



Mountain Peacock-Pheasant (Craig Robson)

THE MALAY PENINSULA

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The 2019 tour to Peninsular Malaysia produced another superb collection of Sundaic regional specialities and Birdquest diamond birds. Highlights amongst the 277 species recorded this year included: Malaysian and Ferruginous Partridges, 'Malay' Crested Fireback, Mountain Peacock-Pheasant, Chestnut-bellied Malkoha, Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo, Reddish Scops Owl, Barred Eagle-Owl, Blyth's and Gould's Frogmouths, Malaysian Eared Nightjar, Rufous-collared and Blue-banded Kingfishers, Wrinkled Hornbill, Fire-tufted and Red-crowned Barbets, 19 species of woodpecker (17 seen), all the broadbills, Garnet and Mangrove Pittas, Fiery Minivet, Black-and-crimson Oriole, Spotted Fantail, Rail-babbler, Straw-headed and Scaly-bellied Bulbuls, Rufous-bellied Swallow, Large and Marbled Wren-Babblers, Black, Chestnut-capped and Malayan Laughingthrushes, Mountain Fulvetta, Blue Nuthatch, Malaysian Blue Flycatcher, Malayan Whistling Thrush, and Red-throated, Copper-throated and Temminck's Sunbirds.

Interesting mammals included Siamang, Smooth-coated Otter, Lesser Oriental Chevrotain, and a colony of Lesser Sheath-tailed Bats, and we also noted a wide range of reptiles and butterflies, including the famous Rajah Brooke's Birdwing.

After meeting up and then departing from Kuala Lumpur airport, it was only a fairly short drive to our first birding location at Kuala Selangor. Exploring the site either side of lunch at our nearby hotel, and also on the following morning, we birded a network of trails through the recovering mangrove ecosystem. Here we notched-up the usually scarce and retiring Chestnut-bellied Malkoha, Swinhoe's White-eye (split from Oriental/Japanese), and some smart Mangrove Blue Flycatchers, as well as Changeable Hawk-Eagle, lots of Pink-necked Green Pigeons and Olive-winged Bulbuls, Mangrove Whistler, Golden-bellied Gerygone, Cinereous Tit, and Ashy Tailorbird. Laced Woodpecker and Common Flameback were both very showy, while the attractive Silvered Langur was as confiding as ever, and we were also lucky enough to see Smooth-coated Otter. After a barbeque dinner at our hotel, a Sunda Scops Owl (or Collared, taxonomy-dependant) was seen really well by our cabins.



Mangrove Blue Flycatcher (Craig Robson)

After an early lunch at our hotel on day two, we drove for a couple of hours to the cooler climes of Fraser's Hill. After a quick turn-around, we found ourselves along one of the resorts quieter back roads. Here we were introduced to our first montane Malay Peninsula birds, which included the strange and unique Fire-tufted Barbet, Chestnut-capped (or Spectacled) Laughingthrush, Long-tailed Sibia, and Streaked Spiderhunter. Towards evening, we enjoyed very close views of the normally shy and retiring Malaysian Partridge.



Malaysian Partridge and Rufous-browed Flycatcher at Fraser's Hill (Craig Robson)

The next morning, we were out before dawn, in search of Malayan Whistling Thrush. We failed to find this endemic on our last tour here, when it had been usurped by a Blue Whistling Thrush. Fortunately this year, it had returned to its normal haunts, and we had great views of two rather confiding individuals with a pair of Large Niltavas. This spot also proved to be very good for the montane endemic Malayan Laughingthrush, a pair of which went to and fro across the road at close range. Over the next couple of days we explored various roads and trails around this very pleasant resort, with its remarkably showy and approachable avifauna. Amongst the other upland specialities were the near-endemic Black-browed Barbet, both Blyth's and the endemic form of Black-eared Shrike-babbler, 'Grey-throated' Minivet (a potential split from Grey-chinned), Black-and-crimson Oriole, 'Southern' Mountain Bulbul, Blue Nuthatch, Mountain Fulvetta, Blue-winged Minla, Silver-eared Mesia, Hume's White-eye (split from Everett's), 'Malay' Lesser Shortwing, and the local form of Black-throated Sunbird. Along a narrow forest trail, on consecutive days, we managed to track down two singing male Marbled Wren-Babblers. A notoriously difficult species to observe, and one that we may never have seen on the tour before, we managed to get some pretty good views for some tour participants of this inveterate skulker. 'Malay' Streaked Wren-Babbler, another potential split, was also seen very well here and, at the other end of the trail, we found our only Black Laughingthrushes of the trip - a species now thought to be a close relative of the scimitar babblers, rather than the laughingthrushes! Highlights along the very birdy road down towards The Gap included an unexpected sub-adult Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, as well as the more typical Blyth's Hawk- and Black Eagles, Long-tailed Broadbill, Scaly-breasted Bulbul, Rufous-bellied Swallow, and a brief Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler. At a roadside feeding station, there were super-tame Pygmy Cupwings (or Wren-Babblers), entertaining 'Southern' Grey-throated Babblers, and Rufous-browed Flycatcher. Other good birds during our stay included Maroon Woodpecker, Slaty-backed Forktail and Pin-tailed Parrotfinch. The most prominent mammal was the attractive Dusky Langur, but this year we also connected with the wonderful Siamang.



'Southern' Grey-throated Babblers (Craig Robson)

It was a relatively short and easy drive to our next birding location at Bukit Tinggi. Based at the astonishing if not bizarre Colmar Tropicale resort, a mock medieval French village, we only had to travel a short distance

to nearby hill forest in search of our main target birds here: the endemic Mountain Peacock-Pheasant and equally lovely, though more widespread Ferruginous Partridge. With an afternoon and morning at our disposal, we were able to sit in wait and obtain superb prolonged close views of both species, a real treat. There were many other interesting species here too. Predawn, we soon spotlighted a calling Blyth's Frogmouth and, later in the morning, we added Red-billed Malkoha, a noisy flock of Bushy-crested Hornbills, Orange-breasted Trogon, Grey-and-buff and Buff-rumped Woodpeckers, a small flock of Silver-breasted Broadbills, Scaly-breasted, Grey-bellied, and Ochraceous Bulbuls, Brown Fulvetta, and more Hume's White-eyes.



Ferruginous Partridge (Craig Robson)

From Bukit Tinggi, we had a somewhat longer drive to Taman Negara, pausing at Jerantut for lunch in a Chinese restaurant. From the road-head at Kuala Tahan, we had a short boat ride across the river to the resort at Taman Negara.

Based in very comfortable air-conditioned cabins, nestled at the forest edge, we had four whole days to explore what we could of this enormous and well-protected tropical rain forest reserve. The park trail system stretches far and wide from Kuala Tahan, and we explored what we could of it during our stay. The riverside trail to Tabing and beyond, was one of the most productive, and yielded perched Large Green Pigeons, Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo, two different Rufous-collared Kingfishers, Banded and 'Rufous-backed' Kingfishers, Olive-backed Woodpecker, Green Broadbill, a range of 'babblers', including Sooty-capped, Black-capped, and Chestnut-rumped, multiple Large Wren-Babblers, Malaysian Blue Flycatcher, White-crowned Forktail, and Temminck's Sunbird. Our first views of the sultry Garnet Pitta were obtained here, but our only Malayan Banded Pitta of the tour called but briefly and distantly. The marvelous calls of Great Argus were often heard but it has been some time now since a dancing ground has been accessible. We had our first attempt at seeing a calling Rail-babbler on our very first morning, but it proved typically elusive. Branching-off along the Bukit Teresek loop involved a bit more physical effort but resulted in our best views of Garnet Pitta when a tree-calling individual was finally spotted. The stretch from here to the accommodation produced the likes of Violet Cuckoo, Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot, Rhinoceros Hornbill,

and Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike. We visited Lubuk Simpon, a well-known river-access point, on several occasions, with very early mornings being best. Jules picked-out a perched Blue-banded Kingfisher, which we were able to study in the scope, and we also had a single 'Black-backed' Kingfisher, our only Wrinkled Hornbill, and a superb Straw-headed Bulbul in full song; the latter much reduced in numbers now by corrupt and morally devoid cage-bird traders, it still clings on here for the time-being. Lesser Fish Eagle was also seen several times along this stretch of river. Close to our accommodation the Swamp Loop was often quite birdy, with highlights including Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Black-throated Babbler, and Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler, and we had another go at seeing the elusive Rail-babbler here, to no avail. Lesser Oriental Chevrotain (or Mouse-Deer) was a nice mammal addition. The Tahan Hide provided a concealed location from which we admired a beautiful male 'Malay' Crested Fireback that came to feed at close range, and we were delighted when it was joined by two small chicks. Great Slaty Woodpecker and Black-thighed Falconet were seen at the edge of the small clearing there. The accommodation clearing is usually a great place to see a range of species, although this year there were no fruiting trees at all. Nevertheless we still had good views of Little Green Pigeon and perched Blue-rumped Parrots, as well as several Black Magpies, and Indochinese Blue Flycatcher (recently split from Tickell's). Daily pre-dawn owling sessions along the various boardwalk trails were rewarded with very good views of Reddish Scops Owl and Gould's Frogmouth. Large Frogmouth called quite closely on one occasion, but slipped away. Another Sunda Scops Owl (or Collared, taxonomy-dependant) showed well in the main clearing.



The Sungei Tahan, at Taman Negara (Craig Robson)

Leaving Taman Negara behind, we made our longest drive of the tour, which took us south to the state of Johor and the renowned Panti Forest, for the post-tour extension. Passing the entrance to the famous Bunker Trail on our way to the hotel near Kota Tinggi, excitement mounted in anticipation of the next days' birding.

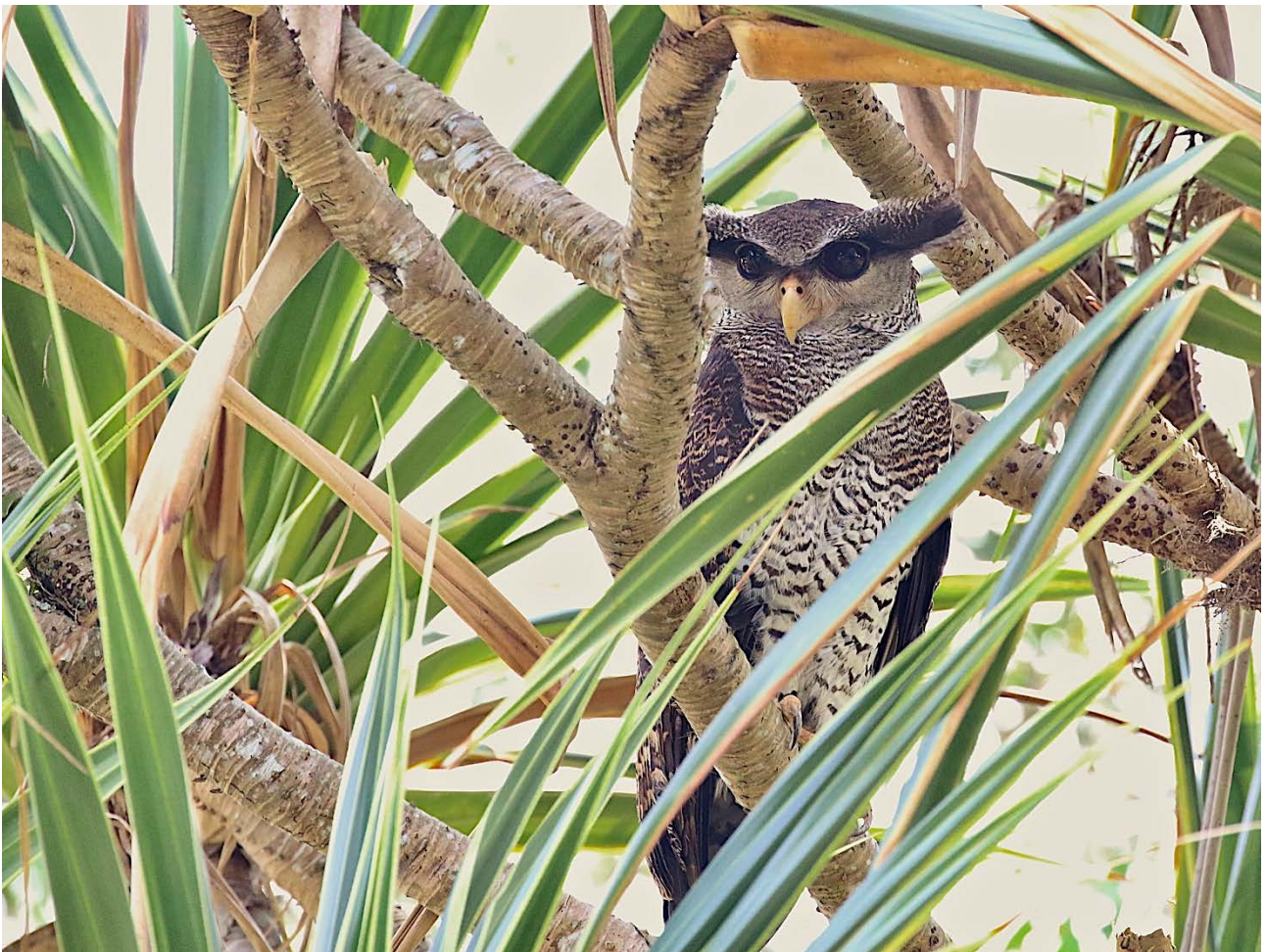


Gould's Frogmouth at Taman Negara (Craig Robson)

Our accommodation this year was right next to the western boundary of the forest and, as dusk approached, we had great views of a Malaysian Eared Nightjar close overhead.

Of course, our main reason for coming to Pantí was to look for the wonderful Rail-babbler, the sole member of the family Eupetidae. Having found the species at the first attempt on the previous tour, the pressure was on; especially after two failed attempts at Taman Negara earlier on. It took us the whole of our first day to see one at Pantí, at what must be the best site for the species in the World - due to its higher level of abundance there. We were well into the afternoon, and probably our seventh attempt overall, when Craig carefully lured a bird in to within 2m of himself, and in plain sight of all tour participants, by carefully whistling its mournful call.

The rest of our birding time was far from an anti-climax, as Pantí is a superb birding area with many interesting species; this year's other highlights including Chestnut-bellied and Black-bellied Malkohas, Whiskered Treeswift, Red-bearded Bee-eater, lots of gaudy Red-crowned Barbets - an extreme lowland forest specialist, Yellow-crowned Barbet, the unusual Dusky Broadbill (completing a clean-sweep of broadbills for once), Fiery Minivet, Dark-throated Oriole, and Greater Green Leafbird. The track-sides seemed to be lined with Orange-bellied, as well as smaller numbers of Yellow-breasted and Crimson-breasted Flowerpeckers and, in a rather small and non-descript flowering tree we spotted Plain, Red-throated and Van Hasselt's Sunbirds, and Thick-billed, Spectacled, Yellow-eared and Grey-breasted Spiderhunters. We also caught-up with a range of bulbuls, including Puff-backed, Cream-vented, Asian Red-eyed, Spectacled and Yellow-bellied, and more 'babbler's', with Horsfield's, Ferruginous, and Rufous-fronted. The nominate form of Banded Leaf Monkey, restricted to this state and a tiny area of Singapore, was also much appreciated, as was a well-known roost of Lesser Sheath-tailed Bats. Butterflies abounded in numbers and variety, providing further interest for some. Exploring a nice trail from our accommodation, which led into the western portion of the forest reserve, we added Diard's Trogon, Banded Woodpecker, and Short-tailed and Grey-headed Babblers.



Day-roosting Barred Eagle-Owl (Craig Robson)

Traveling a little further afield, following a tip-off, we were treated to excellent views of a day-roosting pair of awesome Barred Eagle-Owls, panting in the mid-day heat under the shade of some large palms. What a beauty! On the coast nearby, in an area of remnant mangroves, we also enjoyed some good views of Mangrove Pitta, for the second tour running, as well as a pair of scarce Copper-throated Sunbirds.

Our time was soon up on this relatively short tour, and we headed back to Kuala Lumpur to catch our respective flights home or relax overnight before a flight the following day.



Forest stream at Taman Negara (Craig Robson)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

Species which were heard but not seen are indicated by the symbol (H).

Species which were not personally recorded by the leader are indicated by the symbol (NL).

BIRDS

Total of bird species recorded: 277.

Malaysian Partridge (Grey-breasted P) *Arborophila campbelli* Two at Fraser's Hill, after a patient wait.

Ferruginous Partridge *Caloperdix oculus* Amazing close-ups of one at Bukit Tinggi.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* A couple at Taman Negara.

Crested Fireback (Malay C F) *Lophura [ignita] rufa* 2 lovely males at Taman Negara; 1 joined by 3 small chicks.

Mountain Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron inopinatum* Incredible views of two at Bukit Tinggi.



Mountain Peacock-Pheasant (Craig Robson)

Malayan Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron malacense* (H) Two heard, but surprisingly secretive during our stay.

Great Argus *Argusianus argus* (H) Heard often at Taman Negara and also at Panti Forest.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* (H) One at Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

Striated Heron (Little H) *Butorides striata*

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (NL) Erkki saw one on the way to the airport.

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* Occasional.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* One scoped perched at Kuala Selangor.

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus alboniger* Three at Fraser's Hill; good flight views.

Wallace's Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus nanus* Good flight views of one along the Gap Road from Fraser's Hill.



Wallace's Hawk-Eagle along the Gap Road from Fraser's Hill (Craig Robson)

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis* Two at Fraser's Hill.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* An immature bird at Pendas Mangroves.

Lesser Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus humilis* One seen several times along the Sungei Tahan, Taman Negara.

Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon) (feral) *Columba livia*

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*

Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps* Common in the mountains (*malayana*).

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*

Little Green Pigeon *Treron olax* Just small numbers at Taman Negara and Pantii Forest.

Pink-necked Green Pigeon *Treron vernans*

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra* Small numbers at Taman Negara and Pantii Forest.

Large Green Pigeon *Treron capellei* Up to 15 at Taman Negara, with some perched scope views.

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia* Small numbers at Fraser's Hill, with a couple perched.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* (H)

Raffles's Malkoha *Rhinorthis chlorophaea*

Red-billed Malkoha *Zanclostomus javanicus* Singles at Bukit Tinggi and Pantii Forest (*pallidus*).

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* Just one at Taman Negara.

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus* One at Kuala Selangor, and one or two at Pantii Forest.

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi* Just two at Pantii Forest, but seen well.

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea* (H)

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* Female scoped at Taman Negara; male flying over at Pantii Forest.

Little Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx minutillus* 1 Kota Rainforest Resort; heard Pendas Mangroves (*peninsularis*).

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* (H)

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis* Two seen at Taman Negara, but only quite briefly.

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* A juvenile scoped at Taman Negara.

Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx vagans* A highly reactive bird at Taman Negara. Another heard.

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus* One scoped briefly at Taman Negara.

Reddish Scops Owl *Otus rufescens* Seen very well on two different days at Taman Negara (*malayensis*).

Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus* (H) Calling distantly at Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi.



Chestnut-bellied Malkoha at Kuala Selangor (Craig Robson)

- Sunda Scops Owl** *Otus lempiji* Seen at De Palma Inn & Taman Negara; but this is really Collared S O (see note).
- Barred Eagle-Owl** *Bubo sumatranus* A superb roosting pair at a resort near Kota Tinggi.
- Collared Owlet** *Glucidium brodiei* (H) A couple heard at Fraser's Hill.
- Large Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus auritus* (H) Calling loudly at Taman Negara one morning, but slipped away.
- Gould's Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus stellatus* Excellent views of one at Taman Negara; two others heard.
- Blyth's Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus affinis* One spotlighted at Bukit Tinggi; another heard.
- Malaysian Eared Nightjar** *Lyncornis temminckii* Outstanding flight views of one at Kota Rainforest Resort.
- Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis* Just a handful in flight at Taman Negara.
- Whiskered Treeswift** *Hemiprocne comata* One scoped at Panti Forest.
- Plume-toed Swiftlet** *Collocalia affinis* Common at Fraser's Hill & Bukit Tinggi. Split from Glossy *C. esculenta*.
- Germain's Swiftlet** *Aerodramus germani*
- Silver-rumped Spinetail** *Rhaphidura leucopygialis* Frequently seen at Taman Negara; also a few at Bukit Tinggi.
- Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus* Just one over the campsite at Taman Negara.
- House Swift** *Apus nipalensis* (H) Calling in their nest in the porch at Shahzan Inn, Fraser's Hill.
- Red-naped Trogon** *Harpactes kasumba* (H) An unresponsive bird in a steep gully at Taman Negara.
- Diard's Trogon** *Harpactes diardii* A male seen well at Panti Forest (*sumatranus*).
- Scarlet-rumped Trogon** *Harpactes duvaucelii* A male scoped at Taman Negara; others heard.
- Orange-breasted Trogon** *Harpactes oreskios* A male along the Gap Rd and a showy pair at Bukit Tinggi (*uniformis*).
- Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus* Two showed at Fraser's Hill (*chaseri*).
- Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*
- Rufous-collared Kingfisher** *Actenoides concretus* Two seen at Taman Negara, with one behaving!!
- Banded Kingfisher** *Lacedo pulchella* A female scoped at Taman Negara; heard at Panti.
- Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis*
- White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*
Blue-banded Kingfisher *Alcedo euryzona* One perched at Lubuk Simpon, Taman Negara. Well spotted Jules!
Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Black-backed K) *Ceyx erithaca* 1 Lubuk Simpon, Taman Negara; obvious black above.
Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Rufous-backed K) *Ceyx [erithaca] rufidorsa* Single fly-bys at Taman Negara & Panti.
Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus* One obliged us at Panti Forest, on our last morning.
Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis* Occasional sightings throughout.
Rhinoceros Hornbill *Buceros rhinoceros* Often heard, with a few seen briefly at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara.
Helmeted Hornbill *Rhinoplax vigil* (H) Heard at Bukit Tinggi, distantly.
Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* A few (*convexus*).
Black Hornbill *Anthracoceros malayanus* (H) A disappointing year; only heard at Taman Negara.
Bushy-crested Hornbill *Anorrhinus galeritus* Great views at Bukit Tinggi, with a noisy flock of at least six.
Wrinkled Hornbill *Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus* One or two along the Sungei Tahan, Taman Negara.
Fire-tufted Barbet *Psilopogon pyrolophus* Common at Fraser's Hill.
Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineatus* (H) One at Kuala Selangor.
Golden-whiskered Barbet *Psilopogon chrysopogon*
Red-crowned Barbet *Psilopogon rafflesii* Quite common at Panti. An extreme lowland forest specialist (*malayensis*).
Red-throated Barbet *Psilopogon mystacophanos* Although often heard, just one seen at Taman Negara.
Black-browed Barbet *Psilopogon oorti* Common at Fraser's Hill.
Yellow-crowned Barbet *Psilopogon henricii* Regularly heard; scoped-up briefly at Panti Forest.
Blue-eared Barbet (Black-e B) *Psilopogon [duvaucelii] duvaucelii*
Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus*
Sooty Barbet *Caloramphus hayii*
Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus* Two at Bukit Tinggi and one at Taman Negara.
Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus moluccensis* (H) Twice at Kuala Selangor.
White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis* Multiple sightings this year; always a favourite.
Banded Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma miniaceum* Singles seen at Taman Negara and Panti (*malaccensis*).
Checker-throated Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma mentale* Occasional sightings (*humii*).
Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha* A few seen at Fraser's Hill (*wrayi*).
Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus* Just one at Fraser's Hill (*rodgeri*).
Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus* Three seen (*observandus*).
Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus* Several at Kuala Selangor, where easily observed.
Olive-backed Woodpecker *Dinopium rafflesii* Great views of a female at Taman Negara.
Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense* Common at Kuala Selangor; one at Pendas Mangroves.
Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus* A noisy pair at Kuala Selangor (*indomalayicus*).
Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus* One responded at Fraser's Hill.
Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* (H) Only heard once at Fraser's Hill (dark *cameroni*).
Orange-backed Woodpecker *Reinwardtipicus validus* A female, quite briefly, at Taman Negara.
Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus* Multiple widespread sightings (*squamigularis*).
Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis* A pair at Bukit Tinggi and one at Taman Negara.
Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki* Excellent views of two at Taman Negara, on the Swamp Loop.
Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* Very good flight views of one at Taman Negara.
Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius* Two seen twice at Taman Negara.
Blue-rumped Parrot *Psittinus cyanurus* Five perched at Taman Negara, and three more at Panti Forest.
Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot *Loriculus galgulus*
Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis* Three seen at Taman Negara, and another at Panti.
Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus*
Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* A large flock, with at least 20 counted, at Fraser's Hill.
Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus* A flock of five at Bukit Tinggi (*rothschildi*). Great birds.
Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*
Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*
Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus* Flocks of three and four birds at Panti Forest.
Rusty-naped Pitta *Hydrornis oatesi* (H) Two heard calling at Fraser's Hill.
Malayan Banded Pitta *Hydrornis irena* (H) Our only vocalizing bird, at Taman Negara, was distant.
Garnet Pitta *Erythropitta granatina* Two seen at Taman Negara, with one perched high in a tree for some time.

Mangrove Pitta *Pitta megarhyncha* One seen well at Pendas Mangroves.
Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea*
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus* (H)
Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus hirundinaceus* One male seen at Taman Negara.
Rufous-winged Philentoma *Philentoma pyrhoptera* Frequent at Taman Negara; at least one dependant fledged juv.
Common lora *Aegithina tiphia*
Green lora *Aegithina viridissima*
Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus* Three on our last morning at Panti Forest.
Grey-chinned Minivet (G-throated M) *Pericrocotus [solaris] montanus* 20 or so at Fraser's Hill (*montanus*).
Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus* Just one male in flight along the Gap Road.
Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina striata* (H) Once briefly at Taman Negara.
Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei* 5+ at Fraser's Hill. This form (*larutensis*) formerly part of Javan *C. javensis*.
Pied Triller *Lalage nigra* A few at Kuala Selangor, but rather elusive.
Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea* Two found with ease at Kuala Selangor (*vandepolli*).
White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*
Blyth's Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* Three seen and many heard at Fraser's Hill (*cameranoi*).
Black-eared Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius melanotis* A male at Fraser's Hill (*tahanensis*).
Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus* Two at Panti Forest, showing very well (/////s).
Black-naped Oriole (Sunda B-n O) *Oriolus [chinensis] maculatus* Several at Kuala Selangor (*maculatus*).
Black-and-crimson Oriole *Oriolus cruentus* A few at Fraser's Hill.
Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* Small and short-crested *platurus*.
White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*
Malaysian Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*
Spotted Fantail *Rhipidura perlata* One, all too briefly, at Taman Negara.
Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* Occasional at Taman Negara (*prophata*).
Blyth's Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis* Two at Taman Negara (nominat).
Crested Jay *Platylophus galericulatus* Only fleeting views of three this year at Taman Negara (*ardesiacus*).
Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus* Small numbers at Taman Negara, and very elusive as usual.
Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis* Two seen around the Golf Course at Fraser's Hill (*robinsoni*).
House Crow *Corvus splendens* Common now. A feral population.
Large-billed Crow (Southern Jungle C) *Corvus macrorhynchos*
Rail-babbler *Eupetes macrocerus* Very good views of one at Panti Forest. Also heard twice at Taman Negara.
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* Several at Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi.
Cinereous Tit (Grey T) *Parus cinereus* One at Kuala Selangor.
Straw-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* A superb songster seen, and another heard at Taman Negara.
Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps* Common at Panti Forest this year.
Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris*
Scaly-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus squamatus* Two at Fraser's Hill and one at Bukit Tinggi. Great views (*weberi*).
Grey-bellied Bulbul *Pycnonotus cyanoventris* Another distinctive bulbul; 1 Bukit Tinggi, 1 Taman Negara, 2 Panti.
Puff-backed Bulbul *Pycnonotus eutilotus* At least 3 at Panti Forest, including a fledged juvenile.
Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*
Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*
Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus* Common at Kuala Selangor; one at Panti Forest.
Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex* Quite common at Panti Forest, and easy to observe.
Asian Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus* Best seen at Panti Forest, where quite common this time.
Spectacled Bulbul *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos* Just two singles: Taman Negara and Panti Forest.
Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus* Not uncommon at Fraser's Hill-Gap, and Bukit Tinggi (*sordidus*).



Bulbuls (clockwise): Grey-bellied, Asian Red-eyed, Ochraceous, Scaly-breasted, Buff-vented, Streaked (Craig Robson)

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Alophoixus bres* Three at Taman Negara, but tricky to get onto (*tephrogenys*).
Yellow-bellied Bulbul *Alophoixus phaeocephalus* Small numbers at Taman Negara and Panti Forest.
Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes criniger* Not uncommon at Taman Negara and Panti Forest.
Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole crypta* One of the commonest bulbuls in lowland forests (*crypta*).



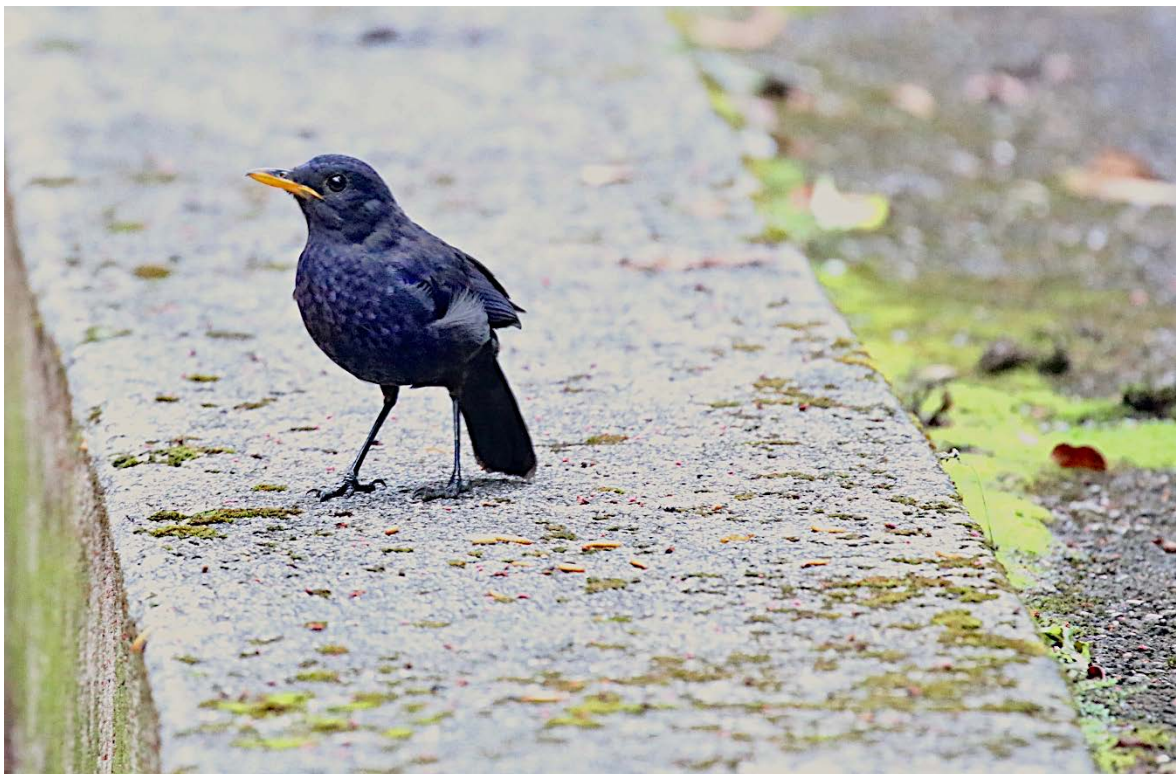
Straw-headed Bulbul at Taman Negara (Craig Robson)

Mountain Bulbul (Southern M B) *Ixos [maclellandii] tickelli* Small numbers at Fraser's Hill (*peracensis*).
Streaked Bulbul *Ixos malaccensis* Small numbers at Taman Negara and Panti Forest.
Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* Two at Kuala Selangor.
Pacific Swallow (House S) *Hirundo tahitica*
Rufous-bellied Swallow *Cecropis badia* Two along the Gap Road from Fraser's Hill, and one at Bukit Tinggi.
Pygmy Cupwing (P Wren-Babbler) *Pnoepyga pusilla* Amazing close views of two at Fraser's Hill (*harterti*).
Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* Quite a few at Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi (*sakaiorum*).
Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cuculatus* Two at Fraser's Hill (*malayanus*).
Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps* (H) Just one at Fraser's Hill (*butleri*).
Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens* One singing at Fraser's Hill (*extrema*).
Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris* Occasional in open grassy areas (*rafflesi*).
Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*
Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus* Pretty common at Taman Negara and Panti; seen well at the former.
Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*
Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler *P. montanus* One briefly at Bukit Tinggi (*occidentalis*).
Grey-throated Babbler (Southern G-t B) *Stachyris [nigriceps] larvata* Quite common Fraser's Hill (*davisoni*).
Grey-headed Babbler *Stachyris poliocephala* One of a pair at Panti Forest responded well to playback.
Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata* Just a few seen at Taman Negara.
Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis* One came in brilliantly at Taman Negara.
Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera* Seen many times in lowland forests.
Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyridopsis rufifrons* Two at Panti Forest (*poliogaster*).
Golden Babbler *Stachyridopsis chrysaea* Quite common at Fraser's Hill (*chrysops*).
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus gularis*
Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler *Macronus ptilosus* Pairs seen well at Taman Negara and Panti Forest.
Brown Fulvetta *Alcippe brunneicauda* Small numbers seen well at Bukit Tinggi and Taman Negara (nominate).
Mountain Fulvetta *Alcippe peracensis* Common at Fraser's Hill (*peracensis*).



Pygmy Cupwing and Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush at Fraser's Hill (Craig Robson)

Large Wren-Babbler *Napothera macrodactyla* Two different singles at Taman Negara. Good views for some.
Marbled Wren-Babbler *Napothera marmorata* A big surprise to see two of these mega-skulkers at Fraser's Hill.
Streaked Wren-Babbler (Malay S W-B) *Napothera [brevicaudata] leucostictus* A couple seen well at Fraser's Hill.
Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*
Horsfield's Babbler *Malacocincla sepiaria* One of these cryptic babblers seen very well at Pant.
Short-tailed Babbler *Malacopteron malaccensis* A couple at Taman Negara, and another seen very well at Pant.
Moustached Babbler *M. magnirostre* Seen very well on several occasions in the lowland forests.
Sooty-capped Babbler *Malacopteron affine* Just a few of this and the next species at Taman Negara.
Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum*
Rufous-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron magnum* Just a couple at Taman Negara.
White-chested Babbler *Trichastoma rostratum* Small numbers near water at Taman Negara.
Ferruginous Babbler *Trichastoma bicolor* One seen really well on our last morning at Pant Forest.
Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli* A couple seen well at Fraser's Hill.
Black-capped Babbler *P. capistratum* A few of these ground-dwellers at Taman Negara & Pant (*nigrocapitatum*).
Malayan Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron peninsulae* A showy pair at Fraser's Hill.
Blue-winged Minla (B-w Siva) *Actinodeura cyanouroptera* A few *sordidior* at Fraser's Hill.
Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris* 12 or so *tahanensis* at Fraser's Hill.
Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides* Common and conspicuous at Fraser's Hill (*wrayi*).
Black Laughingthrush *Garrulax lugubris* Three were observed for a lengthy period at Fraser's Hill.
Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush (Spectacled L) *Pterorhinus mitratus* Very common at Fraser's Hill.
Swinhoe's White-eye *Zosterops simplex* Common at Kuala Selangor and also Pendas Mangroves (*erwini*).
Hume's White-eye *Zosterops auriventer* Many seen in the montane interior: Fraser's Hill, Bukit Tinggi (*tahanensis*).
Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* Good numbers seen well at Pant Forest (*saturation*).
Blue Nuthatch *Sitta azurea* Four in a mixed-species feeding flock at Fraser's Hill (*expectata*).
Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*
Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* Occasional in lowland forests (nominate).
Javan Myna *Acridotheres javanicus* A common feral resident in disturbed habitats.
Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*



Malayan Whistling Thrush at Fraser's Hill (Craig Robson)

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*
White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*
Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Anthipes solitarius* A few seen well at Fraser's Hill.
Indochinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis sumatrensis* 2 at Taman Negara (nominate). Split from Tickell's *C. tickelliae*.
Malaysian Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis turcosus* A nice male along the Sungei Tahan at Taman Negara (*rupatensis*).
Mangrove Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis rufigastra* Three or four seen really well at Kuala Selangor (nominate).
Large Niltava *Niltava grandis* A pair seen at Fraser's Hill (*decepiens*).
Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus* Quite a few at Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi (*thalassoides*).
Lesser Shortwing (Malay L S) *Brachypteryx [leucophris] wrayi* Several seen at very close range at Fraser's Hill.
Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus* Several at Fraser's Hill.
White-crowned Forktail (Southern W-c F) *Enicurus leschenaulti* Two at Taman Negara; heard at Pantii (*frontalis*).
Malayan Whistling Thrush *Myophonus robinsoni* Great views of two at Fraser's Hill this year.
Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati* Four at Pantii Forest (*zosterops*).
Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon* Quite common in lowland forests.
Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* More sub-montane than the last species but also seen at Pantii.
Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii* Several at Fraser's Hill (*malayana*).
Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculatus* Several seen well at Pantii (*oblitus*).
Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus percussus* Two at Pantii (*ignicapilla*).
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma* Common in lowland forest, particularly at Pantii Forest.
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus* A few at Fraser's Hill (*dolichorhynchum*).
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum* A male at Pendas Mangroves.
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis* Widespread in lowland forests.
Plain Sunbird *Anthreptes simplex* Small numbers at Pantii Forest.
Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*
Red-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes rhodolaemus* At least four noted at Pantii Forest.
Van Hasselt's Sunbird (Purple-throated S) *Leptocoma calcostetha* A pair at Pantii Forest (*brasiliana*).
Copper-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma calcostetha* A very showy pair at Pendas Mangroves.
Olive-backed Sunbird (Ornate S) *Cinnyris [jugularis] ornatus* Singles at Kuala Selangor & Kota Rainforest Resort.
Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* A few at Fraser's Hill (*wrayi*).
Temminck's Sunbird *Aethopyga temminckii* A fine male at Taman Negara.
Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum*
Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*
Thick-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera crassirostris* Two seen well at Pantii Forest.
Spectacled Spiderhunter *Arachnothera flavigaster* Singles at Taman Negara and Pantii Forest.
Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysogenys* Two at Pantii.
Grey-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera modesta* Singles at Taman Negara and Pantii Forest.
Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*
Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*
Pin-tailed Parrotfinch *Erythrura prasina* A couple seen and others heard at Fraser's Hill; but you had to be quick!
White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata* Two at Bukit Tinggi.
Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*
Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus* One briefly at Kota Rainforest Resort.



Sunrise at Panti Forest (Craig Robson)

MAMMALS

Total of mammal species recorded: 19.

Common Treeshrew *Tupaia glis* Singles at Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi.

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

Banded Langur *Presbytis femoralis* Small numbers of localised range-restricted nominate form at Pantii Forest.

Silvered Langur *Trachypithecus cristatus* Common at Kuala Selangor

Dusky Langur *Trachypithecus obscurus* Common at Fraser's Hill, and also seen at Taman Negara.

Lar Gibbon (White-handed G) *Hylobates lar* (H) Often heard in lowland forest.

Siamang *Hylobates syndactylus* Heard at Fraser's Hill, Bukit Tinggi and Taman Negara; three seen at the former.

Grey-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps*

Black-striped Squirrel (B-banded S) *Callosciurus nigrovittatus* Three at Taman Negara and one at Pantii.

Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus*

Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel *Dremomys rufigenis* Several were easily seen at Fraser's Hill this year.

Three-striped Ground Squirrel *Lariscus insignis* Small numbers in lowland forests.

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* (NL) Jules saw one at Fraser's Hill.

Slender Squirrel *Sundasciurus tenuis* A few noted at Pantii Forest.

Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops mccllellandi* Frequent at Fraser's Hill and Bukit Tinggi.

Smooth-coated Otter (Smooth O) *Lutrogale perspicillata* Singles at Kuala Selangor and near Pantii.

Eurasian Wild Boar *Sus scrofa* Frequently encountered, with a troupe of 15 piglets noted at Pantii.

Lesser Oriental Chevrotain (L Mouse-Deer) *Tragulus kanchil* One along the Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.

Lesser Sheath-tailed Bat *Emballonura monticola* Small roosting colony at Pantii Forest; c.30.



Asian Red-cheeked Squirrel (Craig Robson)

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

Malaysian Partridge *Arborophila campbelli*

This species was formerly lumped in Bar-backed Partridge *A. brunneopectus*, and is sometimes now lumped in Grey-breasted Partridge *A. orientalis*.

Crested Fireback (Malay C F) *Lophura [ignita] rufa*

Some authorities now split this from off from the nominate Bornean race as a distinct species.

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

Fork-tailed Drongo Cuckoo *S. dicrurus* was formerly lumped in this species, with the name Drongo Cuckoo *S. lugubris* applied to the enlarged species.

Sunda Scops Owl *Otus lempiji*

Some authors lump this species (along with Collared Scops Owl *O. lettia* and Japanese Scops Owl *O. semitorques*) in Indian Scops Owl *O. bakkamoena*, with the name Collared Scops Owl applied to the enlarged species. Several regional authors do not accept the I.O.C. followed lumping of continental forms with the island-restricted Sundaic forms of Sunda Scops Owl.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Robson lumps this form in Little Swift *A. affinis* but uses the name House Swift for the enlarged species.

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Black-backed K) *Ceyx erithaca*

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Rufous-backed K) *Ceyx [erithaca] rufidorsa*

Some authors split these forms as two distinct species: Black-backed Kingfisher *Ceyx erithaca* and Rufous-backed Kingfisher *C. rufidorsa*.

Blue-eared Barbet (Black-e B) *Psilopogon [duvaucelii] duvaucelii*

This species has undergone a specific name change since the splitting-off of the Javan & Bali endemic Yellow-eared Barbet *P. australis*. Some authors also split the remaining birds into two species: Blue-eared Barbet *P. cyanotis* (continental range, excluding Peninsular Malaysia), and Black-eared Barbet *P. duvaucelii* (Peninsular Malaysia and Great Sundas, excluding Java & Bali).

Sooty Barbet *Caloramphus hayii*

This species was formerly lumped in Brown Barbet *C. fuliginosus* of Borneo, with the name Brown Barbet used for the enlarged species.

Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker *Yungipicus moluccensis*

Brown-capped Woodpecker *Y. nanus* (of the Indian Subcontinent) was formerly lumped in this species, with the name Brown-capped Woodpecker used for the enlarged species.

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus*

Some authors now split the nominate form in Java as a separate species, Red-crested (or Lilliput) Woodpecker. Under these circumstances, the birds in our area are re-named *H. sordidus*.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*

Some authors now split the nominate form in Java as a separate species, White-rumped (or Zebra) Woodpecker. Under these circumstances, the birds in our area are re-named *M. grammithorax*.

Grey-chinned Minivet (G-throated M) *Pericrocotus [solaris] montanus*

BirdLife/IBW treat the Sundaic forms *montanus* and *cinereigula* as a distinct species, Grey-throated Minivet *Pericrocotus montanus*.

Malayan Banded Pitta *Hydromis irena*

This species (along with Bornean Banded Pitta *H. schwaneri*) was formerly lumped in Javan Banded Pitta *H. guajanus*, with the name Banded Pitta applied to the enlarged species.

White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*

This species was formerly known as White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca*, but has been re-named following its removal from the babblers and placement in the family Vireonidae.

Blyth's Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus*

The former White-browed Shrike-babbler *P. flaviscapis* was fairly recently split into four species: Pied Shrike-babbler *P. flaviscapis* (Java); Himalayan Shrike-babbler *P. ripleyi* (north-east Pakistan to western Nepal - not even accepted as a taxon prior to the split); Blyth's Shrike-babbler *P. aeralatus* (rest of range, except southern and central highlands of Vietnam), and Dalat Shrike-babbler *P. annamensis* (southern and central highlands of Vietnam). Shrike-babblers are now placed in the family Vireonidae, and are completely un-related to babblers.

Black-naped Oriole (Sunda B-n O) *Oriolus [chinensis] maculatus*

Some authors (e.g. BirdLife/IBW) suggest splitting-up the current form into <6 species or more. The form seen on this tour would be part of Sunda Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus maculatus*, occurring from southern Thailand to the Greater Sundas.

Malaysian Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

Some authors lump Philippine Pied Fantail *R. nigritorquis* in this species, using the name Pied Fantail for the enlarged species. The name Malaysian Pied Fantail seems rather inappropriate though as this species still occurs through much of South-east Asia and Sundaland.

Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis*

This species was formerly lumped in Indian Paradise Flycatcher *T. paradisi*, with the name Asian Paradise Flycatcher being used for the enlarged species.

Cinereous (or Grey) Tit *Parus cinereus*

The grey backed, white-bellied complex of south Asian forms now placed in this species, were formerly lumped in Great Tit *P. major*.

Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole crypta*

Recent studies have resulted in the re-arrangement of taxa in this and closely related species, resulting in a specific name change. The form *charlottae* is now considered a Borneo endemic, Charlotte's Bulbul.

Mountain Bulbul (Southern M B) *Ixos [maclellandii] tickelli*

BirdLife/IBW suggest that more southern forms (*tickelli*, *loquax*, *griseiventer*, *canescens* & *peracensis*) might comprise a distinct species: Southern Mountain Bulbul *Ixos tickelli*.

Rufous-bellied Swallow *Cecropis badia*

Formerly lumped in Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*.

Grey-throated Babbler (Southern G-t B) *Stachyris [nigriceps] larvata*

BirdLife/IBW suggest that splitting-off the Sundaic forms of Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps* might be warranted, with the new form named Southern Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris larvata*.

Streaked Wren-Babbler (Malay S W-B) *Napothera [brevicaudata] leucostictus*

BirdLife/IBW suggest that splitting-up the former Streaked Wren-Babbler *Napothera brevicaudata* into five species might be warranted, including the endemic form seen on this tour; which would become Malay Streaked Wren-Babbler *N. leucostictus*.

Swinhoe's White-eye *Zosterops simplex*

Following recent research and DNA work on white-eyes, this new species has been formed from multiple taxa and populations that were previously included in more than one white-eye species. The form seen on this tour was previously considered to be a population of the *auriventer* subspecies of Oriental White-eye *Z. palpebrosus*, and has been given the subspecific name *erwini*.

Hume's White-eye *Zosterops auriventer*

Following recent research and DNA work on white-eyes, this new species has been formed from multiple taxa that were previously included in more than one white-eye species. The form seen on this tour (*tahanensis*) was previously considered to be a subspecies of Everett's White-eye *Z. everetti*, which is now restricted to the Philippines and Talaud.

Lesser Shortwing (Malay L S) *Brachypteryx [leucophris] wrayi*

BirdLife/HBW suggest that splitting-up of the former Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophris* into five species might be warranted, including the endemic form seen on this tour; which would become Malay Lesser Shortwing *B. wrayi*.

Olive-backed Sunbird (Ornate S) *Cinnyris [jugularis] ornatus*

Several authors propose splitting-up the former Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis* into various new species. A proposed split by BirdLife/HBW would see the form recorded on this tour become a race of Ornate Sunbird *C. ornatus*; a potential Sundaic endemic.

APPENDIX 1

TOP TEN BIRDS OF THE TOUR

- 1st Rail-babbler
- 2nd Mountain Peacock-Pheasant
- 3rd Barred Eagle-Owl
- 4th Ferruginous Partridge
- 5th Garnet Pitta

APPENDIX 2 - Other fauna & flora recorded

REPTILES

- Tockay Gecko** *Gekko gekko* One at Taman Negara.
Warty House Gecko *Gekko monarchus* Common at Taman Negara.
Asian House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* Common at Taman Negara.
Common Sun Skink *Euopis multifasciata* Taman Negara, Panty Forest etc.
South-east Asian Monitor Lizard *Varanus nebulosus* Taman Negara.
Water Monitor Lizard *Varanus salvator* Kuala Selangor etc.
Banded Krait *Bungarus fasciatus* One seen rather too close at Kuala Selangor.
Common Gliding Lizard *Draco sumatranus* Panty.

BUTTERFLIES

- Rajah Brooke's Birdwing** *Trogonoptera brookiana* Seen at a number of locations.
Common Batwing *Atrophaneura varuna* Fraser's Hill.
Common Tree Nymph *Idea stollii*
Smaller Wood Nymph *Ideopsis gaura*
Common Posy *Drupadia ravindra* Taman Negara.
Lesser Harlequin *Laxita thuisto* Taman Negara.

Clipper *Parthenos sylvia*

Malay Cruiser *Vindula dejone*

Great Marquis *Bassarona dunya* Taman Negara.

Jeweled Nawab *Polyura delphis* Lubuk Simpon.

MOTHS

Swallow-tailed Moth *Lyssa zampa* Very common at Taman Negara this year.



Lesser Harlequin (Craig Robson)