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Silver Pheasant © K. David Bishop

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TOUR REPORT

Thailand is a wonderful country, with fantastic birding and wildlife, superb food, and an excellent infrastructure. David Bishop and I took great pleasure in showcasing this country, which is a perfect "first visit" destination for those keen to experience Oriental birding. Our Thailand Highlights tour can also be taken in combination with our tours to Cambodia and Vietnam.

Leaving the very comfortable Novotel Suvarnabhumi in our wake, we made our way to the ancient capital of Siam called Ayuthya. We were quickly enjoying some great sightings, with Green-billed Malkoha, Collared Kingfisher, and Black-capped Kingfisher amongst the highlights. We made a detour to see a colony of restless Lyle's flying-foxes, and after lunch we explored the ruins of the ancient city. More luck followed with fine daytime views of an Eastern Barn Owl and colorful Small Minivets at the nest. We also enjoyed Javan Pond-Heron and Red-throated Pipit, both in full breeding plumage.

Our base for the next three nights was the wonderful Khao Yai National Park. We spent time exploring the roads and trails, finding a great diversity of forest birds. Some of the many great highlights here included stunning views of Silver Pheasant, Buffy Fish-Owl, Great Hornbill, Long-tailed Broadbill building a nest, White-crested Laughingthrush, and a flock of ten Pin-tailed Parrotfinches feeding on seeding bamboo. Great views of smooth otter and a reticulated python crossing the road at night were also not to be forgotten!

We flew north to Chiang Mai and made our morning excursion to Huai Hong Khrai, a Royal Project protecting an extensive area of dry teak woodland. It is home to an increasing population of the endangered and truly stunning Green Peafowl, and after dawn we were soon enjoying great views. White-

browed Piculet, Hainan Blue-Flycatcher, and a northern treeshrew kept us on our toes, while an Oriental Darter was a most unusual and encouraging sighting. Then it was time to head to Doi Inthanon, the highest mountain in Thailand. A quick stop en route at Mae Hia produced a wonderful dark morph Booted Eagle and a fine Burmese Shrike.

Everyone loved the mossy evergreen forest with its flowering rhododendrons at the summit of Doi Inthanon. The cool crisp air came with a rush of new birds including such gems as Pygmy Wren-Babbler, Orange-flanked Bush-Robin, White-browed Shortwing, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, Chestnut-tailed Minla, Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush, and Green-tailed Sunbird. The Jeep Trail produced a holy grail when a male Purple Cochoa popped up twice, though it was not in the mood to hang around. Great views of a number of forest skulkers followed, including an unforgettable pair of Black-tailed Crakes, Chestnut and Gray-sided thrushes, and Slaty-bellied Tesia, punctuated with showy songsters like Rufous-backed Sibia, or glowing sprites like Mrs. Gould's Sunbird.

We enjoyed excellent success in the dry teak woodlands at the base of Doi Inthanon. Collared Falconet is always welcome, but David and I were both absolutely delighted with scope views of both Black-headed and White-bellied woodpeckers, a female Silver Oriole, Yellow-footed Pigeon, and White-hooded Bulbul. Our success continued in an easily accessible area of traditional rice cultivation. Our focus was Gray-headed Lapwing and these produced wonderful views, but four Greater Painted Snipe and a superb view of the highly elusive Blue-breasted Quail were something else.

Doi Ang Khang, further north and west bordering Burma, was our next port of call. This area always offers wonderful birding, with border specialties like Red-faced Liocichla, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Little Bunting, White-capped Redstart, Rufous-bellied Niltava, and Black-breasted Thrush all making an appearance.

We dropped down into the valley at Thaton and spent a warm afternoon wandering through the fields. Oriental Pratincoles gave us great views, while a terrific male Pied Harrier showed us why it is one of the electrifying raptors of the world. Our final great ascent was to the rarely visited Doi Lang. This is the only site in Thailand for a handful of birds, and we enjoyed getting up-close and personal with Black-throated Tit and Whiskered Yuhina, while David nearly collided with a covey of the shy Mountain Bamboo-Partridge.

Chiang Saen Lake, close to the Golden Triangle where the Mekong River separates Burma, Thailand, and Laos, is largely a non-hunting area that attracts considerable numbers of wetland birds. A bit late in the season, many ducks had already departed, but we had fine views of Spot-billed Duck and Ferruginous Pochard followed by a vagrant Black-faced Spoonbill. The Mekong River was at a historically low level as drought gripped its headwaters in China. Small Pratincole, Citrine Wagtail, and Temminck's Stint were on offer.

Flying south, it was time for one of the great birding days of the world—exploring the Gulf of Siam with shorebird guru Mr. Tee. While enjoying the spectacle of hundreds of Great Knots and Lesser Sand-Plovers mixed in with dozens of Broad-billed Sandpipers and a sprinkling of Long-toed Stints, Tee phoned through the news of a Spoon-billed Sandpiper. Off we went, and we were soon enjoying great views of one mingled in with hundreds of Red-necked Stints. Tragically, this bird is well on its way to extinction, its population halving almost every breeding season. South to Pak Thale where a Greater Flamingo, a presumed escapee, had us scratching our heads, while more rare birds followed with yet another Black-faced Spoonbill, Eurasian Avocet, Red-necked Phalarope, and Ruff. We finished our day at Laem Pak Bia, taking the boat to the sand spit. Here a fine Great Black-headed Gull, Chinese Egret, and Malayan Plover were all welcome, but the sighting of a superb male White-faced Plover finished the day with a bang.

Many folks opted for a sleep-in at the luxurious hotel in Hua Hin. The rest of us traveled to the extensive freshwater marshes at Khao Sam Roi Yot, set against a spectacular limestone karst. Amazing views of a bunch of secretive freshwater birds followed, with Yellow Bittern, Ruddy-breasted Crake, Black-browed Reed-Warbler, Pheasant-tailed and Bronze-winged jacanas, Cotton Pygmy-Goose, and Chestnut Munia all being well-appreciated. For me though, an outstanding view of the rare Manchurian Reed-Warbler was the highlight.

Our final two full days of birding took us deep into the Tenasserim Range and the wonderful Kaeng Krachan National Park. This is a wonderful national park, and you never quite know what to expect. Our first morning started with a rush: Greater and Lesser Necklaced laughingthrushes in a mixed flock with luminous Green Magpie, Greater Yellownape, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Forest Wagtail, Black Bittern in the middle of the stream, Scaly-breasted Partridge scuffling in the leaf litter on the road followed by a luminous Blue Pitta male and three species of broadbill, Silver Pheasant of the darker subspecies *lineata*, an elephant roaring, and an explosive encounter with a troop of the scarce stump-tailed macaque.

Our next day began more quietly, but finished with an incredible amount of bird activity including superb views of four Tickell's Brown Hornbills, Banded Broadbill, Swinhoe's Minivet, Buff-rumped Woodpecker, and Great Iora; we even put some slit-faced bats in the telescope. The wonderful singing of white-handed gibbons had been a background for our forest birding in the south. It was a fitting finale when a trio of white-handed gibbons, including a mother with infant, came over our group and relaxed in our presence. Wild Thailand is a must-visit destination.

Dion Hobcroft and David Bishop

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Dion and David

Diary

Daily Itinerary

- 25 February** Drive to Wat Phai Lom via Rangsit and onto the ancient capital of Ayuthya for lunch. Afternoon drive to Wat Phra Phutthabat Noi for the very local Limestone Wren Babbler but without any luck this year and onto our accommodations at Khai Yai NP (KY).
- 26 February** All day birding in Khao Yai NP (incl. a midday break) with a superb group of two male and a female Silver Pheasants. A delightful dinner in the field was followed by a very productive night-drive. .
- 27 February** All day birding in Khao Yai NP (incl. a midday break) concluding with a visit to the Wrinkle-lipped Bat cave at dusk.
- 28 February** Morning spent birding our way out of Khao Yai NP then drive to Bangkok for a sumptuous lunch before flying north to Chiang Mai.
- 1 March** Early morning drive to the Royal Agricultural Project at Huai Hong Krai (HHK) then return to Chiang Mai for a very attractive lunch before driving southwards to Doi Inthanon. Birding near our lodge during the late afternoon.
- 2 March** Birding all day at the summit sphagnum bog, Doi Inthanon NP (DI) and mid elevation areas during the afternoon as we birded our way down the mountain stopping for a pair of very confiding Black-tailed Crakes; attractive waterfalls and ice-cream at Mr Deng's café.
- 3 March** Birded all morning in the area of the 'Jeep Track' at Km 33 where we were graced with a male and female Purple Cochoa; PM returned to the summit bog.
- 4 March** Birded the jeep track at Km 13 and Wachirathan Waterfalls before returning to our lodge and a very productive visit to nearby rice-fields where a male Blue-breasted Quail, 15 Grey-headed Lapwings and several Greater Painted-Snipe were the highlights before driving north to Chiang Mai for lunch and then north via Chiang Dao to our lovely resort at Doi Ang Khang.
- 5 March** Birded all day (incl. midday break) at Doi Ang Khang (DAK).

- 6 March** Birded all morning before driving north and eastwards down into the lowlands and then north to Tha Ton. PM birded an area of scrubby farmland.
- 7 March** Birded all day on Doi Lang (DL) up to the summit at 2054m.
- 8 March** Drove to Chiang Saen, birded Chiang Saen Lake (CSL) and the Mekong River (MR) before driving to Chiang Rai and flying to Bangkok.
- 9 March** Birded all day in the coastal wetlands and salt-pans of the Gulf of Siam including a short boat trip to the spit at Laem Pak Bia (LPB)
- 10 March** Birded all morning at Khao Sam Roi Yot NP (KSRY); PM drove to Kaeng Krachan NP. (KK)
- 11 March** Birded all day Kaeng Krachan NP.
- 12 March** Birded all day Kaeng Krachan NP.
- 13 March** Drove back to Bangkok early to avoid protest march in time for our farewell dinner.



Rufous-bellied Niltava at Doi Ang Khang

Photo by Bob Kennett (Bob was the photographer who let us enjoy the Chestnut-headed Tesia at Doi Lang)

NON-PASSERINES

Lesser Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*: (100) at Mai Hai Agricultural College, Chang Mai on 1 Mar with (500) at Chiang Saen Lake on 8 Mar and (50) KSRV on 10 Mar.

Cotton Pygmy-Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*: (10) at KSRV on 10 Mar with (7) on a small wetland near a large dam en route to KK the same day.

Spot-billed Duck *Anas poeciloryncha*: (40) at Chiang Saen Lake on 8 Mar and (2) on the Mekong same date.

Garganey *Anas querquedula*: (20) at Chiang Saen Lake on 8 Mar.

Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*: (20) at Chiang Saen Lake on 8 Mar.

Ferruginous Pochard *Aythya nyroca*: (22) at Chiang Saen Lake on 8 Mar. Classified as Near Threatened.

Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus*: Heard only in agricultural scrub behind our hotel in DI on afternoon of 1 Mar.

Blue-breasted Quail *Coturnix chinensis*: (1) male flushed by Mike in the ricefields adjacent to our hotel in DI on 4 Mar flew straight at the group and landed in the grass almost at our feet allowing a superb view of this difficult to see species. In true form it could not be reflushed!

Rufous-throated Partridge *Arborophila rufogularis*: Heard only. Several heard daily within Doi Inthanon NP and also on Doi Lang but despite our best efforts none were seen this year.

Scaly-breasted Partridge *Arborophila chloropus*: KDB spotted a tame and confiding individual at KK on 11 Mar that gave everyone a stunning view from the jeeps of this typically very shy species. Heard frequently in KY and KK where Dion managed a more typical glimpse of (1) on 28 Mar at KY.

Mountain Bamboo Partridge *Bambusicola fytchii*: (4) seen on the drive out of DL by KDB and some of his group on 7 Mar. Heard clearly at DAK on morning of 3 Mar.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*: (1-6) seen on 5 days at KY and KK and heard crowing on a further 4 dates. This underrated bird is really quite spectacular.

Silver Pheasant *Lophura nycthemera*: (3) on 27 and (1) on 28 Feb at KY included lengthy spectacular views of wing whirring males. (2) of the darker subspecies *lineata* seen by KDB and his group on the afternoon of 11 Mar at KK.

Grey Peacock-Pheasant *Polyplectron bicalcaratum*: Heard only at Kaeng Krachan frequently on 11-12 Mar where it is a secretive denizen of the forest interior.

Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus*: (1 male and 10 females) gave a truly fantastic show at Hua Kong Khrai. Globally Threatened.

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*: (20) at Chiang Saen Lake and (5) KSRV.

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*: (10) seen in flight very well at Khok Kham on morning of 9 Mar where direct comparison could be made with Little Cormorant.

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*: (20) mostly in breeding plumage at Chiang Saen Lake on 8 Mar.

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*: (5-20) seen on 3 dates with high count in the Gulf of Siam on 9 Mar.

Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*: (1) on 1 Mar at HKK gave a great view of this rare species in Thailand.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*: (1) at CSL on 8 Mar and (5) at KSRV on 10 Mar.

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*: (1) seen by Bob on 28 Feb.

Black Bittern *Ixobrychus flavicollis*: (2) seen in flight at KSRV on 10 Mar with a stunning male at KK on 11 Mar fishing motionless in a rainforest stream giving a superb view.

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*: (1) on 1 Mar and (20) at CSL on 8 Mar and (2) LPB.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*: (4) CSL, (2) LPB and (20) at KSRV the site of Thailand's largest breeding colony of this species.

Great Egret *Ardea (Casmerodius) alba*: (10-20) recorded on 5 dates.

NOTE: Split as Eastern Great Egret *Ardea modesta* by some authorities.

Intermediate Egret *Ardea (Mesophoyx) intermedia*: (1) on 25 Feb and (1) CSL on 8 Mar.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*: (2-20 plus) recorded on 9 days.

Pacific Reef Egret *Egretta sacra*: (1) LPB on 9 Mar.

Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*: (1) in non-breeding plumage at LPB on 9 Mar. Classified as Globally Threatened.

Cattle Egret *Bulbulcus (Ardea) ibis*: (10-20 plus) recorded on 6 days.

NOTE: Split as Eastern Cattle Egret *Bulbulcus (Ardea) coromanda* by some authorities.

Chinese Pond-Heron *Ardeola bacchus*: (1-20) recorded on 9 days where entirely in non-breeding plumage. See note below.

Javan Pond-Heron *Ardeola speciosa*: (2) on 25 Feb in breeding plumage near Ayuthya and (1) on 10 Mar also in breeding plumage.

NOTE: The situation with *Ardeola* pond-herons in Thailand can be very confusing at this time of year as the birds are indistinguishable in non-breeding plumage. When the birds are seen in breeding plumage it appears that Javan Pond-Heron is restricted mainly to the area around Bangkok, whilst those seen elsewhere in the country, especially in the north were Chinese. That said it is hard to know what the birds' movements might be outside the breeding season.

Little Heron *Butorides striatus*: (1-2) seen on 4 days. Also known as Striated Heron

NOTE: The A.O.U. now treats North America populations of the *Butorides* superspecies as a separate species: Green-backed Heron *B. virescens*. *B. striatus* continues, for the time being, to apply to the rest of this widespread superspecies.

Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*: (1) on 1 Mar, (1) on 9 Mar at Khok Kham and (2) KSRV on 10 Mar.

Black-faced Spoonbill *Platalea minor*: (1) at CSL on 8 Mar and (1) Pak Thale, LPB on 9 Mar. This is a globally threatened species and a rare visitor to Thailand.

Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*: (6) in flight at LPB on 9 Mar. Classified as globally Near Threatened and a rare species in Thailand. Well spotted by Heidi.

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*: Very common north of Bangkok, we saw many *en route* between Bangkok and Ayuthya and between Khao Yai and Suvarnabhumi airport with more than (200) on 25 Feb.

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus ruber*: (1) at Pak Thale, LPB on 9 Mar was of unknown provenance and considered to be possibly an escapee.

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes*: (1) in flight at DI on 4 Mar.

Oriental Honey-Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*: Singles seen on 7 days.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*: (1-4) seen on 4 dates with high count at Thaton on 6 Mar.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*: (1) on 25 Feb near Ayuthya and (10) on 28 Feb between KY and Bangkok.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*: (3) on 25 Feb near Rangsit and (3) 9 Mar at Khok Kham.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*: Heard only by KDB at KSRV on 10 Mar.

Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela*: (1-3) seen on three dates and heard on two others with high count at KY on 26 Feb. (1) at KK on 11 Feb had captured a tree snake.

Eastern Marsh-Harrier *Circus spilonotus*: (2) KSRV on 10 Mar.

Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*: (1) stunning male at Thaton on 6 Mar.

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*: (1) on 5 Mar at DAK with (2) display flying at DL on 7 Mar.

Shikra *Accipiter badius*: (1-2) seen on 4 dates.

Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis*: (1) seen by KDB, Bruce and Bob at KK Country Club on 10 Mar.

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*: (1) at HKK seen by KDB perched in scope and (1) possibly this species on basis of undertail barring at DAK on 5 Mar.

Rufous-winged Buzzard *Butastur liventer*: (1) on 1 Mar distantly in flight at HKK, (1) on 3 Mar (Dion only) and finally a good view for all on the outskirts of Chiang Mai on 4 Mar.

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus*: (1) seen by KDB's group in farmland on the lower slopes of Doi Lang on 7 Mar.

Eurasian Buzzard *Buteo buteo*: (1-2) on 4-6 Mar in DAK.

Rufous-bellied Eagle *Aquila (Hieraetus) kienerii*: (1) seen by KDB on 12 Mar at KK.

Booted Eagle *Aquila (Hieraetus) pennatus*: (1) dark morph gave a great view at Mae Hia Agricultural College on the outskirts of Chiang Mai on 1 Mar. A rare winter visitor in Thailand.

Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus nipalensis*: (2) in flight at DL on 7 Mar gave good views.

Collared Falconet *Microhierax caerulescens*: (1) on 2 Mar and (2) on 4 Mar gave good scope views at DI.

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*: (2) on 6 Mar in agricultural country around Thaton.

Slaty-breasted Rail *Gallirallus striatus*: (1) well spotted by Wanda in the mangroves at LPB on 9 Mar gave a great view with (1) KDB only slipping across the road at KSRV on 10 Mar.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*: (1-6) seen on 8 days with high count on 8 Mar at CSL.

Black-tailed Crake *Amaurornis bicolor*: (2) gave fantastic repeat views in the campground at DI on 2 Mar.

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca*: (5) in a mangrove channel at Khok Kham on 9 Mar and at least (3) at KSRV on 10 Mar allowed excellent views.

White-browed Crake *Porzana cinerea*: (2) at CSL on 8 Mar gave great views.

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*: (1-20) seen on 4 days with high count at CSL.

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*: (20) at CSL and (20) KSRV of the subspecies *viridis*.

Note: Split by some authorities as Black-backed Swamphen *Porphyrio indicus*.

Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*: (20) at CSL.

Eurasian Thick-knee *Burhinus oedipnemus*: (1) spotted by Dion's group en route to dinner at the KK Country Club on 11 Mar.

NOTE: Split as Indian Thick-knee *B. indicus* by some authorities.

Grey-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus*: (15) allowed excellent views in ricefields near our hotel at DI on 4 Mar.

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*: (1-10) recorded on 9 days.

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*: (5) at Khok Kham on 9 Mar.

Black-bellied (Grey) Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*: (1) at Khok Kham on 9 Mar.

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*: (4) at CSL and MR on 8 Mar.

Snowy (Kentish) Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*: (4) on 8 Mar at MR with (50) at Khok Kham and LPB on 9 Mar.

Malaysian Plover *Charadrius peronii*: (4) at LPB on 9 Mar. Classified as Near Threatened.

White-faced Plover *Charadrius dealbatus*: (1) male in breeding plumage took considerable searching but finally allowed great views at LPB on 9 Mar. This species was described by Swinhoe in the 1850's but lost in taxonomic confusion before being re-recognised formally only three years ago.

Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*: (200) including several developing breeding plumage at Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia.

Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii*: (10) including a couple in breeding plumage at Khok Kam on 9 Mar.

Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*: (2-100) seen on 4 dates.

Pied Avocet *Recurvirostra avocetta*: (10) at LPB on 9 Mar.

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*: (6) at CSL and (5) KSRV all in non-breeding plumage.

- Bronze-winged Jacana** *Metopidius indicus*: (3) at KSRY and (8) at a dam en route to KK all on 10 Mar.
- Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*: (2) on 8 Mar at MR and (4) LPB on 9 Mar.
- Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*: (10) near Ayuthya on 25 Mar, (10) MR on 8 Mar and (30) LPB on 9 Mar.
- Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*: (2) MR on 8 Mar and (20) Khok Kham and LPB on 9 Mar.
- Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*: (100) at Khok Kham and LPB on 9 Mar.
- Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*: (2) on 25 Mar near Ayuthya and (3) LPB on 9 Mar.
- Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*: (2) Pak Thale, LPB on 9 Mar.
- Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*: (1) on 9 Mar at Pak Thale, LPB.
- Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata*: (15) at Pak Thale and LPB.
- Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa*: (100) at LPB.
- NOTE**: Split by some authorities as Eastern Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa melanuroides*.
- Great Knot** *Calidris tenuirostris*: (200) at LPB many in breeding plumage.
- Red Knot** *Calidris canutus*: (6) at Khok Kam, a couple in breeding plumage.
- Sanderling** *Calidris alba*: (5) at LPB
- Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*: (300) at Khok Kham and Pak Thale with (1) in breeding plumage.
- Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*: (2) on the MR seen by Dion and Bruce.
- Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*: (10) at Khok Kam and LPB.
- Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*: (200) at Khok Kam and LPB.
- Dunlin** *Calidris alpina*: (4) at Pak Thale.
- Spoon-billed Sandpiper** *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*: (1) gave a good view at the salt-fields at Khok Kam with (1) bird seen distantly at Pak Thale. Globally Threatened and declining at an alarming rate.
- Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus*: (30) at Khok Kham.
- Ruff** *Philomachus pugnax*: (3) at LPB.
- Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*: (1) seen in flight at KSRY on 9 Mar.
- Pintail Snipe** *Gallinago stenura*: (10) in ricefields near hotel at DI on 4 Mar with (10) in KK Country Club grounds on 10 Mar.
- Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*: (6) at LPB on 9 Mar.

Little Pratincole *Glareola lactea*: (20) on sand-bars at the MR.

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*: (5) on 25 Feb near Ayuthya gave poor views where (10) in fields near Thaton gave good scope studies.

Greater Painted-Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*: (4) gave several good flight views in ricefields near our hotel at DI on 4 Mar.

Great Black-headed (Pallas's) Gull *Larus ichthyaetus*: (1) in non-breeding plumage at LPB.

Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*: (30) at Khok Kam and LPB.

Gull-billed Tern *Gelochelidon nilotica*: (1) Dion only at Pak Thale on 9 Mar of the distinctive *affinis* subspecies.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*: (10) at LPB on 9 Mar.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*: (20) on 25 Feb and (200) on 9 Mar at various sites in Gulf of Siam.

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*: (100) at LPB.

Great Crested Tern *Sterna caspia*: (20) at LPB spit.

Little Tern *Sterna albifrons*: (10) at Khok Kham and (10) at LPB.

Rock Dove *Columba livia*: Recorded on 7 days with high counts of (100) plus.

Oriental Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*: (3) at Doi Lang on 7 Mar.

Red Collared-Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*: (2-50) recorded on 5 days with high count on 25 Feb.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*: (2-20) recorded on 11 days.

Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall*: (1-3) seen on 26-28 Feb at KY.

Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps*: (1) seen on 5 Mar at DAK and (1) 12 Mar at KK.

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*: (1-2) seen on 4 days at KY and KK.

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*: (2-20) seen on 5 days.

Thick-billed Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*: (2-25) seen on 4 days at KY and KK. Observed nesting on 27 Mar at KY.

Yellow-footed Pigeon *Treron phoenicopterus*: (1) was well spotted by Mike in dry woodland at DI on 4 Mar.

Wedge-tailed Pigeon *Treron sphenurus*: (20) on 3 Mar at DI near the Jeep Trail.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula badia*: (1-5) seen on 6 days at KY, DL and KK.

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*: (50) in the remnant big trees in the hotel grounds adjacent to KY on 28 Feb gave good scope views. We also had poor views of singles in flight near Rangsit on 25 Feb and KY on 26 Feb.

Vernal Hanging-Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*: (5-10) gave some amazing views feeding on seeding bamboo in KY on 26-27 Feb; a rare occasion when you look down on this species. Also heard at KK.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus (Hierococcyx) sparverioides*: (1-2) seen well in flight at DAK on 5-6 Mar. Heard on three other dates.

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*: Heard only on 5 Mar at DAK.

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*: Heard only on 5 dates being remarkably obstinate to playback!

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*: (3) gave great views at Rangsit on 25 Feb.

Asian Emerald Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx maculatus*: (1) male seen in flight only giving a poor view at DI on 3 Mar.

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*: (1) seen by KDB in KK on 11 Mar.

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*: Heard only at KK on 11 Mar.

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopaceus*: (5) at Rangsit on 25 Feb and (2) CSL on 8 Mar. Heard on a further 8 dates.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*: (1-4) seen on 7 dates with high count on 1 Mar.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*: (1) seen well in a mixed flock in KK on 11 Mar.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*: (1-20) seen on 9 days with high count at CSL.

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*: Singles seen on 4 dates but still eluded many participants.

Barn Owl *Tyto alba*: (1) well spotted by Heidi roosting in the day at Ayuthya on 25 Feb was a bonus sighting.

Note: Split by some authorities as Eastern Barn Owl *Tyto javanica*.

Collared Scops Owl *Otus lettia*: Heard only on 26 Feb at KY and 1 Mar at HHK.

Buffy Fish Owl *Ketupa ketupu*. (1) seen very well when spotlighting in KY on 26 Feb.

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei*. Singles seen very well on 3 dates including 26-27 Feb at KY and 11 Mar at KK.

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*. (1-3) seen on 4 dates including Ayuthya, DI hotel grounds and en route to KK.

Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata*. (1) seen well spotlighting in KY on 26 Feb.

Great Eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*. (2) seen well at KY on 26 Feb.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*. (2-3) seen well on 4 dates at KY, DL and KK.

Silver-backed Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*. (5) at DI on 3 Mar showed the diffuse white throat of this species but the views were fast and we never did see their backs.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*. (2-5) seen daily at KY on 26-28 Feb gave good views.

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris*. (1-10) seen on 5 days with high count on 5 Mar at DAK.

German's Swiftlet *Aerodramus germani*. (30) at LPB on 9 Mar gave great views.

Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*. (1-50) seen on 5 days with high count at DL on 7 Mar.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*. (1-6) seen on 3 days with high count at the Golden Triangle on 8 Mar.

Asian Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*. (2-20) seen on 10 days.

Crested Tree-swift *Hemiprocne coronata*. (2) in dry woodland at DI on 1 and 4 Mar.

Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*. (2-4) seen on 11-12 Mar at KK.

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*. A pair seen at the nest in KY on both 27-28 Feb gave some amazing views not the least seeing the male bundled up in the tiny hollow. (1) at KK on 11 Mar.

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*. Excellent looks at this very attractive species in Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan where it was seen very well on three dates typically in pairs.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*. (1-3) seen on 4 days with high count at CSL on 8 Mar.

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*. Sensational views of a pair attending a nest at KK.

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*. Heard only at KK on 11 Mar.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*: (1-5) seen on 8 days with high count at CSL on 8 Mar.

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*: (1) on 25 Feb near Rangsit and (5) in mangroves at Khok Kham and LPB allowed great looks at this handsome species.

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*: (1) on 25 Feb near Rangsit and at least (5) in mangroves at Khok Kham and LPB.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*: (1-2) seen on 5 days at KY, DAK and KK. Often shy and not settling for lengthy scope views.

Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*: (2-10) seen on 4 days with high count on 1 Mar on outskirts of Chiang Mai.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*: (2-10) seen on 4 days at KY and DAK.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*: (1) on 25 Feb near Rangsit gave a great view.

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*: (1-10) seen on 9 days with high count on 2 Mar.

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*: Singles seen on 4 days at KY and KK.

Eurasian (Common) Hoopoe *Upupa epops*: (1-2) seen on 4 days giving great views of this charismatic species.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*: The most common of the hornbills, we saw this species in good numbers in Khao Yai NP, especially at the fruiting fig tree and at Kaeng Krachan with as many as 30+ on one day.

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis*: This undoubtedly is one of the most spectacular and charismatic birds of Asia! Quite scarce this year but we managed to see (2) in KY on 27 Feb and (2) on both 11-12 Mar at KK. Classified as Near Threatened.

Wreathed Hornbill *Aceros undulatus*: (1-2) gave good views in KY on 26-27 Feb whilst we had some flyover views of this species or rarer close relative the Plain-pouched Hornbill in KK on 11-12 Mar in flocks up to (10-15).

Tickell's Brown (Rusty-cheeked) Hornbill *Anorrhinus tickelli*: (4) seen on both 11-12 Mar at KK gave some great perched views of this scarce and elusive hornbill.

Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*: (4) seen at DAK on 5 Mar allowed some great scope views. The characteristic wailing was heard on a further 6 days in DI, DL and KK.

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*: Singles seen on 3 dates and heard on one other.

Green-eared Barbet *Megalaima faiostricta*: Numerous excellent 'scope views of this species at Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan.

Red-throated Barbet *Megalaima mystacophanos*: Heard only at KK.

Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*: (1-2) seen well on 5 days at DI, DAK and DL.

Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica*: (2) DI on 2 Mar and (2) KK on 11 Mar gave some great views.

Moustached Barbet *Megalaima incognita*: (1-2) gave some good views at KY with (3) KK on 11 Mar.

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*: (1) scoped in KY on 27 Feb and (1-2) scoped in KK on 11-12 Mar: all up quite a good result for this cryptic canopy dweller.

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*: (1-4) seen on 4 days and heard on at least two others.

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*: (1) seen fleetingly at DAK on 5 Mar with a more cooperative individual scoped in KK on 12 Mar.

White-browed Piculet *Sasia ochracea*: (1) gave a mega view at HKK on 1 Mar with singles also seen at DL and KK.

Grey-capped Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*: (1) seen well at DL on 7 Mar.

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos atratus*: (2) seen at DAK on 5 Mar.

Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus*: Heard only in dry woodlands near our hotel at DI.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*: (2) seen well in the dry woodlands at DI on 4 Mar included a lengthy scope study for all. It was great to record this declining species at this site.

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*: (2) gave a great scope study at KK on 11 Mar.

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*: (1) gave a walk away scope study at DAK on 4 Mar.

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*: (2) in KY on 27 Feb did not settle and eluded most participants.

Black-headed Woodpecker *Picus erythropygius*: (2) gave a great scope study in dry woodlands at DI on 4 Mar. A declining species it was great to catch up with this spectacular bird.

Streak-breasted Woodpecker *Picus viridanus*: KDB and Mary had a good view of (1) in KK on 11 Mar.

Grey-faced Woodpecker *Picus canus*: KDB saw (1) on 12 Mar at KK.

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*: (1) on both 11-12 Mar at KK with an especially good scope view of a female on the 12th.

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*: This spectacular woodpecker was encountered a couple of times at KY and KK. Some great scope views were obtained.

Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis*: Bruce and KDB were lucky enough to get a good flight view of this skulker disappearing at KK ON 11 Mar.

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*: (2) on 6 Mar at DAK gave repeat flyover views but typically refused to settle. This species was also heard at DL and KK.

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus*: (1) seen on 11 Mar at KK by KDB.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*: (2) gave a great scope view at KK on afternoon of 12 Mar.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*: (2) flyover birds on 11 Mar at KK where it was also heard on 12 Mar but not responsive to playback unfortunately.

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Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*: (1) on 12 Mar at KK gave a fine scope view.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromelas*: (1) gave a reasonable view at KK on 11 Mar.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*: Dion found a pair building a nest at KY on 26 Feb and the whole group was able to enjoy them making their construction in the scope. Dion found (1) on the jeep trail at DI on 3 Mar and KDB found (1) in KK on 12 Mar but both were more skittish. Heard on three other dates.

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus*: (1) male gave a lengthy scope view at KK on 11 Mar even allowing a few digiscopes.

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus*: KDB was able to get his group on to a co-operative group of (3) at KK on 11 Mar.

Rusty-naped Pitta *Pitta oatesi*: Heard only on the summit of Doi Lang by KDB.

Blue Pitta *Pitta cyanea*: Dion found a cracking male at KK on 11 Mar that showed well for the group birding with him. Heard in the same general area on 12 Mar but not budging.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*: (1-5) seen on 8 days with high count on 6 Mar.

Burmese Shrike *Lanius colluriooides*: (1) at Mae Hia Agricultural College near Chiang Mai on 1 Mar and (1) DAK on 4 Mar.

Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*: (1-5) seen on 4 days in the northwest of Thailand.

Grey-backed Shrike *Lanius tephronotus*: (1) on 6 Mar at DAK was the only sighting.

Large Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina macei*: (2) sat well in the scope at DAK on 5 Mar and (2) DL on 7 Mar.

Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina melaschistos*: (1) on both 3 Mar at DI and 5 Mar at DAK.

Lesser Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina fimbriata*: (1) at KK on 11 Mar.

Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus*: (4) at KY on 26 Feb, (2) in dry woodland near our hotel DI on 1 Mar and (1) DAK on 4 Mar.

Brown-rumped (Swinhoe's) Minivet *Pericrocotus cantonensis*: (4) at KY on 26 Feb with (1) KK on 11 Mar and (5) here the following day. We enjoyed some excellent views of males of this scarce species.

Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*: (2) attending a nest at Ayuthya on 25 Feb gave great views and became the only sighting of the tour.

Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*: (2-4) in the pine forests at DAK on 5-6 Mar and a surprise group of (10) wintering down in the scrubby fields at Thaton on 6 Mar which I initially thought were Small Minivets.

Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris*: (4) at the Jeep Trail area of DI on 3 Mar with (6) at DL on 7 Mar.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*: (2-4) seen well on seven days. Like all of the minivets it was a popular sighting as they lit up the forest landscape.

Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*: (2-4) at the Jeep Trail area of DI on 2-3 Mar.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*: (1-10) seen on 8 days with high count at KK.

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati*: (1) seen by KDB and Bruce at KK on 12 Mar.

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon*: (2) seen by KDB at KK on 11 Mar.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*: (1-4) seen on 5 days at KY and KK.

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*: (2) on 1 Mar at HHK and great views of (4) at DI typically in the dry teak woodlands.

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*: (1) male on 7 Mar at DL.

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*: (3) gave great views near Rangsit on 25 Feb, with singles on 4, 10 and 13 Mar.

Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayeri*: (1) on 11 Mar and (3) on 13 Mar at KK.

Crested Jay *Platylophus galericulatus*: Heard only in Kaeng Krachan.

Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*: (1) KY on 28 Feb, (4) DI campground on 2 Feb with (2) seen brilliantly on both 11-12 Mar at KK.

Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda*: (3) showed well near our accommodations at DI.

Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae*: (1-2) at DAK and DL were shy and skittish.

Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*: (2) on 4 Mar at DI in dry teak woodlands.

Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia*: (1-5) seen well on 5 days with high count on 1 Mar.

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*: (1-2) seen on 8 days. Widespread and moderately common in open country.

NOTE: Split by some authorities as Eastern Jungle Crow *Corvus leuillanti*.

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*: (1-10) seen on 4 days and heard on at least another six days.

Asian Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*: (1-2) seen on 6 days at DI, DAK and KK.

Sand Martin *Riparia ripara*: (2) at the Khao Khieow lookout in KY on 27 Feb showed no contrast between throat and chest so not sure what was going on with these individuals.

Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola*: (5) at MR on 8 Mar seen by Dion and Bruce when they wandered out to the distant pool.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*: (1-100) recorded on 14 days of the tour.

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica*: (1-10) recorded on 8 days of the tour but typically seen in flight and then difficult to distinguish from the following species with certainty.

Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*: (20) perched on wires at CSL on 8 Mar would appear to belong to the subspecies *mayri*.

Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*: (1) at Khao Khieow lookout, KY on 27 Feb.

Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus*: (6) at DL on 7 Mar gave great views.

Great Tit *Parus major*: (1-2) at DAK on 4-5 Mar.

NOTE: Split by some authorities as Grey Tit *Parus cinereus*

Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus sibilans*: (2) on both 2-3 Mar at Jeep Trail, DI including an adult feeding a fledgeling with at least (4) at DL on 7 Mar.

Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*: (1) at Summit Bog, DI on 3 Mar and (2) DL on 7 Mar.

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea*: (2) at KY on 26 Feb and (2-4) at KK on 11-12 Mar. Great views.

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*: (1-2) at DAK and DL.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*: (1-6) seen on 5 days with high count at KK.

Brown-throated Treecreeper *Certhia discolor*: (1) on 3 Mar along the Jeep Trail, DI.

Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons*: (3) at DAK on 5 Mar and at least (10) at DL on 7 Mar.

Striated Bulbul *Pycnonotus striatus*: (3) on 5 Mar at DAK and (4) DL on 7 Mar.

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*: (1-6) seen on 2 days at KY and (2) at Wachitharan Waterfall, DI on 4 Mar.

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus*: (1-20) recorded on 9 days.

NOTE: Those seen in KY belong to the ruby-throated subspecies *flaviventris* considered by some authorities as a separate species.

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*: (1-4) seen on 6 days mostly at KY, DAK and Chiang Mai.

Brown-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*: (4-6) gave good views at DAK on 5-6 Mar.

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster*: (2-20) seen on 7 days: the most common bulbul in disturbed forest edge and secondary habitats.

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*: (1-10) seen on 5 days at KY and KK.

Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens*: (2-20) seen on 7 days at DI, DAK, DL and KK.

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*: Singles on the 9 and 10 Mar at LPB and KK Hotel grounds.

Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi*: (2-10) seen on 5 days typically in gardens and rural areas in the south.

Puff-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus pallidus*: (2-6) at KY and (2) on two days at DI.

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus*: (10) on both 11-12 Mar at KK.

Grey-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua*: (2-6) seen on 5 days at KY and DI.

Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole olivacea*: (2-10) seen on 11-12 Mar at KK.

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flava*: (1-2) seen on 4 days at KY, DI and KK.

Mountain Bulbul *Hypsipetes mcclllandii*: (1-4) seen on 6 days at DI, DAK, DL and KK.

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*: (1) DI campground on 2 Mar and (2) DAK on 5 Mar.

White-headed Bulbul *Hypsipetes thompsoni*: This handsome species was another trip highlight. We had great views of (2) on DI in a fruiting *Ficus* with the spectacular Vachirathan Waterfalls providing the backdrop! Also (2) at DAK on 5 Mar.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*: (1) on 1 Mar in a paddock near Chiang Mai with (1) giving a great scope view at Thaton on 6 Mar.

Golden-headed Cisticola *Cisticola exilis*: (2) in grasslands at KY on 26 Feb and heard here the following day.

Hill Prinia *Prinia atrogularis*: Singles seen on 3, 5 and 7 Mar at DI, DAK and DL respectively but good views were difficult as remained quite skulky even when played for.

NOTE: This population is split as *P. superciliaris* from the black-throated nominate population in the Himalaya and Assam Hills by some authorities.

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*: (1) gave a good view in KY on 27 Feb.

Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*: (2-10) seen on 3 days mostly in agricultural country in DI and Thaton.

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*: (1) near Rangsit on 25 Feb, (2) CSL on 8 Mar and (4) KSRY on 10 Mar.

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*: (2-6) seen on 3 days and heard on one other.

Chestnut-headed Tesia *Tesia castaneacoronata*: (1) gave several good but furtive views at DL on 7 Mar. The "egg on legs".

Slaty-bellied Tesia *Tesia olivacea*: (1) showed well for just about everyone repeatedly on the jeep track at DI on 3 Mar. Also glimpsed by Dion here on 2 Mar.

Russet Bush-Warbler *Bradypterus mandelli*: (1) responded well to playback and gave quite good views for most at DAK on 5 Mar. Another heard nearby.

Black-browed Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*: (5) at KSRY allowed some excellent views.

Manchurian Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus tangorum*: (1) KSRY gave a superb view for everyone on 10 Mar showing such details as the strikingly pale lower mandible, reduced black supercilium and rusty wash to uppertail. Classified as globally Near Threatened.

Oriental Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*: (1) on 8 Mar and at least (4) KSRY.

Thick-billed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon*: (1) seen by Bruce at Thaton on 6 Mar and (1) seen by KDB in the grounds of the KK Country Club on 10 Mar.

Mountain Tailorbird *Orthotomus cuculatus*: (2) gave fabulous views near the Jeep Trail, DI on 3 Mar. The distinctive tinkling call was also heard at DAK and DL.

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*: Seen or heard on 8 days.

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*: (1) showed very well at KY on 26 Feb and at least (4) KK on 12 Mar. Its distinctive call was a feature at both locations.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*: (1-2) seen on 5 days although typically secretive and its presence given away its sharp "tak" contact call in scrubby vegetation bordering watercourses.

Buff-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus subaffinis*: (1) on both 4-5 Mar at DAK and (1) DL.

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*: (1) KY on 28 Feb, (1) DL on 7 Mar, (1) 10 Mar and (1) KK on 12 Mar. Typically in grassy glades in the forest.

Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*: (5) at the Summit Bog, DI on 2 Feb and (4) DL on 7 Mar. One of the most distinctive leaf-warblers here restricted to high altitude evergreen forest.

Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*: (5) at the Summit Bog, DI on 2 Feb gave great comparison views with the preceding species.

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*: (1-4) seen on 5 days.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*: (1) heavily moulting bird at Wat Phai Lom on 25 Feb.

Two-barred Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides plumbeitarsus*: (1-2) seen 6 days.

Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes*: (1) on 11-12 Mar at KK gave some good views of this skulking species with its distinctive long supercilium, greyish crown and metallic contact call.

Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*: Up to (10) each day at KK where this was the common leaf-warbler in the lowland rainforest mixed flocks showing the distinctive yellowish undertail coverts, pale bill and median crown stripe.

Blyth's Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*: (1-5) seen on 7 days typically in higher altitude evergreen forest where its nuthatch wing-flipping behaviour is often easier to see than the crown stripes!

White-tailed Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus davisoni*: Common on Doi Inthanon, Doi Ang Khang and Doi Lang.

Sulphur-breasted Warbler *Phylloscopus ricketti*: A scarce species with singles seen well on two days in Kaeng Krachan.

Grey-crowned Warbler *Seicercus tephrocephalus*: (1) KY on 1 Feb showed the lack of a wing bar, much white in the outer tail and the greyish crown with black lateral stripes. It was the only Golden-spectacled Warbler that gave the views necessary for a confident identification.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*: (1) on both 2-3 Mar at Jeep Trail, DI and (2) DL on 7 Mar.

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*: (2) DAK on 5 Mar, (2) Thaton Riverview Hotel seen by Bruce on 6 Mar and (2) KK on 12 Mar. This species is a bamboo specialist.

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*: (1) at Thaton fields on 6 Mar was possibly only seen by Dion.

Dark-sided Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica*: (1-2) on 11-12 Mar at KK at higher altitudes where it perches conspicuously from a sallying perch.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*: (1-4) seen on 5 days typically in scrubby edge-secondary growth habitats.

Slaty-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula hodgsonii*: (2) females on 5 Mar at DAK and (2) females at DL on 7 Mar.

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophiiata*: (3) gave quite good views at DL on 7 Mar.

Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*: (1-10) seen on 6 days with high count along the road in KK.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra*: (1-2) at Summit Bog, DI on 2-3 Mar gave great views of this typically secretive species.

White-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula monileger*: (1) seen at DL by KDB on 7 Mar.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*: (1-6) seen on 3 dates at DI, DAK and DL.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*: (2-6) recorded on 8 days.

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*: (2) males scoped well on the Jeep Trail, DI on 2 Mar and heard here the next morning. One male showed well at DL on 7 Mar for Dion, Bob and Bruce.

Small Niltava *Niltava macgregoriae*: (1) male gave a great view at DI on 2 Mar with (1) male at DL on 7 Mar.

Vivid Niltava *Niltava vivida*: (1) female seen by Dion only in the canopy along the roadside near the Jeep Trail at DI on 3 Mar.

Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara*: (1) stunning male was very co-operative at the small waterfall at Ban Luang Resort, DAK on both 5-6 Mar.

Hainan Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus*: (1) male seen well at KY on 27 Feb and HHK on 1 Mar.

Chinese Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis glaucicomans*: (1) male showed the blue shoulders of this species at KK on 11 Mar.

NOTE: This taxa is a split from Blue-throated Flycatcher.

Hill Blue-Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas*: (1-2) seen on 7 days with some particularly obliging individuals.

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*: (1-2) seen on 9 days; a staple of most forested habitats.

Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope*: (1) seen by Mike only at Thaton on 6 Mar.

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*: (1) seen by KDB and (1) seen by Dion when we explored fields at Thaton on 6 Mar but neither would show themselves to the participants!

Orange-flanked Bush-Robin *Tarsiger cyanurus*: (1) female at the Summit Bog, DI on 2 Mar finally gave herself up to all participants while a showy male put on a great performance at DL on 7 Mar.

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*: (1-10) seen on 8 days.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*: (1) male showed well at KY on 26 Feb with (1-2) giving good views at KK on 11-12 Mar.

White-capped River Redstart *Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*: (1) gave a great performance at the small waterfall at Ban Luang Resort, DAK on both 5-6 Mar.

Plumbeous Water Redstart *Rhyacornis fuliginosa*: (3) on 2 Mar at the waterfall in DI gave some excellent views of both male and female plumages.

White-tailed Robin *Cinclidium leucurum*: (1) male flashed across the road at DAK on 5 Mar showing the characteristic white tail panels.

White-bellied Redstart *Hodgsonius phaenicuroides*: (1) female gave two amazing views almost at our feet whilst it dealt with an earthworm on the edge of a small clearing at DAK predawn on 6 Mar. Initially thought to be a female Blue-fronted Robin by Dion its dull grey legs, uniform dark brown tones to all feathering, lack of any russet ginger colour to the tail base or outer rectrices which was well studied led me to arrive at this conclusion. However there were some developments.

As a post script I examined photos of a female BFR in the hand from northern Thailand. I was also able to reference most available literature and photos of female White-bellied Redstarts from northern Thailand. The results were quite interesting. The leg colour in WBR is variable (flesh pink to dull grey). The ground colour to the plumage of WBR is a colder dark brown like the bird we saw (and in contrast to just about all field guides) rather than dark brown with a dark rufous suffusion of the BFR. BFR should appear longer-legged. So structurally and plumage tone wise WBR is a better fit but does not explain why we could not see a ginger-rufous flash at the basal outer tail feathers. Most of the field guides vary in their illustrations of both species quite remarkably, reflecting no doubt the lack of information on these secretive Muscicapids. Many thanks to Frances who sent me her photo.

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*: (1) on 2 Mar at Wachitharan Waterfall, DI was well spotted by Mike and gave everyone a good scope view.

Purple Cochoa *Cochoa purpurea*: (1) amazing male gave two good views on the Jeep Trail, DI on 3 Mar. It perched up for Dion initially, then flew off, responded to playback, was re-located by KDB and was being set in scope when it disappeared for good. Several folks were able to see this enigmatic rarity.

Green Cochoa *Cochoa viridis*: At least two heard on the Jeep Trail but remained buried in the forest somewhere.

Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*: (1-20) seen on 9 days.

NOTE: Split as Siberian Stonechat *S. maura* by some authorities.

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*: (1-20) seen on 5 days with high count in fields at Thaton on 6 Mar.

Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea*: (1-4) seen on 5 days with high count at DAK on 5 Mar.

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*: (1) male at DL on 7 Mar.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*: (1-3) seen on 4 days at KY and KK.

Blue Whistling Thrush *Myiophonus caeruleus*: (1-4) seen on 5 days with high count at DI on 2 Mar.

Orange-headed Thrush *Zosterops citrina*: (1) flashed across the road at KK on 12 Mar.

Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis*: (1) female gave an excellent performance on both 5-6 Mar at a small waterfall at Ban Luang Resort, DAK.

Chestnut Thrush *Turdus rubrocanus*: (1-3) at the Summit Bog, DI on 2-3 Mar and a great view of (1) at DL on 7 Mar.

Grey-sided Thrush *Turdus feae*: (1) at the Summit Bog at DI on 2 Mar was seen perched with (2) perched at DAK on 7 Mar but very shy and difficult for participants to see. Globally threatened.

Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*: (1) scoped in a fruiting Ficus at KY on 27 Feb was the only sighting on this tour.

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophrys*: Heard only by KDB at DL on 7 Mar.

White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana*: Sensational views of several very cooperative males and for some a female at the summit bog, Doi Inthanon NP.

Yellow-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hypoxantha*: (4) at the Summit Bog at DI on 2 Mar and (6) at DL on 7 Mar. What a great little bird!

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*: (1-2) seen on 6 days.

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*: Common in the scrubby woodland between Bangkok and Ayuthya and in the Gulf of Siam.

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*: (3-5) on 26-27 Feb at KY and heard at DI and KK.

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax pectoralis*: Fantastic views of (8) moving around the campground at KK on 11 Mar with (1) seen well in the forest the next day.

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*: (1) mixed in with White-crested LT at KY on 27 Feb and at least (2) mixed in with the Greaters at KK on 11 Mar allowing great comparison views.

White-necked Laughingthrush *Garrulax strepitans*: (2) at DL on 7 Mar did loops around us in response to playback and gave good flight views over the road on at least four occasions. This species like many in the same genus has an amazing explosive song.

Black-throated Laughingthrush *Garrulax chinensis*: (1) seen by KDB at DAK on 5 Mar and (2) taped up and gave reasonable views for most at KK on 12 Mar.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus*: (4-6) on the summit of DI where wonderfully tame. Also heard at DL.

NOTE: Collar (2006) has revised the entire *erythrocephalus* complex. Thai birds now become Silver-eared Laughingthrush *G. melanostigma*.

Red-faced Liocichla *Liocichla phoenicea*: Quite amazing views even in the scope feeding on berries-something of a first. (4) seen brilliantly on both 5-6 Mar at DAK and (1) DL on 7 Mar.

NOTE: Split as Scarlet-faced Liocichla *Liocichla ripponi* by some authorities.

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*: Heard only at KK on 12 Mar.

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*: (3) at HHK and (2) KK gave good views for all.

Large Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*: (2) seen on both 11-12 Mar at KK but typically elusive its presence announced by its powerful butcherbird like fluting notes.

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*: (1-2) seen on 3 days at DAK and DL gave some great views.

White-browed Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*: (1-4) seen on 4 days at DAK and KK. Also heard at KY.

Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*: One very responsive individual gave the entire group a view of this charming sprite in the summit bog of Doi Inthanon, a great result.

Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyris rufifrons*: (4) seen on both 11-12 Mar at KK in mixed flocks favouring the bamboo and vine tangles. Also heard at DAK.

Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*: (1-2) recorded on 4 days at DI, DL and KK. At the latter site they were feeding fledgelings that kept them sitting still just a little bit longer!

Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps*: (1) on 3 Mar at Jeep Trail, DI put on a wonderful view.

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*: Heard or seen on 7 dates typically skulking in bamboo and vine thickets at mid-level and giving good views with patience.

NOTE: Split as Pin-striped Tit-Babbler M. by some authorities

Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense*: (4) in riverine grassland in Thaton on 6 Mar.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris*: (2-4) seen on 4 days at DAK and DL where good views of this colourful babbler were obtained.

White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis*: (1-2) seen or heard on 7 days at DI, DAK, DL and KK.

NOTE: A recent genetic review found this genus was more closely related to Vireos. Another review found there may be up to 9 species in this complex!

Black-eared Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*: (2) males in a mixed flock at DL on 7 Mar.

Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius aenobarbus*: (1) seen by KDB in a mixed flock at DI Jeep trail on 3 Mar.

White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhychus rufulus*: Heard only in a bamboo ravine at KK on 12 Mar and refusing to move up to investigate us.

NOTE: Almost certainly a separate species from the population in India (see Collar 2006, Rasmussen & Anderton 2005).

Spectacled Barwing *Actinodura ramsayi*: (1-3) seen on 3 days at DI, DAK and DL.

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*: (1) on both 4-5 Mar in mixed flocks at DAK with (4) in one mixed flock at DL on 7 Mar.

Chestnut-tailed Minla *Minla strigula*: (2-5) at the Summit Bog, DI on 2-3 Mar giving great views.

Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*: (4-5) gave great views at the Summit Bog, DI ON 2-3 Mar with (10) at DL on 7 Mar.

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poioicephala*: (1) in a mixed flock at KK on 11 Mar where also heard the following day.

Grey-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe morrisonia*: (1-10) seen very well on 6 days at DI, DAK and DL.

Rufous-backed Sibia *Heterophasia annectens*: (3) on the Jeep Trail at DI on 3 Mar, (3) DAK on 5 Mar and (2) DL on 7 Mar. All up a good result for this sometimes missable species.

Black-backed Sibia *Heterophasia melanoleuca*: (1-10) recorded on 5 days in the north at DI, DAK and DL giving numerous good views.

Striated Yuhina *Yuhina castaneiceps*: (20) at DAK on 5 Mar and (20) including feeding a fledgeling at KK on 12 Mar.

Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*: (10) at DL on 7 Mar where excellent views were had.

White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca*: (1-5) seen on 5 days at KY, DI and KK.

Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleurus*: (20) in one flock at KY on 26 Feb was the only sighting.

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*: (6) at KY on 27 Feb.

Japanese White-eye *Zosterops japonicus*: (2-4) at DI and DAK on 4-6 Mar.

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*: (5) in montane rainforest at KK on 12 Mar.

Spot-breasted Parrotbill *Paradoxornis guttaticollis*: (1) showed well for Dion's group near Ban Luang at DAK on 5 Mar.

Golden-bellied Gerygone (Flyeater) *Gerygone sulphurea*: (1) seen poorly and heard well in mangroves at Pak Thale, LPB in hot windy conditions on 9 Mar.

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Anthreptes singalensis*: Single males seen well on 3 dates at KY and KK.

Plain-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*: (2) including a nest building female at Rangsit on 25 Feb.

Purple Sunbird *Nectarinia asiatica*: (2) in disturbed dry woodland habitat near our hotel at DI on 1 Mar including a fine male.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis*: (1-2) seen on 5 days typically in secondary habitats.

(Mrs.) Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae*: (5) near the Jeep Trail at DI on 2 Mar, (2) DAK on 5 Mar and (2) DL on 7 Mar.

Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis*: (10) at the Summit Bog, DI on 2 Mar and (2) DAK on 5 Mar.

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*: (1-2) seen on 7 days at KY, DAK, DL and KK.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*: (1-3) seen on 3 days at KY and KK with some good views feeding on banana flowers.

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*: (1-3) seen on 4 days at DI, DAK and KK.

Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile*: (1) seen by KDB at KY on 26 Feb.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*: (1-2) gave great views in fruiting Mistletoe at KY on 26-27 Feb.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*: (1-3) at DAK including some colourful males on 4-5 Mar.

Buff-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cambodianum*: (2) KY on 26 Feb.

NOTE: Previously treated as a subspecies of Fire-breasted Flowerpecker it is now considered by many to be a discrete taxon that is quite vocally and morphologically distinct, lacking any red on the breast.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*: (1-4) seen on 5 days with some crunching views of the male. We also observed a female at a nest seen at the Lyle's Flying-fox wat en route to Ayuthya on 25 Feb.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*: (1-5) seen on 6 days.

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*: (1) seen on 27 Feb at KY by KDB.

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*: (1) on 6 Mar at DAK and (1) DL on 7 Mar were both males.

Silver Oriole *Oriolus mellianus*: KDB spotted this female oriole in flight at Km. 11 at DI which had buried itself in a riparian tree. When Bruce and Dion scoped it we could see the contrasting pale grey back to the black head, diagnostic for the rare Silver Oriole.

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*: (2-10) seen on 5 days at KY and KK where all enjoyed the spectacular male repeatedly.

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis*: Dion, Mary and Heidi spotted (1) in a mixed flock while walking back to lunch on 12 Mar at KK.

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*: (1-20) seen on 8 days in open country.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*: (1-5) seen on 10 days in forested areas throughout. The pale, migrant *leucogenis* race was seen on a couple of occasions at KK.

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*: (1-2) recorded on 6 days at DI, DAK, DL and KK.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*: (1-2) recorded on 6 days at DI, DAK and KK.

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*: (4-30) recorded on 6 days at KY, HHK, DL and KK.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*: (1-5) recorded on 8 days with high count at HHK on 1 Mar.

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*: (1-10) seen on 10 days in open country.

Golden-crested Myna *Ampeliceps coronatus*: (1-2) in a flowering tree at KY on 26-27 Feb gave some good scope views of this scarce species.

Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*: (5-10) at KY on 26-27 Feb with (2) KK on 11 Mar.

White-vented Myna *Acridotheres grandis*: (2-20) seen on 9 days, widespread and common in open country.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*: (10-20) seen on 10 days, widespread and common in open country.

Black-collared Starling *Sturnus nigricollis*: (2-10) seen on 4 days with high counts at CSL and Thaton.

Asian Pied Starling *Sturnus contra*: (5-10) seen on 3 days.

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnia malabarica*: A large winter flock of (300) plus was seen in Thaton on afternoon 6 Mar with (6) sitting on the wires at CSL on 8 Mar.

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*: (4) in KY grasslands on 27 Feb, (3) on 3 Mar at DI ricefields and (10) in farming country at Thaton on 6 Mar.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*: (4) at the Mae Hia Agricultural College, Chiang Mai on 1 Mar.

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*: (4) at KY on 27 Feb, (4) in the campground at DI on 2 Mar and (1) near Thaton on 6 Mar.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*: (2) in full breeding plumage in a ricefield near Ayuthya on 25 Feb.

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*: (1) on both 11-12 Mar at KK gave good views.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*: (5) at the MR on 8 Mar of the subspecies *ocularis*.

Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*: Dion and Bruce enjoyed a fine male on the MR on 8 Mar as a reward for walking out to the distant pool in the heat of the day!

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*: (2) on 25 Feb in ricefields near Ayuthya and (2) on 9 Mar in salt fields at Khok Kham were of the subspecies *macronyx*.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*: Singles seen on 8 dates typically on freshwater streams or occasionally roads in the forest. Several in advanced breeding plumage.

Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*: (4) found by Bruce near Ban Luang, DAK on 6 Mar.

Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*: (20) on both 5-6 Mar at DAK.

Black-headed Greenfinch *Carduelis ambigua*: (5) seen in flight by Dion on 5 Mar at DAK.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*: (10) at the Novotel Suvarnabhumi on 25 Feb.

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus*: (1) at Ayuthya on 25 Feb and (20) feeding on small fruits in dry scrub near our hotel at DI on 1 Mar.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*: (2-20) seen on 6 days, common in urban areas.

Baya Weaver *Ploceus manyar*: (2) on 25 Feb at Rangsit and (6) on 1 Mar near DI: all in drab winter plumage.

Pin-tailed Parrotfinch *Erythrura prasina*: (10) in seeding bamboo at KY on 26 Feb gave fantastic views of this super colored and elusive nomad.

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*: (20) feeding in seeding bamboo at KY on 26 Feb and (20) in fields at Thaton on 6 Mar.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*: (20) on 3 Mar in ricefields at DI with (10) in fields at Thaton on 6 Mar.

Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*: (10) KSRV gave great views of this dapper finch.

MAMMALS

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*: We enjoyed great views of this spectacular cat-sized squirrel with (1-5) seen on 5 days at KY, DI and KK.

Grey-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps*: (2-10) recorded on 4 days at KY and KK.

Variable Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysoni*: (2-10) seen on 5 days including the stunning white subspecies at Wat Phra Phuttabhat Noi.

Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandi*: (1-2) seen well on 5 days at HHK, DI and KK.

Indochinese Ground-Squirrel *Menetes berdmorei*: (1) at DAK on 5 Mar.

Smooth-coated Otter *Lutrogale perspicillata*: (2) gave an outstanding display at KY on 28 Feb eating fish within only 15 metres of us behind the visitor centre.

Banded Langur *Presbytis femoralis*: (4-5) on 11-12 Mar at KK where they can be identified by their triangle head shape, black pelage and narrow pale eye rims.

Dusky Langur *Trachypithecus obscurus*: (4) KSRV on 10 Mar and at least (50) on both 11-12 Mar at KK where it is very common.

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*: (5) at Wat Phra Phuttabhat Noi on 25 Feb whilst we searched for the Limestone Wren-Babbler.

Northern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca leonina*: (30) daily at KY on 26-28 Feb where a conspicuous feature of the mammal fauna. (10) at KK on 12 Mar.

Stump-tailed Macaque *Macaca arctoides*: (2) of a large troop were well seen at KK on 11 Mar with Dion able to sneak directly underneath one and admire its centimetre long tail before it exploded out of the tree!

White-handed Gibbon *Hylobates lar*: (4) seen on 28 Feb at KY where it was heard daily. For those who missed that encounter we all enjoyed three including a small infant at KK on 12 Mar.

Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belangeri*: Singles seen well on 1, 2 and 11 Mar at HHK, DI and KK.

Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*: (2-3) gave great views at KY on 26-27 Feb with (1) KK on 12 Mar and one heard barking vociferously here on 11 Mar.

Fea's Muntjac *Muntiacus feae*: Heard only The distinctive vocalisation unlike the Red Muntjac was pointed out by a local guide in KK on 12 Mar where it is called locally "Keng" for both species. This species favours the higher altitude forest at KK from its Red relative.

Sambar *Rusa unicolor*: (1-20) seen on 26-27 Feb at KY where some large stags were enjoyed.

Asian Elephant *Elaphus maximus*: Heard only One heard trumpeting and roaring from a lookout at KK on 11 Mar. Plenty of dung seen in KY and KK.

Lyle's Flying-fox *Pteropus lylei*: (200) roosting at a Wat en route to Ayuthya on 25 Feb.

Malaysian Slit-faced Bat *Nycteris tragata*: (2) found roosting in a culvert at KK by Dion on 12 Mar gave great scope views.

Greater Woolly Horseshoe Bat *Rhinolophus luctus*: (1) found roosting in a culvert at KK by Dion on 12 Mar was photographed and easily (for a microbat) identified.

Bower's Rat *Berylmys bowersi*: (1) found road-killed at DI where it was photographed by Dion and identified as *Rattus flattus*.

Long-tailed Giant Rat *Leopoldamys sabanus*: (1) seen road-killed as we drove into KK on 11 Mar.

REPTILES

Hillstream Softshell Turtle *Dogania subplana*: (1) photographed at KY visitor centre showed the orange on the sides of the neck and long snorkel of this rare species.

Reticulated Python *Python reticulatus*: (1) approx 2.4 metres (8 feet) seen crossing a road at night at KY on 26 Feb. Disturbed by the spotlight it struck out and sent the drivers into a bit of a panic. This is regarded as the largest snake in the world along with the Green Anaconda of South America. Females in both species are much larger than males and in captivity have reached 8 metres (24 feet) though there are many exaggerated accounts of even larger specimens.

Water Monitor *Varanus salvator*: (1) at KY on 26 Feb and (2) in the mangrove channel at LPB on 9 Mar. This is one of the largest lizards in the world occasionally reaching in excess of 2.6 metres (close to 9 feet or longer) in total length.

Garden Calotes *Calotes versicolor*: (2) at HHK on 1 Mar.

Blue-throated Calotes *Calotes mystaceus*: Bob spotted this one at DAK on 5 Mar.

Horned Tree Lizard *Acanthosaurus armata*: (1) spectacular male in breeding condition was found in KK on 11 Mar.

Gliding Lizard *Draco sp.*: Wonderful but difficult to identify unless you have them in the hand, Dracos were seen at KY and KK.

Tokay Gekko *Gekko gekko*: Heard only but difficult to forget the dulcet voice of this cryptic giant gekko, a signature sound of southeast Asia.

Flat-tailed Gecko *Cosymbotus platurus*: Common in the north in most hotels and restaurants attracted to lights.

Spiny-tailed House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*: The common gekko with the chucking call throughout most of Thailand.

BUTTERFLIES

THAILAND BUTTERFLIES – 2/22 – 3/13/2010

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Lekagul designations

A = abundant
 C = common
 L = local
 U = uncommon
 R = rare
 S = seasonally

Very brief descriptions for photographers

dfw = dorsal (upperside) forewing
 vhw = ventral (underside) hindwing
 f. = female (some dimorphic; noted when seen)
 m. = male
 marg. = margin, along edge

Papilionidae

Common Birdwing	Troides belena	C	vfw black
Golden Birdwing	Troides aeaces	LC	very similar, vfw lighter, generally more golden
Common Batwing	Atrophaneura varuna	U	oval hw
Adamson’s Rose	Atrophaneura adamsoni	LC	dfw white patch
Common Rose	Atrophaneura aristolochiae	C	patch across 2/3 hw
Burmese Raven	Chilasa mahadeva	U	large fw; submarginal dots both wings
Common Mime	Chilasa clytia	C	quite variable; black w/spotrows &/or veining
Common Mormon	Papilio polytes	C	dhw elongate spotband; vhw submarginal red spots
Red Helen	Papilio belenus	C	dhw white patch, thick crest
Great Mormon	Papilio memnon	C	d black; vfw base red spot; f. varies; fw& hw white patch
The Spangle	Papilio protenor	R	blackish, scalloped hw
Paris Peacock	Papilio paris	C	d glows green; lg hw green patch
Blue Peacock	Papilio	R	m. black w/blue patch; mark across tip + 3 bars
Fourbar Swordtail	Graphium agetes	LC	mainly white; 4 bars across fw
Fivebar Swordtail	Graphium aristeus	C	white w/5 short bars + 2 long
Spot Swordtail	Graphium nomius	LC	dark fw bands, submarginal white spots both wings
Glassy Bluebottle	Graphium cloanthus	R	d: wide pale turquoise band
Common Bluebottle	Graphium sarpedon	C	d: black w/lg dark turquoise triangle; v: dk turq. arc
Spotted Zebra	Graphium megarus	C	dfw marg.spots; dhw marg.crescents; navy vein lines, dashes, spots

Pieridae

The Psyche	Leptosa nina	C	white; 2 dfw spots near tip
Red-breasted Jezebel/Common	Delia acalis	C	vhw base red w/yellow hw
Yellow Jezebel	Delia agostina	R	vhw yellow; white fringe checks
Red-spot Sawtooth	Prioneris philonone	R	1 red spot vhw base
Common Gull	Cepora nerissa	C	white; heavy blk hw margin; fw tip orange triangle
Orange Gull	Cepora judith	LC	white w/vhw mostly orange
Striped Albatross	Appias libythea	C	white; black triangle on hw edge
Chocolate Albatross	Appias lyncida	C	vfw yellow spot; vhw yellow, black margin

Common Albatross	<i>Appias albina</i>	C	clear white v; pointy fw
Orange Albatross	<i>Appias nero</i>	C	m. bright o. red; f: black edge & marks
Indian Cabbage White	<i>Pieris canidia</i>	U	dfw tip dark; 1 or 2 fw spots for m. or f.
Yellow Orangetip	<i>Ixias pyrene</i>	C	small, heavy blk borders, orange tip
Great Orangetip	<i>Hebomoia glaucippe</i>	C	larger, similar markings
Common Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>	A	quite small, d: narrow dark border
Spotless Grass Yellow	<i>Eurema laeta</i>	C	yellow; dfw dark tip,
Lemon Emigrant	<i>Catopsilia pomona</i>	C	v: white, yellow base, dark border
Common Emigrant	<i>Catopsilia crocale</i>	C	d: white, v: pale yellow, fw dark band
Danaidae			
Plain Tiger	<i>Danaus chrysippus</i>	C	orange, fw tip black & white spotbar
Common Tiger	<i>Danaus genutia</i>	C	similar, plain with dark wings
Malay Tiger	<i>Danaus affinis</i>	?	orange & black w/hw mainly white
Dark Glossy Tiger	<i>Danaus agleoides</i>	C	dark bluish, edges, veining, row(s) submarginal hw spots Note: other tigers similar; probable other species
Satyridae			
Dark-brand Bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis perseus</i>	C	fv: 3 unspotted submarg bands, inner very irregular
Nymphalidae			
Small Leopard	<i>Phalanta alcippe</i>	C	m: orange; black border w/adjacent spots
The Cruiser	<i>Vindula erota</i>	SC	m: large orange, short tail, submarginal bands F: tan w/center lt. band & other 2/3 orange
Common Yeoman	<i>Cirrochroa tyche</i>	C	3 lg oj submarg. Wavy bands, sht row inner wing dashes
Red Lacewing	<i>Cethosia biblis</i>	U	m: lg. red w/black tip & white spots
Leopard Lacewing	<i>Cethosia cyane</i>	C	m: orange; dwh blk marg w/oj crescents, dfw tip blk (note: lacewings have scalloped borders)
Indian Fritillary overall spotting	<i>Argynnis hyperbicus</i>	U	m: orange; dhw black wavy submarg. Band; much F: slar w/dfw tip band
Danaid Eggfly dash	<i>Hypolimnias misippus</i>	C	black; dhw wht. oval spot; fw oval spot and tip small (mainly see black w/pos. purple sheen & 4 wht spots)
Common Lascar	<i>Neptis bordonia</i>	C	blk w/2 dhw oj stripes, fw tipband, lg dot below
Common Sailor bands,spts	<i>Neptis bylas</i>	C	blk & wht submarg. dashband, hw cont. midband, many
Short-banded Sailor	<i>Neptis clumella</i>	U	slar; fw submarg. band dots vs. dotband (quite likely other undifferentiated similar sailors)
Lavender Count &/or pos. Gray Count	<i>Euthalia cocytes</i>	R	2/3 black, bottom 1/3 lavender; cutoff fw tip
Great Marquis	<i>Euthalia lepidea</i>	U	similar; bottom 1/3 gray
Common Archduke	<i>Euthalia dunya</i>	U	lt. brown; irreg. mid hw spotband
Great Archduke	<i>Euthalia dirtea</i>	U	m: d black w/blue border & 2 row submarg. spots
	<i>Euthalia cyanipardus</i>	R	m: black dfw, lg. & sm. spots near tip
Lycaenidae			
Common Pierrot spot pattern	<i>Castalius rosimon</i>	SC	d: bit blue when flicks open; v: wht w/distinctive black
Pale Hedge Blue other lt dots	Thai book	?	vhw submarg. row lt. dots & 2 dk dots on foremarg. +
Lesser Grass Blue	<i>Zizina otis</i>	C	d: blue; v: 3 rows submarg dots + other near base

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Common Cerulean Jamides celano C d: pale blue; v: irreg. Wavy bands bit darker than
ground; outlined Lighter

Note: Many more butterfly species were seen but went unidentified! Birding being of prime importance, the early morning Skippers, Satyrs and usual high forest fliers received short shrift. Most species were observed during lunchtimes at mudding areas, with most during the 2 extended lunchtimes while in the Kaeng Krachan National Park. Our butterflying priority of course was to figure out the larger, more gaudy species while again insufficient time to differentiate similar species or hairstreaks or even do many of them justice. However, it was a kick, with many participants becoming interested, while all were enthralled with the Birdwings and the iridescent green Paris Peacock.

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