



Rockjumper Birding Tours

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Tour Summary

Our trip total of 382 species in 18 days reflects the immense birding potential of Peninsula Malaysia & Borneo. Whilst the focus of the tour was certainly the rich assemblage of Bornean endemics and tropical South East Asian birds, we did not neglect the amazing diversity of mammals that occur here. Highlights included stunning views of the elusive Great Argus, views of

four species of beautiful pitta, the stunning Red-bearded Bee-eater, Bat Hawk, the irruptive Fruithunter, Masked Finfoot, White-head's Broadbill, Banded Kingfisher, Barred Eagle-Owl, Short-tailed Magpie, no less than 19 woodpeckers including Great Slaty and Gray-and-Buff and the endangered Storm's Stork. The mammalian highlights almost exceeded the birds and included phenomenal views of Orang-utan, the bizarre Proboscis Monkey, Siamang (Black Gibbon), Binturong (Bear-Cat), Sambar Deer, Red Giant Flying Squirrel and the very rare Flat-headed and Leopard Cats.

For more highlights and a detailed trip report read on

After leaving Kuala Lumpur we made our way to the wetlands and mangroves of Kuala Selangor. The birding here produced many open country and drier woodland species we were not to see again on the trip. Highlights included Chinese Pond-Heron, the splendidly crested Black Baza, a pair of White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Indian Cuckoo, the noisy Asian Koel, Chestnut-bellied Malkoha, stunning Black-capped Kingfisher, Lineated Barbet, Sunda and Laced Woodpecker, Common Flameback, Mangrove Whistler, Golden-bellied Gerygone, Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, Oriental White-eye and Daurian Starling. Mammals included Silvered Leaf Monkey and the ubiquitous Long-tailed Macaque. During a night walk we found an obliging Large-tailed Nightjar.

Our following destination was the wonderfully cool hill-station of Fraser's Hill. *En route* we birded nearby wetlands and open fields producing a spectacle of thousands of nesting Black-crowned Night-Herons, Cinnamon Bittern, Lesser Whistling-Duck, Red Junglefowl (ancestor of domestic chickens, Barred Buttonquail, the migrant Watercock, Pintail Snipe, Baya Weaver and White-headed Munia.

Fraser's Hill was its usual fantastic birding! This year's highlights included the uncommon Black Eagle, daily Blyth's Hawk-Eagles, a stunning male Red-headed Trogon, the huge Fire-tufted Barbet, a cute Speckled Piculet, Greater Yellownappe, the lovely but elusive Bay Woodpecker, the extra-ordinary Long-tailed Broadbill, Javan Cuckooshrike, Scaly-breasted Bulbul, a stunning male Siberian Thrush, Chestnut-crowned Warbler, Hill Blue-Flycatcher, the superb Slaty-backed Forktail, Buff-breasted Babbler, the stunning Silver-eared Mesia, Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, the giant Sultan Tit, mesmerizing Blue Nuthatch, Black-and-crimson Oriole and the very rare Pin-tailed Parrotfinch. Mammals included Banded Leaf Monkey and superb scope views of Siamang, the largest of all the Gibbons. Our night excursions produced some splendid nocturnal species including the rare Malaysian and Jungle Nightjar and a magnificent Barred Eagle-Owl. What awesome birding !

Our final Malaysian Peninsula destination was the vast lowland rainforest of Taman Negara National Park. During the fabulous boat trip to the park we picked up Gray-headed Fish-Eagle, Large Green-Pigeon and an incredible four species of hornbills; Black, Helmeted, Bushy-crested and White-crowned. After a lot of patience and persistence the forests produced some memorable birds including Rufous-bellied and Changeable Hawk-Eagle, the tiny Black-thighed Falconet, Blue-rumped Parrot, Black-bellied and Raffles' Malkoha, Whiskered Treeswift, dazzling Red-naped and Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Blue-banded, Banded, Stork-billed and White-throated Kingfisher, the stunning Red-bearded Bee-eater, Olive-backed, Orange-backed, Buff-necked and the impressive Great Slaty Woodpecker, the striking Black-and-Red and Green Broadbill, magnificent Hooded and Blue-winged Pitta, Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, the endangered Straw-headed, Gray-bellied and Finsch's Bulbul, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Crimson-breasted, Scarlet-

breasted and Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker, Crested Jay and Black Magpie. We also enjoyed great sightings of several Wild Boar and Sambar Deer.

Next we headed back to Kuala Lumpur where we added a bonus Masked Finfoot and then continued on to Kota Kinabalu in Borneo. *En route* to Danum Valley we stopped at Likas Bay that produced a surprise in the form of a pair of Wandering Whistling-Duck.

The pristine rainforests of Danum Valley provided some very impressive birds including Crested Goshawk, spectacular Crested Fireback, the awesome Great Argus, Violet Cuckoo, Red-billed and Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Diard's Trogon, wonderful Rhinoceros and Wreathed Hornbill, White-bellied Woodpecker, stunning Black-headed and the jewel-like Banded Pitta, Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher, Crimson Sunbird, Yellow-eared Spiderhunter, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Bornean Bristlehead and Maroon-breasted Philentoma. A large array of mammals was seen including the striking Prevost's Squirrel, Oriental Small-clawed Otter, Red Leaf Monkey, Borneo Gibbon and a magnificent Orangutan. Our night drive produced Brown Wood-Owl, Malayan Civet and the rare Binturong (Bear-Cat.)

Making our way to Sukau we stopped at the Gomantong Caves where we were treated to the spectacle of thousands of nesting swiftlets including Mossy-nest, Black-nest and Edible-nest. Enjoying a feast of the associated cockroaches was a stunning Black-backed Kingfisher and once the bats emerged so did no less than three dashing Bat Hawks and other raptors.

At Sukau we enjoyed memorable boat cruises and some of the star birds seen here included Storm's Stork, Lesser Adjutant, Lesser Fish-Eagle, Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Slaty-breasted Rail, Blue-eared Kingfisher, Black-and-yellow Broadbill, Horsfield's, Short-tailed and Black-throated Babbler and Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler. A large troop of strange Proboscis Monkeys as well as Pig-tailed Macaque and Bearded Pig were also seen. On our evening boat cruise we found numerous Buffy Fish-Owl and fabulous sightings of Leopard Cat and the very rare Flat-headed Cat.

Our final destination was Mt. Kinabalu National Park. Here we found the incredible Whitehead's Broadbill, Maroon Woodpecker, Sunda Cuckoo-shrike, Sunda Whistling-Thrush, the very elusive Fruit-hunter, Eyebrowed Jungle-Flycatcher, Rufous-browed and Pygmy-blue Flycatcher, White-crowned Forktail, Bornean Whistler, Black-sided Flowerpecker, Mountain Black-eye, Bornean Treepie and Short-tailed Magpie.

What a successful trip!

The endemic status codes listed below refer to the Island of Borneo.

BE = Bornean endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic

BIRDS (382 species)

Anhinga & Darter *Anhingidae*

Darter

Anhinga melanogaster

Small numbers were encountered at Likas Bay and peak numbers of ten were seen at Sukau.

NOTE: The resident African form A. rufa is sometimes lumped with the Asian A. melanogaster and the enlarged species called Darter. Clements uses the latter treatment of lumping these forms.

Herons, Egrets & Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Gray Heron*Ardea cinerea*

Several were seen at Taman Alam Nature Reserve and peak numbers of five at Likas Bay.

Great-billed Heron*Ardea sumatrana*

Some participants were fortunate to see a single bird at Likas Bay.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea*

Up to twenty were seen at a huge heronry near Rawang and a further ten at Likas Bay.

NOTE: The Cape Verde Islands A. p. bournei is sometimes split off as Cape Verde Purple Heron or Bourne's Heron. This split is as yet not recognized by Clements.

Great Egret*Ardea alba*

Small numbers encountered at most wetland sites including peak numbers of sixty at Likas Bay.

NOTE: The nominate Old World Great Egret may be split from the New World A. a. egretta which would become American Egret. This split is as yet not recognized by Clements.

Intermediate Egret*Egretta intermedia*

Up to ten were seen at Likas Bay.

NOTE: This group may be split into 3 species, the African Yellow-billed Egret (E. brachyrhyncha), Plumed Egret (E. plumifera) and the nominate Intermediate Egret. This split is as yet not recognized by Clements.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta*

Small numbers were encountered at several sites including peak numbers of fifty at Likas Bay.

NOTE: Clements lumps Little and Madagascar's Dimorphic (E. dimorpha) Egret into a single species. This treatment is not widely accepted.

Pacific Reef-Heron*Egretta sacra*

Two were seen near Likas Bay during our final afternoon.

Chinese Pond-Heron*Ardeola bacchus*

Small numbers were encountered at Taman Alam NR and Taman Negara NP.

Cattle Egret*Bubulcus ibis*

A cosmopolitan species encountered at many sites.

NOTE: This group may be split into 2 species, the nominate Common Cattle Egret and the Asian/Australasian Eastern Cattle Egret (E. coromanda). This split is as yet not recognised by Clements.

Striated Heron*Butorides striatus*

Peak numbers of four were seen at Taman Alam NR and small numbers were encountered at several other sites.

NOTE: A polytypic and cosmopolitan superspecies with over 30 recognized forms. Clements recognizes two full species, the North American Green Heron B. virescens and the widespread nominate form which we recorded in Malaysia. This split is not recognized by Handbook of Birds of the World (del Hoyo et al) who lump both these forms under the nominate.

Black-crowned Night-Heron*Nycticorax nycticorax*

An enormous colony of approximately 2000 was seen near Rawang and small numbers were encountered at Likas Bay.

Yellow Bittern*Ixobrychus sinensis*

We enjoyed scope views of several at Likas Bay.

Cinnamon Bittern*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

Our first sighting was great views of one at the Black-crowned Night-Heron colony near Rawang. Thereafter we saw a further one near Sukau.

Storks *Ciconiidae*

Storm's Stork*Ciconia stormi*

We had good views of three at Sukau, one of which was seen perched up on a riverside tree in the early morning. An endangered and very beautiful stork, one of the trip highlights.

Lesser Adjutant*Leptoptilos javanicus*

We were very fortunate to find this rare species at Sukau where we found a total of eight. Another globally threatened species.

Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae**Wandering Whistling-Duck***Dendrocygna arcuata*

This is a rare bird in Borneo and we were fortunate to have superb views of two at Likas Bay.

Lesser Whistling-Duck*Dendrocygna javanica*

A total of thirteen were seen at a wetland near Rawang.

Osprey Pandionidae**Osprey***Pandion haliaetus*

One of these unique raptors, placed in its own family, was seen at Likas Bay.

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures Accipitridae**Black Baza***Aviceda leucophotes*

We enjoyed good scope views of four at Taman Alam NR and up to six on the Tembeling River boat cruise to Taman Negara NP.

Oriental Honey-buzzard*Pernis ptilorhynchus*

We enjoyed fantastic scope views of several. This species was seen at many sites but always in small numbers.

Bat Hawk*Macheiramphus alcinus*

We had superb views of three catching bats at the Gomantong Caves and a further sighting of one during a late afternoon boat cruise at Sukau.

Black-shouldered Kite*Elanus caeruleus*

We had good views of two in Taman Alam NR.

Brahminy Kite*Haliastur indus*

We enjoyed superb sightings at Taman Alam NR where up to fifteen were seen.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle*Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Our first sighting was of three flying at Taman Alam NR and we had several sightings thereafter including superb close-up views of one at Sukau.

Lesser Fish-Eagle*Ichthyophaga humilis*

We had good views of a pair at Sukau.

Gray-headed Fish-Eagle*Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*

We were very lucky to find one perched on the Tembeling River en route to Taman Negara NP.

Crested Serpent-Eagle*Spilornis cheela*

This was the commonest raptor during the trip and we certainly enjoyed some outstanding views of this impressive raptor. At Danum Valley canopy tower we had a memorable sighting of one clutching a writhing snake that it had just caught.

Crested Goshawk*Accipiter trivirgatus*

We enjoyed several sightings including superb views of one drying his wings after a torrential thunderstorm at Danum Valley.

Black Eagle*Ictinaetus malayensis*

We enjoyed good views of two at Fraser's Hill and a further two at Danum Valley.

Rufous-bellied Eagle*Hieraaetus kienerii*

We had superb views of one juvenile at Fraser's Hill and later a magnificent adult at the Gomantong Caves.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*

Small numbers were seen at several sites including up to five on the Tembeling River *en route* to Taman Negara NP. Both dark and light phase individuals were seen.

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus alboniger*

We enjoyed several sightings daily of this beautiful eagle, during our stay at Fraser's Hill.

Wallace's Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus nanus*

We enjoyed magnificent scope views of one near Sukau. A highly sought-after species.

Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae*

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*

Small numbers of this diminutive raptor were seen daily during our stay at Taman Negara NP.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

We had superb scope views of one at Fraser's Hill and another was seen catching bats at the Gomantong Caves.

Pheasants & Partridges *Phasianidae*

Crimson-headed Partridge (BE) *Haematortyx sanguiniceps*

Greg was very fortunate to see one crossing the trail at Mt. Kinabalu NP.

Red-breasted Partridge (BE) *Arborophila hyperythra*

This species was heard calling at Mt. Kinabalu.

Chestnut-necklaced Partridge *Arborophila charltonii*

This species was heard calling on both days at Danum Valley.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

A female was seen particularly well near Rawang.

Crested Fireback *Lophura ignita*

We had outstanding views of three males walking around our cabins at Danum Valley and a further male was seen at Sukau. Greg was fortunate to see two females at Taman Negara NP.

Great Argus *Argusianus argus*

We had phenomenal prolonged views of one male at his dancing ground in Danum Valley. Its resounding cries were a dominant sound in the lowland rainforest at Taman Negara and Danum Valley.

Buttonquail *Turnicidae*

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator*

This delightful bird was seen extremely well at Ulu Yam where we found at least six birds.

Rails, Gallinules & Coots *Rallidae*

Slaty-breasted Rail *Gallirallus striatus*

We were very fortunate to see one of these shy and retiring rallids near Sukau.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

A fairly common species at any wetland, we found up to six at Taman Alam NR.

Watercock *Gallicrex cinerea*

We had good views of three of these migrants at a wetland near Rawang.

Purple Swamphen*Porphyrio porphyrio*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of up to ten at Likas Bay.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus*

Small numbers were seen at a wetland near Rawang and peak numbers of twenty at Likas Bay.

Finfoots *Heliornithidae***Masked Finfoot***Heliopais personata*

After several attempts to find this elusive species at Taman Negara we were finally rewarded with good views of one near Kuala Lumpur. A very elusive and very sought-after species.

Plovers & Lapwings *Charadriidae***Pacific Golden Plover***Pluvialis fulva*

A small flock of ten was seen at Ulu Yam.

Little Ringed Plover*Charadrius dubius*

We found one at Ulu Yam.

Sandpipers & Allies *Scolopacidae***Pintail Snipe***Gallinago stenura*

We enjoyed great views of twelve at Ulu Yam.

Marsh Sandpiper*Tringa stagnatilis*

Larry was fortunate to see two at Likas Bay.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

A total of eleven were seen at Likas Bay.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

Small numbers were seen at several sites including four on the Tembeling River.

Gulls *Laridae***Black-headed Gull***Larus ridibundus*

A flock of twenty was seen near the hotel in Kota Kinabalu.

Terns *Sternidae***Whiskered Tern***Chlidonias hybridus*

A small flock of five was seen at some ponds near Sukau.

White-winged Tern*Chlidonias leucopterus*

Fifteen birds were seen near the hotel in Kota Kinabalu.

Doves & Pigeons *Columbidae***Rock Pigeon***Columba livia*

We found this species to be fairly common in towns and cities throughout.

Spotted Dove*Streptopelia chinensis*

Small numbers were seen at most localities.

Little Cuckoo-Dove*Macropygia ruficeps*

This species was found in small numbers daily at Fraser's Hill and later seen at Poring Hot Springs.

Emerald Dove*Chalcophaps indica*

Our first sighting was of one at Taman Alam NR with further sightings daily in Taman Negara NP.

Zebra Dove*Geopelia striata*

Small numbers seen near towns, our first sighting was of several at Taman Alam NR.

Little Green-Pigeon*Treron olax*

Small numbers were encountered at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Pink-necked Green-Pigeon*Treron vernans*

We enjoyed superb views of up to twenty at Taman Alam NR.

Thick-billed Pigeon*Treron curvirostra*

Our first sighting was of several in Taman Negara NP and five were seen at Sukau.

Large Green Pigeon*Treron capellei*

Five were seen during the boat trip on the Tembeling River en route to Taman Negara NP.

Green Imperial-Pigeon*Ducula aenea*

Small numbers were seen at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon*Ducula badia*

Peak numbers of six were seen at Fraser's Hill and small numbers encountered daily at Mt. Kinabalu where we enjoyed superb scope views of one.

Parrots, Macaws & Allies *Psittacidae*

Blue-rumped Parrot*Psittinus cyanurus*

Two were seen flying over our accommodation at Taman Negara NP.

Long-tailed Parakeet*Psittacula longicauda*

Small numbers were seen at Sukau.

Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot*Loriculus galgulus*

Up to fifteen were seen daily at Taman Negara NP, where we enjoyed fantastic sightings of several feeding in a flowering *Erythrina* tree.

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Large Hawk-Cuckoo*Cuculus sparverioides*

Several were heard calling at Mt. Kinabalu.

Indian Cuckoo*Cuculus micropterus*

We enjoyed good views of one at Taman Alam NR and thereafter heard this species daily at Danum Valley.

Oriental Cuckoo*Cuculus saturatus*

We enjoyed outstanding views of one at Mt Kinabalu.

Plaintive Cuckoo*Cacomantis merulinus*

We enjoyed good views of several including stunning views of one at Danum Valley.

Violet Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

We had great scope views of a beautiful male at Danum Valley.

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo*Surniculus lugubris*

We enjoyed several sightings at Taman Negara, Danum Valley and Sukau. The mournful notes of this cuckoo were a dominant sound in the rainforests.

Asian Koel*Eudynamis scolopacea*

We had good views of four of these huge, noisy birds at Taman Alam NR, including several

spotted females.

Black-bellied Malkoha*Phaenicophaeus diardi*

Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP.

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha*Phaenicophaeus sumatranus*

We had good views of one in Taman Alam NR.

Green-billed Malkoha*Phaenicophaeus tristis*

We had good views of several at Fraser's Hill.

Raffles' Malkoha*Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus*

Small numbers were seen daily at both Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Red-billed Malkoha*Phaenicophaeus javanicus*

We enjoyed good views of two at Danum Valley, a very elusive malkoha..

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha*Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

Our first sighting was great views of one on the Gap at Fraser's Hill, thereafter we saw several at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Greater Coucal*Centropus sinensis*

We had superb views of two at Taman Alam NR, thereafter small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Lesser Coucal*Centropus bengalensis*

We had good views of one at Ulu Yam.

Typical Owls *Strigidae***Reddish Scops-Owl***Otus rufescens*

Greg and Stan heard this species calling at Danum Valley.

Mountain Scops-Owl*Otus spilocephalus*

A pair was heard calling close to our cabins at Mt. Kinabalu. A virtually impossible bird to see!

Barred Eagle-Owl*Bubo sumatranus*

We enjoyed outstanding views of one adult at Fraser's Hill. One of the tour highlights as this is a Mega bird!

Buffy Fish-Owl*Ketupa ketupu*

A magnificent bird and we were treated to superb views of one at the lodge, well found by Joe, at Sukau as well as a further three during the night boat cruise on a tributary of the Kinabatangan River.

Brown Wood-Owl*Strix leptogrammica*

An adult and juvenile were seen at Danum Valley.

Collared Owlet*Glaucidium brodiei*

We heard one calling at Fraser's Hill.

Frogmouths *Podargidae***Gould's Frogmouth***Batrachostomus auritus*

Several were heard calling at Taman Negara NP.

Nightjars & Allies *Caprimulgidae***Malaysian Nightjar***Eurostopodus temminckii*

Two were seen near the Gap at Fraser's Hill. A very localized species.

Jungle Nightjar*Caprimulgus indicus*

We had superb scope views of one perched on a branch at Fraser's Hill.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*

We had good views of one near our cabins at Kuala Selangor.

Swifts Apodidae

Glossy Swiftlet *Aerodramus esculenta*

This species was encountered in small numbers at most sites.

Cave Swiftlet *Aerodramus linchi*

Up to ten were seen in the upper parts of Mt. Kinabalu.

Mossy-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus salangana*

Several were seen on their nests at the Gomantong Caves.

Black-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus maximus*

Large numbers were seen at their nests in the Gomantong Caves.

Edible-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus fuciphagus*

Small numbers were seen at their nests in the Gomantong Caves.

Silver-rumped Needletail *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

Peak numbers of thirty were seen at Taman Negara NP and small numbers were seen daily at Danum Valley.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*

Our first sighting was of several during the boat trip down the Tembeling River *en route* to Taman Negara. Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara and Sukau.

Asian Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Our first sighting was of two *en route* from Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Selangor. Small numbers were also seen near Poring Hot Springs.

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*

Flocks of this large swift were seen at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara NP.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Small numbers were seen *en route* from Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Selangor, at Fraser's Hill and near Kuala Lumpur.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Gray-rumped Treeswift *Hemiproctne longipennis*

Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara NP.

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiproctne longipennis*

This magnificent bird was seen several times at Taman Negara NP and also at Danum Valley.

Trogon Trogonidae

Red-naped Trogon *Harpactes kasumba*

Our first sighting was of one in Taman Negara NP with a further sighting of one at Danum Valley.

Whitehead's Trogon (BE) *Harpactes whiteheadi*

Some participants were fortunate to see two females and Janet found a superb male.

Diard's Trogon *Harpactes diardii*

We found one superb male at Danum Valley.

Scarlet-rumped Trogon *Harpactes duvaucelii*

Our first sighting was of a brilliant pair at Taman Negara and a further pair was seen at Danum Valley.

Red-headed Trogon*Harpactes erythrocephalus*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of two males at Fraser's Hill.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae**Common Kingfisher***Alcedo atthis*

Three were seen at Likas Bay.

Blue-eared Kingfisher*Alcedo meninting*

A total of ten were seen during our boat trips at Sukau.

Blue-banded Kingfisher*Alcedo euryzona*

Two were seen on each boat trip at Taman Negara NP.

Black-backed Kingfisher*Ceyx erithacus*

We enjoyed great views of one at the Gomantong Caves and a further one at Poring Hot Springs. A rarely seen dwarf kingfisher.

Banded Kingfisher*Lacedo pulchella*

We enjoyed stunning views of a pair at Taman Negara, well found by Andrea.

Stork-billed Kingfisher*Pelargopsis capensis*

Our first sighting was of two at Taman Alam NR with further sightings at Taman Negara NP, Danum Valley and finally Sukau where we had magnificent views of one roosting during the night boat cruise.

Ruddy Kingfisher*Halcyon coromanda*

Voni was fortunate to see one during the late afternoon at Sukau.

White-throated Kingfisher*Halcyon smyrnensis*

Fairly widespread in Peninsula Malaysia. We enjoyed great views of many perched on telephone lines during the drive from Fraser's Hill and boat cruise to Taman Negara NP.

Black-capped Kingfisher*Halcyon pileata*

We had great scope views of one at Taman Alam NR.

Collared Kingfisher*Todirhamphus chloris*

Eight of these smart birds were seen at Taman Alam NR and up to twenty were seen during the drive from Sukau to Kota Kinabalu.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Red-bearded Bee-eater***Nyctyornis amictus*

We enjoyed superb views of five at Taman Negara and a further one was seen at Danum Valley.

Blue-throated Bee-eater*Merops viridis*

Our first sighting was of three at Taman Alam NR with further sightings of small numbers daily at Taman Negara NP.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater*Merops philippinus*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of up to ten at Taman Alam NP and a further two were seen at the Forestry Research Institute of Malaysia.

Rollers Coraciidae**Dollarbird***Eurystomus orientalis*

Our first sighting was of two at Taman Alam NR with further sightings at many other sites.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Oriental Pied-Hornbill*Anthracoceros albirostris*

We enjoyed great views of several at Sukau including stunning views of three right next to the road during the drive from Sukau to Kota Kinabalu.

Black Hornbill*Anthracoceros malayanus*

A smart hornbill with significant sexual dimorphism. We observed good numbers on the Tembeling River *en route* to Taman Negara NP and small numbers at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Rhinoceros Hornbill*Buceros rhinoceros*

Our first sighting was of one *en route* to Taman Negara NP with further sightings of up to eight at Danum Valley including one roosting.

Helmeted Hornbill*Buceros vigil*

Some of us were fortunate to have distant views of one flying at Taman Negara NP, well spotted by Greg.

Bushy-crested Hornbill*Anorrhinus galeritus*

Our first sighting was of two during the boat trip to Taman Negara NP, thereafter we saw small numbers at Sukau.

White-crowned Hornbill*Aceros comatus*

One was seen during the boat trip to Taman Negara NP and a further three at Danum Valley.

Wreathed Hornbill*Aceros undulates*

Small numbers were seen at Danum Valley.

Barbets *Capitonidae*

Golden-naped Barbet (BE)*Megalaima pulcherrima*

Small numbers were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Fire-tufted Barbet*Psilopogon pyrolophus*

Up to ten of these impressive barbets were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Mountain Barbet (BE)*Megalaima monticola*

Larry heard one calling at Mt. Kinabalu.

Lineated Barbet*Megalaima lineata*

We had great scope views of one at Taman Alam NR.

Gold-whiskered Barbet*Megalaima chrysopogon*

Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill and later a pair mating at Taman Negara NP.

Red-throated Barbet*Megalaima mystacophanos*

We had superb views of one at Taman Negara NP.

Black-browed Barbet*Megalaima oorti*

We had superb scope views of one at Fraser's Hill.

Yellow-crowned Barbet*Megalaima henricii*

We had superb views of several below the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Blue-eared Barbet*Megalaima australis*

We had superb views of two in a fruiting tree near our cabins at Taman Negara NP with further sightings at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Coppersmith Barbet*Megalaima haemacephala*

We enjoyed fantastic views of four at Taman Alam NR.

Brown Barbet*Calorhamphus fuliginosus*

Several were seen at Taman Negara NP and Sukau.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

- Speckled Piculet** *Picumnus innominatus*
We enjoyed superb views of three of these cuties at Fraser's Hill.
- Sunda Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos moluccensis*
We had great views of six at Taman Alam NR.
- Gray-capped Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus*
One was seen near Rawang and another from the canopy walkway at Danum Valley.
- Rufous Woodpecker** *Celeus brachyurus*
Some participants saw one at Taman Negara NP.
- White-bellied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus javensis*
We enjoyed superb views of one at Danum Valley.
- Banded Woodpecker** *Picus mineaceus*
We enjoyed great views of a pair on successive days at Taman Negara NP.
- Crimson-winged Woodpecker** *Picus puniceus*
Our first sighting was of one at Fraser's Hill with further sightings at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.
- Greater Yellownape** *Picus flavinucha*
We enjoyed good views of several at Fraser's Hill.
- Checker-throated Woodpecker** *Picus mentalis*
We enjoyed good views of several at Taman Negara NP and a further two at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Laced Woodpecker** *Picus vittatus*
We had great views of three at Taman Alam NR.
- Olive-backed Woodpecker** *Dinopium rafflesii*
We had stunning views of one female at Taman Negara NP.
- Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense*
We had good views of two females and a male at Taman Alam NR.
- Maroon Woodpecker** *Blythipicus rubiginosus*
Some participants saw this species in Danum Valley but everyone managed to see it at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Bay Woodpecker** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*
We had stunning views of a pair at Fraser's Hill. A beautiful but often very elusive woodpecker.
- Orange-backed Woodpecker** *Reinwardtipicus validus*
We enjoyed good views of several in Taman Negara NP and a female was also seen at Mt. Kinabalu. Another absolutely stunning, large woodpecker.
- Buff-rumped Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes tristis*
Single birds were seen daily in Taman Negara NP, however our best sighting was of splendid scope views of three at Poring Hot Springs.
- Buff-necked Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes tukki*
We enjoyed great scope views of a pair in Taman Negara NP.
- Great Slaty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*
We enjoyed great scope views of three in Taman Negara NP, one was also seen flying across the river at Sukau. The world's second-largest extant woodpecker now that Ivory-billed has been rediscovered!
- Gray-and-buff Woodpecker** *Hemicircus concretus*
One was seen at Taman Negara NP, however our best sighting was of one at Sukau during a boat trip where we enjoyed extended views of it perched on a dead tree.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*

Whitehead's Broadbill (BE)*Calyptomena whiteheadi*

We enjoyed superb scope views of one at Mt. Kinabalu, one of Asia's most sought-after and beautiful birds!

Black-and-red Broadbill*Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus*

This species was commonly seen at Taman Negara NP and we enjoyed outstanding views of a pair roosting during our night boat cruise at Sukau.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill*Eurylaimus ochromalus*

We enjoyed good scope views of several at Danum Valley however our best views were of a pair feeding in a fruiting fig at Sukau.

Long-tailed Broadbill*Psarisomus dalhousiae*

We enjoyed magnificent sightings of several flocks at Fraser's Hill. Another absolutely stunning and unique Asian bird.

Green Broadbill*Calyptomena viridis*

We had stunning views of a pair in Taman Negara NP and a further one was seen in Danum Valley.

Pittas *Pittidae*

Rusty-naped Pitta*Pitta oatesi*

We heard this species calling at Fraser's Hill. This hill-forest species is very difficult to observe.

Black-headed Pitta*Pitta ussheri*

We had superb views of a pair of this reclusive species at Danum Valley. An incredibly bright and beautiful species.

Banded Pitta*Pitta guajana*

Some participants had good views of one male at Danum Valley.

Hooded Pitta*Pitta sordida*

A magnificent species and we were all treated to great views of one at Taman Negara NP.

Blue-winged Pitta*Pitta moluccensis*

We were very fortunate to find one roosting at Taman Negara NP. We all enjoyed outstanding views of this stunning bird.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Barn Swallow*Hirundo rustica*

Small numbers were seen on virtually every day of the trip.

Pacific Swallow*Hirundo tahitica*

Small numbers seen almost daily.

Striated Swallow*Hirundo striolata*

We had good views of the rufous phase of this species on the Gap at Fraser's Hill. Two birds of the streaked form were also seen at Taman Alam NR and were probably this species but could also have been Red-rumped Swallow, unfortunately we did not obtain good enough views to be certain.

*NOTE: This species is sometimes lumped with Red-rumped Swallow *H. daurica*. Clements accepts this split.*

Asian Martin*Delichon dasyopus*

We had good views of one on the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Wagtails & Pipits *Motacillidae*

Gray Wagtail*Motacilla cinerea*

Small numbers were seen at most sites. We enjoyed good views of several on the Tahan River at Taman Negara NP.

Oriental Pipit*Anthus rufulus*

One was seen on a sandbar on the Tembeling River during the boat trip to Taman Negara NP.

Richard's Pipit*Anthus novaeseelandiae*

We had good views of five at Ulu Yam.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae***Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike***Coracina striata*

We enjoyed superb views of one during the boat trip down the Tahan River in Taman Negara NP.

Javan Cuckoo-shrike*Coracina javensis*

We enjoyed great views of two at Fraser's Hill.

Sunda Cuckoo-shrike*Coracina larvata*

We enjoyed great views of two on successive days at Mt. Kinabalu.

Pied Triller*Lalage nigra*

We had good views of two at Taman Alam NR and one at Taman Negara NP.

Ashy Minivet*Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Our first sighting was of four at Taman Alam NR and a flock of ten was seen at Taman Negara NP.

Fiery Minivet*Pericrocotus igneus*

Up to five were seen daily at Danum Valley.

Scarlet Minivet*Pericrocotus flammeus*

We enjoyed good views of two at Fraser's Hill.

Gray-chinned Minivet*Pericrocotus solaris*

We enjoyed good views of many at Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike*Hemipus picatus*

Up to four were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and a further one at Mt. Kinabalu.

Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike*Hemipus hirundinaceus*

We enjoyed good view of several from the canopy walkway at Danum Valley.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae***Straw-headed Bulbul***Pycnonotus zeylanicus*

Our first sighting was of a pair seen along the Tahan River and later we had superb views of three in a fruiting fig in the camp grounds at Taman Negara NP.

Black-headed Bulbul*Pycnonotus atriceps*

Up to ten were seen daily at Taman Negara NP.

Black-crested Bulbul*Pycnonotus melanicterus*

Up to eight were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Scaly-breasted Bulbul*Pycnonotus squamatus*

We enjoyed great views of two below the Gap at Fraser's Hill. A very beautiful and uncommon bulbul.

Gray-bellied Bulbul*Pycnonotus cyaniventris*

We had superb views of two at a fruiting tree in the camp grounds at Taman Negara NP. Another uncommon bulbul.

Puff-backed Bulbul*Pycnonotus eutilotus*

Our first sighting was of one at Danum Valley and later we had two at Sukau.

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP.

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*

The commonest bulbul and seen at virtually every site.

Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus*

Our first sighting was of one at Taman Negara NP and a further two were seen at Sukau.

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens*

We enjoyed great scope views of two on Mt. Kinabalu.

Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex*

Small numbers of both the pale-eyed and red-eyed forms were seen at Danum Valley.

Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP, Danum Valley and Poring Hot Springs.

Spectacled Bulbul *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos*

Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP.

Finsch's Bulbul *Alophoixus finschii*

We had outstanding views of one at Taman Negara NP and a further one was seen at Danum Valley.

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus*

Up to eight were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and smaller numbers at Mt. Kinabalu.

Gray-cheeked Bulbul *Alophoixus bres*

Three were seen at Taman Negara NP.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul *Alophoixus phaeocephalus*

Four birds were seen at both Taman Negara NP and Sukau.

Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes criniger*

Six were seen at Taman Negara NP and smaller numbers at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole olivacea*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP, Danum Valley and Sukau.

Streaked Bulbul *Ixos malaccensis*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP.

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala*

A total of four were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mccllellandii*

Up to five were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Leafbirds *Chloropseidae*

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati*

Our first sighting was of one below the Gap at Fraser's Hill with further sightings of small numbers at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon*

Up to three were seen daily at Danum Valley.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

One female was seen at Fraser's Hill.

Ioras *Aegithinidae*

Common Iora*Aegithina tiphia*

We had good views of four at both Taman Alam NR and Sukau.

Green Iora*Aegithina viridissima*

Small numbers were seen daily at Danum Valley.

Thrushes Turdidae**Sunda Whistling-Thrush***Myophonus glaucinus*

We enjoyed superb scope views of one at Mt. Kinabalu.

Everett's Thrush (BE)*Zoothera everetti*

Stan and Dana were extremely fortunate to see this rare species at Mt. Kinabalu. One of Borneo's rarest endemics!

Siberian Thrush*Zoothera sibirica*

We had superb views of one stunning male at Fraser's Hill.

Fruit-hunter (BE)*Chlamydochaera jefferyi*

Some participants had good views of three at Mt. Kinabalu. This is a very elusive species and irregularly encountered.

Lesser Shortwing*Brachypteryx leucophrys*

One was seen briefly at Fraser's Hill.

White-browed Shortwing*Brachypteryx montana*

We had several great sightings at Mt. Kinabalu.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae**Zitting Cisticola***Cisticola juncidis*

Two were seen at Ulu Yam.

Yellow-bellied Prinia*Prinia flaviventris*

We had good scope views of several at Taman Alam NR and later several at Danum Valley including some roosting that were seen on the night drive.

Old World Warblers Sylviidae**Bornean Stubtail (BE)***Urosphena whiteheadi*

Larry was fortunate to have good views of a pair at Mt. Kinabalu. We also heard this species calling nearby on Mt. Kinabalu.

Sunda Bush-Warbler*Cettia vulcania*

We had magnificent views of three very obliging birds on Mt. Kinabalu.

Friendly Bush-Warbler (BE)*Bradypterus accentor*

One was heard calling on Mt. Kinabalu.

Oriental Reed-Warbler*Acrocephalus orientalis*

One was seen at a small wetland near Rawang.

Clamorous Reed-Warbler*Acrocephalus stentoreus*

One was seen at the Forestry Research Institute of Malaysia.

Mountain Tailorbird*Orthotomus cuculatus*

Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.

Common Tailorbird*Orthotomus sutorius*

Several were seen at Taman Negara NP.

Dark-necked Tailorbird*Orthotomus atrogularis*

Two were seen below the Gap at Fraser's Hill and several daily at Danum Valley.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus*

We had good views of several at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*

Peak numbers of eight were seen at Taman Alam NR and small numbers seen at Taman Negara and Sukau.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*

Peak numbers of six were seen at Fraser's Hill and small numbers at Taman Alam NR and Taman Negara NP.

Eastern Crowned Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*

Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Mountain Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*

Two were seen at Fraser's Hill and up to eight daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*

We had good views of two on Fraser's Hill. A pretty little forest warbler.

Yellow-breasted Warbler *Seicercus montis*

We had daily sightings of this beautiful bird at Mt. Kinabalu with peak numbers of twelve.

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*

We enjoyed good views of several daily at Fraser's Hill.

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*

We had superb scope views of one at Likas Bay.

Old World Flycatchers *Sylviidae*

Eyebrowed Jungle-Flycatcher *Rhinomyias gularis*

We had superb views of several at Mt. Kinabalu.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

Small numbers were seen on virtually every day of the trip.

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*

We enjoyed some superb sightings of several stunning males at Mt. Kinabalu.

Narcissus Flycatcher *Ficedula narcissina*

Greg and Stan were fortunate to have good views of one male at Danum Valley.

NOTE: This species is sometimes lumped with Korean (Yellow-rumped) Flycatcher F. zanthopygia. Clements accepts this split.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

Small numbers were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula solitaries*

One was seen at Fraser's Hill and a further three at Mt. Kinabalu. A very attractive but shy forest flycatcher.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Small numbers were seen daily at both Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.

Blue-and-white Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelana*

We had great views of three at Mt. Kinabalu

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*

Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill and Danum Valley.

Indigo Flycatcher *Eumyias indigo*

Up to five were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Pale Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor*

One was seen at Fraser's Hill and another at Danum Valley.

- Hill Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis banyumas*
A male and female were seen at Fraser's Hill. The female was scoped at the rubbish dump.
- Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis turcosus*
We enjoyed great views of several at Danum Valley and five at Sukau.
- Pygmy Blue-Flycatcher** *Muscicapelia hodgsoni*
We had stunning views of a pair at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Gray-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
Two were seen on successive days at Danum Valley and one at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Siberian Blue Robin** *Luscinia cyane*
Greg was fortunate to see one at Taman Negara NP.
- Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis*
Seen on virtually every day of the trip with peak numbers of ten at Taman Negara NP.
- White-crowned Shama (BE)** *Copsychus stricklandii*
We all enjoyed superb views of this stunning species at Danum Valley and Sukau.
- White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus*
We had good views of several at Taman Negara NP.
- Rufous-tailed Shama** *Trichixos pyrropyga*
We had superb views of one on each day at Danum Valley.
- White-crowned Forktail** *Enicurus leschenaulti*
One was seen at Danum Valley and several at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Slaty-backed Forktail** *Enicurus schistaceus*
We had stunning views of one at the rubbish dump at Fraser's Hill. A wonderful bird at a less than pleasant site!
- Common Stonechat** *Saxicola torquata*
We found one male *en route* between Taman Negara NP and Kuala Lumpur.

Fantails *Rhipiduridae*

- White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis*
Small numbers were seen daily at both Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.
- Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica*
We had good views of five at Taman Alam NR and two chicks *en route* to Danum Valley.
- Spotted Fantail** *Rhipidura perlata*
Two birds were seen including superb views of one at Taman Negara NP.

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

- Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*
We enjoyed several sightings daily at both Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley however our best sighting was superb views of several stunning males at Sukau.
- Asian Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi*
Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP, Danum Valley and Sukau. We were also treated to superb views of a white phase male on several occasions.

Whistlers & Allies *Pachycephalidae*

- Bornean Whistler (BE)** *Pachycephala hypoxantha*
We enjoyed great sightings of up to six daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Mangrove Whistler*Pachycephala grisola*

We were fortunate to see one in the mangroves at Taman Alam NR.

Babblers Timaliidae**Black Laughingthrush***Garrulax lugubris*

We enjoyed good views of two on the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush*Garrulax mitratus*

We enjoyed superb sightings of many flocks at both Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.

Sunda Laughingthrush*Garrulax palliates*

We enjoyed good views of several at Mt. Kinabalu.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush*Garrulax erythrocephalus*

We had good views of three at Fraser's Hill.

White-chested Babbler*Trichastoma rastratum*

We enjoyed superb views of up to six daily at Sukau.

Ferruginous Babbler*Trichastoma bicolor*

We had brief views of one at Danum Valley and good views of several at Sukau.

Abbott's Babbler*Malacocincla abbotti*

Three were seen at Taman Negara NP.

Temminck's Babbler*Pellorneum pyrrogenys*

Larry was fortunate to see one at Mt. Kinabalu.

Horsfield's Babbler*Malacocincla sepiarium*

We enjoyed great views of several at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Short-tailed Babbler*Malacocincla malaccensis*

We enjoyed good views of two at Danum Valley and a further one at Sukau.

Buff-breasted Babbler*Pellorneum tickelli*

We had good views of several at Fraser's Hill.

Black-capped Babbler*Pellorneum capistratum*

We enjoyed stunning views of one in Taman Negara NP.

Moustached Babbler*Malacopteron magnirostre*

Up to four were seen on two days at Taman Negara NP.

Sooty-capped Babbler*Malacopteron affine*

One was seen at Taman Negara and up to three daily at Danum Valley.

Scaly-crowned Babbler*Malacopteron cinereum*

Small numbers were seen in Taman Negara NP.

Rufous-crowned Babbler*Malacopteron magnum*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Streaked Wren-Babbler*Napothera brevicaudata*

Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Pygmy Wren-Babbler*Pnoepyga pusilla*

This species was heard calling at Fraser's Hill.

Rufous-fronted Babbler*Stachyris rufifrons*

We had good views of three at Taman Negara NP.

Golden Babbler*Stachyris chrysaea*

Good numbers of up to twenty were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Gray-throated Babbler*Stachyris nigriceps*

Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.

Black-throated Babbler*Stachyris nigricollis*

We had good views of two at Sukau.

Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata*

We enjoyed good views of several daily at Danum Valley and one at Sukau.

Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera*

Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP, Danum Valley and Sukau.

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*

We had superb views of three at Taman Alam NR and small numbers at Fraser's Hill.

Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler *Macronous ptilosus*

On our final morning at Sukau we had superb views of two of these striking birds.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris*

Small flocks of this stunning gem were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis*

We had great views of a pair at Fraser's Hill on our first afternoon there and a singing male at Mt. Kinabalu outside the restaurant.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotus*

We enjoyed good views of several at Fraser's Hill.

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*

Up to eight were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Brown Fulvetta *Alcippe brunneicauda*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Mountain Fulvetta *Alcippe peracensis*

Up to ten were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides*

Up to fifteen were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca*

Small flocks were seen at Fraser's Hill and two at Danum Valley.

Chestnut-crested Yuhina (BE) *Yuhina everetti*

Up to thirty were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Thornbills & Allies *Acanthizidae*

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea*

Six were seen at Taman Alam NR including a pair at their nest.

Chickadees & Tits *Paridae*

Great Tit *Parus major*

We found four in the mangroves at Taman Alam NR.

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*

We encountered up to five of these stunning, giant tits daily at Fraser's Hill.

Nuthatches *Sittidae*

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill, Taman Negara NP and Mt. Kinabalu.

Blue Nuthatch *Sitta azurea*

What a bird ! We enjoyed small numbers daily at Fraser's Hill.

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

- Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** *Chalcoparia singalensis*
Several were seen at Taman Alam NR, Danum Valley and Poring Hot Springs.
- Plain Sunbird** *Anthreptes simplex*
We had good views of one at Fraser's Hill.
- Plain-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis*
Small numbers were seen at Taman Alam NR, en route to Danum Valley and Sukau.
- Purple-naped Sunbird** *Hypogramma hypogrammicum*
We had good views of several at Danum Valley.
- Purple-throated Sunbird** *Leptocoma sperata*
We had superb views of this magnificent species at Danum Valley on several occasions.
- Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis*
We had good views of three at Taman Alam NR.
- Black-throated Sunbird** *Aethopyga saturata*
We found several at Fraser's Hill including great views of one male.
- Crimson Sunbird** *Aethopyga siparaja*
We had great views of two en route to Danum Valley and a further one was seen at Poring Hot Springs.
- Temminck's Sunbird** *Aethopyga temminckii*
This is another beautiful species of which we saw up to six daily, at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Whitehead's Spiderhunter (BE)** *Arachnothera juliae*
Some participants were fortunate to see one near our lodging at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Spectacled Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera flavigaster*
One was seen at Taman Negara NP and small numbers daily at Danum Valley.
- Long-billed Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera robusta*
One was seen at Taman Negara NP and another at Danum Valley.
- Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra*
Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP, Danum Valley and Sukau.
- Yellow-eared Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera chrysogenys*
We enjoyed superb views of several at Danum Valley and one was seen at Poring Hot Springs.
- Gray-breasted Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera modesta*
Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.
- Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna*
Up to four were seen daily at Fraser's Hill. We had superb views of several.

Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae*

- Black-sided Flowerpecker (BE)** *Dicaeum monticolum*
Several were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker (NE)** *Prionochilus xanthopygius*
We enjoyed good views of several daily at Danum Valley and a further pair at Poring Hot Springs.
- Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus maculates*
Small numbers were seen at Danum Valley.
- Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus percussus*
One male was seen particularly well whilst we enjoyed our breakfast at Taman Negara NP.
- Scarlet-breasted Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus thoracicus*
Larry was fortunate to see one near the breakfast area at Taman Negara NP.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker*Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

A total of six were seen at Taman Negara NP.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker*Dicaeum trigonostigma*

Small numbers were seen at several sites including Fraser's Hill, Taman Negara NP, Danum Valley and Sukau.

Plain Flowerpecker*Dicaeum concolor*

We enjoyed good views of one at Taman Negara and another at Danum Valley.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker*Dicaeum ignipectus*

Two were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker*Dicaeum cruentatum*

One male was seen and scoped en route from Fraser's Hill to Taman Negara NP and another was seen at Taman Negara NP.

White-eyes Zosteropidae**Black-capped White-eye***Zosterops atricapillus*

Up to eight were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Oriental White-eye*Zosterops palpebrosus*

Ten were seen at Taman Alam NR.

Everett's White-eye*Zosterops everetti*

Several were seen at Fraser's Hill and six at Taman Negara NP.

Mountain Black-eye (BE)*Chlorocharis emiliae*

We had superb views of eight on Mt. Kinabalu.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae**Dark-throated Oriole***Oriolus xanthonotus*

Small numbers of this smart species were seen at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Black-naped Oriole*Oriolus chinensis*

Up to twenty were seen at Taman Alam NR and small numbers at Taman Negara NP.

Black-and-crimson Oriole*Oriolus cruentus*

Up to three were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and small numbers were also seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae**Asian Fairy-bluebird***Irena puella*

Our first sighting was stunning scope views at the bottom of the Gap on Fraser's Hill. We also found many in Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Shrikes Laniidae**Tiger Shrike***Lanius tigrinus*

We found one at Taman Alam NR and another at Fraser's Hill.

Brown Shrike*Lanius cristatus*

We had good views of six at Ulu Yam.

Helmetshrikes & Allies Prionopidae

Large Woodshrike*Tephrodornis gularis*

We enjoyed good views of several at Fraser's Hill and Danum Valley.

Maroon-breasted Philentoma*Philentoma velatum*

One was seen at Taman Negara NP and two at Danum Valley. A lovely sub-canopy species.

Drongos Dicruridae**Ashy Drongo***Dicrurus leucophaeus*

We found six in the mangroves at Taman Alam NR and up to three daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Bronzed Drongo*Dicrurus aeneus*

Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo*Dicrurus remifer*

Up to eight were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Hair-crested Drongo*Dicrurus hottentottus*

We had good views of three at Mt. Kinabalu.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo*Dicrurus paradiseus*

Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and several at Danum Valley. A very impressive bird indeed!

Woodswallows Artamidae**White-breasted Woodswallow***Artamus leucorhynchus*

We enjoyed good views of several at Sukau and small numbers *en route* from Mt Kinabalu to Poring Hot Springs.

Bristlehead Pityriasis**Bornean Bristlehead (BE)***Pityriasis gymnocephala*

Some of us were fortunate to have good views of one at Danum Valley.

Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae**Crested Jay***Platylophus galericulatus*

We had fantastic views of this spectacular bird on the Tahan River at Taman Negara.

Black Magpie*Platysmurus leucopterus*

We enjoyed good views of a pair at Taman Negara NP.

Bornean Treepie (BE)*Dendrocitta cinerascens*

We had superb views of this impressive endemic at Mt. Kinabalu where we found up to eight daily.

Short-tailed Magpie*Cissa thalassina*

Up to six were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu. A brilliant flash of color!

House Crow*Corvus splendens*

Up to eighty were seen on the first day during the drive from Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Selangor.

Slender-billed Crow*Corvus enca*

Small numbers were seen daily at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Large-billed Crow*Corvus macrorhynchos*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Alam NR and Taman Negara NP.

Starlings Sturnidae

Asian Glossy Starling*Aplonis panayensis*

Our first encounters were of small flocks at Taman Alam NR, thereafter we saw small numbers at several sites including Danum Valley and Poring Hot Springs.

Common Hill Myna*Gracula religiosa*

We had great scope views of a pair at Taman Negara NP. Small numbers were also seen at Sukau.

Crested Myna*Acridotheres cristatellus*

We saw three near Kota Kinabalu.

Javan Myna*Acridotheres javanicus*

Up to forty were seen at around Kuala Selangor.

Jungle Myna*Acridotheres fuscus*

We had good views of four on the Tembeling River en route to Taman Negara NP.

Common Myna*Acridotheres tristis*

Small numbers were seen around Kuala Selangor and en route to Fraser's Hill. A flock of twenty was also seen from the lodge at Taman Negara NP.

Daurian Starling*Sturnia sturnia*

We had great views of ten at Taman Alam NR.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae***Eurasian Tree Sparrow***Passer montanus*

This species was recorded in small numbers at virtually all towns throughout the tour.

Weavers and Allies *Ploceidae***Baya Weaver***Ploceus philippinus*

A total of ten were seen near Rawang including a male seen building his nest.

Waxbills & Allies *Estrildidae***Pin-tailed Parrotfinch***Erythrura prasina*

We had fantastic views of four feeding on seeding bamboo at Fraser's Hill, very well found by Larry.

Dusky Munia (BE)*Lonchura fuscans*

Up to twenty-five were seen daily at Danum Valley.

White-rumped Munia*Lonchura striata*

Up to fifteen were seen daily on the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

White-headed Munia*Lonchura maja*

A total of three of these stunning birds were seen at a wetland near Rawang.

Nutmeg Mannikin*Lonchura punctulata*

Three were seen near Taman Alam NR and a pair at a wetland near Rawang.

Chestnut Munia*Lonchura atricapilla*

Small numbers were seen at Sukau and up to thirty at Likas Bay.

Species only seen on the post tour extension.**Christmas Island Frigatebird***Fregata andrewsi*

We were fortunate to have superb views of one juvenile near Mabul Island.

Lesser Frigatebird*Fregata ariel*

We had great views of ten at Mabul Island.

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*

We were fortunate to find one near Mabul Island.

Rufous Night-Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*

Up to eight were seen on Mabul Island.

White-fronted Falconet (BE) *Microhierax latifrons*

During our last afternoon on the extension we enjoyed great scope views of one at Tawau Hill NP.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*

A flock of twenty-five was seen at sea off Mabul Island.

Lesser Crested Tern *Sterna bengalensis*

We enjoyed great views of one near Mabul Island.

Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana*

The most numerous tern in the area, at least thirty seen.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*

Small numbers were seen near Mabul Island.

Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata*

We had superb views of five including one juvenile.

Gray Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula pickeringii*

We were fortunate to find two on Mabul Island.

Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata*

We had superb scope views of one on Mabul Island.

Blue Rock-Thrush *Monticola solitarius*

We had stunning views of one male in full breeding plumage, of the chestnut-bellied *M. s. philippensis* subspecies, on Siamil Island.

Mangrove Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis rufigastra*

We had great views of a male on Siamil Island.

Mammals

Treeshrews *Tupaiaidae*

Common Tree-Shrew *Tupaia glis*

One was seen at Sukau.

Mountain Tree-Shrew *Tupaia montana*

One was seen at Mt. Kinabalu on our last morning there.

Bornean Smooth-tailed Tree-Shrew *Dendrogale melanura*

Three were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Great Apes *Pongidae*

Orangutan *Pongo pygmaeus*

We had great views of one daily at Danum Valley.

Monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Dusky Leaf Monkey *Presbytis obscura*

We had good views of three during the drive from Fraser's Hill to Taman Negara NP.

Banded Leaf Monkey	<i>Presbytis femoralis</i>
We had good views of eight at Fraser's Hill.	
Red Leaf Monkey	<i>Presbytis rubicunda</i>
This impressive monkey was seen in small troops daily at Danum Valley.	
Silvered Leaf Monkey	<i>Presbytis cristata</i>
This was commonly seen daily at Kuala Selangor where we found up to thirty at Taman Alam NR.	
Proboscis Monkey	<i>Nasalis larvatus</i>
Several troops including huge, pendulous-nosed males were seen at Sukau, totaling about eighty.	
Long-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>
Commonly seen at Kuala Selangor, Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara NP.	
Pig-tailed Macaque	<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>
One was seen en route to Danum Valley and a further one was seen very well near Sukau.	

Gibbons *Hylobatidae*

White-handed Gibbon	<i>Hylobates lar</i>
This species was heard calling daily at Taman Negara NP.	
Siamang	<i>Hylobates syndactylus</i>
We had great scope views of one adult on the Gap at Fraser's Hill. This is the largest of all the gibbons.	
Borneo Gibbon	<i>Hylobates muelleri</i>
We heard this species daily in Danum Valley and some of us were fortunate to have great views of two.	

Squirrels *Sciuridae*

Pale Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa affinis</i>
We had good views of one in Danum Valley.	
Black Giant Squirrel	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>
We had good views of one on the Gap at Fraser's Hill.	
Gray-bellied Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus caniceps</i>
Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara NP.	
Black-striped Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus nigrovittatus</i>
Several were seen in Taman Negara NP.	
Plantain Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus notatus</i>
We enjoyed good views of three at Taman Alam NR and a further two at Taman Negara NP.	
Bornean Black-banded Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus orestes</i>
Two were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.	
Prevost's Squirrel	<i>Callosciurus prevostii</i>
We had superb views of this striking mammal at both Danum Valley and Sukau.	
Himalayan Striped Squirrel	<i>Tamiops macclellandi</i>
Up to five were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.	
Three-striped Ground Squirrel	<i>Lariscus insignis</i>
We had fantastic views of one in Taman Negara NP.	
Low's Squirrel	<i>Sundasciurus lowii</i>
One was seen at Fraser's Hill.	
Jentink's Squirrel	<i>Sundasciurus jentinki</i>
Two were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.	

Slender Squirrel*Sundasciurus tenuis*

We had superb views of two in Taman Negara NP.

Red Giant Flying Squirrel*Petaurista petaurista*

We enjoyed outstanding views of this impressive squirrel during the night drive at Danum Valley.

Least (Common) Pygmy Squirrel*Exilisciurus exilis*

Three of these tiny squirrels were seen at Danum Valley.

Tufted (Plain) Pygmy Squirrel*Exilisciurus whiteheadi*

Two were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Martens, Weasels, Badgers & Otters *Mustelidae***Malayan Weasel***Mustela nudipes*

Some of us were fortunate to have superb views of one in Mt. Kinabalu NP.

Oriental Small-clawed Otter*Amblonyx cinereus*

Some participants saw four on the river at Danum Valley.

Civets & Mongooses *Viverridae***Malayan Civet***Viverra zibetha*

We enjoyed superb views of three during the night drive at Danum Valley.

Asian Palm Civet*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*

We had great views of one during the night drive at Kuala Selangor.

Binturong (Bear-Cat)*Arctictis binturong*

We enjoyed wonderful views of one during the night drive at Danum Valley. This is the largest of the civets. A very special animal to see in the wild!

Cats *Felidae***Leopard Cat***Prionailurus bengalensis*

We had superb views of two during the night boat cruise at Sukau.

Flat-headed Cat*Prionailurus planiceps*

One of these seldom seen cats was seen extremely well during the night boat cruise at Sukau.

Pigs *Suidae***Wild Boar***Sus scrofa*

We enjoyed good views of several during the boat trip down the Tembeling River en route to Taman Negara NP. Several were also seen daily in the park.

Bearded Pig*Sus barbatus*

Five were seen during a boat cruise at Sukau and a further one was seen crossing the road shortly after leaving Sukau.

Mouse-deer *Tragulidae***Lesser Mouse-Deer***Tragulus javanicus*

One was seen on two consecutive days at Taman Negara NP by some participants, later we all had superb views of one on the night drive at Danum Valley.

Deer Cervidae

Bornean Yellow Muntjac (Barking Deer) *Muntiacus atherodes*

One was seen by some participants and another heard at Danum Valley.

Sambar *Cervus unicolor*

We had good views of several at both Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Buffalo Bovidae

Water Buffalo *Bubalus bubalis*

Up to ten were seen on the Tembeling River en route to Taman Negara NP. Apparently there are no wild buffalo left in Peninsula Malaysia and these are probably feral.

Reptiles

Red-headed Krait *Bungarus flaviceps*

One was seen at Taman Negara NP during a boat trip up the Tahan River.

Reticulated Python *Python reticulatus*

We found two of these magnificent snakes during a boat trip at Sukau.

Mangrove Cat Snake *Boiga dendrophila*

We had good views of this beauty during a boat trip at Sukau.

Flying Lizard *Draco spp.*

We had good views of one in Taman Negara NP.

Crested Green Lizard

We found one in Taman Negara NP.

Terrapin sp.

We found one at a small stream en route from Danum Valley to Lahad Datu.

Clouded Monitor *Varanus bengalensis*

We found several in Taman Negara NP.

Water Monitor *Varanus salvator*

Small numbers were seen daily in Taman Negara NP.

Salt Water Crocodile *Crocodylus porosus*

We found a young one during our night boat cruise at Sukau.

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