

Peninsular Malaysia

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Introduction

Having had Malaysia in mind for years as an easy birding destination, a trip finally became reality in December 2002. As Peninsular Malaysia is well covered in numerous trip reports, I hesitated a bit before writing this one. However, it does fill a gap since trip reports from the rainy season are largely absent. We found the birding good also this part of the year, and rain did rarely interfere with our birding. If there was rain, it came in the late afternoon or, mostly, at night. I guess the leeches were more numerous (and indeed annoying at times) than in drier conditions, but you'll survive. We found Malaysia to be a genuinely friendly country. Some of our days in the field were rather strenuous and quite sweaty, but we were rewarded with a good list of birds and some fabulous observations. Read on and you'll discover...

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Summary of the journey

- 21/12 Stockholm-Frankfurt-Kuala Lumpur.
- 22/12 Arriving to Kuala Lumpur at 06.40. Taxi to Fraser's Hill, getting there at 11.30. Birding Hemmant trail and road to the Lodge in the afternoon.
- 23/12 Fraser's Hill: new road, the dump, extended Bishop's trail.
- 24/12 Fraser's Hill: the Gap, old road, Hemmant trail, Bishop's trail.
- 25/12 Fraser's Hill: old road, the Gap, Telekom loop.
- 26/12 Lift to Raub, then bus to Benta-Jerantut. Taxi to Kuala Tembeling and boat to Kuala Tahan, Taman Negara. Evening birding near the HQ.
- 27/12 Taman Negara: Tembeling River trail, canopy walkway, Jenet Muda, Tahan River trail.
- 28/12 Taman Negara: Tahan River trail, Bukit Tereseke, Tabing Hide.
- 29/12 Taman Negara: Tembeling River trail, Bukit Tereseke, Jenet Muda, Tahan River trail.
- 30/12 Taman Negara: Tahan River trail, Tabing Hide.
- 31/12 Taman Negara: Trenggan Lodge, Kumbang Hide area.
- 1/1 Taman Negara: Tahan River boattrip, Lubok Lesong.
- 2/1 Kuala Tahan-Kuala Tembeling-Jerantut. Bus to Kuala Lumpur and on to Kuala Selangor.
- 3/1 Kuala Selangor. Afternoon at Pangai Bagan Tengkorak.
- 4/1 Kuala Selangor.
- 5/1 Bus to Kuala Lumpur at 07.30. Menara KL, The Two Towers. Taxi to airport in late afternoon. Daniel continues to Brisbane, Australia. Samuel and Anders return to Sweden.
- 6/1 -Frankfurt-Stockholm-Gamleby/Tranås. 20 degrees below...

Transport and accommodation

It's easy to get around in Malaysia on public transportation. Sure, a car would be useful now and then, but it's not necessary at all. Besides, you get to exercise – I lost at least 3 kilos in two weeks! The ringgit has lost in value over recent years, and we found prices to be highly reasonable.

A taxi to/from the airport (KLIA) to central Kuala Lumpur was 90-100 ringgits, which I believe was a fair price.

It's possible to go by bus all the way to **Fraser's Hill**. You then have to go to Kuala Kulu Bahru. From there apparently only one or two buses/day goes all the way up to Fraser's Hill. Our intention was to get there by bus but we ended up taking a taxi for 180 R instead, something we didn't regret. I don't think we could have gotten a much lower price than that. It's fairly easy to get a ride back and forth between Fraser's Hill and the Gap. We stayed at the classic Puncak Inn, probably one of the cheapest places around but fairly run down. We paid 78 R/night for a room with 3 beds.

If you're planning on going to **Taman Negara** after Fraser's Hill, you'll have to get to Raub. Fraser's Hill's local birder, Mr. Durai, who you probably will meet, has a friend that works in Raub. We joined him at 06.30, paying 5 R each for the ride. As he gets some extra money for this service I'm sure he's glad to take passengers. From Raub you take a bus to Benta, and from there another one to Jerantut. In Jerantut, take a taxi (20-25 R) or, possibly, a bus to Kuala Tembeling. The afternoon boats for Kuala Tahan leave at 14.00 and cost 55 R/person. In Kuala Tahan we stayed at the cheap and friendly Tahan Guest House, situated next to the mosque in the outskirts of town. Only 10 R/person and night in a 4-bed room! A double was only marginally more expensive, 30 R. Boats can be hired for 90 R/day on the Kuala Tahan side of the river. "Birding" trips going up the Tahan River (this is where Masked Finfoots are found) are best arranged through the national park office. They charge 120 R, and you can be out all day long if you want to.

You can get from Taman Negara to **Kuala Selangor** in one day. You may have to wait a few hours in Jerantut for a direct bus to Kuala Lumpur, otherwise you might go halfway, to Temerloh, and continue further from there. There are hourly buses to Kuala Selangor from the Puduraya bus station. In Kuala Selangor we stayed at hotel Selangor (40 R for a room with air condition) just by the bus station in the old town. From here it's only a short walk to the reserve, where you also can stay in chalets.

About 20 kilometers north of Kuala Selangor, mudflats and sewage ponds are fairly accessible at **Pantai Bagan Tengkorak**. It takes about 40 minutes to get to the crossroad with a local bus. Then walk a kilometer or two on the paved road leading to this little coastal village, and bear to the left on one of the side roads (we continued straight on, but this is certainly a waste of strength and time). The coastline is not far away, though there are few gaps in the mangrove to allow views of the extensive mudflats visible at low tide, when birding could be very good. We unfortunately visited at high tide. There were many birds around the sewage ponds, although the diversity was limited. The habitat here is otherwise mostly oil palm plantations.

Diary

21/12 We left Arlanda early in the morning and then spent 3 hours waiting in **Frankfurt** for our flight to Kuala Lumpur. The main flight was long and uneventful. We had personal mini-tv:s with movies and games, but my set didn't work very well. Instead I got to read at least 50 pages in Robinson Crusoe, the novel of the trip. I also got a lot of extra food from one of the flight attendants, which was nice!

22/12 We arrived at **Kuala Lumpur International Airport** (KLIA) an hour earlier than expected. Good! All our baggage arrived safely, and by 07.30 we were ready to take a taxi to downtown Kuala Lumpur. Our taxi driver was curious and we had an interesting conversation during the almost one hour long ride. It turned out that he'd lost much money during the economic crisis in 1997, and like so many other people in Malaysia had been forced to seek his income in a less well-paid business. He seemed happy anyway. We got glimpses of the impressive twin towers before we were dropped off at the **Puduraya bus station**. Here we searched in vain for a bus that would take us halfway to our first birding destination, Fraser's Hill. It was hot. A sure sign of this was that even Daniel was sweating. We ended up taking a taxi for 180 R. The curvy road to **Fraser's Hill** was beautiful with the forests largely intact. Our driver seemed eager to get to our destination as fast as possible, and didn't show much excitement of getting out of Kuala Lumpur for a change. We arrived at 11.30 and immediately checked in at the Puncak Inn. It didn't take long before we were greeted by the town's own birder, Mr. Durai, who kindly offered himself to go birding with us the next morning. By now we felt pretty tired. Though we were eager to go out birding (Fire-tufted Barbet was calling nearby) we first had lunch and after that a well needed siesta. Birding began around 14.30, and we had a good start along the short **Hemmant trail**. The star bird was a phenomenal Blue Nuthatch, followed by i.e. 2 Pygmy Blue Flycatchers, 2 Black-eared Shrike-Babblers, 2 Mountain Leaf-Warbler and 1 Green Magpie. Later, along the road to **The Lodge**, we had lots of birds and great observations of i.e. 1 Black-browed and c. 10 Fire-tufted Barbets, 1 male Greater Yellownappe, 2 Silver-eared Mesias, 5 Black-and-crimson Orioles, c. 15 Grey-chinned Minivets and c. 10 Orange-bellied Leafbirds. A nice start! Tired after the long journey and far too little sleep, we went to bed early.

23/12 Fog in the early morning made birding difficult. Few birds had been identified before we met up with Mr. Durai at 08.30, but at that point the fog lifted. We spent the morning walking along the **new road** to the Gap. Mr. Durai was of good help, and to our great delight he managed to call out a pair of magnificent Rhinoceros Hornbills. Among the best birds this morning can also be mentioned 1 Indian Black Eagle, 4 Blue-topped Hanging-Parrots, 1 Green-billed Malkoha, 1 male Red-bearded Bee-eater (awesome!), 2 Wreathed Hornbills, 2 Brown Barbets, 1 Tiger Shrike and 4 Sultan Tits. The only drawback was that my rubber boots, that I definitely had no use for, caused unnecessary pain. Back at the Pine resort we thanked Mr. Durai for the company and headed back to the hotel. After lunch and a shorter siesta we were fit for fight again, this time without rubbers. First we walked down to **the dump** to look for wintering migrants. Except for plenty of Black-throated Sunbirds, birds were disappointingly few. A Yellow-browed Warbler was about the only bird of greater interest. Perhaps **Bishop's trail** would be better? Yes, though it was mostly quiet. An unidentifiable partridge was flushed, and we also found a male Red-headed Trogon, a female Siberian Thrush and a Rufous-browed Flycatcher. The trail was slippery and it didn't take long before we encountered quite a few leeches. But this was nothing compared to the nightmare it became to complete the full length of Bishop's trail. We had to make our way through mud, over slippery roots and rocks and through dense stands of bamboo. Leeches

abounded. As if this wasn't enough I was chased by an angry dog when we finally reached the road... A while later we were back at the hotel, exhausted from 15 kilometers of walking and absolutely convinced that nothing could ever make us walk the full length of Bishop's trail again!

24/12 Christmas Eve! We had been told that there was a bus going down to **the Gap** at 06.30. No bus showed up, but we got a lift down instead. We arrived just after dawn and walked a bit along the highway before starting the climb back to Fraser's Hill. Birding was a bit frustrating because flocks mostly traveled fast and high up in the canopy. Among the birds we saw were a fly-by Banded Bay Cuckoo, 3 Rhinoceros Hornbills, 4 Large Woodshrikes, 1 White-hooded (nice!), 1 Gray-throated and 2 Buff-breasted Babblers, 1 Long-billed Spiderhunter and 1 Verditer Flycatcher. Back at the hotel Anders and I had Christmas lunch, before the well needed siesta. The afternoon brought us back to **Hemmant trail** (not many birds) and the beginning of **Bishop's trail**. Along the latter we had two big mixed-species flocks containing several excellent birds like 1 Speckled Piculet, 2 Buff-rumped Woodpeckers, 1 Long-tailed Broadbill and 5 Chestnut-crowned Warblers. We also heard a Himalayan Cuckoo and saw a female Mugimaki Flycatcher. In the evening we walked the beginning of the **Telekom loop** with few species of interest. After yet another day of long walking, my leg muscles ached quite a bit. Quite an odd Christmas Eve...

25/12 Today's plan was to go down to the Gap again. We waited a while for a bus or car, without any luck, so we simply started to walk. When it got light enough to bird we had already covered 3 kilometers. The birds were more cooperative today, though we couldn't find many new ones. Among the more noteworthy species were 1 male Crimson-winged Woodpecker, 1 singing Lesser Shortwing, 1 Sultan Tit, 2 Eastern Crowned and 4 Yellow-bellied Warblers and 1 male Hill Blue-Flycatcher (missed by me). Down at **the Gap** we found several Thick-billed Green-Pigeons, 1 Greater Green Leafbird, single Thick-billed and Yellow-vented Flowerpeckers and at least 20 Himalayan Swiftlets. We got a lift back by noon. In the afternoon we walked the **Telekom loop**, where birds abounded but little new was seen. The best birds were a pair of Blue Nuthatches but we also had nice observations of many common species. We had some showers during the afternoon and called it a day a bit earlier than before. Our visit to Fraser's Hill had been rather successful, we concluded, even though we missed most of the rarer species. No Malaysian Whistling-Trush, Yellow-vented Pigeon, Marbled Wren-Babbler or even Black Laughingthrush. Well, there's perhaps a reason to return...

26/12 With the aid of Mr. Durai we had arranged to join a friend of his to Raub at 06.30. It took about an hour to get there, and we learned more about Malaysia during the ride. The forest along the way looked quite good, but traffic is a bit too heavy for birding. In **Raub** we waited for half an hour for the bus that was going to take us to Benta. The next stage of the journey was uneventful, and the landscape was more or less devastated with new road constructions dominating the picture. In **Benta** we had an hour to wait, so we placed ourselves strategically on a bridge close to the bus station. Four Plain-throated Sunbirds, 2 Striated Swallows and 2 Hill Mynas made an appearance before I decided to go and get a haircut nearby. It turned out well, in spite that the Chinese hairdressers didn't know any English at all. I got a thorough haircut and an even more thorough hairwash for only 10 ringgits, 1/10 of the average cost in Sweden! Meanwhile, Daniel and Anders had seen both a male Japanese Sparrowhawk and a Pied Fantail. The bus from Benta to Jerantut left at 10.00, and lasted for half an hour. The driver announced that something was wrong with the bus and all passengers got off to wait for a new one. Of course we used this time for birding and ended up with good

sightings of i.e. 3 Brown-backed Needletails and 1 male Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker. We finally arrived in **Jerantut** at 12.20, and a few minutes later we were on our way to **Kuala Tembeling** in a taxi. At 14.00 the boat left for Taman Negara. Exciting! Compared to a river somewhere in the Amazon the bird diversity was rather poor, but we had lots of kingfishers of 5 species, 3 surprising Red-wattled Lapwings and some others. There was some rain during the second half of the boat trip, but when we arrived at **Kuala Tahan** the skies had cleared up a bit. We checked in at the cheap Tahan Guest House in the outskirts of the village and then crossed the river for a short evening walk in the forest. We were rewarded with a fabulous sighting of a Blue-winged Pitta right on the trail, 3 Buff-necked Woodpeckers and, at dusk, a Bat Hawk flying right over the HQ! After this successful opening of our week-long stay in **Taman Negara**, we celebrated with dinner at one of the floating restaurants on the river.

27/12 This our first full day in Taman Negara we started walking along the same trail as yesterday evening, along the **Tembeling River**. It was rather quiet, and few birds had been seen and identified before we reached the canopy walkway which, as it was Friday, opened at 09.00. It was only morning, but still I was sweating like a cow! At 9 o'clock we entered the canopy walkway. A nice experience, though birding was frustrating. The first birds we encountered were a pair of Streaked Bulbuls. Then a large flock came through, but most birds passed in a hurry and disappeared into dense foliage. Among the few species we actually could identify were 5 Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrikes, 2 Black-naped Monarchs and 1 Spectacled Spiderhunter. Three Wreathed Hornbills passed by rather close, and before we'd ended this swaying walk we also found the only Spectacled Bulbuls of the trip. Shortly after we had left the walkway we had a nice flock containing goodies like 2 Dark-throated Orioles, 2 Spotted Fantails and 1 male Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker. Next on our programme was **Jenet Muda trail**. Since it now had become midday it was incredibly sweaty, and leeches were present in annoying numbers while few birds were seen. The **Tahan River trail** proved much better, with i.e. 1 Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, 2 Green Ioras, 1 male Maroon-breasted Philentoma, 3 Black Magpies, 4 Purple-naped Sunbirds and a host of different bulbuls and babblers. We were back at the HQ first by dusk. Hungry and thirsty we went straight to one of the floating restaurants, a pattern which would be similar the days to follow.

28/12 This morning we decided to start at the **Tahan hide**. Unfortunately the view from the hide was extremely limited due to poor maintenance, so we decided to try the Swamp loop instead. There were no signs at all, but a trail did go into the forest at a point that matched well with the map. I was sceptical, but Daniel and Anders wanted to give it a try. The leeches were just terrible, and the trail didn't seem to follow the direction we had in mind. After a while we came to the power station of the **HQ area**, to my relief - just a bit longer on that leechtrail and I would have gone crazy! We cooled down a bit in the lodge clearing and were soon watching 2 male Little Green-Pigeons, 2 Black-headed Bulbuls, 2 Raffles's Malkohas, 1 Gray-breasted Spiderhunter and many more. Much better! In the late morning we decided to climb **Bukit Terese**. We soon discovered that we had chosen the steep slope. I don't think I've ever been sweating as much as I did during this climb. Absolutely incredible! The sweat bees at the top didn't exactly make things better... But, we did see some good stuff up there. An adult Gray-headed Fish-Eagle flew right overhead, a Black-thighed Falconet perched in the open, two beautiful Gray-bellied Bulbuls were seen very well as was a family of even more beautiful Blue-throated Bee-eaters. Grey-rumped Tree-Swifts, Silver-rumped and Brown-backed Needletails and Pacific Swifts also entertained us. The afternoon was spent walking the **Tahan River trail** as far as the **Tabing hide**. We had some excellent birds, including a male Crested Fireback, 1 Red-billed Malkoha, 2 Maroon Woodpeckers, 2 Red-

throated Barbets, 1 Green Broadbill (yes!), 1 male Great Iora and 1 Black-throated Babbler. A challenging but in the end good birding day...

29/12 Yesterday evening we had met some Americans (a couple of whom we actually already had met briefly at Fraser's Hill) that gave us half a promise that we could join them on a boat trip up the Tahan River. We decided to give it a try, but unfortunately the boat couldn't take that many people. Instead we crossed the river to bird the **HQ area**, before taking a boat to Trenggan Lodge which supposedly was leaving daily at 09.30. Some of the birds we found were 7 Straw-headed Bulbuls, 2 Black-bellied Malkohas, 3 Ashy Minivets and 1 Rufous-tailed Tailorbird. We returned to the other side of the river only to find out that there wasn't any boat going at all - not during the low season, though we had been assured the opposite. A couple of guys said they could take us there the next day, and we agreed to that. The whole morning seemed a bit like a failure, but we went back and walked up to **Bukit Terese** a second time (the easy way, not as strenuous and sweaty...). Birds were disappointingly few. We heard an Orange-breasted Trogon but saw little of interest. Perhaps **Jenet Muda** could produce something? Indeed! Less leeches and more birds than last time, including a beautifully perched Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, a female Cinnamon-rumped Trogon, 2 Checker-throated Woodpeckers and a Black-capped Babbler. The **Tahan River trail** was a bit quieter than before. We didn't walk very far and turned rather early, so we were back at the hotel before dusk for a change. Well, Daniel had missed the Rufous-tailed Tailorbird and was eager to see it, so he stayed and birded the HQ area for a while. No tailorbird showed up, but he got a Plain Sunbird instead. Three days in rubber boots had started to take a toll on my feet, especially my left one. Hopefully a good night's sleep could heal the pain.

30/12 We had a weird start this morning. For some reason I stayed behind at the hotel a bit longer than the others, and when I got to the floating restaurant, where we had arranged to launch for Trenggan Lodge, Daniel and Anders had already spoken to someone there. It rained a bit, so we didn't need to hurry. I'm not sure that I understand the situation even afterwards, but it seems like our boatdriver had showed up but then disappeared. A couple of guys were sleeping on the floor. I thought that one of them was our driver, but apparently not. So we just stood there and waited for nothing! Really weird... Anyway, after a while we gave up and decided to devote the day to the **Tahan River trail**. It was still raining so we walked fairly fast in the beginning to reach **Tabing Hide** as early as possible. Here we were intrigued by a characteristic song that Daniel literally crawled into the forest to investigate. It turned out to be not only one but 3 Large Wren-Babblers! I managed to see one of them while sneaking around whistling after it. We also had a nice male Rufous-chested Flycatcher, before continuing our quest. Now the rain had stopped entirely. Birding was good during midday and afternoon, and we recorded many goodies like 5 species of Malkoha (from the same spot!), 1 female Diard's and 1 male Scarlet-rumped Trogon, 1 Red-bearded Bee-eater, 1 Rufous Piculet (Daniel only), 3 Orange-backed Woodpeckers, 6 Dusky Broadbills, 4 Rufous-winged Philentomas, another Large Wren-Babbler, 1 male Siberian Blue Robin and 1 singing Garnet Pitta. On the way back my feet were aching terribly. Every step was painful! Thus, I just concentrated on getting back and little else. Anders had turned back a little earlier than Daniel and I. He found a pair of Olive-backed Woodpeckers, a species only seen by him on the trip. After what felt like a never ending, nightmarish walk, I finally made it to the HQ and back to the hotel. A good birding day, but another afternoon like this sure wouldn't be fun. In the evening we made a secure reservation to finally make the trip to Trenggan Lodge.

31/12 New Years Eve. Today everything went smoothly. After a (little too) fast boatripe we reached **Trenggan Lodge** around 08.00 and immediately headed for the trail to **Kumbang**

Hide. Heavy clouds made the forest interior very dark. We had only walked a few hundred meters when a Garnet Pitta was heard rather close to the trail. I started to whistle and kept on duetting with the little fellow for quite a while before it came any closer. Suddenly Daniel caught a glimpse of the bird, but just briefly. After a few more minutes of hide and seek we all got to see the bird well. What a bird! Awesome! The pitta again disappeared into the thick undergrowth, and we continued on. It soon started to rain, but only for a short while. Just by the Kumbang Hide, which was under reconstruction, we had brief looks of another star bird, a White-crowned Forktail. Further along the trail we had quite a few birds, even though we couldn't find many new ones. Among the best were a pair of Red-naped Trogons, a hat trick of "buff" Woodpeckers, a wonderful Crested Jay, 2 Black-and-yellow and several Black-and-red Broadbills and a White-necked Babbler. On our way back to the lodge Daniel and I were lucky to spot a flying Helmeted Hornbill, a species we had heard daily here in Taman Negara without being able to see it. My feet were hurting once more, but not as bad as yesterday. We came back to Trenggan lodge by 16.30, one hour before we were supposed to be picked up. I mostly sat on a bench rubbing my feet while Daniel and Anders investigated the vicinities of the clearing. I missed a Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher by a few minutes, my second *Cyornis* dip of the trip out of two possible. Well, you can't see everything... Our boat showed up on time and we were back in Kuala Tahan well before dusk. We didn't make much of our New Years Eve. I was the one who managed to stay awake longest, until 22.30.

1/1 We wished to start 2003 with a boat trip on the Tahan River. Since such a trip apparently was best arranged through the NP office, we crossed the river and birded the HQ area before the office opened at 08.00. Surprising and most welcome was a flock of 12 Black Bazas! Getting a boat was no problem. Already by 08.15 we were on our way up the **Tahan River**, which was a really nice change from all the sweaty walking. Kingfishers were few but a pair of Orange-backed Woodpeckers and a Black Hornbill were nice species seen well. Then suddenly our driver stopped and pointed at a tree, and there our primary target was perched – a male Masked Finfoot! Wow! Almost too easy... We had excellent views of this mythical bird before continuing upstream. The waterfall at **Lata Berkoh** reminded of an ordinary Swedish "rush". Here a Lesser Fish-Eagle was flushed, and along the trail to get here we had 2 White-chested Bblers and a large flock containing lots of Philentomas of both species. When we had done the waterfall we crossed the river and told our crew to pick us up again 5 hours later. The trail here, going in the direction of Trenggan lodge, was nice but full of leeches. Two Great Arguses were displaying, unfortunately out of sight, and during our walk we also recorded 1 Short-tailed Babbler, 1 male Orange-headed Thrush (stunning!), 1 Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler and 1 Mouse Deer. Our boat returned on time, and we floated silently down the river back to the HQ. A second Lesser Fish-Eagle was the most noteworthy species seen, but it was nice and relaxing also without many birds. After almost a full week of constant sweating and walking on muddy trails, most of the clothes now were downright filthy. Fortunately I had managed to spare enough clothes to last the whole trip, but just barely...

2/1 We had a relaxed morning for a change and even had breakfast at one of the restaurants before getting on the boat back to Kuala Tembeling. We could have stayed another week and seen new species every day, but one week felt enough for us. Of course we had some hurting dips, including some of my most wanted species, like Malaysian Rail-Babbler and Banded Pitta. But most missed species are possible also on Borneo... During the boatripe we had some nice birds, including 1 male Red Junglefowl, 6 Black Bazas, 1 juv. Gray-headed Fish-Eagle, 20 Blue-rumped Parrots, 1 Rhinoceros and 8 Black Hornbills and 2 Paddyfield Pipits.

In **Kuala Tembeling** we took a mini bus to a hotel in **Jerantut** popular with backpackers. Here we relaxed and had lunch before taking another minibus of theirs to Kuala Lumpur. During two 15 minute stops along the way we were able to see several nice birds like 1 Asian Koel (several heard), 1 Lesser Coucal, c. 40 Purple-backed Starlings, 2 Olive-winged Bulbuls, 7 White-headed Munias and 18 Baya Weavers. We could also enjoy some "ais krim" (the Malaysian adoption of foreign words is wonderful!). We arrived in China town, **Kuala Lumpur**, around 17.15. Puduraya bus station was nearby, and by 18.00 we were heading for Kuala Selangor. The traffic this evening was heavy, so it took quite a while to get out of the city. The bus was crowded the first half of the trip, and the second half some teenage boys (remarkably similar to their Swedish counterpart) terrorised us with all the different tunes of their cellphones at maximum volume. We finally reached **Kuala Selangor** around 20.30. After installment at hotel Selangor, we went out to have dinner and shop around for tomorrow's breakfast. The AC we had missed in Taman Negara was maybe a bit too powerful here. Good that I'd brought my long underwear...

3/1 Kuala Selangor was a nice break from the sometimes frustrating forest birding. Open spaces and marshes dominate Taman Aman nature reserve. Numbers of waterbirds were hardly overwhelming, but the diversity was fairly good. During the course of the morning we found Purple, Intermediate and Chinese Pond Herons, 1 Yellow Bittern, 15-25 Black Bazas, lots of Brahminy Kites, c. 20 Blue-tailed Bee-eaters, 1 Laced Woodpecker, 2 Common Flamebacks, 6 Golden-bellied Gerygones, 1 Pied Triller, 5 Pied Fantails, 2 Yellow-bellied Prinias and a beautiful male Korean (Yellow-rumped) Flycatcher. Among the mammals were 2 Smooth Otters and plenty of Long-tailed Macaques and Silver Langurs. As the boardwalks through the mangroves still hadn't been rebuilt it was hard to get a grip of the mangrove specialities, and the mudflats of course were totally without of reach. At the visitor's centre we asked about accessible mudflats elsewhere. The ranger wasn't here today, but we got his phone number and Daniel spoke to him briefly. He recommended us to take a bus to **Pantai Bagan Tengkorak** about 20 km north of Kuala Selangor, and so we did after a short siesta. We had no idea how far it was to the shoreline, and we wore rubber boots just in case. Bad choice – again! We walked and walked, and after perhaps 5 kilometers we came to a small fishing village where a female Eastern Marsh-Harrier was a nice encounter. It was high tide, and mangroves blocked our vision almost completely. Then we started to walk on a gravel road going south and soon came to a long line of sewage ponds. Some of the ponds held quite good numbers of birds, including 150 Whiskered Terns, 100 Common Redshanks, 5 Whimbrels, 21 Pacific Golden-Plovers and 100 Little Egrets. Other nice birds were 3 White-bellied Sea-Eagles and c. 25 (!) Black-naped Orioles. We finally found an opening in the mangrove, but it was minimal. Somewhat disappointed we tried a side road and hoped that it would bring us back to the main road again. It turned out that we could have gotten to the sewage ponds much quicker. Another 10 kilometers in rubbers wasn't very pleasant... We were back in Kuala Selangor by dusk. Tomorrow was our last birding day.

4/1 Daniel woke up in the middle of the night and went for a walk in the nature reserve, seeing an Oriental Scops-Owl and several Large-tailed Nightjars. I had set my alarm clock earlier than usual for the same purpose. We all went out well before dawn for a nightbird walk. Large-tailed Nightjar was rather easy to get and we heard what probably was Sunda Scops-Owl. Daniel felt a bit weak today (too many buns?), so we took it easy. We climbed one of the observation towers and stayed there for a while. We were rewarded with scope views of 1 Watercock, 1 Ruddy-breasted Crake, 2 Pintail Snipes and 1 Chestnut-winged Cuckoo. Not bad! Other birds this morning were 8 Red Junglefowls, 1 Brown-capped (Sunda) Woodpecker and 1 Banded Woodpecker. Daniel and I spent some time photographing

butterflies, a hobby of mine that had been neglected earlier on the trip (as photographing in general). I got good pictures of 6 different species. Later in the morning we climbed the hill where we had a splendid view over the area. Scoping the now extensive mudflats gave us a Lesser Adjutant, but most other birds were far too distant for identification. Lineated Barbets were almost constantly calling, and we got to see two of them. We also had a nice chat with a young Malaysian that had gotten his education in the UK, and was on a family trip in the area. Back at the hotel Daniel went to bed, and he would stay there more or less the rest of the day. Anders also wanted to take it easy, so I took a walk by myself. First I crossed the bridge over the Selangor River. Birding habitat was very limited, but I got to see more of the daily lives of Malaysians. I returned and tried to find a trail leading into mangrove habitat. Very easy, it turned out. A good gravel road cut through the mangrove and continued for kilometers. An ethnic indian in his early twenties assaulted me during the walk, begging (actually more like demanding) money from me. I gave him a few ringgits, but he wasn't satisfied. I might be wrong, but it clearly looked like he was a drug addict. A friend of his soon turned up without making things any easier. The guy just wouldn't let me go. I gave him a couple of ringgits more, but that wasn't enough either. I got quite upset by his behaviour and tried to make him understand my point of view in English, Swedish and by gestures. When they finally left I felt bad about the whole situation. Maybe he was really desperate? What would I have done if I'd been in a similar situation? That's hard to tell, but I can't imagine myself demanding money from a stranger. Beg, yes. Demand, no! That made me feel better. The mangrove was badly damaged in places and I didn't manage to find any new species except for a Black-shouldered Kite that was seen exceptionally well. Also nice observations of 2 Arctic Warblers and a flock of 24 Ashy Minivets. On my way back I met Anders, who had also found the road. Our last evening was mostly spent at the hotel.

5/1 We had been told half a dozen of different departure times for the first bus to Kuala Lumpur. The time that seemed most probable, 06.45, had been told to us by a bus driver. There was no bus leaving from the old bus station at all, it turned out, but we got a ride to the new bus station where the bus left at 07.30. It was Sunday morning, so the traffic was rather light even in **Kuala Lumpur**. We left most of our baggage at Puduraya bus station, and took a walk to Menara KL Tower. There was a jumping competition, "jumping for peace", from the tower itself, which was kind of interesting. The view from up there was terrific and you got your own headset for a self-guided tour which told much about Kuala Lumpur. Our next goal was to find McDonald's and then watch *The two towers* in a shopping mall just beside the twin towers. Cool! We had to do with Burger King instead of McDonald's, which was just fine with me. Unfortunately the 12.30 show was sold out, but we got some of the last tickets for the 13.30 show in the front row instead. Anders and I had seen *The two towers* on our way to Stockholm the day before we left for Malaysia, so it was kind of fun to end the trip in the same manner. A very good movie, though it still was a bit hard to accept the change of Faramir's character. As soon as the movie was finished we rushed out to get a taxi, pick up our things at the bus station and head for the airport. Daniel's flight for Brisbane (lucky him!) was leaving at 19.45, while Anders and I were in no hurry at all. Our flight didn't leave until midnight. Daniel got away without any problems and our flight left on time.

6/1 The flight home to Sweden felt long, though the last hours before we landed in Frankfurt I was more or less obsessed by playing a reversed variant of Tetris. When we finally came to Stockholm by noon it was 20 degrees below zero, a shocking contrast to the 30 degrees in Malaysia. Daniel's father picked us up in Södertälje south of Stockholm. Anders and I parted in Linköping, and it wasn't until 19.40 that I'd come home, having been more or less awake in 48 hours. And tomorrow it was just to go back to work again...

Species list

This species list is based on my personal observations. Additional observations have been included at least for the more interesting species, but the list is not complete.

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea* 3/1 c. 10, 4/1 c. 170 Kuala Selangor.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* 3/1 4 ad., 4/1 2 ad., 1 juv. Kuala Selangor.

Great Egret *Egretta alba* 3/1 2, 4/1 3 Kuala Selangor.

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia* 3-4/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* 3/1 4, 4/1 2 Kuala Selangor, 3/1 c. 100 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus* 3/1 1, 4/1 6 Kuala Selangor. Even though we couldn't see any dark wing tips I regard these birds as Chinese Pond Herons.

Striated Heron *Butorides striatus* 26/12 2, 31/12 8, 2/1 2 Tembeling River, 1/1 2 Tahan River, 3/1 c. 25 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 c. 10, 4/1 c. 10 Kuala Selangor.

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* 3/1 1 ad. male Kuala Selangor.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*** 4/1 1 ad. Kuala Selangor.

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* 1/1 c. 12 Taman Negara, 2/1 6 Tembeling River, 3/1 15-25, 4/1 c. 10 Kuala Selangor. Good numbers of a fabulous raptor!

Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus* 26/12 1 HQ, 30/12 1 Tahan Rivermouth, TN.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus* 22/11 2 ad. N. Kuala Lumur, 3/1 2 ad. Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 4/1 1 ad. Kuala Selangor.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* 4/1 1 juv. Kuala Selangor.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* 2/1 1 ad. near Kuala Lumpur, 3-4/1 common around Kuala Selangor; over a hundred seen.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* 3/1 2 ad., 1 subad. Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 4/1 1 ad. Kuala Selangor.

Lesser Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis** 1/1 2 ad. Tahan River, TN.

Grey-headed Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus** 28/12 1 ad. Bukit Teresek, TN, 2/1 1 juv Tembeling River.

Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela* 23/12 2 ad. New Road, 24/12 1 ad. Old Road, FH, 27/12 1 heard, 28/12 1 ad., 29/12 1 ad.+2 heard Taman Negara, 3/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Eastern Marsh-Harrier *Circus spilonotus* 3/1 1 female Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* 26/12 1 male Benta, 1 male Tahan Village. Unidentified Accipiters were seen several times.

Indian Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis* 23/12 1 ad. New Road, FH.

Wallace's Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus nanus*** 29/12 1 ad.+1 heard Jenet Muda, TN.

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius* 28/12 1 Bukit Teresek, TN.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* 28/12 1 heard Tahan River Trail, TN, 2/1 1 male Tembeling River, 3/1 1 male+c. 5 heard, 4/1 4 pairs+c. 5 heard Kuala Selangor.

Crested Fireback *Lophura ignita** 28/12 1 male Tahan River Trail, TN.

Great Argus *Argusianus argus** 28/12 1 heard Tahan River Trail, 1/1 2 heard Lubok Lesong, TN. Apparently rather quiet this time of the year.

White-breasted Water-Hen *Amaurornis phoenicurus* 26/12 2 Benta-Jerantut, 3/1 2 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 3, 4/1 6 Kuala Selangor.

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca* 4/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Watercock *Gallicrex cinerea* 4/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Masked Finfoot *Heliopais personata*** 1/1 1 male Tahan River, TN. A splendid observation of a bird perched in a riverside tree!

Pacific Golden-Plover *Pluvialis fulva* 3/1 21 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus* 26/12 3 Tembeling River.

Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura* 4/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* 3/1 5 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata* 3/1 4 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak. Also many unidentified curlews at great distance at Kuala Selangor 4/1.

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica* 4/1 at least 1 Kuala Selangor, seen by Daniel at great distance.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus* 3/1 c. 100 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* 4/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* 26/12 4 Tembeling River, 31/12 1 Trenggan Lodge, 2/1 1 Tembeling River, 3/1 c. 10 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 3, 4/1 4 Kuala Selangor.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus* 3/1 c. 150 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Rock Dove *Columba livia* Common in towns and cities.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* 22/12 1 Kuala Lumpur, 26/12 2 Raub-Benta, 29/12 2 Tahan Village, 2/1 2 Jerantut, 2 Jerantut-Temerloh, 3/1 c. 25 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 c. 20, 4/1 c. 15 Kuala Selangor.

Little Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia ruficeps* 22/12 3, 23/12 c. 10, 25/12 5 Fraser's Hill.

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* 26/12 2, 27/12 1, 28/12 2, 31/12 1 Taman Negara.

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata* 2/1 1 heard Jerantut-Temerloh, 3/1 c. 5 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 c. 15, 4/1 c. 20 Kuala Selangor, 5/1 1 Kuala Lumpur.

Little Green-Pigeon *Treron olax* 28/12 2 males HQ, Taman Negara.

Pink-necked Green-Pigeon *Treron vernans* 29/12 4 HQ, Taman Negara, 3/1 2 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 c. 20, 4/1 c. 25 Kuala Selangor.

Thick-billed Green-Pigeon *Treron curvirostra* 25/12 4 The Gap, 28/12 6 HQ, Taman Negara.

Green Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula aenea* 1/1 c. 10 Tahan River, 2/1 2 Tahan Village, 1 Tembeling River.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula badia* 22/12 3, 23/12 c. 10, 24/12 5, 25/12 c. 15 Fraser's Hill, 3/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Blue-rumped Parrot *Psittinus cyanurus** 26/12 3 Tembeling River, 28/12 1, 31/12 1 Taman Negara, 2/1 c. 20 Tembeling River.

Blue-topped Hanging-Parrot *Loriculus galgulus* 23/12 5 New Road, FH, 1/1 1 Tahan River, 2/1 1 heard Tahan Village.

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo *Clamator coromandus* 4/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus sparveroides* 22/12 2 heard, 23/12 3 heard, 24/12 2 heard, 25/12 1 heard Fraser's Hill. Very hard-spotted!

Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus fugax* 1/1 1 Latah Berkoh, TN. Seen well enough by Daniel only.

Himalayan Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus* 24/12 1 heard Bishop's Trail, FH.

Cuculus sp. 3/1 1 juv., 4/1 2 Kuala Selangor. Probably Oriental/Himalayan Cuckoos.

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii* 24/12 1 Old Road, FH, 28/12 1 heard Taman Negara.

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* 26/12 2 heard HQ, 30/12 2 heard Tahan Village.

Little Bronze-Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx minutillus* 29/12 1 Tahan Village.

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* 28/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN, 3/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea* 2/1 1 male Jerantut-Temerloh, 3/1 c. 5 heard Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 3 males+c. 10 heard, 4/1 c. 10 heard Kuala Selangor, 5/1 1 heard Kuala Lumpur.

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi** 29/12 2 HQ, 30/12 3 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus** 30/12 1 Tahan River Trail, 3/1 1, 4/1 3 Kuala Selangor.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis* 23/12 1 New Road, FH.

Raffles's Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus* 27/12 1, 28/12 5, 29/12 2, 31/12 1 Taman Negara.

Red-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus javanicus* 28/12 1, 30/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* 27/12 1, 28/12 3, 29/12 2, 30/12 2, 31/12 1, 1/1 1 Taman Negara.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* 28/12 1, 1/1 1+2 heard, 2/1 1 Taman Negara, 3/1 c. 5, 4/1 1+several heard Kuala Selangor.

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis* 2/1 1 ad. Jerantut.

Reddish Scops-Owl *Otus rufescens** 30/12 1 heard Tahan Guest House, 2/1 1 heard near Tahan Village.

Oriental Scops-Owl *Otus sunia* 4/1 1 Kuala Selangor. Spot-lighted at close distance by Daniel during a lone night excursion.

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* 4/1 2-3+4 heard Kuala Selangor.

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta* 22/12 c. 30, 23/12 c. 200, 24/12 c. 50, 25/12 c. 20 Fraser's Hill.

Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris* 25/12 c. 20 The Gap, 2/1 c. 10 Tahan Village, 3/1 1 Kuala Selangor. Probably more seen. The birds involved were of the race *innominata*. Birds of the race *brevirostris* were possibly seen.

Black-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus maximus* Probably the commonest swiftlet, but only a few birds at Taman Negara 27/12 were seen good enough to count.

Germain's Swiftlet *Aerodramus (fuciphagus) germani* 3-4/1 50-100 Kuala Selangor.

Silver-rumped Spinetail *Rhaphidura leucopygialis* 28/12 c. 15, 29/12 1, 31/12 2, 1/1 c. 20 Taman Negara.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus* 26/12 3 Benta-Jerantut, 28/12 c. 15, 29/12 c. 10 Taman Negara, 2/1 c. 20 Tembeling River.

Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus* 23/12 c. 15, 24/12 c. 100, 25/12 c. 300 Fraser's Hill, 28/12 c. 15, 29/12 c. 5 Taman Negara, 4/1 c. 15 Kuala Selangor.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis* 22/12 c. 50 ex. Kuala Lumpur, 23/12 c. 10, 24/12 c. 25 Fraser's Hill, 26/12 c. 100 Raub/Benta.

Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis* 28/12 7, 1/1 5, 2/1 4 Taman Negara.

Red-naped Trogon *Harpactes kasumba** 31/12 1 pair Kumbang Hide trail, TN.

Diard's Trogon *Harpactes diardii** 30/12 1 female Tahan River Trail, TN.

Cinnamon-rumped Trogon *Harpactes orrhophaeus** 29/12 1 female Jenet Muda, TN.

Scarlet-rumped Trogon *Harpactes duvaucelii** 30/12 1 male Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 male near Kumbang Hide TN.

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios* 29/12 1 heard Bukit Teresek, TN.

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus* 23/12 1 heard New Road, 1 male Bishop's Trail, FH, 25/12 1 heard The Gap.

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Halcyon capensis* 26/12 5 Tembeling River, 27/12 1, 28/12 2, 1/1 2 Taman Negara, 3/1 a few Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 3-4, 4/1 3 Kuala Selangor.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* 22/12 1 Kuala Lumpur-Fraser's Hill, 26/12 2 Raub-Benta, 14 Tembeling River, 26/12-2/1 singles Taman Negara, 2/1 c. 10 Tembeling River, 2 Jerantut-Temerloh, 3-4/1 fairly common Kuala Selangor/ Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata* 26/12 3, 2/1 1 Tembeling River, 1/1 2 Tahan River, 3/1 1 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 1, 4/1 1-2 Kuala Selangor.

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* 26/12 1 Kuala Tembeling, 3/1 c. 10 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 2, 4/1 c. 10 Kuala Selangor.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* 26/12 1 Tembeling River, 3-4/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Red-beared Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus* 23/12 1 male New Road, FH, 30/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus* 3/1 c. 20, 4/1 c. 40 Kuala Selangor, 3/1 7 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis* 28/12 2 ad., 1 juv. Bukit Teresek, TN.

Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* 26/12 4 Tembeling River, 28/12 1 HQ, Taman Negara, 2/1 1 Tembeling River, 3/1 c. 5 Kuala Selangor, c. 5 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* 31/12 1 pair, 1/1 3 Tahan Village.

Black Hornbill *Anthracoceros malayanus** 1/1 2 Tahan River, 2/1 8 Tembeling River.

Rhinoceros Hornbill *Buceros rhinoceros** 23/12 2 New Road, 24/12 3 Old Road, FH, 27/12 2 heard, 28/12 2+2 heard, 30/12 3+2 heard Taman Negara, 2/1 1 Tembeling River.

Helmeted Hornbill *Buceros vigil** 27/12 2 heard, 28/12 1 heard, 30/12 2-3 heard, 31/12 1+2-3 heard, 1/1 1 heard Taman Negara.

Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus* 23/12 2 New Road, FH, 27/12 3 Canopy walkway, TN.

Brown Barbet *Calorhamphus fuliginosus* 23/12 2 New Road, FH.

Fire-tufted Barbet *Psilopogon pyrolophus* 22/12 c. 10+c. 7 heard, 23/12 2+3 heard, 24/12 c. 5+4 heard, 25/12 3 heard Fraser's Hill.

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata* 4/1 2+2 heard Kuala Selangor.

Gold-whiskered Barbet *Megalaima chrysopogon* 23/12 1 heard New Road, 24/12 1+2 heard, 25/12 1 heard Old Road, FH, 28/12 1+c. 5 heard, 29/12 2 heard, 30/12 1+c. 5 heard, 31/12 1 heard, 1/1 3 heard Taman Negara.

Red-throated Barbet *Megalaima mystacophanos** 24/12 3 heard, 25/12 c. 6 heard Old Road, FH, 28/12 2 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii* 23/12 1 heard New Road, FH.

Black-browed Barbet *Megalaima oorti* 22/12 1 male+4 heard, 23/12 2+c. 10 heard, 24/12 2+3 heard, 25/12 2 heard Fraser's Hill.

Yellow-crowned Barbet *Megalaima henricii** 27-28 and 30/12 c. 5 heard, 29/12 3 heard, 1/1 2 heard Taman Negara.

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis* 23/12 1 heard New Road, FH, 25/12 1 heard The Gap, 27-28 and 30/12 1 heard, 29/12 3 heard Taman Negara.

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala* 28/12 1, 29/12 1 heard Taman Negara, 3/1 2 heard, 4/1 3 heard Kuala Selangor.

Spotted Piculet *Picumnus innominatus* 24/12 1 Bishop's Trail, FH.

Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnormis* 30/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN. Seen by Daniel only.

Brown-capped Woodpecker *Dendrocopos moluccensis* 4/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Banded Woodpecker *Picus miniaceus* 4/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus* 25/12 1 male Old Road, FH, 28/12 3 Tahan River Trail, 1/1 1 male Lubok Lesong, TN.

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha* 22/12 1 male The Lodge, 23/12 2 heard near Bishop's Trail, FH.

Checker-throated Woodpecker *Picus mentalis* 29/12 1 pair Jenet Muda, 30/12 1 male Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 male Kumbang Hide Trail

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus* 3/1 1 male, 4/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense* 3/1 2 Kuala Selangor, 1 pair Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Olive-backed Woodpecker *Dinopium rafflesii* 30/12 1 pair Tahan River Trail. Seen by Anders only.

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus* 28/12 2 Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1+1 heard Kumbang Hide.

Orange-backed Woodpecker *Reinwardtipicus validus* 30/12 3 Tahan River Trail, 1/1 1 pair Tahan River.

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis* 24/12 1 pair Bishop's Trail, FH, 27/12 1 female Tahan River Trail.

Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki** 26/12 3+1 heard Tembeling River Trail, 28/12 1 Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 Kumbang Hide Trail.

Grey-and-buff Woodpecker *Hemicircus concretus* 27/12 1 male Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 Kumbang Hide.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* 29/12 2 heard Jenet Muda, TN.

Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus* 30/12 6 Tahan River Trail, 31/12 c. 5 Kumbang Hide Trail, 1/1 a few heard Tahan River.

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus* 28/12 2, 30/12 3, 31/12 c. 6, 1/1 1 Taman Negara.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus** 26/12 1 heard Kuala Tembeling, 27/12 1, 29/12 4 heard, 30/12 2 heard, 31/12 2+2 heard Taman Negara.

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* 24/12 1 Bishop's Trail, FH.

Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis** 27/12 1 heard, 28/12 1 ad. Tabing Hide, TN. Very nice bird.

Garnet Pitta *Pitta granatina** 30/12 1 heard Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 male+2 heard Kumbang Hide Trail. A real beauty!

Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta moluccensis* 26/12 1, 27/12 1 heard Tembeling River Trail, 28/12 1 Tahan River Trail. The first bird put in a splendid performance right on the trail!

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* Common.

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica* Common.

Striated Swallow *Hirundo striolata* 26/12 2 Benta.

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus* 2/1 2 Tembeling River.

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* 22/12 3, 23/12 6, 24/12 4, 25/12 2 Fraser's Hill, 1/1 1 Tahan River, TN.

Javan Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina javensis* 22/12 c. 10, 23/12 4, 24/12 2 Fraser's Hill.

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra* 3/1 1 male, 4/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus* 29/12 3 HQ, Taman Negara, 4/1 24 Kuala Selangor.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus* 24/12 c. 10 Old Road, FH, 27/12 3, 30/12 2 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* 22/12 c. 15, 24/12 c. 20, 25/12 c. 20 Fraser's Hill.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus picatus* 24/12 3 Old Road, FH.

Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus hirundinaceus* 27/12 5 Canopy Walkway, TN.

Straw-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus zeylanicus*** 28/12 4 heard, 29/12 7, 1/1 c. 10 ex. Taman Negara, 2/1 2 Tembeling River.

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps* 28/12 2, 29/12 2, 31/12 2 Taman Negara.

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus* 23/12 2 New Road, FH, 25/12 3 The Gap.

Grey-bellied Bulbul *Pycnonotus cyaniventris** 28/12 2 Bukit Teresek, TN.

Puff-backed Bulbul *Pycnonotus eutilotus** 27/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni* 26/12 2 Tembeling River, 28/12 1, 29/12 4, 31/12 2 Taman Negara.

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier* 26/12 1 Raub, 29/12 3 Tahan Village, 2/1 2 Jerantut, c. 5 Jerantut-Temerloh, 3/1 c. 10 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 c. 30, 4/1 c. 40 Kuala Selangor.

Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus* 2/1 2 Jerantut-Temerloh, 3/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex* 28/12 c. 7, 29/12 c. 10, 30/12 a few HQ/Tahan River Trail, TN.

Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus* 26/12 2, 27/12 3, 28/12 c. 5, 29/12 c. 20, 31/12 4, 1/1 c. 10 Taman Negara.

Spectacled Bulbul *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmus* 27/12 2 Canopy walkway, TN.

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus* 23/12 1 Bishop's Trail, 24/12 c. 10, 25/12 c. 10 Old Road, FH.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Alophoixus bres* 27/12 6, 28/12 c. 5, 29/12 6, 30/12 c. 10, 31/12 c. 5, 1/1 1 Taman Negara.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul *Alophoixus phaeocephalus* 27/12 2, 28/12 3, 30/12 4, 31/12 3, 1/1 2 Taman Negara.

Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes criniger* 27/12 3, 29/12 3, 30/12 4, 31/12 4, 1/1 1 Taman Negara.

Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole olivacea** 27/12 1 Canopy walkway, 1 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Streaked Bulbul *Ixos malaccensis** 27/12 2 Canopy walkway, 28/12 3 HQ, Taman Negara.

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mccllellandii* 22/12 2, 25/12 3 Fraser's Hill.

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala* 25/12 c. 10 Old Road, FH.

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati* 25/12 1 juv. The Gap, 28/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon** 27/12 1 juv., 28/12 1 male, 29/12 4 Taman Negara.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* 24/12 1 pair Old Road, FH, 27/12 4, 29/12 4, 30/12 1 male, 31/12 3 males, 1/1 c. 5 Taman Negara.

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii* 22/12 c. 10, 23/12 2, 24/12 a few, 25/12 1 Fraser's Hill.

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia* 3/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Green Iora *Aegithina viridissima** 27/12 2 HQ, 28/12 1 male Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 male Kumbang Hide Trail, TN.

Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayi* 28/12 1 male Tahan River Trail, TN.

Orange-headed Thrush *Zoothera citrina* 1/1 1 male Lata Berkoh, TN.

Siberian Thrush *Zoothera sibirica* 23/12 1 female Bishop's Trail, FH.

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophrys* 25/12 1 heard Old Road, FH. Probably more heard.

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens* 23/12 2 New Road, FH, 26/12 2, 29/12 1 Tahan Village, 3/1 1 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris* 3/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Mountain Tailorbird *Orthotomus cuculatus* 22-25/12 1 male daily Fraser's Hill.

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* 24/12 7+heard, 25/12 3+3 heard Old Road, FH, 26/12 1 male Kuala Tembeling, 29/12 2, 1/1 1 Taman Negara, 4/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus* 29/12 1 Tembeling River Trail, TN. Seen by Samuel only.

Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps* 26/12 1 Benta, 3/1 c. 10+heard, 4/1 6+heard Kuala Selangor.

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* 23/12 1 The Dump, 24/12 1 near Bishop's Trail, 25/12 1 Old Road, FH.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* 27/12 6, 28/12 2, 29/12 2, 30/12 2, 31/12 4, 1/1 c. 5 Taman Negara, 3/1 1, 4/1 2 Kuala Selangor.

Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus* 24/12 1, 25/12 2 Old Road, FH, 27/12 3 Taman Negara.

Mountain Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus* 22/12 2 Hemmant trail, FH. A few more seen, but not by me.

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps* 24/12 c. 5 Bishop's Trail, 25/12 2 Telekom Loop, FH.

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* 22/12 2 Hemmant Trail, 25/12 4 Old Road, FH.

Siberian Flycatcher *Muscicapa sibirica* 23/12 1 New Road, FH.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica* 22/12 1 The Lodge, 24/12 1 Old Road, FH., 28/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Korean Flycatcher *Ficedula zanthopygia* 3/1 1 male Kuala Selangor. Seen by Samuel only.

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki* 24/12 1 female Bishop's Trail, 25/12 1 female Telekom Loop, FH.

Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula solitarius* 23/12 1 Bishop's Trail, 24/12 2 Old Road, FH.

Rufous-chested Flycatcher *Ficedula dumetoria** 30/12 1 pair Tabing Hide, TN.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* 23/12 1 male, 24/12 3, 25/12 4 Fraser's Hill.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina* 24/12 1 The Gap, 25/12 3 Old Road, FH.

Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas* 25/12 1 male Old Road, FH.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae* 31/12 1 male Tembeling Lodge, TN. Seen by Daniel only.

Pygmy Blue-Flycatcher *Muscicapella hodgsoni* 22/12 1 pair Hemmant Trail, FH.

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis* 25/12 2 Old Road, FH, 27/12 1, 31/12 c. 6, 1/1 1 Taman Negara.

Siberian Blue Robin *Luscinia cyane* 30/12 1 ad. male Tahan River Trail, TN.

Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis* Fairly common.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* 27/12 1, 28/12 1 Tahan River Trail, 29/12 2 Tembeling River Trail, 31/12 2 heard Tabing Hide Trail.

White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti* 31/12 1 Kumbang Hide, TN.

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* 22/12 3, 23-14/12 c. 10 daily, 25/12 c. 20 Fraser's Hill.

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica* 26/12 1 Benta, 3/1 5, 4/1 6 Kuala Selangor.

Spotted Fantail *Rhipidura perlata* 27/12 4, 28/12 2, 30/12 4, 31/12 3 Taman Negara.

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* 27/12 3, 28/12 1 male, 29/12 1 female, 30/12 3, 31/12 1 male, 1/1 3 Taman Negara.

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi* 28/12 1 female Tabing Hide, 29/12 1 male (with one white tailfeather!) Jenet Muda, 30/12 6 females Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 male, 2 females Kumbang Hide Trail, 1/1 1 male Lata Berkoh, TN.

Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush *Garrulax mitratus* 22-25/12 common Fraser's Hill.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus* 23/12 1, 24/12 1 Bishop's Trail, 25/12 2 Telekom Loop, FH.

White-chested Babbler *Trichastoma rostratum** 1/1 2 Lata Berkoh, TN.

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti* 27/12 1, 31/12 1, 1/1 4 Taman Negara, 3/1 1 Kuala Selangor.

Horsfield's Babbler *Malacocincla sepiarium* 28/12 1 ex. Tahan River Trail, TN.

Short-tailed Babbler *Malacocincla malaccensis** 1/1 1 Lata Berkoh, TN. Seen well enough by Samuel only.

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli* 24/12 1+1 heard Old Road, FH.

Black-capped Babbler *Pellorneum capistratum* 29/12 1 Jenet Muda, 31/12 1 Kumbang Hide Trail, TN.

Moustached Babbler *Malacopteron magnirostre* 23/12 1 heard Bishop's Trail, FH, 28/12 1 Bukit Teresek, TN

Sooty-capped Babbler *Malacopteron affine** 26/12 1 Tembeling River Trail, 27/12 c. 10, 28/12 c. 5, 30/12 1 Tahan River Trail, 31/12 3 Kumbang Hide Trail.

Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum* 27/12 2, 28/12 2, 30/12 c. 20, 31/12 c. 15, 1/1 c. 10 Taman Negara.

Rufous-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron magnum** 27/12 1, 30/12 1 Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 Kumbang Hide Trail.

Large Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos* 23/12 1 heard New Road, FH.

Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus montanus* 1/1 1 male Lubok Lesong, TN.

Striped Wren-Babbler *Kenopia striata* 30/12 1 Tahan River Trail. Seen well enough by Daniel only.

Large Wren-Babbler *Napothera macrodactyla** 30/12 2 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla* 23/12 1 heard New Road, 24/12 1 heard Old Road, 1 heard Bishop's Trail, FH.

Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea* 22/12 4, 23/12 8+heard, 24/12 c. 10, 25/12 c. 20 Fraser's Hill.

Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps* 24/12 1, 25/12 1 Old Road, 25/12 1 Telekom Loop, FH.

White-necked Babbler *Stachyris leucotis** 31/12 1 Kumbang Hide Trail, TN.

Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis** 28/12 1 ad., 30/12 1 ad. Tahan River Trail, TN.

Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata** 27/12 1, 30/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN. A few more seen by Daniel.

Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera* 27/12 c. 10, 28/12 c. 7+c. 10 heard, 29/12 1 heard, 30/12 c. 5+c. 5 heard, 31/12 c. 10 Taman Negara.

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis* 24/12 1 Old Road, FH, 28/12 2 HQ, 29/12 1 Jenet Muda, TN.

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentauris* 22/12 1 pair, 23/12 1 heard, 24/12 4+1 heard, 25/12 c. 10 Fraser's Hill. Beautiful bird!

Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis* 22/12 c. 5, 23/12 2, 24/12 1 female, 25/12 1 male Fraser's Hill.

White-hooded Babbler *Gampsorhynchus rufulus* 24/12 1, 25/12 3 Old Road, FH.

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera* 22/12 c. 10, 23/12 c. 10, 25/12 3 Fraser's Hill.

Mountain Fulvetta *Alcippe peracensis* 22/12 4, 23/12 6, 24/12 c.20, 25/12 20-30 Fraser's Hill.

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides* 22/12 c. 25, 23/12 c. 25, 24/12 a few, 25/12 c. 20 Fraser's Hill.

White-bellied Yuhina *Yuhina zantholeuca* 24/12 1 Bishop's Trail, FH, 27/12 3, 30/12 1, 31/12 3 Taman Negara.

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea* 31/12 1 Tahan Village, 3/1 6+c. 5, 4/1 3+5 heard Kuala Selangor.

Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* 23/12 3 New Road, 24/12 1 Old Road, FH. Also heard by Daniel in Taman Negara.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* 25/12 1 Old Road, FH, 27/12 1 Taman Negara.

Blue Nuthatch *Sitta azurea* 22/12 1-2 Hemmant Trail, 25/12 2 Telekom Loop, FH. Very nice bird!

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis* 27/12 1 male, 30/12 1 male Taman Negara, 3/1 1 female Kuala Selangor.

Plain Sunbird *Anthreptes simplex* 29/12 1 male HQ, TN. Seen by Daniel only.

Plain-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis* 26/12 3 Benta, 3 Benta-Jerantut, 29/12 4 Tahan Village, 3/1 c. 10, 4/1 c. 5 Kuala Selangor, 3/1 1 male Pantai Bagan Tengkorak.

Red-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes rhodolaema** 26/12 2 males, 2 females Tahan Village.

Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum* 27/12 4, 28/12 3, 30/12 2 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cimnirys jugularis* 3/1 c. 5, 4/1 c. 5 Kuala Selangor.

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* 22/12 5, 23/12 c. 15, 24/12 2 females, 25/12 c. 10 Fraser's Hill.

Thick-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera crassirostris* 29/12 1 Tahan Village.

Spectacled Spiderhunter *Arachnothera flavigaster* 27/12 1 Canopy Walkway, TN.

Long-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera robusta* 24/12 1 Old Road, FH, 27/12 1 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra* 23/12 1, 24/12 1 Fraser's Hill, 27/12 1, 28/12 2 Taman Negara.

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysogenys* 28-29/12 1 HQ, Taman Negara.

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera modesta* 28/12 2, 29/12 1 Taman Negara.

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna* 22-25/12 c. 5 daily Fraser's Hill.

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculatus* 28/12 2 Tahan River Trail.

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus percussus* 27/12 1 male Canopy walkway, TN.

Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile* 25/12 1 The Gap.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* 25/12 1 The Gap, 29/12 1 Tahan Guest House.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma* 29/12 2 pairs, 1/1 1 male Tahan Village.

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus* 22/12 1 male, 23/12 1 male, 25/12 2 males Fraser's Hill.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum* 26/12 1 male Benta-Jerantut, 29/12 1 male, 1 female Tahan Village.

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* 3/1 4 Kuala Selangor.

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti* 22/12 6 Hemmant Trail, 23/12 several heard Fraser's Hill.

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus** 27/12 4, 28/12 1 Taman Negara.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* 22/12 1 KLIA, 26/12 1 Tembeling River, 2/1 2 Tahan Village, 3/1 c. 25 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 c. 15, 4/1 c. 30 Kuala Selangor, 5/1 1 heard Kuala Lumpur.

Black-and-crimson Oriole *Oriolus cruentus* 22/12 c. 5, 23/12 4, 24/12 3, 25/12 2 Fraser's Hill.

Asian Fairy-Bluebird *Irena puella* 24/12 1 male The Gap, 27/12 1 male, 28/12 3, 29/12 1 female, 1/1 c. 5 Taman Negara.

Tiger Shrike *Lanius tigrinus* 23/12 1 New Road, 25/12 1 ad. female Old Road, FH.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus* 23/12 1 New Road, FH, 2/1 1 ad. Jerantut-Temerloh, 3/1 4 Pantai Bagan Tengkorak, 3/1 1, 4/1 4 Kuala Selangor.

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis* 24/12 4+2 heard Old Road, FH.

Rufous-winged Philentoma *Philentoma pyrropterum* 29/12 1, 30/12 4 Tahan River Trail, 31/12 1 male Kumbang Hide Trail, 1/1 6 Lata Berkoh, TN.

Maroon-breasted Philentoma *Philentoma velatum** 27/12 1+1 heard, 28/12 4 heard Tahan River Trail, 31/12 4 Kumbang Hide Trail, 1/1 2-3 Lata Berkoh, TN.

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* 23/12 3-4, 24/12 5, 25/12 c. 5 Fraser's Hill, 28/12 1, 31/12 2 Taman Negara.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer* 22/12 1, 23/12 6, 24/12 6, 25/12 c. 10 Fraser's Hill.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* 25/12 1 Old Road, FH, 26/12-2/1 fairly common Taman Negara.

Crested Jay *Platylophus galericulatus** 31/12 1 Kumbang Hide Trail, TN. Cool bird!

Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus** 27/12 3, 30/12 2 Tahan River Trail, TN.

Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis* 22/12 1 Hemmant trail, 23/12 1 heard New Road, 25/12 2 Telekom Loop, FH.

House Crow *Corvus splendens* Common around Kuala Lumpur and Kuala Selangor. A leucistic bird was seen at Tanjung Karang 3/1.

Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca* 1/1 1 Tahan River, TN. Probably more seen.

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos* Regularly seen in small numbers.

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis* 2/1 c. 100 Kuala Lumpur, 3/1 c. 10, 4/1 c. 20 Kuala Selangor.

Common Hill-Myna *Gracula religiosa* 26/12 2 Benta, 28/12 4, 29/12 1 HQ, Taman Negara.

Javan Myna *Acridotheres grandis* Common around Kuala Lumpur. Also c. 20 at Kuala Selangor 4/1.

Jungle Myna *Acridotheres fuscus* 26/12 c. 30 Tembeling River.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* Locally common.

Daurian Starling *Sturnia sturnina* 2/1 c. 40 Jerantut-Temerloh, 4/1 3 Kuala Selangor. Unexpected.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* Common in towns and cities.

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus* 29/12 1 male Tahan Village, 2/1 3 males, c. 15 females Jerantut-Temerloh.

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata* 23/12 c. 15, 25/12 c. 7 Fraser's Hill, 26/12 1 male Benta-Jerantut, 3/1 1 pair Kuala Selangor.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* 26/12 c. 20, 2/1 c. 25 Tahan Village, 4/1 c. 20 Kuala Selangor.

White-headed Munia *Lonchura maja* 2/1 2 males, c. 5 females Jerantut-Temerloh.

294 species

** = threatened

* = near-threatened

Mammals

Silvered Langur *Presbytis cristata* 3-4/1 Fairly common Kuala Selangor.

Banded Langur *Presbytis melalophos* 22/12 2, 23/12 4, 24/12 3 Fraser's Hill

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis* 26/12 2 Tembeling River, 27/12-1/1 several Taman Negara, 3-4/1 common Kuala Selangor.

White-handed Gibbon *Hylobates lar* 23-25/12 several heard Fraser's Hill.

Smooth Otter *Lutra perspicillata* 3/1 2 Kuala Selangor. This was my 7:th species of otter!

Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus* Fairly common in all forest habitats.

Prevost's Squirrel *Callosciurus prevostii* 30/12 1 Taman Negara. A beautiful squirrel!

Striped Tree-Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandi* 22-25/12 several Fraser's Hill

Wild Boar *Sus scrofa* 23/12 1 New road, Fraser's Hill

Mouse Deer sp. *Tragulus sp.* 1/1 1 Lata Berkoh, TN.