the end of the afternoon we had a little stroll around the headquarters which produced for instance Pied Kingfisher, Olive-backed Sunbird, Green-

eared Barbet, Golden-fronted Leafbirds, a Long-tailed Macaque, Asian Palm Swift, Thick-billed Green Pigeon, Silver-backed needletails, Red-breasted Parakeet, Greater Flameback, a calling Scaly-breasted Partridge, a Laced Woodpecker in the scope, and at dusk some Great-eared Nightjars calling and flying around with a Large-tailed Nightjar. It was a nice acquaintance to the typical birds of the exceptional rich national park.

At 19.30 PM we had dinner in the biggest restaurant, with enormous paintings of the birds and mammals of the park. The food was good: nice chips (this western dish is served everywhere next to Vietnamese food), rice, fried rice with beef, omelette, crumbed shrimps, fried fillet of chicken, pork with vegetables. We were very happy to find out that in this hot and humid jungle icecold beer (333) is available. At night the temperature was still high. We went to bed at 22.15 PM.

March 3rd

Breakfast was served at 5.30 AM, a baguette with omelette and strong coffee. We started birding at 6.00 AM by walking the main road in western direction. Through half open woodland, bamboo stands and high scrub. From the other side of the river we heard annoying propaganda from loud speakers. It was clouded, 27°C. Later this day the sun came and temperature climbed. At the end of the morning we walked a part of the Lagerstroemia Trail and Uncle Dong trail. The jungle here is impressive with many tall trees with man high roots. It seems that many trees survived the napalm of the war, but there was sometimes surprisingly little undergrowth (which made birding easier because of the better sight. Back at the headquarters we visited the refuge for 6 Asian Black Bears that were taken into care.

Birding was good. Right after breakfast we scoped an Asian Barred Owlet and along the mainroad we saw among many others a Rufous Woodpecker in the bamboo, Black-naped and Black Hooded Oriole, Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, Pompadour or Ashy-headed Green Pigeon, Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker, Crimson Sunbird, Abbotts Babbler, Lineated Barbet, Shikra, Black-naped Oriole, a nice Scaly-crowned Babbler, a splendid Dusky Warbler, a foraging Pale-legged Leaf Warbler, Brown-throated Sunbird, Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, Green Imperial Pigeon, Purple-naped Sunbird and Grey-faced Tit Babbler. Star of the morning was an very cooperative male Blue-rumped Pitta. We also heard the characteristic call of Germain's Peacock Pheasant.

We had lunch at 12.00 AM (try the spring rolls when you are there; they are delicious). Because of the heat and low bird activity we had siesta until 15.15 PM. During this, we saw our first Purple-throated or Van Hasselt's Sunbird and some Asian Brown Flycatchers in front of our bungalows. The afternoon a jeep took us to the so called grasslands, an open area with (indeed) grass, reed, bushes and pools. There is an old watchtower (be carefull) from which we saw a distant Green Peafowl, 4 Wooly-necked Storks, 7 Lesser Adjutants, a Red Muntjac and a Wild Boar. Furthermore we recorded Red-wattled Lapwings, many Red-collared Doves, Lesser Coucal, a nicely perched Cinnamon Bittern, Dusky Warbler, Zitting Cisticola, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Purple Heron, Black-shouldered Kite. We had great fun with a Lanceolated Warbler which we surrounded giving us the opportunity to watch this mostly wanted species in Holland at very short distance. Finally it gave Jeroen a panna, as it flew away between his muscular legs.

We were back at the bungalows at 18.30 PM and had dinner in the big restaurant. After this we mounted the pick-up jeep again for a night drive, along the same road as this afternoon (because the grasslands are more open so wildlife is spotted easier). It was a short and fast drive (50 minutes) which yielded an Oriental Scops Owl in a tree near the road and some Red Muntjacs, Hog Deer and (or?) Sambar.



Blue rumped Pitta



Wim, Truong, Quang and Jeroen at the grasslands, Cat Tien

March 4th

We woke up at 5.00 AM. This day we would go to the famous Crocodile Lake, but we heard that there was no jeep available and we couldn't leave before 7.30 AM. Fortunately Quang could make some deal and suddenly we got an early jeep. So at 6.20 AM we drove away, the 12 km way to the Bau Sau Trail, which leads to the lake. On our way we saw 3 Black-and-red Broadbills and a Heart-spotted Woodpecker. It is important to start early, because of the pheasants which seem to prefer this trail. We slowly walked this nice trail through good tropical forest. And that rail lived up to his reputation. We saw 2 males Blue-rumped Pittas very well (and heard another one). We had good views of a calling Germain's Peacock Pheasant and saw another bird walking away (and heard 4 more birds). The splendid Bar-bellied Pitta was obviously present with prolonged sightings of a male and 3 females, hopping on or near the trail. Besides we heard 6 other individuals calling. There were also 5

Scaly-breasted Partridges, 2 were seen rather well (and 3 calling). A female Siamese Fireback was very shy and run away before giving good views. Furthermore we heard 4 Banded Broadbills (but saw none), we saw a female Siberian Robin and many more (see list). At 10.00 Am we reached the lake and were seated on a platform overlooking the lake. It was relaxed birding, sitting and scanning the lake and the banks, having lunch at the platform, taking a powernap and walking a short distance along the lake. It was too hot to move much. Birding was good, with lots of new trip species as this was a habitat that we didn't visit before. We saw among others juvenile Pheasant-tailed Jacana, many Bronze-winged Jacanas, Purple Swampheens, Ospreys, Asian Golden Weavers, 6 Yellow Bitterns in the reed, Rufescent and Plain Prinias, Black-browed Reed-warblers, many Lesser Whistling Ducks, Paddyfield Pipits, our only certain Intermediate Egret of the trip (but probably overlooked elsewhere), a male Eastern yellow Wagtail, some soaring Lesser Adjutants, 1 Grey-headed Lapwing, Black-winged Stilts, a nice Richards Pipit, and a gliding Great Hornbill in 2 seconds (only by Hans). On our way back on the Bau Sau Trail, we added Thick-billed Flowerpecker, Golden-crested Mynah and an Emerald Dove. It was our initial plan to come back this night for Blyth's Frogmouth, which can be heard and sometimes seen at the start of the trail. We arrived at 16.45 AM at this part of the trail and we tried once by playing the atrocious call of this species. Much to our surprise we got answer twice, but the bird didn't show up (you can't blame him for that). When we waited for our jeep we were lucky to spot some Black-shanked Douc Langurs.



Crocodile Lake

Back at the Headquarters, Wim and Hans took an iccold beer (333) which was unanimously chosen to be one of the best "beermoments" ever. The day was very hot and we were dehydrated. We decided to have dinner in the other, more cosy restaurant witch thatched roof. Sadly enough they only had cool, but not iccold beer. The food however was OK, especially the chicken with lemongrass. Because of the warmth we didn't go to bed that early (23.00 PM).

Macrh 5th

Our last full birding day in Vietnam. We had another typical breakfast of fried noodles, vegetables, pork and strong coffee. A jeep took us to the start of the Heaven's Rapid Trail, named after the little rapids in the river. Just before the trail, Wim spotted a Black Baza perched in a tree. We were all able to have good scope-views of this beautiful raptor. The trail itself is a wide dirt road through nice open woodland, providing good view on the trees. Birding was excellent this morning, despite the heat (30 °C at 9.00 AM). We had Spangled Drongo, Green-headed Woodpecker, Heart-spotted Woodpeckers,

a splendid pair of Banded Kingfishers (next to the bamboo stand near the rapids in the river), Banded Broadbills (one seen, several heard), Emerald Doves, finally a good sighting of a male Orange-breasted Trogon (after having heard some birds before), a magnificent male Violet Cuckoo, some Oriental Pratincoles hawking above us with many Silver-backed Needletails, 3 Great Slaty Woodpeckers calling and flying away from us, some 10 Lesser Yellownapes, Common Flameback, Greater Flameback, Grey-eyed Bulbul, a nice Black-and-buff Woodpecker, Puff-throated Babbler, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Asian Paradise-Flycatcher, White-browed Piculet, our only Yellow-bellied Warbler (in bamboo), a perched Shikra and many other species. Back at the headquarters 2 Radde's Warblers were hopping at a little wall. We had lunch at 12.00 AM and talked to two Belgian birdwatchers (Hans and Billy). After another good powernappy we drove with a jeep to the grasslands area again and walked all the way back. We had many of the familiar species, but with a little help of our southern neighbours we added a nice Chestnut-capped Babbler in bush along a pool, Yellow-bellied Prinia and 2 Oriental Reed Warblers.

We were back at 17.45 PM. After a nice dinner in the biggest restaurant we had a little walk on the mainroad for spotlighting. We saw nothing, although Truong was shining with the flashlight in a very enthusiastic way. However we heard Brown Boobook (Hawk Owl). After this we had some Tiger beers in the cosy restaurant. After all it was our so called "bonte avond" (pied night which is probably a very bad translation). Any way it's a custom "to put the flowers outside" (party) at the last night of the holiday and this surely happened. When having our beers, we heard music and singing coming from the central field in the headquarters. Jeroen was a little irritated, because he feared a restless night. Wim, Pim and Hans however decided to have a look at distance and watched amused a party of Vietnamese sitting in a big circle singing in hand microphones, accompanied by keyboard and electric guitar and eating and drinking. After some time, they discovered us and invited us with a beer (Heineken!) to join them. We were treated as special guests and all the people laughed at us and made pictures. We got several drinks and snacks and they explained to us that they all were police-officers (!) having fun in the weekend. We couldn't refuse to sing a typical Dutch song for them, so we performed "Zie de maan schijnt door de bomen", "Zie ginds komt de stoomboot" and "Sinter Maarten mik mak", all Dutch classics. After this Wim thanked the hospitable people and ended by greeting Jeroen loudly in the microphone. We drank a lot of water to avoid a hangover the last morning. At 24.00 PM we went to bed.

March 6th

Woke up at 5.00 AM, so it was a short night. Last destination was Dac Lua, a small agricultural village just outside the park, known for Pale-headed Woodpecker and Orange-necked Partridge (which we both missed at the bamboo stand at Heaven's Rapid Trail). At 6.15 AM we arrived at Dac Lua and taped the partridge without success. We birded a trail through the bamboo which produced new trip species like Tickell's Blue Flycatcher and Spot-throated Babbler. We also heard Asian Koel, not common during this holiday. In a little valley we tried for Pale-headed Woodpecker (information provided by Hans and Billy), but we only got distant response when we played the call. Three times a little woodpecker crossed the valley undetermined. We spent a lot of time trying to see a group of calling Large Scimitar Babbler, but the birds managed to be kept unseen at just some meters. Surprisingly we had our first Little Spiderhunters right now (and not earlier as expected). In a garden in the village a Taiga Flycatcher was rather tame. On our way back we saw 2 nice pairs of Siamese Firebacks, near the Bau Sau Trail and our only Forest Wagtail.

At 10.00 AM we arrived at our bungalows, packed our stuff and asked for an early lunch, so we could drive straight away to Ho Chi Minh City. We reached this city at 14.00 PM and visited a great market to buy some souvenirs. At the airport we said goodbye to Quang and Thruong and flew back to Holland, via Hong Kong.

We were all very satisfied about this trip. Although birding is not always easy in Vietnam and a guide is recommended, it is a great country for birdwatching, in a fine landscape, with very nice people, good food and perfect weather.

In total we recorded **345 species**, including only heard records (H)

Chinese Francolin/*Francolinus pintadeanus phayrei*

1 between Hue and Phong Nha 20-02
Splashed, too bad!

Rufous-throated Hill-Partridge/*Arborophila rufogularis guttata*

1H Bach Ma, main road 23-02

Annam Hill-Partridge/*Arborophila merlini vivida*

3H Bach Ma, Pheasant Trail 24-02

Scaly-breasted Hill-Partridge/*Arborophila chloropus cognacqi*

1 Cat Tien 02-03
3 Cat Tien 03-03
5 Cat Tien 04-03
2 Cat Tien 05-03

Red Junglefowl/*Gallus gallus gallus*

11 Phong Nha 21-02
4 Phong Nha 22-02
2 Bach Ma 22-02
3 between Bach Ma and Kham Duc 24-02
3 Cat Tien 03-03
c.10 Cat Tien 04-03
6 Cat Tien 05-03
5 Cat Tien 06-03

Siamese Fireback/*Lophura diardi*

1 m Phong Nha 21-02
1 f Cat Tien, trail to Croc Lake 04-03
2 mf Cat Tien, along the main trail 06-03

Germain's Peacock-Pheasant/*Polyplectron germaini*

1H Cat Tien 03-03
6 (4H) Cat Tien 04-03

Crested Argus/*Rheinardia ocellata ocellata*

1H Lo Xo 25-02

Green Peafowl/*Pavo muticus imperator*

1 Cat Tien, Grasslands 03-03

Little Grebe/*Tachybaptus ruficollis poggei*

c.10 Ho Tuyen Lam 27-02
8 Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02

Little Cormorant/*Phalacrocorax niger*

50+	Can Gio	19-02
Grey Heron/Ardea cinerea jouyi		
3	Can Gio	19-02
1	Da Nang	26-02
Purple Heron/Ardea purpurea manilensis		
2	Cat Tien	03-03
8	Cat Tien	04-03
Great Egret/Casmerodius albus modesta		
Locally fairly common.		
Intermediate Egret/Mesophoyx intermedia intermedia		
1	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
Surely overlooked.		
Little Egret/Egretta garzetta garzetta		
Common, up to many hundreds a day.		
Chinese Pond-Heron/Ardeola bacchus		
Fairly common.		
(Eastern) Cattle Egret/Bubulcus ibis coromandus		
Locally common.		
Striated Heron/Butorides striata javanicus		
1	Can Gio	19-02
1	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
1	Cat Tien	05-03
Yellow Bittern/Ixobrychus sinensis		
6	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
Cinnamon Bittern/Ixobrychus cinnamomeus		
1	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
3	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03
2	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
Wooly-necked Stork/Ciconia episcopus episcopus		
4	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03
2	Cat Tien, Grasslands	05-03
Lesser Adjutant/Leptoptilos javanicus		
7	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03
3	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
2	Cat Tien, Grasslands	05-03
Lesser Whistling-Duck/Dendrocygna javanica		
94	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03

Osprey/Pandion haliaetus haliaetus

1	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
2	Cat Tien	03-03
3	Cat Tien	04-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03
1	Cat Tien	06-03

Black Baza/Aviceda leuphotes syama

1	Cat Tien – Heaven's Rapid	05-03
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A perched bird in the early morning.

Oriental Honey-Buzzard/Pernis ptilorhyncus orientalis

1	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
1	Ta Nung	27-02

Black-shouldered Kite/Elanus caeruleus vociferus

3	Can Gio	19-02
2	tussen Hue en Phong Nha	20-02
1	Di Linh	01-03
1	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03
1	tussen Cat Tien en Saigon	06-03

Black Kite/Milvus migrans lineatus (Black-eared Kite)

1	Phong Nha	22-02
2	tussen Phong Nha en Hue	22-02

Crested Serpent Eagle/Spilornis cheela ricketti

2	Phong Nha	20-02
6	Phong Nha	21-02
1	Ta Nung	01-03

Eastern Marsh-Harrier/Circus spilonotus spilonotus

1 imm m.	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02

Crested Goshawk/Accipiter trivirgatus indicus

4	Phong Nha	21-02
1	Bach Ma	24-02
3	Lo Xo	25-02
1	Cat Tien	05-03

Shikra/Accipiter badius poliopsis

1	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03

(*) Besra/Japanese Sparrowhawk (Accipiter virgatus/Accipiter gularis)

1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
1	Cat Tien	03-03

Grey-faced Buzzard/Butastur indicus

2	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	22-02
1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	24-02

Black Eagle/Ictinaetus malayensis malayensis

c.5	Bach Ma	23-02
3	Lo Xo	25-02
5	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02

Rufous-bellied Eagle/Lophotriorchis kienerii formosus

1	Dak Min, between Bach Ma & Kham Duc	24-02
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Mountain Hawk-Eagle/Nisaetus nipalensis nipalensis

1	Lo Xo	25-02
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White-breasted Waterhen/Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus

1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
2	Cat Tien	03-03
7	Cat Tien	04-03

Purple Swamphen/Porphyrio porphyrio viridis

c.20	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Pheasant-tailed Jacana/Hydrophasianus chirurgus

2	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Bronze-winged Jacana/Metopidius indicus

c.15	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Black-winged Stilt/Himantopus himantopus himantopus

3	Can Gio	19-02
3	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03

Oriental Pratincole/Glareola maldivarum

9	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid	05-03
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Nine birds hawking with a flock of SB Needletails.

Grey-headed Lapwing/Vanellus cinereus

1	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Red-wattled Lapwing/Vanellus indicus atronuchalis

H	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	25-02
H	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
5	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	04-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Greater Sand Plover/Charadrius leschenaultii leschenaultii

c.15	Can Gio	19-02
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Lesser Sand Plover/Charadrius mongolus (mongolus/stegmanni)

7	Can Gio	19-02
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Little Ringed Plover/Charadrius dubius (curonicus/jerdoni)

c.15	Can Gio	19-02
c.5	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
2	Cat Tien	04-03

Kentish Plover/Charadrius alexandrinus alexandrinus

c.12	Can Gio	19-02
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“White-faced Plover”/Charadrius dealbatus

min. 3	Can Gio	19-02
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Apparantly a new wintering area for this “species”!

Grey Plover/Pluvialis squatarola

4	Can Gio	19-02
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Black-tailed Godwit/Limosa limosa melanuroides

5	Can Gio	19-02
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Whimbrel/Numenius phaeopus variegatus

1	Can Gio	19-02
2	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02

Common Snipe/Gallinago gallinago gallinago

1	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Common Sandpiper/Actitis hypoleucos

1	Can Gio	19-02
1	Cat Tien	02-03

Green Sandpiper/Tringa ochropus

1	Can Gio	19-02
1	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
2	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03

Wood Sandpiper/Tringa glareola

2	Can Gio	19-02
2	Cat Tien	04-03

Common Redshank/Tringa totanus terrignotae

c.15	Can Gio	19-02
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Spotted Redshank/Tringa erythropus

15	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Common Greenshank/Tringa nebularia

6	Can Gio	19-02
1	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03

Marsh Sandpiper/Tringa stagnatilis

2	Can Gio	19-02
Red-necked Stint/Calidris ruficollis		
1	Can Gio	19-02
Long-toed Stint/Calidris subminuta		
4	Can Gio	19-02
Broad-billed Sandpiper/Limicola falcinellus sibirica		
1	Can Gio	19-02
Caspian Tern/Sterna caspia		
3	Can Gio	19-02
Whiskered Tern/Chlidonias hybridus (javanicus/swinhoei)		
c.15	Can Gio	19-02
Rock Pigeon/Columba livia		
Yep.		
Green Imperial Pigeon/Ducula aenea sylvatica		
1	Cat Tien	02-03
6	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	04-03
3	Cat Tien	05-03
2	Cat Tien	06-03
Mountain Imperial Pigeon/Ducula badia griseicapilla		
8	Lo Xo	25-02
6	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
5	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
5	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
4	Ta Nung	01-03
c.10	Di Linh	01-03
c.5	Di Linh	02-03
Red-collared Dove/Streptopelia tranquebarica humilis		
3	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
50+	Cat Tien	03-03
10-s	Cat Tien	04-03
10-s	Cat Tien	05-03
Spotted Dove/Streptopelia chinensis tigrina		
Fairly common.		
Emerald Dove/Chalcophaps indica indica		
1	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Cat Tien	04-03
3	Cat Tien	05-03

Orange-breasted Green Pigeon/Treron bicincta bicincta

6	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03

Pompadour Green Pigeon (Ashy-headed Green Pigeon)/Treron pompadora phayrei

3	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03

Thick-billed Green Pigeon/Treron curvirostra

4	Ta Nung	27-02
c.10	Cat Tien	02-03
c.25	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03
c.20	Cat Tien	05-03

Yellow-vented Green Pigeon/Treron siemundi modestus

5	Phong Nha	20-02
3	Ta Nung	27-02
4	Di Linh	02-03

Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon/Treron sphenura robinsoni

7	Phong Nha	20-02
6	Phong Nha	22-02
1	Di Linh	01-03

Vernal Hanging-Parrot/Loriculus vernalis

1	Di Linh	02-03
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Fairly common at Cat Tien (many tens a day).

Red-breasted Parakeet/Psittacula alexandri fasciata

Common at Cat Tien.

(*) Grey-headed/Blossom-headed Parakeet (Psittacula finschii/Psittacula roseate)

1	Hue	19-02
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Seen from a driving car.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo/Cuculus sparverioides sparverioides

4	Bach Ma	23-02
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Banded Bay Cuckoo/Cacomantis sonneratii sonneratii

c.10	Phong Nha	22-02
2	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
2	Di Linh	02-03
2	Cat Tien	03-03
c.10	Cat Tien	04-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Mostly heard, just a few seen.

Plaintive Cuckoo/Cacomantis merulinus querulus

1H	Phong Nha	21-02
2	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
1H	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02

2H	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
1H	Cat Tien	05-03
1H	Cat Tien	06-03

Asian Emerald Cuckoo/*Chrysococcyx maculatus*

1	Lo Xo	25-02
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Violet Cuckoo/*Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus xanthorhynchus*

1	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail	05-03
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Asian Drongo-Cuckoo/*Surniculus lugubris dicruroides*

3	Phong Nha	21-02
7	Phong Nha	22-02
1	Bach Ma	23-02
c.5	Bach Ma	24-02
3	Lo Xo	25-02
1	Ta Nung	01-03

Asian Koel/*Eudynamis scolopacea chinensis*

1	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
2	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	04-03
1	Cat Tien	06-03

Green-billed Malkoha/*Phaenicophaeus tristis longicaudatus*

2	Di Linh	02-03
1	between Di Linh and Cat Tien	02-03
2	Cat Tien	02-03
1	Cat Tien	03-03
7	Cat Tien	05-03
2	Cat Tien	06-03

Greater Coucal/*Centropus sinensis intermedius*

6	Phong Nha	20-02
c.10	Phong Nha	21-02
4	Phong Nha	22-02
3	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
4	Bach Ma	22-02
2	Bach Ma	23-02
1	Bach Ma	24-02
c.5	Lo Xo	25-02
2	Cat Tien	02-03
3	Cat Tien	03-03
5	Cat Tien	04-03
6	Cat Tien	05-03

Lesser Coucal/*Centropus bengalensis bengalensis*

1	Phong Nha	22-02
1	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03
1	Cat Tien, Grasslands	05-03

Collared Scops-Owl/*Otus lettia lettia*

1 Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort 26-02

Oriental Scops-Owl/Otus sunia (modestus/stictonotus)

1 Cat Tien, nightdrive grasslands 03-03

Collared Owlet/Glaucidium brodiei brodiei

1H Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02

1H Ta Nung 01-03

Asian Barred Owlet/Glaucidium cuculoides deignani

1 Cat Tien 03-03

3H Cat Tien 04-03

5 (4H) Cat Tien 05-03

2H Cat Tien 06-03

Brown Hawk-Owl/Ninox scutulata burmanica

1H Cat Tien 05-03

1H Cat Tien 06-03

Javan (Blyth's) Frogmouth/Batrachostomus javensis continentalis

1H Cat Tien – trail to Croc Lake 04-03

To our surprise, a male responded to our tape at 16:45!

Great Eared-Nightjar/Eurostopodus macrotis cerviniceps

Heard and seen at dusk and also at dawn at Cat Tien (max. 10).

Large-tailed Nightjar/Caprimulgus macrurus bimaculatus

1 Bach Ma 22-02

1 Bach Ma 23-02

1H Bach Ma 24-02

1 between Na Thrang and Dalat 26-02

1H Cat Tien 02-03

1H Cat Tien 03-03

1H Cat Tien 04-03

1H Cat Tien 05-03

Indian Nightjar/Caprimulgus asiaticus asiaticus

1H Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort 25-02

Germain's Swiftlet/Collocalia germani germani

c.15 Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort 26-02

2 Cat Tien 04-03

Probably overlooked.

Silver-backed Needletail/Hirundapus cochinchinensis cochinchinensis

2 Cat Tien 02-03

6 Cat Tien 03-03

2 Cat Tien 04-03

c.50 Cat Tien 05-03

5 Cat Tien 06-03

Asian Palm-Swift/Cypsiurus balasiensis infumatus

3	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
c.20	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
1	between Kham Duc and Lo Xo	25-02
2	Lo Xo	25-02
4	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
1	Da Nang	26-02
3	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
2	Cat Tien	02-03
3	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	04-03

Fork-tailed Swift/*Apus pacificus* (ssp.?)

c.35	Phong Nha	20-02
1	Phong Nha	21-02
4	Phong Nha	22-02

House Swift/*Apus nipalensis nipalensis*

Fairly common with up to many tens a day.

Orange-breasted Trogon/*Harpactes oreskios uniformis*

1H	Cat Tien	03-03
2H	Cat Tien	04-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03

Red-headed Trogon/*Harpactes erythrocephalus annamensis*

2	Phong Nha	20-02
1H	Phong Nha	22-02
2	Bach Ma	23-02
1H	Bach Ma	24-02

Banded Kingfisher/*Lacedo pulchella amabilis*

4 (1H) 1m, 2f	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail	05-03
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Stork-billed Kingfisher/*Pelargopsis capensis burmanica*

2	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03
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White-throated Kingfisher/*Halcyon smyrnensis perpulchra*

1	Can Gio	19-02
1	Bach Ma	24-02
6	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
4	Lo Xo	25-02
2	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
5	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
2	between Dalat and Di Linh	01-03
5	Cat Tien	03-03
8	Cat Tien	04-03
5	Cat Tien	05-03
5	Cat Tien	06-03

Black-capped Kingfisher/*Halcyon pileata*

2	Can Gio	19-02
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Common Kingfisher/*Alcedo atthis bengalensis*

3	Can Gio	19-02
1	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
1	Lo Xo	25-02
1	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
2	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
2	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	04-03

Pied Kingfisher/*Ceryle rudis leucomelanura*

1	Cat Tien	02-03
3	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03

Indian Roller/*Coracias benghalensis affinis*

2	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
1	between Di Linh and Cat Tien	02-03
8	Cat Tien	03-03
8	Cat Tien	04-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03
1	Cat Tien	06-03

Dollarbird/*Eurystomus orientalis colonyx*

1	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
1	Cat Tien	02-03
2	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03
1	Cat Tien	06-03

Blue-bearded Bee-eater/*Nyctyornis athertoni athertoni*

1	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail	05-03
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Blue-tailed Bee-eater/*Merops philippinus*

2	Na Thrang	26-02
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Chestnut-headed Bee-eater/*Merops leschenaulti leschenaulti*

c.35	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
6	Cat Tien	02-03
1	Cat Tien	03-03
3	Cat Tien	05-03
3	Cat Tien	06-03

Oriental Pied Hornbill/*Anthracoceros albirostris albirostris*

c.15	Phong Nha	20-02
4	Phong Nha	21-02
3	Cat Tien	02-03
8	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03

5 Cat Tien 05-03

Great Hornbill/Buceros bicornis

1 Cat Tien, Croc Lake 04-03

Red-vented Barbet/Megalaima lagrandieri lagrandieri

3 Ta Nung 27-02

7 Ta Nung 01-03

c.5 Di Linh 01-03

2 Di Linh 02-03

2 Cat Tien 02-03

2 Cat Tien 04-03

5 Cat Tien 05-03

Lineated Barbet/Megalaima lineata hodgsoni

5 Cat Tien 03-03

2 Cat Tien 04-03

4 Cat Tien 05-03

5 Cat Tien 06-03

Green-eared Barbet/Megalaima faiostricta

3 Phong Nha 21-02

2 Bach Ma 24-02

c.5 Cat Tien 02-03

3 Cat Tien 03-03

3 Cat Tien 04-03

c.15 Cat Tien 05-03

2 Cat Tien 06-03

Golden-throated Barbet/Megalaima franklinii auricularis

3 Bach Ma 23-02

c.25 Lo Xo 25-02

6 between Na Thrang and Dalat 26-02

c.10 Ta Nung 27-02

c.10 Mount Lang Biang 28-02

Black-browed Barbet (Annam Barbet)/Megalaima oorti annamensis

4 tussen Na Thrang en Dalat 26-02

c.25 Ta Nung 27-02

c.7 Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02

10-en Ta Nung 01-03

c.15 Di Linh 01-03

Blue-eared Barbet/Megalaima australis orientalis

H1 Ta Nung 01-03

10-en Di Linh 02-03

1 Cat Tien 02-03

4 Cat Tien 03-03

1 Cat Tien 05-03

Coppersmith Barbet/Megalaima haemacephala indica

1 Bach Ma 24-02

1	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Cat Tien	02-03
3	Cat Tien	03-03
7	Cat Tien	04-03
5	Cat Tien	05-03

Speckled Piculet/*Picumnus innominatus malayorum*

1	Di Linh	02-03
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White-browed Piculet/*Sasia ochracea ochracea*

1	Bach Ma, Pheasant Trail	24-02
2	Lo Xo	25-02
1	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail	05-03

Grey-capped Woodpecker/*Dendrocopos canicapillus delacouri*

1	Phong Nha	21-02
2	Phong Nha	22-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
2	Di Linh	01-03

Greater Yellownape/*Picus flavinucha pierrei*

1	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Cat Tien	04-03

Lesser Yellownape/*Picus chlorolophus annamensis*

2	Phong Nha	22-02
c.10	Cat Tien	05-03

Laced Woodpecker/*Picus vittatus*

1	Cat Tien	02-03
3	Cat Tien	05-03
1	Cat Tien	06-03

Grey-headed Woodpecker/*Picus canus hessei*

2	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
1	Cat Tien	03-03
3	Cat Tien	05-03

Rufous Woodpecker/*Micropternus brachyurus annamensis*

1	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03

Common Flameback/*Dinopium javanense intermedium*

1	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Greater Flameback/*Chrysocolaptes lucidus guttacrastatus*

3	Cat Tien	02-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Pale-headed Woodpecker/*Gecinulus grantia indochinensis*

1H Cat Tien, Dac Lua 06-03

Bay Woodpecker/*Blythipicus pyrrhotis annamensis*

1 Phong Nha 21-02

1 Phong Nha 22-02

1 Ta Nung 01-03

1 Di Linh 02-03

Black-and-buff Woodpecker/*Meiglyptes jungularis*

1 Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail 05-03

Heart-spotted Woodpecker/*Hemicircus canente*

3 Cat Tien 04-03

4 Cat Tien 05-03

Great Slaty Woodpecker/*Mulleripicus pulverulentus harteri*

1 Cat Tien, trail to Croc Lake 04-03

3 Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail 05-03

Long-tailed Broadbill/*Psarisomus dalhousiae dalhousiae*

3 Phong Nha 21-02

2 Phong Nha 22-02

2 Lo Xo 25-02

1 Ta Nung 27-02

2 Di Linh 02-03

Dusky Broadbill/*Corydon sumatranus laoensis*

3 (prob more) Cat Tien 03-03

2 Cat Tien 04-03

3 Cat Tien 05-03

Silver-breasted Broadbill/*Serilophus lunatus elisabethae*

5 Lo Xo 25-02

Black-and-red Broadbill/*Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus siamensis*

3 Cat Tien, along the main road 04-03

Banded Broadbill/*Eurylaimus javanicus friedmanni*

4H Cat Tien 03-03

4H Cat Tien 04-03

3 Cat Tien 05-03

2H Cat Tien 06-03

Blue Pitta/*Pitta cyanea willoughbyi*

2H Di Linh 02-03

Blue-rumped Pitta/*Pitta soror soror*

1H Bach Ma 23-02

1H Bach Ma, Pheasant Trail 24-02

2 Cat Tien 03-03

3 (2H) Cat Tien 04-03

Bar-bellied Pitta/*Pitta elliotii*

1H	Phong Nha	21-02
1	Phong Nha	22-02
1H	Bach Ma, Pheasant Trail	24-02
10 (6H)	Cat Tien	04-03

Oriental Skylark/*Alauda gulgula gulgula*

4	Can Gio	19-02
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Dusky Crag Martin/*Ptyonoprogne concolor sintaungensis*

1	Bach Ma	23-02
3	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
3	between Kham Duc and Lo Xo	25-02

Asian House Martin/*Delichon dasypus (ssp.?)*

c.50	Bach Ma	23-02
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Barn Swallow/*Hirundo rustica (ssp.?)*

Common.

Striated Swallow/*Cecropis striolata (ssp.?, probably stanfordi)*

4	Lo Xo	25-02
c.15	tussen Na Thrang en Dalat	26-02
2	Di Linh	02-03
c.20	Cat Tien	02-03
c.50	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	04-03
c.50	Cat Tien	05-03

No certain Red-rumped Swallows were seen, but to be honest we didn't pay much attention.

Richard's Pipit/*Anthus richardi (ssp.?)*

1	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Paddyfield Pipit/*Anthus rufulus rufulus*

4	Cat Tien – Croc Lake	04-03
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Two large pipits (one at Can Gio and one outside the fence of the Sandy Beach Resort at Da Nang) remained unidentified.

Olive-backed Pipit/*Anthus hodgsoni (ssp.?)*

4	Phong Nha	21-02
3	Phong Nha	22-02
1	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
2	Bach Ma	22-02
10	Bach Ma	23-02
4	Bach Ma	24-02
1	between Kham Duc and Lo Xo	25-02
4	Lo Xo	25-02
2	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
c.10	Ta Nung	27-02
12	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
3	Mount Lang Biang	28-02

2	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
c.15	Ta Nung	01-03
18	Di Linh	01-03
2	Cat Tien	03-03

Forest Wagtail/*Dendronanthus indicus*

1	Cat Tien, along the main road	06-03
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White Wagtail (Amur Wagtail)/*Motacilla alba leucopsis*

1	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
1	Phong Nha	20-02
3	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02

Grey Wagtail/*Motacilla cinerea cinerea*

3	Phong Nha	20-02
1	Phong Nha	21-02
1	Phong Nha	22-02
16	Bach Ma	23-02
2	Bach Ma	24-02
4	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
1	between Kham Duc and Lo Xo	25-02
5	Lo Xo	25-02
1	between Lo Xo and Da Nang	25-02
3	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
1	Dalat	27-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
3	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
2	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
1	Ta Nung	01-03
1	Di Linh	01-03
1	Di Linh	02-03

Yellow Wagtail/*Motacilla flava macronyx*

1 m	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Large Cuckoo-shrike/*Coracina macei siamensis*

1H	Phong Nha	20-02
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Indochinese Cuckooshrike/*Coracina polioptera jabouillei/indochinensis*

Jabouillei:

c.10	Phong Nha	21-02
c.10	Phong Nha	22-02
5	Lo Xo	25-02

Indochinensis:

1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
2	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
3	Cat Tien	05-03

Swinhoe's Minivet/*Pericrocotus cantonensis*

6	Phong Nha	21-02
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Ashy Minivet/Pericrocotus divaricatus divaricatus

1	Di Linh	01-03
6	Cat Tien	05-03

Grey-chinned Minivet/Pericrocotus solaris deignani

1	Bach Ma	23-02
7	Lo Xo	25-02
2	Di Linh	02-03

Long-tailed Minivet/Pericrocotus ethologus annamensis

2	Phong Nha	20-02
2	Lo Xo	25-02
5	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
2	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
c.10	Ta Nung	01-03
6	Di Linh	01-03
3	Di Linh	02-03

Scarlet Minivet/Pericrocotus speciosus semiruber

c.10	Phong Nha	20-02
c.15	Phong Nha	21-02
6	Bach Ma	24-02
1	Di Linh	02-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike/Hemipus picatus picatus

1	Phong Nha	21-02
c.10	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Ta Nung	01-03
1	Di Linh	02-03
1	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	04-03
5	Cat Tien	05-03

Large Woodshrike/Tephrodornis gularis mekongensis

1	Phong Nha	20-02
1	Phong Nha	21-02
2	Phong Nha	22-02
6	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
5	Di Linh	01-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Red-whiskered Bulbul/Pycnonotus jocosus pattani

2	Phong Nha	20-02
c.30	Phong Nha	21-02
3	Phong Nha	22-02
1	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
2	between Kham Duc and Lo Xo	25-02
c.10	Lo Xo	25-02

2	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
c.50	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Dalat	27-02
3	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
10-s	Ta Nung	01-03

Sooty-headed Bulbul/*Pycnonotus aurigaster germani*

1	Bach Ma	24-02
1	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
1	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03

Black-crested Bulbul/*Pycnonotus flaviventris johnsoni*

4	Ta Nung	27-02
4	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Di Linh	02-03
1	between Di Linh and Cat Tien	02-03
4	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	04-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03
4	Cat Tien	06-03

Stripe-throated Bulbul/*Pycnonotus finlaysoni eous*

2	Phong Nha	20-02
c.15	Phong Nha	21-02
2	Phong Nha	22-02
2	Bach Ma	23-02
2	Bach Ma	24-02
7	Cat Tien	02-03
c.10	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	04-03
c.15	Cat Tien	05-03
c.15	Cat Tien	06-03

Flavescent Bulbul/*Pycnonotus flavescens vividus/sordidus*

Vividus:

c.10	Lo Xo	25-02
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Sordidus:

4	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Ta Nung	01-03
c.10	Di Linh	01-03
6	Di Linh	02-03

Light-vented Bulbul/*Pycnonotus sinensis (ssp.?)*

c.20	tussen Hue en Phong Nha	20-02
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Streak-eared Bulbul/*Pycnonotus blanfordi conradi*

5	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
2	Cat Tien	02-03
6	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	04-03
c.15	Cat Tien	05-03

4	Cat Tien	06-03
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Grey-eyed Bulbul/*Iole propinqua simulator*

2	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail	05-03

Puff-throated Bulbul/*Alophoixus pallidus annamensis/khmerensis*

Annamensis:

4	Phong Nha	20-02
c.15	Phong Nha	21-02
2	Phong Nha	22-02
2	Bach Ma	23-02

Khmerensis:

4	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Di Linh	01-03
c.10	Di Linh	02-03
4	Cat Tien	03-03
10-s	Cat Tien	04-03
c.5	Cat Tien	05-03
2	Cat Tien	06-03

To be honest, we more or less neglected them and followed our guides in their identification. The subspecies involved (also *halla*e of Ochraceous Bulbul) are notoriously hard to distinguish. However, some birders (eg Craig Robson) only claim Ochraceous Bulbul at Cat Tien.

Mountain Bulbul/*Ixos maclellandii griseiventer*

3	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
5	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Mount Lang Biang	28-02

Ashy Bulbul/*Hemixos flavala remotus*

5	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
6	Ta Nung	01-03
6	Di Linh	01-03
2	Di Linh	02-03

Himalayan Black Bulbul/*Hypsipetes leucocephalus sinensis*

c.50	Phong Nha	20-02
5	Lo Xo	25-02
c.10	Ta Nung	27-02
5	Dalat	27-02
7	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
5	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
c.30	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
c.25	Ta Nung	01-03
c.20	Di Linh	01-03
c.10	Di Linh	02-03

Blue-winged Leafbird/*Chloropsis cochinchinensis auropectus*

c.20	Phong Nha	21-02
c.5	Phong Nha	22-02
2	Cat Tien	02-03

3	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03
c.20	Cat Tien	05-03

Golden-fronted Leafbird/*Chloropsis aurifrons incompta*

1	Cat Tien	02-03
4	Cat Tien	04-03

Orange-bellied Leafbird/*Chloropsis hardwickii melliana*

1H	Phong Nha	20-02
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Asian Fairy Bluebird/*Irena puella puella*

7	Phong Nha	20-02
3	Phong Nha	21-02
c.15	Phong Nha	22-02
3	Ta Nung	27-02
5	Ta Nung	01-03
4	Di Linh	01-03
2	Di Linh	02-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Common Iora/*Aegithina tiphia cambodiana*

2	Cat Tien	02-03
3	Cat Tien	03-03
3	Cat Tien	05-03
3	Cat Tien	06-03

Great Iora/*Aegithina lafresnayeri innotata/xanthotis*

Innotata:

1	Phong Nha	20-02
1	Phong Nha	21-02
1	Phong Nha	21-02

Xanthotis:

7	Cat Tien	03-03
3	Cat Tien	04-03
6	Cat Tien	05-03
3	Cat Tien	06-03

White-throated Rock Thrush/*Monticola gularis*

1m	Ta Nung	01-03
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Blue Rock Thrush/*Monticola solitarius pandoo/philippensis*

1	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
1 m <i>pandoo</i>	Phong Nha	20-02
2	Phong Nha	21-02
1 m <i>pandoo</i>	Phong Nha	22-02
2 mf <i>pandoo</i>	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
1 f	Kham Duc	24-02
1 f	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
1 m <i>phil.</i>	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
1 m <i>phil.</i>	Dalat	27-02

Blue Whistling-Thrush/Myophonus caeruleus caeruleus

1	Phong Nha	20-02
1	Phong Nha	22-02
3	Bach Ma	23-02
1	Bach Ma	24-02
1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02

Common (Chinese) Blackbird/Turdus merula mandarinus

1	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
2	Phong Nha	20-02
2	Phong Nha	21-02
7	Bach Ma	22-02
4	Bach Ma	24-02
5	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02

Orange-headed Thrush/Zoothera citrine aurimacula

1	Bach Ma	23-02
1	Bach Ma	24-02

Japanese Thrush/Turdus cardis

1f	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
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Lesser Shortwing/Brachypteryx leucophrys langbianensis

4H	Lo Xo	25-02
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Zitting Cisticola/Cisticola juncidis tinnabulans

1	Phong Nha	22-02
1	tussen Phong Nha en Hue	22-02
3	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03

Rufescent Prinia/Prinia rufescens dalatensis

1	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
2	Cat Tien	04-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Yellow-bellied Prinia/Prinia flaviventris delacouri

1	Cat Tien, Grasslands	05-03
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Plain Prinia/Prinia inornata herberti

6	Cat Tien	04-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03

Hill Prinia/Prinia superciliaris klossi

1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
1	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
1	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
3	Ta Nung	01-03

Mountain Tailorbird/Orthotomus cucullatus coronatus

1	Lo Xo	25-02
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2	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
1	Di Linh	01-03

Dark-necked Tailorbird/*Orthotomus atrogularis nitidus*

c.10	Phong Nha	20-02
c.5	Phong Nha	21-02
c.10	Bach Ma	23-02
1	Bach Ma	24-02
1	Di Linh	02-03
c.5	Cat Tien	03-03
c.15	Cat Tien	04-03
c.10	Cat Tien	05-03
4	Cat Tien	06-03

Common Tailorbird/*Orthotomus sutorius maculicollis*

1	Phong Nha	22-02
2	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
2	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
2	Cat Tien	02-03
c.10	Cat Tien	03-03

Grey-bellied Tesia/*Tesia cyaniventer*

5H	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
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Asian Stubtail/*Urosphena squameiceps*

1	Phong Nha	21-02
1	Bach Ma, Pheasant Trail	24-02

Lanceolated Warbler/*Locustella lanceolata*

1	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03
1	Cat Tien, Dac Lua	06-03

Black-browed Reed Warbler/*Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

3	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
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Oriental Reed-Warbler/*Acrocephalus orientalis*

3	Cat Tien, Grasslands	05-03
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Yellow-bellied Warbler/*Abroscopus superciliaris euthymus*

1	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail	05-03
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Grey-cheeked Warbler/*Seicercus poliogenys*

c.10	Bach Ma	23-02
1	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Di Linh	02-03

Chestnut-crowned Warbler/*Seicercus castaniceps annamensis*

3	Lo Xo	25-02
1	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Ta Nung	01-03

Limestone Leaf Warbler/*Phylloscopus calciatilis*

2	Phong Nha	21-02
1H	Phong Nha	22-02

White-tailed Leaf Warbler/*Phylloscopus davisoni klossi*

4	Bach Ma	23-02
1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
5	Ta Nung	27-02
c.15	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
c.5	Ta Nung	01-03

Blyth's Leaf Warbler/*Phylloscopus reguloides ticehursti*

1	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
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Pale-legged Leaf Warbler/*Phylloscopus tenellipes*

1	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03

Two-barred Warbler/*Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*

1	Lo Xo	25-02
2	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03

Yellow-browed Warbler/*Phylloscopus inornatus*

One of the most frequently recorded species. More common in central Vietnam than in the south.

Large numbers at:

100+	Bach Ma	23-02
c.50	Lo Xo	25-02

Radde's Warbler/*Phylloscopus schwarzi*

1	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Cat Tien, HQ area	05-03

Dusky Warbler/*Phylloscopus fuscatus fuscatus*

1	Phong Nha, hotel	22-02
3	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
2	Cat Tien, Grasslands	03-03
1	Cat Tien, Croc Lake	04-03
1	Cat Tien, Grasslands	05-03
1	Cat Tien, Dac Lua	06-03

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher/*Cyornis tickelliae indochina*

4	Cat Tien, Dac Lua	06-03
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Blue-throated Flycatcher/*Cyornis rubeculoides klossi*

1H	Bach Ma, Pheasant Trail	24-02
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Large Niltava/*Niltava grandis decorata*

1 m	Ta Nung	27-02
2 mf	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
1 m	Ta Nung	01-03
1 m	Di Linh	02-03

Little Pied Flycatcher/*Ficedula westermanni langbianis*

4 Mount Lang Biang 28-02

Mugimaki Flycatcher/*Ficedula mugimaki*

1 Lo Xo 25-02

2 Ta Nung 27-02

1 Ho Tuyen Lam 27-02

2 Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02

1 Di Linh 01-03

White-gorgeted Flycatcher/*Ficedula monileger leucops*

2 Bach Ma 23-02

Snowy-browed Flycatcher/*Ficedula hyperythra annamensis*

1 imm.m Mount Lang Biang 28-02

Taiga Flycatcher/*Ficedula albicilla*

1 Phong Nha 20-02

1 Phong Nha 22-02

1 Bach Ma 22-02

2 Bach Ma 24-02

1 Cat Tien 02-03

1 Cat Tien 03-03

3 Cat Tien 05-03

3 Cat Tien 06-03

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher/*Culicicapa ceylonensis calochrysea*

2 Phong Nha 20-02

4 Phong Nha 21-02

1 Phong Nha 22-02

1 Bach Ma 23-02

c.10 Lo Xo 25-02

2 Ta Nung 27-02

5 Mount Lang Biang 28-02

1 Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02

3 Ta Nung 01-03

c.5 Di Linh 02-03

Verditer Flycatcher/*Eumyias thalassinus thalassinus*

4 Lo Xo 25-02

1 between Na Thrang and Dalat 26-02

1 Mount Lang Biang 28-02

3 Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02

2 Ta Nung 01-03

1 Di Linh 01-03

2 Di Linh 02-03

Asian Brown Flycatcher/*Muscicapa dauurica*

1 Phong Nha 20-02

1 Phong Nha 22-02

1 Bach Ma 22-02

1	Bach Ma	24-02
1	Cat Tien	02-03
4	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03

White-throated Fantail/*Rhipidura albicollis cinarascens*

1	Phong Nha	20-02
c.10	Bach Ma	23-02
4	Lo Xo	25-02
3	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
3	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
5	Ta Nung	01-03
3	Di Linh	01-03
2	Di Linh	02-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03

Pied Fantail/*Rhipidura javanica longicauda*

4	Can Gio	19-02
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Black-naped Monarch/*Hypothymis azurea styani*

3	Cat Tien	03-03
5	Cat Tien	05-03

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher/*Terpsiphone paradisi (ssp?)*

1 f	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail	05-03
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Oriental Magpie-Robin/*Copsychus saularis saularis*

2	Phong Nha	20-02
7	Phong Nha	21-02
1	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
2	Lo Xo	25-02
c.5	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
3	Cat Tien	04-03

White-rumped Shama/*Copsychus malabaricus interpositus*

3	Phong Nha	20-02
c.10	Cat Tien	02-03
4	Cat Tien	03-03
c.20	Cat Tien	04-03

Siberian Blue Robin/*Luscinia cyane cyane*

1H	Bach Ma	23-02
1 imm m	Ta Nung	27-02
1 imm m	Ta Nung	01-03
1 imm m	Cat Tien	03-03
2 f	Cat Tien	04-03
1 f	Cat Tien	06-03

Rufous-tailed Robin/*Luscinia sibilans*

2	Bach Ma, Pheasant Trail	24-02
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Red-flanked Bluetail/Tarsiger cyanurus (ssp.?)

2 mf	Bach Ma	23-02
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Grey Bushchat/Saxicola ferreus (ssp.?)

1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
2	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
3	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02

Siberian Stonechat/Saxicola maurus stejnegeri/przewallskii

1	Phong Nha	22-02
3	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
1	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
1	Lo Xo	25-02
5	Cat Tien	03-03
3	Cat Tien	04-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03

All birds checked concerned *stejnegeri* except for a female *przewallskii* on 22/02.

Slaty-backed Forktail/Enicurus schistaceus

3	Bach Ma	23-02
4	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02

White-crowned Forktail/Enicurus leschenaulti indicus

2	Bach Ma	23-02
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Black-throated Laughingthrush/Dryonastes chinensis***Chinensis* (dark morph, "lugens"-type):**

1H	Phong Nha	20-02
5	Phong Nha	22-02

Dark cheeks, greyish upperparts.

***Germaini*:**

4	Bach Ma	23-02
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White-cheeked Laughingthrush/Dryonastes vassali

c.15	Ta Nung	27-02
c.15	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
c.15	Ta Nung	01-03
c.40	Di Linh	02-03

Black-hooded Laughingthrush/Garrulax milleti sweeti/milleti***Sweeti*:**

2 groups H	Lo Xo	25-02
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***Milleti*:**

6	Ta Nung	27-02
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White-crested Laughingthrush/Garrulax leucolophus diardi

2 flocks H	Phong Nha	20-02
c.15	Phong Nha	22-02
H	Bach Ma	22-02
H flock	Bach Ma	24-02
6	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02

c.7	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
H flock	Di Linh	02-03

Frequently heard and sometimes also seen at Cat Tien.

Lesser-necklaced Laughingthrush/*Garrulax monileger pasquieri*

c.10	Phong Nha	21-02
c.15	Phong Nha	22-02
2	Bach Ma	23-02

Masked Laughingthrush/*Garrulax perspicillatus*

4	Bach Ma, just outside the park	24-02
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Orange-breasted Laughingthrush/*Stactocichla annamensis*

1	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Di Linh	02-03

Collared Laughingthrush/*Trohalopteron yersini*

5	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
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Black-chinned Yuhina/*Yuhina nigrimenta*

c.20	Lo Xo	25-02
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Chestnut-collared Yuhina/*Staphida torqueola*

3	Phong Nha	21-02
c.50	Bach Ma	23-02

Mountain Fulvetta/*Alcippe peracensis annamensis*

5	Bach Ma	23-02
2	Lo Xo	25-02
3	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
c.10	Ta Nung	27-02
c.15	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
7	Ta Nung	01-03
5	Di Linh	01-03
c.10	Di Linh	02-03

Black-browed Fulvetta/*Alcippe grotei grotei*

1	Phong Nha	20-02
2	Bach Ma	23-02
1	Bach Ma	24-02

Black-crowned Fulvetta/*Pseudominla klossi*

1	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
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Chestnut-capped Babbler/*Timalia pileata dictator*

1	Cat Tien, Grasslands	05-03
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Sooty Babbler/*Stachyris herberti*

1H	Phong Nha	20-02
12 (10H)	Phong Nha	21-02
12	Phong Nha	22-02

Grey-throated Babbler/*Stachyris nigriceps rileyi*

7	Ta Nung	27-02
1	Di Linh	01-03
2	Di Linh	02-03

Spot-necked Babbler/*Stachyris striolata tonkinensis*

c.5	Phong Nha	22-02
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Golden Babbler/*Stachyridopsis chrysaea aurata*

6	Bach Ma	23-02
2	Lo Xo	25-02

Rufous-capped Babbler/*Stachyridopsis ruficeps pagana*

5	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
1	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Di Linh	02-03

**Pin-striped Tit-Babbler/*Macronus gularis kinneari /versuricola*
Kinneari:**

5	Phong Nha	20-02
c.20	Phong Nha	21-02
c.15	Bach Ma	23-02
c.10	Bach Ma	24-02
2	Di Linh	02-03

***Versuricola*:**

1	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03
2	Cat Tien	06-03

Grey-faced Tit-Babbler/*Macronus kelleyi*

2	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03
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Streaked Wren-Babbler/*Napothera brevicaudata proxima*

3 (1 seen)	Phong Nha	21-02
4 (1 seen)	Bach Ma	23-02
1	Di Linh	02-03

Pygmy Wren-Babbler/*Pnoepyga pusilla annamensis*

2H	Ta Nung	27-02
3 (2H)	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
6	Ta Nung	01-03

Buff-breasted Babbler/*Pellorneum tickelli annamense*

3	Bach Ma, Pheasant Trail	24-02
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Puff-throated Babbler/*Pellorneum ruficeps deignani*

3	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid trail	05-03
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Spot-throated Babbler/*Pellorneum albiventre cinnamomeum*

4	Cat Tien, Dac Lua	06-03
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Scaly-crowned Babbler/*Malacopteron cinereum indochinense*

1	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03
Abbott's Babbler/Malacocincla abbotti altera		
1	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03
Large Scimitar-Babbler/Pomatorhinus hypoleucos brevisrostris		
3H	Cat Tien, Dac Lua	06-03
White-browed Scimitar-Babbler/Pomatorhinus schisticeps humilis		
c.5	Bach Ma	23-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
1	Di Linh	02-03
Orange-billed Scimitar Babbler/Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps alius		
2	Di Linh	01-03
1	Di Linh	02-03
Coral-billed Scimitar Babbler/Pomatorhinus ferruginosus dickinsoni		
1	Lo Xo	25-02
White-browed Shrike-Babbler/Pteruthius flaviscapis ricketti		
2	Bach Ma	23-02
Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler/Pteruthius aenobarbus indochinensis		
2	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
1	Ta Nung	01-03
Red-tailed Minla/Minla ignotincta mariae		
1	Lo Xo	25-02
Blue-winged Siva/Siva cyanouroptera orientalis		
c.10	Lo Xo	25-02
3	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
8	Ta Nung	01-03
1	Di Linh	02-03
Silver-eared Mesia/Mesia argentaureis cunhaci		
3	Bach Ma	23-02
c.10	Lo Xo	25-02
Grey-crowned Crocias/Crocias langbianis		
1H	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Ta Nung	01-03
Black-headed Sibia/Malacias desgodinsi kingi		
c.5	Di Linh	02-02
Rufous-backed Sibia/Leioptila annectens roundi		
1	Lo Xo	25-02
5	Ta Nung	27-02
5	Ta Nung	01-03
1	Di Linh	02-03

Black-crowned Barwing/Actinodura sodangorum
2 Lo Xo 25-02

White-bellied Erpornis/Erpornis zantholeuca tyrannulus/zantholeuca

Tyrannulus:

4 Bach Ma 23-02
2 Lo Xo 25-02

Zantholeuca:

3 Ta Nung 27-02
2 Ta Nung 01-03
2 Di Linh 01-03
2 Di Linh 02-03
2 Cat Tien 05-03

Black-crowned Parrotbill/Paradoxornis margaritae
7 Ta Nung 01-03

Golden-bellied Gerygone/Gerygone sulphurea sulphurea
3H Can Gio 19-02

Great Tit/Parus major templorum
4 Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort 26-02

Green-backed Tit/Parus monticolus yunnanensis/legendrei

Yunnanensis:

c.10 Phong Nha 21-02

Legendrei:

4 Ta Nung 27-02
4 Ho Tuyen Lam 27-02
5 Mount Lang Biang 28-02
2 Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02
4 Ta Nung 01-03

Yellow-cheeked Tit/Parus spilonotus basileus
4 Lo Xo 25-02
6 between Na Thrang and Dalat 26-02

Sultan Tit/Melanochlora sultanea seorsa/gayeti

Seorsa:

1 Phong Nha 20-02
c.10 Phong Nha 21-02
4 Phong Nha 22-02

Gayeti:

3 zwart Bach Ma 23-02

Black-throated Tit/Aegithalos concinnus annamensis (Grey-crowned Tit)

5 Bach Ma 23-02
3 Lo Xo 25-02
3 Ta Nung 27-02
2 Mount Lang Biang 28-02
2 Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02

4	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Di Linh	02-03

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch/Sitta frontalis frontalis

2	Di Linh	01-03
2	Cat Tien	02-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03

Yellow-billed Nuthatch/Sitta solangiae fortior

1	Lo Xo	25-02
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Chestnut-vented Nuthatch/Sitta nagaensis grisiventris

5	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
4	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
c.15	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
2	Di Linh	01-03

Crimson Sunbird/Aethopyga siparaja mangini

6	Phong Nha	21-02
2	Bach Ma	24-02
1	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03
1	Cat Tien	06-03

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird/Aethopyga gouldiae annamensis

4	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
c.5	Ta Nung	27-02
6	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
c.5	Ta Nung	01-03
1	Di Linh	02-03

Black-throated Sunbird/Aethopyga saturata ochra/johnsi

Ochra:

1m	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
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Johnsi:

c.10	Ta Nung	27-02
c.10	Ta Nung	01-03

Fork-tailed Sunbird/Aethopyga christinae sokolovi

4	Bach Ma	23-02
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Purple-naped Sunbird/Hypogramma hypogrammicum mariae

1	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03
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Brown-throated Sunbird/Anthreptes malacensis malacensis

1m	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03
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Purple-throated Sunbird/Leptocoma sperata emmae

1	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03
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Olive-backed Sunbird/Cinnyris jugularis flammae

1	Cat Tien	02-03
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c.15	Cat Tien	03-03
5	Cat Tien	04-03
11	Cat Tien	05-03

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird/*Chalcoparia singalensis koratensis*

2	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03

Streaked Spiderhunter/*Arachnothera magna remota*

2	Phong Nha	20-02
c.15	Phong Nha	21-02
1	Phong Nha	22-02
c.20	Lo Xo	25-02
c.10	Ta Nung	27-02
4	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Di Linh	01-03
3	Di Linh	02-03

Little Spiderhunter/*Arachnothera longirostra pallida*

5	Cat Tien, Dac Lua	06-03
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Thick-billed Flowerpecker/*Dicaeum agile pallescens*

2	Cat Tien	04-03
1	Cat Tien	06-03

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker/*Dicaeum chrysorrheum chrysochlore*

1	Cat Tien, near HQ	03-03
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Fire-breasted Flowerpecker/*Dicaeum ignipectus ignipectus*

5	Lo Xo	25-02
4	Ta Nung	01-03

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker/*Dicaeum cruentatum cruentatum*

1	Cat Tien	03-03
5	Cat Tien	04-03
2	Cat Tien	05-03
1	Cat Tien	06-03

Oriental White-eye/*Zosterops palpebrosus palpebrosus*

2	Di Linh	02-03
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Japanese White-eye/*Zosterops japonicas simplex*

2	Phong Nha	20-02
2	Phong Nha	22-02
2	Bach Ma	24-02

Slender-billed Oriole/*Oriolus tenuirostris invisus*

1	Dalat; hotel garden	27-02
7	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
3	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02

Black-naped Oriole/*Oriolus chinensis diffusus*

5	Cat Tien	03-03
2	Cat Tien	04-03
8	Cat Tien	05-03

Black-hooded Oriole/*Oriolus xanthornus xanthornus*

3	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03

Maroon Oriole/*Oriolus traillii robinsoni*

c.30	Lo Xo	25-02
3	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
3	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Di Linh	01-03
c.10	Di Linh	02-03

Brown Shrike/*Lanius cristatus superciliosus*

4	Can Gio	19-02
8	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
2	Phong Nha	20-02
1	Phong Nha	22-02
5	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
1	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
1	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
3	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
2	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	04-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03

Burmese Shrike/*Lanius collurio nigricapillus*

2	Dalat; hotel garden	27-02
c.15	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
5	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
1	between Dalat and Di Linh	01-03

Long-tailed Shrike/*Lanius schach schach*

10	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
1	Phong Nha	21-02
8	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
3	Bach Ma	22-02
3	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
13	between Kham Duc and Lo Xo	25-02
3	Lo Xo	25-02
3	between Lo Xo and Da Nang	25-02
1	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
1	Da Nang	26-02
2	Di Linh	02-03
1	between Di Linh and Cat Tien	02-03
1	between Cat Tien and Saigon	06-03

Black Drongo/Dicrurus macrocercus (ssp.?)

8	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
10-en	between Phong Nha and Bach Ma	22-02
2	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
1	Cat Tien	03-03

Ashy Drongo/Dicrurus leucophaeus (ssp.?) / leucogenis

2	Phong Nha	22-02
2	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
c.30	Lo Xo	25-02
3	Ta Nung	27-02
2	Dalat	27-02
7	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
c.1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
c.20	Ta Nung	01-03
c.20	Di Linh	01-03
c.20	Di Linh	02-03
c.10	Cat Tien	02-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03

Subspecies unknown in most cases. Some migratory *leucogenis* seen at Di Linh.

Bronzed Drongo/Dicrurus aeneus aeneus

c.20	Phong Nha	20-02
10-en	Phong Nha	21-02
c.10	Phong Nha	22-02
3	Di Linh	02-03
c.10	Cat Tien	02-03
1	Cat Tien	04-03
13	Cat Tien	05-03
8	Cat Tien	06-03

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo/Dicrurus remifer tectirostris

1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
4	Ta Nung	27-02
4	Ta Nung	01-03
2	Di Linh	01-03
3	Di Linh	02-03

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo/Dicrurus paradiseus rangoonensis/paradiseus**Rangoonensis:**

2	Phong Nha	20-02
7	Phong Nha	21-02
3	Phong Nha	22-02
3	Bach Ma	22-02
2	Bach Ma	23-02
1	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
1	between Kham Duc and Lo Xo	25-02
1	between Lo Xo and Da Nang	25-02

Paradiseus:

c.5	Cat Tien	02-03
5	Cat Tien	03-03
4	Cat Tien	05-03

2	Cat Tien	06-03
Hair-crested (Spangled) Drongo/Dicurus hottentottus hottentottus		
2	Cat Tien	03-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03
Ashy Woodswallow/Artamus fuscus		
3	Lo Xo	25-02
2	between Di Linh and Cat Tien	02-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03
Large-billed Crow/Corvus macrorhynchos leuallantii		
c.25	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02
4	between Phong Nha and Hue	22-02
2	between Bach Ma and Kham Duc	24-02
3	between Lo Xo and Da Nang	25-02
2	Ta Nung	27-02
1	between Dalat and Di Linh	01-03
Eurasian Jay/Garrulus glandarius leucotis		
5	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
1	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
5	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
Indochinese Green Magpie/Cissa hypoleuca chauleti		
2	Phong Nha	22-02
3	Bach Ma	23-02
2	Ta Nung	01-03
White-winged Magpie/Urocissa whiteheadi xanthomelana		
9	Phong Nha	20-02
8	Phong Nha	21-02
1H	Bach Ma	23-02
1H	Bach Ma	24-02
Racket-tailed Treepie/Crypsirina temia		
c.10	Phong Nha	21-02
3	Phong Nha	22-02
5	Bach Ma	22-02
2	Bach Ma	23-02
4	Bach Ma	24-02
c.5	Cat Tien	02-03
1	Cat Tien	04-03
8	Cat Tien	05-03
6	Cat Tien	06-03
Ratchet-tailed Treepie/Temnurus temnurus		
3	Phong Nha	22-02
1	Bach Ma	23-02
Crested Myna/Acridotheres cristatellus brevipennis		
4	between Hue and Phong Nha	20-02

5 between Phong Nha and Hue 22-02

Common Myna/Acridotheres tristis tristis

14 between Hue and Phong Nha 20-02
1 between Phong Nha and Hue 22-02
6 between Bach Ma and Kham Duc 24-02
1 between Na Thrang and Dalat 26-02
3 Dalat 27-02

Vinous-breasted Myna/Acridotheres burmannicus leucocephalis

5 Lo Xo 25-02
6 Cat Tien 03-03

Golden-crested Myna/Ampeliceps coronatus

2 Cat Tien 04-03
2 Cat Tien 05-03
2 Cat Tien 06-03

Common Hill Myna/Gracula religiosa intermedia

2 Phong Nha 22-02
1 Cat Tien, Dac Lua 06-03

White-shouldered Starling/Sturnus sinensis

c.10 Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort 26-02

Black-collared Starling/Gracupica nigricollis

8 between Bach Ma and Kham Duc 24-02
c.10 Lo Xo 25-02
4 Ho Tuyen Lam 27-02
3 Ho Tuyen Lam 28-02
6 Dalat, hotel 01-03

Eurasian Tree Sparrow/Passer montanus malaccensis

Common throughout.

Asian Golden Weaver/Ploceus hypoxanthus hymenaicus

2mf Cat Tien, Croc Lake 04-03
1m spec. Cat Tien, Grasslands 05-03

Last sighting could also refer to Baya Waever.

White-rumped Munia/Lonchura striata subsquamicollis

5 Phong Nha 22-02
8 Ta Nung 27-02
c.5 Ta Nung 01-03
1 Cat Tien 03-03
1 Cat Tien 06-03

Scaly-breasted Munia/Lonchura punctulata topela

12 Can Gio 19-02

Red Crossbill/Loxia curvirostra meridionalis

2 Ho Tuyen Lam 27-02

1	Mount Lang Biang	28-02
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
Grey-capped Greenfinch/<i>Carduelis sinica</i> (ssp?)		
5	Da Nang, Sandy Beach Resort	26-02
Vietnamese Greenfinch/<i>Carduelis monguilloti</i>		
1	Ho Tuyen Lam	27-02
c.15	Ho Tuyen Lam	28-02
2	Ta Nung	01-03
Mammals		
Francois Langur		
c.15	Phong Nha	21-02
Red-shanked Douc-Langur/ <i>Pygathrix nemaeus</i>		
2	Bach Ma	23-02
Black-shanked Douc-Langur/ <i>Pygathrix nigripes</i>		
3	Cat Tien	04-03
Stump-tailed Macaque		
7	Bach Ma	23-02
Long-tailed Macaque		
1	Cat Tien	02-03
1	Cat Tien	05-03
Buff-cheeked (Yellow-cheeked) Gibbon/ <i>Nomascus gabriellae</i>		
H	Cat Tien, trail to Croc Lake	04-03
H	Cat Tien, Heaven's Rapid	05-03
Sambar Deer/ <i>Cervus unicolor</i>		
13	Cat Tien	03-03
Indian Muntjac/ <i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>		
3	Cat Tien	03-03
Wild Boar/ <i>Sus scrofa</i>		
1	Cat Tien	03-03
Large-toothed Ferret-badger/ <i>Melogale personata</i>		
1	Cat Tien, night drive	03-03
Small Asian Mongoose/ <i>Herpestes javanicus</i>		
1	Phong Nha	22-02
1	Ta Nung	01-03
Mountain Treeshrew		
1	Ta Nung	27-02
Northern Smooth-tailed Treeshrew/ <i>Dendrogale murina</i>		

1	Cat Tien	02-03
Fruit Bat		
10-en	Bach Ma	22-02
"Striped" Squirrel		
1	Phong Nha	21-02
2	Phong Nha	22-02
1	Bach Ma	22-02
1	Bach Ma	23-02
1	between Na Thrang and Dalat	26-02
4	Ta Nung	01-03
1	Di Linh	02-03
3	Cat Tien	03-03
c.5	Cat Tien	04-03

Other squirrels remained undetermined.