



Rockjumper Birding Tours

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Peninsular Malaysia & Borneo

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Trip Report compiled by Fraser Gear**Tour Summary**

On our first morning in Malaysia we began our journey from Kuala Lumpur to the coastal town of Kuala Selangor. A roadside stop on the way produced a fine selection of birds. A highlight of this stop was fine views Grey-headed Fish Eagle – a species not encountered again on the tour. Pink-necked and Thick-billed Green Pigeon rested on the tree tops, flocks of Daurian Starlings flew overhead and we had great looks at a pair of the striking Black Baza. Later in the day we took a walk in the Taman Alam Nature Reserve where we encountered an excellent range of Kingfishers; Stork-billed, White-throated, Black-capped and Collared Kingfishers were all scoped. Pied Triller and Pied Fantail were seen well and in the mangrove we found Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker, Great Tit and Ruby-cheeked Sunbird. We also enjoyed some excellent sightings of Silvered Leaf Monkey and our first views of the common Long-tailed Macaque. After dinner we tried for nocturnal species and eventually with only one dedicated participant left we enjoyed unbeatable views of Large-tailed Nightjar.

After an early breakfast we set off on the road to Fraser's Hill with a few scheduled birding stops on the way. Some time was spent at some old mining pools where we had some great birds. Oriental Pratincole was scoped on the waters edge while Red-wattled Lapwing, Lesser Coucal, Watercock and Yellow Bittern were memorable. Further along the road we stopped at some open grassy areas to look for King Quail and Barred Buttonquail – we were successful on both counts and flushed many Pintail Snipe and Savanna Nightjar in the process. After lunch at a delightful local restaurant we continued up to the cool forested Fraser's Hill.

Our time at Fraser's Hill produced some really sensational encounters with the areas most colourful and sought-after birds. Long-tailed Broadbill, Red-headed Trogon, Orange-breasted Trogon, Common Green Magpie, Blue Nuthatch and Silver-eared Mesia all caused suitable "oohs and aahs" from the group. We also enjoyed great views of the super-cute Pygmy Wren-Babbler, intense Collared Owlet and striking Slaty-backed Forktail. The mixed species flocks at Fraser's Hill were a real treat and we enjoyed working through the regular flocks of Black-and-Crimson Oriole, Golden Babbler, Blue-winged Minla, Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush, Black-eared Shrike-Babbler and Chestnut-crowned Warbler. Our nocturnal excursions produced good views of two Nightjars, Gray and Malaysian-eared.

After a fine time in the cool highlands it was time to explore the hot and bird-rich lowland forest at Taman Negara. With so many striking, special and dramatic species seen at Taman Negara it becomes difficult to select those worth mention in this report! Great views of two star birds, Banded and Garnet Pitta were certainly key birding moments. Another great trip memory was when a Green Broadbill landed just above our heads with the legs of some enormous and unfortunate insect hanging out of its great broad bill. Really good views were had of Great Slaty Woodpecker. Diard's, Scarlet-rumped and Red-naped Trogons all added great splashes of red to our birding as did the awesome Red-bearded Bee-eater. Probably one of the tours most memorable moments came when, after a steep climb we came across a male Great Argus at its calling ground. This impressive giant then allowed us an almost point blank approach whilst it continued to call and completely ignore our presence! Less glamorous no doubt but great birding was had as we began to sort through the plethora of Babblers that make the lowland forest home. Really good views were had that allowed appreciation of the striking patterns and colouration of Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler, Striped Wren-Babbler, Black-capped Babbler and Black-throated Babbler. Bulbuls are numerous and diverse at Taman Negara and on one day we managed an incredible thirteen species. Other attractions here included fine studies of Wild Boar, Indian Muntjac and for those on a night walk the most incredible

views of a Colugo at rest on a tree and then in spectacular flight over our heads. Further rewards in the form of a Javan Frogmouth ended the nocturnal experience in fine style.

Leaving Peninsula Malaysia we flew into Kota Kinabalu to begin our exploration of Borneo. Our first stop was the legendary Mount Kinabalu NP. Here we had our work cut out for us as many birds seemed not to be calling and birding was often threatened or stopped by adverse weather in the afternoons. After a long and challenging search we were finally treated to perfect views of Whitehead's Trogon – a key moment and great relief! During our search we happened upon a pair of drop-dead-gorgeous Crimson-headed Partridge that allowed us close and long views – absolutely priceless! In one particularly productive hour on our first morning we enjoyed Bornean Treepie, Sunda Whistling Thrush, Bornean Whistler, Chestnut-crested Yuhina, Sunda Laughingthrush and Temminck's Sunbird while the sun rose and revealed the striking mountain backdrop. A visit to a private smallholding near the lower Poring Hot Springs gave us the opportunity to see a flowering *Rafflesia*. What an incredible flower! The world's largest and certainly one of the most bizarre. At the springs we also had perfect views of Banded Broadbill – a species we had only had frustrating flight views of at Taman Negara so a welcome prize indeed. Just before departing from Kinabalu a friendly researcher showed us a Fruithunter at its nest that he had discovered so it was on a high note that we left the highlands behind us and started our journey to the Danum Valley.

After a long and slippery and, at times thrilling drive along the muddy tracks to Borneo Rainforest Lodge we arrived in the dark and the rain, happy for a beer, a meal and some rest. The morning could not have been a more dramatic start. The first mega highlight came as a Bornean Gibbon made an appearance swinging through the tallest trees in dramatic fashion. Then birds woke all around us. Crested Fireback strolled through the camp, Bornean and Malaysian Blue Flycatchers were compared and Greater Green Leafbirds worked the tangles at eye level. A pair of Plain Sunbird soon arrived and flocks of Silver-rumped Spinetail wheeled low through the camp grounds. A short way into the morning walk we came across an adult male Orang-utan feeding on lianas at the roadside. What an incredible experience! To spend time with our close relative deep in the Bornean Jungle was a moving experience for many. Here we also put in some hard work for Pittas, eventually we earned reward in the form of good views for all of Black-crowned Pitta – a real jewel of a bird. We had a close encounter with Blue-headed Pitta but unfortunately the bird would just not show itself. On the canopy walkway we enjoyed a tree top view of the spectacular forest. Some of the group managed views of Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker and many of us had Lesser Cuckooshrike, Green Iora and Rufous-crowned Babbler. On our drive out we had some fine flight views of Rufous-bellied Eagle.

The Gomontong Caves are home to millions of bats, swiftlets and some obviously fearless nest harvesters. Our visit to the caves was nothing short of sensational. On our way in a female Orang-utan with an infant was a thrilling surprise. Some of the group had perfect views of Black-crowned Pitta. Lovely! At the caves we quickly had the long desired views of Edible-nest, Black-nest and Mossy-nest Swiftlets but the highlight was the incredible display put on by the Bat Hawk. We watched in wonder as this master predator nailed bat after bat until it had caught and swallowed seven in a row!

From the caves it was a short journey to Sukau. On our boat transfer to the lodge a Buffy Fish Owl was a fine welcome. Our time at Sukau was spent on boats exploring the river and its tributaries. As the mist cleared on the river we enjoyed several excellent sightings of Proboscis Monkey. White-chested Babbler hopped around in the waterside vegetation and squadrons of Green Imperial Pigeon flew overhead. Some really impressive views of a Peregrine Falcon were had as it enjoyed a meal on a riverside perch. On a narrow tributary Malaysian Blue Flycatcher was common and Chestnut-winged Cuckoo showed well. The last morning birding produced a great prize for many of the group

as the incredible Bornean Ground Cuckoo called and then made an appearance in the dense forest along the waters edge.

Some final birding around the wetlands at Likas Bay produced many species not yet recorded. Some of the highlights included Blue-naped Parrot, Striated Grassbird, White-browed Crake and Cinnamon Bittern.

A great trip that produced an array of special and beautiful birds and wildlife in a constantly varied landscape. Special thanks are due to Mano Thurmilangan for his expertise and knowledge on the regions birds, other wildlife and superb handling of tour logistics.

Photo Credit: Sultan Tit by Keith Valentine

BIRDS

Note: Names and taxonomical order of the bird species list follows that of IOC (International Ornithological congress), Birds of the World.

The status codes.

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

Anhinga & Darter *Anhingidae*

Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*

First recorded in the Danum Valley, often visible from the dining area.

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.

Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana*

A single bird was seen briefly flying over the river at Sukau.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

A few birds were seen in Taman Alam Reserve followed by good numbers at 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.

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.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Small numbers were encountered at several sites regularly throughout the tour.

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

Chinese Pond-Heron *Ardeola bacchus*

Singles were encountered en route to Kuala Selangor and Taman Negara.

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 a single bird was found at the river below Borneo Rainforest Lodge.

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*

Recorded from Likas Bay on the last day of the tour.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Good views were enjoyed at the mining pools and Sukau.

Storks Ciconidae

Storm's Stork *Ciconia stormi*

We had good views at Sukau; an endangered and beautiful stork.

Lesser Adjudant *Leptoptilos javanicus*

Whilst waiting for the rain to clear most of the group had great fly-over views at Sukau.

Swans, Geese & Ducks Anatidae

Lesser Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

We had some good views at the mining pools.

Hawks, Kites, Eagles & Vultures Accipitridae

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes*

We enjoyed great looks at the roadside stop between Kuala Lumpur and Kuala Selangor.

Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

We enjoyed flight views of this species in good numbers at Fraser's Hill.

Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus*

We had superb views in the Danum Valley, then we were treated to an incredible display as we watched an individual catch and devour seven bats in quick succession at the Gomantong Caves.

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

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

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

We enjoyed superb sightings at Taman Alam NR and at the Gomantong Caves.

Lesser Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis*

We had a good sighting at Sukau.

Grey-headed Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*

Fine views of a perched bird near a nest at the roadside stop on our way to Kuala Selangor, a welcome surprise indeed.

Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

This was the commonest raptor during the trip and we certainly enjoyed some outstanding views of this impressive bird.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

We had two sightings on our boat cruise at Sukau and a scoped bird at Kinabalu.

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*

Most of the group got onto a single bird in flight as we arrived at the Gomantong Caves.

Rufous-bellied Eagle *Hieraetus kienerii*

Two sightings, our first of a perched bird at Fraser's Hill and then some good flight views in the Danum Valley.

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus alboniger*

We enjoyed a sighting on the river at Sukau.

Wallace's Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus nanus*

This can be a tough species to locate and we were fortunate to have a sighting at Sukau.

Falcons & Caracaras *Falconidae***Black-thighed Falconet***Microhierax fringillarius*

We were lucky to have many good views, our best being birds that perched near our cabins at Taman Negara.

Peregrine Falcon*Falco peregrinus*

We had a memorable sighting of one eating its prey at Sukau.

Pheasants & Partridges *Phasianidae***Crimson-headed Partridge (BE)***Haematortyx sanguiniceps*

A bird often only on the list as a “heard”, we were thrilled to get the best views ever at Mt. Kinabalu NP – beautiful!

Red-breasted Partridge (BE)*Arborophila hyperythra*

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

Chestnut-necklaced Partridge*Arborophila charltonii*

This species was heard calling at Sukau.

Red Junglefowl*Gallus gallus*

We enjoyed excellent looks at an individual close to the mining pools.

Crested Fireback*Lophura ignita*

We had outstanding views of a spectacular male at Borneo Rainforest Lodge, also brief views at Taman Negara NP.

Malayan Peacock-Pheasant (ME)*Polyplectron malacense*

Some of the group were very lucky to see this shy species whilst walking the trails at Taman Negara NP.

Great Argus*Argusianus argus*

The resounding cries of this pheasant were a dominant sound in the lowland rainforest at Taman Negara NP. A highlight for many was the long and unbeatable views of a male.

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

A fairly common species at most wetlands, we had great views at Ulu Yam.

White-browed Crake*Porzana cinerea*

Seen at Likas Bay.

Purple Swamphen*Porphyrio porphyrio*

Seen at Likas Bay.

Common Moorhen*Gallinula chloropus*

Seen at Likas Bay.

Watercock*Gallicrex cinerea*

We enjoyed flight views of a flushed female at the mining pools.

Couriers & Pratincoles *Glareolidae***Oriental Pratincole***Glareola maldivarum*

Great views of roosting and flying birds at the mining pools.

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

Two birds were sighted at the mining pools.

Little Ringed Plover*Charadrius dubius*

We found several of these migrants at Ulu Yam.

Common Ringed Plover*Charadrius hiaticula*

Seen at Likas Bay.

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae

- Pintail Snipe** *Gallinago stenura*
We had a many sightings as birds flushed all around us at Ulu Yam.
- Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*
Seen at Likas Bay.
- Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
More than ten individuals were seen at Taman Alam Nature Reserve.
- Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*
One individual was seen at the mining pools and again at Likas Bay.
- Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*
Small numbers were seen at several sites including our first individual at Taman Alam NR.
- Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*
Seen at Likas Bay.

Doves & Pigeons Columbidae

- Common 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.
- 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 only sighting was in Taman Negara NP where a single bird was well seen at close range.
- Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata*
Small numbers seen near towns, our first sighting was of several at the roadside stop on our first day.
- Little Green-Pigeon** *Treron olax*
Seen well at Taman Negara with further views in flight while exploring the canals of Sukau.
- Large Green-Pigeon** *Treron capellei*
Seen on two days at Taman Negara NP.
- Pink-necked Green-Pigeon** *Treron vernans*
We enjoyed superb views on our first day.
- Thick-billed Pigeon** *Treron curvirostra*
Seen on our first day and again at Taman Negara NP.
- Green Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula aenea*
Good numbers were seen at Sukau.
- Mountain Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula badia*
Seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Parrots, Macaws & Allies Psittacidae

- Blue-rumped Parrot** *Psittinus cyanurus*
We had flight views of two birds in Taman Negara NP.
- Long-tailed Parakeet** *Psittacula longicauda*
Small numbers were seen en route to Kuala Selangor.
- Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot** *Loriculus galgulus*
Up to twenty were seen daily at Taman Negara NP where we enjoyed fantastic sightings of several perched.
- Blue-naped Parrot** *Tanygnathus lucionensis*
Seen at Likas Bay on the last day.

Cuckoos Cuculidae

- Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Cuculus sparverioides*

Some of the group had flight views at Fraser's Hill.

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*

Heard calling frequently, we had a good view at Poring Hot Springs.

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus*

Unfortunately only heard.

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

Great views at the mining pools.

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *Clamator coromandus*

This beautiful cuckoo was seen 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 at Taman Negara and in the Danum Valley.

Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea*

A bird was heard calling on our first day of the tour then seen at Sukau.

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi*

We enjoyed a single sighting on our first day.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

Seen well at Fraser's Hill.

Raffles' Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus*

A pair were well seen in the Danum Valley.

Red-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus javanicus*

We had views at Taman Negara NP.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

Our best sighting was had at Taman Negara.

Bornean Ground-Cuckoo *Carpococcyx radiatus*

A real treat for many of the group. Whilst exploring the backwaters at Sukau we encountered this amazing bird.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

We heard the distinctive call of this species often and had several good views throughout..

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*

We had great views of this often-shy species at the mining pools.

Short-toed Coucal *Centropus rectunguis*

One of the group was lucky to have this shy species fly across the river in front of them.

Typical Owls Strigidae

Reddish Scops-Owl *Otus rufescens*

This species was heard calling in Taman Negara on our night excursion.

Mountain Scops-Owl *Otus spilocephalus*

A deceptive species, 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 amazing individuals at Sukau during the night boat cruise and at our dinner table!

Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata*

We heard this species calling during our night excursions at Taman Negara.

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei*

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

Frogmouths Podargidae

Javan Frogmouth *Batrachostomus javensis*

A great reward for some serious hard work late at night, awesome views of this bizarre bird.

Goulds Frogmouth *Batrachostomus stellatus*

We heard this species call many times but just could not get the bird into view.

Nightjars & Allies Caprimulgidae

Malaysian Eared Nightjar*Eurostopodus temminckii*

We had good views of this distinctive species in flight one evening at Fraser's Hill; a very localized species.

Grey Nightjar*Caprimulgus indicus*

Single bird sighted during our night excursion at Fraser's Hill.

Large-tailed Nightjar*Caprimulgus macrurus*

We had great views during a night excursion at Taman Alam NR.

Savanna Nightjar*Caprimulgus macrurus*

Whilst searching for buttonquail we flushed a few at Ulu Yam.

Swifts Apodidae

Glossy Swiftlet*Aerodramus esculenta*

This species was encountered in good numbers at most sites, especially in the highlands.

Cave Swiftlet*Aerodramus linchi*

Seen in the upper parts of Mt. Kinabalu.

Mossy-nest Swiftlet*Aerodramus salangana*

Seen on their distinctive nest at the Gomontong Caves.

Black-nest Swiftlet*Aerodramus maximus*

Seen at their nests in the Gomontong Caves.

Edible-nest Swiftlet*Aerodramus fuciphagus*

Seen on its distinctive nest at the Gomontong Caves.

Silver-rumped Needletail*Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

Seen at Taman Negara with further views in the Danum Valley.

Brown-backed Needletail*Hirundapus giganteus*

We had excellent views of birds flying low over the water to drink at Taman Negara.

Silver-backed Needletail*Hirundapus cochinchinensis*

Seen by one of the participants mixed in with the above mentioned flock.

Fork-tailed Swift*Apus pacificus*

Flocks of this large swift were seen at Fraser's Hill.

House Swift*Apus nipalensis*

Small numbers were seen en route from Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Selangora and at Fraser's Hill.

Asian Palm Swift*Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Seen on the last day at Likas Bay.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Gray-rumped Treeswift*Hemiprocne longipennis*

Small numbers were seen in flight and perched close to Fraser's Hill and in Danum Valley.

Whiskered Treeswift*Hemiprocne longipennis*

Delightful! Our best views were of an individual perched close and at eye level on the canopy walkway at Danum Valley.

Trogon Trogonidae

Red-naped Trogon*Harpactes kasumba*

We had incredible views of this attractive species in Taman Negara.

Whitehead's Trogon*Harpactes whiteheadi*

After some long and worrying searching we were finally rewarded with some excellent views of this magnificent species.

Diard's Trogon*Harpactes diardii*

We found a single bird at Taman Negara.

Scarlet-rumped Trogon*Harpactes duvaucelii*

We enjoyed magnificent views in Taman Negara.

Red-headed Trogon*Harpactes erythrocephalus*

We had good views at Fraser's Hill.

Orange-breasted Trogon*Harpactes oreskios*

We had great views of this striking species at Fraser's Hill.

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

Seen on our way to Fraser's Hill and at Likas Bay.

Blue-eared Kingfisher*Alcedo meninting*

We enjoyed some great views at Taman Negara, Danum and Sukau.

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher*Ceyx erithaca*

We had incredible views of this species at Taman Negarar.

Banded Kingfisher*Lacedo pulchella*

After a few frustrating searches for calling birds we finally had magic views of a single calling male while walking the forest trails of Taman Negara.

Stork-billed Kingfisher*Pelargopsis capensis*

Our first sighting was a single bird near Kuala Lumpur with singles at Taman Negara NP, Sukau and Danum.

White-throated Kingfisher*Halcyon smyrnensis*

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

Black-capped Kingfisher*Halcyon pileata*

We had great views of at Taman Alam NR.

Collared Kingfisher*Todirhamphus chloris*

These smart birds were seen at Taman Alam NR.

Rufous-collared Kingfisher*Actenoides concretus*

This bird is rarely observed and we only heard it calling at Taman Negara.

Bee-eaters Meropidae**Blue-throated Bee-eater***Merops viridis*

We enjoyed regular views of this attractive species.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater*Merops philippinus*

We found this good looking species near Kuala Lumpur and near Ulu Yam.

Red-bearded Bee-eater*Nyctyornis amictus*

We had some excellent views at Taman Negara and another sighting at Danum Valley.

Rollers Coraciidae**Dollarbird***Eurystomus orientalis*

A lovely species that we encountered regularly throughout the tour.

Hornbills Bucerotidae**Oriental Pied-Hornbill***Anthracoceros albirostris*

We enjoyed a couple of sightings 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 had a great sighting at Taman Negara.

Rhinoceros Hornbill*Buceros rhinoceros*

We enjoyed brilliant sightings in the Danum Valley and at Gomontong Caves.

Helmeted Hornbill*Buceros vigil*

This spectacular but uncommon bird flew over the river at Taman Negara where a few members of the group managed to get onto it.

Bushy-crested Hornbill *Anorrhinus galeritus*

Several good sightings including a flock at Taman Negara.

White-crowned Hornbill *Berenicornis comatus*

Seen by several of the group at Taman Negara.

Barbets Capitonidae

Golden-naped Barbet (BE) *Megalaima pulcherrima*

We enjoyed great views on Mt. Kinabalu, a beautiful species.

Fire-tufted Barbet *Psilopogon pyrolophus*

These impressive barbets were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Gold-whiskered Barbet *Megalaima chrysopogon*

We all found this species at Taman Negara..

Red-throated Barbet *Megalaima mystacophanos*

We saw this species once very well in Taman Negara NP.

Black-browed Barbet *Megalaima oorti*

We had great views at Fraser's Hill.

Yellow-crowned Barbet *Megalaima henricii*

Often a tricky species to get good views of, we only managed to record it as heard.

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*

After hearing this species many times we managed some views from the canopy walkway in the Danum Valley.

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

We enjoyed fantastic views at Taman Alam NR.

Brown Barbet *Calorhamphus fuliginosus*

First seen at our roadside stop on day one.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnormis*

We had great success with this often-elusive species with a couple of sightings at various low lying forest areas.

Sunda Woodpecker *Dendrocopos moluccensis*

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

Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus*

We had good looks at this species in the Danum Valley.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

We had cracking looks whilst on the river at Taman Negara.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus*

We had a single great sighting at Fraser's Hill.

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*

We enjoyed good views at Fraser's Hill.

Checker-throated Woodpecker *Picus mentalis*

Good views at Fraser's Hill.

Common Goldenback *Dinopium javanense*

We had good views from the bus at Kuala Selangor.

Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis*

We heard what we presumed to be this species drumming near a large stand of bamboo in the Gap area.

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus*

Sightings at Fraser's Hill and Mount Kinabalu.

Orange-backed Woodpecker *Reinwardtipicus validus*

Sightings at Taman Negara and Sukau.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*

Very good sightings were had in the camp at Taman Negara.

Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki*

Recorded twice on the tour.

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus*

Seen by some of the participants at Sukau.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

We enjoyed awesome scope views 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.

Broadbills Eurylaimidae

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus*

We had some incredible views of this uncommon species at Taman Negara and Sukau.

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos*

This species was commonly seen at Taman Negara, Sukau and in the Danum Valley.

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*

This species was seen very well at Poring Hot Springs.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

We enjoyed incredible close views of birds at Taman Negara.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

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

Green Broadbill *Calypotomena viridis*

We had an excellent sighting in Taman Negara where a bird landed above our heads on the trail with an enormous insect in its mouth.

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 baudi*

Despite our best efforts we could not coax the bird into view while in Danum Valley.

Black-crowned Pitta (NE) *Pitta ussheri*

We had superb views of this reclusive species initially briefly in the Danum Valley and again for some at Gomantong Caves.

Banded Pitta *Pitta guajana*

We all enjoyed great views at Taman Negara. This is another superb looking species.

Garnet Pitta *Pitta granatina*

This species was our reward for some careful stalking after we heard the bird calling at Taman Negara.

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida*

This species was heard calling in the Danum Valley and at Sukau.

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.

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

Seen on our approach to the lower slopes of Fraser's Hill.

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

- Gray Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
Small numbers were seen at Fraser's Hill.
- Oriental [Paddyfield] Pipit** *Anthus rufulus*
We had good views of several en route to Kuala Selangor.

Cuckoo-shrikes Campephagidae

- Javan Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina javensis*
We enjoyed great views at Fraser's Hill.
- Sunda Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina larvata*
We enjoyed great views at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Lesser Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina fimbriata*
We had a bird from the canopy walkway at Danum Valley.
- Pied Triller** *Lalage nigra*
Found at Taman Alam Nature Reserve.
- Ashy Minivet** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*
We found this species in the hotel grounds in Kuala Selangor.
- Fiery Minivet** *Pericrocotus igneus*
This lovely species was seen only once when sighted at Sukau.
- Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus*
Seen in the Danum Valley.
- Gray-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris*
We enjoyed great views of several at Fraser's Hill and again Mt. Kinabalu.
- Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus picatus*
Several were seen at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus hirundinaceus*
We enjoyed views in Taman Negara and later one near the lodge at Sukau.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

- Straw-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus zeylanicus*
This species was found at Taman Negara where we enjoyed many good sightings.
- Black-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus atriceps*
Up to a dozen were seen daily at Taman Negara NP.
- Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus*
We found these smart looking birds at Fraser's Hill.
- Puff-backed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus eutilotus*
Our only sighting was a single bird located at Taman Negara, only seen by one member of the group.
- 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 a good sighting at Danum Valley.
- Cream-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus simplex*
A pair were seen in Taman Negara.
- Black-and-white Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanoleucos*
We were lucky to find this seldom seen species at Taman Negara.
- Red-eyed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus brunneus*
We had several sightings at Taman Negara and further views in the Danum Valley.
- Spectacled Bulbul** *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos*
Small numbers were seen daily at Taman Negara NP and Danum.

Finsch's Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus finschii</i>
We had outstanding views in the Danum Valley.	
Ochraceous Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus ochraceus</i>
Seen at Fraser's Hill and larger numbers at Mt. Kinabalu.	
Gray-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus bres</i>
Seen in Taman Negara.	
Yellow-bellied Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus phaeocephalus</i>
Small numbers of this attractive species were found at Taman Negara.	
Hairy-backed Bulbul	<i>Tricholestes criniger</i>
Several were seen at Taman Negara NP.	
Buff-vented Bulbul	<i>Iole olivacea</i>
Good numbers were seen at Taman Negara and again at Sukau.	
Streaked Bulbul	<i>Ixos malaccensis</i>
Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP, with a further sighting at Danum.	
Mountain Bulbul	<i>Ixos mcclllandii</i>
Common at Fraser's Hill.	

Leafbirds Chloropseidae

Greater Green Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis sonnerati</i>
Seen on all our days in the Danum Valley.	
Lesser Green Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cyanopogon</i>
A pair was seen at Taman Negara NP and also in the Danum Valley.	
Blue-winged Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>
Small numbers were seen at Taman Negara.	

Ioras Aegithinidae

Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
We had good views at Sukau.	
Green Iora	<i>Aegithina viridissima</i>
Small numbers were seen at Danum Valley.	

Thrushes Turdidae

Sunda Whistling-Thrush	<i>Myophonus glaucinus</i>
We enjoyed several sightings of this retiring species at Mt. Kinabalu.	
Malayan Whistling-Thrush (ME)	<i>Myophonus robinsoni</i>
Despite our early morning efforts we only managed to hear this species at Fraser's Hill.	
Orange-headed Thrush	<i>Zoothera citrina</i>
Seen at Fraser's Hill.	
Eye-browed Thrush	<i>Zoothera obscurus</i>
Seen on two occasions by single members of the group both times.	
Fruithunter (BE)	<i>Chlamydochaera jefferyi</i>
A couple of members of the group had a fantastic sighting of this rare species on Mt. Kinabalu.	
Lesser Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx leucophrys</i>
One was seen remarkably well responding to playback at Fraser's Hill.	
White-browed Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx montana</i>
Several participants had sightings of this retiring species at Mt. Kinabalu and others were heard.	

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>
One was seen well at the mining pools.	
Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flaviventris</i>

We had our first views at the mining pools.

Rufescent Prinia

Prinia rufescens

Heard calling from the undergrowth at Fraser's Hill.

Old World Warblers Sylviidae

Bornean Stubtail (BE)

Urosphena whiteheadi

We had this species at Mt. Kinabalu where many of the group managed to get a view.

Sunda Bush-Warbler

Cettia vulcania

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

Friendly Bush-Warbler

Bradypterus accentor

Not that friendly! We heard this species calling at Kinabalu.

Oriental Reed-Warbler

Acrocephalus orientalis

Seen at the mining pools and Sukau.

Mountain Tailorbird

Orthotomus cucullatus

Seen at Fraser's Hill and at Mt. Kinabalu.

Common Tailorbird

Orthotomus sutorius

This species was sighted at Taman Alam NR and Taman Negara.

Dark-necked Tailorbird

Orthotomus atrogularis

We first saw this species at a roadside stop on day one.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird

Orthotomus sericeus

We had good views of about three birds in the Danum Valley.

Ashy Tailorbird

Orthotomus ruficeps

Several were seen well at Taman Alam NR and later we enjoyed sightings at Sukau.

Arctic Warbler

Phylloscopus borealis

Small numbers of were seen at Fraser's Hill.

Yellow-browed Warbler

Phylloscopus coronatus

Seen at Fraser's Hill and in the Danum Valley.

Eastern Crowned Leaf-Warbler

Phylloscopus coronatus

Seen at Fraser's Hill and taman Negara.

Mountain Warbler

Phylloscopus trivirgatus

Many seen at Mt Kinabalu.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler

Seicercus castaniceps

We had good views 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.

Yellow-bellied Warbler

Abroscopus superciliaris

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

Striated Grassbird

Megalurus palustris

Seen at Likas Bay on the last day of the tour.

Old World Flycatchers Sylviidae

Eye-browed Jungle-Flycatcher (NE)

Rhinomyias gularis

We had good views at Mt. Kinabalu.

Asian Brown Flycatcher

Muscicapa dauurica

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

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 birds were seen at close distance along the trails at Mt. Kinabalu.

Rufous-browed Flycatcher

Ficedula solitaria

Seen well at Fraser's Hill, a very attractive but shy forest flycatcher.

- Rufous-chested Flycatcher** *Ficedula dumetoria*
We observed one individual on a forest trail in the Danum Valley.
- Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni*
Small numbers were seen daily at both Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.
- Blue-and-white Flycatcher** *Cyanoptila cyanomelana*
Found at Mt. Kinabalu, an attractive but often scarce flycatcher.
- Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassina*
Seen at Fraser's Hill, perched conspicuously on a tall exposed perch.
- Large Niltava** *Niltava grandis*
This good looking bird was well seen on the forested trails on Fraser's Hill when a confiding pair was located.
- Indigo Flycatcher** *Eumyias indigo*
Up to five of these beauties were seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Hill Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis banyumas*
This species was heard calling at Fraser's Hill.
- Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis turcosus*
Two birds were seen very well near the water's edge in Sukau with another individual well seen at Danum.
- Bornean Blue-Flycatcher (BE)** *Cyornis superbus*
This scarce bornean endemic was brilliantly seen in the Danum Valley.
- Pygmy Blue-Flycatcher** *Muscicapella hodgsoni*
We found two along the forest trails at Fraser's Hill.
- Gray-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
Singles were sighted in the Danum Valley.
- Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis*
Common and widespread, seen on most days of the trip.
- White-crowned Shama (BE)** *Copsychus stricklandii*
We all enjoyed superb views of this stunning species daily at Sukau and in the Danum Valley.
- White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus*
Seen well and regularly at Taman Negara while we heard many more.
- White-crowned Forktail** *Enicurus leschenaulti*
We enjoyed some great sightings of this species at Kinabalu.
- Slaty-backed Forktail** *Enicurus schistaceus*
We had stunning views along a forest stream at Fraser's Hill.

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 at Taman Alam NR and Sukau.
- Spotted Fantail** *Rhipidura perlata*
We enjoyed some fabulous views at Taman Negara.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae

- Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*
We enjoyed several sightings in Taman Negara NP.
- Asian Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi*
Small numbers were seen in the Taman Negara and Danum Valley.

Whistlers & Allies Pachycephalidae

- Bornean Whistler (BE)** *Pachycephala hypoxantha*

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

Babblers Timaliidae

- Black Laughingthrush** *Garrulax lugubris*
We enjoyed great views at Fraser's Hill of this localised species.
- 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 at Mt. Kinabalu.
- Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush** *Garrulax erythrocephalus*
We had some superb views at Fraser's Hill.
- White-chested Babbler** *Trichastoma rostratum*
We enjoyed superb views at Sukau of this riverside specialist.
- Ferruginous Babbler** *Trichastoma bicolor*
Singles were sighted at Sukau and again at Danum.
- Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti*
This species was heard calling from the undergrowth at Taman Negara NP.
- Temminck's Babbler** *Pellorneum pyrrogenys*
We had great views of at least three birds on Mt. Kinabalu.
- Short-tailed Babbler** *Malacocincla malaccensis*
We had excellent views along the trails at Danum.
- Buff-breasted Babbler** *Pellorneum tickelli*
Seen along one of the forest trails at Fraser's Hill.
- Moustached Babbler** *Malacopteron magnirostre*
Seen at Taman Negara and Danum Valley.
- Sooty-capped Babbler** *Malacopteron affine*
First seen well at Taman Negara.
- Scaly-crowned Babbler** *Malacopteron cinereum*
Small numbers were seen by some while birding along the trails in the Danum Valley.
- Rufous-crowned Babbler** *Malacopteron magnum*
Seen from the canopy walkway in the Danum Valley.
- Mountain Wren-Babbler (BE)** *Napothera crassa*
On Mt. Kinabalu we had amazing views of two birds in the undergrowth allowing us to observe them at a very close distance.
- Striped Wren-Babbler** *Kenopia striata*
We all had superb views, we even managed to scope this species at Taman Negara!
- Streaked Wren-Babbler** *Napothera brevicaudata*
Found along the forest trails at Fraser's Hill.
- Golden Babbler** *Stachyris chrysaea*
Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.
- Gray-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps*
Small numbers seen at Fraser's Hill with daily sightings along the trails at Mount Kinabalu.
- Black-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigricollis*
Everyone saw this species well at Taman Negara, a beautiful bird.
- Chestnut-rumped Babbler** *Stachyris maculata*
This canopy-dwelling species was seen at Taman Negara.
- Chestnut-winged Babbler** *Stachyris erythroptera*
Good numbers were seen at Taman Negara NP and Danum Valley.
- Striped Tit-Babbler** *Macronous gularis*
Seen at Taman Negara and Danum Valley.
- Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler** *Macronous ptilosus*
This striking species gave us sensational views at Taman Negara.

Silver-eared Mesia	<i>Leiothrix argenteauris</i>
Small flocks of this stunning gem were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.	
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius flaviscapris</i>
We had views of several at Fraser's Hill.	
Black-eared Shrike-Babbler	<i>Pteruthius melanotus</i>
We enjoyed good views of several individuals at Fraser's Hill.	
Blue-winged Minla	<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>
Seen regularly at Fraser's Hill.	
Brown Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe brunneicauda</i>
We had a sighting in the Danum Valley.	
Mountain Fulvetta	<i>Alcippe peracensis</i>
Seen daily at Fraser's Hill associating with mixed species flocks.	
Long-tailed Sibia	<i>Heterophasia picaoides</i>
Common and conspicuous at Fraser's Hill.	
White-bellied Yuhina	<i>Yuhina zantholeuca</i>
Seen at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara.	
Chestnut-crested Yuhina (BE)	<i>Yuhina everetti</i>
This lovely Bornean endemic was seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.	

Thornbills & Allies Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone [Flyeater]	<i>Gerygone sulphurea</i>
Seen a couple of times at Taman Alam NR.	

Chickadees & Tits Paridae

Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>
We found a pair in the mangroves at Taman Alam NR.	
Sultan Tit	<i>Melanochlora sultanea</i>
We encountered these stunning tits at Fraser's Hill.	

Nuthatches Sittidae

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>
First seen at Fraser's Hill.	
Blue Nuthatch	<i>Sitta azurea</i>
After a long and worrying search we had a superb view at Fraser's Hill.	

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters Nectariniidae

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Chalcopteryx singalensis</i>
Several were seen at Taman Alam NR and later further sightings in the Danum Valley.	
Plain Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes simplex</i>
Everyone enjoyed good view in the Danum Valley.	
Brown-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>
We encountered this species regularly.	
Red-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>
Seen by one of the participants at Sukau.	
Purple-naped Sunbird	<i>Hypogramma hypogrammicum</i>
We had views in Taman Negara NP and in the Danum Valley.	
Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>
We had good views of ten at Taman Alam NR followed by further views around Sukau.	
Black-throated Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga saturata</i>
We found many at Fraser's Hill including several stunning males.	
Temminck's Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga temminckii</i>

This is another beautiful species which we saw daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Thick-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera flavigaster*

Seen at Danum Valley.

Long-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera robusta*

Seen at a flowering tree in Danum Valley.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

We had numerous sightings of this quick species at Fraser's Hill, Danum Valley and Sukau.

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysogenys*

Several birds were sighted at Taman Negara and again in the Danum Valley attending flowering trees.

Gray-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera modesta*

Seen at Danum Valley. This is the endemic Bornean race at Danum.

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*

Seen daily at Fraser's Hill and we enjoyed several very close views.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae

Black-sided Flowerpecker (BE) *Dicaeum monticolum*

Observed at Mt. Kinabalu, the male is very attractive.

Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker (NE) *Prionochilus xanthopygius*

Some of us enjoyed views at Danum Valley from the canopy walkway.

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculates*

A single was seen in the Danum Valley.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

Seen best at Poring Hot Springs where we finally had a sighting that was not a fly-over.

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum concolor*

Seen by one of the participants at Sukau.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

Seen very well at Fraser's Hill.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Black-capped White-eye *Zosterops atricapillus*

Seen daily at Mt. Kinabalu.

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

Seen at Taman Alam NR on our first day.

Mountain Black-eye (BE) *Chlorocharis emiliae*

We had superb views at Mt. Kinabalu.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus*

We had great views of this species in Danum Valley.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*

Good numbers were seen at Taman Alam NR.

Black-and-crimson Oriole *Oriolus cruentus*

Seen daily at Fraser's Hill and small numbers were also seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

Found daily in Taman Negara NP.

Shrikes Laniidae

Tiger Shrike *Lanius tigrinus*

A single bird was sighted near camp in Taman Negara.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

We had good views of small numbers en route to Kuala Selangor.

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*

A single bird was observed near the mining pools.

Helmetsrikes & Allies Prionopidae

Rufous-winged Philentoma *Philentoma pyrhopterum*

Seen well in Taman Negara.

Maroon-breasted Philentoma *Philentoma velatum*

We had brilliant views while in the Danum Valley.

Drongos Dicruridae

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*

We found a single bird at the mining pools.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

We found one in the mangroves at Taman Alam NR and many at Mt. Kinabalu.

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

Small numbers were seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

Seen daily at Fraser's Hill with dazzlingly long projecting tail feathers.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

Good numbers 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 Danum Valley.

Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae

Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus*

We had great views of this striking species at Taman Negara and later 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.

Short-tailed Magpie *Cissa thalassina*

This stunner was seen at Mt. Kinabalu. A brilliant flash of color!

House Crow *Corvus splendens*

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

Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca*

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.

Rail-babbler Family Eupetidae

Malaysian Rail-babbler *Eupetes macrocerus*

Seen well by one participant and glimpsed by several others at Taman Negara. The bird was heard well by all.

Starlings Sturnidae

Asian Glossy Starling*Aplonis panayensis*

Seen regularly at scattered sites throughout.

Common Hill Myna*Gracula religiosa*

We had several sightings, our first on day one at a roadside stop.

Jungle Myna*Acridotheres fuscus*

Seen on our way to Taman Negara.

Javan Myna*Acridotheres javanicus*

Many seen in the vicinity of Kuala Selangor.

Common Myna*Acridotheres tristis*

Small numbers were seen around Kuala Selangor and near the lodge at Taman Negara NP among other locations.

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

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

Waxbills & Allies Estrildidae**Tawny-breasted Parrot-Finch***Erythrura hyperthra*

An unexpected tour highlight and lifer for Mano! Great views at Mt Kinabalu.

Dusky Munia (BE)*Lonchura fuscans*

Seen at the lodge in Danum Valley.

Scaly-breasted Mannikin*Lonchura punctulata*

We found this species on our way to Taman Negara.

Black-headed Munia*Lonchura Malacca*

Sighted near the mining pools and then in large numbers at Sukau.

MAMMALS**Treeshrews Tupaiidae****Mountain Tree-Shrew***Tupaia montana*

We found these endearing creatures on Mt. Kinabalu.

Great Apes Pongidae**Orang-utan***Pongo pygmaeus*

We found a large male feeding in a tree at Danum Valley and then a mother with an infant at the Gomontong Caves. An incredible experience!

Monkeys Cercopithecidae**White-thighed Leaf Monkey***Presbytis siamensis*

We had great views of a total of twenty in Fraser's Hill. This species is split from Banded leaf Monkey.

Red Leaf Monkey*Presbytis rubicunda*

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

Silvered Leaf Monkey*Presbytis cristata*

This was commonly seen at Kuala Selangor where we found many at Taman Alam NR.

Proboscis Monkey*Nasalis larvatus*

Several troops 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, Sukau and the Danum Valley.

Pig-tailed Macaque*Macaca nemestrina*

Seen on the road departing from Fraser's Hill.

Gibbons Hylobatidae

Bornean Gibbon

Hylobates muelleri

Sensational views at Danum – one of the tour highlights!

Squirrels Sciuridae

Gray-bellied Squirrel

Callosciurus caniceps

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

Plantain Squirrel

Callosciurus notatus

We enjoyed good views of several at Taman Negara NP.

Bornean Black-banded Squirrel

Callosciurus orestes

Seen at Mt. Kinabalu.

Black-banded Squirrel

Callosciurus nigrovittatus

One was seen at Taman Negara.

Prevost's Squirrel

Callosciurus prevostii

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

Himalayan Striped Squirrel

Tamiops macclellandi

Seen daily at Fraser's Hill.

Low's (Mountain Red-bellied) Squirrel

Sundasciurus lowii

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

Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel

Dremomys everetti

Tame and conspicuous on Mt Kinabalu.

Least (Common) Pygmy Squirrel

Exilisciurus exilis

This tiny squirrel was seen at Danum Valley.

Tufted Pygmy Squirrel

Exilisciurus whiteheadi

This delightful creature was seen at Mt Kinabalu.

Bats Pteropidae

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.

Large Flying Fox

Pteropys vampyrus

Seen by some on night excursions at Sukau.

Gymnure Hylomyinae

Lesser Gymnure

Hylomys suillus

This creature was found on Mt. Kinabalu.

Colugo Cynocephalae

Malayan Flying Lemur (Colugo)

Cynocephalus variegates

We had brilliant views of a single animal gliding over our heads at Taman Negara.

Civets & Mongooses Viverridae

Small-toothed Palm Civet

Arctogalidia trivirgata

Seen by some on a night excursion at Sukau.

Pigs Suidae

Wild Boar

Sus scrofa

We enjoyed good views of several in Taman Negara NP.

Bearded Pig

Sus barbatus

A single animal was observed at length visiting the lodge area in Danum Valley.

Deer Cervidae

Sambar

Cervus unicolor

We had views in Taman Negara and later in the Danum Valley.

Indian Muntjac

Muntiacus muntjak

We had great views from the hide at Taman Negara.

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