



Brown-capped (or Trumpeting) Fantail (Brian Field)

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This was our second tour following the brand-new itinerary and, once again, produced a massive number of regional and single-island endemics amongst our total of around 353 species. It is difficult to single-out highlights from so many good birds, and there were very few 'misses' this year. Recent advances in local field-guides and the relentless splitting of species following, mainly DNA-based taxonomic decisions, have resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of target-species on this tour, and I believe that this year saw our biggest haul to date.

We all assembled at the Airport in Denpasar, Bali and checked-in for our relatively short flight to Waingapu, the main town on the island of Sumba. On arrival, we were whisked away to our newly built hotel, and arrived just in time for lunch. By the early afternoon, we were already beginning our explorations with a visit to the coastline north-west of town in the Londa Liru Beach area. The main purpose of going to this site was two-fold. Most important was the small population of tailorbirds that Birdquest discovered here in 2013, inhabiting coastal savanna. They resemble Olive-backed (or Javan) but the voice, at least, appears slightly different. Olive-backed is the only *Orthotomus* tailorbird occurring east of Wallace's Line, reaching distant Lombok only. Could this be an undescribed form, or is this population derived from released Olive-backed's of captive origin, as has been suggested by some people. Before finally tracking down some tailorbirds, we enjoyed a rather tame pair of Malaysian Plovers in their usual area along the shoreline.

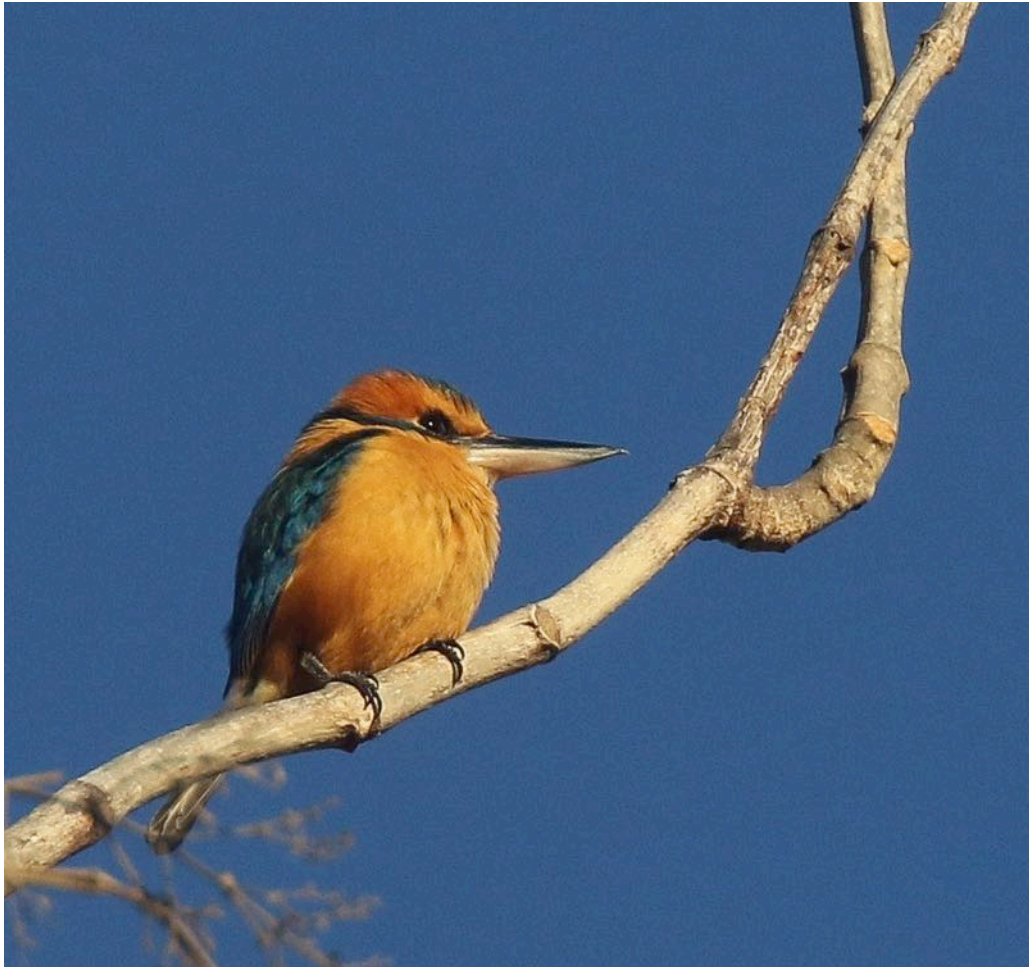


Malaysian Plover near Waingapu (Craig Robson)

From here we continued to Yumbu grasslands. Forming a well-organized line, it wasn't too long before a Sumba Buttonquail was flushed, and we had a very high number of good flight views this year, with at least six individuals noted. There was not much else to hold our attention here, apart from Horsfield's Bush Lark, so we headed back to base for an 'relatively' early night. Early the following morning we visited a number of wetlands in the Menggitimbe area. A nice range of species as usual, included Wandering Whistling and Pacific Black Ducks, Sunda Teal, Australian Swamphen, Buff-banded Rail, White-browed Crake, White-headed (or Pied) Stilt, a couple of Javan Plovers, Sacred Kingfisher, Indonesian Honeyeater, White-shouldered (or Lesueur's) Triller, Australian Reed Warbler, and large numbers of Zebra Finches and Pale-headed Munias. Following a suggestion by Martin, our local guide, some ricefields near the airport produced a good number of Javan Munias, a species that is apparently not known to occur on Sumba, along with closer Pale-headed's. We returned to the hotel, packed-up, and drove the fairly short distance to our homestay in Lewa. After lunch and a welcome break, we travelled south-east to an area of forest patches. Dull overcast weather made things very slow, with Sumba Flycatcher being our best bird come dusk. Mees's Nightjar performed nicely at dusk and, after nightfall, we were lucky enough to get very good views of Little Sumba Hawk-Owl (or Boobook).

Over the next two days we successfully tracked-down all of the islands endemic bird species. At an excellent vantage point with beautiful early morning views at Manupeu Tanah Daru (Langgaliru) National Park, we

found two Yellow-crested (or Citron-/Orange-crested) Cockatoos, as well as our first lovely Red-naped Fruit Doves, Sumba Green Pigeons, Sumba Hornbills, two nice female Eclectus Parrots, Great-billed Parrot, a good number of Marigold Lorikeets, and Broad-billed Flycatcher (or Monarch). A vocal Pink-headed Imperial Pigeon was totally unexpected and posed for scope views. We flushed some Brown Quails, and a number of Tawny Grassbirds perched-up. Further birding in the national park brought Brown Goshawk, Sumba Myzomela (including a nest with young), Rusty-breasted (or Sumba or Tenggara) Whistler (taxonomy-dependant)), Arafura (or Supertramp) Fantail, Wallacean (or Sumba Spangled) Drongo. Yellow-ringed White-eye (or Wallace's Heleia), Sumba Jungle Flycatcher (split from Russet-backed), and Blood-breasted (or Sumba) Flowerpecker. Pre-dawn on one day, we succeeded in getting very good views of both Sumba (or Great Sumba) Boobook and the local form of Eastern Barn Owl, which has been suggested as a potential split.



Cinnamon-banded Kingfisher (Brian Field)

More visits to forest patches south-east of Lewa produced Spotted Harrier, Black-naped Fruit Dove, a surprise pair of Shining Bronze Cuckoos, Cinnamon-banded Kingfisher (always a crowd-pleaser), Wallacean (or Sumba) Cuckooshrike, Pale-shouldered Cicadabird, Sumba Brown Flycatcher, and Thick-billed (or Tenggara) Flowerpecker.

On our way back to Waingapu, we explored more of the interesting coastal savanna habitat further north, and we found numerous tailorbirds. After a comfortable night, we took an early morning flight to west Timor.

Arriving at Kupang relatively early, we had time to visit a coastal area not far from town before lunch. Red-backed Buttonquail gave nice views on the way to the shore and, once there, we passed a Little Tern colony before noting a few 'Australian' Gull-billed Terns (split by a number of authorities), and a number shorebirds, including Bar-tailed Godwit, Far Eastern Curlew, and Terek Sandpiper. Beach Stone-curlew was a bonus.

In the afternoon, we introduced ourselves to the endemic Timor avifauna with a visit to the Pan Muti-Bipolo area on the other side of Kupang Bay. Buff-banded Rail and a plethora of White-browed Crakes were entertaining, and there were good numbers of Australian Pratincoles. Wet areas were attracting, Red Avadavat and Five-coloured Munia and, before too long, a good number of endemic Timor Sparrows showed up. As night fell, we had some nice looks at Timor (or Streaked) Boobook (a long-acknowledged split from Southern) calling from some dead trees.



'Rote' Boobook (Craig Robson)

The following morning, we embarked on our side-trip to the neighbouring island of Rote, just a short ferry ride from Kupang. With one night at a small hotel, we had the rest of the day and a morning to explore the north-eastern part of the island. Our main targets were four potential splits: Rote Boobook (from Southern), Rote Myzomela (from an undescribed form resembling Sumba), Rote Fantail (from Northern), and Rote Leaf Warbler (from another undescribed form resembling Timor). We succeeded in getting great views of all of them. Additionally, the forest patches and a very nice wetland yielded Green Pygmy Goose, Hardhead, Australasian Darter, Red-capped Plover, very brief views of Jonquil Parrot, Olive-brown (or Timor) Oriole, White-bellied Bush Chat, and Tricoloured Parrotfinch for some.

The waters around the island supported a few seabirds too, with lots of Brown Boobies and Bridled Terns, and a single Wilson's Storm Petrel.

Back on Timor, we spent our first early morning at Camplong, where we had several important target birds to track down. Fortunately, things went very well. A flowering tree attracted Black-breasted (or Timor) Myzomela, and Flame- (or Yellow-) eared and Streak-breasted Honeyeater (or Timor Meliphaga), while skulkers like Timor Stubtail, Buff-banded (or Timor) Thicketbird, Black-banded Flycatcher, and Spot-breasted Heleia all put in an appearance. We also enjoyed Plain (or Timor) Gerygone, Sunda Bush Warbler, and Orange-sided Thrush.



Pygmy Wren-babbler (or Cupwing) on Gunung Mutis (Craig Robson)

We spent much of the afternoon and following morning at a couple of nice sites that we know near Bipolo. Jonquil Parrots endure, and we had good scope views of a pair, while other goodies included more Pink-headed Imperial Pigeons, Cinnamon-banded Kingfisher, a good number of Wallacean (or Timor Spangled) Drongos, our first Timor Friarbirds and Timor Leaf Warblers, Timor Blue Flycatcher, more good views of Black-banded Flycatcher, and lots of quite showy Tricolored Parrotfinches.

We moved on inland and uphill to Soe and in the afternoon, paid our first visit to Oelnasi, an area of monsoon forest 15km back towards Kupang. Things were a little bit quiet, but we did get our first views of Timor Cuckoo-Dove. Eastern Barn Owl showed well after nightfall, but the much-wanted 'Timor' Nightjar (a proposed split from Large-tailed) had retreated to the forest interior and was being difficult.

For our visit to west Timor's highest mountain, Gunung Mutis, we had to leave very early in our four-wheel drive vehicles, in order to negotiate the very bad road. Soon after arrival at the trail-head, around some rocky outcrops, we lured-in some very entertaining Pygmy Wren-babblers (or Cupwings). Previously, the local form was thought to be a potential split, but this theory seems to have slipped down the scale somewhat now. With fine but typically breezy weather, we made rapid progress along the summit trail through impressive *Eucalyptus* forests. Numerous Island Thrushes, and regular groups of Mountain White-eyes were encountered along the way, while Olive-headed Lorikeets constantly squawked over. Reaching a large clearing, a couple of shy Timor Imperial Pigeons were seen by some in flight, and then shrill calls alerted us to a smart Iris Lorikeet which gave us good scope views. Further searching for the elusive Timor Imperial Pigeon in its long-favoured spots produced further flight views of several individuals. As usual, Metallic Pigeon was the commonest Columbidae, and we also found Yellow-throated (or Timor or Tenggara) Whistler, numerous Snowy-browed Flycatchers, and plenty of Timor Leaf Warblers. Some parrotfinches that drew our attention, turned out to be the recently discovered 'Mount Mutis' Parrotfinch, which is yet to be described, though there were no full-plumaged males unfortunately.



Arafura (or Supertramp) Fantail on Timor (Brian Field)

Our last day on Timor saw a return to Oelnasi. We still needed to find Black Cuckoo-Dove, and we had to walk some way before we managed to finally track one down - and then a rather secretive individual, that was probably nesting. Fortunately, it perched-up a few times for some scope views. Several other nice highlights included a brief and very flighty Timor Imperial Pigeon, more views of Timor Cuckoo-Dove, our first Banded Fruit Doves, Spectacled (or Tenggara or Wallacean) Monarch, some obliging Spot-breasted Heleias, large numbers of Thick-billed (or Tenggara) Flowerpeckers, and Blue-cheeked (or Red-chested) Flowerpecker. In the evening, we finally succeeded in getting satisfactory views of 'Timor' Nightjar, before heading back to our hotel in Kupang.



Views of the hills near Lewa, Sumba, and Gunung Mutis, west Timor (Brian Field)

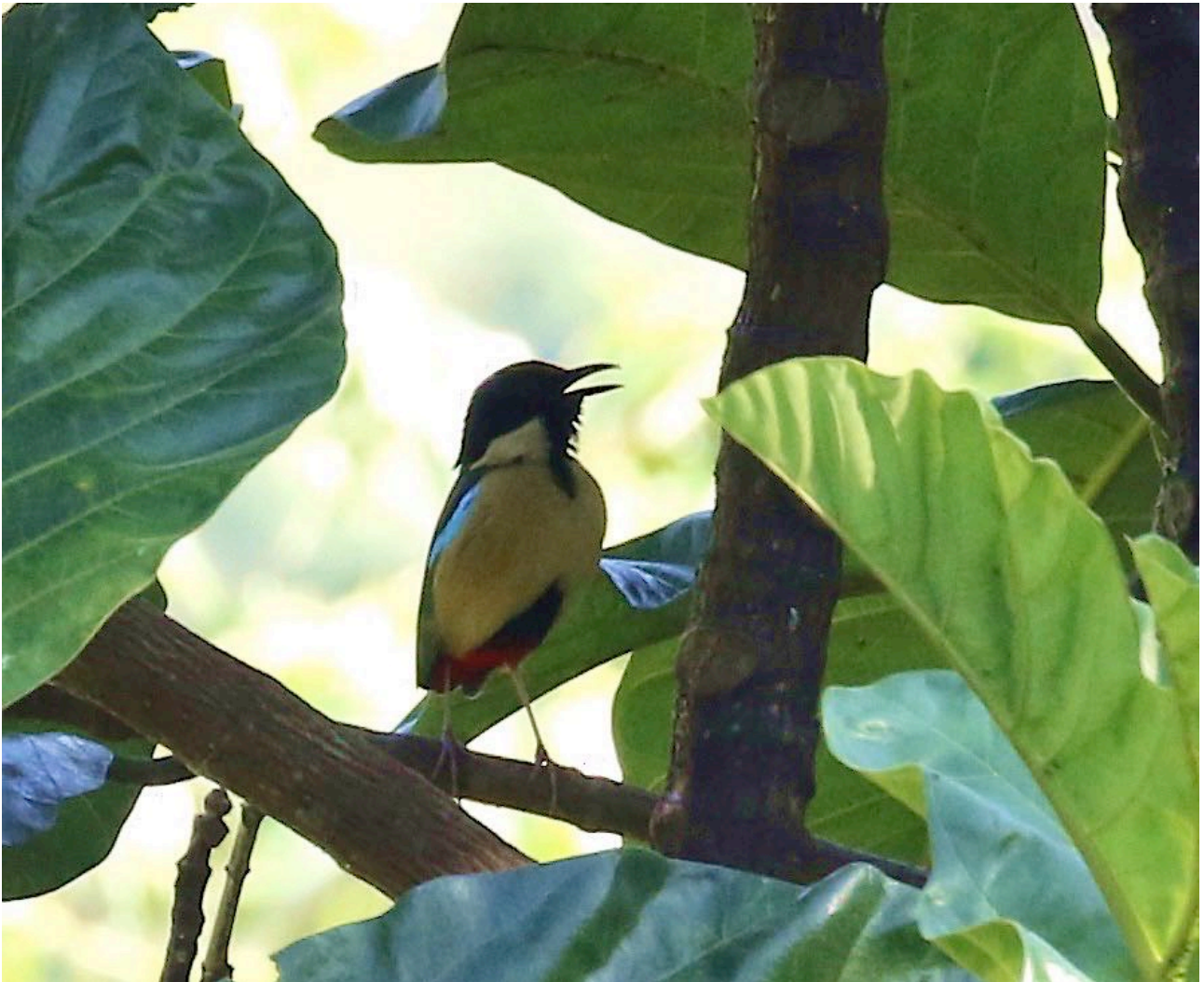
A very early morning flight transported us across to Ruteng in the mountains of Flores, from where we drove across to our accommodation at the Catholic Seminary in Kisol. Stopping for some introductory highland birding along the way, we scanned the placid crater-lake of Danau Rana Mese. Just Tricolored Grebes (split from Little) and Pacific Black Ducks on the water, but in the surrounding forest we enjoyed our first endemics: Scaly-crowned Honeyeater, Little (or Flores) Minivet, tail-wagging Brown-capped (or Trumpeting) Fantail, some very obliging Russet-capped Tesias, Crested White-eye (or Heleia), yellow-bellied Oriental (or Sunda) White-eyes, 'Flores' Jungle Flycatcher (a long-accepted split from Russet-backed), and Golden-rumped Flowerpecker.



Yellow-breasted Warbler (Craig Robson)

From our base at Kisol, we made a series of excursions to the forest below Gunung Pacandeki. Our main target here is the threatened Flores Hawk-Eagle. This year it proved very elusive, and it was only thanks to Martin's sharp eyes that we managed to observe a soaring bird on the other side of the mountain, as we were leaving the area! Another much-wanted bird, the elusive Flores Green Pigeon, was present in good numbers this year, and exceptionally easy to see, along with a different race of Banded and lots of Black-naped Fruit Doves. Glittering Kingfisher finally gave itself up, thanks to Steve, and we had good looks at Thick-billed Heleia, but Elegant Pitta and Flores Crow only showed well for some of us. Owling produced good views of Moluccan Scops Owl.

Leaving Kisol behind, we headed back up into the hills and our accommodation in Ruteng. After checking-in to our new hotel accommodation, we headed for the forested slopes surrounding the town, where we were to spend most of our time in the Ruteng area. One of the most memorable experiences was the incredible dawn chorus of Bare-throated Whistlers at Golo Lusang. They were singing everywhere at day-break, but it proved surprisingly challenging to get one in the scope for all to enjoy. It is truly amazing just how skulking this bird is during the rest of the day, when it falls silent. Also of great interest for us were a single Wallace's Hanging Parrot high in a huge fig tree, 'Flores' Leaf Warbler (a long-time well-acknowledged split from Timor), Yellow-breasted Warbler, Cream-browed White-eye (or Eyebrowed Heleia), a smart Chestnut-backed Thrush, White-browed (or Flores) Shortwing, a likely future split that proved typically skulking, and Blood-breasted (or Flores) Flowerpecker. Our night-time forays, resulted in some pretty good views of Wallace's Scops Owl, but Flores Scops Owl proved to be a real pain this year, with only Martin managing to lay eyes on one. Unfortunately, it was off before we could reach him!



Elegant Pitta on Flores (Craig Robson)

Along a minor road north of Ruteng, that skirts the forested slopes from near Pagal down to Gapong, we had but brief flight views of Leaf Lorikeet, as had been the case at Golo Lusang - this one would have to wait. Glittering Kingfisher gave us better and more prolonged scope views and we also all really enjoyed some very obliging Elegant Pittas, particularly one that Brian spotted below the road. There was a typically good variety of other species here, including Rusty-breasted (or Sunda Brush) and Little (or Gould's) Bronze Cuckoos, Crested and Yellow-ringed White-eyes, and Black-fronted Flowerpecker.



Pan Muti-Bipolo, west Timor, and Golo Lusang, Flores (Craig Robson)

Having pretty well cleaned-up in the highlands, we continued westwards in the wee hours, bound for Puarlolo, a well-known site for the restricted-range endemic Flores Monarch. This year the monarch gave us a bit of a break, and showed extremely easily and well. Chestnut-capped Thrushes were also very vocal and active, with numerous views as we tried to all get satisfactory looks at this stunning bird. A pair of Flores Crows showed a bit more of themselves, and Rufous-chested Flycatcher also performed well. Nearby, we got some better, though rather too brief views of some more Wallace's Hanging Parrots. We headed off for a bit of luxury in the Bintang Flores Hotel in Labuan Bajo. In the afternoon, we birded the Potawangka Road which branches-off at the outskirts of Labuan Bajo. It was pretty quiet, as is often the case in the afternoon, but a dazzling Oriental Dwarf (or Rufous-backed) Kingfisher zapped by, and a pair of Flores Crows showed ridiculously well.



Orange-footed Scrubfowl (Craig Robson)

Komodo Island and its remarkable dragons provided the setting for the final full day of the main tour. Boarding our charter boat well before dawn, we cruised across the ocean to this strange island, enjoying a typically beautiful sunrise. There were plenty of birds during the outbound journey too, with Great-billed Herons, Lesser Frigatebirds, and another Beach Stone-curlew. Once ashore, we took a walk into the dry forests to admire the lovely Yellow-crested Cockatoo, safe here, at least for the time being, in perhaps its best remaining refuge on earth. Our first Komodo Dragon, perhaps the star-attraction for many people here, came plodding down the trail straight towards us. This year we saw several small youngsters too, including one in a tree-cavity. We had some fantastic looks at Green Junglefowl, an extremely tame and confiding Orange-footed Scrubfowl, a few lovely Island (or Sunda) Collared Doves, and some small flocks of Lemon-bellied White-eyes. The boat journey back produced multiple sightings of Bulwer's Petrel and Red-necked Phalarope.

On our last morning in the Lesser Sundas, we still had time for more birding, and decided on a return visit to Puarlolo. This proved to be a great decision, as we were treated to excellent prolonged views of noisy groups of feeding Leaf Lorikeets, and we also had much better views of Wallace's Hanging Parrot. A Flores Monarch even performed for us right by the roadside.

Flying back to Denpasar, we bid farewell to Barbara and Phil, and then enjoyed a big comfortable bed in a typically well-appointed Bali hotel, as we looked ahead to the Bali & East Java Extension.



Bali Myna near a release site (Brian Field)

Events kicked-off early the next morning with a visit to the Uluwatu Temple area at the southern tip of the island. Large-tailed Nightjar 'chonked'-away and, as the sun steadily rose, we began to scan for Black-winged (or Grey-rumped) Myna, which has been roosting in this area in recent years. It was very pleasing to find a few birds still present, and we figured that more were there, but had just gone to feed in different areas. A range of commoner landbirds included Pink-necked Green Pigeon, Freckle-breasted Woodpecker, Small Minivet, Olive-backed Tailorbird, and Javan Myna.

Before our lengthy drive to north-west Bali, we had time for a visit to Nusa Dua Wastewater Treatment Plant - a great place for a wide range of water- and other birds. Amongst the good sightings here, were Sunda Teal, large numbers of Little Black and Little Pied Cormorants, 'Eastern' Great Egrets in full breeding plumage, Cerulean (or Small Blue) Kingfisher, and Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker.

From Nusa Dua we drove north, and crossed the mountainous interior of Bali to the north coast, and then travelled west towards Bali Barat National Park. In the late afternoon, we hooked-up with some local guides

and birded some areas near the outskirts of Bali Barat National Park. One of the locations forms part of the Bali Myna re-population effort, and here we had our first views of this beautiful bird. We were able to see a number that were un-ringed, and had been born 'in the wild'. Continuing to an area of gardens and plantations close to the forest edge, we were treated first to fantastic views of a rather confiding Javan Banded Pitta, and then a superb roosting pair of Sunda Scops Owls!



Javan Banded Pitta (Brian Field)

Early the following morning we birded near Labuhan Lalang. Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon and Yellow-throated Hanging Parrot shot over in a rather unsatisfactory manner, a calling Javan Owlet gave us the slip, and, Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher only showed fleetingly - so not the best start! Oriental Dwarf (or Rufous-backed) Kingfisher turned out to be very tame, and near the shore we had an un-ringed Bali Myna that had travelled several kilometres from the nearest release site.

We drove to Gilimanuk and boarded one of the many large car ferries that ply the Bali Strait. A single Wilson's Storm Petrel highlighted the crossing and, once ashore at Banyuwangi, we continued our journey north-eastwards to Baluran National park. Based in some comfortable accommodation near the park entrance, we had an afternoon and a morning to explore this large park. At Bekol, the large open areas with waterholes proved to be the best area to see the magnificent Green Peafowl, and we saw over 50 in all in the park. For the second year running, we had good numbers of critically endangered Black-winged (or Grey-backed) Mynas, this time riding on the backs of the Timor Deer as they came to drink. The biggest surprise here though, was the amazing congregation of at least 60 Java Sparrows, which consisted mainly of juveniles. Along the coastal trail at Bama, we had a couple of sightings of a smart male Javan Flameback, as

well as the somewhat more subdued (but equally endemic!) Grey-cheeked Tit-Babbler. Other good birds in Baluran were Green Junglefowl, numerous Island Collared Doves, Spotted Wood Owl (which showed very well in flight in the evening), a pair of Javan Cuckooshrikes, Scarlet (or Javan) Minivet, Slender-billed (or Sunda) Crow, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, and Hill Blue (or Javan Jungle) Flycatcher.



Java Sparrow (Craig Robson)

Leaving Baluran in the mid-morning, we drove via Banyuwangi to our accommodation below the Ijen Plateau. After lunch, we headed up to the forest to bag some new birds. Unfortunately, we had some low cloud to deal with this year, so we began higher up at the site, where visibility was somewhat better. It was a slow start, but Javan Bush (or Sunda Grasshopper) Warbler showed quite well, Dark-backed Imperial Pigeon was seen perched, and there were one or two little gems like White-flanked Sunbird and Blood-breasted (or Javan) Flowerpecker.

Fortunately, the weather gods were very kind to us on the following morning, and we had a nice bright. Starting lower down before daybreak, we only heard some distant Javan Frogmouths but, as dawn approached, we succeeded in getting some excellent views of the often rather tricky Javan Owlet. Black-banded and Flame-fronted Barbets showed easily and a number of bird-waves included Sunda Minivet, Pied and Trilling Shrike-babblers, White-bellied Fantail, Mountain Leaf and Sunda Warblers, Mees's White-eye (or Javan Heleia), Blue Nuthatch, and Indigo Flycatcher.

Working the various elevations along the steep windy road, we gradually bagged the vast majority of our targets. We had a productive encounter with Grey-breasted (or White-faced) Partridge, Pink-headed Fruit Dove was scoped, and we found Checker-throated Woodpecker (or Javan Yellownape), Crimson-winged

and Rufous Woodpeckers, Javan Bush Warbler showed again, there were many Sunda Cuckooshrikes, Orange-spotted Bulbul, rather more brief views of Sunda (or Javan) Bulbul, Horsfield's, White-bibbed and Crescent-chested Babblers, Lesser Shortwing, and a fleeting Javan Whistling Thrush. Our last hour or so of birding on the trip still turned-up more new birds, with the endemic Yellow-eared (or Horsfield's) Barbet, Blue-winged (or Javan) Leafbird, and Pale Blue (or Hartert's Jungle) Flycatcher.

Heading back down to the lowlands, and crossing the Bali Strait once more, we made the return drive to Denpasar. Over a relaxing lunch at a resort along the south coast of Bali, serenaded by the rolling surf, we reflected back on a very successful trip.



Critically endangered Grey-backed (or Black-winged) Mynas on Timor Deer at Baluran (Craig Robson)

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF SPECIES RECORDED DURING THE TOUR

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

Wandering Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata* 80 at Menggitimbe, Sumba; 100 at Lake Oendui, Rote.

Green Pygmy Goose *Nettapus pulchellus* One at Lake Oendui.

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa* 6 Menggitimbe; 30 Lake Oendui; 5 Danau Rana Mese, Flores.

Sunda Teal *Anas gibberifrons* 5 Menggitimbe; 4 Lake Oendui; 42 Pan Muti, Timor; 10 Nusa Dua WTP.

Hardhead *Aythya australis* Three at Lake Oendui.

Orange-footed Scrubfowl *Megapodius reinwardt* Three seen on Sumba, one on Komodo.

Brown Quail *Coturnix ypsilophora* Occasional on Sumba (*pallidior*) and Timor (*raaltenii*).



Green Junglefowl (Craig Robson)

Grey-breasted Partridge (White-faced P) *Arborophila orientalis* Five seen and many heard at Ijen, east Java.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* Several on Timor, where introduced.

Green Junglefowl *Gallus varius*

Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus* At least 50 at Baluran, east Java, and very easily seen.

Wilson's Storm Petrel *Oceanites oceanicus* Singles en route from Rote, and while crossing the Bali Strait.

Bulwer's Petrel *Bulweria bulwerii* Five during the trip to Komodo.

Tricolored Grebe *Tachybaptus tricolor* Split from Little *T. ruficollis*.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus* Three in Gilimanuk Bay, NW Bali.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* One at Menggitimbe.

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* One at Menggitimbe.

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* 5+ on nests at Nusa Dua WTP.

Striated Heron (Little H) *Butorides striata*
Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa*
Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*
Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* One at Menggitimbe.
Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana* Two during the Komodo trip.
Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
Great Egret (Eastern G E) *Ardea [alba] modesta*
Intermediate Egret (Plumed E) *Egretta [intermedia] plumifera*
White-faced Heron *Egretta novaehollandiae* Four at Pan Muti-Bipolo.
Little Egret (Black-footed E) *Egretta [garzetta] nigripes*



Little Pied Cormorant at Nusa Dua WTP (Craig Robson)

Pacific Reef Heron (P R Egret) *Egretta sacra*
Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel*
Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* Eight on the way back from Rote, and one during the Komodo trip.
Little Pied Cormorant *Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*
Little Black Cormorant *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*
Australasian Darter (Australian D) *Anhinga novaehollandiae* One photographed at Lake Oendui.
Crested Honey-buzzard (Oriental H B) *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata* Two on Sumba, and one on Timor (*timorlaoensis*).
Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* A few in west Bali and east Java (*bido*).
Short-toed Snake Eagle (S-t Eagle) *Circaetus gallicus* A pair on Sumba, and two on Timor.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* One seen at Baluran (*limnaeetus*).

Flores Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus floris* One in flight near Kisol, Flores; thanks to our local guide Martin.

Rufous-bellied Eagle *Lophotriorchis kienerii* A juvenile at Ijen (*formosus*).

Bonelli's Eagle (Rensch's E) *Aquila [fasciata] renshi* Three on Flores.

Variable Goshawk (Tenggara G, Varied G) *Accipiter [hiogaster] sylvestris* Five on Flores.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatus* Two on Sumba (*tjendanae*); one on Rote and three on Timor (*hellmayri*).

Besra *Accipiter virgatus* One was seen at Ijen (nominate).

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis* Three or four on Sumba, including at least two juveniles.



Buff-banded Rail on Timor (Craig Robson)

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* A few *affinis* on Sumba.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis* Singles on Sumba and Timor.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

White-rowed Crake *Porzana cinerea* 2 at Menggitimbe, 10 at Pan Muti; 1 at Danau Rana Mese.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

Eurasian Coot (Common C) *Fulica atra* One at Lake Oendui, Rote.

Australian Swamphen *Porphyrio melanotus* 10+ at Menggitimbe, Sumba.

Red-backed Buttonquail *Turnix maculosus* Several seen well on Rote and Timor (*maculosus*).

Sumba Buttonquail *Turnix everetti* At least six at Yumbu, Sumba, and probably the most flight views ever.

Beach Stone-curlew (B Thick-knee) *Esacus magnirostris* 1 at Noelbaki, near Kupang was unexpected; 1 Komodo.
White-headed Stilt (Pied S) *Himantopus leucocephalus*
Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
Grey Plover (Black-bellied P) *Pluvialis squatarola* Three at Noelbaki, Kupang Bay.
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
Javan Plover *Charadrius javanicus* Just four at Menggitimbe, and two at Puri Dajuma Cottages, SW Bali.
Red-capped Plover *Charadrius ruficapillus* Small numbers on Rote and Timor.
Malaysian Plover *Charadrius peronii* A pair seen very nicely at Londa Liru Beach, near Waingapu.
Lesser Sand Plover (Siberian P, Mongolian P) *Charadrius mongolicus* Four at Noelbaki.
Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* One at Noelbaki.



Australian Pratincole (Craig Robson)

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* One at Noelbaki.
Whimbrel (Eurasian W) *Numenius [phaeopus] phaeopus*
Far Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis* Two at Noelbaki.
Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*
Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
Grey-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes* One at Noelbaki.
Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* One at Noelbaki.
Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*
Red-necked Stint (Rufous-n Stint) *Calidris ruficollis* Just two at Pan Muti, and 2 at Puri Dajuma Cottages, SW Bali.
Sanderling *Calidris alba* Eight at Puri Dajuma Cottages, SW Bali.
Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* Eight during our Komodo boat trip.
Australian Pratincole *Stiltia isabella* Surprisingly common this year on Timor, plus 10 at Denpasar Airport.
Gull-billed Tern (Australian G-b T) *Gelochelidon [nilotica] macrotarsa* Just a few in Kupang Bay.
Greater Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*
Little Tern *Sternula albifrons* Noted actively breeding on a sandbar at Noelbaki, Kupang Bay. Singles Rote & Bali.
Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus* Quite common off Rote.
Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana* 60 off Rote; 11 en route to Komodo; two Bali Strait.
Common Tern *Sterna hirundo* One during the Komodo trip, and two in the Bali Strait.
Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*
Rock Dove (Domestic Pigeon, Feral P) *Columba livia*
Metallic Pigeon *Columba [vitiensis] metallica* Many sightings on Timor, but commonest at Gunung Mutis.
Island Collared Dove (Sunda C D) *Streptopelia bitorquata* Three on Komodo; 65+ at Baluran NP.
Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis tigrina*
Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall* Small numbers on Flores (nominate).
Timor Cuckoo-Dove (Barred-necked CD, Dusky C D) *Macropygia magna* Two to five birds at Oelnasi.
Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps* Small numbers on Flores (*orientalis*); frequent higher up at Ijen (nominate).
Eucalypt Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia sp. nov.* 4 on Sumba. Soon to be split from Little, occurring on Sumba & Timor.
Black Cuckoo-Dove (Timor Black Pigeon, Slaty C-D) *Turacoena modesta* Just one scoped at Oelnasi, Timor.
Common Emerald Dove (Asian E D) *Chalcophaps indica* (H)
Pacific Emerald Dove (Green-winged Pigeon) *Chalcophaps longirostris* Frequent on Timor.
Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*
Barred Dove *Geopelia maugeus*
Pink-necked Green Pigeon *Treron vernans* 15 at Uluwatu.
Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon *Treron griseicauda* Brief flight views at Labuhan Lalang (20) and Ijen (1).
Sumba Green Pigeon *Treron teysmannii* 23 in total.
Flores Green Pigeon *Treron floris* At least ten in a fig tree near Kisol.
Banded Fruit Dove (Black-backed F D) *Ptilinopus cinctus* Seen well on Timor (*cinctus*), and Flores (*albobinctus*).
Red-naped Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus doherlyi* At least six of these lovely birds on Sumba.
Pink-headed Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus porphyreus* Two perched at Ijen, with one seen very well.
Rose-crowned Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus regina* Common on Timor and Rote (*flavicollis*).
Black-naped Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus melanauchen* Common on Sumba and Flores (nominate).
Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*
Pink-headed Imperial Pigeon *D. rosacea* 1 plus 4 heard at our Timor site. An unexpected bird Lokuhuma, Sumba.
Dark-backed Imperial Pigeon *Ducula lacernulata* Heard on Flores (*sasakensis*); many seen well at Ijen (*williami*).
Timor Imperial Pigeon *D. cineracea* Around five at G. Mutis; another at Oelnasi. All flighty unfortunately.
Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*
Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*
Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* One at Baluran NP (*deningeri*).
Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea* (H) One on Komodo.
Pacific Koel *Eudynamys orientalis* (H) On Sumba.
Shining Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx lucidus* An excellent pair on Sumba.
Little Bronze Cuckoo (Gould's B C) *Chrysococcyx [minutillus] russatus* A couple on Timor; 1 heard on Flores.
Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii* (H) On Bali & Java.
Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*
Brush Cuckoo (Australian B C) *Cacomantis variolosus* (H) Timor (*whitei*).
Rusty-breasted Cuckoo (Sunda B C) *Cacomantis sepulcralis*
Sunda Cuckoo *Cuculus lepidus* Seen at Golo Lusang, Flores and Ijen, E Java.
Eastern Barn Owl *Tyto javanica* Seen very well at Oelnasi, Timor.
Eastern Barn Owl (Sumba B O) *Tyto [javanica] sumbaensis* Excellent views near Lewa.



Flores Green Pigeon and Banded (or Black-backed) Fruit Dove on Flores (Craig Robson)

Spotted Wood Owl *Strix seloputo* Two at Baluran NP, with very good flight views of one.
Flores Scops Owl *Otus alfredi* Hard work this year near Ruteng, and only seen by our local guide Martin.
Sunda Scops Owl *Otus lempiji* A fantastic roosting pair near Bali Barat NP.
Wallace's Scops Owl *Otus silvicola* Multiple sightings near Ruteng, mainly in flight.
Moluccan Scops Owl *Otus magicus* Several showed well near Kisol (*albiventris*).
Javan Owlet *Glaucidium castanopteron* Great views at Ijen. Heard at Bali Barat NP.



Our fantastic Javan Owlet at Ijen (Craig Robson)

Sumba Boobook (Great S B) *Ninox rudolfi* Performed very well as usual. One or two seen, and others heard.
Southern Boobook (Rote B) *Ninox [boobook] rotiensis* A pair performed incredibly well for us.
Southern Boobook (Timor B, Streaked B) *Ninox [boobook] fusca* Two seen and several others heard.
Little Sumba Hawk-Owl (L S Boobook, Least B) *Ninox sumbaensis* Great views of two, and four others heard.
Javan Frogmouth *Batrachostomus javensis* (H) Several calling out of reach at Ijen.
Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* (H) Labuan Bajo (hotel) & at Uluwatu & Ijen (hotel). Nominate race.
Mees's Nightjar (Sunda N) *Caprimulgus meesi* One seen very well on Sumba and others heard there and on Flores.
Timor Nightjar *Caprimulgus sp. nova* Eventually seen well at Oelnasi, but much more elusive than normal.
Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis* Heard in a few places and seen at the hotel in Denpasar.
Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*
Tenggara Swiftlet *Collocalia sumbawae*
Drab Swiftlet *Collocalia neglecta*
Cave Swiftlet (Linchi S) *Collocalia linchi* Only on Bali (*dedii*) & Java (nominate).
Edible-nest Swiftlet (White-nest S) *Aerodramus fuciphagus*
House Swift *Apus nipalensis*
Oriental Dollarbird (Common D) *Eurystomus orientalis* One on Sumba.

Glittering Kingfisher (White-rumped K) *Caridonax fulgidus* Easily seen on Flores, at Kisol and Pagal-Gapong.
Javan Kingfisher *Halcyon cyanoventris* Some beauties in east Java.
Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*
Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sancta*
Cinnamon-banded Kingfisher *Todiramphus australasia* One seen on Sumba; two on Timor (nominate).
Common Kingfisher (Hispid K) *Alcedo [atthis] hispidoides* Seen on Timor & Rote. Regional form is a likely split.
Cerulean Kingfisher (Small Blue K) *Alcedo coerulescens* Many in Bali and E Java.
Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Rufous-backed K) *Ceyx [erithaca] rufidorsa* 1 Potawangka Rd; 2 Labuhan Lalang, Bali.



Oriental Dwarf (or Rufous-backed) Kingfisher (Craig Robson)

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*
Rainbow Bee-eater *Merops ornatus*
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti* A few in Bali and E Java (*quinticolor*).
Oriental Pied Hornbill (Sunda P H) *Anthracoceros [albirostris] convexus* 16+ at Baluran NP.
Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulates* Good numbers, including a pair flying across the Bali Strait to Java!
Sumba Hornbill *Rhyticeros everetti* Seven seen well on Sumba.
Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineatus* (H) Once on Bali (nominate).
Black-banded Barbet (Javan B) *Psilopogon javensis* Two at Ijen.
Flame-fronted Barbet (Orange-f B, Blue-crowned B) *Psilopogon armillaris* Four at Ijen (nominate).
Yellow-eared Barbet *Psilopogon australis* Two seen quite well at Ijen. Endemic recent split from Blue-eared.
Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus* (H) Bali & E Java (*roseus*).

Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos moluccensis* A couple seen on Flores (*grandis*).

Freckle-breasted Woodpecker (Spot-breasted W) *Dendrocopos analis* Seven *analis* Bali & east Java.

Checker-throated Woodpecker (Javan Yellownap) *Chrysophlegma mentale* See notes.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus* Two at Ijen (nominate).

Common Flameback *Dinopium javense* (H) Heard near Bali Barat NP (*exsul*).

Javan Flameback *Chrysocolaptes strictus* An excellent, though slightly elusive pair at Baluran NP.

Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus* A very vocal bird at Ijen (nominate).

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius* Singles at Baluran and Ijen.

Spotted Kestrel (Indonesian K, Moluccan K) *Falco moluccensis*

Oriental Hobby *Falco severus* One flew over at Ijen.

Australian Hobby *Falco longipennis* Two to four on Sumba (*hanieli*).

Yellow-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua sulphurea* At least eight *parvula* on Komodo.

Yellow-crested Cockatoo (Orange-crested C) *Cacatua [sulphurea] citrinocristata* Just two on Sumba.



Iris Lorikeet (Craig Robson)

Jonquil Parrot (Olive-shouldered P) *Aprosmictus jonquillaceus* Total of 3 seen across 3 sites on Timor; 1 on Rote.

Eclectus Parrot *Eclectus roratus* Two female *cornelia* on Sumba.

Red-cheeked Parrot *Geoffroyus geoffroyi* Many sightings of *floresianus* on Sumba and Flores.

Great-billed Parrot *Tanygnathus megalorhynchos* 3 *sumbensis* Sumba; 1 *megalorhynchos* Potawangka Rd, Flores.

Iris Lorikeet *Psitteuteles iris* One scoped nicely at Gunung Mutis, and another heard.

Leaf Lorikeet (Flores L) *Trichoglossus weberi* Many fleeting views Flores, then 12+ seen really well near Puarlolo.

Marigold Lorikeet *Trichoglossus capistratus* Ten *fortis* on Sumba. Good views perched and in flight.

Olive-headed Lorikeet *Trichoglossus euteles* 70+ at Gunung Mutis, all in flight.

Yellow-throated Hanging Parrot *Loriculus pusillus* Singles shooting over at Labuhan Lalang and Ijen.

Wallace's Hanging Parrot *Loriculus flosculus* Another good year on Flores, with at least six across two sites.

Javan Banded Pitta *Hydornis guajanus* 1 in gardens and 1 briefly in forest; NW Bali. Many heard (also E Java).

Elegant Pitta *Pitta elegans* Seen by us all very well on Flores (two *concinna*). Heard on Sumba.

Sumba Myzomela (S Red-headed Honeyeater) *Myzomela dammermani* 5 seen this year, plus a nest. See note.

Rote Myzomela *Myzomela sp. nov.* Quite common on Rote.

Black-breasted Myzomela (Timor M, B-chested Honeyeater) *Myzomela vulnerata* Common on Timor.

Scaly-crowned Honeyeater (Sunda H) *Lichmera lombokia* Locally common on Flores.

Indonesian Honeyeater *Lichmera limbata* Widespread on Sumba, Timor & Rote.

Flame-eared Honeyeater (Yellow-e H) *Lichmera flavicans* Scarce on Timor, with only six noted.

Timor Friarbird *Philemon inornatus* Many seen again this year.

Helmeted Friarbird (Tenggara F) *P. buceroides* Sumba, Flores, Komodo (*neglecta*) & Timor, Rote (*buceroides*).
Streak-breasted Honeyeater (Timor Meliphaga) *Meliphaga reticulata* Common on Timor.
Golden-bellied Gerygone (Flyeater) *Gerygone sulphurea*
Plain Gerygone (Timor G, P Fairy Warbler) *Gerygone inornata* Common on Timor and Rote.
Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus hirundinaceus*
White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*
Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*
Javan Cuckooshrike *Coracina javensis* A couple at Baluran NP.
Wallacean Cuckooshrike (Flores C) *Coracina [personata] floris* One near Puarlolo.
Wallacean Cuckooshrike (Sumba C) *Coracina [personata] sumbaensis* Three near Lewa.
Sunda Cuckooshrike *Coracina larvata* Not uncommon at Ijen (nominate).
Pale-shouldered Cicadabird *Coracina dohertyi* Small numbers on Sumba and Flores.
Lesser Cuckooshrike (L Cicadabird) *Coracina fimbriata* Three at Ijen.
White-shouldered Triller (Lesueur's T) *Lalage sueurii*



Flores Crow (Craig Robson)

Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* Common Bali and east Java (*saturatus*).
Little Minivet (Flores M) *Pericrocotus lansbergei* Common on Flores.
Sunda Minivet *Pericrocotus miniatus* A big flock of these beauties at Ijen.
Scarlet Minivet (Javan M) *Pericrocotus [speciosus] exul* Just three in E Java (*siebersi*).
Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea* One seen in north-west Bali.
Fawn-breasted Whistler *Pachycephala orpheus* Common on Timor and Rote.
Rusty-breasted Whistler (Bali W, Tenggara W) *Pachycephala [fulvotincta] javana* Seen well at Ijen.
Rusty-breasted Whistler (Bima W, Tenggara W) *Pachycephala [fulvotincta] fulvotincta* Common on Flores.
Rusty-breasted Whistler (Sumba W, Tenggara W) *Pachycephala [fulvotincta] fulviventris* Common on Sumba.
Yellow-throated Whistler (Timor W, Tenggara W) *Pachycephala [macrorhyncha] calliope* Two seen on Timor.



Top & bottom: 'Rote' and 'Timor' Fantails (Craig Robson)

Bare-throated Whistler *Pachycephala nudigula* Good scope views of several at Golo Lusang. Great dawn chorus.

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*

Pied Shrike-babbler (P S-vireo) *Pteruthius flaviscapis* 5 ljen, including female feeding dependant fledged juvenile.

Trilling Shrike-babbler (T S-vireo) *Pteruthius aenobarbus* A pair seen at ljen.

Green Figbird (Timor F) *Sphecotheres viridis* Just four this year on Timor.

Olive-brown Oriole (Timor O) *Oriolus melanotis* Quite frequent on Timor, with some nice views (*melanotis*).

Black-naped Oriole (Tenggara Golden O) *Oriolus [chinensis] broderipi* Frequent on Sumba and Flores.

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* A few in NW Bali and E Java (nominate).

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* Two near Labuhan Lalang (*jentincki*).

Wallacean Drongo (Flores Spangled D, Lesser W D) *Dicrurus [densus] bimaensis* Common on Flores.

Wallacean Drongo (Sumba Spangled D, Lesser W D) *Dicrurus [densus] sumbae* Common on Sumba.

Wallacean Drongo (Timor Spangled D, Greater W D) *Dicrurus [densus] densus* One on Rote, and six on Timor.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* One seen and another heard at ljen (*formosus*).

White-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura euryura* Five at ljen; a subtle but attractive endemic.

Malaysian Pied Fantail (Sunda P F) *Rhipidura javanica*

Brown-capped Fantail (Trumpeting F) *Rhipidura diluta* Eight waggletails on Flores.

Northern Fantail (Timor F) *Rhipidura [rufiventris] rufiventris* Common on Timor.

Northern Fantail (Rote F) *Rhipidura [rufiventris] tenkatei* Quite common on Rote.

Arafura Fantail (Supertramp F) *Rhipidura [dryas] semicollaris* Common Sumba (*sumbensis*), Timor (*semicollaris*).



Flores Monarch (Brian Field)

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* A few on Flores (*prophata*) and Bali (*javana*).

Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher (Tenggara P F) *Terpsiphone [affinis] floris* Sumba (*sumbaensis*) and Flores (*floris*).

Flores Monarch *Symposiachrus sacerdotum* Six at Puarlolo, and very easily seen this year.

Spectacled Monarch (Tenggara S M, Wallacean M) *Symposiachrus trivirgatus* 1 on Sumba & 2 Timor (nominate).

Broad-billed Flycatcher (B-b Monarch) *Myiagra ruficollis* Frequent on Sumba and Timor (*ruficollis*).

Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia* Seen well in E Java & Bali.

Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca* Two at Baluran NP (nominate).

Flores Crow *Corvus florensis* Small numbers of this weird corvid on Flores.

Large-billed Crow (Southern Jungle C) *Corvus macrorhynchos* Widespread throughout.
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis* Sumba (*connectens*), Flores (*sejuncta*), Java (*antioxantha*).
Cinereous Tit (Grey T) *Parus cinereus* Widespread (nominate).
Horsfield's Bush Lark (Australasian Bushlark) *Mirafra javanica* Common in grasslands on Sumba (*parva*).
Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster* Race *aurigaster* Sumba & Timor (introduced), and Bali & E Java.
Orange-spotted Bulbul *Pycnonotus bimaculatus* A nice pair at Ijen.
Yellow-vented Bulbul (Sunda Y-v B) *Pycnonotus [goiavier] analis* Common on Bali (*analis*).
Grey-cheeked Bulbul (Melodious B) *Alophoixus bres* Heard at Labuhan Lalang, NW Bali.
Sunda Bulbul (Javan B) *Ixos virescens* Just a couple briefly at Ijen (nominate).
Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*
Striated Swallow (Daurian S) *Cecropis striolata* A few on Timor and Komodo (nominate); 2 at Baluran NP.
Tree Martin *Petrochelidon nigricans* Frequently seen on Timor (*timoriensis*).
Pygmy Wren-babbler (P Cupwing) *Pnoepyga pusilla* Seen Timor (*timorensis*), heard Flores (*everetti*), E Java (*rufa*).
Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cuculatus* Three on Flores (*everetti*).
Sunda Bush Warbler *Horornis vulcanius* Easily seen on Timor (*everetti*), and at Ijen (nominate).
Russet-capped Tesia (R-c Stubtail) *Tesia everetti* Some excellent views for all of us on Flores. Common.
Timor Stubtail *Urosphena subulata* Multiple sightings on Timor; about 5 birds in all. Many heard (on Rote too).



Sunda Warbler in E Java (Craig Robson)

Mountain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus* Common at Ijen (nominate).
Timor Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus presbytes* Mainly in the Timor uplands. Quite common.
Timor Leaf Warbler (Flores L W) *Phylloscopus [presbytes] floris* Common montane endemic. A good split.
Rote Leaf warbler *Phylloscopus sp. nov.* Two showed well on Rote, and several heard.
Yellow-breasted Warbler (Sunda W) *Seicercus montis* 1 seen superbly and 2 heard in Flores highlands (*floris*).



Clockwise from top: 'Flores' (Brian Field) and 'Rote' & Timor Leaf Warblers (Craig Robson)

Sunda Warbler *Seicercus grammiceps* Common at Ijen (nominate).
Australian Reed Warbler (Australasian R W) *Acrocephalus australis* A few on Sumba and Timor (*lentecaptus*).
Javan Bush Warbler (Sunda Grasshopper W) *Locustella montis* Multiple views of two at Ijen. 2-3 others heard.
Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris* A few in Bali and east Java (nominate).
Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis* Two seen and several heard on Sumba (*inquirendus*).
Buff-banded Thicketbird (Timor T, B-b Thicket-warbler, B-b Bushbird) *Buettikofarella bivittata* 6+ on Timor.
Zitting Cisticola (Double Zitting C) *Cisticola [juncidis] tinnabulans* On Sumba, Timor and Komodo (*fuscicapillus*).
Golden-headed Cisticola (Bright-capped C) *Cisticola exilis* Good numbers Timor; also seen Sumba (*lineocapilla*).
Plain Prinia (Javan P P) *Prinia [inornata] blythi* (H) Only heard this year, in Bali & E Java (*blythi*).
Olive-backed Tailorbird (Javan T) *Orthotomus sepium* Common on Bali and Java.
Tailorbird *Orthotomus* sp. Nine in coastal savanna north of Waingapu, Sumba. See notes.



Chestnut-backed Thrush on Flores (Brian Field)

Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler (Javan S B) *Pomatorhinus montanus* A pair showed well at Ijen; others heard.
White-bibbed Babbler *Stachyris thoracica* Two at Ijen (*orientalis*).
Crescent-chested Babbler *Stachyris melanothorax* Heard north-west Bali (*baliensis*), common Ijen (*intermedia*).
Grey-cheeked Tit-Babbler *Macronus flavicollis* 20 at Baluran NP, and eight or so at Ijen (nominate).
Large Wren-Babbler *Napothera macrodactyla* (H) Two or three distantly at Ijen (*lepidopleura*).
Horsfield's Babbler *Malacocincla sepiaria* Fairly common NW Bali and E Java (nominate).
Mees's White-eye (Javan Heleia, J Grey-throated W-e) *Lophozosterops javanicus* Common at Ijen.
Cream-browed White-eye (Eyebrowed Heleia, Yellow-b Dark-e, White-b W-e) *L. superciliaris* Just four on Flores.
Crested White-eye (Crested Heleia, C Dark-eye, Dark-crowned W-e) *L. doherityi* Common on Flores (*subcristata*).
Spot-breasted Heleia (Timor Heleia, S-b Dark-eye, T White-e) *Heleia muelleri* Three sightings Timor, six birds.
Thick-billed Heleia (T-b Dark-eye, Flores White-e) *Heleia crassirostris* Regular on Flores.
Oriental White-eye (Sunda W-e) *Zosterops [palpebrosus] melanurus* Common in Flores uplands. See notes.
Mountain White-eye *Zosterops montanus* Common in the highlands of Timor (*montanus*).
Yellow-ringed White-eye (Wallace's Heleia, Y-spectacled W-e) *Zosterops wallacei* Common Sumba and Flores.

Lemon-bellied White-eye *Z. chloris* 20 Komodo (*intermedius*); 2 Nusa Dua WTP & 2 Labuhan Lalang (*maxi?*).
Ashy-bellied White-eye *Zosterops citrinella* Common Sumba, Timor, Rote, and Flores (nominate).
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* Two at Baluran NP (*velata*).
Blue Nuthatch *Sitta azurea* A handful at Ijen (nominate).
Short-tailed Starling *Aplonis minor* Widespread (*minor*).
Javan Myna *Acridotheres javanicus* Small numbers on Sumba (introduced?), and quite common Uluwatu, Bali.
Black-winged Starling (Grey-backed Myna, B-w Myna) *Acridotheres [melanopterus] tricolor* 15+ at Baluran.
Black-winged Starling (Grey-rumped Myna, B-w Myna) *Acridotheres [melanopterus] tertius* Just 3 at Uluwatu.
Bali Myna (B Starling) *Leucopsar rothschildi* 13+ Labuhan Lalang, NW Bali, with several un-ringed and wild-born.
Chestnut-capped Thrush *Geokichla interpres* Probably at least six at Puarlolo.
Chestnut-backed Thrush *Geokichla doherlyi* Two on Flores.
Orange-sided Thrush (O-banded T) *Geokichla peronii* At least eight seen on Timor.
Island Thrush (Timor I T) *Turdus [poliocephalus] schlegelii* Common on G. Mutis, Timor. A potential split.



Rufous-chested Flycatcher on Flores (Craig Robson)

Sumba Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa segregata* Around four on Sumba, and eventually seen well.
Timor Blue Flycatcher (T Warbling-flycatcher) *Cyornis hyacinthinus* Occasional. *Eumyias* fits better than *Cyornis*.
Pale Blue Flycatcher (Hartert's Jungle-flycatcher) *Cyornis [unicolor] harterti* Four at Ijen (1 fledged juvenile).
Hill Blue Flycatcher (Javan Jungle-flycatcher) *Cyornis banyumas* A male briefly at Ijen.
Russet-backed Jungle Flycatcher (Flores Warbling-flycatcher) *Cyornis [oscillans] oscillans* 5 seen on Flores.
Russet-backed Jungle Flycatcher (Sumba Warbling-flycatcher) *Cyornis [oscillans] stresemanni* 3 on Sumba.
Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher *Cyornis olivaceus* One briefly at Labuhan Lalang (nominate).
Indigo Flycatcher (Indigo Warbling-flycatcher) *Eumyias indigo* Common at Ijen (nominate).
Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophris* One seen and many heard at Ijen (nominate).
White-browed Shortwing (Flores S) *Brachypteryx [montana] floris* Three seen, three heard in Flores highlands.
Javan Whistling Thrush *Myophonus glaucinus* One seen briefly and one heard at Ijen.
Rufous-chested Flycatcher *Ficedula dumetoria* Three at Puarlolo (nominate).
Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra* 15+ seen at Gunung Mutis (*clarae*), three at Ijen (*vulcani*),
Sumba Flycatcher *Ficedula harterti* Three seen and one heard near Lewa. Clearly not a *Ficedula*!
Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* A few on Timor (*mayri*), and Flores and Ijen (*hasselti*).
Black-banded Flycatcher *Ficedula timorensis* At least six seen on Timor, with good views again.

Pied Bush Chat (P Bushchat) *Saxicola caprata* Sumba (*francki*), Timor (*pyrrhonota*), Flores & Komodo (*fruticola*).
White-bellied Bush Chat (Timor Bushchat) *Saxicola gutturalis* Common on Rote and Timor, with nine seen.
Blue-winged Leafbird (Javan L) *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* Brian picked one out at Ijen.
Golden-rumped Flowerpecker *Dicaeum annae* Frequent on Flores.
Thick-billed Flowerpecker (Tenggara F) *Dicaeum [agile] obsoletum* 4 Sumba (*tinctum*), 23 Timor (*obsoletum*).
Black-fronted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum igniferum* Common on Flores.
Blue-cheeked Flowerpecker (Red-chested F) *Dicaeum maugei* Four on Timor. Doesn't have blue cheeks!!
Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (Javan F) *Dicaeum [sanguinolentum] sanguinolentum* Four at Ijen.
Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (Flores F) *Dicaeum [sanguinolentum] rhodopygale* Two pairs at Golo Lusang.
Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (Sumba F) *Dicaeum [sanguinolentum] wilhelminae* 14+ seen on Sumba.
Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (Timor F) *Dicaeum [sanguinolentum] hanieli* Brief views of a nice male at G. Mutis.
Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trochileum* Seven on Bali.



Timor's excellent Black-banded Flycatcher (Craig Robson)

Brown-throated Sunbird (Plain-t S) *Anthreptes malacensis* A few on Flores (*convergens*).
Olive-backed Sunbird (Ornate S) *Cinnyris [jugularis] ornatus* Frequent on Flores, Bali and Java (*ornatus*).
Apricot-breasted Sunbird *Cinnyris buettikoferi* Common Sumba endemic.
Flame-breasted Sunbird *Cinnyris solaris* Timor and Flores (nominate). Also common.
White-flanked Sunbird *Aethopyga eximia* Five at Ijen. Smart Java endemic.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow (Tree S) *Passer montanus*
Red Avadavat *Amandava amandava* Small numbers on Sumba and Timor (*flavidiventris*)
Zebra Finch (Sunda Z F) *Taeniopygia guttata* Widespread on Sumba, Timor & Flores.
Tricoloured Parrotfinch *Erythrura tricolor* At least ten on Timor, with some great views
Mount Mutis Parrotfinch *Erythrura sp. nov.* At least five were noted along the summit trail at Gunung Mutis.
Javan Munia *Lonchura leucogastroides* Small numbers on Bali & Java. 25 Waingapu, Sumba, of debateable origin.
Black-faced Munia *Lonchura molucca* Just a few, on Sumba and Flores.
Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* On Sumba (*sumbae*), Timor (*blasii*), and Bali & Java (*nisoria*),
Five-coloured Munia *Lonchura quinticolor* Reasonable numbers on Sumba and Timor.
Pale-headed Munia *Lonchura pallida* A minimum of 400 noted in marshes and ricefields on Sumba.

Timor Sparrow *Lonchura fuscata* 25 at Pan Muti-Bipolo.

Java Sparrow *Lonchura oryzivora* Our luck was definitely 'in', when we found 60 at a waterhole in Baluran NP.

Paddyfield Pipit (Oriental P) *Anthus rufulus*



Tricoloured Parrotfinch (Craig Robson)

MAMMALS

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* One at Labuhan Lalang.

Black-striped Squirrel (Belly-banded S) *Callosciurus nigrovittatus* A handful at Ijen.

Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus* One at Labuhan Lalang.

Brown Rat *Rattus norvegicus* (NL).

Grizzled Leaf Monkey (Sunda L M) *Presbytis comata* Two at Ijen.

Javan Langur (Ebony Leaf Monkey) *Trachypithecus auratus* Many in NW Bali and E Java.

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

Eurasian Wild Boar (Wild B, Indian W B) *Sus scrofa* 15 on Komodo, where introduced.

Indo-Pacific Bottle-nosed Dolphin *Tursiops aduncus* Five bow-riders on the way to Komodo.

Spinner Dolphin *Stannella longirostris* Three superb bow-riders on the way to Komodo. Best views ever.

Timor Deer (Rusa D) *Cervus timorensis floresiensis* 12 or so on Komodo, and then 100s at Baluran NP.



Komodo Dragon (Craig Robson)

NOTES TO THE SYSTEMATIC LIST

Great Egret (Eastern G E) *Ardea [alba] modesta*

Most authors, including the IOC, still include this form (found in much of Asia and Australasia) in Western Great Egret *A. alba*, using the name Great Egret for the enlarged species. It is likely to be split in the future.

Intermediate Egret (Plumed E) *Ardea [intermedia] plumifera*

Most authors, including the IOC, still include this Australasian form in Intermediate Egret.

Little Egret (Black-footed E) *Egretta [garzetta] nigripes*

Most authors, including the IOC, still include this Australasian form in Intermediate Egret.

Bonelli's Eagle (Rensch's E) *Hieraaetus [fasciatus] renschi*

The IOC include this form in Bonelli's Eagle *H. fasciatus*. It may be split as a separate species in future.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus limnaeetus*

Some authors still lump this form in Crested Hawk-Eagle *N. cirrhatu*s, using the name Changeable Hawk-Eagle for the enlarged species.

Variable Goshawk (Tenggara G, Varied G) *Accipiter [hiogaster] sylvestris*

According to Eaton *et. al.*, Tenggara Goshawk *A. sylvestris* (also including *albiventris* and *polionota*) is a potential split from Variable (or Varied).

Lesser Sand Plover (Siberian P, Mongolian P) *Charadrius mongolus*

The *atrifrons* group of subspecies may in the future be split off as Tibetan Plover *C. atrifrons*. The *mongolus* group (seen on this tour) would then be renamed Siberian or Mongolian Plover.

Whimbrel (Eurasian W) *Numenius [phaeopus] phaeopus*

Some authors have suggested that New World form *hudsonicus* (Hudsonian Whimbrel) should be treated as specifically distinct, in which case the Eurasian form would be renamed Eurasian Whimbrel. The form seen on this tour, *variegatus*, would be included with the latter.

Gull-billed Tern (Australian G-b T) *Gelochelidon [nilotica] macrotarsa*

Most authorities still include this distinctive form in Gull-billed Tern *G. nilotica*.

Metallic Pigeon *Columba [vitiensis] metallica*

Some authors split this form from white-throated birds, collectively termed White-throated Pigeon *C. vitiensis*.

Little (or Gould's) Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx [minutillus] russatus*

Several authors have treated Gould's Bronze Cuckoo as a separate species in the past.

Eastern Barn Owl *Tyto javanica*

Eastern Barn Owl (Sumba B O) *Tyto [javanica] sumbaensis*

Some authors still lump Eastern Barn Owl in Western Barn Owl using the name Barn Owl for the enlarged species. Additionally, the results of recent DNA work suggest that *sumbaensis* may warrant full species status.

Southern Boobook (Rote B) *Ninox [boobook] rotiensis*

Southern Boobook (Timor B, Streaked B) *Ninox [boobook] fusca*

The IOC, still include these forms in Southern Boobook, but they are both likely to be split by most authorities in the future.

Timor Nightjar *Caprimulgus sp. nov.*

This yet-to-be described species is endemic to Timor. It is in the Large-tailed Nightjar *C. macrurus* complex.

Javan Frogmouth *Batrachostomus javensis*

Now a Javan endemic as the other forms have been split off as a separate species: Blyth's Frogmouth *B. affinis*.

Tenggara Swiftlet *Collocalia sumbawae*

Drab Swiftlet *Collocalia neglecta*

Two recent splits from Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta*.

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

Many authorities treat *rufidorsa* as a valid species, rather than a morph or race of *erithaca*.

Oriental Pied Hornbill (Sunda P H) *Anthracoceros [albirostris] convexus*

Eaton *et. al.* resurrect interest in splitting the Sundaic form as a distinct species, Sunda Pied Hornbill. *A. convexus*.

Yellow-eared Barbet (Horsfield's B) *Psilopogon australis*

This Java & Bali endemic was formerly lumped in Blue-eared Barbet *P. duvaucelii*, with the name Blue-eared Barbet *P. australis* applied to the enlarged species.

Freckle-breasted Woodpecker (Spot-b W) *Dendrocopus analis*

This species was formerly lumped in Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *D. macei*.

Checker-throated Woodpecker (Javan Yellownape) *Chrysophlegma mentale*

The last woodpecker that we saw at Ijen, was actually this species. As pointed out by Eaton *et. al.*, some authorities split the local (nominate) form as a Javan endemic.

Javan Flameback *Chrysocolaptes strictus*

Formerly, this species (along with several other recently split species) was lumped in Buff-spotted Flameback *C. lucidus* with the name Greater Flameback being used for the enlarged species.

Yellow-crested Cockatoo (Orange-c C, Citron-c C) *Cacatua [sulphurea] citrinocristata*

Most authors, including the IOC, still include this form in Yellow-crested Cockatoo. It is likely to be split in the future.

Javan Banded Pitta *Hydromis guajanus*

Along with Bornean Banded Pitta *H. schwaneri*, this species was formerly lumped in Malayan Banded Pitta *H. irena*, with the name Banded Pitta applied to the enlarged species.

Sumba Myzomela (S Red-headed Honeyeater) *Myzomela dammermani*

Nest found near Langgaliru, with at least one small youngster. Female seen removing faecal sac after a feeding visit. A cup situated amongst a bunch of leaves and seed-pods in a Mahogany sp. c.9m above ground. Both sexes visited nest.

Rote Myzomela *Myzomela sp. nov.*

An undescribed taxon of Myzomela that has been likened to Sumba Myzomela. Likely to be a full species in future.

Helmeted Friarbird (Tenggara F) *Philemon buceroides*

According to Eaton *et. al.*, the two regional races could be separated (from Australasian races) as a distinct endemic species, Tenggara Friarbird, retaining the same scientific name.

Javan Cuckooshrike *Coracina javensis*

This species is sometimes lumped in Large Cuckooshrike *C. macei* of S and SE Asia (which was in turn formerly lumped in Black-faced Cuckooshrike *C. novaehollandiae* of Australasia).

Wallacean Cuckooshrike (Flores C) *Coracina [personata] floris*

Wallacean Cuckooshrike (Sumba C) *Coracina [personata] sumbaensis*

Potential splits in the Wallacean Cuckooshrike *C. personata* complex according to Eaton *et. al.*

Scarlet Minivet (Javan M) *Pericrocotus [speciosus] exul*

Eaton *et. al.* mention the likelihood of the forms in Java-Lombok being split-off as a distinct species, Javan Minivet *P. exul*.

Rusty-breasted Whistler (Bali W, Tenggara W) *Pachycephala [fulvotincta] javana*

Rusty-breasted Whistler (Bima W, Tenggara W) *Pachycephala [fulvotincta] fulvotincta*

Rusty-breasted Whistler (Sumba W, Tenggara W) *Pachycephala [fulvotincta] fulviventris*

Yellow-throated Whistler (Timor W, Tenggara W) *Pachycephala [macrorhyncha] calliope*

The former Golden (or Common Golden) Whistler *P. pectoralis* has now been split up into several distinct species. According to Eaton *et. al.* the above-mentioned forms might possibly be considered part of a further species, Tenggara Whistler *P. fulvotincta*, or even treated as individual species, which would add Bali Whistler *P. javana*, Bima Whistler *P. fulvotincta*, Sumba Whistler *P. fulviventris* and Timor Whistler *P. calliope* to this tour. Additionally, the IOC. include *calliope* in the Yellow-throated *P. macrorhyncha* group, while Eaton *et. al.* place it in the Rusty-breasted group.

Pied Shrike-babbler (P S-vireo) *Pteruthius flaviscapis*

Several closely related allospecies were formerly lumped into this species, under the name White-browed Shrike-babbler.

Trilling Shrike-babbler (T S-vireo) *Pteruthius aenobarbus*

Many authors lump Clicking Shrike-babbler *P. intermedius* in this species, using the name Chestnut-fronted Shrike-babbler for the enlarged species.

Black-naped Oriole (Tenggara Golden O) *Oriolus [chinensis] broderipii*

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

Eaton *et. al.* suggest that forms in the Lesser Sundas might be split-off as a new species, Tenggara Golden Oriole *O. broderipii*, and those in the Greater Sundas (including Java and Bali) as Sunda Golden Oriole *O. maculatus*.

Wallacean Drongo (Flores Spangled D, Lesser W D) *Dicrurus [densus] bimaensis*

Wallacean Drongo (Sumba Spangled D, Lesser W D) *Dicrurus [densus] sumbae*

Wallacean Drongo (Timor Spangled D, Greater W D) *Dicrurus [densus] densus*

The IOC treat these forms as part of Wallacean Drongo, but it is widely acknowledged that they are better treated as two separate species, Lesser and Greater. Eaton *et. al.* go further, giving the forms on Flores and Sumba full specific rank, as Flores Spangled Drongo *D. bimaensis* and Sumba Spangled Drongo *D. sumbae*.

Northern Fantail (Timor F) *Rhipidura [rufiventris] rufiventris*

Northern Fantail (Rote F) *Rhipidura [rufiventris] tenkatei*

Eaton *et. al.* split-up the former Northern Fantail *R. rufiventris* into a number of regionally endemic species. On this tour, we see the strikingly different Timor Fantail *R. rufiventris* and Rote Fantail *R. tenkatei*.

Arafura Fantail (Supertramp F) *Rhipidura [dryas] semicollaris*

Eaton *et. al.* split-off regional (Wallacean) forms of the former Arafura Fantail *R. dryas* as a separate species, Supertramp Fantail *R. semicollaris*.

Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher (Tenggara P F) *Terpsiphone [affinis] floris*

Formerly lumped in Indian Paradise Flycatcher *T. paradisi*, with the name Asian Paradise Flycatcher applied to the enlarged species. Eaton *et. al.* additionally mention the potential (and certainly vocally-warranted) splitting-off of Lesser Sundas forms as Tenggara Paradise Flycatcher *T. floris*.

Spectacled Monarch (Tenggara S M, Wallacean M) *Symposiachrus trivirgatus*

Eaton *et. al.* split-off regional (Wallacean) forms of Spectacled Monarch from those in New Guinea and Australia, defining the latter as Sahul Spectacled Monarch *S. melanopterus*. Additionally, these authors suggest the potential for going even further, and splitting-off the forms occurring in the Lesser Sundas as monotypic Tenggara Spectacled Monarch *S. trivirgatus*.

Large-billed Crow (Southern Jungle C) *Corvus macrorhynchos*

The *Corvus macrorhynchos* complex is in the process of being split into several allospecies, though further work is required before the situation becomes clear. The IOC World List currently recognizes three species, but does not yet split nominate *macrorhynchos* (Southern Jungle Crow) from the northern and eastern continental Asian forms (proposed by some authorities as Large-billed Crow *C. japonensis*).

Yellow-vented Bulbul (Sunda Y-v B) *Pycnonotus [goiavier] analis*

Eaton *et. al.* split-off Philippine birds as a separate species, Philippine Yellow-vented Bulbul *P. goiavier*, resulting in a name change for the remaining forms lumped in Sunda Yellow-vented Bulbul.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul (Melodious B) *Alophoixus bres*

According to Eaton *et. al.*, the former Grey-cheeked Bulbul *A. bres* now constitutes four distinct species: Grey-cheeked Bulbul *A. tephrogenys* (Malay Peninsula & Sumatra), Guttural Bulbul *A. gutturalis* (Borneo), Palawan Bulbul *A. frater* (Palawan), and Melodious Bulbul *A. bres* (Java & Bali).

Sunda Bulbul (Javan B) *Ixos virescens*

Eaton *et. al.* split-off Sumatran birds as a separate species, Sumatran Bulbul *I. sumatranus*, resulting in a common name change for the Javan endemic *virescens*.

Striated Swallow (Daurian S) *Cecropis striolata*

Eaton *et. al.* lump this species in Red-rumped (or Daurian) Swallow *C. daurica*.

Pygmy Wren-babbler (or Cupwing) *Pnoepyga pusilla*

Recent DNA-based studies have shown that *Pnoepygas* are not related to babblers, and are best placed in their own family; Pnoepygidae (Cupwings). Unfortunately, and very strangely, some authors (including the IOC) still insist on calling them wren-babblers. The potential for splitting the endemic form on Timor is now being down-played.

Mountain Tailorbird (M Leaftoiler) *Phyllergates cuculatus*

DNA research has shown that this is an *Abroscopus*-like warbler, not a tailorbird.

Timor Leaf Warbler (Flores L W) *Phylloscopus [presbytes] floris*

The IOC lump this form in Timor Leaf Warbler *P. presbytes*, but it is widely acknowledged as a separate species, Flores Leaf Warbler *P. floris*.

Rote Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus sp. nov.*

An undescribed taxon that has been likened to Timor Leaf Warbler, but is set to be given full species rank.

Yellow-breasted Warbler (Sunda W) *Seicercus montis*

Sunda Warbler *Seicercus grammiceps*

Eaton *et al.* unite these forms as one species, Sunda Warbler *S. grammiceps*.

Zitting Cisticola (Double Zitting C) *Cisticola [juncidis] tinnabulans*

Eaton *et. al.* mention the potential for splitting-off SE Asian and Australasian forms as Double Zitting Cisticola *C. tinnabulans*. The remaining forms would be re-aligned in Japanese Zitting Cisticola *C. bruniceps* (E Asia) and Western Zitting Cisticola *C. juncidis* (S Asia, W Palearctic, Africa).

Plain Prinia (Javan P P) *Prinia [inornata] blythi*

Eaton *et. al.* suggest that the local endemic form merits separation as a distinct species, Javan Plain Prinia *P. blythi*.

Tailorbird *Orthotomus sp.*

Olive-backed (or Javan) Tailorbird is officially the only tailorbird east of Wallace's Line, reaching Lombok. A population of birds found by us on Sumba, inhabiting coastal savanna, appear similar morphologically, but seem to show at least minor vocal differences. Time will tell whether they represent an undescribed form, or relate to a population of Olive-backed Tailorbirds. Despite comments in Eaton *et. al.*, it has a considerable range on Sumba, stretching far from

Waingapu, and occurs in an apparently natural to semi-natural habitat. The suggestion that these birds are derived from captive origin appears to be based on hearsay.

Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler (Javan S B) *Pomatorhinus montanus*

Eaton *et. al.* split-off the two forms in Java & Bali as Javan Scimitar Babbler *P. montanus*; the residual forms being treated as Sunda Scimitar Babbler *P. bornensis* (rest of the former range).

Oriental White-eye (Sunda W-e) *Zosterops [palpebrosus] melanurus*

Eaton *et. al.* split off a group of mostly Sundaic forms of Oriental White-eye as a separate species, Sunda White-eye *Z. melanurus*. We encounter the yellow-bellied *unicus* on Flores.

Black-winged Starling (Grey-backed Myna, B-w Myna) *Acridotheres [melanopterus] tricolor*

Black-winged Starling (Grey-rumped Myna, B-w Myna) *Acridotheres [melanopterus] tertius*

First proposed by BirdLife, the splitting-up of the former Black-winged Myna *A. melanopterus* into three species now seems inevitable. We encounter two of them, in E Java (Grey-backed Myna *A. tricolor*) and Bali (Grey-rumped Myna *A. tertius*). All area critically endangered.

Pale Blue Flycatcher (Hartert's Jungle-flycatcher) *Cyornis [unicolor] harterti*

Eaton *et. al.* suggest a three-way split of the former Pale Blue Flycatcher *C. unicolor*: Hartert's Jungle-flycatcher *C. harterti* (Sundaic region), Unicoloured Jungle-flycatcher *C. unicolor* (S-SE Asia), and Diao Luo Jungle-flycatcher *C. diaoluensis* (Hainan I, S China).

Hill Blue Flycatcher (Javan Jungle-flycatcher) *Cyornis banyumas*

Eaton *et. al.* split-off the three Javan forms of Hill Blue Flycatcher as Javan Jungle-flycatcher *C. banyumas*, but do not suggest a new name for residual forms.

Russet-backed Jungle Flycatcher (Flores Warbling-flycatcher) *Cyornis [oscillans] oscillans*

Russet-backed Jungle Flycatcher (Sumba Warbling-flycatcher) *Cyornis [oscillans] stresemanni*

The IOC treat these two forms as a single species under the name Russet-backed Jungle Flycatcher, but it is widely acknowledged that they are better treated as two separate species. Additionally, they are best placed in the genus *Eumyias*, as they are obviously not *Cyornis*.

White-browed Shortwing (Flores S) *Brachypteryx [montana] floris*

This highly distinctive form is treated by the IOC as a race of White-browed Shortwing, but has been split by Eaton *et. al.*

Javan Whistling Thrush *Myophonus glaucinus*

Some authors lump Sumatran (or Chestnut-winged) *M. castaneus* and Bornean Whistling Thrush *M. borneensis* in this species using the name Sunda Whistling Thrush for the enlarged species.

Blue-winged Leafbird (Javan L) *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

Eaton *et. al.* split-off the endemic Javan and Bornean forms of Blue-winged Leafbird as Javan Leafbird *C. cochinchinensis* and Bornean Leafbird *C. kinabaluensis*. Blue-winged Leafbird is re-named *C. moluccensis*.

Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (Javan F) *Dicaeum [sanguinolentum] sanguinolentum*

Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (Flores F) *Dicaeum [sanguinolentum] rhodopygale*

Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (Sumba F) *Dicaeum [sanguinolentum] wilhelminae*

Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (Timor F) *Dicaeum [sanguinolentum] hanieli*

Eaton *et. al.* split the former Blood-breasted Flowerpecker *D. sanguinolentum* into four monotypic island-endemic species.

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

Eaton *et. al.* split-off continental Asian and Sunda forms of the former Olive-backed Sunbird *C. jugularis* as a distinct species, Ornate Sunbird *C. ornatus*. The remaining forms are treated as Sahul Sunbird *C. clementiae* (Sulawesi to New Guinea) and Garden Sunbird *C. jugularis* (Philippines).

Mount Mutis Parrotfinch *Erythrura sp. nov.*

A recently discovered endemic species, only known from Mount Mutis, West Timor.



Sumba Myzomela nest (Craig Robson)

APPENDIX 1 – Top five birds of the tour

- 1st Elegant Pitta
- 2nd Chestnut-backed Thrush
- 3rd Bali Myna
- 4th Chestnut-capped Thrush
- 5th Javan Banded Pitta

APPENDIX 2 - Other fauna & flora recorded

REPTILES

Indonesian Rat Snake (Lesser Sunda Racer) *Coelognathus subradiatus* One on Rote.

Green Sea Turtle *Chelonia mydas* At couple during our visit to Komodo.

Komodo Dragon *Varanus komodoensis* At least ten of these famous giant monitor lizards on Komodo.

Tockay Gecko *Gekko gekko*

Common House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*

Boschma's Gliding-lizard *Draco boschmai* Sumba, Flores, Komodo.

Timor Gliding-lizard *Draco timorensis* Timor.



Indonesian Rat Snake (Lesser Sunda Racer) on Rote (Craig Robson)

AMPHIBIANS

Asian Common Toad *Duttaphrynus melanostictus* Common throughout, but probably non-native.

BUTTERFLIES

Haliphron Birdwing *Troides haliphron niais* Sumba.

Peranthis Peacock *Papilio peranthis* Beautiful green swallowtail on Flores; particularly Kisol.

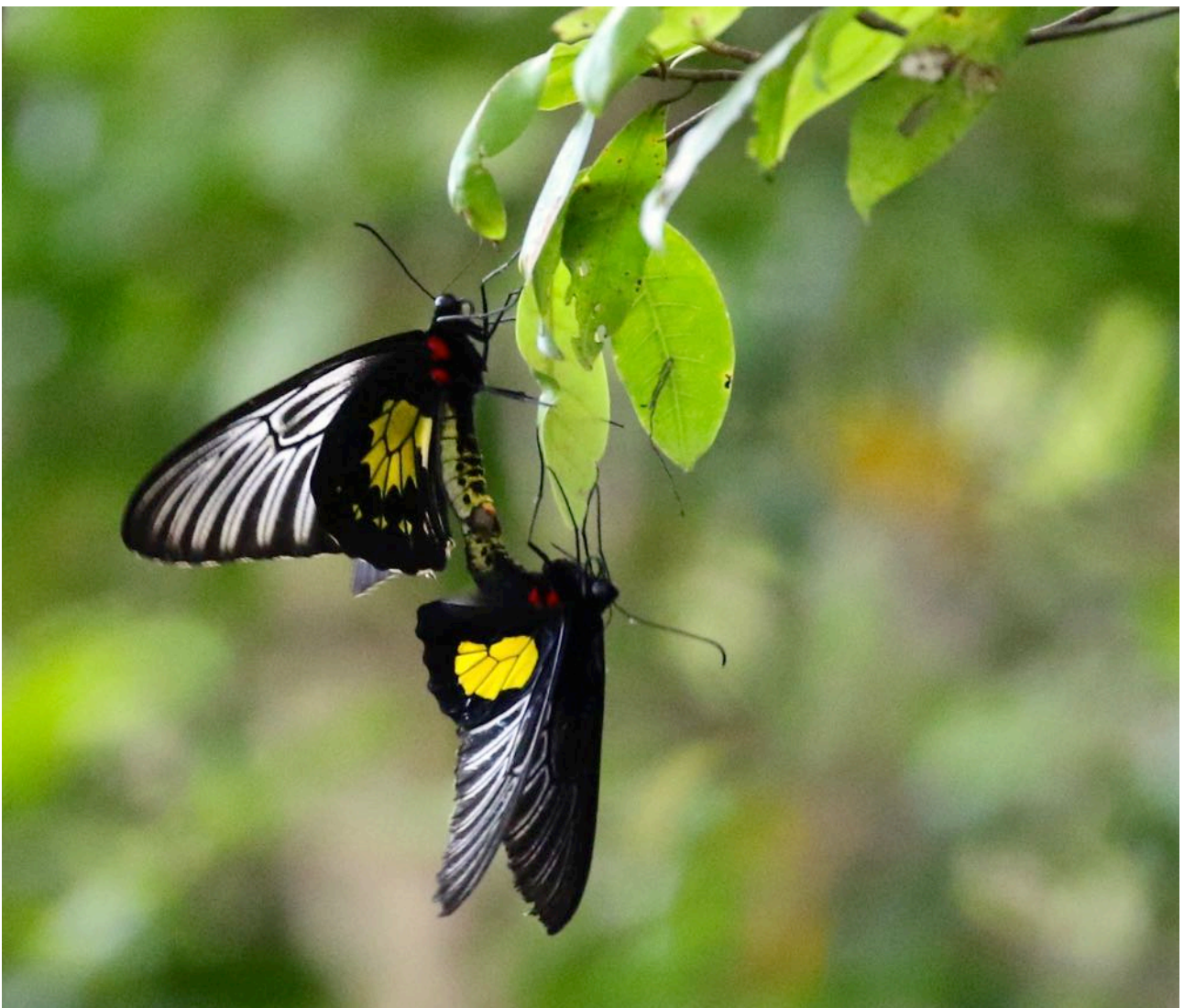
Red-spot Jezebel *Delia descombesi lydia* Flores.

Common Wanderer *Pareronia valeria tryphenam* Flores.

Psyche *Leptosia nina* Timor and Flores. Related to the European Wood White.

Rustic *Cupha erymanthis*

Cruiser *Vindula dejone*



Haliphron Birdwings on Sumba (Craig Robson)