

Sabah, Malaysia 15/8-29/8 2003

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Introduction:

This report is based on a trip to Sabah from 15th to 29th August 2003. This was my first birding trip to the region and bearing that in mind, the trip worked out very well, birding was good and the people of Sabah were extremely helpful and friendly altogether making the trip very enjoyable.

Timing of the year was probably not optimal since it was the end of the dry-season and bird-activity was low at times. However, according to several trip-reports birding can be slow also at supposedly better times of the year.

I made all the bookings in advance and that worked well (see below for addresses). Sabah is evidently a popular destination for birders and there are lots of good and informative trip reports on the web. I also used Nigel Weathley's "Where to watch Birds in Asia" and Lonely Planet's Malaysia-guide for the preparations of the trip. For Bird identifications I used "a Field Guide to the Birds of Borneo, Sumatra, Java and Bali" by MacKinnon and Phillips and "A Field Guide to the Birds of South-East Asia" by Craig Robson. I also prepared a tape with selected bird-sounds, taken from the very good CD-ROM "Birds of Tropical Asia 2 by Jelle Scharringa", which proved to be useful at several occasions.

Sites:

Danum Valley

According to many reports, birding here can be slow or very slow at times. During some periods the forest is totally quiet whereas at other times there are birds everywhere. I spent two days at the Field Centre and two days at Borneo Rainforest Lodge. I felt that birding was easier at the Lodge mainly because the trails are better and also because the Entrance Road provides good birding conditions, whereas at the Field Station the trails are worse and the forest is often more dense. I also found some fruiting-trees near the Lodge where I saw some good birds. Still, I saw several species at the field-station not seen at the lodge.

The bird-activity varied a lot and I had one good day and one slower day at each place respectively. Of course, four days in this area is far from enough since the diversity here is very high. I also had limited experience of the avifauna of the region, and spent some time learning the more common species.

Kinabatangan River

Birding here is done by boat and it was pretty relaxing after Danum Valley. I had contacted Robert Chong as a guide and that worked out very well. Besides being a good guide, Robert is a nice and interesting person and I certainly can recommend

him. The accommodation here, Probiscis Lodge was also very good and with good food. Unfortunately, there is no trail from the lodge since it is only swampland around.

Gomantong Caves

The main reason for visiting this site was the swiftlets, but I was also rewarded with good views of an old male orang-utan and very good views of two Black-crowned Pittas.

Mount Kinabalu National Park

I spent 5 nights here, including 1 night at Laban Rata. Also here bird activity varied a lot between the days and also of course during the day (early mornings not necessarily being the best). The first day here was fantastic with an enormous activity, whereas other periods were very slow. Several of the endemics here are easy to see but others proved to be more difficult. I missed some of these and particularly Whiteheads Broadbill was a big disappointment, a bird I really had hoped to see.

The climate here was pleasant although it rained every day. Usually it started at 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon and continued until night.

Poring Hot Springs

Unfortunately I had caught a cold at the time I visited Poring, which had a bad impact on my birding here. Despite this I saw some species here which I did not see anywhere else, and I found birding along the trail to Langanan waterfall to be good.

Accommodations and bookings:

I had booked all accommodation in advance through the Internet where I used the following addresses:

Danum Valley Field Centre:

rsdanum@the.net.my At Danum I got the following address and telephone numbers to contact If I was going to revisit: Arman Rusli, 6088-709100, 6088-709101, azaien_emon76@yahoo.com

Borneo Rainforest Lodge:

Booking through ijl@po.jaring.my

Kinabatangan River: labukbb@yahoo.com This address is to Robert Chong and he organized the accommodation at Probiscis Lodge.

Mount Kinabalu and Poring Hot springs: The bookings were made from the following web site: www.kinabalunatureresorts.com

Diary

15/8 Arrived Kuala Lumpur at 0625, another flight to KK at 0855 and arrived there at 12.30. Got my luggage and checked in for Lahad Datu. Caught a minibus to downtown KK à MR1. Took a walk around the city-centre and then went up to Signal Hill. Finding a cab back to the airport was very difficult but I managed to find one in the nick of time. Left KK at 1620 and arrived 1710 where I was collected by the minibus for Danum Valley Field Centre. It soon got dark and after a couple of hours we arrived. I was expected and was shown to the rest house where I got a nice room with my own bathroom and very close to the dining room. At the dinner I met some other visitors who had been here for a week, among them a birder from Australia.

16/8 Up 0530 and went to the Grid. First bird was a Rhinoceros Hornbill, after that Abbot's babbler and then high up in canopy a small flock of **Bornean Bristlehead's**. After a short stop for breakfast I did Nature-trail, where I had a pair of Great Argus, **White-browed Shama**, Crested Serpent-eagle among others.

After lunch I went to the Grid again but activity now was low. Later in the afternoon I walked the entrance-road and finally back to the Grid.

17/8 The Grid 0600-1130. Female **Blue-headed Pitta** W3. Very slow morning, but I managed to see some good birds; Banded Kingfisher, Rufous Piculet, Rufous-tailed Shama among others. I heard Black-crowned Pitta at several times but they were impossible to see.

Afternoon at Nature Trail but very calm, and after that Entrance Road 1530. Unfortunately there was an old-fashioned road-grader driving back and fourth along the road, making birding a little difficult. After a short while it started to rain heavily so I decided to go to the suspension bridge to take cover.

Later at night I went on a night-walk together with ranger Mike and backpacker Corey, where we had a Buffy Fish-owl at the badminton court and a Binturong high up in a tree.

18/8 0600 transport to BRL. On the road two flocks of Crested Firebacks and a Greater racket-tailed Drongo. Arriving at BRL I found bird-activity to be good and I spent the first hours around the lodge and the nearest part of the entrance-road. Highlights were; Black and Yellow Broadbill, **Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker**, Raffle's Malkoha and Scarlet-rumped Trogon. A female Orang-utan had spent the night in a tree near the lodge and I had brilliant views of her. After lunch I went further up the entrance road and I ended up on the canopy-walkway. Later on I went on a night-drive where Savannah Nightjar and a good view of Brown Wood-owl being the highlights.

19/8 0600 I was driven up to the Entrance-gate four kilometres from the lodge where I started to walk against the lodge. Today it was foggy and bird-activity was lower than yesterday. However I had good views of Hill Myna, Blue-rumped Parrot and Giant Squirrel among others. After lunch I did Segama trail where activity still was low and I ended up at the entrance road. To my disappointment I encountered the road-grader from the field-station so I decided to try the Canopy-walkway again where I had

splendid views of whiskered treeswifts, Banded Broadbills and a flock of **Bornean Bristlehead's**. At 1800 transport back to the field-station.

20/8 Transport back to Lahad Datu at 0800 and before that a last walk on main trail where I had a brief view of a male **Blue-headed Pitta**. I had organized to meet Robert Chong in Lahad Datu and we drove directly to Sukau and Gomantong Caves where the harvest of swiftlet-nests were going on. We managed to find breeding Edible-, Black- and Mossy swiftlets. Highlights here were also a male 20-years old Orang-utan and good views of Black-headed Pitta. We continued to Proboscis Lodge where we had a good lunch after which we went out on the river in the afternoon. This was very rewarding with 2 Storm's storks, Asian Black, Wrinkled, Oriental Pied and Rhinoceros Hornbills and 4 **White-fronted Falconets**. We also heard White-crowned Hornbill and Chestnut-necklaced Partridge. Proboscis monkeys were quite common along the river.

In the evening we had a very good dinner and it was very nice to have some beers after just water in Danum Valley.

21/8 Went on a boat-ride early in the morning up along a small tributary. Bird-activity was good and we stopped at several times and went ashore. Highlights were Stork-billed Kingfisher, Hooded Pitta (two birds at close distance), Diard's Trogon, Long-tailed Parakeet, Lesser Fish-eagle. We also heard several Blue-headed and one Giant Pitta. Despite intensive playback we didn't manage to get a view of these.

New boat-ride in the afternoon where I finally got a good view of a male Helmeted Hornbill, after hearing them almost daily here and at Danum Valley.

22/8 In the morning we made a last boat-ride to the same tributary as yesterday but it was a lot calmer today, and 1000 I left Proboscis Lodge together with Robert's cousin who was going to Sandakan. I jumped of at the junction where the road Sandakan-Lahad Datu meets the road to Kota Kinabalu. I cached a bus to KK leaving at 1200 and arrived at Gunung Kinabalu at 1600. The price was RM 25. When I arrived at Gunung Kinabalu it was foggy and it soon started to rain heavily so I installed myself in a twin bed cabin and went for dinner at restaurant outside the park.

23/8 Up 0600 and I found bird-activity to be very good. I walked the loop around the headquarters where I found new birds all the time. Good birds were; White-crowned Forktail, **Black-sided Flowerpecker**, Short-tailed Magpie, **Bornean Whistler** and more. It took several hours before I ended up at Kiau View trail and after that I walked Silau Silau trail where I had Black and Crimson Oriole. It was now lunchtime and birding was a lot slower. After lunch I got lift to the Power station from where I did Liwagu trail back to the reception-area. I was rewarded with a female **Whitehead's Trogon** and a female **Fruithunter** in a fruiting tree where Liwagu trail meets the headquarter-loop. Rain and fog in the afternoon so I went organizing the climbing to Laban Rata. After a lot of discussions and several telephone calls, I got a permit to walk without a guide. I had to ensure that I wasn't going further than to Laban Rata and I also had to sign forms which said that the National Park wasn't to be held responsible for eventualities. The cost was RM 100.

Had dinner at Liwagu Restaurant and then went to bed.

24/8 0700 I took a bus to the Power station (1800 meters a.s.l) and from there I started to walk up against Laban Rata (3300 meters a.s.l). I had booked one night at Laban Rata but my plan was to walk up and down the same day. I started walking at 0730, the weather was nice but the climbing was hard and when I finally reached Laban Rata at 1130 I was exhausted. Not much on the way up but I heard **Red-breasted Partridge**. Soon after I had reached Laban Rata it started to rain and even though I had heard several **Friendly warblers** and also some Island thrushes, it was impossible to get a decent view of any of them, so I concentrated upon spending the night at Laban Rata.

Had dinner (despite several warnings about the food here) and spent the night talking to people who were looking forward to the climbing tomorrow.

25/8 At 0200 the climbers getting ready for the climb awakened me, and I also noticed that my Malaysian roommates suffered from acute stomach-illness. I stayed in bed for a couple of hours but didn't get much sleep so I decided to leave the room and go down to the restaurant-area since I was afraid to catch the stomach-illness. In first daylight I started the descent, and just below Laban Rata I managed to get a very close view of two Friendly Warblers. After another 100 meters I discovered an Island Thrush and I could now continue the descent in a good speed. On the way down I had some good mixed flocks but nothing new. I reached the Power Station at 0930 and then I walked the Bukit Ular Trail downwards where I saw a **Bornean Stubtail** but otherwise calm. Exhausted after the walk up and down the mountain and the bad sleep at Laban Rata I got down to the reception area where I had lunch after which it started to rain heavily. It stopped before dusk and I walked a part of Kiau View trail in search of Whitehead's Broadbill. I saw no Broadbill but I heard the call of a **Mountain Barbet** from the slope below the shelter on the upper part of the trail. The following days I heard it at several occasions from the same place, but I never saw it.

26/8 Up early and started to walk up along Power station road before sunset, and then Liwagu trail back. Little-pied Flycatcher, Pygmy-Blue Flycatcher, Black Laughingthrush, Bornean Stubtail, and a **Crimson Headed Partridge** calling at a very close distance. Did Kiau View trail and Silau Silau but very silent. Finally another try at Kiau View trail but torrential rain started and I got soaking wet. Very aggressive bees also chased me and at two occasions small viper-looking snakes crossed the trail. One of them was chasing a frog and passed very close to my feet!

27/8 0530 Kiau View trail but very quiet. I saw an Imperial Mountain-Dove at very close distance and a non-identified falcon-looking bird. Had breakfast and then Kiau view trail again in desperate chase of the Broadbill. Had a big feeding-flock with Checker-throated woodpecker, Sunda cuckoo-shrike, Chestnut-backed Scimitar-babbler and several more common species. I also passed a small flock of **Mountain Wren-babblers** before it started to rain heavily. I took cover in a shelter but had to proceed since the rain didn't seem to end. Got lift with a bus down to the reception, had lunch at the cafe and 1430 I left with the bus for Poring Hot-springs. After check-

in at the hostel I went for a short walk and spotted a Blyth's Hawk-eagle in a dead tree. Had very good fried rice in a restaurant across the street from the entrance at RM 3.50. Unfortunately I have caught a cold with fever and cough-illness.

28/8 Starting to walk up the waterfall-trail in dark at 0530. At the bamboos I stayed for a while searching the pitta which I didn't see. However I saw other nice birds like Crested Jay, Fluffy-backed Tit-babbler, and Green Broadbill and at the Langanan Waterfall a small flock of Long-tailed Broadbills. On the way down a **Mountain Serpent-eagle** was soaring near the waterfall.

I spent the afternoon at the Canopy walkway together with a couple of busloads of Taiwanese. Unfortunately the bird activity had declined by the time the tourists were gone, but still Scarlet Minivet, Brown Barbet, Dark-throated Oriole, Spectacled Spiderhunter and Black and Yellow Broadbill.

My cold has gone worse and I have ache all over. Dined with some younger backpackers from Britain.

29/8 In the morning a short walk to the first waterfall without seeing anything special. Packed my things and took a bus to Ranau from where I took a taxi to KK a RM 25. Arrived at the airport at 1200, checked in my luggage and started to walk against the city centre. I didn't get far when I got lift by a girl who was working for Malaysian Airlines. After her showing me the city I thought I had too little time for even a brief visit to Manukan Island so I spent the remainder of the day in the town, had dinner and took a taxi back to the airport. At 1800 I left Borneo for Kuala Lumpur and then further to Amsterdam and then Copenhagen.

Species list

Oriental Darter (*Anhinga melanogaster*)
Fairly common KR

Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)
Seen at KK airport, fairly common KR

Great Egret
Common KR

Little Egret
Several seen at KK airport.

Storm's Stork (*Ciconia stormi*)
2 seen in a tree at KR 20/8. 1 seen flying KR 22/8

Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur indus*)
2 seen Signal Hill. Fairly common KR

White-bellied Fish-Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*)
1 Signal Hill. 1 Oxbow lake KR.

Lesser Fish-Eagle (*Ichthyophaga humilis*)
Several at KR

Crested Goshawk (*Accipiter trivirgatus*)
1 in garden at Proboscis Lodge

Crested Serpent-Eagle (*Spilornis cheela*)
2 seen at DVFC, 1 between Lahad Datu and Sukau.

Mountain Serpent-Eagle (*Spilornis kinabaluensis*)
1 seen at PHS, below Langanan waterfall.

Blyth's Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus alboniger*)
1 perched in dead tree PHS. 1 soaring below Langanan waterfall, PHS.

Wallace's Hawk-Eagle (*Spizaetus nanus*)
1 perched in a tree at staff quarters BRL. 1 at Oxbow lake KR.

White-fronted Falconet (*Microhierax latifrons*)
4 in a dead tree at KR.

Red-breasted Partridge (*Arborophila hyperythra*)
Several heard Power Station Road and also Kiau View trail MKNP.

Chestnut-necklaced Partridge (*Arborophila charltonii*)
Heard at 3 occasions, KR

Crimson-headed Partridge (*Haematortyx sanguiniceps*)
Heard Silau Silau trail and Power Station Road MKNP.

Great Argus (*Argusianus argus*)
A pair seen well Nature trail DVFC.

Crested Fireback (*Lophura ignita*)
Small flocks seen at 3 occasions from car entrance-road DVFC.

White-breasted Waterhen (*Amauornis phoenicurus*)
1 in a ditch at road to Sukau.

Common sandpiper (*Tringa hypoleucos*)
1 river BRL, small flocks KR.

Little Green-Pigeon (*Treron olax*)
Seen at KR.

Green Imperial-Pigeon (*Ducala aena*)
Fairly common DV and KR.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon (*Ducala badia*)
Power-station road at 2 occasions.

Feral Pigeon (*Columba livia*)
KK

Ruddy Cuckoo-Dove (*Macropygia unchall*)
Seen Power station Road MKNP and PHS.

Little Cuckoo-Dove
Seen several times at MKNP

Zebra Dove
1 KK.

Spotted Dove
Several seen between MKNP and KK

Emerald Dove (*Chalcophaps indica*)
Seen at two occasions KR.

Long-tailed Parakeet (*Psittacula longicauda*)
Several at KR.

Blue-rumped Parrot (*Psittinus cyanurus*)
2 in canopy at entrance road BRL.

Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot (*Loriculus galgulus*)
1 seen well at entrance road DVFC.

Oriental Cuckoo (*Cuculus saturatus*)
Heard every evening by cabins MKNP.

Plaintive cuckoo (*Cacomantis merulinus*)
Several heard at KR

Raffle's Malkoha (*Phaenicophaeus Chlorophaeus*)
Seen several times at BRL.

Red-billed Malkoha (*Phaenicophaeus javanicus*)
1 Hornbill trail BRL, 1 Suspension bridge DVFC.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha (*Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*)
1 Suspension bridge DVFC, 2 PHS

Greater Coucal (*Centropus sinensis*)
1 Gomantong Caves.

Buffy Fish-Owl (*Ketupa ketupa*)
1 at badminton court DVFC.

Brown Wood-Owl (*Stix leptogrammica*)
1 seen well at night-drive BRL.

Savanna Nightjar (*Caprimulgus affinis*)
Seen night-drive BRL.

Mossy-nest Swiftlet (*Collocalia salangana*)
At nest Gomantong caves.

Edible-nest Swiftlet (*Collocalia fuciphaga*)
At nest Gomantong caves.

Black-nest Swiftlet (*Collocalia maxima*)
At nest Gomantong caves.

Glossy Swiftlet (*Collocalia esculenta*)
Fairly common lowlands.

Cave swiftlet (*Collocalia linchi*)
Nesting at entrance MKNP

Brown-backed Needletail (*Hirundapus giganteus*)
1 seen at KR.

Silver-rumped Swift (*Raphidura lecopygialis*)
Seen by river at DVFC.

Little Swift (*Apus affinis*)
Seen KK

Grey-rumped Treeswift (*Hemiprocne longipennis*)
Seen at several times BRL

Whiskered Treeswift (*Hemiprocne comata*)
Seen resting at canopy walkway BRL.

Red-naped Trogon (*Harpactes kasumba*)
1 Segama trail BRL, 1 KR.

Diards Trogon (*Harpactes diardii*)
2 seen at KR.

Whiteheads Trogon (*Hapactes whiteadi*)
1 female Liwagu trail MKNP.

Scarlet-rumped Trogon (*Harpactes duvaucelii*)
1 female entrance road BRL.

Blue-eared Kingfisher (*Alcedo meninting*)
Several seen at KR.

Black-backed Kingfisher (*Alcedo erithacus*)
1 entrance road BRL.

Stork-billed Kingfisher (*Peöargopsis capensis*)
2 seen at KR.

Banded Kingfisher (*Lacedo pulchella*)
2 birds seen at DVFC.

Collared Kingfisher (*Todirhamphus chloris*)
1 seen at road between Lahad Datu and Sukau.

Rufous-collared Kingfisher (*Actenoides concretus*)
1 seen N7 DVFC.

Blue-throated Bee-Eater (*Merops viridis*)
Seen at one date KR

Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*)
Fairly common KR

Bushy-crested Hornbill (*Anorrhinus galeritus*)
Seen at several occasions DVFC.

White-crowned Hornbill (*Aceros comatus*)
Heard at two dates KR but never seen.

Wrinkled Hornbill (*Aceros corrugatus*)
A few ex KR

Wreathed Hornbill (*Aceros undulatus*)
2 birds seen Nature Trail, DVFC.

Asian Black Hornbill (*Anthracoceros malayanus*)
Several seen KR.

Oriental Pied Hornbill (*Anthracoceros albirostris*)
A few KR.

Rhinoceros Hornbill (*Buceros rhinoceros*)
Seen daily at DVFC and KR.

Helmeted Hornbill (*Buceros vigil*)
Heard daily KR and DVFC and a male seen well at KR thanks to Robert Chong.

Gold-whiskered barbet (*Megalaima chrysopgon*)
Heard calling DVFC, BRL, PHS.

Red-throated Barbet (*Megalaima mystacophanos*)
Heard calling DVFC, BRL, PHS, 1 bird seen in a fruiting-tree BRL.

Yellow-crowned barbet (*Megalaima henricii*)
Heard calling DVFC, BRL, PHS, 1 bird seen in a fruiting tree BRL.

Mountain Babet (*Megalaima monticola*)
Heard calling at distance from Kiau View trail MKNP.

Golden-naped Barbet (*Megalaima australis*)
Heard and also seen daily at MKNP.

Blue-eared Barbet (*Megalaima australis*)
Heard calling KR, BRL, DVFC.

Brown Barbet (*Calorhamphus fuliginosus*)
2 birds seen from canopy-walkway PHS and also 1 seen from pools, PHS.

Rufous piculet (*Sasia abnormis*)
1 seen W2 DVFC.

Olive-backed Woodpecker (*Dinopium rafflesii*)
1 seen W4 DVFC.

White-bellied Woodpecker (*Dryocopus javensis*)
1 seen Hornbill trail, BRL.

Grey and Buff Woodpecker (*Hemicircus concretus*)
1 seen entrance road DVFC.

Checker-throated Woodpecker (*Picus mentalis*)
1 Silau Silau trail and 1 Kiau View trail MKNP.

Orange-backed Woodpecker (*Reinwardtipicus validus*)
Seen entrance road DVFC.

Black-and-red Broadbill (*Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus*)
Seen at 2 occ. KR and 1 occ. PHS.

Banded Broadbill (*Eurylaimus javanicus*)
Seen twice at BRL.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill (*Eurylaimus ochromalus*)
Seen twice at BRL and once PHS.

Long-tailed Broadbill (*Psarisomus dalhousiae*)
A few birds were seen together at Langanan waterfall, PHS.

Green Broadbill (*Calyptomena viridis*)
Heard at two occasions BRL and one seen PHS.

Giant Pitta (*Pitta caerulea*)
1 bird heard calling KR but never seen.

Blue-headed Pitta (*Pitta baudii*)
1 female was seen well and one male seen briefly DVFC. 1 male seen briefly KR. Several heard at this location but not tape-responsive.

Garnet Pitta (*Pitta ussheri*)
One male seen well at Gomantong caves. Several heard at DVFC and BRL.

Hooded Pitta (*Pitta sordida*)
3 birds seen well at KR. Seemed fairly common here.

Pacific Swallow (*Hirundo tahitica*)
Common in lowlands.

Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike (*Hemipus hirundinaceus*)
1 seen at PHS.

Large Woodshrike (*Tephrodornis gularis*)
1 seen in canopy W2 DVFC.

Sunda Cuckoo-shrike (*Coracina larvata*)
1 seen Kiau View trail, MKNP.

Black-breasted Fruithunter (*Chlamydochaera jefferyi*)
1 female seen in a fruiting tree Liwagu trail-Headquarter loop.

Grey-chinned Minivet (*Pericrocotus solaris*)
Fairly common MKNP.

Scarlet Minivet (*Pericrocotus flammeus*)
Seen Canopy walkway PHS.

Green Iora (*Aegithina viridissima*)
Fairly common BRL.

Common Iora (*Aegithina tiphia*)
Only seen Signal Hill KK.

Lesser Green Leafbird (*Chloropsis cyanopogon*)
Fairly common DV, PHS.

Greater Green Leafbird (*Chloropsis sonnerati*)
1 seen entrance road BRL.

Black-headed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus atriceps*)
2 bird seen KR.

Scaly-breasted Bulbul (*Pycnonotus squamatus*)
A few seen in fruiting tree BRL.

Grey bellied Bulbul (*Pycnonotus cyaniventris*)
2 birds seen W3 DVFC.

Puff-backed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus eutilotus*)

1 seen Hornbill trail BRL.

Flavescent Bulbul (*Pycnonotus flavescens*)
3 birds seen at around Laban Rata MKNP.

Yellow-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus goiavier*)
Only seen KR where fairly common.

Olive-winged Bulbul (*Pycnonotus plumosus*)
1 seen from verandah BRL.

Cream-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus simplex*)
Entrance road DVFC.

Red-eyed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus brunneus*)
Common at DV and PHS.

Spectacled Bulbul (*Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos*)
Entrance road DVFC.

Ochraceous Bulbul (*Alophoixus ochraceus*)
1 Segama trail BRL, Fairly common MKNP.

Grey-cheeked Bulbul (*Alophoixus bres*)
1 in fruiting tree BRL.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul (*Alophoixus phaeocephalus*)
Fairly common DV, PHS.

Hairy-backed Bulbul (*Tricholestes criniger*)
1 seen entrance road BRL.

Ashy Drongo (*Dicrurus leucophaeus*)
Fairly common MKNP.

Bronzed Drongo (*Dicrurus aeneus*)
A few birds seen at DV and PHS.

Hair-crested Drongo (*Dicrurus hottentottus*)
Several seen MKNP.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus paradiseus*)
2 seen at BRL.

Dark-throated oriole (*Oriolus xanthonotus*)
3 birds seen from canopy walkway, PHS.

Black-and-crimson Oriole (*Oriolus cruentus*)
3 birds seen Silau Silau trail MKNP.

Asian fairy-Bluebird (*Irena puella*)
Several seen DVFC, especially from entrance road.

Crested Jay (*Platylophus galericulatus*)
Small flocks seen twice at PHS.

Short-tailed Magpie (*Cissa thalassina*)
Fairly common at MKNP.

Bornean Treepie (*Dendrocitta occipitalis*)

Fairly common MKNP.

Black Magpie (*Platysmurus leucopterus*)

A small group seen once entrance road BRL and heard KR.

Slender-billed Crow (*Corvus enca*)

Seen once at BRL and regularly heard and seen KR.

Bornean Bristlehead (*Pityriasis gymnocephala*)

First morning at DVFC a small flock were seen in canopy at W1. Seen at 3 occasions at BRL with one flock (7-8) from canopy walkway, one flock (7-8) from entrance road, and 1 superb observation of one individual at close distance in a small tree, also on entrance road.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch (*Sitta frontalis*)

Seen at 2 occasions MKNP.

White-browed Shortwing

Seen by cabins, Kiau View, Liwagu and Silau silau trails MKNP.

White-chested Babbler (*Trichastoma rostratum*)

A pair were seen and heard calling at KR.

Ferruginous Babbler (*Trichastoma bicolor*)

A few sightings at DVFC and 1 seen at Gomantong caves.

Short-tailed Babbler (*Malacocincla malaccense*)

2 seen at KR.

Horsfield's Babbler (*Malacocincla sepiarium*)

1 seen Nature trail DVFC.

Abbot's Babbler (*Malacocincla abboti*)

1 seen Main trail DVFC. Heard also at KR.

Sooty-capped Babbler (*Malacopteron affine*)

Often heard and 2 seen at Nature trail DVFC.

Scaly-crowned Babbler (*Malacopteron cinereum*)

Fairly common DV and also seen KR and PHS.

Rufous crowned Babbler (*Malacopteron magnum*)

Recorded at DV and PHS.

Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler (*Pomathorinus montanus*)

1 seen Nature trail, BRL and 1 seen in a feeding flock Kiau View trail MKNP.

Striped Wren-Babbler (*Kenopia striata*)

Seen at two occasions KR.

Mountain Wren-Babbler (*Napothera crassa*)

4 birds together at Kiau View trail, MKNP.

Grey-throated Babbler (*Stachyris nigriceps*)

Common MKNP.

Chestnut-rumped Babbler (*Stachyris maculata*)

Fairly common DV.

Chestnut-winged Babbler (*Stachyris erythroptera*)

Seen entrance road BRL.

Striped tit-Babbler (*Macronus gularis*)
Seen around the cabins, BRL.

Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler (*Macronus ptilosus*)
Seen at two occasions, PHS.

Brown Fulvetta (*Alcippe brunneicauda*)
1 seen Hornbill trail, BRL.

Chestnut-crested Yuhina (*Yuhina everetti*)
Common MKNP.

White-bellied Yuhina (*Yuhina zantholeuca*)
1 seen PHS and 1 seen Segama trail, BRL.

Sunda Laughingthrush (*Garrulax palliatus*)
Seen most days at MKNP.

Black Laughingthrush (*Garrulax lugubris*)
Seen at two occasions in mixed flocks MKNP.

Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush (*Garrulax mitratus*)
Common MKNP.

White-browed Shrike-Babbler (*Pteruthinus flaviscapris*)
Seen at two occasions summit trail MKNP.

Magpie Robin (*Copsychus saularis*)
Seen daily at DV and PHS.

White-browed Shama (*Copsychus strichlandi*)
Seen daily at DV, KR and PHS.

Rufous tailed Shama (*Trichixos pyrrhopygus*)
1 bird seen main trail DV.

Chestnut-naped Forktail (*Enicurus ruficapillus*)
1 W5 S2 DVFC and 1 segama trail, BRL.

White crowned Forktail (*Enicurus leschenaulti*)
Seen at two occasions MKNP.

Sunda Whistling-Thrush (*Myiophoneus glaucinus*)
Seen Summit trail and headquarter loop MKNP.

Island Thrush (*Turdus poliocephalus*)
1 seen below Laban Rata and 1 summit trail MKNP.

Yellow-breasted Warbler (*Seicercus montis*)
Common MKNP.

Yellow-bellied Warbler (*Abroscopus superciliaris*)
Seen once headquarter loop MKNP.

Mountain Leaf-Warbler (*Phylloscopus trivirgatus*)
Common MKNP.

Bornean Stubtail (*Urosphena whiteheadi*)
Single birds seen (and heard) at three occasions MKNP.

Sunda Bush-Warbler (*Cettia vulcania*)
Common MKNP, especially Power Station Road and Summit trail.

Friendly Bush-Warbler (*Bradypterus accentor*)
Two birds seen at very close distance just below Laban Rata in early morning and several heard but not seen the day before.

Dark-necked Tailorbird (*Orthotomus atrogularis*)
Seen once BRL.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird (*Orthotomus sericeus*)
Seen at Gomantong caves and KR.

Ashy Tailorbird (*Orthotomus ruficeps*)
Seen at several occasions DV, KR.

Mountain Tailorbird (*Orthotomus cuculatus*)
Several seen MKNP.

Yellow-bellied Prinia (*Prinia flaviventris*)
Seen at KR and DVFC.

Indigo Flycatcher (*Eumyias indigo*)
Fairly common MKNP.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher (*Ficedula hyperythra*)
1 Summit trail MKNP.

Little Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula westermanni*)
1 Power Station Road MKNP.

Pygmy Blue-Flycatcher (*Muscicapella hodgsoni*)
1 male Liwagu Trail, MKNP.

Grey-headed Flycatcher (*Culicicapa ceylonensis*)
1 Nature trail, BRL and 1 main trail DVFC.

White-tailed Blue-Flycatcher (*Cyornis concretus*)
1 male Power station Road MKNP.

Pale Blue-Flycatcher (*Cyornis unicolor*)
1 male entrance road DVFC.

Large-billed Flycatcher (*Cyornis caerulatus*)
1 male Segama Trail and 1 male by cabins, BRL

Bornean Blue-Flycatcher (*Cyornis superbus*)
1 female Nature Trail DVFC.

Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher (*Cyornis turcosus*)
1 Nature Trail DVFC and several seen KR.

White-throated Fantail (*Rhipidura albicollis*)
Common MKNP.

Spotted Fantail (*Rhipidura albicollis*)
1 seen PHS.

Pied Fantail (*Rhipidura javanica*)

1 seen KR.

Black-naped Monarch (*Hypothymis azurea*)
Several seen DV and PHS.

Rufous-winged Philentoma (*Philentoma pyrhopterum*)
2 birds seen W2 DVFC

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher (*Terpsiphone paradisi*)
Fairly common DV and KR.

Bornean Whistler (*Pachycephala hypoxantha*)
Fairly common MKNP.

White-breasted Wood-Swallow (*Artamus leucorhynchus*)
Seen MKNP and KK.

Asian Glossy Starling (*Aplonis panayensis*)
Common in cultivated areas.

Hill Myna (*Gracula religiosa*)
Seen from entrance road BRL.

Plain Sunbird (*Anthreptes simplex*)
1 bird seen entrance road DVFC.

Purple-naped Sunbird (*Hypogramma hypogrammicum*)
1 bird seen by cabins BRL.

Olive-backed Sunbird (*Nectarinia jugularis*)
Only seen by airport KK.

Crimson Sunbird (*Aethopyga siparaja*)
1 seen PHS.

Scarlet sunbird (*Aethopyga mystacalis*)
Fairly common MKNP.

Little Spiderhunter (*Arachnothera longirostra*)
Several seen DV, KR and PHS.

Spectacled Spiderhunter (*Arachnothera flavigaster*)
2 birds by cabins, BRL and 1 from canopy walkway PHS.

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter (*Arachnothera chrysogenus*)
1 seen by cabins, BRL.

Grey-breasted spiderhunter (*Arachnothera affinis*)
1 seen PHS.

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker (*Prionochilus maculatus*)
1 seen S5W7 DVFC and 1 KR.

Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker (*Prionochilus xanthopygius*)
1 male and 1 female by cabins BRL.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum trigonostigma*)
1 male seen by cabins, BRL.

Black-sided Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum monticulum*)

1 male seen at headquarter loop MKNP.

Black-capped White-eye (*Zosterops atricapilla*)
Fairly common MKNP.

Mountain Blackeye (*Chlorocharis emiliae*)
Common above Power station, MKNP, but also seen Liwagu Trail.

Dusky Munia (*Lonchura fuscans*)
Common in open areas DV, PHS.

Black-headed Munia (*Lonchura malacca*)
A few seen at road to Sukau.

Eurasian Tree-Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)
Common.

Mammals Species List

Maroon Langur (*Presbytis rubicunda*)
One group seen main trail DVFC.

Proboscis Monkey (*Nasalis larvatus*)
Several groups seen KR.

Long-tailed Macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*)
Seen BRL and KR.

Pig-tailed Macaque (*Macaca nemestrina*)
Seen BRL and KR.

Bornean Gibbon (*Hylobates muelleri*)
Often heard DV but never seen.

Orang-utan (*Pongo pygmaeus*)
1 female by cabins and 1 female Segama trail, BRL. 1 old male seen very well at Gomantong Caves.

Giant squirrel (*Ratufa affinis*)
I seen Entrance Road BRL.

Kinabalu Squirrel (*Callosciurus baluensis*)
Seen Kiau View Trail MKNP.

Prevost's squirrel (*Callosciurus prevostii*)
Seen BRL and KR.

Whitehead's Pygmy Squirrel (*Exilisciurus whiteheadi*)
Seen Kiau View trail MKNP.

Plain Pygmy Squirrel (*Exilisciurus exilis*)
Seen DV and KR.

Red Giant Flying Squirrel (*Petaurista petaurista*)
A few seen nightdrive BRL.

Ferret-Badger (*Melogale personata*)
Seen nightdrive BRL.

Oriental Small-clawed Otter (*Aonyx cinerea*)
A group seen at main trail DVFC.

Binturong (*Arctictis binturong*)
Seen high up in canopy night-walk DVFC.

Common Palm-Civet (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*)
Seen night-drive BRL.

Bearded Pig (*Sus barbatus*)
A group seen entrance road BRL.

Bornean Yellow muntjak (*Muntiacus atherodes*)
1 seen main trail DVFC.

Sambar Deer (*Cervus unicolor*)
1 seen when approaching DVFC.