

PHILIPPINES 2007

INTRODUCTION

Five Dutch birdwatchers (Johan Buisman, Eldert Groenewoud, Dick Meijer, Rienk Nieuwland and Peter van Scheepen) contracted Rob Hutchinson (Bird Tour Asia; www.birdtourasia.com) for a 2-weeks birding trip to the Philippines to see as many endemic species as possible, with the Philippine Monkey-eating Eagle *Pithecophaga jefferyi* as target species. We visited Luzon, Mindanao and Palawan, and had splendid views of the eagle. The trip list consists of 261 bird species, including 123 endemics and 4 near-endemics. Logistics, including permits, hotels, boats, cars and domestic flights, and the guiding by Rob were excellent. The trip was somewhat strenuous due to the limited number of sleeping hours in combination with long days in the field.

ITINERARY

April 22. Departure (14.00) of flight KL 0803 from Schiphol Airport (Amsterdam, Netherlands). Arrival 08.45 at Manilla Ninoy Aquino International Airport (*Luzon*). Drive to Mount (M.t) Makiling (University Campus) near Los Baños. Our first encounter with Philippine birds. Drive to Manilla (hotel La Corona). Upon arrival, the temperature was 35 °C in Manilla (at 08.30 am). The temperature at Mt. Makiling was a (very) little bit cooler and slightly clouded. Best birds of the day were Spotted Wood-Kingfisher, Indigo-banded Kingfisher, Stripe-headed Rabbornis, Barred Buttonquail and Spotted Buttonquail.

April 23. Early domestic flight (05.00 departure) to Cagayan de Oro (*Mindanao*). Drive from 07.30 till 10.30 to Conchona to visit the nest of the Philippine Eagle after a 30 min walk. Shaky climb to the hide (30 m). The rather ramshackle construction was financed by National Geographic Society.



Incredible views of an adult male perched at “eye level” and an almost full grown immature bird at nest. Left (12.15) for ‘Mindiz’ in Malaybalay (lunch). Brief drive to Damitan. Walk to the Kitanglad Lodge (Mt. Kitanglad), accompanied by two horses carrying our luggage. Evening walk for night birding rewarded by fire-flies and stunning

views of a meteorite (“falling star”). Slept in rather basic but very scenic Kitanglad Lodge. Temperature approximately 30 °C, sometimes cloudy. Best bird was the Philippine (Monkey-eating) Eagle.



April 24. Walk on Mt. Kitanglad. Left at 05.45 and had lunch at about 12.00 (elevation approx. 1750 meter). Returned (all very tired) at 17.00. Beautiful weather (estimated 30 °C, less warm than previous days). In general, birds were not very cooperative and were rather hard to find. To be able to stay one day longer in PICOP, we all agreed to change the initial itinerary and leave Mt. Kitanglad one day ahead of our original schedule. Again slept in Kitanglad Lodge. Temperature approximately 30 °C, sometimes cloudy. Best birds were Apo Myna (only seemed to be visible when overcast) and Apo Sunbird.



April 25. Again an early morning start at 04.30 am, brief uphill walk to ‘sunflower field’, but (again) no Woodcock. Returned at the lodge at 08.30 for breakfast. Started walking to Damitan at 09.45. Left Damitan at 10.30. Long drive

(about 8 hours) to Bislig (arrival 19.00), meanwhile having lunch at Butuan. Some rainshowers. Slept at Paper Country Inn (Bislig). Temperatures > 30 °C in the lowlands, showers after Butuan. Best birds of the day were Philippine Serpent Eagle and Violet Cuckoo (discovered by Johan by its call).



April 26. Rose at 03.15, started driving in a local 'Jeepney' (03.45). Not all roads well maintained. Tried to find Owls and arrived 06.45 at a considerable remnant of primary (lowland) rainforest (PICOP). Walk uphill to 11.00 (e.g. Red-bellied Pitta and Steere's (Azure-breasted) Pitta). Heavy rainshowers. Back at the car about 13.00. Returning slowly with birding stops at viewpoints (e.g. Mindanao Hornbills). Drive to the local unused Airport at Bislig, where we had good views of Grass Owls and many other good birds from the roof of our car! Again slept in the Paper Country Inn (Bislig). The temperatures ranging between 30-35 °C, heavy rain showers from 10.30 onwards. Best birds of the day were Steere's (Azure-breasted) and Red-bellied Pitta, Watercock and Grass-Owl.

April 27. Left again at 03.45 for PICOP. Drive about 1.5 hours. Warm and very humid. Heavy rain, which persisted permanently until 13.25! Despite the rain we managed to find birds. Found a fruiting tree attracting several species of Flowerpeckers. In the afternoon again some birding stops at various viewpoints. Slept in Paper Country Inn (Bislig). The weather was very hot and humid, with very heavy rain fall making birding simply impossible. Best species of the day were Rufous Hornbill, very obliging Orange-bellied Flowerpecker in a large mixed flock of Flowerpeckers, and a Dollarbird as bonus.



April 28. Rose at 03.45, again drive to a patch of (secondary) forest in the PICOP concession. Some rainshowers. After some attempts on the previous days, we encountered a very responsive male Celestial Monarch, which showed well in the canopy. A truly stunning bird! Stayed about two hours (10.00-12.00) in a patch of forest where resident Mindanao Wattled Broadbills were expected. We dipped on the Broadbills, but met a large mixed flock containing several species of Flycatchers. Drive in the afternoon to primary forest and finally several stops along very open secondary forest. Especially the latter was (relatively) easy birding, and we ended up with several Orioles, beautiful views of Guaiabero, etc. Slept in the Paper Country Inn (Bislig). Weather still hot, usually dry but some still some heavy showers. Best species were a beautiful male Celestial Monarch and Streaked Ground Babbler.

April 29. Rose again at 03.45 and drive to the open secondary forest of the previous day. After some unsuccessful attempts, finally a Rufous-lored Kingfisher showed well. Also very close view of a responsive Red-bellied Pitta (because of the rain: Wet-bellied Pitta!). We heard several Trogons, even at close range, but we had no or hardly any views. Left the Paper Country Inn (Bislig) at 10.30 and drive to Davao City. Domestic flight (Cebu Pacific) to Manila (*Luzon*). Arrival at hotel La Corona around 20.45. The weather hot with occasional showers. Best species was Rufous-lored Kingfisher.



April 30. Domestic flight (08.20) to Puerto Princessa (*Palawan*). Drive to Sabang, productive roadside birding (secondary forest). Since it was high tide at the mangroves (Buenavista), we first had lunch and then returned to see Grey-tailed Tattlers and Chinese Egret.



Afternoon birding near Sabang. Slept in the Last Frontier Resort (also called Green Forest Lodge). Weather was very hot (temperatures of 35 °C) and dry. Best species were Copper-throated Sunbird (Mangroves), Great Slaty Woodpecker, Hill Myna and Palawan Scops Owl.



May 1. Rose about 04.00 and left hotel at 05.00. Brief drive and transfer to boat. After about half an hour, we landed at St. Pauls NP (near the Underground River Reserve). Beautiful views of the male Palawan Peacock Pheasant at the Central Park Ranger Station, Taban Scrubfowl, Long-tailed (Crab-eating) Macaques and several Monitor Lizard sp. Around 11.00 returned and had a walk along the beach. Before we left in the afternoon for the drive back to Puerto Princessa (Badjao Hotel), all had good views of Painted Snipes. Afternoon birding again near Sabang. Slept at the Bajao Inn (Puerto Princessa). Weather very hot. Best birds of the day were Palawan Peacock-pheasant, Malaysian Plover and Painted Snipe.



May 2. Again early rise and drive to Iwahig (Balsahan trail; prison property). Afternoon birding in local paddies and fishponds. Best bird discovered was a Little Whimbrel, which is a very rare bird within the Philippines. The fishponds contained too much water and therefore hardly any birds were present. Drive to Narra, where we had lunch, rested a little (!) between 13.00 and 15.30. Left (15.30) with a boat to visit Rasa Island. The mangroves contained Great-billed Herons, Chinese Egrets and Stork-billed Kingfishers. We all saw Philippine Cockatoo. Changed boats and walked over the coral reef to the island for night birds. Heard Mantanani Scops Owl. Back at the "main land" around 20.15. Slept at the Buena Vista Lodge (with a view at sea and Rasa Island; Narra). Weather again very hot without much wind. Best birds were Little Whimbrel and Great-billed Heron.

May 3. Left 04.30. Birding along the Zigzag road (heard Palawan Flycatcher). Briefly birded along the paddies at Iwahig, where the Little Whimbrel was still present. Left at 09.00. Drive to the local airport at Puerto Princessa. Flight (11.00) to Manilla (*Luzon*). Lunch and drive to Mt. Makiling (arrival 15.30). Afternoon walk, a.o. White-browed Shama. Slept at Treetop Hostel, a university dormitory. Weather warm and dry, best species being White-browed Shama.

May 4. Last full day of birding at Mt. Makiling. Managed to see two very characteristic endemics, Red-crested Malkoha and a very skulking Scale-feathered Malkoha. Heard at least five Luzon-bleeding Hearts. Afternoon birding at the local botanical garden, where the Yellowish White-eye didn't show up. In contrast to the first day, we all considered the climate at Mt. Makiling as enjoyable! Slept at hotel La Corona (Manilla). Weather ward and dry. Best species were two much-wanted endemic cuckoo species, i.e. Red-crested and Scale-feather Malkoha.

May 5. Departure (10.45) of flight KL 0804 from Manila Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Manila; Luzon). Arrrival at Schiphol Airport (Amsterdam, Netherlands) at 18.35.

BIRDS

Hérons, Egrets, Bitterns

Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana* - Two single birds at the mangroves of Rasa Island (Palawan; May 2).

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* - A total of 4 birds at the marsh (Bislig, April 26) and a single bird at the paddies near Iwahig (Palawan; May 2).

Great Egret *Ardea alba* - Seen on 4 different days, highest count (10+) on April 30 (ricefields) while driving to Sabang (Palawan).

Pacific Reef-Egret *Egretta sacra* - Common (10 birds) on May 1 and May 2 (Palawan).

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia* - Seen on April 30 – May 3, most common on May 2 (100+) and May 3 (100+), mixed with Eastern Cattle Egret.

Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*

A single distant bird on April 30 (mangroves at Buenavista, Palawan). At least 3 birds in a “mixed flock” with a single Intermediate Egret at the mangroves of Rasa Island (May 2).

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* - Common, seen on 6 days (Mindanao, Palawan).

Little (Striated) Heron *Butorides striata* - Common (10+) on April 30 (mangroves at Buenavista, Palawan). Two birds at the mangroves of Rasa Island (Palawan; May 2).

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus (ibis) coromandus*

Common, seen on Luzon, Mindanao and Palawan. Most common (200+) on May 2 (drive from Puerto Princessa to Sabang; Palawan).

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax* - A single bird flying while driving to Davao City (Mindanao; April 29).

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* - Two singles in the marsh bordering the airport at Bislig (April 26).

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* - Like the previous species, 2 birds at the airport of Bislig (April 26) and a single bird at the ricefields at Iwahig (Mindanao; April 29).

Ducks

Wandering Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata* - Common (80+) at the airport of Bislig (Mindanao; April 26).

Philippine Duck *Anas luzonica* (E) - A single bird flying at the airport of Bislig (Mindanao; April 26).

Buzzards, Kites, Eagles, Vultures, Harriers, Hawks

Oriental Honeybuzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus (philippensis)* - Singles at Mt. Makiling (Luzon) on April 22 and May 4.

Barred Honeybuzzard *Pernis celebensis (winkleri)* - Good views of 4 single birds at PICOP (Mindanao; April 27-29).

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* - Seen on April 23 (2 birds) and April 25 (1 bird; Mindanao). An adult bird at Rasa Island (Palawan; May 2).

Chinese Goshawk *Accipiter soloensis* - Distant views of a single bird at Mt. Makiling (Luzon; May 4).

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus (palawanus, extimus)* - Single birds at April 28 (PICOP; Mindanao), May 1 (Palawan) and May 2 (Palawan).

Philippine Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis holospilus* (E) - Seen on 4 days, first bird seen at Mt. Makiling (Luzon; April 25). Also seen at Mindanao (PICOP; April 28).

Philippine (Monkey-eating) Eagle *Pithecophaga jefferyi* (E) - Beautiful (scope) views of this legendary Old-world raptor and critically endangered species, an adult male, perched in a tree. Also nice views of a full grown immature bird at its nest. The nest site was near Conchona (Mindanao; April 23) in a patch of secondary forest.

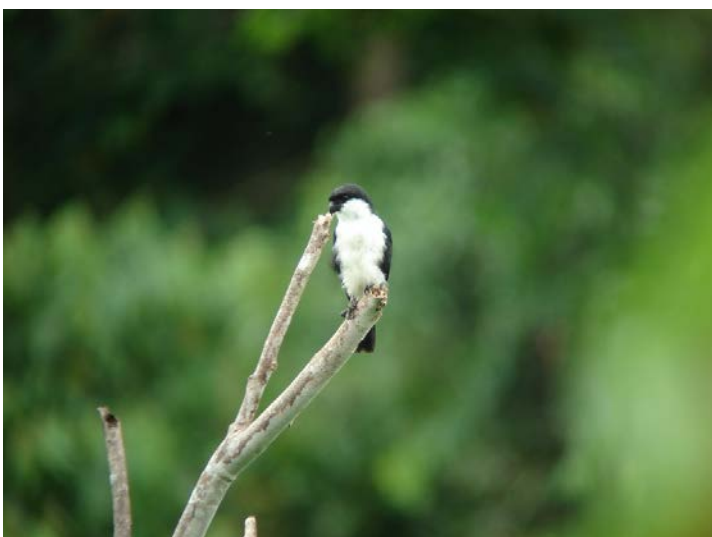


Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus limnaeetus* - A single bird during the walk at Mt. Kitinglad (Mindanao; April 24).

Philippine Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus (philippensis) pinskeri* (E) - Good views of 2 immature birds at PICOP (Mindanao; April 26).

Falconets, Falcons

Philippine Falconet *Microhierax erythrogenys* (E) - A total of 6 single birds seen during the trip, 4 at PICOP (Mindanao; April 27-29) and 2 birds at Mt. Makiling (Luzon; May 4).



Megapodes

Tabon Scrubfowl *Megapodius cumingii* - Good views of at least 5 birds at the Central Park Ranger Station of St. Pauls NP (Palawan; May 1).

Junglefowl, Pheasants, Partridges, Quails

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus philippensis* - A single noisy and flying female at PICOP (Mindanao; April 27). Possibly, a wild bird heard in the forest close near the Three Lodge (Luzon; Mt. Makiling).

Palawan Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron napoleonis* (E) - Close views of a single male at the Central Park Ranger Station of St. Pauls NP (Palawan; May 1). Another bird heard.



Buttonquails

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator* - Very good (scope) views of a single bird at close range near Los Banos (Luzon; April 22).

Spotted Buttonquail *Turnix ocellatus* (E) - Three birds seen in the evening of April 22 near Los Banos (Luzon).

Rails, Crakes, Waterhens, Coots

Barred Rail *Gallirallus torquatus torquatus* - Heard while walking on Mt. Kitinglad (April 23; Mindanao).

Plain Bush-hen *Amaurornis olivacea* (E) - A single bird heard on April 25 (Mt. Kitanglad; Mindanao). In addition, we saw a single bird crossing the road in front of our car at PICOP (April 28; Mindanao).

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus* - Two birds seen at the University Campos (Los Banos; April 23, Mindanao).

Watercock *Gallinula cinerea* - A single male and two females at the Bislig Airport (April 26; Mindanao). Also a single female at the Last Frontier Resort (Palawan; May 2).

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* - Two birds at the rice fields near Iwahig on May 2 (Palawan). Another 2 birds on May 3 at the same site.

Philippine Swampfen *Porphyrio pulverulentus* (E) - Good views of two (single) birds at the Bislig Airport (April 26; Mindanao).

Painted Snipes

Greater Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis* - Stunning views of at least 10 birds, males as well as females, at the Last Frontier Resort (Palawan; May 2).



Lapwings, Plovers

Asian Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* - At least 8 birds near Iwahig (May 3; Palawan).

Malaysian Plover *Charadrius peronii* - Nice views of a male, female and juvenile at the beach near the Last Frontier Resort (May 1; Palawan).

Curlews, Godwits, Sandpipers, Snipes

Little Curlew *Numenius minutus* - Possibly the rarest bird of the trip! A single bird seen on May 2 and 3 at the rice fields near Iwahig (Palawan).



Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* - A single bird at the mangroves of Buenavista (April 30; Palawan).

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* - Six birds at the rice fields near Iwahig (May 2; Palawan).

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* - Seen in moderate numbers (4-5 birds/day) near Iwahig on May 2 and 3 (Palawan).

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* - Seen at both May 2 (2 birds) and May 3 (5 birds) near Iwahig (Palawan).

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* - Seen on May 1-3 (Palawan).

Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes* - Common (15 birds) at the mangroves of Buenavista (April 30; Palawan).

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta* - Seen near Iwahig on May 2 (20 birds) and May 3 (3 birds; Palawan).

Pratincoles

Oriental Printincole *Glareola maldivarum* - Distant views of a single bird at April 30. Good views of 2 flying birds near Iwahig (May 3; Palawan).

Terns

Great Crested Tern *Sterna bergii* - Distant views of a flying bird at Buenavista (April 30; Palawan).

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* - Seen at Palawan (April 30, May 2 and 3). Highest count (10+) on May 3 (near Iwahig).

Doves, Pigeons

Thick-billed Green-Pigeon *Treron curvirostra* - A single bird near Sabang (April 30; Palawan). Three birds on May 1 and another 4 birds on May 3 (Palawan).

Philippine Green-Pigeon *Treron (pompadora) axillaris* (E) - Rather common. Seen in good numbers on April 27-29 (PICOP; Mindanao) and May 1 (Palawan).

Pink-necked Green-Pigeon *Treron vernans* - A single bird seen at PICOP (April 26; Mindanao).

White-eared Brown-Dove *Phapitreron leucotis leucotis* (E) - Seen or heard on 6 days (Luzon, Mindanao and Palawan). First seen at Mt. Makiling on April 22 (Luzon).

Amethyst Brown-Dove *Phapiteron (amethystinus) amethystinus* (E) - Good views of two single birds at PICOP (April 27; Mindanao).

Yellow-breasted Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus occipitalis* (E) - Heard at Mt. Makiling (April 22 and May 4; Luzon) and at Mt. Kitinglad (April 25; Mindanao). Stunning views of single birds on April 28-29 (PICOP; Mindanao).

Black-chinned Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus leclancheri* (Near-endemic) - Hear at Mt. Makiling (April 22; Luzon). A single bird seen on April 30 (Sabang; Palawan). At the end of the trip also seen at Mt. Makiling (May 3-4).

Pink-bellied Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula poliocephala* (E) - A single bird at PICOP (April 26; Mindanao). Another bird heard at April 27.

Green Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula aenea aenea* - Common at PICOP (April 26-29). Also seen near Sabang (Palawan).

Philippine Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia tenuirostris* (E) - Singles seen on 4 days (all on Mindanao). First (single) bird seen while walking to Kitinglad Lodge (Mt. Kitinglad; April 23, Mindanao).

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* - Also seen on 4 days (2-20 birds/day). First birds seen while walking to Kitinglad Lodge (Mt. Kitinglad; April 23, Mindanao). Also common at Palawan (May 1).

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata* - A single bird on April 22 (Mt. Makiling; April 22, Luzon). Common at Palawan (April 30-May 3).

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* - A single bird heard (May 1, Palawan). Three singles seen on May 2 (Balsahan trail, Iwahig; Palawan).

Luzon Bleeding-heart *Gallicolumba luzonica* (E) - Unfortunately, we only heard this beautiful endemic bird, i.e. at least 5 birds of which some even even at (very) close range, at Mt. Makiling (May 4, Luzon).

Lorikeets, Cockatoos, Parrots, Racquet-tails, Hanging Parrots

Guaibero *Bolbopsittacus lunulatus* (E) - Heard at Mt. Makiling (Luzon) on April 22. Nice (scope) views of a small flock of 3 birds on both May 28 and 29 (PICOP, Mindanao). Also seen on May 3 and 4 (total of 16 birds).

Philippine Cockatoo *Cacatua haematuropygia* (E) - This endangered Cockatoo seen at Rasa Island (May 2, Palawan). A large flock flew from the mainland (Palawan) towards Rasa Island. Total numbers estimated at 90+.

Blue-naped Parrot *Tanygnathus lucionensis* (Near-endemic) - Relatively common at Palawan. Two birds seen on April 30 (Sabang, Palawan). Also seen at May 1 (3 birds), May 2 (2 birds) and heard on May 3.

Blue-crowned Racquet-tail *Prioniturus discurus* (E) - Heard at PICOP (April 28, PICOP; Mindanao).

Blue-headed Racquet-tail *Prioniturus platenae* (E) - Heard on May 1 (Palawan).

Mindanao Montane Racquet-tail *Prioniturus waterstradti* (E) - The only Racquet-tail which I saw quite well when flying (very fast) overhead, its racquets being visible at Mt. Kitinglad (April 24, Mindanao).

Colasisi *Loriculus philippensis* (E) - The most common parrot on Luzon and Mindanao, but not seen on Palawan. Seen or heard on 9 days of the tour. Best seen at Mt. Kitinglad (April 24; Mindanao).



Cuckoos, Malkohas, Coucals

Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus pectoralis* (E) - Heard on April 22-24 (Mt. Makiling, Luzon; Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao). Good views of a single bird flying (cf. small Accipiter) and perched at Mt. Kitanglad (May 4; Mindanao).

Horsfield's Cuckoo *Cuculus horsfieldi* - Good views of a single bird on April 26 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* - Single bird seen on April 26 (PICOP, Mindanao). Also heard on April 29 (Mindanao) and May 1 (Palawan).

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepucralis* - Singles heard on April 24 and 25 (Mt. Kitinglad, Mindanao) and May 4 (Mt. Makiling, Luzon).

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* - Nice (scope) views of a calling adult, seen from Kitanglad Lodge (April 24; Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao). Two birds seen briefly on April 29 (PICOP, Mindanao) and a single bird heard on May 4 (Mt. Makiling, Luzon).

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* - Singles seen or heard on April 29-May 2 (PICOP, Mindanao; Sabang, Palawan).

Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus velutinus* (E) - Singles seen or heard on April 26-29 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Common Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus* - Heard at Mt. Makiling (April 22, Luzon), PICOP (April 26-28) and May 2 (Iwahig, Palawan). A single bird seen at May 1 (Palawan).

Scale-feathered Malkoha *Lepidogrammus cumingi* (E) - A single skulking bird was finally seen very well at Mt. Makiling (May 4, Luzon).

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Zanclotomus curvirostris harringtoni* - Distant views of single flying bird near Sabang (May 1, Palawan).

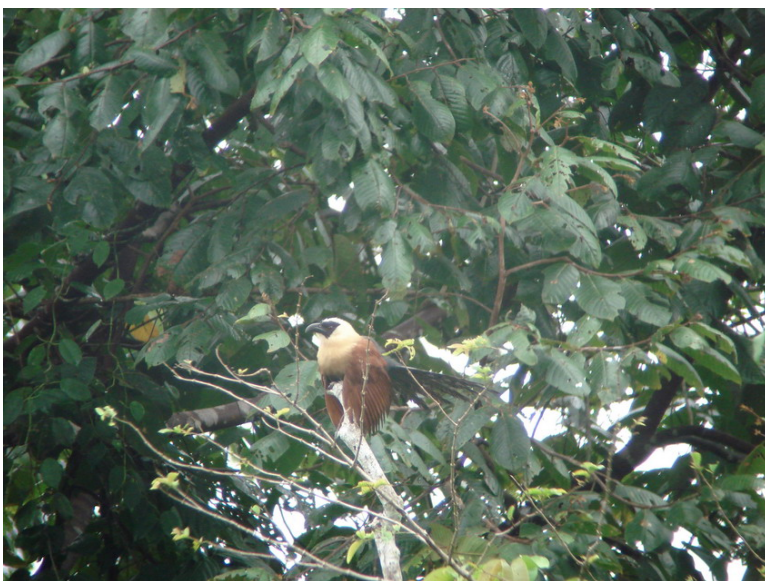
Red-crested Malkoha *Dasylophus superciliosus* (E) - Like the Scale-feathered Malkoha, we all had good views of a single bird at Mt. Makiling (May 4, Luzon).

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* - Heard at April 30 (Sabang, Palawan) and a single bird seen at May 2 (Sabang, Palawan).

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis* - Singles on April 26 (PICOP, Mindanao), May 1 and 2 (Sabang, Palawan).

Philippine Coucal *Centropus viridis* (E) - Heard on several days, seen (3 birds) at Mt. Kitanglad (Mindanao, April 24) and a single bird at PICOP (April 26, Mindanao).

Black-faced Coucal *Centropus melanops* (E) - Surprisingly common, e.g. 4 birds at PICOP (April 26, Mindanao).



Owls

Eastern Grass-Owl *Tyto capensis amauronota* - Two birds seen, one at close range, flying low over the marsh bordering the airport of Bislig (April 26).

Mindanao Scops-Owl *Otus mirus* (E) - Good views of a single bird near the Kitanglad Lodge (Mt. Kitanglad; April 23, Mindanao). Also heard on April 24 and 28.

Mantanani Scops-Owl *Otus mantananensis* (Near-endemic) - Heard at Rasa Island (Palawan, May 2).

Palawan Scops-Owl *Otus fuliginosus* (E) - A single bird near the Three Lodge (Mt. Makiling, Luzon; May 3).

Philippine Scops-Owl *Otus megalotis* (E) - Heard on May 2 and 4 (Palawan; Mt. Makiling, Luzon).

Giant Scops-Owl *Mimizuku gurneyi* (E) - Heard, adult as well as juvenile, on April 23 and 24 (Kitanglad Lodge; Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao).

Chocolate Boobook *Ninox randi* (Near-endemic) - Briefly heard in response to tape (April 28, PICOP, Mindanao).

Philippine Boobook *Ninox (philippensis) philippensis* (E) - Heard at the Three Lodge (Mt. Makiling, Luzon; May 3).

Mindanao Boobook *Ninox (philippensis) spilocephala* (E) - A single bird seen on April 26 (PICOP, Mindanao). Heard on April 29.

Frogmouths

Philippine Frogmouth *Batrachostomus septimus* (E) - A single bird seen near Kitinglad Lodge (Mt. Kitinglad; April 23). Heard on April 24.

Palawan Frogmouth *Batrachostomus chaseni* (E) - One bird near Sabang (April 30, Palawan).

Nightjars

Great Eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis* - Common at Mt. Kitinglad, at least 5 birds on April 23. Also seen on April 24 and April 29 (Mindanao).

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* - Seen on April 30 (1 bird near Sabang, Palawan) and on May 2 (Rasa Island, Palawan; 3 birds, at least 10 heard).

Philippine Nightjar *Caprimulgus manillensis* (E) - Seen at Mt. Kitinglad (Mindanao) on April 23 (2 birds) and 24 (1 bird).

Swifts, Needletails

Island Swiftlet *Aerodramus amelis* (E) - Seen at Mt. Kitinglad (5 birds on April 23; Mindanao) and common at PICOP (April 26-29).

Palawan Swiftlet *Aerodramus palawensis* (E) - Common to very common at Palawan (April 30-May 1).

Philippine Swiftlet *Aerodramus mearnsi* (E) - Seen at Mt. Kitinglad (5 birds on April 23; Mindanao).

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta* - Common at Mt. Kitanglad (April 23-24) and near Sabang (April 30-May 1; Palawan).

Grey-rumped Swiftlet *Collocalia marginata* (E) - Common at Mt. Makiling (April 22, May 3-4; Luzon).

Pygmy Swiftlet *Collocalia troglodytes* (E) - Common at PICOP (April 26-29, Mindanao). A single bird on May 1 (Palawan).

Philippine Spinetail *Mearnsia picina* (E) - This very strange and characteristic bird was seen in low numbers on April 26-28 (1-2 birds/day) at PICOP (Mindanao).

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus* - Six birds seen on May 1 (Palawan).

Purple Needletail *Hirundapus celebensis* - Seen on April 27 (3 birds) and April 28 (3 birds) at PICOP (Mindanao).

Treeswifts

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata major* - Low numbers (1-2 birds) on April 23 and 24 (Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao).

Trogons

Philippine Trogon *Harpactes ardens* (E) - Very poor views of a female flying away (April 26; PICOP, Mindanao). We heard several heard birds, even at close range, at April 28-29, but we didn't manage to see one!

Rollers

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* - Several birds seen on 4 days of the tour on both Mindanao (April 27, PICOP) and at Palawan (April 30-May 2).

Kingfishers

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis bengalensis* - Singles at April 30 (mangroves near Buenavista, Palawan) and May 1 (Last Frontier Resort near Sabang, Palawan)

Indigo-banded Kingfisher *Alcedo cyanopectus cyanopecta* (E) - Good views of (at least one) bird near the university campus at Los Banos (April 22; Luzon).

Mindanao Silvery Kingfisher *Alcedo (argentata) argentata* (E) - Good views of this small Kingfisher at small ponds at PICOP (April 26 and 28: 1 bird and 2 birds, respectively; Mindanao).

Rufous-backed Kingfisher *Ceyx rufidorsa* - Heard on May 1-3 (Palawan).

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis gigantea* - Good views of 4 birds in the mangroves of Rasa Island (May 2; Palawan).

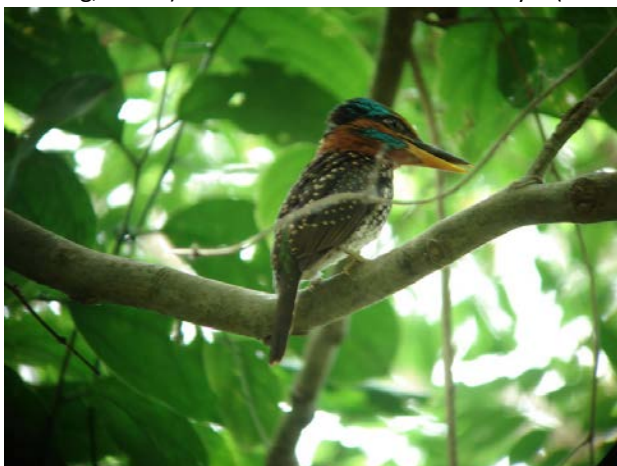
Ruddy Kingfisher *Halcyon coromanda* - Heard only on May 2 at the Balsahan trail (Iwahig, Palawan).

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon (smyrnensis) gularis* (E) - Common, seen at PICOP on all days (2-3 birds/day). Also seen on our first day, April 22, at the university campus at Los Banos (Luzon). In contrast to "normal" White-throated Kingfishers, hardly any white throat was visible!

Rufous-lored Kingfisher *Todirhamphus winchelli* (E) - It took quite a hard time to "tape out" this rather small endemic kingfisher, but we finally managed to have some good scope views of this species (May 29; PICOP, Mindanao).

White-collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris* - Common, seen on 8 days during the tour (Mindanao, Luzon).

Spotted Wood-Kingfisher *Actenoides lindsayi* (E) - Good views of this beautiful species (3 birds) on April 22 (Mt. Makiling, Luzon). Heard on the afternoon of May 3 (same location) and seen on May 4 (2 birds).



Blue-capped Wood-Kingfisher *Actenoides hombroni* (E)

This species proved to be much tougher than the previous species. Seen briefly on April 25 (Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao). All had good views on April 28 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Bee-eaters

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

At least 10 birds at Mt. Makiling (April 22, Luzon). Also seen here on May 3 and May 4.

Hornbills

Luzon Hornbill *Penelopides manillae* (E)

At least 8 birds on May 1 and 3 birds on May 2 (Palawan).



Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros leucocephalus* (E)

Seen on April 27 (10 birds) and 28 (2 birds) in PICOP (Mindanao).

Rufous Hornbill *Buceros hydrocorax mindanensis* (E)

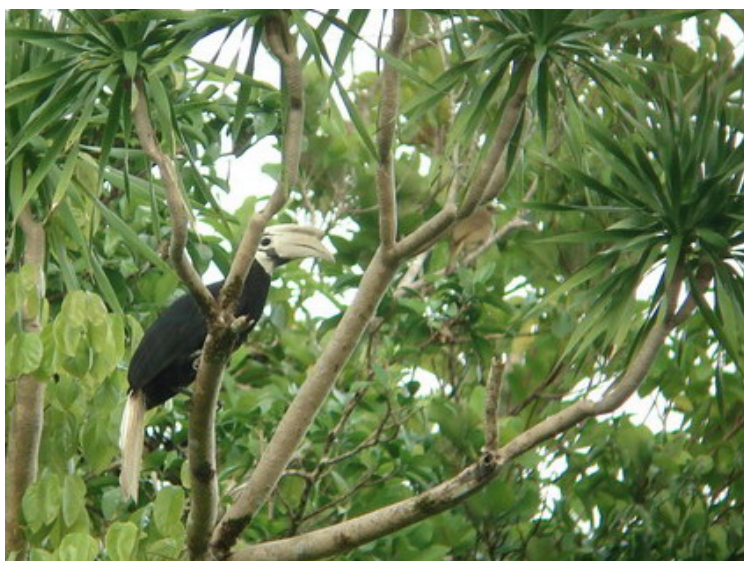
Distant views of a single flying bird. Also beautiful views of a flying and perched adult (April 27; PICOP, Mindanao). A stunning and colorful bird!

Mindanao Hornbill *Penelopides affinis* (E)

Rather common at PICOP, a total of almost 40 birds seen from April 26 to 29. First birds seen on April 26.

Palawan Hornbill *Anthracoceros marchei* (E)

At least 8 birds near Sabang and Ibahig (May 1; Palawan) and 3 birds on May 2.



Barbets

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala haemacephala & mindanensis*

Common, often heard and seen. Seen at Luzon (Mt. Makiling; e.g. 2 birds on April 22) and Mindanao (PICOP).

Woodpeckers

Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos maculatus* (E)

Good views of a single bird at the buttonquail site near Los Banos (April 22; Luzon). Another 6 birds on May 4 (also at Mt. Makiling).

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

Yes! Good (scope) views of an adult female near Sabang (May 1; Palawan).

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

Heard on April 26, but seen on April 27 (3 birds) and 28 (3 birds) at PICOP (Mindanao). Another bird on May 1 (Palawan).

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus erythrocephalus*

Heard at PICOP (April 26; Mindanao). An adult seen at the Central Park Ranger Station of St. Pauls NP (Palawan; May 1).

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense everetti*

Single birds on April 30 (Sabang, Palawan) and May 2 (Iwahig, Palawan).

Pittas

Red-bellied Pitta *Pitta erythrogaster erythrogaster*

Single bird heard and another bird poorly seen at PICOP (April 26, Mindanao). Beautiful views of a single adult bird in pouring rain (“Wet-bellied Pitta”) on April 29 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida palawanensis*

Good views of adult birds on April 30 (Iwahig, Palawan) and May 1. Also another bird heard at May 1.

Steere's (Azure-breasted) Pitta *Pitta steerii* (E)

Beautiful views of a single bird walking on the trail (April 26; PICOP, Mindanao). Three more birds on April 28 (PICOP) and heard on April 28-29.



Martins, Swallows

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

A single bird on April 26 (PICOP, Mindanao) and 20+ birds on April 30 (Buenavista, Palawan).

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

Common, seen at Luzon (international airport at Manilla; April 22), Mindanao and Palawan.

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

Common (10 birds) at Los Banos (April 22, Luzon). Also a single bird on May 4 (Mt. Makiling, Luzon).

Cuckoo-shrikes, Trillers, Minivets

Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina striata difficilis & striata*

First seen at the Central Park Ranger Station of St. Pauls NP (May 1, Palawan). More common around the Three Lodge (Los Banos, Luzon) on May 3 and 4.

Black-bibbed Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina mindanensis mindanensis* (E)

A total of 3 birds at PICOP (April 26, Mindanao).

McGregor's Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina mcgregori* (E)

Two birds near the hide of the Philippine Eagle nest near Conchona (April 23, Mindanao).

Black-and-white Triller *Lalage melanoleuca* (E)

Very brief views of a bird flying off at the Three Lodge (Los Banos, Luzon) on May 3.

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra chilensis*

Singles seen on 4 days, first bird at the Bislig airport (April 26; Mindanao).

Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus*

A flock of 6 birds, including males and females, near Sabang (April 30; Palawan).

Scarlet (Philippine) Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus gonzalesi*

Seen on April 27-29 at PICOP (2-6 birds/day; Mindanao).

Leafbirds, loras

Philippine Leafbird *Chloropsis flavipennis* (E)

Seen daily at PICOP (April 26-29), 1-2 birds/day (Mindanao).

Yellow-throated Leafbird *Chloropsis palawanensis* (E)
Seen near Sabang on April 30 (3 birds) and May 1 (1 bird; Palawan).

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*
A single bird seen on Palawan near Sabang (May 1). Two birds on May 3.

Bulbuls

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*
Very common in rural areas in Luzon (e.g. 20+ on April 22) and Mindanao (10-20 birds/day), but hardly seen at PICOP and absent on Palawan.

Yellow-wattled Bulbul *Pycnonotus urostictus* (E)
A single bird seen very well at Mt. Makiling (May 4, Luzon).

Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus*
Seen on May 1 (2 birds) and May 2 (10 birds) at St. Pauls NP and near Iwahig (Palawan).

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Criniger bres*
Three birds on April 30 and 2 birds on May 1 (Palawan).

Sulphur-bellied Bulbul *Iole palawanensis* (E)
Like previous species, but only 1 bird on May 1.

Philippine Bulbul *Ixos philippinus* (E)
Common, seen at Luzon (e.g. 2 birds at Mt. Makiling; April 22) and Mindanao but absent on Palawan.

Yellowish Bulbul *Ixos (everetti) everetti* (E)
Very good views of a single bird at PICOP (April 26, Mindanao).

Drongos

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
Seen at Palawan (single bird on April 30, 2 birds on May 1).

Luzon Balicassiao *Dicrurus (balicassius) balicassius* (E)
A single bird at Mt. Makiling (April 22, Luzon). Higher numbers at Mt. Makiling at the end of the tour, e.g. 20+ on May 4.

Palawan Drongo *Dicrurus (hottentottus) palawanensis* (E)
Common at Palawan, seen 2-10 birds/day (April 30-May 3).

Mindanao Drongo *Dicrurus (bracteatus) striatus* (E)
Common, seen daily (April 25-29) on Mindanao, e.g. 3 birds at PICOP (April 26).

Orioles, Fairy-Bluebirds

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus*
A single bird seen near Sabang (April 30, Palawan). Also heard on May 1.

Philippine Oriole *Oriolus steerii* (E)
At least 5 birds heard at PICOP (April 26). Two birds seen at PICOP on April 28 (Mindanao).

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*
A single bird at Mt. Makiling (April 22, Luzon). Also heard and seen (April 29) at PICOP (Mindanao).

Philippine Fairly-Bluebird *Irena cyanogastra* (E)
A single bird heard at PICOP (April 26).

Asian Fairy-Bluebird *Irena puella*

Heard on May 1 (Palawan). Beautiful views of (total) 5 birds at close range on the Balsahan trail (Iwahig; May 2, Palawan).

Crows

Palawan Crow *Corvus pusillus* (E)

Seen daily at Palawan in good numbers, e.g. 10+ birds near Sabang (April 30).

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Moderately common at Mindanao, seen daily at PICOP, e.g. 4 birds on April 26.

Tits

Elegant Tit *Parus elegans* (E)

Seen at Mt. Makiling (April 22, Luzon; 3 birds). Also seen on April 24 and 25 (Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao).

Nuthatches

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

A flock of about 10 birds on May 1 (Sabang, Palawan).

Sulphur-billed Nuthatch *Sitta oenochlamys* (E)

Good views of 3 birds at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao). A single bird on May 3 (Mt. Makiling, Luzon).

Rhabdornis (Creepers)

Stripe-headed Rhabdornis *Rhabdornis mystacalis* (E)

Seen at Mt. Makiling (3 birds, April 22; Luzon), PICOP (April 26, Mindanao) and again at Mt. Makiling at the end of the tour. Highest count a total of approximately 20 birds on May 4.

Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis *Rhabdornis inornatus* (E)

Two birds seen near the hide of the eagle's nest at Conchona (April 23, Mindanao).

Babblers

Ashy-headed Babbler *Malacocincla cinereiceps* (E)

Heard on April 30, this "ground-dweller" seen well on May 1 (2 birds) and May 2 (1 bird; Sabang, Iwahig, Palawan).

Melodious Babbler *Malacopteron palawanense* (E)

Despite serious attempts, only heard on May 2 and 3 (Iwahig, Palawan).

Falcated Ground-Babbler *Ptilocichla falcata* (E)

Beautiful "ground-dwelling" Babbler, 2 birds on May 2 (Iwahig, Palawan).

Streaked Ground-Babbler *Ptilocichla mindanensis* (E)

Two seen on April 28, heard on April 29 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Mindanao Pygmy Babbler *Stachyris plateni* (E)

A single bird on April 27 and 2 birds on April 28 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Rusty-crowned Babbler *Stachyris capitalis* (E)

A single bird seen on April 28 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Bold-striped Tit-babbler *Macronous bornensis*

Seen on April 30 and May 1 (2 birds/day), heard on May 2 (Sabang, Iwahig; Palawan).

Brown Tit-Babbler *Macronous striaticeps* (E)

One of the more common Babblers. Seen on Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao) and seen (or heard) on most days at PICOP (Mindanao).

Robins, Shamas, Thrushes

White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana mindanensis*

At least 10 birds heard on Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao).

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis deuteronymus*

Seen at PICOP on April 26 (4 birds) and April 27 (2 birds; Mindanao).

White-browed Shama *Copsychus (luzoniensis) luzoniensis* (E)

Heard at Mt. Makiling on April 22 (Luzon). Two seen very well at Mt. Makiling on May 3 and heard again on May 4.

White-vented Shama *Copsychus niger* (E)

Two birds seen near Sabang (April 30, Palawan). Heard on May 1 and May 2.

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*

Singles seen at Bislig airport (April 26) and at the airport of Davao City (April 29; Mindanao).

Island Thrush *Turdus poliocephalus*

A single bird very briefly seen at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24; Mindanao).

Old World Warblers

Philippine Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus olivaceus* (E)

Three birds at Conchona (April 23; Mindanao).

Lemon-throated Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus cebuensis luzonensis* (E)

A few birds seen at the university campus at Los Banos (April 22; Luzon). Also a single bird seen at Mt. Makiling (May 4; Luzon).

Mountain Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus mindanensis / diuatae*

Seen daily at Mt. Kitanglad (April 23-25; Mindanao).

Oriental Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*

Two birds heard at the Bislig airport (April 26; Mindanao).

Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*

A single bird heard near Los Banos on our first evening in the Philippines (April 22; Luzon). At least one bird seen on April 24 (Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao).

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris forbesi*

Seen at Los Banos (April 22, Luzon) and Mt. Kitanglad (April 23-25; Mindanao). Also seen at Luzon (May 2).

Rufous-fronted Tailorbird *Orthotomus frontalis* (E)

Heard on April 26-28 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Grey-backed Tailorbird *Orthotomus derbianus* (E)

Heard near Los Banos (April 22, Luzon). Two birds seen at Mt. Makiling (May 4, Luzon).

Rufous-headed Tailorbird *Orthotomus heterolaemus* (E)

Single birds seen on April 23 and 24 (Mt. Kitanglad; Mindanao) and May 2 (Iwahig, Palawan).

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus*

Heard on April 30, singles seen on May 1 and May 3 (all Palawan).

Black-headed Tailorbird *Orthotomus nigriceps* (E)

Brief glimpses in PICOP (Mindanao) on April 26, 28 and 29.

Bright-capped Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*

Heard near Los Banos (April 22, Luzon). A single bird seen at Bislig (airport; April 26, Mindanao).

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*

See previous species, but 2 birds at Bislig.

Long-tailed Ground-Warbler *Bradypterus caudatus unicolor* (E)

Two birds heard at Mt. Kitanglad (April 26, Mindanao).

Flycatchers

Grey-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa griseisticta*

By far the most common flycatcher seen at Luzon (Los Banos, April 22) and Mindanao (April 23).

Mountain Verditer-Flycatcher *Eumyias panayensis*

Three birds at Mt. Kitanglad (April 23-24; Mindanao).

Little Slaty Flycatcher *Ficedula basilanica* (E)

Good views of a nice male at PICOP (April 28; Mindanao).

Palawan Flycatcher *Ficedula platenae* (E)

Despite several attempts, we only heard this species along the Zigzag road (May 3; Palawan).

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Beautiful views of single males (April 23-24) and a single female (April 25) at Mt. Kitanglad (Mindanao).

Palawan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis lemprieri* (E)

A single female in a mixed flock near Sabang (April 30, Palawan).

Citrine Canary-Flycatcher *Culicipaca helianthea*

Beautiful views of a single bird at St. Pauls NP (May 1, Palawan).

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

A single bird seen at the airport of Cagayan d'Oro (April 23, Mindanao).

Blue Fantail *Rhipidura superciliaris* (E)

A single bird at PICOP on April 27 and 3 birds on April 28 (Mindanao). Finally, 2 birds on April 30 (Sabang, Palawan).

Black-and-cinnamon Fantail *Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea* (E)

Common at Mt. Kitanglad, a single bird on April 23 and 10+ on April 24.

Mindanao Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone (cinnamomea) cinnamomea* (E)

Hardly seen at PICOP (April 26; Mindanao), but 2 other birds seen very well in a mixed flock on April 28.

Blue Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone cyanescens* (E)

Two birds at Iwahig (May 2; Palawan).

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea azurea*

Two birds seen at Mt. Kitanglad (April 23; Mindanao). A female seen on April 26 (PICOP, Mindanao).

Celestial Monarch *Hypothymis coelestis* (E)

One of the most beautiful birds of the tour. A stunning male was singing in the canopy, even its long blue crest being visible!

Short-crested Monarch *Hypothymis helenae* (E)

A total of 5 birds seen at PICOP on April 28-29 in mixed flocks

Whistlers

Yellow-bellied Whistler *Pachycephala philippinensis* (E)

Seen on Mindanao near Conchona (April 23), Mt. Kitanglad (April 24) and PICOP (April 28-29).

Wagtails, Pipits

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Seen near Los Banos (April 22, Luzon), Mt. Kinanglad (April 23, Mindanao) and PICOP (April 28-29).

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla simillima*

Common at small pastures of Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao) and at rice fields near Iwahig (May 2-3, Palawan).

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus lugubris*

Seen at Mindanao. Seen at the airport of Cagayan d'Oro (April 23). Also seen at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24) and PICOP (April 26).

Wood-swallows

White-breasted Wood-swallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

Common. Seen at Luzon (Los Banos, April 22), Mindanao (e.g. 20+ birds at Mt. Kitanglad) and Palawan.

Shrikes

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach nasutus*

Common at Mindanao. At least 5 'roadside' birds, e.g. while driving from Cagayan d'Oro to Conchona (April 23, Mindanao).

Mountain Shrike *Lanius validirostris* (E)

Beautiful views of this endemic shrike at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao).

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

Seen near Los Banos (April 22, Luzon) and Mindano (Mt. Kitanglad).

Starlings

Short-tailed Glossy Starling *Aplonis minor todayensis*

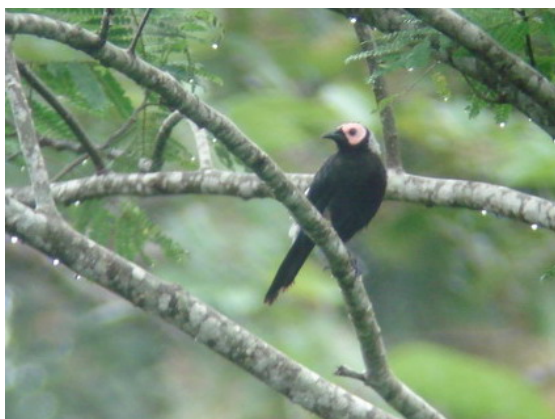
Seen at Mt. Kitanglad (April 23-24; Mindanao).

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

Very common (up to 100+/day) on both Mindanao and Palawan (April 25-May 1).

Coleto *Sarcops calvus* (Near-endemic)

Seen in PICOP (April 26-28, Mindanao) at some forest clearings and a single bird on May 4 (Mt. Makiling, Luzon). One of the most characteristic Philippine birds seen during the tour.



Apo Myna *Basilornis miranda* (E)

At least 10 of these enigmatic birds seen at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao). Surprisingly, the Myna's seemed only to be active (and therefore also easily seen) during overcast weather.



Eastern Hill Mynah *Gracula religiosa palawanensis*

Good views of 3 birds near Sabang (April 30, Palawan). Two more birds at Palawan (May 2).



Sunbirds, Spiderhunters

Plain-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*

Good views of a male on May 2 (Iwahig, Palawan) and 4 birds on May 4 (Mt. Makiling, Luzon).

Flaming Sunbird *Aethopyga flagrans* (E)

A total of 6 birds seen on May 4 (Mt. Makiling).



Copper-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma calcostetha*

At least 10 birds on April 30 (Sabang, Palawan).

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

The most common sunbird seen during the tour. Seen on Luzon (Los Banos, April 22), Mindanao (PICOP) and Palawan (May 1).

Purple-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma sperata sperata / trochilus*

Two males seen well at PICOP (April 26, Mindanao). A single female at PICOP on April 27, and a male at Palawan (May 1).

Grey-hooded Sunbird *Aethopyga primigenia* (E)

Two birds seen at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao).

Metallic-winged Sunbird *Aethopyga pulcherrima* (E)

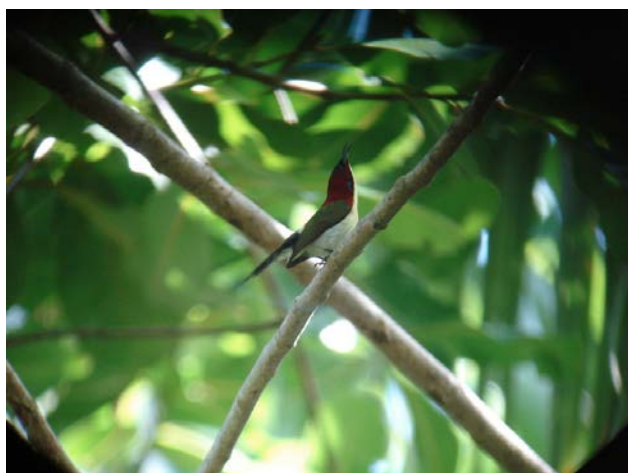
A single male at PICOP (April 26, Mindanao). Heard on April 28 (PICOP).

Apo Sunbird *Aethopyga boltoni* (E)

About 5 birds seen quite well at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao).

Lovely (Shelley's) Sunbird *Aethopyga shelleyi* (E)

Four birds seen on May 1 (Palawan).



Handsome Sunbird *Aethopyga bella* (E)

Heard in PICOP on April 26 and 27 (Mindanao). A total of 4 birds seen on April 30 (Sabang, Palawan).

Naked-faced Spiderhunter *Arachnothera clarae clarae / malindangensis* (E)

Seen (4 birds) at PICOP (April 27, Mindanao). A highly characteristic flight profile.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

Two birds on April 28 (PICOP, Mindanao), single birds on April 29 (PICOP) and 30 (Sabang, Palawan).

Flowerpeckers

Olive-backed Flowerpecker *Prionochilus olivaceus* (E)

A single bird seen in a mixed flock of flowerpeckers at PICOP (April 26, Mindanao). Another bird at PICOP on April 28.

Palawan Flowerpecker *Prionochilus plateni* (E)

This colorful flowerpecker seen (2 birds) at Sabang (April 30, Palawan). A single bird on May 1 (Palawan).

Striped Flowerpecker *Dicaeum aeruginosum* (E)

Two birds on our final day of birding at Mt. Makiling (May 4, Luzon).

Olive-capped Flowerpecker *Dicaeum nigrilore* (E)

A single bird near Conchona (April 23, Mindanao). Two birds at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao).

Red-keeled Flowerpecker *Dicaeum australe* (E)

One of the more common flowerpeckers. Seen at Mt. Makiling (April 23, Luzon). Most common at PICOP, at least 10 birds seen at close range in the large mixed flock of flowerpeckers (April 27).

Buzzing Flowerpecker *Dicaeum hypoleucum* (E)

A male seen on April 25 (Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao) and 4 birds at PICOP (April 27, Mindanao).

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

Common at PICOP (April 27 and 29, Mindanao).

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

A single male on April 24 (Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao).

Pygmy Flowerpecker *Dicaeum pygmaeum* (E)

Singles at Los Banos (April 22, Luzon), PICOP (April 26, Mindanao) and Sabang (Palawan).

White-eyes

Lowland White-eye *Zosterops meyeri* (E)

At least 5 birds in a mixed flock at the university campus near Los Banos (April 22, Luzon).

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*

Seen daily in PICOP on April 26-28 (1-5 birds/day; Mindanao).

Mountain White-eye *Zosterops montanus*

Very common at Mt. Kitanglad (April 23-25, Mindanao).

Black-masked White-eye *Lophozosterops goodfellowi* (E)

This aberrantly large White-eye seen (2 birds) at Mt. Kitanglad (April 24, Mindanao).

Cinnamon Ibon *Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus* (E)

About 5 birds seen in a mixed flock near Conchona (April 23, Mindanao).

Old World Sparrows, Weavers

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Very common (up to 200+birds/day) on Luzon, Mindanao and Palawan.

Avadavats, Parrotfinches, Munias

Red-eared Parrotfinch *Erythrura coloria* (E)

Heard on April 24 (Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao) and a little dark "flash" on April 25.

White-bellied Munia *Lonchura leucogastra*

Seen at Luzon (April 22, Los Banos), Mindanao (April 23, Mt. Kitanglad) and Palawan (May 2, Sabang).

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

Relatively common at Palawan. Seen daily, 4-10 birds per day, e.g. 4 birds near Sabang (May 2).

Black-headed Munia *Lonchura malacca*

By far the most common Munia. Seen in numbers up to 200+/day on Mindanao (e.g. 20 birds on Mt. Kitinglad) and Palawan.

Finches, Crossbills

White-cheeked Bullfinch *Pyrrhula leucogenis* (E)

Despite the fact that we heard at least 10 birds (Mt. Kitanglad, April 24; Mindanao), some even at close range, we failed to see any!

MISCELLANEOUS

Mammals

Long-tailed (Crab-eating) Macaque *Macaca fasciari*



Squirrel sp.

Various (Fruit) Bats (incl. "long-tailed")

Reptiles

Monitor Lizard sp.



'Flying Dragon'

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