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Rusty-naped Pitta ©Stephen Zarate

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**TOUR REPORT
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Our 2013 Thailand Highlights tour was yet another absolutely fabulous tour to this wonderful country. We recorded 414 species of birds including 12 heard only. Some of the more elusive species we observed so well included Bar-backed and Scaly-breasted partridges, Silver and Hume's pheasants, Green Peafowl, Painted Stork, Spot-billed Pelican, Black-headed Ibis, Collared Falconet, Black-tailed Crake, Asian Dowitcher, Spoon-billed Sandpiper, Eurasian Woodcock, Yellow-vented Pigeon, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo, White-fronted Scops-Owl, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Rusty-cheeked Hornbill, Crimson-winged and Black-headed woodpeckers, Banded Broadbill, Rusty-naped Pitta, Burmese Shrike, Giant Nuthatch, Baikal Bush-Warbler, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Vivid Niltava, Black-breasted Thrush, Spot-breasted Laughingthrush, Spot-throated Babbler, Purple-naped Sunbird, Chestnut-eared Bunting, and Spot-winged Grosbeak, plus Streaked and Asian Golden weavers. We also encountered 28 species of mammals including an unforgettable Sun Bear, some fascinating reptiles and amphibians, and clouds of stunning butterflies. What a great trip!



Plain Prinia ©Stephen Zarate

We began birding at Muang Boran Fishponds on the outskirts of southeast Bangkok. This is always a great first stop and we were soon amongst the birds including enjoying excellent views of Lesser Whistling-Duck, Cotton Pygmy-Goose, Indian and Little cormorants, Black and Yellow bitterns, Brahminy Kite, Ruddy-breasted and White-browed crakes, Pheasant-tailed and Bronze-winged jacanas, Oriental Pratincole, a couple of White-winged Black Terns amongst the numerous Whiskered Terns, Himalayan Cuckoo, Plaintive Cuckoo, Asian Koel, Greater Coucal, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Oriental and Black-browed reed-warblers, Striated Grassbird, Yellow-bellied and Plain prinias, and loads of weavers acquiring their golden breeding plumage including our only Asian Golden Weavers of the trip, plus a lone Streaked Weaver.

Heading over to nearby Bang Poo, the tide was perfect and the big highlight was a close view of an Asian Dowitcher amongst the hundreds of Eastern Black-tailed Godwits. Other species of interest here included Golden-bellied Gerygone, Collared and Black-capped kingfishers, lots of Brown-headed Gulls, and our only Eurasian Curlew. Breaking free from Bangkok's traffic, we enjoyed a short walk to a colony of the scarce Lyle's Flying Fox before heading to the temples of Ayuthaya, the ancient capital of Siam. At these temples, which are similar to the Khmer designs of Angkor Wat, we added several colorful species to our growing list: Small Minivet, Coppermith Barbet, Brown-throated Sunbird, and Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker. On the way to Khao Yai National Park, a large concentration of wetland birds turned up an astonishing 30 Spot-billed Pelicans, 150 Painted Storks, and 13 Black-headed Ibis. These three threatened wetland birds are making a recovery now that Tonle Sap Lake in Cambodia is afforded better protection. It is great to see these birds returning to Thailand.

After a comfortable night and a surprise Italian restaurant for dinner, we were off to Khao Yai National Park for three days of exploring the big jungles that are a feature of this well-protected park. It did not take long for things to heat up when a Great Hornbill flew in and perched obligingly, as Wreathed and Oriental Pied hornbills, Vernal Hanging-Parrot, Crested Goshawk, Crested Serpent-Eagle, Thick-billed Pigeon, Mountain Imperial-Pigeon, Asian Drongo-Cuckoo, Blue-bearded and Chestnut-headed bee-eaters, Moustached and Blue-eared barbets, Laced Woodpecker, Greater Flameback, beautiful nest-building Long-tailed Broadbills, Scarlet Minivet, Green Magpie, Black-crested Bulbul, Radde's Warbler, stunning Asian Fairy-bluebirds, White-rumped Shama, White-crested Laughingthrush, Golden-crested Myna, and Golden-fronted Leafbird to mention a few kept us on our toes. We finished the day with a great encounter with a family of three White-handed Gibbons eating Lillypilly fruits over our heads after they had serenaded us all morning with their fabulous territorial songs.



Radde's Warbler ©Stephen Zarate

The following day started wonderfully with a total of eight Silver Pheasants, including three glamorous males, showing well in the early morning. Red Junglefowl was also in good form, with astonishingly good views of Black-throated Laughingthrush another major highlight. The

list kept growing with species like Green-billed Malkoha, Orange-breasted Trogon, Green-eared Barbet, Large-tailed Nightjar, Gray-backed Shrike, Bronzed Drongo, Black-headed Bulbul, Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, Pin-striped Tit-Babbler, Hill Myna, and Purple-throated Sunbird. We finished the evening with a view of a bull Asian Elephant at a salt lick and a couple of Malaysian Porcupines, while one van was lucky enough to see a bull Gaur early in the morning.

With a final morning in Khao Yai National Park, we worked quite hard to add more sightings and started off with some responsive Abbott's Babblers. A pair of Banded Broadbills took a lot more persistence, but gave superb views in the end. A Collared Owlet also obliged in the telescope while a beautiful Blue-winged Leafbird and Eastern Crimson Sunbird were well-appreciated. By evening we were in Chiang Mai in northwest Thailand where a whole bunch of new birds awaited.



Eurasian Woodcock ©Stephen Zarate

We were up very early the next morning as we had a hoped for appointment with the Green Peafowl, a threatened species with a very tiny and fragmented distribution. The King's Project at Huai Hong Khrai was our site, and as dawn glimmered a male could be heard trumpeting. After some running around up and down hill by a nervous leader, we made a breakthrough and watched the male Green Peafowl in the scope as the light improved; this is the closest species there is to the legendary Garuda! New species seen in the morning included Black Baza, White-breasted Waterhen, Asian Barred Owlet, White-throated Kingfisher, Hoopoe, Great Iora, Rosy and Ashy minivets, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher, Purple Sunbird, Olive-backed Pipit, and White-rumped Munia. Also of interest was a Lesser False Vampire Bat that showed well.

Our home for the next three nights was a hotel at the base of Doi Inthanon, Thailand's highest mountain. As the temperatures dropped in the afternoon we explored an area of wet rice terraces. This is an excellent birding stop; Gray-headed Lapwing showed beautifully and Mike kicked up a pair of Greater Painted-Snipe and a bunch of Pin-tailed Snipe. Moving to a new site, we scoped Blossom-headed Parakeets in perfect light as they fed on tamarind fruit. Plain-backed Sparrows and a beautiful Indochinese Bushlark rounded out an excellent day.

We made yet another early start and had breakfast at the summit of Doi Inthanon in cool, crisp conditions. Just about every bird was new for the list, as this was our first morning among the Himalayan avifauna. Over the next two days we watched a treasure trove of beautiful species with some of the highlights including Eurasian Woodcock; Black-tailed Crake; Bay Woodpecker; Gray-chinned Minivet; Yellow-cheeked Tit; Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo; Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantail; Slaty-bellied Tesia; Mountain Tailorbird; Chestnut-vented Nuthatch; Brown-throated Treecreeper; Flavescent and Mountain bulbuls; Buff-barred, Ashy-throated, Pallas's, and White-tailed Leaf warblers; Snowy-browed and Little Pied flycatchers; Large and Rufous-bellied niltavas; Pale Blue-Flycatcher; White-capped and Plumbeous redstarts; Slaty-backed Forktail; Blue Whistling-Thrush; White-browed Shortwing; Silver-eared Laughingthrush; Pygmy Cupwing; Golden Babbler; Gray-throated Babbler; Silver-eared Mesia; Black-eared Shrike-Babbler; Spectacled Barwing; Rufous-winged Fulvetta; Chestnut-tailed Minla; Rufous-backed and Dark-backed sibilias; Gould's, Green-tailed, and Black-throated sunbirds; and Streaked Spiderhunter.



Black-breasted Thrush ©Stephen Zarate

On our final morning in Doi Inthanon we focused on the dry teak woodlands at the base. We had yet another great morning with the major highlight a beautiful pair of Black-headed Woodpeckers. Plenty of other good sightings included Brown Hawk-Owl, Oriental Honey-buzzard, Collared Falconet, Large Hawk-Cuckoo, Lineated Barbet, Gray-capped Pygmy-Woodpecker, Large Woodshrike, Large Cuckooshrike, Black-hooded Oriole, Eurasian Jay, and Black-backed Forktail. We were back on the move again this time heading to the border of Myanmar at Doi Ang Khang. We spent a couple of hours at the spectacular monastery at Doi Chiang Dao. We squeezed a couple of more birds out of the forest here including a Purple-naped Sunbird bathing in a tree hollow while a pair of Black-naped Monarchs put on a spectacular show.

Doi Ang Khang is the site for a handful of birds that sneak over the border from neighboring Myanmar. Again the birding was red hot. Great and Golden-throated barbets; Stripe-breasted Woodpecker; Swinhoe's, Long-tailed, and Short-billed minivets; Crested Finchbill; Brown-breasted and Black bulbuls; Yellow-streaked Warbler; Spot-breasted Parrotbill; Slaty-backed

Flycatcher; Vivid Niltava; Chinese and Hill blue-flycatchers; White-tailed Robin; Black-breasted Thrush; White-browed Laughingthrush; Scarlet-faced Liocichla; Spot-throated Babbler; Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler; Pygmy Cupwing; Rufous-fronted Babbler; Blyth's Shrike-Babbler; Blue-winged Minla; Common Rosefinch; Black-headed Greenfinch; and Spot-winged Grosbeak led the charge.



Spot-throated Babbler ©Stephen Zarate

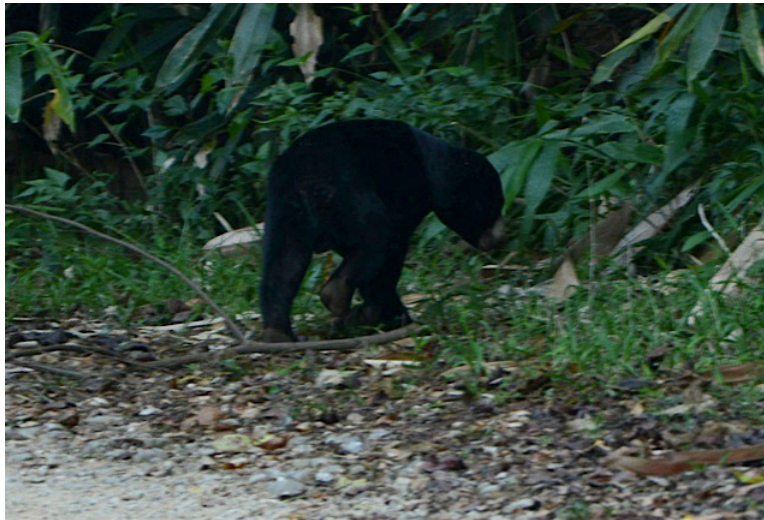
Mike and I were now involved in some birding detective work. In December 2012 the first ever photographs of the rare and highly secretive Spot-breasted Laughingthrush were taken at a mountain called Doi Lang. After some serious navigational challenges and patient searching we found the location. It was simply jaw-dropping to have the Spot-breasted Laughingthrush coming right to our feet, not to mention a pair of Rusty-naped Pittas and a White-gorgeted Flycatcher. On top of this we found a Giant Nuthatch on two occasions (including one feeding on the road!) and had three sightings of Hume's Pheasant. It was a treasure chest.

We spent a final morning exploring scrubby fields near Thaton. Birding was again excellent and we had great views of Pied Harrier, Chestnut-capped Babbler, a beautiful Chestnut-eared Bunting, several Eurasian Wrynecks, Bluethroat, a shy Siberian Rubythroat for some, Australasian Bushlark, Dusky Warbler, Gray-breasted Prinia, Black-collared Starling, Red-throated Pipit, Citrine Wagtail, and nesting Baya Weavers. We also explored the Mekong River and Chiang Saen Lake. The lake turned up a vagrant Eurasian Shelduck, while a Baikal Bush-Warbler put on a great performance.

Leaving Bangkok, we arrived in good time at Khok Kham. In an area of commercial salt fields, the hypersaline pools attract impressive numbers of shorebirds, many in advanced breeding plumage at this time of year. Mixed in among the thousands of shorebirds that constantly move from pool to pool was the critically endangered Spoon-billed Sandpiper—at least two of them! My good friend Mr. Tee was on hand to navigate us to the best ponds and we had very early success when we found one bird attaining fresh breeding plumage. It allowed a close approach and all the participants could enjoy lengthy scope studies and photographic opportunities. As we were walking out we found the second bird in winter plumage. Also present were Kentish Plover, Greater and Lesser sand-plovers, Pacific Golden-Plover, Marsh Sandpiper, Ruddy

Turnstone, Great and Red knots, hundreds of Red-necked Stints, a handful of Long-toed Stints, and Curlew and Broad-billed sandpipers.

We continued south to Pak Thale and Lam Pak Bia. These locations right on the Gulf of Siam support globally important concentrations of shorebirds that are under constant threat from mudflat reclamation projects in China and South Korea. It really is not looking good for many species, and the Spoon-billed Sandpiper is the most threatened of all. Probably the best sighting here was a lone Black-faced Spoonbill with 15 Black-headed Ibis. We added more shorebirds to the list including Sanderling, Bar-tailed Godwit, Spotted and Common redshanks, Common Greenshank, Pied Avocet, and Whimbrel. We finished the day with a boat trip to the coast. Here we found the hoped for Malaysian Plover, a single Chinese Egret looking smart in breeding plumage and, after a walk, a single female White-faced Plover. We saw 28 species of shorebirds on this day.



Sun Bear ©David Charles

We had a beautiful morning at the freshwater wetlands at Khao Sam Roi Yot, set against a spectacular limestone karst. These wetlands are humming with birds and we lost count of Yellow Bitterns. We did, however, celebrate at least two Cinnamon Bitterns, a superb Manchurian Reed-Warbler, lots of dapper Black-headed Munias, and some shy nest-building Streaked Weavers. After lunch we visited the Pala-U entrance to Kaeng Krachan National Park. It was hot and loaded with school holiday visitors so we retreated back down the road a little. A Forest Wagtail gave a great show and then we did battle with a pair of skulking Spot-necked Babblers that showed for some folks. On the drive out we found a female Elephant by the road!

Kaeng Krachan National Park is the largest protected forest in Southeast Asia. The steep, hilly terrain clothed in thick rainforest and dry monsoon vine thicket is well-protected with few access roads. Its location on the Isthmus of Kra is reflected in the large number of Sundaic birds that reach the northern edge of their distribution here. It is a fantastic place with a massive list of birds, mammals, and other wildlife species. The butterflies are amongst the best in the world.

We finished our tour with a bang here. Some of the best birds seen were superb views of Bar-backed and Scaly-breasted partridges, Silver Pheasant (of the distinctive *crawfurdii* subspecies), Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Little Cuckoo-Dove, Yellow-vented Pigeon, Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo, White-fronted Scops-Owl, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Rusty-cheeked Hornbill, Crimson-winged Woodpecker, Common Flameback, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Sultan Tit, Yellow-rumped Flycatcher, Siberian Blue Robin, Lesser and Greater Necklaced laughingthrushes, Puff-throated Babbler, Large Scimitar-Babbler, Collared Babbler, and Ruby-cheeked Sunbird. The biggest highlight of the entire tour was one of those purely lucky moments when we came across a Sun Bear that walked across the road in front of us, stopping to look back. What a treat to see this most endangered species so well—just very, very special.

I would like to thank all the participants for making this tour so successful and of course my wonderful team led by Mike who accommodated us so extraordinarily well. I look forward to seeing you all again.

BIRD LIST

Lesser Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna javanica*)

Common Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)

Cotton Pygmy-goose (*Nettapus coromandelianus*)

Indian Spotbill (*Anas poecilorhyncha*)

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*)

Ferruginous Duck (*Aythya nyroca*)

Chinese Francolin (*Francolinus pintadeanus*) Heard only

Rufous-throated Partridge (*Arborophila rufogularis*) Heard only

Bar-backed Partridge (*Arborophila brunneopectus*)

Scaly-breasted Partridge (*Arborophila chloropus*)

Mountain Bamboo-Partridge (*Bambusicola fytchii*)

Red Junglefowl (*Gallus gallus*)

Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*)

Hume's Pheasant (*Syrnaticus humiae*)

Gray Peacock-Pheasant (*Polyplectron bicalcaratum*) Heard only

Green Peafowl (*Pavo muticus*)

Little Grebe (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*)

Asian Openbill (*Anastomus oscitans*)

Painted Stork (*Mycteria leucocephala*)

Indian Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*)

Little Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax niger*)

Spot-billed Pelican (*Pelecanus philippensis*)

Yellow Bittern (*Ixobrychus sinensis*)

Cinnamon Bittern (*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*)

Black Bittern (*Ixobrychus flavicollis*)

Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)

Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Intermediate Egret (*Mesophoyx intermedia*)

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

Chinese Egret (*Egretta eulophotes*)

Pacific Reef-Heron (*Egretta sacra*)

(Eastern) Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis coromandus*)

Chinese Pond-Heron (*Ardeola bacchus*)

Javan Pond-Heron (*Ardeola speciosa*)

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*)

Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

Black-headed Ibis (*Threskiornis melanocephalus*)

Black-faced Spoonbill (*Platalea minor*)

Black Baza (*Aviceda leuphotes*)

Oriental Honey-buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*)

Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*)

Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur indus*)

Crested Serpent-Eagle (*Spilornis cheela*)

Eastern Marsh-Harrier (*Circus spilonotus*)

Pied Harrier (*Circus melanoleucos*)

Crested Goshawk (*Accipiter trivirgatus*)

Shikra (*Accipiter badius*)

Mountain Hawk-Eagle (*Nisaetus nipalensis*)

Collared Falconet (*Microhierax caerulescens*)

Eurasian Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

White-breasted Waterhen (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*)

Black-tailed Crake (*Amaurornis bicolor*)

Ruddy-breasted Crake (*Porzana fusca*)

White-browed Crake (*Porzana cinerea*)

(Grey-headed) Purple Swamphen (*Porphyrio porphyrio poliocephalus*)

Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*)

Eurasian Coot (*Fulica atra*)

Grey-headed Lapwing (*Vanellus cinereus*)

Red-wattled Lapwing (*Vanellus indicus*)

Pacific Golden Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*)

Little Ringed Plover (*Charadrius dubius*)

Kentish Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*)

White-faced Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus dealbatus*)

Malaysian Plover (*Charadrius peronii*)

Lesser Sand-Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*)

Greater Sand-Plover (*Charadrius leschenaultii*)

Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*)

Pied Avocet (*Avocetta avocetta*)

Pheasant-tailed Jacana (*Hydrophasianus chirurgus*)

Bronze-winged Jacana (*Metopidius indicus*)

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

Green Sandpiper (*Tringa ochropus*)

Spotted Redshank (*Tringa erythropus*)

Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)

Marsh Sandpiper (*Tringa stagnatilis*)

Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)

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Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)
Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)
Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)
(Eastern) Black-tailed Godwit (*Limosa limosa melanuroides*)
Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)
Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)
Great Knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*)
Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*)
Sanderling (*Calidris alba*)
Red-necked Stint (*Calidris ruficollis*)
Temminck's Stint (*Calidris temminckii*)
Long-toed Stint (*Calidris subminuta*)
Curlew Sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*)
Spoon-billed Sandpiper (*Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*)
Broad-billed Sandpiper (*Limicola falcinellus*)
Asian Dowitcher (*Limnodromus semipalmatus*)
Pin-tailed Snipe (*Gallinago stenura*)
Common Snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*)
Eurasian Woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*)

Oriental Pratincole (*Glareola maldivarum*)
Small Pratincole (*Glareola lactea*)

Greater Painted-snipe (*Rostratula benghalensis*)

Brown-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*)

Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*)

Little Tern (*Sternula albifrons*)

Gull-billed Tern (*Gelochelidon nilotica*)

Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*)

Whiskered Tern (*Chlidonias hybrida*)

White-winged Black Tern (*Chlidonias leucoptera*)

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)

*Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*)

Oriental Turtle-Dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*)

Red Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia tranquebarica*)

Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*)

Barred Cuckoo-Dove (*Macropygia unchall*)

Little Cuckoo-dove (*Macropygia ruficeps*)

Emerald Dove (*Chalcophaps indica*)

Zebra Dove (*Geopelia striata*)

Thick-billed Green-Pigeon (*Treron curvirostra*)

Yellow-vented Pigeon (*Treron seimundi*)

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon (*Ducula badia*)

Blossom-headed Parakeet (*Psittacula roseata*)

Vernal Hanging-Parrot (*Loriculus vernalis*)

Large Hawk-Cuckoo (*Hierococcyx sparveriodes*)

Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo (*Hierococcyx fugax*)

Himalayan Cuckoo (*Cuculus optatus*)

Banded Bay Cuckoo (*Cacomantis sonneratii*) Heard only

Plaintive Cuckoo (*Cacomantis merulinus*)

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo (*Surniculus lugubris*)

Asian Koel (*Eudynamys scolopacea*)

Green-billed Malkoha (*Phaenicophaeus tristis*)

Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo (*Carpococcyx renauldi*) Heard only

Greater Coucal (*Centropus sinensis*)

Lesser Coucal (*Centropus bengalensis*)

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) Roadkill

White-fronted Scops-Owl (*Otus sagittatus*)

Collared Scops-Owl (*Otus lettia*) Heard only

Collared Owlet (*Glaucidium brodiei*)

Asian Barred Owlet (*Glaucidium cuculoides*)

Spotted Owlet (*Athene brama*) Heard only

Brown Hawk-Owl (*Ninox scutulata*)

Large-tailed Nightjar (*Caprimulgus macrurus*)

Indian Nightjar (*Caprimulgus asiaticus*) Roadkill

Brown-backed Needletail (*Hirundapus giganteus*)

Himalayan Swiftlet (*Aerodramus brevirostris*)

Germain's Swiftlet (*Aerodramus germani*)

Cook's (Fork-tailed) Swift (*Apus pacificus cooki*): Fork-tailed Swift recently split into four species; Cook's being the population we observed in Thailand.

House Swift (*Apus nipalensis*)

Asian Palm-Swift (*Cypsiurus balasiensis*)

Orange-breasted Trogon (*Harpactes oreskios*)

Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

Banded Kingfisher (*Lacedo pulchella*) Heard only

White-throated Kingfisher (*Halcyon smyrnensis*)

Black-capped Kingfisher (*Halcyon pileata*)

Collared Kingfisher (*Todiramphus chloris*)

Pied Kingfisher (*Ceryle rudis*)

Red-bearded Bee-eater (*Nyctyornis amictus*)

Blue-bearded Bee-eater (*Nyctyornis athertoni*)

Green Bee-eater (*Merops orientalis*)

Blue-tailed Bee-eater (*Merops philippinus*)

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater (*Merops leschenaulti*)

Indian (Black-billed) Roller (*Coracias benghalensis benghalensis*)

Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*)

Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*)

Oriental Pied Hornbill (*Anthracoceros albirostris*)

Great Hornbill (*Buceros bicornis*)

Rusty-cheeked Hornbill (*Anorrhinus tickelli*)

Wreathed Hornbill (*Aceros undulatus*)

Great Barbet (*Megalaima virens*)

Lineated Barbet (*Megalaima lineata*)

Green-eared Barbet (*Megalaima faiostrica*)

Golden-throated Barbet (*Megalaima franklinii*)

Moustached Barbet (*Megalaima incognita*)

Blue-eared Barbet (*Megalaima australis*)

Coppersmith Barbet (*Megalaima haemacephala*)

Eurasian Wryneck (*Jynx torquilla*)

Grey-capped Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos canicapillus*)

Stripe-breasted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos atratus*)

Crimson-winged Woodpecker (*Picus puniceus*)

Greater Yellownape (*Picus flavinucha*)

Laced Woodpecker (*Picus vittatus*)

Black-headed Woodpecker (*Picus erythropygius*)

Grey-faced Woodpecker (*Picus canus*) Heard only

Common Flameback (*Dinopium javanense*)

Greater Flameback (*Chrysocolaptes lucidus*)

Bay Woodpecker (*Blythipicus pyrrhotis*)

Long-tailed Broadbill (*Psarisomus dalhousiae*)

Silver-breasted Broadbill (*Serilophus lunatus*)

Banded Broadbill (*Eurylaimus javanicus*)

Rusty-naped Pitta (*Pitta oatesi*)

Blue Pitta (*Pitta cyanea*) Heard only

Golden-bellied Gerygone (*Gerygone sulphurea*)

Large Woodshrike (*Tephrodornis gularis*)

Ashy Woodswallow (*Artamus fuscus*)

Common Iora (*Aegithina tiphia*)

Great Iora (*Aegithinia lafresnayei*)

Large Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina macei*)

Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina melaschistos*)

Rosy Minivet (*Pericrocotus roseus*)

Swinhoe's Minivet (*Pericrocotus cantonensis*)

Ashy Minivet (*Pericrocotus divaricatus*)

Small Minivet (*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*)

Long-tailed Minivet (*Pericrocotus ethologus*)
Short-billed Minivet (*Pericrocotus brevirostris*)
Scarlet Minivet (*Pericrocotus flammeus*)
Gray-chinned Minivet (*Pericrocotus solaris*)
Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike (*Hemipus picatus*)

Brown Shrike (*Lanius cristatus*)
Burmese Shrike (*Lanius collurio*)
Long-tailed Shrike (*Lanius schach*)
Gray-backed Shrike (*Lanius tephronotus*)

Black-naped Oriole (*Oriolus chinensis*)
Slender-billed Oriole (*Oriolus tenuirostris*)
Black-hooded Oriole (*Oriolus xanthornus*)
Maroon Oriole (*Oriolus traillii*)

Black Drongo (*Dicrurus macrocercus*)
Ashy Drongo (*Dicrurus leucophaeus*)
Bronzed Drongo (*Dicrurus aeneus*)
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus remifer*)
Hair-crested Drongo (*Dicrurus hottentottus*)
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus paradiseus*)

White-throated Fantail (*Rhipidura albicollis*)
Pied Fantail (*Rhipidura javanica*)

Black-naped Monarch (*Hypothymis azurea*)

Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*)

Red-billed Blue Magpie (*Urocissa erythrorhyncha*) Heard only

Rufous Treepie (*Dendrocitta vagabunda*)

Gray Treepie (*Dendrocitta formosae*)

Racket-tailed Treepie (*Crypsirina temia*)

Large-billed Crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*)

Australasian Bushlark (*Mirafra javanica*)

Indochinese Bushlark (*Mirafra erythrocephala*)

Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*)

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

Red-rumped Swallow (*Cecropis daurica*)

Striated Swallow (*Cecropis striolata*)

Asian House Martin (*Delichon dasypus*)

Yellow-bellied Fairy-Fantail (*Chelidonix hypoxantha*): Please note recently re-assessed as a Fairy-Flycatcher and removed from the Fantail family.

Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*)

Japanese (Great) Tit (*Parus major nubicolus*)

Yellow-cheeked Tit (*Parus spilonotus*)

Sultan Tit (*Melnochlora sultanea*)

Slaty-bellied Tesia (*Tesia olivea*)

Asian Stubtail (*Urosphena squameiceps*)

Mountain Tailorbird (*Phyllergates cucullatus*)

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch (*Sitta nagaensis*)

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (*Sitta frontalis*)

Giant Nuthatch (*Sitta magna*)

Brown-throated Treecreeper (*Certhia discolor*)

Crested Finchbill (*Spizixos canifrons*)

Striated Bulbul (*Pycnonotus striatus*)

Black-headed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus atriceps*)

Black-crested Bulbul (*Pycnonotus melanicterus*)

Red-whiskered Bulbul (*Pycnonotus jocosus*)

Brown-breasted Bulbul (*Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*)

Sooty-headed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus aurigaster*)

Stripe-throated Bulbul (*Pycnonotus finlaysoni*)

Flavescent Bulbul (*Pycnonotus flavescens*)

Yellow-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus goiavier*)

Streak-eared Bulbul (*Pycnonotus blanfordi*)

Puff-throated Bulbul (*Alophoixus pallidus*)

Ochraceous Bulbul (*Alophoixus ochraceus*)

Gray-eyed Bulbul (*Iole propinqua*)

Mountain Bulbul (*Ixos mccllellandii*)

Ashy Bulbul (*Hemixos flavala*)

Black Bulbul (*Hypsipetes leucocephalus*)

Dusky Warbler (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*)

Buff-throated Warbler (*Phylloscopus subaffinis*)

Yellow-streaked Warbler (*Phylloscopus armandii*)

Radde's Warbler (*Phylloscopus schwarzi*)

Buff-barred Warbler (*Phylloscopus pulcher*)

Ashy-throated Warbler (*Phylloscopus maculipennis*)

Pallas's Leaf Warbler (*Phylloscopus proregulus*)

Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*)

Hume's Warbler (*Phylloscopus humei*)

Greenish Warbler (*Phylloscopus trochiloides*)

Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler (*Phylloscopus tenellipes*)

Blyth's Leaf-Warbler (*Phylloscopus reguloides*)

Davison's (White-tailed) Leaf-Warbler (*Phylloscopus davisoni*)

Gray-crowned Warbler (*Seicercus tephrocephalus*)

Chestnut-crowned Warbler (*Seicercus castaniceps*)

Black-browed Reed-Warbler (*Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*)

Manchurian Reed-Warbler (*Acrocephalus tangorum*)

Oriental Reed-Warbler (*Acrocephalus orientalis*)

Russet Bush-Warbler (*Bradypterus seebohmi*) Heard only

Baikal Bush-Warbler (*Locustella davidi*) Note: Previously in the genus *Bradypterus*.

Striated Grassbird (*Megalurus palustris*)

Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*)

Golden-headed Cisticola (*Cisticola exilis*)

Common Tailorbird (*Orthotomus sutorius*)

Dark-necked Tailorbird (*Orthotomus atrogularis*)

Hill Prinia (*Prinia superciliaris*) Hill Prinia was split by some authorities. This is the population we observed in Thailand.

Rufescent Prinia (*Prinia rufescens*)

Grey-breasted Prinia (*Prinia hodgsoni*)

Yellow-breasted Prinia (*Prinia flaviventris*)

Plain Prinia (*Prinia inornata*)

Spot-breasted Parrotbill (*Paradoxornis guttaticollis*)

Asian Fairy-bluebird (*Irena puella*)

Dark-sided Flycatcher (*Muscicapa sibirica*)

Asian Brown Flycatcher (*Muscicapa dauurica*)

Yellow-rumped Flycatcher (*Ficedula zanthopygia*)

Slaty-backed Flycatcher (*Ficedula hodgsoni*)

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher (*Ficedula strophiatea*)

Taiga Flycatcher (*Ficedula albicilla*)

Snowy-browed Flycatcher (*Ficedula hyperythra*)
White-gorgeted Flycatcher (*Ficedula monileger*)
Little Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula westermanni*)
Blue and white Flycatcher (*Cyanoptila cyanomelana*)
Verditer Flycatcher (*Eumyias thalassinus*)
Large Niltava (*Niltava grandis*)
Rufous-bellied Niltava (*Niltava sundara*)
Vivid Niltava (*Niltava vivida*)
Pale Blue-Flycatcher (*Cyornis unicolor*)
Chinese Blue-Flycatcher (*Cyornis rubeculoides glaucicomans*)
Hill Blue-Flycatcher (*Cyornis banyumas*)
Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher (*Cyornis tickelliae*)
Siberian Rubythroat (*Luscinia calliope*)
Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*)
Oriental Magpie-Robin (*Copsychus saularis*)
White-rumped Shama (*Copsychus malabaricus*)
White-capped Redstart (*Chaimarrornis leucocephalus*)
Plumbeous Redstart (*Rhyacornis fuliginosa*)
White-tailed Robin (*Cinclidium leucurum*)
Slaty-backed Forktail (*Enicurus schistaceus*)
Black-backed Forktail (*Enicurus immaculatus*)
Siberian Stonechat (*Saxicola maurus*)
Pied Bushchat (*Saxicola caprata*)
Gray Bushchat (*Saxicola ferreus*)

Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush (*Monticola rufiventris*)

Blue Rock-Thrush (*Monticola solitarius*)

Blue Whistling-Thrush (*Myophonus caeruleus*)

Black-breasted Thrush (*Turdus dissimilis*)

Lesser Shortwing (*Brachypteryx leucophrys*) Heard only

White-browed Shortwing (*Brachypteryx Montana*)

White-crested Laughingthrush (*Garrulax leucolophus*)

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush (*Garrulax monileger*)

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush (*Garrulax pectoralis*)

Black-throated Laughingthrush (*Garrulax chinensis*)

Spot-breasted Laughingthrush (*Garrulax merulinus*)

White-browed Laughingthrush (*Garrulax sannio*)

Silver-eared Laughingthrush (*Garrulax melanostigma*)

Red-faced (Crimson-faced) Liocichla (*Liocichla phoenicea*)

Abbott's Babbler (*Malacocincla abbotti*)

Spot-throated Babbler (*Pellorneum albiventre*)

Puff-throated Babbler (*Pellorneum ruficeps*)

Large Scimitar-Babbler (*Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*)

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler (*Pomatorhinus erythrogenys*)

White-browed Scimitar-Babbler (*Pomatorhinus schisticeps*)

Pygmy (Cupwing) Wren-Babbler (*Pnoepyga pusilla*) Note: Recently all species in the genus *Pnoepyga* have been elevated to their own family called the Cupwings.

Rufous-fronted Babbler (*Stachyris rufifrons*)

Golden Babbler (*Stachyris chrysaea*)

Gray-throated Babbler (*Stachyris nigriceps*)

Spot-necked Babbler (*Stachyris striolata*)

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler (*Macronous gularis*)

Silver-eared Mesia (*Leiothrix argentauris*)

Blyth's (White-browed) Shrike-Babbler (*Pteruthius flaviscapis aeralatus*) A recent genetic, song and morphometric analysis recommending splitting this taxa into four species with Blyth's representing the population we saw in Thailand.

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler (*Pteruthius melanotis*)

Collared Babbler (*Gampsorhynchus torquatus*)

Spectacled Barwing (*Actinodura ramsayi*)

Blue-winged Minla (*Minla cyanouroptera*)

Chestnut-tailed Minla (*Minla strigula*)

Rufous-winged Fulvetta (*Alcippe castaneiceps*)

Brown-cheeked Fulvetta (*Alcippe poiocephala*)

Gray-cheeked Fulvetta (*Alcippe morrisonia*)

Rufous-backed Sibia (*Heterophasia annectens*)

Black-backed Sibia (*Heterophasia melanoleuca*)

White-bellied Yuhina (*Yuhina zantholeuca*) Reassessed in the genus *Erpornis* and family affinities uncertain.

Chestnut-flanked White-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*)

Japanese White-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*)

Golden-crested Myna (*Ampeliceps coronatus*)

Hill Myna (*Gracula religiosa*)

White-vented Myna (*Acridotheres grandis*)

Common Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*)

Black-collared Starling (*Gracupica nigricollis*)

Asian Pied Starling (*Gracupica contra*)

Chestnut-tailed Starling (*Sturnia malabarica*)

Blue-winged Leafbird (*Chloropsis cochinchinensis*)

Golden-fronted Leafbird (*Chloropsis aurifrons*)

Orange-bellied Leafbird (*Chloropsis hardwickii*)

Buff-bellied Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum cambodianum*)

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum cruentatum*)

Brown-throated Sunbird (*Anthreptes malacensis*)

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird (*Chalcoparia singalensis*)

Purple-naped Sunbird (*Hypogramma hypogrammicum*)

Purple-throated Sunbird (*Leptocoma sperata*)

Purple Sunbird (*Cinnyris asiaticus*)

Olive-backed Sunbird (*Cinnyris jugularis*)

Gould's Sunbird (*Aethopyga gouldiae*)

Green-tailed Sunbird (*Aethopyga nipalensis*)

Black-throated Sunbird (*Aethopyga saturata*)

Eastern Crimson Sunbird (*Aethopyga siparaja*)

Little Spiderhunter (*Archnothera longirostra*)

Streaked Spiderhunter (*Arachnothera magna*)

Paddyfield Pipit (*Anthus rufulus*)

Red-throated Pipit (*Anthus cervinus*)

Olive-backed Pipit (*Anthus hodgsoni*)

Forest Wagtail (*Dendronanthus indicus*)

Amur White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba leucopsis*)

Eastern Yellow Wagtail (*Motacilla tschutschensis*)

Citrine Wagtail (*Motacilla citreola citreola*)

Gray Wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*)

Chestnut-eared Bunting (*Emberiza fucata*)

Chestnut Bunting (*Emberiza rutila*)

Common Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*)

Black-headed Greenfinch (*Chloris ambigua*)

Spot-winged Grosbeak (*Mycerobas melanozanthos*)

House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

Plain-backed Sparrow (*Passer flaveolus*)

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)

Streaked Weaver (*Ploceus manyar*)

Baya Weaver (*Ploceus philippinus*)

Asian Golden Weaver (*Ploceus hypoxanthus*)

White-rumped Munia (*Lonchura striata*)

Scaly-breasted Munia (*Lonchura punctulata*)

Chestnut Munia (*Lonchura atricapilla*)

MAMMALS

Indochinese Ground Squirrel (*Menetes berdmorei*)

Black Giant Squirrel (*Ratufa bicolor*)

Gray-bellied Squirrel (*Callosciurus caniceps*)

Pallas's Squirrel (*Callosciurus erythraeus*)

Variable Squirrel (*Callosciurus finlaysoni*)

Burmese Striped Squirrel (*Tamiops maclellandii*)

Cambodian Striped Squirrel (*Tamiops rudolphi*)

Malayan Porcupine (*Hystrix brachyura*)

Small Asian Mongoose (*Herpestes auropunctatus*)

Sun Bear (*Helarctos malayanus*)

Yellow-throated Marten (*Martes flavigula*)

Yellow-bellied Weasel (*Mustela kathiah*)

Dusky Leaf Monkey (*Trachypithecus obscurus*)

Banded Langur (*Presbytis femoralis*)

Long-tailed Macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*)

Northern Pig-tailed Macaque (*Macaca leonina*)

White-handed Gibbon (*Hylobates lar*)

Pileated Gibbon (*Hylobates pileatus*) Heard only

Northern Tree Shrew (*Tupaia belangeri*)

Chinese Gymnure (*Hylomys sinensis*)

Common Barking Deer (*Muntiacus muntjak*)

Sambar (*Cervus unicolor*)

Lesser Mouse Deer (*Tragulus javanicus*)

Gaur (*Bos frontalis*)

Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*)

Siamese Hare (*Lepus peguensis*)

Lyle's Flying-fox (*Pteropus lylei*)

Lesser False Vampire Bat (*Megaderma spasma*)

Indochinese Shrew-faced Mouse (*Mus pahari*)

REPTILES

Common Calotes (*Calotes versicolor*)

Forest Calotes (*Calotes emma*)

Spotted Draco (*Draco maculatus*)

Water Monitor (*Varanus salvator*)

Bengal Monitor (*Varanus bengalensis*)

Tokay (*Gekko gekko*)

Butterfly Lizard (*Leiolepis belliana*)