

MYANMAR

NOV 23RD TO DEC 15TH 2019



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White-browed Nuthatch
Mt Victoria

TRANSPORT

AIRPORT PARKING Heathrow Drivefly Park and Ride £92.79 for 25 days.

FLIGHTS LHR to RGN via BKK £545 return with Thai Airways.

22nd Nov LHR 11.50 - 10.30 RGN 23rd Nov.
15th Dec RGN 19.50 - 06.20 LHR 16th Dec.

LOCAL FLIGHTS all with Golden Myanmar Airlines. ****Foreigners can book cheapest promotional flights****

25th Nov RGN 15.15 - 16.25 HEHO US\$95
30th Nov HEHO 16.40 - 17.20 BAGAN US\$70
14th Dec BAGAN 17.35 - 18.55 RGN US\$85

E-BIKE HIRE These were a great way to get around Bagan and could be hired just about anywhere. We were charged MMK 9000/day each at the Bagan Thande Hotel but only 5000/day each at the Lawkanat Hotel and we were offered them as low as 4000/day just across the road from the Lawkanat. They are great for getting around cheaply, quietly and without fumes! Some of the busy dirt tracks around there get a bit dusty at sunrise and sunset times when all the tourists are heading out but you can easily avoid these tracks. They are really simple to use being just a handle twist and go and handle brakes to slow or stop.



DRIVING ON THE RIGHT.

MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

VISA The visas were very easy to apply for online without having to send your passport off. A fee of **US\$50** has to be paid in the online process and once submitted the e-visa was emailed back the next day. Visit; <https://evisa.moip.gov.mm>

EXCHANGE RATE £1= 1950 Myanmar Kyat MMK. Most hotels in Old Bagan had an ATM near their reception area.

TIME 6.5 hrs ahead of GMT

BOOKS, MAPS, RECORDINGS ETC

LITERATURE

Birds of South-East Asia 2nd edition.....Robson
Internet Trip reports.

E-BIRD for new and current information and sites.

MAPSME to mark all sites, hotels etc accurately, and to use as a Sat Nav.

SOUND RECORDINGS

Xeno Canto.

EQUIPMENT

OPTICS.

LEICA 10x32 BN
KOWA TSN-553 Scope.

CAMERAS / LENSES ETC.

CANON EOS 5D Mk III.
CANON 400mm EF f5.6 L USM
B+W 77mm MRC Clear UV Haze (010) Filter
Remote Control RC-201
MANFROTTO R190 CX4 PRO tripod with fluid head.

SOUND EQUIPMENT

OLYMPUS LS-14 Linear PCM recorder.
RADIOSHACK mini-amplifier speaker.
JBL CLIP Bluetooth speaker.
SENNHEISER medium microphone.

TORCH

LED LENSER M17R

MYANMAR BIRDING TOURS www.myanmartravelexpert.com or www.myanmarbirding.com

2 single day trips booked by emailing Moe, with a guide, all transport and food.

24th Nov **JERDON'S BABBLER** out from Yangon with Moe and Ko Ke. USD\$ 280 with a chunk of discount on the day!

26th Nov **CHINESE GRASS BABBLER** day out with Ko Pan at Inle lake. USD\$ 150

I found these birding guides to be very good and helpful, working hard to get not only the targets, but also lots of other good birds and are highly recommended. They also gave me a free T-shirt and Moe kindly allowed me to pay in Myanmar Kyat to avoid costly exchange rates. They also do a variety of pre-planned and custom tours.

IN GENERAL

SUNRISE c6 am. SUNSET c6 pm

What a great place! An easy, cheap, safe birding and tourist circuit with loads of good birds including virtually all the endemics and near-endemics, and a lot of the birding can be done at and around the tourist sites. It can be done very easily on public transport utilising frequent and cheap internal flights, comfortable buses, taxis and e-bikes... and a lot can also be done on foot! I just filled in a couple of species gaps with Moe, Ko Ke and Ko Pan at Myanmar Birding.

There are many hotels of a good to excellent standard which are usually pretty cheap and can be easily booked via Booking.com or Trivago etc. We booked most hotels in advance but had no problem booking the Lawkanat in New Bagan a few days before and extending the stay there. Four of the hotels had pools, which helped keep the wife happy!

The wifi at the hotels and restaurants was a bit hit and miss, and definitely not at all at Mt Victoria.

Most towns had a few ATM's (often at the larger hotels in Old Bagan), plenty of restaurants and somewhere to get a drink with shops selling a litre of rum for about £1.50!...not a good place to give up drinking...

The people were very polite, friendly and helpful and most spoke at least some English although most spoke very good English.

MAIN SITES VISITED

AROUND YANGON **Hotel Sincere Smile**. Breakfast included, **2 nights \$68.20** and 10-15,000 MMK taxi from/to the airport.

HLAWGA PARK - 50,000 MMK for a taxi waiting for over 4 hours. C 45 minute drive each way.

PALE-EYED OR DAVISON'S BULBUL SITE **17°02'23.9"N 96°06'54.6"E**

The park is easy to reach by car and the site is down the track c150m further west from the car park and food stalls.

I found a fruiting tree c 200m down this track where lots of Bulbuls were visiting. It still took over 4 hours.

Also an easy place to see Ayeyarwaddy Bulbul.

JERDON'S BABBLER TRIP **Day out with Moe and Ko Ke form Myanmar Birding.**

Collected at 4am from the hotel and driven west for c 2.5 hrs. We then had a great Breakfast and drove a further 45 minutes where we crossed a large river. On the other side we were taken by motorbike to a canal where we boarded a small conoe and went upstream looking for the main target eventually getting some good, but obscured views.

Birded our way back via some villager's hut for dinner and arrived back at the hotel for dark.

A bird-filled day out with two very good guides. **Contact Myanmar Birding for details.**

AROUND HEHO

INLE LAKE **Princess Garden Hotel, Nyaung Shwe**. Breakfast included, **3 nights \$75**.

Shared a taxi from Heho Airport to Nyaung Shwe. Entrance fee to the town was 15,000MMK each.

Spent one day out on the Lake with Ko Pan looking for **CHINESE GRASSBIRD** and **COLLARED MYNA** and the first **BURMESE MYNAS**. Another great and interesting day out on the Lake and through the floating villages.

Lots of hotels, bars, restaurants and boat trips on the Lake. A great birding and non-birding lake trip.

KALAW **Unique B&B**. **2 nights \$28**.

Got the bus from Nyaung Shwe to Kalaw 1 hr 40 mins 5,000MMK each. Taxi up to Unique B&B.

Walked to Ye Aye Lake dam wall and back **20°35'57.3"N 96°31'46.9"E**

Site for **BURMESE YUHINA**, **EASTERN SPECTACLED BARWING** & the **CHESTNUT-WINGED** ssp of Dark-backed Sibia.

We walked from the B&B along the road and a series of little tracks through farmland eventually finding the track into the forest where the birding was good straight away and was another 2 miles further on to the dam.

Flocks were seen as soon as the forest was entered.

AROUND BAGAN

LOWLAND SCRUB, FARMLAND, RIVER, DUNES & TEMPLES

Bagan Thande Hotel Old Bagan for 3 nights @ \$52/night inc breakfast

Lawkanat Hotel New Bagan for 6 nights @ \$27/night inc breakfast.

This is a fantastic area to bird and relax. The main targets being; **BURMESE COLLARED DOVE, JERDON'S MINIVET, HOODED TREEPIE, AYEYARWADDY BULBUL, BURMESE BUSHLARK, WHITE-THROATED BABBLER, BURMESE MYNA** and **Rain Quail**. These are all easy and numerous although Jerdon's Minivet and Hooded Treepie are a bit nomadic and move around quickly and can take a lot more time. If Rain Quail isn't calling (as it wasn't for me) it can be very hard to get anything but a fleeting flushed view!

The whole area is full of old temples and birdlife with migrants swelling the diversity in the winter months and a great place for photography of both birds and scenery. There are many hotels over a wide area between Nyaung-U through Old Bagan to New Bagan. We hired e-bikes of the same standard from both hotels; 9000/day each at Bagan Thande and 5000/day each at the Lawkanat.

Both hotels were great but the Lawkanat had a better and cleaner pool with less people and an easy walk into the town at night. **A short walk back to the main road from the Bagan Thande was a small but superb open roadside restaurant selling a huge range of fantastic meals and beer at a fraction of the cost of the Bagan Thande hotel. I gleaned a lot of information from E-bird for the best areas to currently search for the tricky species.**

Persistence paid off and all the targets were seen several times as were loads of migrants.

MOUNT VICTORIA (NAT MA TAUNG)

MOIST SUB-TROPICAL MONTANE FOREST & EDGE - 1900m-2700m asl

We stayed at the **Floral Breeze Hotel** 1900m asl (Mt Victoria) just above Kanpetlet, **5 nights inc breakfast \$255** for a Delux double cabin **21°12'05.5"N 94°02'02.5"E**. There was no heating here and it did get very cold at night although the days (if not shrouded in cloud) were quite warm to hot.

Early mornings watching the shivering staff try to look happy at breakfast was memorable!

We ate here in the evenings too as their meals were the best we could get at this quite remote location.

A lot of good lower elevation birds are just up from the hotel along the "Frogmouth Trail" **21°12'12.6"N 94°01'48.0"E** but the best birds are higher up. The moped and driver I hired for 50,000 MMK got me to c 6 miles from the 10 mile camp before getting a flat tyre. I walked from here and saw all the upper elevation birds (with the exception of Buff-breasted Parrotbill) on the way up reaching the **10 Mile Basecamp at 2700m asl 21°13'09.1"N 93°56'26.4"E** by 1pm and then walked back. The next trip up to this elevation was with the wife and, based on previous days experience, we hitched a ride up to the 10 Mile Camp in the early morning with one of the few regular vehicles going up and walked back.

NOTE* It appears that there is now a fee of 15,000MMK per person per day although there is nowhere to pay early in the morning. When the traffic goes through to Mindat, the barrier is up and there guard house is closed.

New birds seen at the **lower elevations 1800-2100m** (mainly along the Frogmouth Trail) were; **RUFOUS-CROWNED PRINIA, CHIN-HILLS WREN-BABBLER, BLUE-WINGED & STRIPED LAUGHINGTHRUSH** and **RED-FACED LIOCICHLA**. **SPOT-WINGED GROSBEAK** was missed at this elevation (wrong time of year apparently).

Most of the new birds seen in the **mid to upper elevation 2100-2400m** range were; **BLACK-BROWED (BURMESE) TIT, MOUNT VICTORIA BABAX, BROWN-CAPPED LAUGHINGTHRUSH, ASSAM LAUGHINGTHRUSH & GREY-SIDED THRUSH**. **BUFF-BREASTED PARROTBILL** was missed at this broad elevation as I could not find in the many bamboo patches along the road although some other birders dropped in on a few large flocks.

New birds at **higher elevation 2400-2700m** areas were **BLACK-BIBBED TIT** and the **WHITE-BROWED NUTHATCH**.

The whole Mt Victoria area was very birdy especially in the first half of the day before the cloud drifted in.

There are a good number of other really good species here such as Hodgson's Frogmouth, Spotted Wren Babbler (heard only) etc which I didn't see. Check other trip reports for the complete list.

Itinerary

22nd /23rd Nov Drove down to LHR, parked up and Thai Airways flight departed on time. Flight change at BKK and then the short flight back to Yangon arriving on time at 10.30am. Taxi to the hotel and had a kip before a short walk and something to eat nearby. Went to bed early as was getting up at at 3.30 am tomorrow.



Guides Ko Ke and Moe

24th Collected at 4am by Moe, Ko Ke and the driver and headed west to a good area for **JERDON'S BABBLER**. Spent about 6 hours along a reed and paddy-fringed waterway eventually connecting and also getting good views of Sarus Cranes. Re-traced our steps to get back to the hotel by dusk.

25th Up early and walked into the nearby town to flag a taxi down at 05.30. Went to **Hlawga 06.30-11.30** walking the track just a little further on from the car park and food stalls opposite the entrance there. Walked round for hours before trying a fruiting tree close to the start of the track. A short burst of playback secured **4 PALE-EYED BULBULS** before having to go back to the hotel. Used the same taxi to get to Yangon Domestic Terminal for the 15.15 flight to Heho. The Heho Taxi drivers wanted 40,000 MMK to go to the **Princess Garden Hotel in Nyaung Shwe** but we teamed up with 2 Dutch girls and despite the drivers' initial protests, split the cost. Also hit with the 15,000MMK fee each to enter the town. Out locally for a meal taking advantage of the 25p triple rum and cokes!



26th Collected at 06.50 by Ko Pan and out **on a boat all day on Inle Lake** till 4.30pm. Although initially tricky, eventually got prolonged close views of **CHINESE GRASSBIRD** before taking the liesurely cruise through the floating villages and gardens to see **COLLARED MYNAS**. Had lunch at the south end of the Lake and a bit of a look round at the cloth weavers and cigar makers before heading back home.



27th All day around the town and bought a bus ticket for the next morning to Kalaw.

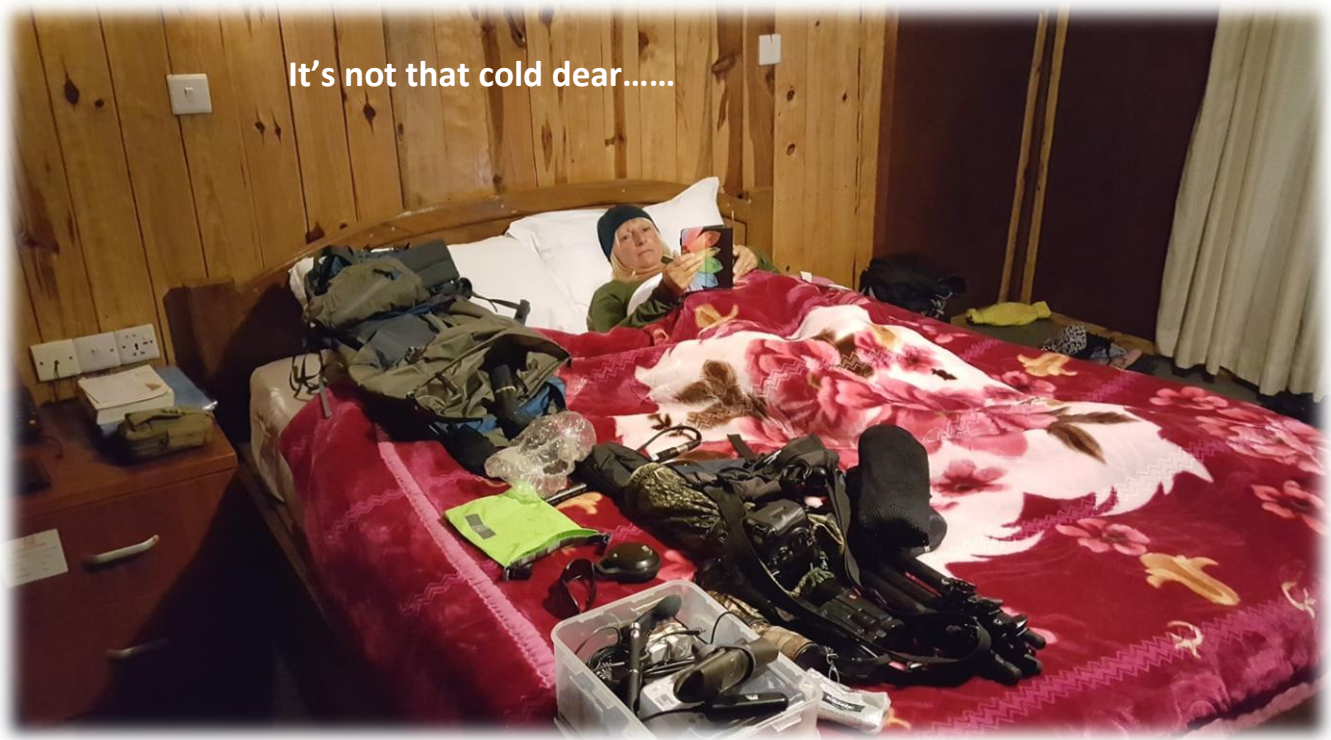
28th **Bus to Kalaw 08.30-10.30** and then a taxi to the Unique B&B. Ate at a small restaurant nearby before I set off to find the path to Ye Aye Lake. Late afternoon seeing the specialities, **BURMESE YUNINA** and **EASTERN SPECTACLED BARWING** and the striking local ssp of Dark-backed Sibia sometimes split as **CHESTNUT-WINGED SIBIA** H. castanoptera.

29th **Walked to Ye Aye Lake with Helen for the whole day.** Not as birdy as the day before!

30th Walked into Kalaw to book a taxi to Heho Airport for 25,000MMK pickup from our hotel at 2pm. **Flight a little late arriving at 18.00 in Nyaung-U.** Archaeological Fee at the airport of 25,000MMK each on arrival lasting for 5 days. **Taxi to the Bagan Thande Hotel** for a fixed 7,000MMK fare. Walked back to the main Road finding a great roadside restaurant at the junction.



Dec 1st-2nd Out on e-bikes along the numerous tracks and roads from Old to New Bagan birding and walking amongst the numerous temples. Very easy birding using the quiet e-bikes with few tourists away from the main temples. All the target birds seen with the exception of untickable flushed-only views of Rain Quail. Booked the mini bus to get us to Kanpetlet at Mt Victoria; 43,000MMK each and an extra 5000 to take us on from Kanpetlet to the Floral Breeze Hotel.



3rd 7.30am our transport arrived! Back of a pickup back to Nyaung-U where we got on the minibus which then passed our Bagan Thande Hotel on the way out.. a few waits at Seikphyu and a bus change at Saw, finally arriving at the Floral Breeze at 2.45pm. Walked up the road for c 1 mile and back till dark returning into thick fog. **Helen said she was cold !**

4th 6am breakfast then motorbike and driver **up towards the 10 mile basecamp 21°13'09.5"N 93°56'27.1"E.** Bike konked out 100m from the hotel then we made it a few more miles uphill to where the road levelled out a bit before a puncture thankfully terminated my pillion terror.....
I started walking after convincing the lad he could still have his full fee... I just didn't want to get back on that bike again!
Started seeing birds straight away and by 1pm at the 10 mile Camp at 2700m asl I had seen all the expected birds except the Buff-breasted Parrotbill. Walked back down in the heat to see Helen who had been cold in the cloud all day!

5th Stayed low on the **Frogmouth Trail all day** in bright sunny weather.



6th **Hitched a lift with Helen to the 10 mile camp after breakfast**, walking a couple of miles further north and downhill to where another birder had seen a flock of Buff-breasted Parrotbills the day before but no luck. Walked back by dusk.

7th Last day on the Frogmouth Trail till dark, and then finally, on the way back saw a tape responsive **BLUE-WINGED LAUGHINGTHRUSH** at dusk in the valley below the checkpoint barrier at **21°12'06.5"N 94°01'46.8"E**

8th Bus leaving the **Floral Breeze at 07.30 arriving at the Lawkanat Hotel, New Bagan at 1.30pm.**
Booked in then out for a meal. No birding today.



9th - 14th New Bagan area by e-bike.

Extended the stay at the Lawkanat Hotel as it was very quiet, had a great pool and was very well placed for birding and an easy walk into the town. Spent the days birding and trying to see a Rain Quail on the deck. Visited the Lawkananda Reserve, Bagan golf Course (looking for Indian Thick-knee), lots of temple areas and did a couple of great walks along the southern shore and dunes of the Irrawaddy River finally seeing Rain Quail on the last day!
Flight at 17.35 to Yangon and a taxi to the Hotel Sincere Smile again.

15th All day around the pool and a brief walk into the nearby town before the late flight home arriving at LHR early the next morning and drove home. A fantastic, easy and relaxed trip from start to finish. Highly recommended!

Systematic List



1. **RAIN QUAIL** *Coturnix coromandelica*
1 male, Dec 14th Old Bagan taped in to fly around, above me on the open sandbar by one of the cultivated islands in the Irrawaddy River at **21°08'43.4"N 94°50'28.2"E**. The river was very low and while walking along the shoreline I heard a quail call once from the raised and cultivated area close by. I used playback and it flew immediately along the vertical sandy bank. When I played it again it flew out and around me at c 20m height and back into the cultivated island. I climbed up into the fields and had it respond vocally but it only flew once and would not show itself on the deck. C 12 birds had been flushed from underfoot around the Bagan area showing only in flight as a small quail with pale upperwing covert patches and unbarred pps. No birds were heard calling except for this male on the last day.
2. **Mountain Bamboo-partridge** *Bambusicola fytchii*
3, Dec 4th Mt Victoria at c 2000m in the roadside fields at the end of the tarmac.
3. **Fulvous/ Lesser Whistling-duck** *Dendrocygna bicolor/ javanica*
A few distant birds remained unidentified.
4. **Ruddy Shelduck** *Tadorna ferruginea*
4, Hlawga and c100 along the Irrawaddy River at Old Bagan.
5. **Ferruginous Duck** *Aythya nyroca*
25+ Inle Lake.
6. **Tufted Duck** *Aythya fuligula*
3 birds at Inle Lake.
7. **Garganey** *Spatula querquedula*
C40 at Inle Lake.
8. **Eurasian Wigeon** *Mareca Penelope*
1, Inle Lake.
9. **Indian Spot-billed Duck** *Anas poecilorhyncha*
20+, Inle Lake 30+ on the Irrawaddy River at Bagan.

10. **Northern Pintail** *Anas acuta*
60+, Inle Lake.
11. **Common Teal** *Anas crecca*
Several noted at Inle Lake.
12. **Rock Dove** *Columba livia*
Common.



13. **BURMESE COLLARED-DOVE** *Streptopelia xanthocyclus* **MYANMAR ENDEMIC**
10-15 birds a day at Bagan first noted on Dec 1st. Note broad, yellow orbital skin.
14. **Red Turtle-dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*
Noted at Hlawga and Bagan where up to 100 birds on Dec 12th.
15. **Eastern Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis*
Common.
16. **Indian Nightjar** *Caprimulgus asiaticus*
1 flushed from a rubbish tip at Bagan.
17. **Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus*
1, Hlawga.
18. **Asian Palm-swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*
Several birds noted in the lowlands near Palm trees.
19. **Cooks (Pacific) Swift** *Apus (pacificus) cooki*
2+ birds over Ye Aye Lake Nov 28th looked all dark except for a narrower pale or whitish rump band.



20. **House Swift** *Apus nipalensis*
Fairly common.
Photod at Bagan, as they wheeled around the Dhama Yan Gyi Temple. They appeared to be nesting high up in the building.
21. **Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis*
11 seen and a few more heard.
Noted at most sites except Mt Victoria.
22. **Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis*
Ad on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
23. **Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus*
3+ on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
24. **Ruddy-breasted Crake** *Zapornia fusca*
C4 heard only at Inle Lake.
25. **White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
1 heard only at Inle Lake.
26. **Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio*
3 on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
27. **Common Coot** *Fulica atra*
50+, Inle Lake.



28. **Sarus Crane** *Antigone antigone*
3 birds on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
29. **Painted Stork** *Mycteria leucocephala*
1 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
30. **Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans*
2 Hlawga and 300+ on Inle Lake where breeding.
31. **Black-headed Ibis** *Threskiornis melanocephalus*
1 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
32. **Glossy Ibis** *Plegadis falcinellus*
3 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon and c100+ Inle Lake.
33. **Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*
Ad male on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon and male at Inle Lake.
34. **Black-crowned Night-heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*
Juv at Inle Lake and 10+ at dusk Bagan Thande Hotel.
35. **Chinese/Indian Pond-heron**
Ardeola bacchus/grayii
Common.
36. **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*
Common.
37. **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
4 or 5 birds noted.
38. **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*
4 birds seen.
39. **Great White Egret** *Ardea alba*
A few noted.
40. **Intermediate Egret** *Ardea intermedia*
6 at Inle Lake.



41. **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
Several noted.



42. **Little Cormorant** *Microcarbo niger*
Common in the wetlands.
43. **Oriental Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster*
1 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
44. **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*
2 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
45. **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*
1 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
C30 around Bagan.



46. **River Lapwing** *Vanellus duvaucelii*
C10 around Bagan.
47. **Grey-headed Lapwing** *Vanellus cinereus*
C50 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.

- 48. **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus*
16, Irrawaddy River, Bagan.
- 49. **Pheasant-tailed Jacana** *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*
1 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
- 50. **Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*
10+ on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
- 51. **Ruff** *Calidris pugnax*
1 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
- 52. **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*
4 on 24th Nov on the day out with Myanmar Birding west of Yangon.
3, Inle Lake.
- 53. **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*
C4 noted in all.
- 54. **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*
1, Bagan.
- 55. **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
5, Bagan.
- 56. **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*
8+ noted in all.
- 57. **Barred Buttonquail** *Turnix suscitator*
1 flushed Bagan.



- 58. **Brown-headed Gull** *Larus brunnicephalus*
200+ Inle Lake.
- 59. **Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*
3, Inle Lake.

60. **Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*
Heard outside our hotel at Inle Lake.



61. **Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama*
Common around Bagan especially around the smaller, less visited temples and hotels.

62. **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus*
7 birds noted in all.



63. **Oriental Honey-buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
10+ birds noted in all, including 3+ Hlawga, 3 Mt Victoria and 4 at Bagan where photod above.



64. **Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malaiensis*
1, Mt Victoria. Is that a pellet hole in the left wing?
65. **Western/ Eastern Marsh-harrier** *Circus aeruginosus/spilonotus*
2 female types at Inle Lake remained distant but appeared more Western-like?
66. **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus*
2 at Ye Aye Lake, Kalaw.
67. **Shikra** *Accipiter badius*
C7 seen in all.



68. **Northern Goshawk** *Accipiter gentilis*
Ad, Nov 29th Ye Aye Lake, Kalaw.



- 69. **Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur Indus*
A few at Yangon and Bagan.
- 70. **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*
2 lineatus at Yangon and 2 at Bagan.
- 71. **Japanese Buzzard** *Buteo japonicas*
4 birds at Mt Victoria.



- 72. **Common Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*
Up to 20 a day at Bagan.



- 73. **Asian Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis*
Common in the lowlands.
- 74. **Indochinese Roller** *Coracias affinis*
Common at Bagan and often perched atop a temple.

- 75. **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*
3 out with Moe and 5 at Inle Lake.
- 76. **Pied Kingfisher** *Ceryle rudis*
2, Bagan.
- 77. **White-breasted Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*
At least 10 birds noted.
- 78. **Black-capped Kingfisher** *Halcyon pileata*
2, Yangon.
- 79. **Coppersmith Barbet** *Psilopogon haemacephalus*
2, Inle Lake area, 1 Kalaw and 2 heard at Bagan.
- 80. **Great Barbet** *Psilopogon virens*
Heard at Kalaw and quite common at Mt Victoria around 1900m.
- 81. **Blue-throated Barbet** *Psilopogon asiaticus*
2, Mt Victoria.
- 82. **Eurasian Wryneck** *Jynx torquilla*
2, Bagan.
- 83. **Speckled Piculet** *Picumnus innominatus*
2 Ye Aye Lake, Kalaw.



- 84. **Scarlet-breasted Woodpecker** *Dryobates cathpharius*
1, Nov 4th Mt Victoria at c2100m



85. **Stripe-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos atratus*
2, Mt Victoria at c 2600m.



86. **Great Spotted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos major*
1, Nov 29th walking to Ye Aye Lake, Kalaw. Thought to be of ssp *cabanisi* **Chinese Great spotted Woodpecker** showing the dark greyish buff underparts and cheeks with a hint of red on the breast centre.

87. **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*
6+ noted.

88. **Oriental Hobby** *Falco severus*
Adult Dec 6th, flew through at Mt Victoria at c 1800m.



- 89. **Laggar Falcon** *Falco jugger*
2 adults usually perched on the Gaw Daw Palin Phaya Temple outside the Bagan Thande Hotel and this one photod at the Sitangyi Pagoda as it steamed through.
- 90. **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrines*
Adult, Inle Lake.
- 91. **Rose-ringed Parakeet** *Psittacula krameri*
A few birds flying over at Bagan, usually in the early mornings and late evenings.
- 92. **Maroon Oriole** *Oriolus traillii*
1, Kalaw, 2 Mt Victoria.
- 93. **Slender-billed Oriole** *Oriolus tenuirostris*
C15 noted in all.
- 94. **Black-eared Shrike-babbler** *Pteruthius melanotis*
9+ Mt Victoria.
- 95. **White-bellied Erpornis** *Erpornis zantholeuca*
2, Kalaw.



- 96. **JERDON'S MINIVET** *Pericrocotus albifrons* **MYANMAR ENDEMIC**
7-9 birds in 2 groups of 2-3 and 5-6, Dec 2nd Bagan and a male and 2 females 9th. It seems as though they can pop up anywhere in small family groups. Found them mostly in pea fields and also at the Sitangyi Pagoda.

97. **Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus*
Several on Mt Victoria.
98. **Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus*
1+ Kalaw.
99. **Ashy Woodswallow** *Artamus fuscus*
20+ Hlawga and 60, Inle Lake.
100. **Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia*
6, Hlawga, 3 Bagan.
101. **White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis*
A few at Kalaw and 1 at Mt Victoria.
102. **Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus*
Common.
103. **Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
A few at Kalaw and Mt Victoria.
104. **Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus*
A few noted.
105. **Lesser Racquet-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer*
1 at Kalaw.
106. **Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*
16+ noted in all.



107. **Burmese Shrike** *Lanius collurioides*
2, Kalaw (photo above) and quite commonly seen at Bagan.



108. **Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach*
C10 birds in all including this bird at Kalaw, probably ssp tricolor.

109. **Racquet-tailed Treepie** *Crypsirina temia*
4+, Hlawga.



110. **HOODED TREEPIE** *Crypsirina cucullata* **MYANMAR ENDEMIC**
3 single birds seen in all around Bagan Dec 1st, 2nd and 9th.
None of them showed for long and all were moving pretty fast through the trees staying quite well hidden.

111. **Yellow-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa flavirostris*
2, Mt Victoria near the 10 mile Basecamp.

112. **Red-billed Blue Magpie** *Urocissa erythroryncha*
6+, Kalaw.

113. **White-faced Jay** *Garrulus leucotis*
1, Kalaw.

114. **House Crow** *Corvus splendens*
Commonly seen at most sites looking a little less grey on the nape and almost uniformly dark all over.

115. **Yellow-bellied Fairy-fantail** *Chelidorhynch hypoxanthus*
1, Frogmouth Trail Mt Victoria.

116. **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
5+, Kalaw.

117. **Yellow-browed Tit** *Sylviparus modestus*
3+ Mt Victoria.



118. **BLACK-BIBBED TIT** *Poecile hypermelaenus*
2, Dec 4th and 1 on 6th Mt Victoria around the series of bends in the conifer zone at c 2600m.
Very inquisitive and responded well to pishing.

119. **Green-backed Tit** *Parus monticolus*
6+, Mt Victoria.



120. **Great Tit** *Parus major nubicolus*
Common at Kalaw, this is sometimes split as **Japanese Tit** *P. minor*.



121. **BURMESE BUSHLARK** *Mirafra microptera* **BURMESE ENDEMIC**
10+ Dec 1st Bagan where up to 20+ seen every day. Mostly in pairs along the dirt roads and often flushed up to perch in bushes and trees. Usually singing from the top of a tall bush or low tree.



122. **Sand Lark** *Alaudala raytal*
12+ along the sandy banks of the Irrawaddy River at Bagan.

123. **Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*
1 on the day out west of Yangon and 3+ along the Irrawaddy at Bagan. All “double zitting” birds



124. **Brown Prinia** *Prinia polychroa* **cooki** (IOC PROPOSED) **BURMESE ENDEMIC**
1, Dec 1st Bagan

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Recently proposed as an endemic full species **BURMESE PRINIA** (see link above and abstract below).

Abstract; We re-evaluated the taxonomy of the Striated Prinia *Prinia crinigera*–Brown Prinia *P. polychroa* complex using molecular, morphological and vocal analyses. The extensive seasonal, sexual, age-related, geographical and taxon-specific variation in this complex has never before been adequately studied. As no previous genetic or vocal analyses have focused on this group, misinterpretation of taxonomic signals from limited conventional morphological study alone was likely. Using mitochondrial and nuclear DNA, we found that *P. crinigera sensu lato* (*s.l.*) comprises two non-sister groups of taxa (Himalayan *crinigera* and Chinese *striata* groups) that differ substantially morphologically and vocally and that are broadly sympatric in Yunnan Province, China. *Prinia polychroa cooki* (Myanmar) and *P. p. rocki* (southern Vietnam) are each morphologically, vocally and genetically distinct. Thai, Cambodian and Laotian populations formerly ascribed to *P. p. cooki* are morphologically and vocally most similar to and most closely related to Javan *P. p. polychroa*, and require a new name, proposed here. *Prinia p. bangsi* of Yunnan is part of the *crinigera* group rather than of *P. polychroa*, and hence there is no evidence for sympatry between *P. polychroa s.l.* and *P. crinigera s.l.*, nor of the

occurrence of *P. polychroa* in mainland China or Taiwan. We recommend the recognition of five species in the complex, with the following suggestions for new English names: Himalayan Prinia *P. crinigera sensu stricto* (s.s.; with subspecies *striatula*, *crinigera*, *yunnanensis* and *bangsi*); Chinese Prinia *P. striata* (subspecies *catharia*, *parumstriata* and *striata*); **Burmese Prinia *P. cooli* (monotypic)**; Annam Prinia *P. rocki* (monotypic) and Deignan's Prinia *P. polychroa* s.s. (subspecies Javan *polychroa* and the new Southeast Asian taxon). This study underlines the importance of using multiple datasets for the elucidation of diversity of cryptic bird species and their evolutionary history and biogeography.



125. **RUFIOUS-CROWNED PRINIA** *Prinia khasiana*
 1, Dec 3rd and 6th Mt Victoria **21°12'10.9"N 94°01'28.1"E**
 A split from Black-throated and Hill Prinia, HBWA.



126. **Hill Prinia** *Prinia superciliaris*
 2+, Kalaw by the B&B.
127. **Grey-breasted Prinia** *Prinia hodgsonii*
 Several noted at Nyaung-Shwe and Bagan.
 ** I never got a 100% conclusive id of **Rufescent Prinia** at Bagan**
128. **Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris*
 Several noted west of Yangon, Inle Lake and Bagan.
129. **Plain Prinia** *Prinia inornata*
 6 out with Moe and Ko Ke and 1 at Bagan.
130. **Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius*
 Noted at Kalaw and Bagan.

131. **Thick-billed Warbler** *Arundinax aedon*
2, Hlawga, 2, Bagan.
132. **Black-browed Reed-warbler** *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*
1+, Inle Lake.
133. **Oriental Reed-warbler** *Acrocephalus orientalis*
8+ noted west of Yangon on the day out with Moe and Ko Ke.



134. **Baikal Grasshopper-warbler** *Locustella davidi*
1 seen and a few others heard at Inle Lake. Very skulking birds! Note yellow mandible base. The bird also responded to the song by quietly singing back.
135. **Striated Grassbird** *Megalurus palustris*
3, Inle Lake.



136. **Asian House Martin** *Delichon dasypus*.
20+ strong flock at Mt Victoria at c 1400m asl.

137. **Red-rumped Swallow** *Cecropis daurica*
1, Bagan.
138. **Wire-tailed Swallow** *Hirundo smithii*
1, Inle Lake.
139. **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
A few birds in the lowlands.
140. **Asian Plain Martin** *Riparia chinensis*
6+ on two dates at Bagan.
141. **Collared Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*
A few birds at Bagan.
142. **Ashy Bulbul** *Hemixos flavala*
C 6 a day at Kalaw.
143. **Mountain Bulbul** *Ixos mccllellandii*
C 8 a day at Kalaw.
144. **Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*
Very common at Kalaw and 6+ at Mt Victoria.
145. **Crested Finchbill** *Spizixos canifrons*
1+ Kalaw and 26+ at Mt Victoria.



146. **Striated Bulbul** *Pycnonotus striatus*
7+ Mt Victoria mainly higher up the road near the 10 mile Basecamp.

147. **Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus flaviventris*
8, Hlawga and 2 at Kalaw.

148. **Red-whiskered Bulbul** *Pycnonotus jocosus*
8, Hlawga, 2, Inle Lake and several Kalaw.



149. **Red-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cafer*
Noted at most sites.



150. **PALE-EYED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus davisoni* **MYANMAR ENDEMIC**
4, Nov 25th Hlawga. Took all morning but the birds eventually came into a fruiting tree beside the track as did other fruit eaters. A split from Stripe-throated Bulbul and also known as Davisons Bulbul.

151. **Flavescent Bulbul** *Pycnonotus flavescens*
3, Kalaw and fairly common Mt Victoria.



152. **AYEYARWADDY BULBUL** *Pycnonotus blanfordi* **MYANMAR ENDEMIC**
 12+ Nov 25th Hlawga and very common at Bagan. *Split from **Streak-eared Bulbul***.
153. **Black-headed Bulbul** *Brachypodius atriceps*
 4, Hlawga.
154. **Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*
 Common and noted from the lowlands to Mt Victoria.
155. **Hume's Leaf-warbler** *Phylloscopus humei*
 Only at Mt Victoria where reasonably common especially by voice.



156. **Buff-barred Warbler** *Phylloscopus pulcher*
Very common by voice at Mt Victoria but not easy to see!
157. **Ashy-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus maculipennis*
2 Mt Victoria along the Frogmouth Trail.
158. **Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus*
Several at Inle Lake and Kalaw, 1 Mt Victoria and a common at Bagan.
159. **Buff-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus subaffinis*
4, Mt Victoria.
160. **Tickell's Leaf-warbler** *Phylloscopus affinis*
Several at Bagan.
161. **Yellow-streaked Warbler** *Phylloscopus armandii*
10 Mt Victoria and 10-15 Bagan. All birds identified by voice to be sure.



162. **Grey-crowned Warbler** *Phylloscopus tephrocephalus*
2 calling Mt Victoria along the Frogmouth Trail.

163. **Blyth's Leaf-warbler** *Phylloscopus reguloides*
A few at Kalaw and 1 at Mt Victoria.
164. **Grey-hooded Warbler** *Phylloscopus xanthoschistos*
3, Mt Victoria along the Frogmouth Trail.
165. **White-tailed Leaf-warbler** *Phylloscopus intensor*
2+ Kalaw.
166. **Yellow-bellied Warbler** *Abroscopus superciliaris*
8+ Mt Victoria.
167. **Mountain Tailorbird** *Phyllergates cucullatus*
1, Mt Victoria and a few more heard only.
168. **Aberrant Bush-warbler** *Horornis flavolivaceus*
1, Dec 3rd c1900m, probably **ssp H. f. weberi**.
169. **Black-throated Tit** *Aegithalos concinnus*
6, Kalaw.



170. **BLACK-BROWED TIT** *Aegithalos bonvaloti*
30+ Dec 4th Mt Victoria from the 8 Mile Camp up.
This remote population is sometimes split as **BURMESE TIT** and becomes a **MYANMAR ENDEMIC**.
171. **Yellow-eyed Babbler** *Chrysomma sinense*.
3+ Bagan.



172. **JERDON'S BABBLER** *Chrysomma altirostre*
2, Nov 24th west of Yangon out with Moe and Ko Ke of Myanmar Birding.
After searching long stretches of dense reeds we went to some agricultural land a short walk away to a reedbed. Here the farmer was looking after some birds on his land. The birds were very secretive and took a long time to see as they occasionally peered out of the reeds sometimes calling.
173. **White-browed Fulvetta** *Fulvetta vinipectus*
C20 a day on 4th and 6th Dec, Mt Victoria upper forest.

174. **Stripe-throated Yuhina** *Yuhina gularis*
8 noted at Mt Victoria.



175. **Whiskered Yuhina** *Yuhina flavicollis*
20+ Mt Victoria.



176. **BURMESE YUHINA** *Yuhina humilis*
5, Nov 28th and 2+ on 29th Kalaw in the forest near Ye Aye Lake.
The birds were easy to pish in but very restless. Most easily seen just in from the start of the forest.

177. **Chestnut-flanked White-eye** *Zosterops erythropleurus*
6+, Kalaw.



178. **CHIN HILLS WREN-BABBLER** *Spelaeornis oatesi*
7 seen, and another 9 heard only, Dec 3rd-7th Mt Victoria mainly along or near the Frogmouth Trail.
Highly responsive and territorial, they were easy to see but often moved very quickly and usually came in too close for my 400mm lens ! Fantastic birds.

179. **White-browed Scimitar-babbler**
Pomatorhinus schisticeps
2, Nov 29th Kalaw.





180. **Streak-breasted Scimitar-babbler** *Pomatorhinus ruficollis*
6+ birds, Mt Victoria along the Frogmouth Trail between 5th and 7th Dec.
181. **Spot-breasted Scimitar-babbler** *Erythrogenys maclellandi*
1 vocal bird, Dec 7th along the Frogmouth Trail, Mt Victoria.
182. **Grey-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps*
2, Kalaw and 1 Mt Victoria along the Frogmouth Trail.
183. **Pin-striped Tit-babbler** *Mixornis gularis*
2, Kalaw.
184. **Golden Babbler** *Cyanoderma chrysaeum*
8, Kalaw.
185. **Rusty-capped Fulvetta** *Schoeniparus dubius*
10+ Mt Victoria in a single flock in the low vegetation along the Frogmouth Trail. Stunning close up views.
186. **Rufous-winged Fulvetta** *Schoeniparus castaneiceps*
C15, Mt Victoria.
187. **Puff-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum ruficeps*
2, Kalaw.
188. **Spot-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum albiventris*
2 birds close to the Floral Breeze Hotel pushed in for very close views. Quite rare at this location.



189. **CHINESE GRASS-BABBLER** *Graminicola striatus*

1, and another heard only, Nov 26th Inle Lake.

The bird allowed close approach by boat. Quite striking looking and very showy eventually.

190. **Nepal Fulvetta** *Alcippe nipalensis*

6, Mt Victoria.

191. **Grey-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe morrisonia*

5, Kalaw.



192. **Striated Babbler** *Argya earlei*

1 west of Kalaw out with Moe and Ko Ke.

C10 Bagan in the dunes along the Irrawaddy River.



193. **WHITE-THROATED BABBLER** *Chatarrhaea gularis* **BURMESE ENDEMIC**
Common Dec 1st to 2nd and again 9th to 13th Bagan. Always going around in family groups of c4-6 birds, busily looking for food. They were very confiding and photogenic and usually comical as they were often around the stalls and shops trying to steal something. Great birds!



194. **White-browed Laughingthrush** *Garrulax sannio*
2 birds Kalaw.



195. **MOUNT VICTORIA BABAX** *Garrulax woodi*
 Pair, Dec 4th Mt Victoria at c 2200m. the pair came in to playback very quickly but always stayed above me at the side of the road. Recent split from Chinese Babax.
196. **BROWN-CAPPED LAUGHINGTHRUSH** *Trochalopteron austeni*
 4, Dec 4th Mt Victoria, all singing but staying in the shadows or behind vegetation and not very photogenic.
197. **BLUE-WINGED LAUGHINGTHRUSH** *Trochalopteron squamatum*
 1, Dec 7th Mt Victoria in the first valley east of the Win Unity Hotel and south of the road. It was a very territorial bird and showed several times responding to playback near dusk.
 2 other birds heard only on the Frogmouth Trail remained out of sight even though only 4-5m away.



198. **STRIPED LAUGHINGTHRUSH** *Trochalopteron virgatum*
 2, Dec 2nd Mt Victoria c1900m. another 8+ birds were seen 5th to 7th along the Frogmouth Trail, usually in small groups with other species such as Blue-winged and Assam Laughingthrushes and Liocichlas.



199. **ASSAM LAUGHINGTHRUSH** *Trochalopteron chrysopteron*
 2+, Dec 4th and another 4 birds 5th- 6th Mt Victoria.
 Several more heard only as they moved quite noisily through the undergrowth.



200. **Dark-backed Sibia** *Heterophasia melanoleuca castanoptera*
 9+ birds, Nov 28th and 29th Kalaw.
 The distinctive endemic race *castanoptera* sometimes split as **CHESTNUT-WINGED SIBIA.**
201. **Grey Sibia** *Heterophasia gracilis*
 Common at Mt Victoria.
202. **Silver-eared Mesia** *Leiothrix argenteauris*
 Up to 15+ a day at Kalaw.
203. **Red-tailed Minla** *Minla ignotincta*
 2 birds Mt Victoria.



204. **RED-FACED LIOCICHLA** *Liocichla phoenicea*
2-4 birds, Dec 5th and 3 on 7th along the Frogmouth Trail at Mt Victoria.

205. **Blue-winged Minla** *Siva cyanouroptera*
6 birds Mt Victoria.



206. **Bar-throated Minla** *Chrysominla strigula*
24 birds noted in all on Mt Victoria.



207. **Rusty-fronted Barwing** *Actinodura egertoni*
20+, Dec 4th to 7th, Mt Victoria.



208. **EASTERN SPECTACLED BARWING** *Actinodura radcliffei radcliffei*
2, Nov 28th and 29th Kalaw at the same place.
Located by voice, these were very skulking for the most part.

HBWA states; *Hitherto treated as conspecific with A. ramsayi, but differs in its;*

A. *much richer cinnamon vs buffy underparts (2)*

B. *extensive pale chestnut vs more restricted buffy-rufous on forehead (2)*

C. *lightly barred rufous vs bold stone-and-black-barred greater coverts with much more extensive rufous on outer vanes of flight-feathers (3)*

D. *more ochreish, less grey mantle to rump (ns[1])*

E. *more rufous, less strongly barred tail (ns[2])*

Birds in N Thailand and N & C Laos (like ssp yunnanensis but greyer above, with buffy rufous restricted to forehead) evidently represent an undescribed race.

Subspecies and Distribution

A. r. radcliffei Harington, 1910 – EC & E Myanmar.

A. r. yunnanensis Bangs & J. C. Phillips, 1914 – S China (SE Yunnan, SW Guizhou, W Guangxi) and N Vietnam (Tonkin).

Unknown race in N & C Laos.

209. **Manipur or Hume's Treecreeper** *Certhia manipurensis*
1, Mt Victoria on the Frogmouth Trail.

210. **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** *Sitta nagaensis*
C 20 Mt Victoria.



211. **WHITE-BROWED NUTHATCH** *Sitta victoriae*
3 and at least 2 more heard, Dec 4th and 3+ on 6th Mt Victoria above 2500m asl
Probably best bird of the trip and performed well.

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212. **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis*
2, Kalaw.

213. **Black-collared Starling** *Gracupica nigricollis*
1, Nyaung Shwe and 8 Kalaw.

214. **Chestnut-tailed Starling** *Sturnia malabarica*
6+ Nyaung Shwe and 2 Bagan.

215. **Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis*
Common.



216. **BURMESE MYNA** *Acridotheres burmannicus*
10, Dec 1st Nyaung Shwe and very common at Bagan where photod above.



217. **COLLARED MYNA** *Acridotheres albocinctus*
6+, Nov 26th Inle Lake in the floating gardens **20°30'16.3"N 96°54'54.2"E**
2, Nov 27th Nyaung Shwe (photo) roosting with other Myna species after dawn **20°39'35.2"N 96°55'42.8"E**

218. **Great Myna** *Acridotheres grandis*
Noted at Nyaung Shwe, Kalaw and Bagan.

219. **Eyebrowed Thrush** *Turdus obscures*
8+ Mt Victoria (probably lots more but remaining unidentified in flight through the trees).



220. **GREY-SIDED THRUSH** *Turdus feae*
50+ Dec 4th and similar counts most days at Mt Victoria.
Occasionally a few birds perched out in the open in the trees.

221. **Oriental Magpie-robin** *Copsychus saularis*
Only 2 birds noted, 1 at Yangon and 1 at Kalaw.

222. **Asian Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica*
1, Mt Victoria.

223. **Rufous-bellied Niltava** *Niltava sundara*
Male, Nov 28th at Kalaw.

224. **Large Niltava** *Niltava grandis*
Male, Mt Victoria (photo right).

225. **Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassinus*
Up to 4 birds noted together at the Floral Breeze Hotel.

226. **Siberian Rubythroat** *Calliope calliope*
Nice views of a male at Inle Lake.

227. **Himalayan Bush-robin** *Tarsiger rufilatus*
6 noted at Mt Victoria.



228. **Spotted Forktail** *Enicurus maculates*
1, Mt Victoria.
229. **Slaty-backed Flycatcher** *Ficedula erithacus*
2 males and 2 females/imms, Dec 5th and 3 female/imm on 7th Mt Victoria on the Frogmouth Trail.
230. **Red-throated Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla*
Several noted at Nyaung Shwe, Kalaw and Bagan.
231. **Blue-fronted Redstart** *Phoenicurus frontalis*
Male Dec 4th Mt Victoria.
232. **Daurian Redstart** *Phoenicurus aureus*
Male and a female at Kalaw.



233. **Chestnut-bellied Rock-thrush** *Monticola rufiventris*
A pair on the Frogmouth Trail and another male further up the road, Mt Victoria.



234. **Blue Rock-thrush** *Monticola solitaries*
An all-blue, (1st yr male due to heavy scalloping?) at Bagan of the **ssp pandoo**.



235. **Jerdon's Bushchat** *Saxicola jerdoni*
6+ birds at Inle Lake.



236. **Grey Bushchat** *Saxicola ferreus*
Common at Mt Victoria at the lower altitudes near cultivation.

237. **Pied Bushchat** *Saxicola caprata*
Common in the lowlands especially Bagan.





238. **White-tailed Stonechat** *Saxicola leucurus*

7+ birds Dec 13th to 14th Bagan in the dunes [21°08'41.1"N 94°51'02.9"E](#) accessible by foot from several places including the Sunset Garden Restaurant west of New Bagan.

The water level was very low allowing access along the whole dune system normally surrounded by water. The dunes here held a lot of birds that gave close views and held a completely different set of birds than the Bagan scrubby areas .



239. **Stejneger's (Common/ Siberian) Stonechat** *Saxicola (torquatus) stejnegeri*
C 10 birds noted mainly at Bagan of the ssp/sp *S. t. stejnegeri*. Not split by HBWA.
240. **Spotted Elachura** *Elachura Formosa*
1 heard only Dec 5th, Mt Victoria along the Frogmouth Trail **21°12'17.5"N 94°01'47.6"E**
241. **Orange-bellied Leafbird** *Chloropsis hardwickii*
1, Kalaw.
242. **Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum melanozanthum*
1, Mt Victoria.
243. **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum cruentatum*
6, Hlawga and 2 at Nyaung Shwe.
244. **Purple Sunbird** *Cinnyris asiaticus*
5+ Bagan.
245. **Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis*
A few at Hlawga and Bagan.
246. **Fire-tailed Sunbird** *Aethopyga ignicauda*
Several birds at the upper elevations at Mt Victoria.
247. **Black-throated Sunbird** *Aethopyga saturate*
4, Kalaw.
248. **Gould's Sunbird** *Aethopyga gouldiae*
2 males Mt Victoria.
249. **Asian Golden Weaver** *Ploceus hypoxanthus*
3 males Nov 24th west of Yangon out with Moe and Ko Ke.
250. **Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus*
Common at Bagan.
251. **Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava*
2 Nov 24th west of Yangon out with Moe and Ko Ke and 4 in the dunes at Bagan Dec 14th.

252. **White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata*
A few at Kalaw and Bagan.

253. **Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata*
C 20 seen in all.

254. **House Sparrow** *Passer domesticus*
Several noted.



255. **Plain-backed Sparrow** *Passer flaveolus*
Common at Bagan.

256. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*
A few west of Yangon.



257. **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*
Small groups at most sites, but commonest at Mt Victoria where photod.

258. **Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*
4, Bagan.



259. **Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus*
Common at Bagan.

260. **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
Several at Kalaw and Bagan.

261. **Citrine Wagtail** *Motacilla citreola*
2 at Bagan.

262. **Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis*
3+ Bagan.



263. **White Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*
Several of the ssp *leucopsis* **CHINESE WAGTAIL**, Inle Lake, Kalaw and and common at Bagan (photos 1,2 & 4).
1, ad male ssp *personata* **MASKED WAGTAIL**, Nyaung Shwe (photo 3).
264. **Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*
Up to 20 at Mt Victoria usually at the start of the Frogmouth Trail.
265. **Yellow-breasted Greenfinch** *Chloris spinoides heinrichi*
7, Mt Victoria above the 8 mile camp of the ssp *heinrichi* .
266. **Little Bunting** *Emberiza pusilla*
4 birds Mt Victoria.
267. **Chestnut Bunting** *Emberiza rutila*
C 10 together moving through at Mt Victoria.

NEW SPECIES

Species in **RED** are not currently split by HBW Alive. **BOLD UPPERCASE** are MYANMAR Endemics.

1. **Rain Quail** *Coturnix coromandelica*
2. **BURMESE COLLARED-DOVE** *Streptopelia xanthocyclus*
3. **JERDON'S MINIVET** *Pericrocotus albifrons*
4. **HOODED TREEPIE** *Crypsirina cucullata*
5. **Black-Bibbed Tit** *Poecile hypermelaenus*
6. **BURMESE BUSHLARK** *Mirafraga microptera*
7. **BURMESE PRINIA** *Prinia (polychroa) cooki*
8. **Rufous-Crowned Prinia** *Prinia khasiana*
9. **PALE-EYED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus davisoni*
10. **AYEYARWADDY BULBUL** *Pycnonotus (blanfordi) blanfordi*
11. **Black-browed Tit** *Aegithalos bonvaloti*
12. **Jerdon's Babbler** *Chrysomma altiloquax*
13. **Burmese Yuhina** *Yuhina humilis*
14. **Chin Hills Wren-Babbler** *Spelaeornis oatesi*
15. **Chinese Grass-Babbler** *Graminicola striatus*
16. **WHITE-THROATED BABBLER** *Chatarrhaea gularis*
17. **Mount Victoria Babax** *Garrulax woodi*
18. **Brown-Capped Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron austeni*
19. **Blue-Winged Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron squamatum*
20. **Striped Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron virgatum*
21. **Assam Laughingthrush** *Trochalopteron chrysopteron*
22. **CHESTNUT-WINGED SIBIA** *Heterophasia (melanoleuca) castanoptera*
23. **Red-Faced Liocichla** *Liocichla phoenicea*
24. **Eastern Spectacled Barwing** *Actinodura radcliffei*
25. **WHITE-BROWED NUTHATCH** *Sitta victoriae*
26. **Burmese Myna** *Acridotheres burmannicus*
27. **Collared Myna** *Acridotheres albocinctus*
28. **Grey-Sided Thrush** *Turdus feae*