



Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

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Voted Top 10 Birds:

1. Bornean Bristlehead
2. Black-headed Pitta
3. Whitehead's Broadbill
4. Asian Paradise-Flycatcher
5. Red-bearded Bee-eater
6. Chestnut-naped Forktail
7. Scarlet-rumped Trogon
8. Rhinoceros Hornbill
9. Long-tailed Broadbill
10. Crested Fireback

Tour Summary

Our incredible trip total of 415 bird species encountered in 19 days reflects the immense birding potential of Peninsula Malaysia & Borneo. Whilst the focus of our tour was certainly the rich assemblage of Bornean endemics and tropical Southeast Asian birds, we certainly did not neglect the amazing diversity of mammals that occur in the region and we recorded an astounding 54 species! Leaving the modern capital city of Kuala Lumpur, we began by travelling into the humid mangroves of western Peninsular Malaysia. We were greeted at our lodge by a troop of Silvered Langur Monkeys, and soon we were exploring a series of canal waterways and thick mangroves using a network of raised platforms and boardwalks. Here we were amazed by massive Malayan Water Monitors digging into the ground in search of walking fish called mudskippers, migrant Black-capped Kingfishers, Mangrove Whistler, Mangrove Blue-Flycatcher, Large-tailed Nightjar and the remarkable Draco flying lizard.

It was well worth enduring the heat, but soon we were ascending into the cooler mountain range of Fraser's Hill where we enjoyed daily excursions through the moist moss-laden forest that covers the mountainsides. The beautiful Jelai Waterfalls cascaded serenely before us during one of our morning hikes and we were fortunate to find such avian gems as the exquisitely colored Long-tailed Broadbill, Red-bearded Bee-eater, outrageous Sultan Tits with erect fire-yellow crests, Slaty-backed Forktail, Pygmy Wren-Babbler, Lesser Shortwing, a close encounter with the very secretive ground-dwelling Rusty-naped Pitta, Large Scimitar-Babbler, and Fire-tufted Barbet. One of the highlights for everyone came while trekking down the old Gap road before our search for Malayan Nightjar and Mountain Scops-Owl when the Siamang, the largest of the world's seven gibbon species, suddenly to our amazement swung through the canopy directly over our heads in typical hand-over-hand locomotion called brachiation. It was truly a privilege to observe first-hand the power and agility of this infrequently encountered species; it was certainly one of our finest memories from our explorations through this mountain wilderness.

Winding our way eastward out of the mountains and back into the diverse lowlands, we navigated the Tembeling River into the preserved depths of the vast Taman Negara park.

Here our forest cabins made a perfect base for us to explore our surroundings that literally teemed with fruiting and flowering tree attracting an abundance of hornbills, barbets, bulbuls, and spiderhunters. On a boating adventure through the swift rapids of the Tehan River we could hear the cries of White-handed Gibbons while giant Rhinoceros and Black Hornbills flew between the treetops overhead. Here we also encountered the secretive streamside-dwelling Chestnut-naped Forktail, found the endangered Blue-banded Kingfisher, encountered a flock of Straw-headed Bulbuls, and many of us had an encounter with a fishing Smooth River Otter. While hiking through the forested reserve we also found such gems as Red-naped Trogon, Blue-winged Pitta, Black-thighed Falconet, Crested Fireback, Great Slaty Woodpecker, outrageous Crested Partridge, Gold-whiskered Barbet, Whiskered Treeswift, Green Broadbill, and one morning we encountered the Orang Asli, indigenous hunter and gathering tribal people that still live a nomadic life inside this last extensive remaining Malayan wilderness.

We continued our travels, flying to the world's third largest island of Borneo in the western Pacific Ocean. Transferring from the capital city of Kota Kinabalu, we began birding the fabled Mount Kinabalu, a massive granite face standing at 4101 meters (13,455 feet). Over several days we explored the rich assemblage of trails and mountain streams littered with climbing bamboo and tree ferns, eye-catching trusses of multicolored flowers, and a treasure-trove of orchid diversity successfully finding the three sought-after Whiteheads Trio (trogon, broadbill, and spiderhunter), Bornean Treepie, Sunda Whistling-Thrush, White-crowned Forktail, Oriental Cuckoo, Eye-browed Jungle-Flycatcher, Bornean Stubtail, Mountain Black-eye, and other delights such as the Common Birdwing Butterfly and comical Whitehead's Pygmy Squirrel. While hiking through the lower forest portions of Poring Hot Springs we beheld over one of the world's most eye-catching wonders, a flowering Rafflesia, the largest single flower on earth.

Flying deeper into the wilds of Borneo to Lahat Datu we loaded into 4x4s traversing bumpy dirt tracks and river crossings into the primary forest of the Danum Valley Conservation Area. Our rainforest lodge, situated along the banks of the Segama River allowed us access to work our way through the diverse and often muddy trails finding such delights as the secretive Black-crowned Pitta, Bushy-crested Hornbill, Brown Wood-Owl, Black-and-yellow Broadbill, White-crowned and Rufous-tailed Shama, the magnificent Great Argus, Yellow-crowned Barbet, Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker, the very rare Chestnut-capped Thrush and phenomenal scope views of the amazing Bornean Bristlehead. Here we also encountered mammals such as the Bornean Gibbon, Sambar Deer, Colugo, Giant Red Flying Squirrel, Small-toothed Palm-Civet, Leopard Cat, and Slow Loris among others. A major attraction to this reserve is also the fantastic canopy walkway that allows unique access to the little-known canopy world of Borneo's rainforest lowlands, and here we found our first Orangutans, our first of several fantastic sightings. The word Orangutan means "man of the forest" in the Malay language, and we were extremely fortunate witness this creature in its natural habitat at such close range.

We then continued to the massive limestone Gomantong Caves where the valuable swiftlet's saliva nests have been collected for centuries in production of the treasured bird's nest soup. Here we witnessed the mass exodus of millions of bats into the evening sky while hasty Bat Hawks and Peregrine Falcons stooped into the masses and fluently picked off their evening meals. Inside the caves, impossibly long bamboo ladders stretched to the cave ceilings where we closely observed Black-nest, Mossy-nest, and Edible-nest Swiftlets

as well as several Large Flying Foxes overhead!

Our final destination was into the extensive mangrove forests of Sukau, and our river lodge was well positioned on along the Kinabatangan River allowing boat access to a maze of natural canals and winding waterways. With silent electric motors we were able to find an amazing variety of wildlife including troops of the bizarre Proboscis Monkey named for its exceptionally large fleshy nose, Lesser Adjutant, the endangered and localized Storm's Stork, Lesser and Gray-headed Fish-Eagle, Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Cinnamon-headed Pigeon, Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher, Dusky Broadbill, and the striking black and yellow Mangrove Cat-eyed Snake. In the evenings by lantern we were able to approach remarkably close to several roosting brilliant Blue-eared and Stork-billed Kingfishers and eye-catching pair of Black-and-red Broadbills, as well as enjoy encounters with several great Buffy Fish-Owls and a sizable Reticulated Python, the second largest snake in the world.

For a more detailed account of each species from this fantastic tour read on...

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

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

BIRDS (415 species)

Anhinga & Darter *Anhingidae*

Darter

Anhinga melanogaster

Peak numbers were recorded at Sukau with up to thirty birds sighted in a day.

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.

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns *Ardeidae*

Gray Heron

Ardea cinerea

Several were seen at Taman Alam Nature Reserve, Likas Bay, and Sukau.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

A few birds were seen in Taman Alam Reserve followed by good numbers both at Likas Bay and in Sukau.

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 one hundred and fifty at Sukau.

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

Several seen throughout the trip with peak numbers of fifteen birds 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 one thousand at a wetland site near Rawang.

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*

One dark-phase was seen at Likas Bay and later in Kota Kinabalu our final morning we observed both dark and light phased birds.

Chinese Pond-Heron *Ardeola bacchus*

Small numbers were encountered at Taman Alam NR, Taman Negara NP, Likas Bay, and Sukau.

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*

A large colony of at least five hundred individuals were seen near Rawang and small numbers were encountered at Sukau.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

We had magnificent scope views of several birds both at Ulu Yam and Likas Bay, as well as several birds on the night boat excursion at Sukau.

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

We enjoyed long flight views of two birds at Likas Bay.

Black Bittern *Dupetor flavicollis*

We were very fortunate to have two during the mangrove boat trip at Sukau and later one more during the night boat excursion.

Storks Ciconidae

Storm's Stork *Ciconia stormi*

We had good views of several at Sukau, our first of which was perched up along the roadside and several flight views thereafter including one that gave us an uninterrupted sighting as it rose on a thermal; an endangered and beautiful stork.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*

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

Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

A pair was seen by some participants at the wetland of Likas Bay.

Spoonbills Threskiornithidae

Spoonbill sp.

Several participants saw a spoonbill species flying over the bus outside of Kota Kinabalu. Unfortunately the guide did not see this bird to confirm its identity, but the only likely species would be the very rare endangered Black-faced Spoonbill.

Osprey *Pandionidae***Osprey***Pandion haliaetus*

Small numbers of these unique raptors, placed in their own family, were seen at several sites with our first views of a bird flying in front of our boat on the way to Taman Negara.

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

We enjoyed great scope views of sixteen of these beautiful raptors total on two occasions near Taman Alam NR.

Oriental Honey-buzzard*Pernis ptilorhynchus*

We enjoyed flight views of this species in good numbers throughout our time in Taman Alam and Fraser's Hill.

Bat Hawk*Macheiramphus alcinus*

We had superb views of three catching bats at the Gomantong Caves and a further sighting of one perched on a dead snag providing excellent scope views.

Black-shouldered Kite*Elanus caeruleus*

We had good views of three outside of Taman Alam NR and one more en route near Lahat Datu in Borneo.

Brahminy Kite*Haliastur indus*

We enjoyed superb sightings at Taman Alam NR where up to a dozen were seen with scattered sightings along coastal Borneo thereafter.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle*Haliaeetus leucogaster*

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

Lesser Fish-Eagle*Ichthyophaga humilis*

We had good views of two at Taman Negara and then several great sightings of perched and flying birds at Sukau.

Gray-headed Fish-Eagle*Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*

We were very lucky to find one flying over the Tehan River and a perched bird later at Sukau.

Crested Serpent-Eagle*Spilornis cheela*

This was the commonest raptor during the trip and we certainly enjoyed some outstanding views of this impressive bird, first sighted en route to Kuala Selangor.

Crested Goshawk*Accipiter trivirgatus*

We enjoyed several sightings including flight views at Taman Negara and several nesting pairs at Sukau.

Chinese Goshawk*Accipiter soloensis*

Some of us were fortunate to have scope views of this scarce migrant raptor while en route to Kuala Selangor.

Japanese Sparrowhawk*Accipiter gularis*

One participant spotted this compact raptor flying through the trees in Fraser's Hill.

Black Eagle*Ictinaetus malayensis*

We enjoyed great views of several at Fraser's Hill several more in Borneo including a remarkably close bird in flight in the Danum Valley.

Rufous-bellied Eagle*Hieraaetus kienerii*

We had several views of juvenile birds at Fraser's Hill and at Sukau.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle*Spizaetus cirrhatus*

Small numbers were seen at several sites including both dark and light phase individuals. Our first sighting was an adult dark-phase on the Tembling River.

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle*Spizaetus alboniger*

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

Wallace's Hawk-Eagle*Spizaetus nanus*

Some participants were able to photograph this species near our accommodation in the Danum Valley and later everyone enjoyed magnificent views of one at Sukau; a highly sought-after species.

Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae*

Black-thighed Falconet*Microhierax fringillarius*

Small numbers of this diminutive raptor were seen en route to Fraser's Hill and in Taman Negara.

White-fronted Falconet (BE)*Microhierax latifrons*

We were extremely fortunate to observe this species at length through the scope on the canopy walkway in the Danum Valley.

Oriental Hobby*Falco severus*

Several participants saw this species flying over a gap in the forest at Poring Hot Springs; this species was not seen by the guides.

Peregrine Falcon*Falco peregrinus*

We had views of one bird catching bats at the Gomantong Caves.

Pheasants & Partridges *Phasianidae*

Crimson-headed Partridge (BE)*Haematortyx sanguiniceps*

We all heard several calling at Mt. Kinabalu NP and some of us were very fortunate to see one crossing the trails at short distance.

Red-breasted Partridge (BE)*Arborophila hyperythra*

This species was heard calling at Mt. Kinabalu on several occasions, and those participants who ventured up the mountainside were fortunate to see two birds scurry off the trail and then break into flight.

Chestnut-necklaced Partridge*Arborophila charltonii*

This species was heard calling at Danum Valley and we had a simply mind-bogglingly cooperative bird walk in front of us in response to playback our final morning in Danum.

Crested Partridge*Rollulus rouloul*

We were wonderfully fortunate to have an unheard of seven encounters with this rarely recorded species! This is truly an outrageous bird with a bright orange tuft comically protruding from its head.

Ferruginous Partridge*Rollulus oculea*

We heard this species calling just off the side of the steep Gap road at Fraser's Hill, but the Siamangs swinging acrobatically above our heads rightfully distracted us. A fair trade off!

Red Junglefowl*Gallus gallus*

We enjoyed long looks at five individuals, both male and female, en route to Kuala Selangor.

Crested Fireback*Lophura ignita*

We had outstanding views of several beautiful males and more subtle females feeding near our cabins at Taman Negara NP and again in Danum.

Malayan Peacock-Pheasant*Polyplectron malacense*

We heard this retiring species daily while walking the trails in Taman Negara NP.

Great Argus*Argusianus argus*

The resounding cries of this pheasant are normally a dominant sound in the lowland rainforest at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley, however we heard only a single call throughout our stay at each location. Some of us were fortunate during a mid-day walk in Danum to have extended views of a phenomenal pair.

Buttonquail Turnicidae**Barred Buttonquail***Turnix suscitator*

This delightful bird was seen well in flight at Ulu Yam where we found at three birds.

Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae**White-breasted Waterhen***Amaurornis phoenicurus*

A fairly common species at most wetland, we had great views of this species thought the trip.

White-browed Crake*Porzana cinerea*

We had great scope views of three of these migrants at Likas Bay.

Purple Swamphen*Porphyrio porphyrio*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of two at a wetland near Rawang and 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 boat attempts to find this elusive species at Taman Negara, only one participant was able to catch fleeting views as this species scurried up the embankment and disappeared into the undergrowth of the Tehan River. .

Avocets & Stilts Recurvirostridae**White-headed Stilt***Himantopus leucocephalus*

About twenty-five individuals were observed on two occasions during our visits to Likas Bay.

Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

Two birds were seen briefly at Ulu Yam and then six individuals were observed from our boat on the Tembling River.

Pacific Golden-Plover

Pluvialis fulva

A small flock of ten was seen at Ulu Yam.

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

We found one of these migrants at Ulu Yam.

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae

Pintail Snipe

Gallinago stenura

We enjoyed great views of two at Ulu Yam.

Common Greenshank

Tringa nebularia

Several birds were seen and scoped at Likas Bay.

Wood Sandpiper

Tringa glareola

A total of fifteen were seen and scoped at Likas Bay.

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

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

Ruff

Philomachus pugnax

One bird seen flying over the wetland at Likas Bay.

Gulls Laridae

Black-headed Gull

Larus ridibundus

A flock of four 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

At least thirty 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

Good numbers were seen at most localities, especially palm-nut plantations.

Little Cuckoo-Dove

Macropygia ruficeps

This species was found in small numbers daily at Fraser's Hill and again on Mount Kinabalu.

Emerald Dove

Chalcophaps indica

Our first sighting was in Taman Negara NP where we had daily sightings and again in the Danum Valley.

Zebra Dove*Geopelia striata*

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

Little Green-Pigeon*Treron olax*

Twelve birds were scoped near our cabins in Taman Negara NP.

Pink-necked Green-Pigeon*Treron vernans*

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

Cinnamon-headed Pigeon*Treron fulvicollis*

We had extended views of a pair of this scarce species perched while watching Proboscis Monkeys in Sukau.

Thick-billed Pigeon*Treron curvirostra*

Our first sighting was of several in Taman Negara NP and again en route to Sukau.

Large Green-Pigeon*Treron capellei*

We had daily sightings and scope views of this stocky but beautiful pigeon in Taman Negara NP.

Yellow-vented Green-Pigeon*Treron siemundi*

We heard this species calling incessantly from a treetop, but only managed brief views as if flew out and over the ridge at Fraser's Hill.

Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon*Treron sphenura*

We had brief views of two birds flying overhead while walking down the Gap road at Fraser's Hill.

Green Imperial-Pigeon*Ducula aenea*

Small numbers were seen at Danum Valley and again in Sukau.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon*Ducula badia*

Peak numbers of ten were seen at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara.

Parrots, Macaws & Allies *Psittacidae*

Blue-rumped Parrot*Psittinus cyanurus*

We had daily encounters and scope views of several in Taman Negara NP.

Long-tailed Parakeet*Psittacula longicauda*

Small numbers were seen en route to Kuala Selangor and an estimate of one hundred birds were seen the following day.

Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot*Loriculus galgulus*

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

Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo*Clamator coromandus*

One was seen briefly in Taman Alam Reserve and the following day we all enjoyed prolonged scope views of this scarce migrant species.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo*Cuculus sparverioides*

Several were heard calling at Mt. Kinabalu and we had excellent views of one during a mid-day walk.

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo*Cuculus fugax*

A single bird flew into view allowing for excellent views while hiking up the side of Mt Kinabalu.

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*

We heard this species daily in Taman Alam NR and Danum Valley, and several participants were able to obtain sightings of this species.

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*

We heard this species calling daily at Mt Kinabalu and most participants were able to obtain good views.

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

We had views of several birds briefly throughout the tour and heard this species at almost all lowland sites during the tour.

Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus*

We encountered a single bird calling at the bottom of the Gap at Fraser's Hill that was later seen with persistence at close distance.

Note: We observed the rusty form of this species, sometimes split as Rusty-breasted Cuckoo. This split is not yet recognized by Clements.

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

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

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

The mournful notes of this cuckoo were a dominant sound in the rainforests in Taman Negara, Danum Valley and Sukau and we sighted this species on several occasions including scope views of a juvenile being fed by its host parents.

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea*

We had great views of several of these huge, noisy birds at Taman Alam NR, including spotted females.

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi*

We had our first sighting en route to Kuala Selangor and later we had small numbers at Taman Negara NP.

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus*

We had incredibly close views of a pair in Taman Alam NR and later a single bird at Sukau.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

We had great 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 one near Fraser's Hill and again 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, and thereafter we saw several at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Short-toed Coucal *Centropus rectunguis*

We heard this bird at the same sight daily in Danum Valley but despite playback attempts we were not able to get a view of this shy species.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

We heard the distinctive call of this species at most wetland sights and small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

One bird was seen first by some participants from the hotel in Kuala Lumpur and later some of us saw one while en route to Poring Hot Springs.

Typical Owls *Strigidae*

Reddish Scops-Owl

Otus rufescens

This species was heard calling in the Danum Valley, and some of us were fortunate to see a bird near our cabins.

Mountain Scops-Owl

Otus spilocephalus

Despite playback efforts, this bird was only heard calling at Fraser's Hill.

Buffy Fish-Owl

Ketupa ketupu

A magnificent bird and we were treated to superb views of several at Sukau during the night boat cruise.

Brown Wood-Owl

Strix leptogrammica

A juvenile was seen superbly well at Danum Valley by some of us while it was being mobbed by a host of other birds.

Collared Owlet

Glaucidium brodiei

We had extended scope views of one individual located by its diurnal call at Fraser's Hill.

Frogmouths *Podargidae*

Gould's Frogmouth

Batrachostomus auritus

Two were heard calling at Taman Negara NP, but we were unable to obtain views.

Nightjars & Allies *Caprimulgidae*

Malaysian Nightjar

Eurostopodus temminckii

One was seen near the Gap at Fraser's Hill; a very localized species.

Jungle Nightjar

Caprimulgus indicus

We had superb views of one perched on a pole two nights in a row at Fraser's Hill.

Large-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus macrurus

We had great views of several during a night walk at Kuala Selangor where we heard these birds calling incessantly near our cabins.

Swifts *Apodidae*

Glossy Swiftlet

Aerodramus esculenta

This species was encountered in good numbers at most sites.

Cave Swiftlet

Aerodramus linchi

Up to six 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 twenty-five 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 one during the boat trip down the Tembeling River *en route* to Taman Negara. Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara and Sukau, but our best sighting was several birds cruising over Poring hot Springs.

Asian Palm-Swift*Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Four birds were seen well flying over Likas Bay.

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, and again at scattered sites in Borneo.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae**Gray-rumped Treeswift***Hemiprogne longipennis*

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

Whiskered Treeswift*Hemiprogne longipennis*

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

Trogons Trogonidae**Red-naped Trogon***Harpactes kasumba*

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

Whitehead's Trogon (BE)*Harpactes whiteheadi*

We were very fortunate to first have outrageous views of a pair of this sought-after species, and later several participants enjoyed individual sightings on Mount Kinabalu.

Diard's Trogon*Harpactes diardii*

We found three superb birds at Danum Valley.

Cinnamon-rumped Trogon*Harpactes orrhophaeus*

We heard this species calling above us in the Danum Valley, but despite playback we were not able to lure it into view.

Scarlet-rumped Trogon*Harpactes duvaucelii*

We heard this species calling in Taman Negara and later we enjoyed magnificent views of several including two fine males in Sukau.

Red-headed Trogon*Harpactes erythrocephalus*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of several birds including several males at Fraser's Hill.

Orange-breasted Trogon*Harpactes oreskios*

This species was only heard en route to Taman Negara, probably because a Green Broadbill and Red-billed Malkoha flew into view and distracted us.

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

Three were seen while on the boats at Sukau.

Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting*

A few were seen along the Tehan River in Taman Negara and then up to ten were seen during our boat trips at Sukau including phenomenal views of several roosting birds at night.

Blue-banded Kingfisher *Alcedo euryzona*

We had phenomenal views of four of this endangered species while on the boats on the Tehan River in Taman Negara.

Rufous-banded Kingfisher *Alcedo rufidorsa*

Several of us during a mid-day walk enjoyed magnificent scope-views of this species. It was also seen in flight at Sukau.

Black-backed Kingfisher *Ceyx erithacus*

We heard this species in Taman Negara NP and then enjoyed incredible views of four birds on the boat in Sukau.

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of three individuals while walking the forest trails of Taman Negara.

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.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Fairly widespread in Peninsula Malaysia and we enjoyed great views of many perched on telephone lines during the drives and boat ride to Taman Negara NP.

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*

We had great scope views of several at Taman Alam NR with further sightings at Taman Negara.

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*

Five of these smart birds were seen at Taman Alam NR and up to thirty were seen at several places while driving through Borneo.

Bee-eaters *Meropidae*

Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus*

We enjoyed superb views of one on the Gap in Fraser's Hill and had incredible views of several at Danum Valley.

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

Our first sighting was of several en route to Taman Alam NR with further sightings of small numbers daily at Taman Negara NP and en route to Danum Valley.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

We enjoyed stunning scope views of up to ten at Taman Alam NP.

Rollers *Coraciidae*

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

Our first sighting was of one en route to Taman Alam NR with further sightings at many other sites.

Hornbills *Bucerotidae*

Oriental Pied-Hornbill

Anthracoceros albirostris

We enjoyed daily sighting in Taman Negara and later had further great views of several at Sukau.

Black Hornbill

Anthracoceros malayanus

A smart hornbill with significant sexual dimorphism, we observed good numbers during the trip with our best views of individuals on the Tehan River in Taman Negara and again at Sukau.

Rhinoceros Hornbill

Buceros rhinoceros

We enjoyed scattered sightings throughout our tour with magnificent scope views at Fraser Hill and further views at Taman Negara and Danum Valley.

Helmeted Hornbill

Buceros vigil

We heard this species calling on more than one occasion at Taman Negara NP and had brief views of one flying over our cabins.

Bushy-crested Hornbill

Anorrhinus galeritus

Our first sighting was of two during the boat trip to Taman Negara NP; thereafter we had scope views of nine individuals on two consecutive days in the Danum Valley.

White-crowned Hornbill

Aceros comatus

Some participants were fortunate to see a juvenile while walking along the road near our lodge in Danum Valley.

Wreathed Hornbill

Aceros undulates

A single bird was seen flying at a distance at Fraser's Hill.

Barbets *Capitonidae*

Golden-naped Barbet (BE)

Megalaima pulcherrima

Small numbers were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu, a beautiful species.

Fire-tufted Barbet

Psilopogon pyrolophus

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

Lineated Barbet

Megalaima lineata

We heard this species calling near our cabins at Taman Alam NR.

Gold-whiskered Barbet

Megalaima chrysopogon

Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill and later we all had magnificent scope views of several in Taman Negara NP.

Red-throated Barbet

Megalaima mystacophanos

We heard this species both at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara NP where we saw two birds, and later we had sightings in the Danum Valley.

Black-browed Barbet

Megalaima oorti

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

Yellow-crowned Barbet

Megalaima henricii

We had views of several in the Danum Valley including one very cooperative bird during one of the mid-day walks.

Blue-eared Barbet

Megalaima australis

We heard this bird in Taman Negara NP and later had sightings both at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Coppersmith Barbet

Megalaima haemacephala

We enjoyed fantastic views of two at Taman Negara.

Brown Barbet*Calorhamphus fuliginosus*

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

Woodpeckers Picidae**Speckled Piculet***Picumnus innominatus*

Some participants had outstanding views of one individual at Fraser's Hill.

Rufous Piculet*Sasia abnormis*

We had great success with this often-elusive species with a single bird on the Gap in Fraser's Hill and a total of five further birds at Danum Valley.

Sunda Woodpecker*Dendrocopos moluccensis*

We had great views of four in the mangroves at Taman Alam NR.

Gray-capped Woodpecker*Dendrocopos canicapillus*

One was seen from the canopy walkway at Danum Valley.

Rufous Woodpecker*Celeus brachyurus*

We had extended scope views of an individual at Fraser's Hill.

White-bellied Woodpecker*Dryocopus javensis*

We enjoyed scope views of one at Danum Valley.

Banded Woodpecker*Picus mineaceus*

We enjoyed great views of one while walking on the forest trails at Taman Negara NP.

Lesser Yellownape*Picus chlorolophus*

This species was seen once at the bottom of the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker*Picus puniceus*

Our first sighting was at Fraser's Hill with further sightings at Taman Negara NP and Mount Kinabalu.

Greater Yellownape*Picus flavinucha*

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

Checker-throated Woodpecker*Picus mentalis*

We enjoyed good views of two at Taman Negara NP.

Laced Woodpecker*Picus vittatus*

We had great views of two at Taman Alam NR from the mangrove boardwalk.

Common Flameback*Dinopium javanense*

We had good views of six birds total at Taman Alam NR.

Greater Flameback*Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

We had a single bird at Taman Alam Nature Reserve close to our cabins.

Bamboo Woodpecker*Gecinulus viridis*

We were fortunate to find a single bird at the bottom of the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Maroon Woodpecker*Blythipicus rubiginosus*

Our first views were from a close bird on the mid-day walk in Taman Negara NP, and later we enjoyed several sightings at Mt. Kinabalu.

Bay Woodpecker*Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

We had brief views of a single bird responding to playback at Fraser's Hill; a beautiful but often very elusive woodpecker.

Orange-backed Woodpecker*Reinwardtipicus validus*

We enjoyed great views of a female during the mid-day walk in Taman Negara NP and also had brief flight views of one on the Tehan River and a pair from the canopy walkway in Danum Valley.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker*Meiglyptes tristis*

Single birds were seen and scoped in Taman Negara NP, and we had further sightings in the Danum Valley.

Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki*

We enjoyed great views of several in Taman Negara NP and again at Sukau.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

We enjoyed awesome scope views of three in Taman Negara NP our first afternoon and later seven individuals during a morning forest walk. This is the world's second-largest extant woodpecker assuming that Ivory-billed has been rediscovered.

Gray-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus*

One was seen incredibly close during a mid-day walk at Taman Negara NP and later a pair was seen foraging from the boardwalk behind our cabins at Sukau.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae*

Whitehead's Broadbill (BE) *Calyptomena whiteheadi*

We had several encounters with this species at Mount Kinabalu; one of Asia's most sought-after and beautiful birds.

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus*

We had incredible views of several from our boat in Sukau responding to playback, and later we enjoyed this species from a distance of five meters on the boardwalk behind our cabins.

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.

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*

This species was seen very well both at Taman Negara and Danum Valley.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

We enjoyed good scope views of several at Taman Negara and again at Danum Valley.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

We enjoyed magnificent sightings of a single bird at Fraser's Hill, another absolutely stunning and uniquely Asian bird.

Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis*

We had stunning views several in Taman Negara NP, including scope views near the Tehan River.

Pittas *Pittidae*

Rusty-naped Pitta *Pitta oatesi*

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

Black-headed Pitta (NE) *Pitta ussheri*

We had superb views of several of this reclusive species at Danum Valley; an incredibly bright and beautiful species.

Giant Pitta *Pitta caerulea*

We pursued a bird at Poring Hot Springs that was calling but a poorly placed barbed-wire fence kept us from continuing further.

Blue-banded Pitta (BE) *Pitta arcuata*

We heard this species calling along the East Trail in Danum Valley, and despite efforts to corral this individual towards the group, the setting sun limited our time and we had to abandon our efforts to get back to the lodge before dark.

Garnet Pitta *Pitta granatina*

Near dusk some of us heard this species calling in Taman Negara and after playback we were rewarded with spectacular views.

Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta moluccensis*

We were able to hear this species calling daily at Taman Negara NP and most of us through a series of attempts were able to obtain views of this stunning bird. Some participants had further sightings of three in the Danum Valley.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

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

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

Large numbers seen almost daily throughout the tour.

Striated Swallow *Hirundo striolata*

We had good views of one bird at Taman Alam NR and later a pair on the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

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

Asian Martin *Delichon dasypus*

Two were seen from the airport in Sandakan chasing a Black Eagle.

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.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus novaeseelandiae*

We had good views of several en route to Kuala Selangor and again our final day in Borneo.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae*

Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina striata*

We had distant views of three birds during the boat trip down the Tembling River in Taman Negara NP.

Javan Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina javensis*

We enjoyed great views of up to fifteen at Fraser's Hill.

Sunda Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina larvata*

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

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*

We had good views of one at Taman Alam NR and several at Likas Bay.

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

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

Fiery Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus igneus</i>
Three were seen in Taman Negara from the Tehan River and later five were seen from the canopy walkway at Danum Valley.	
Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>
We enjoyed good views of at least six birds at Fraser's Hill.	
Gray-chinned Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>
We enjoyed great scope views of several at Fraser's Hill and again Mt. Kinabalu.	
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus picatus</i>
Up to ten were seen daily at Fraser's Hill mostly associating with mixed bird flocks.	
Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike	<i>Hemipus hirundinaceus</i>
We enjoyed great view of several in Taman Negara and a nesting bird near the lodge at Sukau.	

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

Straw-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus zeylanicus</i>
We enjoyed fantastic sightings of this endangered species along the Tehan River and later we had superb views of several near our cabins at Taman Negara NP.	
Black-and-white Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanoleucus</i>
An uncommon but attractive species, we enjoyed six total sightings at Taman Negara NP.	
Black-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus atriceps</i>
Up to fifteen were seen daily at Taman Negara NP, especially near a fruiting fig tree at the lodge.	
Black-crested Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus melanicterus</i>
Up to fifteen were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.	
Scaly-breasted Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus squamatus</i>
We enjoyed great views of several of these uncommon bulbuls with our first views from the fruiting tree near our loge in Taman Negara NP.	
Puff-backed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus eutilotus</i>
Our only sightings were of three at Danum Valley.	
Stripe-throated Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus finlaysoni</i>
Small numbers were seen near our lodge in Taman Negara NP.	
Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus goiavier</i>
The commonest bulbul and seen in good numbers throughout the tour.	
Olive-winged Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus plumosus</i>
Our first sightings were from Taman Negara NP with further sightings at the Danum Valley and Sukau.	
Flavescent Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus flavescentis</i>
We had a single bird on Mt. Kinabalu.	
Cream-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus simplex</i>
Small numbers of this species were seen in Taman Negara and again at Danum Valley.	
Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus brunneus</i>
Our first bird was scoped en route to Kuala Selangor with further sightings in the Danum Valley.	
Spectacled Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos</i>
Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and in the Danum Valley.	
Finsch's Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus finschii</i>

We had outstanding views of one at Taman Negara NP that responded to playback and allowed everyone scope views.

Ochraceous Bulbul*Alophoixus ochraceus*

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

Gray-cheeked Bulbul*Alophoixus bres*

Up to ten were seen daily in Taman Negara NP and smaller numbers were sighted in the Danum Valley.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul*Alophoixus phaeocephalus*

Small numbers of this attractive species were found both at Taman Negara NP and the Danum Valley.

Hairy-backed Bulbul*Tricholestes criniger*

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

Buff-vented Bulbul*Iole olivacea*

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

Streaked Bulbul*Ixos malaccensis*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP, especially in the fruiting fig tree near the lodge.

Ashy Bulbul*Hemixos flavala*

Good numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill and in Taman Negara.

Mountain Bulbul*Ixos mccllellandii*

Up to ten 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*

Several birds were seen at Mount Kinabalu and in the Danum Valley.

Blue-winged Leafbird*Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill, Taman Negara, and in the Danum Valley.

Orange-bellied Leafbird*Chloropsis hardwickii*

Eight birds were seen in total at Fraser's Hill, including several stunning males.

Ioras *Aegithinidae*

Common Iora*Aegithina tiphia*

We had good views of two at both Taman Alam NR and Poring Hot Springs.

Green Iora*Aegithina viridissima*

Small numbers were seen daily at Danum Valley.

Thrushes *Turdidae*

Sunda Whistling-Thrush*Myophonus glaucinus*

We enjoyed several sightings of this retiring species at Mt. Kinabalu.

Chestnut-capped Thrush*Zoothera interpres*

During an afternoon walk in the Danum Valley, several participants were very fortunate to catch a view of this bird as it flew in front of us and perched briefly; a very rarely encountered species.

Orange-headed Thrush*Zoothera citrina*

A single bird was seen by some participants at Fraser's Hill.

Siberian Thrush*Zoothera sibirica*

We had superb views of several stunning males at Fraser's Hill; an uncommon migrant.

Lesser Shortwing*Brachypteryx leucophrys*

Two were seen remarkably well responding to playback at Fraser's Hill.

White-browed Shortwing*Brachypteryx montana*

Several participants had sightings of this retiring species at Mt. Kinabalu.

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

Two were seen well at Ulu Yam.

Yellow-bellied Prinia*Prinia flaviventris*

We had our first views at Taman Alam NR and later several at Likas Bay.

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

We heard this species calling on Mt. Kinabalu and the following day some of us were very fortunate to have good views of a single bird just off the forest trail.

Sunda Bush-Warbler*Cettia vulcania*

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

Oriental Reed-Warbler*Acrocephalus orientalis*

One was seen at Likas Bay.

Mountain Tailorbird*Orthotomus cuculatus*

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

Common Tailorbird*Orthotomus sutorius*

Several were seen en route to Taman Alam NR and several more were sighted in Taman Negara NP.

Dark-necked Tailorbird*Orthotomus atrogularis*

Four birds 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 two birds in Taman Negara and one more at Danum Valley.

Ashy Tailorbird*Orthotomus ruficeps*

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

Yellow-browed Warbler*Phylloscopus inornatus*

We had several views of this species along the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Arctic Warbler*Phylloscopus borealis*

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

Eastern Crowned Leaf-Warbler*Phylloscopus coronatus*

Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Mountain Warbler*Phylloscopus trivirgatus*

Three were seen at Fraser's Hill including one very cooperative individual feeding on insects attracted to the hotel lights and one was later seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*

We had good views of six individuals including a pair at a nest at 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 fifteen in a single day.

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*

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

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*

We had good views of six birds total at Likas Bay.

Old World Flycatchers *Sylviidae*

Gray-chested Jungle-Flycatcher *Rhinomyias umbratilis*

We were very fortunate to call in this secretive little flycatcher with playback of its song allowing for superb views of a single bird.

Eyebrowed Jungle-Flycatcher *Rhinomyias gularis*

We had incredible cooperative birds views of several at Mt. Kinabalu.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

Small numbers of this migrant species were seen throughout the trip.

Ferruginous Flycatcher *Muscicapa ferruginea*

We had incredible scope views of this scarce migrant while walking down the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Gray-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa grisesticta*

We had scope views of this rarely recorded migrant in Borneo while birding from the road in the Danum Valley.

Yellow-rumped Flycatcher *Ficedula zanthopygia*

We had two separate sightings of this attractive migrant species in Taman Negara NP, both during mid-day walks.

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*

We enjoyed superb sightings of several stunning males and more subtle females both at Fraser's Hill and again at Mt. Kinabalu.

Narcissus Flycatcher *Ficedula narcissina*

Some of us were fortunate to have close views of a single bird at the rubbish dump in Fraser's Hill. This was originally called a Yellow-rumped Flycatcher in the field, but upon inspection in the field guide the yellow brow and extensive white on the wing is diagnostic.

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

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*

A pair was seen at close distance while ascending Mt. Kinabalu.

Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula solitaries*

Two individuals were seen at Fraser's Hill, a very attractive but shy forest flycatcher.

Rufous-chested Flycatcher *Ficedula dumetoria*

Some of us observed three individuals crossing the forest trail in Taman Negara through the undergrowth; everyone was not able to see this species because we were distracted by the Crested Partridges scurrying across the trail.

- Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni*
Small numbers were seen daily at both Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.
- Blue-and-white Flycatcher** *Cyanoptila cyanomelana*
Some participants observed a single bird at Fraser's Hill and later everyone enjoyed scope views of several birds at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassina*
Five birds were seen at Fraser's Hill, always perched conspicuously on a tall exposed perch.
- Large Niltava** *Niltava grandis*
This species was only heard along the forest trails at Fraser's Hill.
- Indigo Flycatcher** *Eumyias indigo*
Up to six of these beauties were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Pale Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis unicolor*
One was seen in the Danum Valley mobbing a juvenile Brown Wood-Owl.
- Hill Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis banyumas*
This species was heard only one afternoon while walking down the Gap at Fraser's Hill. This was somehow left off of our original checklist.
- Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis turcosus*
We heard this species in Danum Valley and later enjoyed great views of a pair near our lodge in Sukau.
- Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis turcosus*
We had three separate sightings of this species in Taman Negara NP including a very confiding individual in the riverine scrub behind our cabins.
- Mangrove Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis rufigastra*
We were lucky to find one individual responding to playback in the mangroves of Taman Alam NR and we had excellent scope views.
- Large-billed Blue-Flycatcher (BE)** *Cyornis caerulatus*
We heard one bird singing at Danum Valley and called it very briefly into view with playback before a calling Bornean Bristlehead distracted us away!
- Gray-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
One bird was seen at Fraser's Hill visiting a fruiting tree and later four birds were seen well in Danum Valley.
- Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis*
Seen on most days 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 in the scope at Danum Valley where we recorded five individuals.
- White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus*
We had stunning views of several at Taman Negara NP.
- Rufous-tailed Shama** *Trichixos pyrropyga*
We had one bird briefly from the canopy walkway in Danum Valley and later that afternoon we called in a stunning male that sat directly above our heads singing for several minutes.
- White-tailed Robin** *Cinclidium leucurum*
Many of us had good views of a single individual along the forested trails of Fraser's Hill; a skulky bird.
- Chestnut-naped Forktail** *Enicurus ruficapillus*

After battling with an uncooperative bird on a forest trail, we had simply incredible ten minute views of this species from our boats on the Tehan River in Taman Negara and later another bird on a stream in the Danum Valley.

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti*

As a group we enjoyed a total of thirteen sightings of this beautiful bird during our stay at Mt. Kinabalu.

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

We had stunning views of one at the Jelai Waterfall of Fraser's Hill.

Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*

We found one male in the grasslands of Ulu Yam.

Fantails *Rhipiduridae*

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Small numbers were seen daily at both Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu where we found an individual on the nest.

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

We had good views of five at Taman Alam NR and small numbers thereafter at Taman Negara, Danum Valley, and Sukau.

Spotted Fantail *Rhipidura perlata*

One bird was seen very well in a mixed forest flock in Danum Valley.

Monarch Flycatchers *Monarchidae*

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

We enjoyed several sightings daily at both in Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley, however our best sighting was superb views of several stunning males at Sukau along the mangrove canals.

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 several white phase males bathing along the mangrove canals in Sukau.

Whistlers & Allies *Pachycephalidae*

Bornean Whistler (BE) *Pachycephala hypoxantha*

We enjoyed close sightings of up to sight daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala grisola*

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

Babblers *Timaliidae*

Black Laughingthrush *Garrulax lugubris*

We enjoyed great scope views of three on the Gap at Fraser's Hill and later had two of a distinctive race on Mt. Kinabalu.

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 up to six daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*

Heard on two occasions and some of us had excellent views of six at Fraser's Hill.

White-chested Babbler *Trichastoma rastratum*

We enjoyed superb views of three at Taman Negara and later several at Danum Valley and incredible views of at least six along the mangrove canals in Sukau.

Ferruginous Babbler *Trichastoma bicolor*

We had nice views of two birds calling in the Danum Valley.

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*

Five were seen very well at Taman Negara NP, a loud distinctive call.

Temminck's Babbler *Pellorneum pyrrogenys*

We first heard this species and later many of us had good views of several birds on Mt. Kinabalu.

Horsfield's Babbler *Malacocincla sepiarium*

We enjoyed great views of one bird at Taman Negara responding to playback.

Short-tailed Babbler *Malacocincla malaccensis*

We enjoyed incredible views of this secretive undergrowth-loving babbler on two consecutive days on the boardwalk behind our lodge in Sukau.

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli*

We had good views of two birds along the Gap road at Fraser's Hill.

Black-capped Babbler *Pellorneum capistratum*

After several brief views in Taman Negara NP we had an outstanding sighting of one cooperative individual at close range on the boardwalk in Sukau.

Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron magnirostre*

Three birds were seen very well in Taman Negara NP and later five birds in the Danum Valley.

Sooty-capped Babbler *Malacopteron affine*

Several were seen well at Taman Negara with further sightings in a mixed flock in the Danum Valley.

Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum*

Small numbers were seen in Taman Negara NP with great sightings while birding along the road in the Danum Valley.

Rufous-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron magnum*

A total of five cooperative birds were seen on two occasions in the Danum Valley.

Large Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*

We managed to coax a calling pair briefly into view at Fraser's Hill.

Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler *Malacopteron magnum*

We had two sightings of this species once calling on the Gap at Fraser's Hill and again in the Danum Valley.

Mountain Wren-Babbler (BE) *Napothera crassa*

On Mt. Kinabalu we had fleeting views of two very vocal birds in the undergrowth and later one bird perched cooperatively in the middle of the trail for several of us to observe at length.

Striped Wren-Babbler *Kenopia striata*

We had fantastic views of this species responding to playback on the river trail at Danum Valley.

Large Wren-Babbler *Napothera macrodactyla*

We heard this species calling along a forest trail in Taman Negara NP but were not able to obtain views.

Marbled Wren-Babbler *Napothera marmorata*

We heard this species on two occasions along the Gap road but the mountainside was unfortunately too steep for views.

Streaked Wren-Babbler *Napothera brevicaudata*

With the aid of playback we had incredible views of this tiny gem in Fraser's Hill.

Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*

The mid-day walking group at Fraser's Hill saw this species at point blank range as it responded to playback.

Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyris rufifrons*

We had good views of two at the bottom of the Gap in Fraser's Hill.

Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*

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

Gray-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*

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

Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis*

Everyone heard this species from the boardwalk at Sukau and several of us had good views of two birds.

Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata*

This canopy-dwelling species was heard both at Taman Negara and Danum Valley, but views were difficult.

Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera*

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

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*

We had superb views of several at the bottom of Fraser's Hill, Taman Alam NR, and Sukau.

Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler *Macronous ptilosus*

One day in the Danum Valley we enjoyed views of twelve of these striking birds.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argenteauris*

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 several at Fraser's Hill and later further sightings at Mt. Kinabalu.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotus*

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

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*

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

Brown Fulvetta *Alcippe brunneicauda*

Three birds were seen in total in the Danum Valley, a sweet song making up for its admittedly plain appearance.

Mountain Fulvetta *Alcippe peracensis*

Up to fifteen were seen daily at Fraser's Hill associating with mixed species flocks.

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides*

Up to twenty were seen daily at Fraser's Hill in small flocks.

White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca*

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

Chestnut-crested Yuhina (BE) *Yuhina everetti*

Up to thirty of this Bornean endemic were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Thornbills & Allies *Acanthizidae*

Golden-bellied Gerygone [Flyeater]

Gerygone sulphurea

Six were seen in the mangroves while walking the boardwalk at Taman Alam NR.

Chickadees & Tits *Paridae*

Great Tit

Parus major

We found four in the mangroves at Taman Alam NR.

Sultan Tit

Melanochlora sultanea

We encountered three of these stunning, giant tits at Fraser's Hill, and later had scope views of another adult at Taman Negara NP.

Nuthatches *Sittidae*

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

Sitta frontalis

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

Blue Nuthatch

Sitta azurea

What a bird! We enjoyed two one sighting on consecutive days at Fraser's Hill.

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird

Chalcoparia singalensis

Several were seen at Taman Alam NR and later two in the Danum Valley.

Plain-throated Sunbird

Anthreptes malacensis

We first encountered up to ten birds at Taman Alam NR with smaller numbers thereafter throughout the tour at various locations.

Red-throated Sunbird

Anthreptes malacensis

We had prolonged views of one male and female in the scope at Taman Negara NP and later encountered another pair in the Danum Valley.

Purple-naped Sunbird

Hypogramma hypogrammicum

We had good views of several birds Taman Negara NP and incredible views of another three birds at Danum Valley.

Purple-throated Sunbird

Leptocoma sperata

Some of us had views of one en route to Sukau and others saw one more near our cabins at Sukau.

Olive-backed Sunbird

Cinnyris jugularis

We had good views of three at Taman Alam NR followed by scattered sightings thereafter in lowland sites during the tour.

Black-throated Sunbird

Aethopyga saturata

We found up to five daily at Fraser's Hill including several stunning males.

Crimson Sunbird

Aethopyga siparaja

After a brief sighting earlier in the tour, we had great scope views of two at Poring Hot Springs.

Temminck's Sunbird

Aethopyga temminckii

This is another beautiful species of which we saw one en route to Taman Negara and later up to five daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Whitehead's Spiderhunter (BE)*Arachnothera juliae*

Some of us were fortunate to see one individual coming into a flowering epiphyte at Mt. Kinabalu.

Thick-billed Spiderhunter*Arachnothera flavigaster*

One bird was seen very well on two consecutive days visiting a flowering tree near our cabins in Danum Valley.

Spectacled Spiderhunter*Arachnothera flavigaster*

Two were seen well at Taman Negara NP and small numbers daily at Danum Valley.

Long-billed Spiderhunter*Arachnothera robusta*

Good numbers were seen visiting the flowering plants in the gardens of Taman Negara NP near our cabins and further sightings were enjoyed in Danum Valley.

Little Spiderhunter*Arachnothera longirostra*

We had numerous sightings of this quick species Danum Valley and Sukau, including several individuals in the scope.

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter*Arachnothera chrysogenys*

We enjoyed superb views of a single bird at Danum Valley visiting a flowering tree near our cabins.

Gray-breasted Spiderhunter*Arachnothera modesta*

One bird was seen very well in Taman Negara NP with several more sightings in the Danum Valley.

Streaked Spiderhunter*Arachnothera magna*

Up to ten were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and we had close views of several of these.

Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae*

Black-sided Flowerpecker (BE)*Dicaeum monticolum*

A total of eight were observed at Mt. Kinabalu, the male of which is very attractive.

Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker (NE)*Prionochilus xanthopygius*

We enjoyed incredible views of one daily at Danum Valley visiting a flowering tree near our cabins.

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker*Prionochilus maculates*

One was scoped en route to Taman Negara and further sightings were had in the Danum Valley including several birds flitting inside the roadside ginger.

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker*Prionochilus percussus*

Two birds were seen particularly well feeding in a flowering shrub in Taman Negara NP.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker*Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

A total of five were seen very well feeding in a flowering tree near the boat dock along the Tembling River before we began the journey to Taman Negara NP.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker*Dicaeum trigonostigma*

Small numbers were seen at several sites including Fraser's Hill, Mt. Kinabalu, and Danum Valley.

Plain Flowerpecker*Dicaeum concolor*

We had good views of one individual through the scope at Taman Negara.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker*Dicaeum ignipectus*

Five were seen in total at Fraser's Hill including several males.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker*Dicaeum cruentatum*

One male was seen en route to Taman Negara NP.

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

Up to fifteen were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Oriental White-eye*Zosterops palpebrosus*

A total of five were seen at Taman Alam NR.

Everett's White-eye*Zosterops everetti*

A total of ten birds were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Mountain Black-eye (BE)*Chlorocharis emiliae*

We had superb views of an estimated fifteen birds while ascending the slopes of 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 including one superb male from the canopy walkway.

Black-naped Oriole*Oriolus chinensis*

Up to ten were seen at Taman Alam NR and small numbers at scattered sites throughout the tour thereafter.

Black-and-crimson Oriole*Oriolus cruentus*

Up to five 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 up to ten daily in Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.

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

We found one adult at the bottom of the Gap at Fraser's Hill, and later a single juvenile of which we had prolonged scope views.

Brown Shrike*Lanius cristatus*

We had good views of small numbers en route to Kuala Selangor, at Ulu Yam, and scattered open sites in Borneo.

Helmetsrikes & Allies Prionopidae**Large Woodshrike***Tephrodornis gularis*

Some of us had brief views of one in the Danum Valley, although only a few participants were able to record this species.

Maroon-breasted Philentoma*Philentoma velatum*

Two were seen well in the Danum Valley, a lovely sub-canopy species.

Rufous-winged Philentoma *Philentoma pyrhopterum*

A single male was seen by some participants in Taman Negara NP.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

We found one 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 with one further sighting in Taman Negara.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

Up to ten were seen daily at Fraser's Hill with dazzlingly long projecting tail feathers.

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*

We had good views of several at Mt. Kinabalu both in mixed flocks and sallying insects near our lodge.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

A single bird was seen en route to Kuala Selangor and later up to ten birds were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and several at Danum Valley. A very impressive bird indeed!

Woodswallows *Artamidae*

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorynchus*

We enjoyed good views of five birds at Mt. Kinabalu followed by sightings en route to Poring Hot Springs and several birds near Likas Bay.

Bristlehead *Pityriasis*

Bornean Bristlehead (BE) *Pityriasis gymnocephala*

While some of us were watching a Black-headed Pitta, others found a single bird briefly perched at the top of a tree over the road during our first full day in the Danum Valley. Fortunately, the following day everyone enjoyed an unprecedented ten full minutes with this remarkable species and crippling scope views of a four stunning individuals. Voted number one bird of the tour by participants, a monotypic family, and probably the most sought-after endemic of Borneo!

Crows, Jays & Magpies *Corvidae*

Crested Jay *Platylophus galericulatus*

We had glimpses of this spectacular species as a pair called incessantly around us in a mixed flock on the forest trails 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 fifteen daily.

Short-tailed Magpie *Cissa thalassina*

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

Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*

A single bird was seen extremely well by all as it fed on insects on morning near the hotel lights in Fraser's Hill.

House Crow*Corvus splendens*

Up to fifty were seen on the first day during the drive from Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Selangor and again in route the following day.

Slender-billed Crow*Corvus enca*

Small numbers were seen daily at Danum Valley and Sukau.

Large-billed Crow*Corvus macrorhynchos*

Small numbers were seen first at Taman Alam NR and throughout the tour at scattered locations.

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 good numbers at Danum Valley and Poring Hot Springs.

Common Hill Myna*Gracula religiosa*

Up to ten were seen our first day en route to Kuala Selangor with further sightings at Taman Negara NP.

Crested Myna*Acridotheres cristatellus*

We saw five birds from the airport at Kota Kinabalu and one en route from Sukau.

Javan Myna*Acridotheres javanicus*

Up to fifty were seen at around Kuala Selangor.

Jungle Myna*Acridotheres fuscus*

We had backlit views of one on the Tembeling River en route to Taman Negara NP.

Common Myna*Acridotheres tristis*

Small numbers were seen around Kuala Selangor, en route to Fraser's Hill, and near the lodge at Taman Negara NP.

Daurian Starling*Sturnia sturnia*

We had flight views of two birds at Likas Bay.

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*

About five were seen at a petrol stop departing Taman Negara including a male building its nest.

Waxbills & Allies *Estrildidae***Dusky Munia (BE)***Lonchura fuscans*

A few birds were first observed at poring Hot Springs and later up to twenty individuals were seen daily at Danum Valley and near Sukau.

White-rumped Munia*Lonchura striata*

Three birds were seen near the waterfall at Fraser's Hill.

White-headed Munia*Lonchura maja*

A total of six of these stunning birds were seen near our accommodation at Kuala Selangor and two more were scoped at a wetland near Rawang.

Nutmeg Mannikin*Lonchura punctulata*

Thirteen were seen near Taman Alam NR and later we had scattered sightings in the lowlands near Taman Negara.

Chestnut Munia*Lonchura atricapilla*

Large numbers were seen near the Danum Valley, Sukau, and the surrounding areas of Likas Bay.

Mammals (54 species)**Treeshrews Tupaiidae****Common Tree-Shrew***Tupaia glis*

A total of seven of this quick animals were seen in the Danum Valley.

Pygmy Tree-Shrew*Tupaia minor*

A single animal was seen by some of us in Taman Negara NP.

Mountain Tree-Shrew*Tupaia montana*

Several were observed on Mt. Kinabalu.

Bornean Smooth-tailed Tree-Shrew*Dendrogale melanura*

Two were seen on the forested trails of Mt. Kinabalu.

Great Apes Pongidae**Orangutan***Pongo pygmaeus*

First we had amazing scope views of three individuals from the canopy walkway in the Danum Valley including a mother with an infant. Everyone was able to observe these remarkable creatures at length through the scope. Later while walking on the forested trails we startled (and were startled by!) a massive male clinging to the trunk of a low tree. At first it was alarmed and making threat gestures but it quickly calmed down allowing for remarkably close observation and photography.

Monkeys Cercopithecidae**Dusky Leaf Monkey***Presbytis obscura*

Some of us had good views of about ten individuals inside Taman Negara NP.

Banded Leaf Monkey*Presbytis femoralis*

We had great scope views of eight near our hotel in Fraser's Hill and later had a close encounter with another three individuals.

Red Leaf Monkey*Presbytis rubicunda*

This impressive monkey was seen in small troops daily at Danum Valley.

Silvered Leaf Monkey*Presbytis cristata*

This was commonly seen daily at Kuala Selangor where we found up to twenty at Taman Alam NR and smaller numbers near our cabins in Sukau.

Proboscis Monkey*Nasalis larvatus*

Several troops perhaps totaling close to forty animals including huge, pendulous-nosed males were seen at Sukau.

Long-tailed Macaque*Macaca fascicularis*

Commonly seen at Kuala Selangor, Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara NP, and the Danum Valley.

Pig-tailed Macaque*Macaca nemestrina*

One was seen while birding on the road in the Danum Valley and later we approached in our boat to within a few feet of a troop of several females with tiny babies and a huge dominant male.

Gibbons *Hylobatidae***White-handed Gibbon***Hylobates lar*

This species was heard calling daily at Taman Negara NP, an outrageous sound!

Siamang*Hylobates syndactylus*

We first heard this species calling while birding the dump site at Fraser's Hill, and later that afternoon we had incredible views of three individuals swinging above our heads on the Gap. This is the largest of all the gibbons.

Borneo Gibbon*Hylobates muelleri*

We heard this species daily in Danum Valley and we enjoyed magnificent scope views of several from our cabins along the river and later watched an extremely agile pair perform some amazing leaps and drops through the canopy.

Squirrels *Sciuridae***Black Giant Squirrel***Ratufa bicolor*

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

Gray-bellied Squirrel*Callosciurus caniceps*

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

Black-banded Squirrel*Callosciurus nigrovittatus*

Several were seen in Taman Negara NP.

Plantain Squirrel*Callosciurus notatus*

We enjoyed good views of four at Taman Alam NR and another dozen at Taman Negara NP.

Bornean Black-banded Squirrel*Callosciurus orestes*

Several were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Kinabalu Squirrel*Callosciurus baluensis*

We enjoyed a single sighting of this attractive species at Mt. Kinaablu.

Prevost's Squirrel*Callosciurus prevostii*

We had superb views of this striking mammal at both Danum Valley and Sukau.

Himalayan Striped Squirrel*Tamiops macclellandi*

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

Three-striped Ground Squirrel*Lariscus insignis*

We had good views of two in Taman Negara NP.

Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel*Dremomys everetti*

We had a total of five sightings on Mt. Kinabalu.

Low's (Mountain Red-bellied) Squirrel*Sundasciurus lowii*

Two were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Horse-tailed Squirrel *Sundasciurus hippurus*

One was seen well in Taman Negara NP.

Brook's Squirrel *Sundasciurus brookei*

Two were seen well feeding near a fruiting epiphyte at Mt. Kinabalu.

Jentink's Squirrel *Sundasciurus jentinki*

Two were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Slender Squirrel *Sundasciurus tenuis*

We had superb views of several in Taman Negara NP and one at Fraser's Hill.

Red Giant Flying Squirrel *Petaurista petaurista*

We enjoyed outstanding views of this impressive squirrel during the night drive at Danum Valley. This animal has a distinctive dark tip to the tail.

Thomas's Flying Squirrel *Aeromys thomasi*

We had good views of this species during the night drive in Danum Valley. This animal has a distinctive red tip to the tail.

Least (Common) Pygmy Squirrel *Exilisciurus exilis*

Two of these tiny squirrels were seen at Danum Valley with one further close sighting on the boardwalk in Sukau.

Tufted (Plain) Pygmy Squirrel *Exilisciurus whiteheadi*

Several of this comical and bizarre-looking species were seen along the forested trails at Mt. Kinabalu.

Rats and Mice *Muridae*

Brown Rat *Rattus norvegicus*

This species was seen by some of us on several occasions at Mt. Kinabalu.

Porcupines *Erethizontidae*

Malayan Porcupine *Hystrix brachyura*

This species was sighted at close distance by some of us during a night walk in Taman Negara NP.

Martens, Weasels, Badgers & Otters *Mustelidae*

Smooth-coated Otter *Lutrogale perspicillata*

This species was sighted along the Tehan River on three occasions, one of which an individual had caught a fair sized fish, and another where at least fifteen individuals were swimming through the rapids.

Oriental Small-clawed Otter *Amblonyx cinereus*

We all had incredible views of seven individuals as we watched for at least ten minutes from our boats in Sukau.

Yellow-throated Martin *Martes flavigula*

Some participants were fortunate to see a single individual scurry in front of them on the forest trails of Taman Negara NP.

Fruit-eating Bats *Pteropididae*

Large Flying Fox*Pteropus vampyrus*

A total of fifteen of these oversized bats were seen in the vicinity of the Gomantong Caves and at Sukau.

Lorises *Loridae***Slow Loris***Nycticebus coucang*

We had incredible views at close-range of this sought-after species during our night drive in the Danum Valley.

Civets & Mongooses *Viverridae***Malayan Flying Lemur (Colugo)***Cynocephalus variegatus*

We were extremely fortunate to see not only one during our night drive at Danum Valley, but also a second individual spotlighted from our boat during a night excursion in Sukau.

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

We had brief views of one animal 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 that walked through the spotlight for a full thirty seconds.

Small-toothed Palm Civet*Arctogalidia trivirgata*

We had long looks at this species spotlighted moving high in a tree during our night drive in the Danum Valley.

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

Several of us were fortunate to have incredible looks at a splendid adult that slowly walked up the embankment no more than four meters from the side of our car.

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

We enjoyed good views of several feeding near our cabins in Taman Negara NP.

Bearded Pig*Sus barbatus*

A single animal was observed at length visiting the rubbish area outside the kitchen in Danum Valley.

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

One was seen by some participants along the forested trails of Taman Negara NP.

Greater Mouse-Deer*Tragulus javanicus*

A single animal was seen on more than one occasion as it fed beneath a massive fruiting

fig tree in the Danum Valley. At one point this animal even ran through the middle of our group during a mid-day walk!

Deer Cervidae

Bornean Yellow Muntjac (Barking Deer) *Muntiacus atherodes*

One was seen by some participants on Mt. Kinablaw.

Indian Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*

Several were seen along the forested trails and coming to drink in the evening at the hides in Taman Negara NP.

Sambar *Cervus unicolor*

Several of us had great views of one individual from our cabins in the Danum Valley and later during our night drive we had brief views of a second animal.

Buffalo Bovidae

Water Buffalo *Bubalus bubalis*

Up to six 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

Banded Coral Snake *Maticora intestinalis*

One was seen very well at Taman Negara NP after it was caught to show all of the participants.

Reticulated Python *Python reticulatus*

We found two of these magnificent snakes during a boat trip at Sukau, the longest recorded snake in the world!

Burmese Python *Python molurus*

Many of us had good looks at a juvenile of this species one evening on the sidewalk to our cabins.

Mangrove Cat-eyed Snake *Boiga dendrophila*

We had excellent views of this beauty during a boat trip at Sukau and also another individual caught by a visiting herpetologist.

Indochinese Spitting-Cobra *Naja sputatrix*

We found a dead individual on the roadside en route to the Danum Valley and handled it for closer inspection.

Blue Egg-eating Snake sp.

We found a dead individual on the side of the road at the bottom of the Gap at Fraser's Hill; unfortunately even after we talked to a herpetologist we were still not sure of its identification.

Flying Lizard *Draco spp.*

We had good views of several in Taman Alam NR and Taman Negara NP.

Crested Green Lizard

We found one at Ulu Yam speared through a thorn by a Brown Shrike and later a much healthier individual in the Danum Valley.

Forest Crested Lizard *Calotes emma*

We encountered a single individual near the site where we found the big male

Orangutan in Danum Valley.

Oriental Gecko sp.

We found dozens of these lizards attracted to insects near house lights, representatives from several species, at virtually every location throughout the tour.

Clouded Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

We found several in Taman Alam Nature Reserve and again in Taman Negara NP.

Water Monitor

Varanus salvator

We found good numbers in Taman Alam Nature Reserve and again in Sukau.

Salt Water Crocodile

Crocodylus porosus

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

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