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Endangered Endemics of the
Philippines
& Visayan Island Extension

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Philippine Eagle

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Tour Summary

This year we started off our great Philippine adventure on the island of Palawan. On arrival in the bustling city of Puerto Princesa (the "capital" of Palawan), we were cheerily greeted by a local band in full song. Our first birding stop at a patch of mangroves yielded the sought after Chinese Egret, impressive Stork-billed Kingfisher, several obliging Rufous-tailed Tailorbirds and our first endemic, the beautiful White-vented Shama. From here we headed for an early lunch in the form of a delicious barbeque. Heading for Sabang we stopped briefly at another grove of mangroves



which yielded the elusive Copper-throated Sunbird, a fleeting Ruddy Kingfisher and our first of many Yellow-throated Leafbirds. Nearing Sabang we stopped in some tall woodland, after a brief shower of rain we were delighted to find a myriad of birds including the scarce Palawan Hornbill, skulking Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, a family group of five Great Slaty Woodpeckers, splendid Red-bellied Pitta showing well for all, smart Dark-throated Oriole, our only Palawan Tit of the trip, Sulphur-bellied Bulbul, smart Palawan and Striped Flowerpecker and Lovely Sunbird. What a start, and we were all chattering with excitement as we made for the lodge. A visit by outrigger boat to the Underground River National Park was another highlight during our stay on Palawan. We were ecstatic to find a superb male Palawan Peacock-Pheasant and two Philippine Megapodes nearby. A short search produced memorable sightings of Hooded Pitta and the smart endemic Palawan Blue Flycatcher. Along the beach we watched a Peregrine Falcon as it swooped down and killed a Mayr's (Palawan) Swiftlet right in front of



us, while further down the beach we found a lovely pair of Malaysian Plover. Night excursions in the area produced superb views of Large-tailed Nightjar, a very confiding Palawan Scops Owl (which can be exceptionally difficult to locate), and goggle-eyed Javan Frogmouth. We were not finished yet and leaving Sabang we located a Jerdon's Baza – very rare in the Philippines, and after much searching a superb Blue Paradise Flycatcher, a nice surprise in the form of a pair of Red-vented Cockatoo, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch and at a fruiting tree a magnificent Blue-headed Racket-tail. At Iwahig Penal Colony we found Slaty-breasted Rail, Long-toed Stint, Melodious Babbler and furtive Falcated Wren-Babbler, while three males and a stunning female Greater Painted Snipe had the group rushing for the scope.

A visit to a nearby islet produced more Chinese Egrets, a pair of the low density Great-billed Heron, localised Grey Imperial Pigeons and two magnificent Mantanani Scops Owls. Heading to the airport for our departure we stopped in a forested gully and found the smart Palawan Flycatcher, thus wrapping up all the Palawan endemics on our route. What a start!!!

Next we took a flight to the island of Negros in central Philippines. An early start saw us heading for Mount Kanlaon, and after a fairly strenuous walk we found many worthwhile endemics including a pair of Philippine Serpent Eagle, the beautiful Spotted Wood Kingfisher which stayed long

enough for all to enjoy scope views, White-winged Cuckooshrike, White-vented Whistler, Balicassiao, hyperactive Blue-headed Fantail, Elegant Tit, Philippine Tailorbird, Negros Leaf Warbler, Yellowish White-eye, Bicolored Flowerpecker and a mixed flock with Sulphur-billed Nuthatch and both Stripe-headed and Stripe-breasted Creepers. The later two species delighted everyone as the Philippine Creepers or Rhabdornithidae is an endemic family to the Philippines. Other species seen during our walk included Metallic Pigeon, a hepatic Oriental Cuckoo, immaculate Whiskered Treeswift and a pair of Greater Goldenback of the stunning race *xanthocephalus*.

From Negros we flew to Cebu and then took a comfortable ferry to the island of Bohol and the quaint Chocolate Hills. Our time here was spent visiting Raja Sikatuna National Park. Covering the network of forested trails through the craggy limestone deposits we were treated to some great sightings including a handsome male Red Junglefowl, very responsive Black-chinned Fruit Dove, scope views of Blue-crowned Racket-tail, striking Black-faced Coucal, Philippine Trogon, sexually dimorphic Samar Hornbill, truly magnificent Azure-breasted Pitta, shy Yellow-breasted Tailorbird, Philippine Leaf Warbler, retiring Striated Wren-Babbler, Coleto and Black-crowned Babbler. An early evening vigil in a forest clearing produced wonderful views of a delightful Philippine Hawk-Owl and several huge Great Eared Nightjars. We enjoyed fantastic sightings of several Colugo gliding across a forest clearing at dusk. Visiting a local sanctuary rewarded us with great sightings of Philippine Tarsier, yet another fabulous mammal and a fitting finale to our stay on Bohol.



From Bohol we returned to Luzon and made our way to Los Banos and Mt. Makiling. Unfortunately we were not able to visit the island of Mindoro due to unrest, however our extra day at Mount Makiling was particularly rewarding. Jonathan had joined us for the latter section of the trip and within an hour here we were watching a Luzon Bleeding-heart walking down the road towards us, how lucky can one get! Other highlights here included superb sightings of Pechora Pipit, a cryptic Forest Wagtail, the tiny Philippine Falconet, Guaiabero, splendid Rough-crested and Scale-feathered Malkohas, Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo sitting up in good early morning light, Luzon Hornbill, Black-and-white Triller, Grey-backed Tailorbird, Yellow-wattled Bulbul and after much searching, the superb Flaming Sunbird.

A visit to the Botanical Gardens and nearby university campus was also highly successful with sightings of a pair of secretive Plain Bush-hen, endemic Spotted Buttonquail, House Swifts and migrant Blue-tailed Bee-eaters overhead, Tawny Grassbird, Lowland White-eye and along a quiet forested stream the dazzling Indigo-banded Kingfisher. Lunch at a local restaurant provided an added bonus of fine local cuisine and our best views of Yellow Bittern and White-browed Crake. Both posed well, allowing for great photo opportunities.



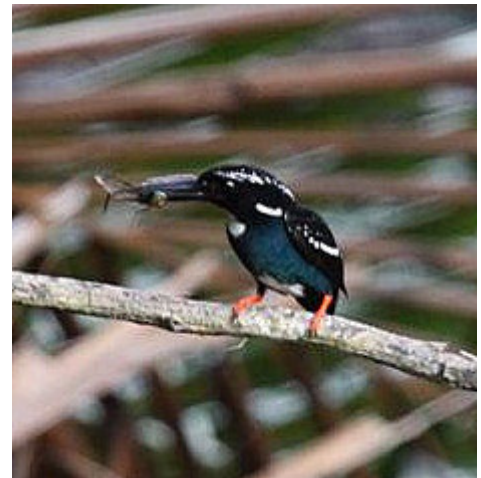
Next we visited the great Candaba Marsh, finding numerous Philippine Duck, migrant Northern Shoveler, Garganey in full breeding plumage, Tufted Duck, Cinnamon and Black Bittern, unexpected Pied Harrier, tame Barred Rail, simply stunning Pheasant-tailed Jacana, Oriental Pratincole and Island Collared and Red Turtle Dove, whilst Middendorff's Grasshopper Warblers called from the dense reedbeds. Pulling ourselves away from this wonderful wetland we made our way to Subic Bay for a delicious lunch. Our time

here was spent birding the network of old growth forests around the old naval base. Highlights included a very co-operative Amethyst Brown Dove, plenty of Philippine Green Pigeons, a lone Spotted Imperial Pigeon – now very rare due to hunting and habitat loss, Philippine Hanging Parrot, great views of Green Racket-tail, Blue-naped Parrot, skulking Rufous Coucal, Blue-throated Bee-eater, the highly sought after endemic Sooty Woodpecker, Blackish Cuckooshrike, highly elusive White-fronted Tit and White-browed Shama.

Our next stop was Mount Polis and here we were slightly impeded by inclement weather, however we still managed great views of Green-backed Whistler, smart Mountain Tailorbird, Philippine and Long-tailed Bush Warblers, social flocks of Chestnut-faced Babbler, Island Thrush, Turquoise Flycatcher, Luzon Water Redstart and a flock of Red Crossbill.

Our excitement mounted as we took a flight to Mindanao in search of one of the great birds of the world, the magnificent Philippine Eagle. We made our way to the famous Mount Kitanglad and a comfortable walk had us arriving at camp in the mid afternoon. We settled in and enjoyed birding around camp with a highlight being a displaying Bukidnon Woodcock at dusk. The next day we set off on our quest to find the eagle. It is only once this bird is seen at close range that one can appreciate how big it really is, and this year we were particularly fortunate to have an adult perched no more than forty metres away. At first we scoped a juvenile which was seen well near its nest, and later the adult flew in with prey allowing us truly spectacular views. This was certainly one of the great highlights of the tour! Other notable sightings in the area included, scope views of the stunning Yellow-breasted Fruit Dove, Mindanao Racket-tail (which were pleasantly common this year), Giant Scops Owl - which gave stunning views after a lengthy search, Philippine Nightjar at its nest, confiding Hombroon's Kingfisher, Mindanao Hornbill, McGregor's Cuckooshrike, elusive Mountain Shrike, Black-and-Cinnamon Fantail, Rufous-headed Tailorbird, Mindanao and Cinnamon Ibon, Short-tailed Starling at its nest, Apo Myna, Olive-capped Flowerpecker, Grey-hooded Sunbird, stunning Red-eared Parrotfinch and White-cheeked Bullfinch.

Our final destination was the lowland forest of PICOP, an area where deforestation is unfortunately particularly evident. Some of the specials have become increasingly difficult however we still managed to find most including Oriental Hobby, Pink-bellied Imperial Pigeon, Violet Cuckoo, Philippine Drongo Cuckoo, Philippine Frogmouth, Philippine Spine-tailed Swift, Winchell's and Silvery Kingfisher, impressive Rufous and Writhed Hornbills, strange Wattled Broadbill, Philippine Oriole, Short-crested Monarch, Black-headed Tailorbird, Mindanao Pygmy Babbler, Handsome Sunbird and Naked-faced Spiderhunter. A visit to the nearby Bislig airport proved very successful with great sightings of Watercock and a lovely Eastern Grass Owl.



We ended a superb trip off by making our way back to Manila for our final dinner and return flights home.

Photos: Philippine Eagle by David Shackelford, Palawan Peacock-Pheasant, Javan Frogmouth, Philippine Tarsier, Mantanani Scops Owl and Silvery Kingfisher by Jacqueline Probst

Annotated List of Bird and Mammal species recorded

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of Clement's, the Clement's name will be written in brackets or differences will be explained in a note below the species.

Key to Abbreviations:

E: endemic species found only in the Philippines

NE: near endemic species found in the Philippines and one or more nearby small islands

BIRDS

Megapodes Megapodiidae

Philippine Megapode (Tabon Scrubfowl) (NE) *Megapodius cumingii*

Two birds were observed at close quarters on forest trails in St. Paul's Underground River National Park at Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we observed the resident subspecies cumingii.

Pheasants, Fowl & Allies Phasianidae

Red Junglefowl

Gallus gallus

We had great views of a male in Rajah Sikatuna National Park in the Chocolate Hills, Bohol and a further sighting of a pair at Subic Bay, Luzon

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies philippensis.

Palawan Peacock-Pheasant (E)

Polyplectron napoleonis

We enjoyed unforgettable views of one male seen at St. Paul's Underground River National Park, Palawan. It was seen at very close range as it fearlessly seemed to approach, almost inquisitively, as we stood very still gawking at what is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful birds of the world.

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

Wandering Whistling Duck

Dendrocygna arcuata

At least six were seen at wetlands around Bislig Airport on Mindanao.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies philippensis.

Philippine Duck (E)

Anas luzonica

More than one hundred were found at the Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Northern Shoveler

Anas clypeata

The Candaba Marsh in Luzon held one male, a winter migrant.

Garganey

Anas querquedula

A dozen were found at Candaba Marsh, Luzon. Several stunning males were in full breeding plumage.

Tufted Duck

Aythya fuligula

We had great views of a pair at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Hérons & Bitterns Ardeidae

Yellow Bittern

Ixobrychus sinensis

Birds were seen very well at several wetland sites with peak numbers of ten seen during a visit to Candaba Marsh, Luzon. Great photo opportunities were had of two at Los Banos.

Cinnamon Bittern

Ixobrychus cinnamomeus

Great sightings of two were had at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Black Bittern

Dupetor flavicollis

We enjoyed memorable sightings of four at Candaba Marsh, Luzon

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies flavicollis.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax

An estimated 500 birds were observed in a breeding colony at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *nycticorax*.

Rufous Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus*

We enjoyed magnificent views of five, both adults and juveniles, in Manila. A smart bird indeed!

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*

At least a dozen were seen on the tiny island of Pandan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded the resident subspecies *carcinophila*.

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*

A cosmopolitan species found in good numbers throughout the tour.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *coromandus*.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

We found small numbers of this widespread species on Luzon including great views of thirty at Candaba Marsh.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *jouyi*.

Great-billed Heron *Ardea sumatrana*

A pair was seen feeding on the tidal flats at the tiny island of Pandan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *sumatrana*.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Peak numbers of more than fifty birds were seen at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *manilensis*.

Eastern Great Egret *Ardea modesta*

We encountered scattered numbers throughout the tour on the islands of Luzon and Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *modesta*.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*

Small numbers were first seen at the roadside wetlands on Palawan followed by peak numbers of three at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *plumifera*.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Scattered sightings throughout the tour, most of the observations were on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *nigripes*.

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra*

A total of three birds were seen feeding along the shore near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *sacra*.

Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*

We had superb scope views of several on Palawan and Pandan islands. The Philippine islands of Palawan, Bohol and Olango may be a primary wintering area for this globally endangered species.

Ospreys Pandionidae

Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

An uncommon species in the Philippines, we were fortunate to see one on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *haliaetus*.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae

Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni*

We enjoyed magnificent views of a juvenile near Sabang, Palawan. This is a very rare species in the Philippines.

Crested (Oriental) Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

Two were seen soaring on Mt. Makiling, Luzon.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded the subspecies *philippensis* on Luzon.

Barred Honey Buzzard (NE) *Pernis celebensis*

Several birds were seen on two days in lowland rainforest in PICOP logging concession on the east coast of Mindanao.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies steerei. The endemic subspecies steerei is considered by some authorities to be a separate species from the subspecies, celebensis in Sulawesi.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

We had several sightings near Subic Bay, Luzon and at Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao of this handsome and widespread species.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies intermedius.

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

An adult was seen at Sabang, Palawan and a further one at the Iwahig Penal Colony.

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

We heard a pair displaying above the forest canopy at the Iwahig Penal Colony, Palawan.

Philippine Serpent Eagle (E) *Spilornis holospilus*

We enjoyed scattered sightings of this attractive raptor throughout the tour with our best sightings of several during our drive from PICOP to Davao.

Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*

We had a good sighting of one female at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Two individuals were seen at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded the subspecies extimus on Mindanao.

Besra *Accipiter virgatus*

Our first sighting was of one flying near Raja Sikatuna NP, Bohol and another on Mt.Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded the subspecies quagga on Bohol & Mindanao.

Philippine Eagle (E) *Pithecophaga jefferyi*

Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the tour. We obtained simply mind-boggling views of this huge raptor. A large juvenile was first seen well near the nest and later a massive adult seen very close by, carrying prey. No words could explain our elation after such a fantastic experience with this world-class bird of prey.

Rufous-bellied Eagle *Lophotriorchis kienerii*

A juvenile was seen soaring overhead at the Iwahig Penal Colony, Palawan.

Crested Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus*

A distant bird was seen near Sabang on the island of Palawan where this species is at the edge of its natural range.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies limnaeetus.

Falcons Falconidae

Philippine Falconet (E) *Microhierax erythrogenys*

First scoped perched on a dead snag at the Botanical Gardens, Los Bancos with further sightings at Subic, Luzon and at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies erythrogenys on Luzon and the subspecies meridionalis on Mindanao.

Oriental Hobby *Falco severus*

We had brief views of one soaring at PICOP, Mindanao.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Two were seen on the island of Palawan including good views of one near Sabang and a further one on Pandan Island.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies ernesti on Palawan and the subspecies calidus on Palawan and Pandan Islands.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

Barred Rail

Gallirallus torquatus

We had excellent views of one at Candaba Marsh with further sightings near Mt. Makiling, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *torquatus*.

Slaty-breasted Rail

Gallirallus striatus

We had incredible scope views of a pair at the Iwahig Penal Colony.

Plain Bush-hen (E)

Amaurornis olivacea

We had wonderful scope views of a pair near Mt. Makiling, Luzon and a further one was seen bathing in a puddle at PICOP, Mindanao.

White-breasted Waterhen

Amaurornis phoenicurus

This widespread species was seen well at Candaba Marsh followed by scattered sightings throughout the tour at wetland sites and inundated rice paddies.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *phoenicurus*.

White-browed Crake

Porzana cinerea

We enjoyed good but brief views of one at the Iwahig Penal Colony and later had incredible views of one at Los Bancos.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *ocularis*.

Watercock

Gallicrex cinerea

We enjoyed superb views of several in the rice fields at Iwahig Penal Colony, Palawan with further great sightings of several at Bislig airport, Mindanao.

Purple Swamphen

Porphyrio porphyrio

We had good scope views of four at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *pulverulentus*.

Common Moorhen

Gallinula chloropus

This widespread species was seen in small numbers at Iwahig Penal Colony, Palawan and Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *orientalis*.

Buttonquails Turnicidae

Spotted Buttonquail (E)

Turnix ocellatus

We had excellent scope views of four at the foot of Mt. Makiling while waiting in the late afternoon along a cut track through the secondary forest.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded the subspecies *ocellatus*.

Barred Buttonquail

Turnix suscitator

We flushed one at the Iwahig Penal Colony with a further sighting of one near Mt. Makiling.

Avocets and Stilts Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus himantopus

We found one at Iwahig Penal Colony and a further dozen at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Plovers Charadriidae

Pacific Golden Plover

Pluvialis fulva

We had great views of two at Iwahig Fishponds, Palawan.

Grey Plover

Pluvialis squatarola

We had great scope views of one on Pandan Island.

Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

We found one at the Iwahig Fishponds, Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *dubius*.

Malaysian Plover

Charadrius peronii

We had great views of a pair, along a white sandy beach in St. Paul's NP on Palawan.

Greater Sand Plover*Charadrius leschenaultii*

A flock of fifteen was seen at some mangroves on Palawan.

Painted-snipe Rostratulidae**Greater Painted Snipe***Rostratula benghalensis*

A female and three males were seen at Iwahig Fishponds, Palawan and a further two at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Jacanas Jacanidae**Pheasant-tailed Jacana***Hydrophasianus chirurgus*

One stunning male was seen at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Sandpipers & Snipes Scolopacidae**Bukidnon Woodcock (E)***Scolopax bukidnonensis*

We enjoyed several rodding display flights at twilight on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Whimbrel*Numenius phaeopus*

We had good views of twenty on Pandan Island.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies variegatus.

Eurasian Curlew*Numenius arquata*

We had good scope views of one on Pandan Island.

Common Redshank*Tringa totanus*

We had great views of five at Iwahig fishponds, Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies eurhinus.

Marsh Sandpiper*Tringa stagnatilis*

We found two at Iwahig fishponds, Palawan.

Common Greenshank*Tringa nebularia*

Three were seen at Iwahig fishponds, Palawan.

Wood Sandpiper*Tringa glareola*

We found two at Iwahig fishponds, Palawan and a further one at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Grey-tailed Tattler*Tringa brevipes*

Small numbers were seen at Pandan Island.

Common Sandpiper*Actitis hypoleucos*

Small numbers were seen daily on Palawan.

Red-necked Stint*Calidris ruficollis*

We had wonderful views of ten, including some in breeding plumage at the Iwahig Fish Ponds, Palawan.

Long-toed Stint*Calidris subminuta*

Up to a dozen were seen at Iwahig fishponds, Palawan and a further two at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Pratincoles Glareolidae**Oriental Pratincole***Glareola maldivarum*

A flock of fifteen was seen at Candaba Marsh, Luzon with scattered sightings elsewhere.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae**Black-naped Tern***Sterna sumatrana*

We had great views of a small flock at Subic Bay.

Whiskered Tern*Chlidonias hybrida*

We had superb views of three in full breeding plumage at Iwahig fishponds, Palawan and multiple sightings on Luzon.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies hybrida on Palawan and subspecies javavanicus in Luzon.

Pigeons & Doves Columbidae

Common (Rock) Pigeon

Columba livia

This feral species was observed in most urban areas throughout the tour.

Metallic Pigeon

Columba vitiensis

Two were seen briefly on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded the subspecies griseogularis.

Island Collared Dove

Streptopelia bitorquata

We enjoyed good views of three at Candaba Marsh, Luzon our only sightings of the trip.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies dusumieri.

Red Turtle Dove

Streptopelia tranquebarica

We had great scope views of several at Candaba Marsh, Luzon where we saw a total of eight.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies humilis.

Spotted Dove

Streptopelia chinensis

This widespread Asian species was found throughout the tour in good numbers, especially in degraded habitat on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies tigrina.

Philippine Cuckoo-Dove (E)

Macropygia tenuirostris

We had superb views of one near Sabang, Palawan and two on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies indica. Most authorities now splits this species as Philippine Cuckoo-Dove, M. tenuirostris from Andaman Cuckoo-Dove, M. rufipennis.

Common Emerald Dove

Chalcophaps indica

Heard calling its mournful repeated notes throughout lowland forest sites with several sightings on the island of Palawan and the Visayan Islands

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies indica.

Zebra Dove

Geopelia striata

Similar to the species above, we found this bird to be a regular inhabitant of degraded forest sites and towns throughout the tour.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies striata.

Luzon Bleeding-heart (E)

Gallicolumba luzonica

We had amazing views of one as it walked down the road towards us on Mt. Makiling, Luzon. This was certainly one of the highlights of the trip!

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded the subspecies luzonica.

White-eared Brown Dove (E)

Phapitreron leucotis

This shy species was found first at Rajah Sikatuna NP on Bohol, at Subic Bay, Luzon and at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies brevirostris on Bohol and Mindanao and subspecies leucotis on Luzon.

Amethyst Brown Dove (E)

Phapitreron amethystinus

This distinctive species was first seen in Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol and later seen exceptionally well at Subic Bay, Luzon and at PICOP, Mindanao

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies amethystinus.

Pink-necked Green Pigeon

Treron vernans

This widespread species prefers more open secondary habitat and we found small numbers near the Balsahan trail on Palawan.

Philippine Green Pigeon (E)

Treron axillaris

We first found one in Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol and later enjoyed great scope views of many at Subic Bay, Luzon and at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies canescens on Bohol and Mindanao and subspecies axillaris on Luzon. This species is sometimes lumped with Pompadour Green Pigeon, T.pompadora.

Thick-billed Green Pigeon

Treron curvirostra

We had great scope views of one on Palawan.

Yellow-breasted Fruit Dove (E)

Ptilinopus occipitalis

This beautiful bird was heard at most lowland sites as it gives a very far-carrying call. It can be tricky to see but we managed outstanding scope views of several on Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded the subspecies incognitus on Mindanao.

Black-chinned Fruit Dove (E)

Ptilinopus leclancheri

This species was heard several times in lowland forests throughout the tour but seen very well only near Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol and a further one at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies leclancheri on Bohol and Mindanao.

Pink-bellied Imperial Pigeon (E)

Ducula poliocephala

A bird rapidly declining in numbers due to excessive logging, we heard this species calling loudly across the degraded forest clearings in PICOP on Mindanao and were fortunate enough to see two.

Spotted Imperial Pigeon (E)

Ducula carola

We had magnificent scope views of one of these rare birds at Subic Bay, Luzon.

Green Imperial Pigeon

Ducula aenea

Found in good numbers throughout the tour. First seen in Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol with further sightings at Subic Bay, Luzon, small numbers daily at PICOP, Mindanao and finally peak numbers of up to twenty daily on Palawan.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies aenea on Bohol, Luzon and Mindanao and subspecies palawanensis on Palawan.

Grey Imperial Pigeon (NE)

Ducula pickeringii

We had superb views of two on Pandan Island.

Cockatoos Cacatuidae

Red-vented (Philippine) Cockatoo (E)

Cacatua haematuropygia

We enjoyed fabulous daytime views of a pair of this localised species both in flight and perched on a large dead tree near Sabang, Palawan. This endemic Cockatoo may now be one of the most threatened birds in the Philippines, due to pet trade.

Parrots Psittacidae

Philippine Hanging Parrot (Colasisi) (E)

Loriculus philippensis

We found this small noisy parrot to be fairly common at most sites throughout the tour including a couple at Mt.Makiling, scope views of one at Subic Bay, Luzon and many at Mt.Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Ten subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies philippensis on Luzon and subspecies apicalis on Mindanao.

Mindanao Racket-tail (E)

Prioniturus waterstradti

This year we enjoyed good numbers (16) on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies malindangensis on Mindanao. Most authorities split this species into two species Luzon Racket-tail, P.montanus and the one we observed as Mindanao Racket-tail, P.waterstradti.

Blue-headed Racket-tail (E)

Prioniturus platenae

Several of these attractive parrots were seen in the surroundings of Sabang on Palawan. We enjoyed great scope views of one perched up in the early morning.

Green Racket-tail (E)

Prioniturus luconensis

We had fantastic scope views of a pair at Subic Bay, Luzon.

Blue-crowned Racket-tail (E)*Prioniturus discurus*

We were fortunate to have superb scope views of one near Rajah Sikatuna NP on Bohol.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies whiteheadi on Bohol.

Blue-naped Parrot (NE)*Tanygnathus lucionensis*

We first had excellent views of several birds daily on the island of Palawan and small numbers daily at Subic Bay on the island of Luzon.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies lucionensis on Luzon and subspecies salvadorii on Palawan.

Guaiabero (E)*Bolbopsittacus lunulatus*

We enjoyed numerous great views of perched feeding birds with our best sightings at Mount Makiling on Luzon and further sightings at PICOP on Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies lunulatus on Luzon and subspecies mindanensis on Mindanao.

Cuckoos Cuculidae**Rufous Coucal (E)***Centropus unirufus*

We had brief views of four birds seen while birding through Subic Bay, Luzon. This is a particularly shy species that often stays hidden in thick tangles.

Black-faced Coucal (E)*Centropus melanops*

We had superb views of three in the forest near Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol. A further one was seen at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies banken on Bohol and subspecies melanops on Mindanao.

Greater Coucal*Centropus sinensis*

This species was heard calling and seen briefly in the forest on Palawan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies bubutus.

Philippine Coucal (E)*Centropus viridis*

We heard this attractive bird calling throughout the tour in almost all forest sites and enjoyed numerous sightings.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies viridis.

Lesser Coucal*Centropus bengalensis*

We found this retiring species on the islands of Luzon and Palawan in secondary habitat.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies philippinensis on Luzon and subspecies javanensis on Palawan.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha*Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

We had great encounters with this widespread but impressive Southeast Asian species on the island of Palawan at St. Paul's Underground River NP.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies harringtoni.

Rough-crested (Red-crested) Malkoha (E)*Dasylophus superciliosus*

We found a total of three of these beautiful birds at Mount Makiling on Luzon followed by a further one at Subic Bay.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies superciliosus.

Scale-feathered Malkoha (E)*Dasylophus cumingi*

We were fortunate to have superb views of four in the canopy of the forest on Mt. Makiling and a further two at the university campus, Luzon.

Asian Koel*Eudynamis scolopaceus*

An unforgettable song that is unmistakable; we heard this species calling throughout the tour and saw one near Sabang, Palawan and another on the island of Pandan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies mindanensis.

Violet Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

We had great scope views of a male at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the endemic subspecies amethystinus.

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

We had great views of one of this widespread species near PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies merulinus.

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis*

We heard this species at many lowland sites throughout the tour.

Notes: Two subspecies occurs in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies sepulcralis. Clements does not accept this split and lumps it with Brush Cuckoo, C.variolosus.

Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo (E) *Surniculus velutinus*

We had good scope views of one of the subspecies *velutinus* in the forest at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occurs in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies velutinus.

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

This widespread Asian bird of the subspecies *minimus* was heard calling its distinctive song on several occasions in forested areas on Palawan and we enjoyed scope views of several birds near Sabang.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies brachyurus.

Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo (E) *Hierococcyx pectoralis*

We enjoyed superb scope views of several at Mt.Makiling, Luzon.

Notes: This species is a split from Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo, Cuculus niscolor.

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus optatus*

We enjoyed good sightings on Mt.Kitinglad and scattered sightings elsewhere.

Barn Owls Tytonidae

Eastern Grass Owl *Tyto longimembris*

We had simply awesome views of one flying nearby at Bislig airport, Mindanao.

Owls Strigidae

Palawan Scops Owl (E) *Otus fuliginosus*

We enjoyed superb views of one in a dense vine tangle near Sabang on the island of Palawan.

Philippine Scops Owl (E) *Otus megalotis*

We heard one on Mt.Makiling, Luzon and another in PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies megalotis on Luzon and subspecies everetti on Mindanao.

Mantanani Scops Owl (NE) *Otus mantananensis*

We were fortunate to have incredible close views of two of these tricky birds on Pandan Island.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies romblonis.

Giant Scops Owl (Mindanao Eagle-Owl) (E) *Mimizuku gurneyi*

We heard this species calling near our bunkhouse on Mount Kitanglad and after a good deal of searching finally managed superb views of one.

Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata*

We had great views of one near Sabang, Palawan.

Philippine Hawk-Owl (E) *Ninox philippensis*

We heard this species calling at several locations and had outstanding views of a single bird at Rajah Sikatuna NP on Bohol and had good views of another in PICOP on the island of Mindanao.

Notes: Eight subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies centralis on Bohol and subspecies spilocephala on Mindanao, the latter is split by some authorities as Mindanao Hawk-Owl.

Frogmouths Podargidae

Philippine Frogmouth (E) *Batrachostomus septimus*

After only hearing one at Mt.Kitanglad we were finally rewarded with superb views of this nocturnal oddity at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *septimus*.

Javan Frogmouth

Batrachostomus javensis

We had simply unbelievable views of this outrageous bird on the island of Palawan during a nocturnal birding excursion.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *chasei*.

Nightjars Caprimulgidae

Great Eared Nightjar

Eurostopodus macrotis

This large nightjar was seen in small numbers at dawn and dusk throughout the tour over forested areas. Seen especially well in the spotlight in PICOP and Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *macrotis*.

Large-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus macrurus

We heard this species calling in the forest on the island of Palawan and had great views of one near our lodging.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *johnsoni*.

Philippine Nightjar (E)

Caprimulgus manillensis

We saw at least three birds on Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao. One was seen at it's nest.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *manillensis*.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Whiskered Treeswift

Hemiproctne comata

We enjoyed great scope views of several daily near Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *major*.

Swifts Apodidae

Glossy Swiftlet

Collocalia esculenta

We found this bird to be ubiquitous in the Philippines and seen almost daily with a single day high of more than fifty birds at Mt.Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *marginata* on Negros & Luzon and the subspecies *bagobo* on Mindanao and Palawan.

Pygmy Swiftlet (E)

Collocalia troglodytes

Fairly common throughout the tour including our best eye-level views at PICOP, Mindanao

Philippine Swiftlet (E)

Aerodramus mearnsi

A mountain species, usually found at elevations above 900 m, we only found this species on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao where we found about ten birds daily.

Mayr's (Palawan) Swiftlet (E)

Aerodramus orientalis

Seen daily on the island of Palawan including approximately 300 birds near the nesting colony at the underground river cave in St. Paul's Underground River NP.

Notes: Clements splits Palawan Swiftlet, *A. palawanensis* off Mayr's Swiftlet, *A.orientalis*.

Uniform Swiftlet (Island Swiftlet)

Aerodramus vanikorensis

Fairly common and seen in small numbers on many days of the tour with a daily high of fifty on Bohol and Mindanao.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *amelis*.

Germain's Swiftlet

Aerodramus germani

We had superb views of three birds in St. Paul's Underground River NP, Palawan.

Philippine Spine-tailed Swift (Needletail) (E)

Mearnsia picina

Two of these distinctive birds were seen in flight above the forest at PICOP, Mindanao over the course of two days. An attractive and unique species.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*

We had good but distant views of five near Sabang on Palawan.

Purple Needletail (NE) *Hirundapus celebensis*

We had good views of three at Subic Bay, Luzon and great views of two at PICOP, Mindanao.

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Three birds were seen flying near Mt. Makiling, Luzon, a widespread Asian species.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies pallidior.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

We had great views of ten on Mt. Makiling, Luzon.

Trogon Trogonidae

Philippine Trogon (E) *Harpactes ardens*

We enjoyed superb views of several at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol and a further three at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies linea on Bohol and subspecies ardens on Mindanao.

Rollers Coraciidae

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

We found this widespread and conspicuous species at a few sights during the tour, our first sightings were on the island of Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies orientalis.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Spotted Wood Kingfisher (E) *Actenoides lindsayi*

We had crippling scope views of one bird on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros and several more on Mount Makiling, Luzon of this quick-flying but simply stunning species.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, subspecies moseleyi on Negros and the subspecies lindsayi on Luzon.

Hombron's (Blue-capped) Kingfisher (E) *Actenoides hombroni*

We enjoyed fantastic views of one on Mt. Kitinglad, a splendid bird indeed.

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*

We had great views of this stunning large billed species on several occasions on Palawan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the endemic subspecies gouldi.

Ruddy Kingfisher *Halcyon coromanda*

We had brief views of one near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the endemic subspecies linnae.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

A common lowland inhabitant throughout much of Asia, we found good numbers at most lowland sites, first seen at University of the Philippines campus with further sightings at Subic, Luzon and finally several at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies gularis.

Winchell's (Rufous-lored) Kingfisher (E) *Todirhamphus winchelli*

A patient search revealed brief glimpses of this stunning species at Rajah Sikatuna NP on Bohol, however we later enjoyed outstanding views of another in the lowland forest of PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies nigrorum on Bohol and subspecies mindanensis on Mindanao.

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*

This widespread species was found in good numbers in secondary habitat on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies collaris.

Oriental (Rufous-backed) Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx erithaca*

We encountered one of these furtive birds at Iwahig on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies rufidorsa. Many authorities including Clements consider this subspecies as a separate species, Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher.

Indigo-banded Kingfisher (E) *Ceyx cyanopecta*

Another beautiful bird, we had great scope views of one in the Botanical Gardens, Luzon.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies cyanopecta.

Silvery Kingfisher (E) *Ceyx argentata*

A real eye-catcher, we found one in the PICOP logging concession area, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies argentata.

Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting*

We had good views of two near Sabang, Palawan.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

We enjoyed good views of several on Palawan and a further two at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

This migrant species was seen in good numbers at Mt.Makiling, Luzon.

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

We had wonderful views of several in Subic Bay, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies americanus.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Palawan Hornbill (E) *Anthracoceros marchei*

Sometimes elusive, we were fortunate to have several separate encounters with this attractive Palawan endemic, including stunning scope views of one.

Rufous Hornbill (E) *Buceros hydrocorax*

Some persistence paid off as we enjoyed great views of a pair and juvenile of this magnificent bird in the PICOP logging concession area, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies mindanensis.

Luzon Hornbill (E) *Penelopides manillae*

We found a couple at the botanical gardens and several more at Subic Bay, Luzon.

Notes: Most authorities including Clements split the Tarictic Hornbill into 5 species. Luzon Hornbill P.Manilae, Samar Hornbill P.samarensis, Mindanao Hornbill P.affinis, Mindoro Hornbill P.mindorensis and Tarictic Hornbill P.panini

Mindanao Hornbill (E) *Penelopides affinis*

Small numbers were seen daily in the PICOP area, Mindanao.

Samar Hornbill (E) *Penelopides samarensis*

We had superb scope views of several near Raja Sikatuna NP, Bohol.

Writhed Hornbill (E) *Aceros leucocephalus*

In lowland rainforest along the PICOP logging concession area we found a superb male which gave great scope views.

Asian Barbets Megalaimidae

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

First seen at Mt.Makiling, Luzon with further sightings at PICOP on Mindanao

Notes: Six subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, endemic subspecies haemacephala on Luzon and endemic subspecies mindanensis on Mindanao.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker (E) *Dendrocopos maculatus*

A widespread endemic on the Philippines, we first encountered a pair on Mt.Kanlaon, Negros and several at Mt.Makiling, Luzon and finally a couple on Mt.Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded three, the subspecies maculatus on Negros, validirostris on Luzon and fulvifasciatus on Mindanao.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

We had good but brief views of three on Palawan, one at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol followed by sightings at Subic Bay, Lucon and PICOP on Mindanao.

Notes: Eight subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded four, the subspecies esthloterus on Palawan, pectoralis on Bohol, confusus on Luzon and multilunatus on Mindanao.

Common Goldenback (Flameback) *Dinopium javanense*

We found several near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies everetti.

Greater Goldenback (Flameback) *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*

We found this widespread and highly variable Asian species on several occasions first at Mt.Kanlaon, Negros, Raja Sikatuna NP, Bohol, Mt.Makling, Luzon and later at Mt.Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Six subspecies occurs in the Philippines, we recorded four, the subspecies xanthocephalus on Negros, rufopunctatus on Bohol, haematribon on Luzon and montanus on Mindanao.

Sooty Woodpecker (E) *Mulleripicus funebris*

We enjoyed wonderful views of two pairs of these impressive endemic woodpeckers on consecutive days in the forested areas near Subic Bay on Luzon.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies funebris.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

We enjoyed a phenomenal sighting of a family group of five near Sabang, Palawan and a further three at the Iwahig Penal Colony.

Broadbills Eurylaimidae

Wattled Broadbill (E) *Eurylaimus steerii*

We enjoyed superb views of an adult at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies mayri.

Visayan Broadbill (E) *Eurylaimus samarensis*

We heard one calling in the sub-canopy along the forested trails of Rajah Sikatuna NP in the Chocolate Hills of Bohol.

Pittas Pittidae

Whiskered Pitta (E) *Pitta kochi*

We heard one calling from dense undergrowth on Mount Polis, Luzon.

Red-bellied Pitta *Pitta erythrogaster*

We enjoyed two fabulous sightings including stunning scope views of one near Sabang, Palawan and one at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies erythrogaster on Mindanao and propinqua on Palawan.

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida*

Heard calling from several lowland forest sites throughout the tour and seen very well by everyone in St.Paul's NP, on the island of Palawan.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the endemic subspecies palawanensis.

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

Three of these incredible endemic pitas were seen exceptionally well, our first sighting was at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol with further sightings at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies *coelestis* on Bohol and subspecies *steerii* on Mindanao.

Australasian Warblers Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea*

We enjoyed great views of two at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *simplex*.

Woodswallows Artamidae

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

A widespread species seen most days of the tour with daily totals often up to ten birds

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *leucorhynchus*.

Ioras Aegithinidae

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*

Several of this widespread Asian species were seen almost daily on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *aequanimis*.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina striata*

We found this Asian species on several islands including sightings at Sabang, Palawan, Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol, Mount Makiling and Subic Bay on Luzon.

Notes: Eight subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded three, the subspecies *boholensis* on Bohol, subspecies *striata* on Luzon and subspecies *difficilis* on Palawan.

Blackish Cuckooshrike (E) *Coracina coerulescens*

We had wonderful views of a pair at Subic Bay on Luzon.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *coerulescens*.

White-winged Cuckooshrike (E) *Coracina ostenta*

This fine Philippine endemic was seen well on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros.

McGregor's Cuckooshrike (E) *Coracina mcgregori*

Up to eight of this scarce, Mindanao endemic were seen daily in the forest on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

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

A pair was seen on Mount Makiling, Luzon followed by excellent views of two at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies *melanoleuca* in Luzon and subspecies *minor* in Mindanao.

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*

First seen near Sabang, Palawan and several more on the island of Pandan

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *chilensis*.

Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus*

We recorded up to five daily near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *igneus*.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*

We found several birds daily in PICOP on Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *johnstoniae*.

Whistlers & Allies Pachycephalidae

Green-backed Whistler (E) *Pachycephala albiventris*

After a concerted effort we encountered a pair moving through the undergrowth on the slopes of Mt. Polis, Luzon.

White-vented Whistler (NE)*Pachycephala homeyeri*

We found two on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros.

Yellow-bellied Whistler (E)*Pachycephala philippinensis*

We had good views of several at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol, a couple on Mt. Makiling, Luzon and small numbers daily at Mt. Kitinglad and finally two at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Seven subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded three, the subspecies boholensis on Bohol, philippinensis on Luzon and apoensis on Mindanao.

Shrikes Laniidae**Brown Shrike***Lanius cristatus*

Up to twenty of this late winter migrant was seen daily throughout the tour in most secondary habitats.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies lucionensis.

Long-tailed Shrike*Lanius schach*

This attractive widespread species was first seen near Mt. Makiling and then daily at Mt. Polis, Luzon and finally daily at Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Two endemic subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies nasutus.

Mountain (Grey-capped) Shrike (E)*Lanius validirostris*

We had brief views of one at Mt. Polis, Luzon and later simply mind-blowing scope views of one on Mt. Kitanglad.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies validirostris.

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

We enjoyed excellent views of two vocal birds along a forested walk near Sabang on the island of Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies persuasus.

Philippine Oriole (E)*Oriolus steerii*

One was seen briefly on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros, another at Raja Sikatuna NP, Bohol and several at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies steerii on Negros and subspecies samarensis on Bohol and Mindanao.

Black-naped Oriole*Oriolus chinensis*

First seen near Sabang, Palawan with further sightings at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol, Subic on Luzon and up to five daily at PICOP, Mindanao

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies chinensis.

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

Up to eight seen daily on the island of Palawan

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies leucophaeus.

Balicassiao (E)*Dicrurus balicassius*

We had good views of eight birds at Mt. Kanlaon, Negros and further sightings at Mt. Makiling and Subic, Luzon.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies mirabilis on Negros and balicassius on Luzon.

Spangled Drongo (E)*Dicrurus bracteatus*

We found up to five daily on Palawan, six daily at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol, two at Mt. Kitinglad and up to three daily at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Six subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded three, the subspecies *samarensis* on Bohol, subspecies *striatus* on Mindanao and endemic subspecies *palawanensis* on Palawan. Hairy-crested Drongo formally lumped with this species is found in the Philippines only on the Sulu Islands.

Fantails Rhipiduridae

Blue Fantail (E)

Rhipidura superciliaris

Two birds were seen in Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol, small numbers were seen daily at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *samarensis* on Bohol and subspecies *apo* on Mindanao.

Blue-headed Fantail (E)

Rhipidura cyaniceps

A total of four were seen on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros with further sightings at Mt. Polis, Luzon.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *albiventris* on Negros and subspecies *cyaniceps* on Luzon.

Pied Fantail

Rhipidura javanica

Relatively common in suitable secondary habitat and mangroves, encountered at Mt. Kanlaon, Negros, with further sightings near Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol, Candaba Marsh, Luzon and on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *nigritorquis*.

Black-and-cinnamon Fantail (E)

Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea

Fairly common in the mountain forest on Mt. Kitanglad of the subspecies *hutchinsoni* where we found up to twelve daily of this very handsome Mindanao endemic.

Monarchs Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch

Hypothymis azurea

This widespread Asian species was seen and especially heard throughout the tour in forested areas with our best views of up to three daily at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the endemic subspecies *azurea*.

Short-crested Monarch (E)

Hypothymis helenae

After an extensive search we were finally rewarded with great scope views of a pair in the lowland rainforest of PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *agusanae*.

Blue Paradise Flycatcher (E)

Terpsiphone cyanescens

This magnificent Palawan endemic was encountered daily on Palawan where we found a pair daily in forested areas.

Rufous Paradise Flycatcher (NE)

Terpsiphone cinnamomea

A couple was seen well at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *cinnamomea*.

Crows & Jays Corvidae

Slender-billed Crow

Corvus enca

Up to eight were seen daily on the island of Palawan.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *pusillus*.

Large-billed Crow

Corvus macrorhynchos

Fairly common throughout the tour with sightings almost daily on Luzon and Mindanao

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *philippinus*

Tits Paridae

Elegant Tit (E)

Periparus elegans

We found four on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros with further sightings at Mt. Polis, Luzon and finally up to ten daily on Mt. Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Nine subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded four, the subspecies *albescens* on Negros, *elegans* on Luzon and *mindanensis* on Mindanao.

Palawan Tit (E) *Periparus amabilis*

We were rewarded with great views of one on Palawan.

White-fronted Tit (E) *Parus semilarvatus*

After a tantalizing wait we were finally rewarded with superb views of one at Subic Bay, Luzon.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*

Another widespread species, we found up to ten daily on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *atriceps*.

Yellow-wattled Bulbul (E) *Pycnonotus urostictus*

A vocal but often retiring species we had superb scope views of one on Mount Makiling, Luzon and several more at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *urostictus* on Luzon and *philippensis* on Mindanao.

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*

A common bird of secondary scrub and seen virtually every day of the tour other than on the island of Palawan. We recorded it on Luzon and Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, subspecies *goiavier* on Luzon and *suluensis* on Mindanao.

Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus*

Another widespread Asian species, we had daily sightings in forest edge on Palawan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the endemic subspecies *cinereifrons*.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Alophoixus bres*

Another widespread Asian species found in the Philippines only on the island of Palawan where we enjoyed daily sightings of up to four birds.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *frater*.

Sulphur-bellied Bulbul (E) *Iole palawanensis*

We found this Palawan endemic almost daily in forested sites with up to two daily including excellent sightings near Sabang.

Philippine Bulbul (E) *Ixos philippinus*

The most common endemic throughout the Philippines, we encountered this species virtually every day of the tour other than on the island of Palawan where it does not occur. We recorded it on Negros, Bohol, Luzon and Mindanao.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded three, the subspecies *guimarasensis* on Negros, subspecies *saturation* on Bohol, Mindanao and subspecies *philippinus* on Luzon.

Yellowish Bulbul (E) *Ixos everetti*

We had good sightings of five at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *everetti*.

Swallows & Martins Hirundinidae

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

We found small numbers of these winter migrants at the Iwahig Penal Colony, Palawan and later over one hundred at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *gutturalis*.

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

Commonly encountered throughout the tour and seen almost daily in good numbers.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *javanica*.

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*

First seen at the Los Banos University Campus in good numbers, followed by a few scattered sightings during the tour on Luzon

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies striolata.

Cettia Bush Warblers & Allies Cettidae

Philippine Bush Warbler (E) *Cettia seebohmi*

Several seen and many more heard from the dense undergrowth on Mt. Polis, Luzon.

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus*

One of these delightful birds was seen exceptionally well at Mt. Polis, Luzon.

Rufous-headed Tailorbird (E) *Phyllergates heterolaemus*

We observed up to three daily on Mt. Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Leaf Warblers & Allies Phylloscopidae

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*

This migrant was found in small numbers throughout the trip.

Notes: At least two subspecies occur in the Philippines, very difficult to separate outside of the breeding period.

Philippine Leaf Warbler (E) *Phylloscopus olivaceus*

One was seen in a mixed species flock at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol and a further one at PICOP, Mindanao.

Mountain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*

We had great views of two on Mt. Polis, Luzon and a further six on Mt. Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Seven subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies benguetensis on Luzon and subspecies flavostriatus on Mindanao.

Negros Leaf Warbler (E) *Phylloscopus nigrorum*

One was seen briefly at Mt. Kanlaon, Negros.

Notes: This species is sometimes split from Lemon-throated Leaf Warbler, P. cebuensis. Clements does not accept this split.

Reed Warblers & Allies Acrocephalidae

Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*

We had great views of two birds at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Clamorous Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus stentoreus*

Ten birds were seen and heard displaying in the reeds at the Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies harterti.

Grassbirds & Allies Megaluridae

Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*

One was seen on the university campus, Luzon and several at Mt. Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies tweeddalei on Luzon and crex on Mindanao.

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*

Seen in good numbers throughout the tour with up to twenty birds in a single day at the Candaba Marsh, Luzon

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies forbesi.

Long-tailed Bush Warbler (E) *Bradypterus caudatus*

Several birds were heard calling on Mt. Polis, Luzon and some of us managed brief views.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies caudatus on Mindanao.

Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella ochotensis*

We heard one calling in the waterlogged thickets at Candaba Marsh, Luzon.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Golden-headed Cisticola*Cisticola exilis*

One was seen at the university campus, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies semirufa.

Philippine Tailorbird (E)*Orthotomus castaneiceps*

One was seen well on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros.

Rufous-fronted Tailorbird (E)*Orthotomus frontalis*

We enjoyed great views of one at PICOP, Mindanao.

Grey-backed Tailorbird (E)*Orthotomus derbianus*

Three of these skulking birds were seen well on Mt. Makiling, Luzon.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies derbianus.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird*Orthotomus sericeus*

Heard daily on the island of Palawan and seen on several occasions with our first sighting of a cooperative individual at a mangrove site near Puerto Princesa.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies nuntius.

Black-headed (White-browed) Tailorbird (E)*Orthotomus nigriceps*

Another skulker, with persistence we all saw this stunning species very well at PICOP, Mindanao.

Yellow-breasted Tailorbird (E)*Orthotomus samarensis*

After several brief glimpses, we all managed simply spectacular views of this beautiful songster in Rajah Sikatuna National Park on Bohol.

Babblers Timaliidae

Bagobo Babbler (E)*Leonardina woodi*

We heard one calling at Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Ashy-headed Babbler (E)*Malacocincla cinereiceps*

We had good views of one near Sabang, Palawan.

Melodious (Palawan) Babbler (E)*Malacopteron palawanense*

This Palawan endemic was encountered only at Iwahig Penal Colony where a vocal bird showed particularly well coming out of a dense bamboo thicket.

Striated Wren-Babbler (E)*Ptilocichla mindanensis*

We had good views of a pair at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol and later one showed particularly well at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies fortichi on Bohol and subspecies mindanensis on Mindanao.

Falcated Wren-Babbler (E)*Ptilocichla falcata*

A shy species, we had brief glimpses of one on the island of Palawan.

Mindanao Pygmy Babbler (E)*Stachyris plateni*

We recorded two daily in lowland rainforest at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies plateni.

Black-crowned Babbler (E)*Stachyris nigrocapitata*

Four birds were seen on the forested trails of Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies boholensis.

Rusty-crowned Babbler (E)*Stachyris capitalis*

Up to six birds were seen daily in the forest at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies euroaustralis.

Chestnut-faced Babbler (E)*Stachyris whiteheadi*

We found up to six birds on the slopes of Mt. Polis in the Cordilleran Mountains of Luzon.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies whiteheadi.

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler*Macronus gularis*

Small numbers were found daily on the island of Palawan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the endemic subspecies woodi.

Brown Tit-Babbler (E) *Macronus striaticeps*

A couple were seen daily at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol and small numbers daily on Mt.Kitanglad and PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the endemic subspecies mindanensis.

White-eyes Zosteropidae

Lowland White-eye (E) *Zosterops meyeri*

We had excellent views of one on the Los Banos University Campus, Luzon.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies meyeri.

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*

We first found one in Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol with further sightings of five at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies boholensis on Bohol and basilanicus on Mindanao.

Yellowish White-eye (E) *Zosterops nigrorum*

We found five birds associating with a mixed feeding flock on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros and several near Mt.Polis, Luzon.

Notes: Eight subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies nigrorum on Negros and subspecies luzonicus on Luzon.

Mountain White-eye *Zosterops montanus*

Up to twenty were seen on Mt. Polis, Luzon with further sightings of up to one hundred on Mt.Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Seven subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies whiteheadi on Luzon and subspecies vulcani on Mindanao.

Mindanao Ibon (Mindanao White-eye) (E) *Lophozosterops goodfellowi*

Up to ten were seen daily in mossy mountain forest on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies goodfellowi.

Cinnamon Ibon (White-eye) (E) *Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus*

Up to five were seen daily in the mountain forest of Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

Common on the island of Palawan where we enjoyed daily sightings including extended scope views at the Iwahig Penal Colony.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies tweeddalei.

Nuthatches Sittidae

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*

Seen once near Sabang, Palawan associating with a mixed feeding flock

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies palawana.

Sulphur-billed Nuthatch (E) *Sitta oenochlamys*

We enjoyed good views of three on Mt.Kanlaon, Negros, one on Mt.Makiling, Luzon with further sightings at Mt.Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Six subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded three, the subspecies oenochlamys on Negros, isarog on Luzon and subspecies apo on Mindanao.

Starlings Sturnidae

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

A widespread Asian species seen in good numbers especially near towns and cities with our largest numbers of more than two hundred birds on Bohol.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *panayensis*.

Short-tailed Glossy Starling *Aplonis minor*

Only seen on Mt. Kitanglad where we had superb views of several.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *todayensis*.

Apo Myna (E) *Basilornis mirandus*

We enjoyed wonderful scope views of several on Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Coleto (NE) *Sarcops calvus*

A peculiar bald-headed endemic with the strange call, we found this species to be pleasantly common including birds at Mt. Kanlaon, Negros, a couple at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol, several at Subic, Luzon and finally daily sightings at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *melanotus* on Bohol, Negros & Mindanao and subspecies *calvus* on Luzon.

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

Up to three were found near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the endemic subspecies *palawanensis*.

Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus*

We had great views of two pairs at Subic Bay, Luzon.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *cristatellus*.

Philippine Creepers Rhabdornithidae

Stripe-headed Creeper (Stripe-sided Rhabdornis) (E) *Rhabdornis mystacalis*

We had good views of one on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros, eight on Mt. Makiling, a further two at Subic, Luzon and finally one at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies *mystacalis* on Luzon and subspecies *minor* on Mindanao.

Stripe-breasted Creeper (Rhabdornis) (E) *Rhabdornis inornatus*

We had wonderful scope views of six on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros and a further four at Mt. Kitinglad on Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *rabori* on Negros and subspecies *alaris* on Mindanao.

Thrushes Turdidae

Island Thrush *Turdus poliocephalus*

A couple of birds were seen well on Mt. Polis, Luzon and a further one on Mt. Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Seven subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *thomassoni* on Luzon and subspecies *katanglad* on Mindanao.

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

We had brief flight views of one at Mt. Polis.

White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana*

We heard many on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao and managed glimpses of one.

Notes: Seven subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *mindanensis* on Mindanao.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*

This widespread songster of Asia was first seen on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros with further sightings at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Two endemic subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *mindanensis* on Mindanao.

White-browed Shama (E)*Copsychus luzoniensis*

We had great views of one on Mt.Makiling and another at Subic Bay, Luzon.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *subspecies luzoniensis* on Luzon.

White-vented Shama (E)*Copsychus niger*

Our first encounter with this fine Palawan endemic was near Sabang, where we enjoyed superb sightings of one. We enjoyed several other sightings in St.Paul's NP.

Luzon Water Redstart (E)*Rhyacornis bicolor*

We had scope views of one on the river near Mt.Polis.

Pied Bush Chat*Saxicola caprata*

This widespread Asian species was seen at Candaba Marsh, Luzon

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *caprata* on Luzon.

Blue Rock Thrush*Monticola solitarius*

We had great views of a female near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *philippensis*.

Rufous-tailed (Chestnut-tailed) Jungle Flycatcher *Rhinomyias ruficauda*

We had superb views of one bird in the forest at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Five endemic subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *samarensis* on Mindanao.

Grey-streaked Flycatcher*Muscicapa griseisticta*

Seen virtually daily in small numbers throughout the trip

Snowy-browed Flycatcher*Ficedula hyperythra*

Heard singing in the early morning on Mt. Kitanglad and after a good search we found two

Notes: Eight subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *montigena*.

Palawan Flycatcher (E)*Ficedula platenae*

We had cracking views of this small elusive Palawan endemic on the Zigzag road, Palawan.

Little Pied Flycatcher*Ficedula westermanni*

We enjoyed daily sightings on Mount Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the endemic subspecies *rabori* on Luzon and subspecies *westermanni* on Mindanao.

Turquoise (Island) Flycatcher*Eumyias panayensis*

Our first sightings were at Mount Polis, Luzon followed by daily sightings on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded all three, the subspecies *panayensis* on Negros, subspecies *negrimentalis* on Luzon and subspecies *nigriloris* on Mindanao.

Palawan Blue Flycatcher (E)*Cyornis lemprieri*

We enjoyed simply cracking views of this furtive species in St. Paul's NP, Palawan.

Leafbirds Chloropseidae**Philippine Leafbird (E)***Chloropsis flavipennis*

After some diligent searching we found a pair in the lowland rainforest of PICOP logging concession on Mindanao.

Yellow-throated Leafbird (E)*Chloropsis palawanensis*

We enjoyed daily sightings of this attractive Palawan endemic with up to eight seen daily near Sabang.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae**Olive-backed Flowerpecker (E)***Prionochilus olivaceus*

Three birds were found in the lowland rainforest of PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *olivaceus*.

Palawan Flowerpecker (E)*Prionochilus plateni*

This fine Palawan endemic was seen daily including several outstanding scope views.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *plateni*.

Striped Flowerpecker (E)*Dicaeum aeruginosum*

We had great scope views of one on Mt. Makiling, Luzon and superb views of another near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies striatissimum on Luzon and subspecies affine on Palawan.

Olive-capped Flowerpecker (E)*Dicaeum nigrilore*

Up to eight were seen daily in the mossy forest on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies nigrilore.

Bicoloured Flowerpecker (E)*Dicaeum bicolor*

We first recorded two on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros and a further one at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies viridissimum on Negros and bicolor on Mindanao.

Red-keeled (Red-striped) Flowerpecker (E)*Dicaeum australe*

We enjoyed regular sightings of this endemic throughout the tour in good numbers with small numbers daily at PICOP, Mindanao.

Black-belted Flowerpecker (E)*Dicaeum haematostictum*

We heard one calling in the gardens near Mount Kanlaon, Negros.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker*Dicaeum trigonostigma*

We first found several of this widespread species on Mt. Kanlaon, Negros with further sightings at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol and at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies dorsale on Negros, cinereigularis on Bohol and Mindanao.

Buzzing (White-bellied) Flowerpecker (E)*Dicaeum hypoleucum*

We recorded several daily at Mt. Kitinglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies pontifex on Mindanao.

Pygmy Flowerpecker (E)*Dicaeum pygmaeum*

We had superb views of one near Sabang, Palawan and one at Raja Sikatuna NP, Bohol.

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies pygmaeum on Bohol and subspecies palawanorum on Palawan.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker*Dicaeum ignipectus*

We enjoyed fantastic views of two males on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies apo.

Sunbirds Nectariniidae**Brown-throated Sunbird***Anthreptes malacensis*

An attractive pair was seen near Sabang, Palawan, later at Mt. Makiling on Luzon and several at PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Eight endemic subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded three, the subspecies birgitae on Luzon, subspecies griseigularis on Mindanao and subspecies paraguae on Palawan.

Purple-throated Sunbird*Leptocoma sperata*

First seen on Palawan with further sightings at Rajah Sikatuna NP, Bohol, Mount Makiling, Luzon and finally small numbers daily at PICOP, Mindanao

Notes: Five subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies trochilus on Palawan, Bohol & Mindanao and subspecies sperata on Luzon.

Copper-throated Sunbird*Leptocoma calcostetha*

We had superb views of two of these mangrove-loving birds on the island of Palawan.

Olive-backed Sunbird*Cinnyris jugularis*

This widespread Asian species was found in good numbers throughout the tour in secondary habitat including sightings at Rajah Sikatuna NP - Bohol, Mt. Makiling - Luzon, Mt. Kitinglad - Mindanao and several daily near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded two, the subspecies *aurora* on Palawan and subspecies *jugularis* elsewhere.

Grey-hooded Sunbird (E) *Aethopyga primigenia*

This montane Mindanao endemic was found daily in the forest of Mt. Kitanglad in Bukidnon Province.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *primigenia*.

(Mount) Apo Sunbird (E) *Aethopyga boltoni*

We had brief views of one in the high mossy cloud forest of Mt. Kitanglad.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *malindangensis*.

Flaming Sunbird (E) *Aethopyga flagrans*

We had great views of three on Mt. Makiling, Luzon.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *flagrans*.

Metallic-winged Sunbird (E) *Aethopyga pulcherrima*

Two of these attractive birds were first enjoyed at Raja Sikatuna NP, Bohol with further sightings at Mount Polis, Luzon followed by a further two in PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded all three, the subspecies *decorosa* on Bohol, *jefferyi* on Luzon and *pulcherrima* on Mindanao.

Lovely Sunbird (E) *Aethopyga shelleyi*

Small numbers of these attractive birds were seen daily on the island of Palawan.

Handsome Sunbird (E) *Aethopyga bella*

We found several at PICOP, Mindanao – including one stunning male.

Notes: Six subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *bella* on Mindanao.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

This widespread Asian species was found daily in small numbers on the island of Palawan.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *dilutior* on Palawan.

Naked-faced Spiderhunter (E) *Arachnothera clarae*

We enjoyed simply brilliant views of three perched in the sunlight at the top of a nearby snag in PICOP, Mindanao.

Notes: Four subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *clarae*.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

This introduced species was common in all towns and cities.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

Red-eared Parrotfinch (E) *Erythrura coloria*

We had fantastic views of this skulking and shy, beautiful Mindanao endemic on Mt. Kitanglad, Mindanao.

Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannakin) *Lonchura punctulata*

This widespread Asian species was seen in most open habitats on the island of Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies *cabanisi*.

White-bellied Munia *Lonchura leucogastra*

Small numbers were seen daily at Mt. Kitinglad, Mindanao with further sightings near Sabang, Palawan.

Notes: Three subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded all three, the subspecies *palawana* on Palawan, *everetti* on Luzon and *manueli* on Mindanao.

Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*

We found this widespread species virtually daily with peak numbers of one hundred on Palawan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies *jagori*.

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Forest Wagtail*Dendronanthus indicus*

We had superb scope views of one on Mt.Makiling, a rare bird in the Philippines.

Western Yellow Wagtail*Motacilla flava*

Small numbers were seen in Luzon and peak numbers of fifty in Mindanao and Palawan.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded both, the subspecies simillima on Mindanao and subspecies taivana on Palawan.

Grey Wagtail*Motacilla cinerea*

We found small numbers at several sites including daily sightings on Palawan.

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies robusta.

Paddyfield (Oriental) Pipit*Anthus rufulus*

First seen at the airport on Negros and several more seen at the University of the Philippines Campus, Luzon

Notes: One subspecies occurs in the Philippines, the subspecies lugubris.

Olive-backed Pipit*Anthus hodgsoni*

We had good views of one at Mt.Polis, Luzon.

Notes: Two subspecies occur in the Philippines, we recorded one, the subspecies yunnanensis.

Pechora Pipit*Anthus gustavi*

We had superb views of two on Mt.Makiling, Luzon.

Finches Fringillidae

Red Crossbill*Loxia curvirostra*

We had good views of a small flock of seven at Mount Polis, Luzon.

White-cheeked Bullfinch (E)*Pyrrhula leucogenis*

We had good flight views of one on Mount Kitanglad.

Annotated List of Mammal Species recorded

Mammals: nomenclature and taxonomy follows J. Kingdon *The Kingdon Fieldguide to African Mammals* (1997) Academic Press.

MAMMALS

Philippine Flying Fox*Pteropus speciosus*

We found more than one hundred individuals at the day roost at Subic Bay, Luzon and smaller numbers at Mt.Kanlaon, Negros.

Golden-crowned Flying Fox*Acerodon jubatus*

At least one thousand seen roosting in trees near Subic Bay, Luzon, a very impressive sight.

Philippine Flying Lemur (Colugo)*Cynocephalus volans*

Excellent views of four, one individual scoped at length as it slowly moved on a thick trunk near the headquarters of Rajah Sikatuna NP on Bohol followed by impressive flight views of another.

Philippine Tarsier*Tarsius philippensis*

We had simply unbelievable daytime views of this tiny prosimian in a small reserve on the island of Bohol. A tiny nocturnal primate most closely related to the galagos and bushbabies of Africa.

Long-tailed Macaque*Macaca fascicularis*

Scattered sightings of this widespread Asian primate were had on the islands of Luzon, Bohol, Palawan, and Mindanao.

Northern Palawan Tree Squirrel

Sundasciurus juvencus

Seen both at St. Paul's Underground River NP and again along the Iwahig Penal Colony on the island of Palawan

Mindanao Tree Squirrel

Sundasciurus mindanensis

Two were seen in the forest of PICOP, Mindanao.

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