



Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

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Bornean race of Crested Fireback

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Top 10 Birds of the Tour as voted by participants:

1. Bornean Ground-Cuckoo
2. Garnet Pitta
3. Bornean Bristlehead
4. Great Argus
5. Rhinoceros Hornbill

6. Black-and-yellow Broadbill
7. Red-bearded Bee-eater
8. Black-headed Pita
9. Bat Hawk
10. Crested Jay

Top 5 Mammals of the Tour as voted by participants:

1. Orangutan
2. Proboscis Monkey
3. Bornean Gibbon
4. Whitehead's Pygmy-Squirrel
5. Malay Civet



Black-crowned Pitta and male Proboscis Monkey.



Bornean Ground-Cuckoo and Black-and-red Broadbill

Tour Summary

We began our adventure leaving the hustling metropolis of Kuala Lumpur, passing by monumental architectural sites such as the national Mosque and the glittering Twin Towers. Within little time we were picking up widespread Southeast Asian birds such as Crested Serpent-Eagle, Red Junglefowl, and the scarce Darien Starling before arriving on the west

coast of lowland Peninsular Malaysia. Exploration of the mangroves in Taman Alam Nature Reserve produced a wide variety of wildlife sightings including Silvered Leaf Monkey, some massive Water Monitors, Indian Cuckoo, Tiger Shrike, Sunda and Laced Woodpeckers, the uncommon Crow-billed Drongo, and beautiful migrant Black-capped Kingfisher.

Continuing our journey into the central highlands, we stopped at a wetland site en route obtaining outstanding scope views of both Barred Buttonquail and the scarce Ruddy-breasted Crake. We began birding in the central highlands of Fraser's Hill picking through impressive mixed flocks including the outrageous Silver-eared Mesia, Blue Nuthatch, Fire-tufted Barbet, and the neon Green Magpie. Acrobatic Dusky and Banded Leaf-Monkeys performed along thick tree branches laden with aerial ferns and epiphytes and we managed scope views of avian gems such as Slaty-backed Forktail, Blyth's Hawk-Eagle, and a cooperative pair of Wreathed Hornbill.

At slightly lower elevations along the Gap Road our adrenaline was stirred by goodies such as the colorful Red-bearded Bee-eater, White-hooded Babbler, tiny Black-thighed Falconet, and cracking scope views of both Orange-breasted and Red-headed Trogons. The sounds of scarce undergrowth birds such as Long-billed Partridge and Rusty-naped Pitta echoed across the forest as we explored the trails of Fraser's Hill with many memorable encounters including mind-boggling views of Lesser Shortwing, cooperative Malaysian Hill Partridge, and a fantastic Long-tailed Broadbill.

Entering into the lowlands en route to the fabled Taman Negara we found a massive fruiting tree teeming with birds such as Scaly-breasted Bulbul, several species of attractive barbet, and the outrageous Great Hornbill. After a memorable journey up the Tembling River we were promptly swept away by the birding with sightings of the gigantic White-bellied and minute Gray-and-buff Woodpeckers, the jewel-like Blue-winged Pitta, and scope views of the very rare Malaysian Honeyguide all showing on our first afternoon! The ethereal calls of Malaysian Rail-Babbler and Great Argus drifted past us as we scoured the network of forest trails with flashy birds such as both Black-and-red and Black-and-yellow Broadbills in the scope, the tiny Rufous Piculet, Rufous-winged Philentoma, Black Magpie, Whiskered Treeswift, and Orange-headed Ground-Thrush.

At one point while meticulously sorting through a host of skulkers including the eye-catching Black-throated and Fluffy-backed Tit-Babblers we managed to all obtain incredible prolonged scope views of a dazzling Garnet Pitta as well as walk-away views of the sought-after Great Slaty Woodpecker, the largest species of woodpecker in the world. Malaysian Peacock-Pheasant and the scarce Giant Pitta vocally taunted us as we continued to score unbelievable scope views of the vermiculated Banded Kingfisher in the canopy, a whole host of bulbuls feeding in a fruiting tree, and the radiant Scarlet-rumped Trogon. A night excursion produced Malaysian Eared Nightjar and excellent views of the shy Greater Mouse Deer while nearby we listened to the calls of Gould's Frogmouth and the surreptitious Oriental Bay Owl. The canopy walkway panorama of the Tembling River was spectacular as we absorbed the howling calls of White-handed Gibbons while further explorations birding the forest understory yielded the rare White-necked Babbler, uncommon Dusky and Green Broadbills, furtive Red-breasted Flycatcher, and shy Black-capped Babbler. A final afternoon serenely floating down the canopy-covered torrents of the Tehan River uncovered the endangered Straw-headed Bulbul, localized White-chested Babblers, and a gorgeous pair of Rhinoceros Hornbills feeding cooperatively in a fruiting Durian tree.

Connecting with our flight to Sabah in Borneo, the world's third largest island, we made our way to our lodge nestled at the base of the fabled Mount Kinabalu towering steeply above us

to an elevation over 13,000 feet. The stunted montane forest trails bloomed with brilliant orchids and rhododendrons providing a fabulous setting in which we located a secretive pair of Snowy-browed Flycatcher, vivid Blue-and-white and Indigo Flycatchers, electric Short-tailed Magpie, the flashy White-crowned Forktail, scope views of the scarce but attractive Whitehead's Spiderhunter, and some even happened upon a rare Everett's Thrush bathing in the mountain stream. The steep ascent up the side of Mt. Kinabalu provided us not only with perfect clear weather offering sensational mountain scenery but also incredible views of the endemic Mountain Black-eye, an obliging Oriental Cuckoo at only a few meters distance, several unique carnivorous pitcher-plants, unbelievably confiding Mountain Wren-Babbler, and a close encounter with a vocal Mt Kinabalu Friendly Bush-Warbler.

A journey at the slightly lower elevations of Poring Hot Springs allowed us to share in the delight of two splendid blossoming Rafflesia, the largest flower in the world and a very rare botanical sight! While hiking the trail towards the waterfall we encountered a pair of scarce endemic White-fronted Falconet, the outrageous Crested Jay, and awesome views of the tiny Black-backed Kingfisher.

Transferring by land, air, and water to far eastern Sabah, we first visited the Gomontong Caves where we were able to walk on a boardwalk where we identified four species of swiftlet on the nest and later awe at the mass exodus of hundreds upon thousands of bats being aerially attacked by stooping Peregrine Falcons and several sleek Bat Hawks. Our lodge elevated by a series of boardwalks along the edge of the Kinabatangan River allowed us the opportunity for several unforgettable boat trips and we managed to find a wide variety of wildlife such as the bizarre Proboscis Monkey, striking Mangrove Cat-eyed Snake, Large Flying Fox, Saltwater Crocodile, and on a nocturnal excursion we found the reclusive Small-toothed Palm-Civet. Birding along the river tributaries was outstanding and as we navigated our way through the maze of tropical vegetation we found flocks of Bushy-crested Hornbill, Dusky Broadbill, Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike, the endangered Storm's Stork, Lesser Adjutant, migrant Chestnut-winged Cuckoo, both Gray-headed and Lesser Fish-Eagles, and in the late afternoon we wrote our name into birding history (voted #1 bird of the tour) with every participant obtaining fantastic unobstructed views of the mythical Bornean Ground-Cuckoo!

Our final birding destination was the famous Danum Valley surrounded by pristine tropical forest and even along the entry road itself we encountered Rhinoceros, Wrinkled, Wreathed, Black, Helmeted, White-crested, and Bushy-crested Hornbills! Our lodge at the edge of the Danum River allowed for intimate looks of Bornean Gibbon swinging through the treetops as well as Red Leaf-Monkeys, Lesser Mouse-Deer, the exquisite Bornean race of Crested Fireback, and even Asiatic Elephant. Our time birding the forested trails was amazingly productive, and with persistence we obtained views of Black-headed and the outrageous Blue-headed Pitta, Rufous-tailed Shama, a very responsive Striped Wren-Babbler, both Red-naped and Diard's Trogons, scoped Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher, and ten splendid minutes watching a Chestnut-naped Forktail feeding at the edge of a forest stream. Night drives were equally productive with excellent sightings of both Thompson's and Giant Red Flying Squirrels, a distant Slow Loris, Blunt-headed Tree-Snake, and a splendid sighting of the secretive Malay Civet.

Of course, no birding trip through Borneo would be complete without the two most essential and phenomenal wildlife species of the island, and we were able to first knock out one when every person was able to obtain scope views of the extraordinary Bornean Bristlehead, a scarce monotypic family endemic to Borneo! Later in the evening we were treated to an unforgettable hour scoping a massive adult male Orang-utan building a nest at eye-level only

twenty meters away! As if things couldn't get any better, we finished off our final birding day stealthily pursuing the calls of a Great Argus, undoubtedly the world's most spectacular pheasant, until we all had extraordinarily close unobstructed views of a male wildly displaying in courtship dance before our eyes!

It was an amazing journey birding through the wonders of Peninsular Malaysia and Borneo. We enjoyed not only an amazing variety of birds both in quantity and quality, but enjoyed travel with very congenial and skilful-spotting participants, perfect weather throughout, excellent accommodation, and an unbelievable diversity of awe-inspiring habitats. In total we amassed an amazing 49 species of mammal and incredible 424 species of birds including encounters with all 9 possible hornbills, 8 broadbill species, over 40 varieties of babblers, and a phenomenal 8 pittas including 5 seen! My personal thanks to Dennis Yong for his extraordinary bird skills and sense of humor and of course to all of the participants for helping making this tour into such an unforgettable adventure.

We look forward to travelling with you all again in the future!

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Black-and-yellow Broadbill and Mt. Kinabalu

The endemic status codes listed below refer to the Island of Borneo.
BE = Bornean endemic, **NE** = Near-endemic

BIRDS (424 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 three hundred en route to 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*

Only a single bird identified 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 thirty one day at Sukau.

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*

In Kota Kinabalu our final morning we observed both dark and light phased birds at close range.

Chinese Pond-Heron *Ardeola bacchus*

Small numbers were encountered at Taman Alam NR, Taman Negara NP, 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*

Several 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 single bird was seen at Ulu Yam and small numbers were encountered at Sukau.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

We had a brief flight view at Ulu Yam and Likas Bay followed by an incredible seven birds on the night boat excursion at Sukau only a few feet away.

Black Bittern *Dupetor flavicollis*

We were very fortunate to have one during the night boat trip at Sukau.

Storks Ciconidae

Storm's Stork *Ciconia stormi*

We had good flight views of four at Sukau and later one feeding on the ground for some; an endangered and beautiful stork.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*

We were fortunate to find this rare species at Sukau; another globally threatened species.

Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae

Wandering Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*

Two were scoped for an extended period our final afternoon at the wetland of Likas Bay.

Lesser Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

A pair was seen well in flight several times by the group over Likas Bay.

Osprey *Pandionidae*

Osprey*Pandion haliaetus*

Two of these unique raptors, placed in their own family, were seen near Poring Hot Springs.

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures *Accipitridae*

Jerdon's Baza*Aviceda jerdoni*

A single bird was scoped on a perch as we left the Danum Valley.

Black Baza*Aviceda leuphotes*

We enjoyed great scope views of seventeen 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 small numbers in Taman Negara and again at Sukau.

Bat Hawk*Macheiramphus alcinus*

We had superb views of four catching bats at the Gomantong Caves and a further sighting of two hunting at dusk in the Danum Valley.

Black-shouldered Kite*Elanus caeruleus*

We had good views of several near Taman Alam NR and two 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 several close flyovers and one perched at Sukau followed by two more along the shore of Kota Kinabalu.

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 ichhyaetus*

We were very lucky to find one perched over the river 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.

Eastern Marsh-Harrier*Circus spilonotus*

A single bird was spotted in flight at a wetland en route to Ulu Yam.

Crested Goshawk*Accipiter trivirgatus*

We enjoyed several sightings including flight display views at Mount Kinabalu followed by nesting birds at Sukau.

Shikra*Accipiter badius*

We had diagnostic views of a single bird in flight near Sukau.

Besra*Accipiter virgatus*

Many of us had daily sightings of a single bird at mount Kinabalu in the early morning and late evening near our cabins.

Japanese Sparrowhawk*Accipiter gularis*

We had three sightings of this compact raptor flying through the trees in Fraser's Hill, the final view was for an extended period allowing the detailed underparts to be seen clearly.

Black Eagle*Ictinaetus malayensis*

One participant reported a single bird in flight as we left the Danum Valley.

Rufous-bellied Eagle*Hieraetus kienerii*

We had a single adult bird fly over the Gomantong Caves and we could clearly see the distinctively colored underparts and patterning.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara including scope views of a beautiful dark phased individual.

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus alboniger*

We enjoyed several sightings daily of this beautiful eagle during our stay at Fraser's Hill including awesome perched scope views up close.

Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae*

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*

Small numbers of this diminutive raptor were seen at Fraser's Hill and again in Taman Negara.

White-fronted Falconet (BE) *Microhierax latifrons*

We were extremely fortunate to observe this species at length through the scope at Poring Hot Springs where we encountered an incredible four individuals.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

We had views of several birds catching bats at the Gomantong Caves followed by another hunting bird in the Danum Valley.

Pheasants & Partridges *Phasianidae*

Long-billed Partridge *Rhizothera longirostris*

We heard this uncommon species calling in the distance at Fraser's Hill.

Crimson-headed Partridge (BE) *Haematortyx sanguiniceps*

We all heard several calling at Mt. Kinabalu NP.

Red-breasted Partridge (BE) *Arborophila hyperythra*

This species was heard calling at Mt. Kinabalu on several occasions.

Gray-breasted (Malaysian Hill) Partridge *Arborophila hyperythra*

We had an incredible two encounters with this localized species including every single participant obtaining crippling views of seven birds.

Chestnut-necklaced Partridge *Arborophila charltonii*

This species was heard calling at Sukau and Danum Valley, but when it was the closest we were preoccupied watching a Great Argus!

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

We enjoyed excellent looks at two individuals, 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 and on the trails at Taman Negara NP and again of the distinctive Bornean race in Danum.

Malayan Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron malacense*

We heard this retiring species daily while walking the trails in Taman Negara NP and one participant was fortunate to get views while walking the trail at mid-day.

Great Argus *Argusianus argus*

The resounding cries of this pheasant were a dominant sound in the lowland rainforest at Taman Negara NP and later together in the Danum Valley we crept towards a fantastic male until we were within twenty meters. As we watched the bird in awe it proceeded to rigidly stretch its body and then to our amazement it wildly displayed including fanning its great tail and clapping its wings above its head! A phenomenal experience of the natural world.

Buttonquail *Turnicidae*

Barred Buttonquail*Turnix suscitator*

This delightful bird was seen well through the scope at Ulu Yam, both male and female.

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

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

White-browed Crake*Porzana cinerea*

We had great scope views of this often secretive wetland denizen our final afternoon at Likas Bay.

Ruddy-breasted Crake*Porzana fusca*

We had awesome scope views of a cooperative individual at Ulu Yam.

Purple Swamphen*Porphyrio porphyrio*

We enjoyed views of several at various wetlands with our best prolonged sightings at Likas Bay.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus*

Good numbers were seen at Likas Bay with up to twenty birds.

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

Two individuals were observed by some during our first visit to Likas Bay.

Plovers & Lapwings *Charadriidae***Red-wattled Lapwing***Vanellus indicus*

Four birds were first sighted at Ulu Yam and then five individuals were later observed from our boat on the Tembling River.

Pacific Golden-Plover*Pluvialis fulva*

A small flock of eight were scoped at Ulu Yam.

Little Ringed Plover*Charadrius dubius*

We found several of these migrants at Likas Bay.

Common Ringed Plover*Charadrius hiaticula*

We had scope views of several at Likas Bay.

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

We enjoyed great scope views of six at Ulu Yam.

Whimbrel*Numenius phaeopus*

We had several birds along the shoreline our final morning in Kota Kinabalu.

Marsh Sandpiper*Tringa stagnatilis*

A single bird was scoped at Likas Bay.

Common Greenshank*Tringa nebularia*

More than seventy individuals were seen in a fantastic display flight at Taman Alam Nature Reserve and we later scoped two birds at Likas Bay.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

One individual was seen at Taman Alam NR and good numbers were found at Likas Bay.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

Small numbers were seen at several sites including our first individual at Taman Alam NR.

Little Stint*Calidris minuta*

One bird was scoped on the wetland mudflat of Likas Bay.

Gulls *Laridae*

Black-headed Gull

Larus ridibundus

One bird was seen along the waterfront near our hotel in Kota Kinabalu.

Terns *Sternidae*

Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybridus

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

Common Tern

Sterna hirundo

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 scattered sightings and again in the Danum Valley and Sukau.

Zebra Dove

Geopelia striata

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

Little Green-Pigeon

Treron olax

Four birds were seen well in flight while exploring the canals of Sukau.

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 en route to Kuala Selangor with good scope views later in Taman Negara NP.

Large Green-Pigeon

Treron capellei

We obtained views of eight individuals in flight at Sukau.

Yellow-vented Green-Pigeon

Treron siemundi

We only managed a brief views as if flew out and over the ridge at Fraser's Hill.

Green Imperial-Pigeon

Ducula aenea

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

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon

Ducula badia

Peak numbers of five daily were seen at Fraser's Hill and Mount Kinabalu.

Parrots, Macaws & Allies *Psittacidae*

Blue-rumped Parrot

Psittinus cyanurus

We had a couple flyovers with other heard in Taman Negara NP.

Long-tailed Parakeet

Psittacula longicauda

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

Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot

Loriculus galgulus

Up to ten were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and again in the Danum Valley, and we enjoyed fantastic sightings of several perched at both sites.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

- Chestnut-winged Cuckoo** *Clamator coromandus*
Two of this scarce migrant species were seen well in flight on separate occasions at Sukau.
- Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Cuculus sparverioides*
Several were heard calling at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo** *Cuculus sparverioides*
We heard this species calling while on a canal in Sukau and it somehow managed to fly over us without anyone seeing it. Later some of us had views of one bird on a mid-day walk in the Danum Valley.
- Hodgson's [Malaysian] Hawk-Cuckoo** *Cuculus fugax*
We heard this species calling on two occasions in the Danum Valley and managed to coax one into view several times with persistence.
- Indian Cuckoo** *Cuculus micropterus*
We had crippling scope views of this species in the Taman Alam NR followed by singles at Poring Hot Springs and Danum Valley.
- Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus*
We heard this species calling daily at Mt Kinabalu and had unbelievable close views during the hike up the mountain.
- Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii*
We heard this species first at Fraser's Hill and then lured several into view in the Danum Valley.
- Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus*
We heard this species at almost all lowland sites during the tour and had views of several throughout including Ulu Yam and Sukau.
- Violet Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*
We had great flight views of a beautiful male in display at Sukau.
- 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 our first birds at Taman Negara.
- Asian Koel** *Eudynamis scolopacea*
We had great views of several of these huge, noisy birds en route to Taman Alam NR including several spotted females.
- Black-bellied Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus diardi*
We enjoyed small numbers daily at Taman Negara NP.
- Chestnut-bellied Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus*
We had incredibly close cooperative views of a pair in Taman Alam NR.
- Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis*
We had great views of three individuals at Fraser's Hill.
- Raffles' Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus*
Small numbers were seen daily at both Taman Negara NP, Sukau, and Danum Valley.
- Red-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus javanicus*
We had brief looks at a single bird along the Gap at Fraser's Hill in a mixed flock, a very elusive malkoha.
- Chestnut-breasted Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*
We had great views of several first near at Taman Negara NP and all lowland sites thereafter.
- Bornean Ground-Cuckoo** *Carpococcyx radiatus*
An unforgettable experience, amazingly we all obtained simply phenomenal views of this remarkable and exceptionally rare bird from our boats while scanning along the canal shoreline in Sukau. Voted bird of the trip almost unanimously and a lifer for everyone!
- Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis*

We heard the distinctive call of this species at most wetland sights and small numbers were seen daily at most lowland sites.

Lesser Coucal*Centropus bengalensis*

We had great views of this often-shy species at Ulu Yam and again at Sukau.

Barn Owls *Tytonidae***Oriental Bay-Owl***Phodilus badius*

This rare bird was heard calling during a pre-dawn excursion in Taman Negara.

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

This species was heard calling in Taman Negara near our cabins.

Mountain Scops-Owl*Otus spilocephalus*

A deceptive species, this bird was only heard calling at Fraser's Hill despite our playback efforts.

Collared Scops-Owl*Otus lettia*

Some of us were able to obtain silhouetted views of this species as it called very close by in a bamboo tangle below the Gap at Fraser's Hill. Later we heard this species in Taman Negara.

Barred Eagle-Owl*Bubo sumatranus*

First spotted flying across the road in front of our vehicle en route to Sukau at dusk, we all managed to pile out of the car for scope views where the distinctive ear tufts of this outrageous bird could clearly be seen, a very seldom-encountered species.

Buffy Fish-Owl*Ketupa ketupu*

A magnificent bird and we were treated to superb views of an amazing five individuals at Sukau during the evening and night boat cruises.

Brown Wood-Owl*Strix leptogrammica*

We had crippling views of a single bird perched outside the dining room at Taman Negara.

Collared Owlet*Glaucidium brodiei*

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

Brown Hawk-Owl*Ninox scutulata*

We heard this species calling in Taman Negara both at night and strangely enough during the day.

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

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

Javan Frogmouth*Batrachostomus javanensis*

We heard a single bird in Taman Negara that called twice right above us but we could not locate the source of the sound.

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

One was seen flying over while calling at Taman Negara NP; a very localized species.

Jungle Nightjar*Caprimulgus indicus*

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

Large-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus macrurus*

We had great views of several during a pre-dawn excursion at Kuala Selangor where we also heard these birds calling incessantly near our cabins.

Swifts *Apodidae*

- Glossy Swiftlet** *Aerodramus esculenta*
This species was encountered in good numbers at most sites, especially in the highlands.
- Cave Swiftlet** *Aerodramus linchi*
Up to six were seen in the upper parts of Mt. Kinabalu.
- Mossy-nest Swiftlet** *Aerodramus salangana*
One was seen on its distinctive nest at the Gomantong Caves.
- Black-nest Swiftlet** *Aerodramus maximus*
Large numbers in the thousands were seen at their nests in the Gomantong Caves.
- Edible-nest Swiftlet** *Aerodramus fuciphagus*
One was seen on its distinctive nest at the Gomantong Caves.
- Silver-rumped Needletail** *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*
Peak numbers of fifteen were seen daily at Taman Negara NP.
- Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus*
We had excellent views of at least eight birds during a the boat trip down the Tembeling River near Taman Negara.
- Asian Palm-Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*
A single bird was seen briefly by some on the canal near Sukau, a strangely scarce bird on our route.
- Fork-tailed Swift** *Apus pacificus*
Flocks of this large swift were seen at Kuala Selangor, 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 Taman Negara NP.

Treeswifts *Hemiprocnidae*

- Gray-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis*
Small numbers were seen in flight and perched at Taman Negara NP, Danum Valley, and Sukau.
- Whiskered Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis*
This magnificent bird was seen several times through the scope at Taman Negara NP and the Danum Valley.

Trogons *Trogonidae*

- Red-naped Trogon** *Harpactes kasumba*
We had incredible views of both males and females of this attractive species in the Danum Valley.
- Whitehead's Trogon (BE)** *Harpactes whiteheadi*
We had a single bird only seen briefly in flight by some as it flew down a valley on the trails of Mount Kinabalu not to be relocated. We also heard this bird on a separate occasion in an area nearby.
- Diard's Trogon** *Harpactes diardii*
We found a single bird in Taman Negara followed by two superb birds at Danum Valley.
- Scarlet-rumped Trogon** *Harpactes duvaucelii*
We enjoyed magnificent views of several in Taman Negara and two fine males in Sukau.
- Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus*
We had good views of four birds including several males at Fraser's Hill.
- Orange-breasted Trogon** *Harpactes oreskios*
We had awesome views of a pair, and the male was especially cooperative along the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Common Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis

Three birds were seen total with our first views at Taman Alam, the Taman Negara, and finally Sukau.

Blue-eared Kingfisher

Alcedo meninting

Up to ten were seen during our boat trips at Sukau including phenomenal views of several roosting birds at night.

Rufous-backed Kingfisher

Alcedo rufidorsa

One bird was seen well in extended flight views at Sukau.

Black-backed Kingfisher

Ceyx erithacus

We had incredible views of this species first at Poring hot Springs and later had a bird on the night roost in Danum Valley.

Banded Kingfisher

Lacedo pulchella

We enjoyed stunning scope views of a female while walking the forest trails of Taman Negara.

Stork-billed Kingfisher

Pelargopsis capensis

Our first sighting was several near Taman Negara NP followed by several impressive birds at Sukau.

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

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

Rufous-collared Kingfisher

Actenoides concretus

We heard this species calling in Taman Negara where we called a bird into nearby but were unable to locate it, and later we had another bird calling along the edge of the road in the Danum Valley.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Red-bearded Bee-eater

Nyctyornis amictus

We enjoyed superb views of three along the Gap in Fraser's Hill and later heard one in the 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 fifteen 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 Taman Negara and further views at Sukau and in the Danum Valley.

Great Hornbill*Buceros bicornis*

A scarce bird along our route, we were fortunate to find a single bird feeding on a fruiting *Ficus* tree en route to Taman Negara.

Helmeted Hornbill*Buceros vigil*

We heard this species calling on more than one occasion at Taman Negara NP and in the Danum Valley.

Bushy-crested Hornbill*Anorrhinus galeritus*

Our first sighting was of a large flock of fourteen in Taman Negara NP and thereafter we found several at Sukau and in the Danum Valley.

White-crowned Hornbill*Aceros comatus*

Many of us had excellent views of this scarce interior forest hornbill near the road in the Danum Valley.

Wrinkled Hornbill*Aceros corrugatus*

A single bird flew by over the vehicles en route to the Danum Valley, another scarce hornbill on our route.

Wreathed Hornbill*Aceros undulates*

We had incredible scope views of a pair at Fraser's Hill followed by further flight views in Taman Negara and the Danum Valley.

Barbets Capitonidae**Golden-naped Barbet (BE)***Megalaima pulcherrima*

Small numbers were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu including one individual excavating or cleaning a nesting cavity, a beautiful species.

Fire-tufted Barbet*Psilopogon pyrolophus*

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

Mountain Barbet (BE)*Megalaima monticola*

We heard a single bird calling at the lower elevations of Mount Kinabalu.

Lineated Barbet*Megalaima lineata*

We had great scope views of three individuals in Taman Alam NR.

Gold-whiskered Barbet*Megalaima chrysopogon*

We all had magnificent scope views of several in Taman Negara NP.

Red-throated Barbet*Megalaima mystacophanos*

We saw this species twice in Taman Negara NP including scope views and later we heard it daily in the Danum Valley.

Black-browed Barbet*Megalaima oorti*

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

Yellow-crowned Barbet*Megalaima henricii*

We had poor views of two near Taman Negara and hear it calling several times thereafter in the distance.

Blue-eared Barbet*Megalaima australis*

We saw several individuals feeding in a fruiting fig tree en route to Taman Negara NP and has scattered sightings in most lowland sites thereafter.

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

We enjoyed fantastic views of two at Taman Alam BR and another bird in Taman Negara.

Brown Barbet *Calorhamphus fuliginosus*

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

Honeyguides Indicatoridae

Malaysian Honeyguide *Indicator archipelagicus*

We were very fortunate to obtain extended scope views of this very rare species, probably the most difficult of the world's honeyguides.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnormis*

We had great success with this often-elusive species with a single bird in Taman Negara and three further sightings at Danum Valley and Sukau.

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 well in Taman Negara NP in a mixed flock.

Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus*

We had extended scope views of an individual at Fraser's Hill and several birds in lowland sites in Borneo.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

We enjoyed flight views of two in Taman Negara and later one flew right over our heads in Sukau.

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 twice at the bottom of the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus*

We had a couple great sightings at Taman Negara NP and Poring Hot Springs.

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*

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

Checker-throated Woodpecker *Picus mentalis*

We enjoyed good views of one at Taman Negara NP and Poring Hot Springs.

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*

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

Olive-backed Woodpecker *Dinopium rafflesii*

Excellent views were enjoyed by everyone in Taman Negara NP after some glimpsed a bird on the Gap in Fraser's Hill.

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*

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

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

We had three birds seen well at Taman Alam Nature Reserve.

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus*

Our first views were from a close bird in Taman Negara NP, and later we enjoyed several sightings at Mt. Kinabalu.

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*

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

Buff-rumped Woodpecker*Meiglyptes tristis*

Single birds were seen in Taman Negara NP and Poring Hot Springs.

Buff-necked Woodpecker*Meiglyptes tukki*

We enjoyed great views of a close pair in Taman Negara NP.

Great Slaty Woodpecker*Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

We enjoyed awesome scope views of four in Taman Negara NP 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*

We enjoyed several close encounters with this species at Taman Negara NP and from the canals of Sukau.

Broadbills *Eurylaimidae***Whitehead's Broadbill (BE)***Calyptomena whiteheadi*

We had several vocal encounters with this species at Mount Kinabalu but we were not able to obtain a sighting.

Dusky Broadbill*Corydon sumatranus*

We had several incredible views of this uncommon species first in Taman Negara, later from the boat in Sukau, and finally several very close birds behind our cabins in Sukau along the boardwalk.

Black-and-red Broadbill*Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus*

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

Banded Broadbill*Eurylaimus javanicus*

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

Black-and-yellow Broadbill*Eurylaimus ochromalus*

We enjoyed incredible close scope views of one female at Taman Negara and later had several pairs in Sukau and Danum Valley.

Long-tailed Broadbill*Psarisomus dalhousiae*

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

Silver-breasted Broadbill*Serilophus lunatus*

This species was found calling at the lower elevations of Fraser's Hill and some of us managed brief views as two responded to playback.

Green Broadbill*Calyptomena viridis*

We had several views in Taman Negara NP, and later one extended close sighting in Poring Hot Springs.

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.

Blue-headed Pitta (BE)*Pitta baudii*

Undoubtedly one of the world's finest looking pittas, we heard this species calling on several occasions in the Danum Valley and several of us managed good views of a single adult male.

Black-headed Pitta (NE)*Pitta ussheri*

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

Giant Pitta*Pitta caerulea*

We tried to coax in a bird at Taman Negara that was calling nearby without success.

Banded Pitta*Pitta guajana*

A single bird flushed from beside us across a stream on the trails of the Danum Valley allowing for brief but diagnostic views for those at the front of the line.

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida*

A single bird was heard calling on the pre-dawn walk in Taman Negara.

Garnet Pitta *Pitta granatina*

One of the highlights of the trip, while walking the trails of Taman Negara we heard this species calling. After much careful searching we managed to get the bird in the scope allowing every single participant to obtain unobstructed scope views of this gorgeous bird singing from its call perch.

Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta moluccensis*

We were able to hear this species calling daily at Taman Negara NP and some of us through a series of attempts were able to obtain brief views.

Swallows *Hirundinidae*

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

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

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

Good numbers seen almost daily throughout the tour.

Wagtails & Pipits *Motacillidae*

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Small numbers were seen at many sites, especially at Fraser's Hill.

Oriental [Paddyfield] Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

We had good views of several en route to Kuala Selangor and again at an airport in Borneo.

Cuckoo-shrikes *Campephagidae*

Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina striata*

We had scope views of a single bird behind our cabins in Taman Negara NP.

Javan Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina javensis*

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

Sunda Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina larvata*

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

Lesser Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina fimbriata*

This species was heard calling on the trails of Taman Negara but did not respond to playback.

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*

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

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

We found five birds feeding together at Taman Alam NR.

Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus*

First seen from the canopy walkway in Taman Negara, we later saw a flock at Danum Valley.

Gray-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*

We enjoyed great scope views of several at Fraser's Hill and again Mt. Kinabalu.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*

Several were seen daily at Fraser's Hill mostly associating with mixed bird flocks.

Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus hirundinaceus*

We enjoyed views of one in Taman Negara and later several more cooperative birds near the lodge at Sukau.

Bulbuls *Pycnonotidae*

- Straw-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus zeylanicus*
We enjoyed fantastic sightings of this endangered species along the Tehan River.
- Black-and-white Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanoleucus*
An uncommon species, we had a single bird calling and glimpsed briefly by some at Taman Negara NP.
- Black-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus atriceps*
Up to a dozen were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and near Sukau.
- Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus*
Only two were found at Fraser's Hill.
- Scaly-breasted Bulbul** *Pycnonotus squamatus*
We enjoyed views of several of these uncommon bulbuls from the fruiting tree en route to Taman Negara NP and had one closer sighting in Poring Hot Springs.
- Gray-bellied Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cyaniventris*
Two attractive birds visited a fruiting tree near the lodge of Taman Negara.
- Puff-backed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus eutilotus*
We saw a single bird at Taman Negara and later four in the Danum Valley.
- Stripe-throated Bulbul** *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*
Small numbers were seen daily near our lodge in Taman Negara NP.
- Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goiavier*
The commonest bulbul and seen in good numbers throughout the tour.
- Olive-winged Bulbul** *Pycnonotus plumosus*
We had several sightings at the Danum Valley and near Sukau.
- Flavescent Bulbul** *Pycnonotus flavescens*
We had a pair seen only briefly on Mt. Kinabalu.
- Cream-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus simplex*
Small numbers of this species were seen in Taman Negara and again at Sukau.
- Red-eyed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus brunneus*
We had several sightings especially in the fruiting tree near the lodge at Taman Negara and further views in the Danum Valley.
- Spectacled Bulbul** *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos*
Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP where we all enjoyed scope views.
- Finsch's Bulbul** *Alophoixus finschii*
We had outstanding views of two at Taman Negara NP.
- Ochraceous Bulbul** *Alophoixus ochraceus*
Up to six were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and smaller numbers at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Gray-cheeked Bulbul** *Alophoixus bres*
Up to five 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*
Several were seen at Taman Negara NP and smaller numbers at Danum Valley and Sukau.
- Buff-vented Bulbul** *Iole olivacea*
Good numbers with up to ten daily were seen at Taman Negara NP.
- Streaked Bulbul** *Ixos malaccensis*
Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP, especially in the fruiting fig tree along the trails.
- Ashy Bulbul** *Hemixos flavala*
Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill and in Taman Negara at fruiting trees.

Mountain Bulbul*Ixos maclellandii*

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

Leafbirds Chloropseidae**Greater Green Leafbird***Chloropsis sonnerati*

Our first sighting was of at Taman Negara NP with further sightings in the Danum Valley.

Lesser Green Leafbird*Chloropsis cyanopogon*

Several birds were seen at Taman Negara NP and in the Danum Valley.

Blue-winged Leafbird*Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

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

Orange-bellied Leafbird*Chloropsis hardwickii*

Two birds were seen in total at Fraser's Hill including a stunning male.

Ioras Aegithinidae**Common Iora***Aegithina tiphia*

We had good views at Taman Alam NR, Taman Negara, and Sukau.

Green Iora*Aegithina viridissima*

Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara and Danum Valley.

Great Iora*Aegithina lafresnayei*

We encountered two birds seen well in Taman Negara NP.

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

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

Everett's Thrush (BE)*Zoothera everetti*

Some participants were fortunate to encounter a single bird bathing along a forest stream at Mount Kinabalu.

Orange-headed Thrush*Zoothera citrina*

A single bird was seen by some of us while walking the trails at Taman Negara.

Siberian Thrush*Zoothera sibirica*

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

Fruithunter (BE)*Chlamydochaera jefferyi*

We encountered a single bird singing on the hike up Mount Kinabalu, but it disappeared down the mountain too quickly to obtain sightings.

Lesser Shortwing*Brachypteryx leucophrys*

One was 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 and others were heard.

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 one at Ulu Yam.

Old World Warblers Sylviidae

- Bornean Stubtail (BE)** *Urosphena whiteheadi*
We heard this species calling on Mt. Kinabalu and the following day we had incredible views of a pair attending the nest that one of our participants located!
- Sunda Bush-Warbler** *Cettia vulcania*
We had magnificent views of two very obliging birds on Mt. Kinabalu.
- Friendly Bush-Warbler (BE)** *Bradypterus accentor*
We were fortunate to have one bird respond to playback on our hike up Mount Kinabalu, but only some were able to obtain brief views before it disappeared.
- Mountain Tailorbird** *Orthotomus cucullatus*
Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill and several at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius*
Several were sighted in Taman Negara NP near the lodge.
- Dark-necked Tailorbird** *Orthotomus atrogularis*
One bird was seen below the Gap at Fraser's Hill and heard thereafter.
- Rufous-tailed Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sericeus*
We had good views of about five birds in the vicinity of Sukau.
- Ashy Tailorbird** *Orthotomus ruficeps*
Several were seen well at Taman Alam NR and later we enjoyed sightings at Taman Negara and Sukau.
- Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*
We had one bird briefly at Poring Hot Springs in a mixed flock.
- Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis*
Small numbers of were seen at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara NP.
- Eastern Crowned Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus coronatus*
Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill daily.
- Mountain Warbler** *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*
Several were seen well at Fraser's Hill including one very cooperative individual feeding on insects attracted to the hotel lights, and several were later seen at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus castaniceps*
We had good views of five individuals 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 five in a single day.
- Yellow-bellied Warbler** *Abroscopus superciliaris*
We enjoyed good views of several at Fraser's Hill.
- Striated Grassbird** *Megalurus palustris*
We had good views of two birds scoped on our final afternoon at Likas Bay.

Old World Flycatchers *Sylviidae*

- Eye-browed Jungle-Flycatcher (NE)** *Rhinomyias gularis*
We had an incredibly cooperative bird scoped our first morning 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 prolonged scope views of this scarce migrant while walking at Fraser's Hill.
- 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.
- Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra*
Two pairs were seen at close distance along the roads near Mt. Kinabalu.
- Rufous-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula solitaria*

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

Rufous-chested Flycatcher *Ficedula dumetoria*

We observed one individual at length responding to playback on a forest trail in Taman Negara.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

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

Blue-and-white Flycatcher *Cyanoptila cyanomelana*

Two birds were scoped at Mt. Kinabalu, an attractive but often scarce flycatcher.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*

Up to five birds were seen daily at Fraser's Hill, always perched conspicuously on a tall exposed perch.

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*

This species was seen briefly along the forest trails at Fraser's Hill.

Indigo Flycatcher *Eumyias indigo*

Up to five of these beauties were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Pale Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor*

One was seen in the Taman Negara followed by another individual in the Danum Valley.

Hill Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas*

One bird was seen very well responding to playback while walking down a road at Fraser's

Hill. **Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis turcosus*

Two birds were seen very well near the water's edge in Sukau.

Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis turcosus*

This species was only heard in Taman Negara NP calling from a dense vine tangle.

Bornean Blue-Flycatcher (BE) *Cyornis superbus*

We heard one bird singing at Danum Valley but it did not respond to playback despite our efforts.

Pygmy Blue-Flycatcher *Muscicapella hodgsoni*

We had good views of this species first along the trails at Fraser's Hill and again at Mount Kinabalu.

Gray-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

One bird was seen at Fraser's Hill in a ravine near the Jelai Waterfalls associating with a mixed flock.

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

Seen on most days of the trip with peak numbers of ten daily 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 also enjoyed a pair nesting near the lodge.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

We had stunning views of several at Taman Negara NP and heard many more.

Rufous-tailed Shama *Trichixos pyrropyga*

We had one stunning male that we called out from dense undergrowth in the Danum Valley.

Chestnut-naped Forktail *Enicurus ruficapillus*

We had simply incredible ten-minute views of this species along a forest stream in the Danum Valley.

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti*

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

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

We had stunning views of three including scope views at Fraser's Hill.

Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*

We found one female 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.

Pied Fantail

Rhipidura javanica

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

Spotted Fantail

Rhipidura perlata

One bird was seen first at Taman Negara followed by another seen very well in a mixed forest flock in the 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 including superb views of several white phase males.

Whistlers & Allies *Pachycephalidae*

Bornean Whistler (BE)

Pachycephala hypoxantha

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

Babblers *Timaliidae*

Black Laughingthrush

Garrulax lugubris

We enjoyed great views of two on the Gap at Fraser's Hill and later some of us saw the distinctive Bornean 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 four daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush

Garrulax erythrocephalus

Heard only on two occasions at Fraser's Hill.

White-chested Babbler

Trichastoma rostratum

We enjoyed superb views of a pair at Taman Negara and later incredible views of several along the mangrove canals in Sukau.

Ferruginous Babbler

Trichastoma bicolor

We had brief views in Taman Negara followed by awesome views of several along the boardwalk near our lodge in Sukau and further views in the Danum Valley.

Abbott's Babbler

Malacocincla abbotti

One was seen very well at Taman Negara NP and others heard daily, a loud distinctive call.

Temminck's Babbler

Pellorneum pyrrogenys

We had great views of at least seven birds on Mt. Kinabalu.

Horsfield's Babbler

Malacocincla sepiarium

We enjoyed unobstructed views of at least six birds in the Danum Valley.

Short-tailed Babbler

Malacocincla malaccensis

We worked hard for this bird in Taman Negara with brief views, and later we had another bird along the boardwalk behind our lodge in Sukau.

- Buff-breasted Babbler** *Pellorneum tickelli*
This species was only heard along the Gap road at Fraser's Hill.
- Black-capped Babbler** *Pellorneum capistratum*
We enjoyed awesome close views in Taman Negara NP followed by another cooperative individual on the boardwalk in Sukau.
- Moustached Babbler** *Malacopteron magnirostre*
A total of eight birds were seen allowing daily views in Taman Negara NP.
- Sooty-capped Babbler** *Malacopteron affine*
Several were seen well at Taman Negara with further sightings in a mixed flock in the Danum Valley and Sukau.
- Scaly-crowned Babbler** *Malacopteron cinereum*
Small numbers were seen in Taman Negara NP with great sightings while birding along the trails in the Danum Valley.
- Rufous-crowned Babbler** *Malacopteron magnum*
A total sixteen cooperative birds were seen in Taman Negara with further sightings in the Danum Valley.
- Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler** *Malacopteron magnum*
We had a sighting of this species once calling on the Gap at Fraser's Hill.
- Mountain Wren-Babbler (BE)** *Napothera crassa*
On Mt. Kinabalu we had amazing views of three very vocal birds in the undergrowth allowing us to observe at a very close distance.
- Striped Wren-Babbler** *Kenopia striata*
We had fantastic views of this species responding to playback on the river trail at Danum Valley not but two meters away for several minutes.
- 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.
- Streaked Wren-Babbler** *Napothera brevicaudata*
We only heard this diminutive species calling at Fraser's Hill.
- Pygmy Wren-Babbler** *Pnoepyga pusilla*
Another wren-babbler species we were only able to hear at Fraser's Hill.
- Golden Babbler** *Stachyris chrysaea*
Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill with peak numbers of ten in a single day.
- Gray-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps*
Small numbers seen at Fraser's Hill with daily sightings along the trails at Mount Kinabalu.
- Gray-headed Babbler** *Stachyris poliocephala*
After hearing this bird at Poring Hot Springs and Sukau we finally all managed very good views at the Danum Valley.
- Black-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigricollis*
Everyone saw this species well from the boardwalk at Taman Negara with further sightings in the Danum Valley, a beautiful bird.
- Chestnut-rumped Babbler** *Stachyris maculata*
This canopy-dwelling species was heard at Taman Negara and we had several views in the Danum Valley and Sukau.
- White-necked Babbler** *Stachyris leucotis*
We first heard this rare babbler in Taman Negara and the following day were rewarded with unbelievable close unobstructed views.
- 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 Taman Negara, Sukau, and the Danum Valley.
- Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler** *Macronous ptilosus*

One day in Taman Negara we enjoyed superb views of four 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 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.

White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhynchus rufulus*

We eventually maintained great views of this skulky species along the Gap road at Fraser's Hill.

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*

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

Brown Fulvetta *Alcippe brunneicauda*

Several birds were seen in Taman Negara, Danum Valley, and Sukau with 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 fifteen were seen daily at Fraser's Hill in small flocks.

White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca*

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

Chestnut-crested Yuhina (BE) *Yuhina everetti*

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

Whipbirds & Quailthrushes *Eupetidae*

Malaysian Rail-Babbler *Euptes macrocerus*

We heard this species twice including attempts to call the bird into view without success in Taman Negara.

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 three in the mangroves at Taman Alam NR.

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*

We encountered eight of these stunning 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*

We enjoyed several sightings on consecutive days at Fraser's Hill usually associating with mixed flocks.

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters *Nectariniidae*

- Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** *Chalcoparia singalensis*
Several were seen at Taman Alam NR and later further sightings in the Danum Valley.
- Plain Sunbird** *Anthreptes Simplex*
Some of us found a pair of this aptly named species in the Danum Valley.
- Plain-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis*
We first encountered up to five birds at Taman Alam NR with smaller numbers thereafter throughout the tour at various locations.
- Red-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis*
We had views of one male at Taman Negara NP.
- Purple-naped Sunbird** *Hypogramma hypogrammicum*
We had views of one in Taman Negara NP near the walkway and another in the Danum Valley.
- Purple-throated Sunbird** *Leptocoma sperata*
Four birds were seen well near Sukau.
- Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis*
We had good views of ten at Taman Alam NR followed by another sighting in lowland Borneo.
- Black-throated Sunbird** *Aethopyga saturata*
We found up to five daily at Fraser's Hill including several stunning males.
- Crimson Sunbird** *Aethopyga siparaja*
We enjoyed amazing views of a singing male in the sunlight at Sukau.
- Temminck's Sunbird** *Aethopyga temminckii*
This is another beautiful species of which we saw up to five daily at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Whitehead's Spiderhunter (BE)** *Arachnothera juliae*
We were exceptionally fortunate to see two individuals at Mt. Kinabalu of which we were able to obtain several minutes of uninterrupted scope views!
- Thick-billed Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera flavigaster*
One bird was seen well on two consecutive days visiting a flowering tree near our cabins in Taman Negara.
- Spectacled Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera flavigaster*
A single bird was seen well at Taman Negara NP near our cabins.
- Long-billed Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera robusta*
Several birds were seen in the gardens of Taman Negara NP and further sightings were enjoyed in Danum Valley.
- Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra*
We had numerous sightings of this quick species in Taman Negara, Danum Valley and Sukau.
- Yellow-eared Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera chrysogenys*
Several birds were sighting in the Danum Valley.
- Gray-breasted Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera modesta*
Several birds were seen very well in Taman Negara NP with scattered sighting in small numbers at most sites throughout the tour. This included sightings of the endemic Bornean race at Poring Hot Springs.
- Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna*
Up to five were seen daily at Fraser's Hill and we enjoyed several very close views.

Flowerpeckers *Dicaeidae*

- Black-sided Flowerpecker (BE)** *Dicaeum monticolum*
A total of twelve were observed well at Mt. Kinabalu, the male of which is very attractive.
- Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker (NE)** *Prionochilus xanthopygius*

Many of us enjoyed views of one several at Danum Valley visiting a flowing tree near our cabins and along the main entry road.

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculates*

Two were seen in the Danum Valley visiting a flowing tree near our cabins.

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus percussus*

We had excellent close views of one individual along the forest trails of Taman Negara NP.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

A total of three were seen 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, Taman Negara, and Danum Valley.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

Three were seen in total at Fraser's Hill including two males.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

One male was seen as we left Kuala Lumpur before travelling to Kuala Selangor.

White-eyes *Zosteropidae*

Black-capped White-eye *Zosterops atricapillus*

Up to thirty were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

A total of twelve were seen at Taman Alam NR with one more sighting in Taman Negara.

Pygmy White-eye (BE) *Oculocincta squamifrons*

At least two birds were seen by several of us in a mixed flock at Poring Hot Springs.

Mountain Black-eye (BE) *Chlorocharis emiliae*

We had superb views of an estimated twenty-five 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.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*

Up to twenty were seen at Taman Alam NR.

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*

We found up to five daily in Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley, a stunning bird.

Shrikes *Laniidae*

Tiger Shrike *Lanius tigrinus*

We found one juvenile at close distance in Taman Alam NR followed by an adult scoped at the bottom of the Gap at Fraser's Hill.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

We had good views of small numbers en route to Kuala Selangor and at Ulu Yam.

Helmetshrikes & Allies *Prionopidae*

Large Woodshrike

Tephrodornis gularis

We had several birds seen from the canopy walkway in Danum Valley.

Rufous-winged Philentoma

Philentoma pyrhopterum

Two were seen well in Taman Negara followed by another in Sukau, a lovely sub-canopy species.

Maroon-breasted Philentoma

Philentoma velatum

A single male was seen well in Taman Negara NP and we later heard another nearby in Danum Valley.

Drongos *Dicruridae*

Ashy Drongo

Dicrurus leucophaeus

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

Crow-billed Drongo

Dicrurus annectans

We enjoyed prolonged scope views of one of these scarce migrants to this area in Taman Alam Nature Reserve.

Bronzed Drongo

Dicrurus aeneus

Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill with further sightings in Taman Negara.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus remifer

Up to five 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 at Fraser's Hill and later up to twelve birds were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and several at Danum Valley.

Woodswallows *Artamidae*

White-breasted Woodswallow

Artamus leucorhynchus

We enjoyed good views of several birds en route to Poring Hot Springs and near Mount Kinabalu.

Bristlehead *Pityriasis*

Bornean Bristlehead (BE)

Pityriasis gymnocephala

Everyone enjoyed unprecedented scope views of this remarkable species including four stunning individuals. Voted one of the top birds of the trip by participants, a monotypic family, and probably the most sought-after endemic of Borneo!

Crows, Jays & Magpies *Corvidae*

Crested Jay

Platylophus galericulatus

Many of us had great views of this spectacular species along a forested trail in Poring Hot Springs, and otherwise it was heard in Taman Negara NP.

Black Magpie

Platysmurus leucopterus

We enjoyed scope views of two birds both at Taman Negara where the birds have extensive white in the wing and later excellent views in the Danum Valley where we saw the distinctive darker form.

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 eight were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu. A brilliant flash of color!

Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*

Four birds total were seen extremely well by everyone including an individual that fed on insects the hotel lights in Fraser's Hill each morning.

House Crow *Corvus splendens*

Up to thirty-five 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*

Up to ten birds 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 Peninsular Malaysia portion of 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, Sukau, and Poring Hot Springs.

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

We had several sightings at Taman Negara NP and again in the Danum Valley.

Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus*

We saw five birds at our wetland site in Kota Kinabalu.

Javan Myna *Acridotheres javanicus*

Up to thirty were seen in the vicinity of Kuala Selangor.

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 among other locations.

Daurian Starling *Sturnia sturnia*

We first enjoyed excellent scope views of three of these scarce migrants en route to Kuala Selangor followed by a flock of about thirty birds en route to Ulu Yam.

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*

One bird was seen very well through the scope at Ulu Yam.

Waxbills & Allies *Estrildidae*

Dusky Munia (BE) *Lonchura fuscans*

A few birds were first observed at poring Hot Springs near our Rafflesia site and later we had several more sightings at Danum Valley and near Sukau.

Nutmeg Mannikin *Lonchura punctulata*

A dozen were seen near Taman Alam NR and at Ulu Yam.

Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*

Two were first scoped at Ulu Yam and later large numbers were seen near the Danum Valley and Sukau.

MAMMALS

Treeshrews *Tupaiaidae*

Common Tree-Shrew

Tupaia glis

A total of three of this quick animals were seen our first day en route to Kuala Selangor and two the following day.

Lesser Tree-Shrew

Tupaia minor

We had great views of a single animal on the trails of Poring Hot Springs.

Mountain Tree-Shrew

Tupaia montana

Two were observed on Mt. Kinabalu.

Slender-tailed Tree-Shrew

Dendrogale murina

We had a single animal run in front of our vehicle and stop briefly en route to the Danum Valley.

Great Apes *Pongidae*

Orang-utan

Pongo pygmaeus

After reports that no Orang-utans had been seen recently in the Danum Valley we found a fresh nest increasing our optimism. The following day we all enjoyed incredible views of a massive male building a nest at dusk including scope views at no more than thirty meters away! The next day we actually found another individual, a female feeding high in a tree and were rewarded with continued prolonged scope views! A fantastic experience.

Monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Dusky Leaf Monkey

Presbytis obscura

We had numerous great views of up to fifteen daily at Fraser's Hill and again at Taman Negara NP.

Banded Leaf Monkey

Presbytis femoralis

We had scope views of a total of eight in Fraser's Hill.

Red Leaf Monkey

Presbytis rubicunda

This impressive monkey was seen in small troops at the Gomantong Caves and again daily at Danum Valley.

Silvered Leaf Monkey

Presbytis cristata

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

Proboscis Monkey

Nasalis larvatus

Several troops perhaps totalling close to ninety animals including several 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 on the road departing from Taman Negara but our best views were of an adult within a few feet of us on the canals of Sukau.

Gibbons *Hylobatidae*

White-handed Gibbon*Hylobates lar*

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

Bornean Gibbon*Hylobates muelleri*

We heard this species daily in Danum Valley and most of us 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***Malaysian Giant Squirrel***Ratufa bicolor*

Some of us had good views of one in the Danum Valley.

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 several at Taman Alam NR and another dozen at Taman Negara NP.

Bornean Black-banded Squirrel*Callosciurus orestes*

Many were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

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 three were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Three-striped Ground Squirrel*Lariscus insignis*

We had good views of several in Taman Negara NP.

Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel*Dremomys everetti*

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

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

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

Jentink's Squirrel*Sundasciurus jentinki*

Six were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Slender Squirrel*Sundasciurus tenuis*

We had superb views of one in Taman Negara NP and one later at Mount Kinabalu.

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*

This tiny squirrel was seen at Danum Valley with one further close sighting on the boardwalk in Sukau.

Tufted (Plain) Pygmy Squirrel*Exilisciurus whiteheadi*

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

Rats and Mice *Muridae***Malaysian Field Rat***Rattus norvegicus*

We saw this species at the Gomantong Caves in the spotlight.

House Mouse*Mus musculus*

Two sneaky suspects were found inside of one of the participant's cabins in the Danum Valley. They later proceeded to munch his preciously hoarded Fig Newtons!

Gymnyure Hylomyinae

Lesser Gymnure

Hylomys suillus

One individual was seen creeping through the roadside vegetation as we walked at Mount Kinabalu.

Martens, Weasels, Badgers & Otters Mustelidae

Otter sp.

Lutrogale or Amblonyx sp.

We sighted one animal on the night drive at Danum Valley that escaped from our view before we could discern identification. This would either be Smooth-coated Otter or the Oriental Small-clawed Otter.

Bats Pteropidae

Large Flying Fox

Pteropus vampyrus

One of these oversized bats was seen on the night boat ride feeding on fruit at Sukau.

Wrinkle-lipped Bat

Charrephon plicata

We witnessed the mass exodus of about two million bats from the Gomantong Caves the majority of which were this species.

Lorises Loridae

Slow Loris

Nycticebus coucang

We had poor spotlight views of this species during our night drive in the Danum Valley.

Civets & Mongooses Viverridae

Malayan Civet

Viverra zibetha

We had fantastic views of two animals during the night drive at Danum Valley.

Small-toothed Palm Civet

Arctogalidia trivirgata

We had long looks at this species spotlighted in a fruiting tree during our night boat ride in Suaku.

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 with three more seen briefly at Sukau on an evening boat ride.

Elephants Elephantidae

Indian Elephant

Elephas maximus

Two of these impressive beasts were seen as we departed the Danum Valley including one female and one tusked male.

Mouse-deer *Tragulidae*

Lesser Mouse-Deer *Tragulus javanicus*

One was seen well on a night drive in the Danum Valley.

Greater Mouse-Deer *Tragulus javanicus*

Several animals were seen both in Taman Negara and again in the Danum Valley where we had incredible views of several.

Deer *Cervidae*

Bornean Yellow Muntjac (Barking Deer) *Muntiacus atherodes*

One was heard barking loudly as we walked the trails on Mt. Kinabalu.

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*

We had several great views in Taman Negara from the hide and later from our cabins in the Danum Valley with further views during our night drive.

Buffalo *Bovidae*

Water Buffalo *Bubalus bubalis*

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

REPTILES

Common Bronzeback *Dendrelaphis pictus*

We had excellent views of one cooperative individual on the trails of Taman Negara.

Gray-tailed Racer *Gonyosoma oxycephalum*

One of these creatures almost fell on our heads while being harassed by Prevost's Squirrels in the Danum Valley.

Blunt-headed Tree-Snake *Imantodes lentiferus*

We had excellent views of a single individual on the second night drive in the Danum Valley.

Paradise Tree-Snake *Chrysopelea paradisi*

We had good views of one sizable individual at the dining room of the Danum Valley.

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.

King Cobra *Ophiophagus Hannah*

We had brief looks at one estimated nine-foot long specimen crossing the road as we left Taman Negara. Unfortunately it slithered off the road before we could obtain second looks.

Flying Lizard *Draco spp.*

We had good views of several of these fascinating creatures in Poring hot Springs and the Danum Valley.

Forest Crested Lizard *Calotes emma*

We encountered a single individual near the site where we found the big male Orang-utan 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.

Giant Forest Gecko *Gecko stentor*

We found two of these huge prehistoric-looking creatures at our lodge in Sukau.

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 individual during our day boat cruise at Sukau.

Southeast Asian Soft-shelled Turtle

Amyda cartilaginea

Several were seen on the Tembling River en route to Taman Negara.

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