

Cambodia

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Angkor Wat

General

This was a combined birding and family trip to Cambodia over the Chinese New Year. The country has in the recent years become a must go destination for serious Asian birders and I also took the opportunity to take my family to see the famous Angkor Wat temples. For the birding part, Joakim Hammar (Sweden/Hong Kong) and Chris Gladwin (Australia/Singapore) joined. The birding was brilliant and for most parts the logistics ran very smoothly.

Highlights

There are at least two major reasons for a birder to do the pilgrimage trip to Cambodia, namely Giant and White-shouldered Ibises. Besides seeing both these, we were fortunate to see some of the most rare Asian water birds like Greater Adjutant, Milky Stork and Spot-billed Pelican and the impressive Bengal Floricans. Last and not least we also had fantastic views of the localized Mekong Wagtail. Apart from the birds, there were two other things that also deserve mentioning: the impressive temples at Angkor Wat, which is a must see for any world traveler and of course the pair of Irrawaddy River Dolphins that fed close to our boat.

Itinerary

Fri 4/2

Together with my family we left Beijing with Vietnam Airlines in the afternoon for a flight to Hanoi. Checked in at hotel Galaxy in the old town and had a late snack.

Sat 5/2

Sightseeing in the old parts of Hanoi and then an afternoon flight to Siem Reap in Cambodia. No visa prearranged so we sorted it out fairly quickly at the airport (20 USD/person) and then took a taxi to the pre-booked Angkor Wat Resort.

Sun 6/2

Left the hotel at 7.30 for sightseeing at the nearby temples at Angkor Wat. Spent the whole morning wandering around the core temples until it was time for lunch and the kids were fed up with temples, stories and rocks. Had siesta by the poolside until 15.00 when Chris Gladwin arrived from Singapore. Together we went back to the temples and visited the killer application of the area, Angkor Wat itself. Truly impressive and we had a great time wandering around this gem of Asian history. In the evening we climbed a nearby hill for views of the sunset.

Mon 7/2

Another day at the temples, much to the disappointment of the kids, who had preferred staying by the pool. This time we drove to an entirely different area. More temples, but also some birds in the form of Hill Mynas and Red-breasted Parakeets. In the late morning we visited one of the most over-grown temples Ta Phrom, which besides Angkor Wat itself is the most impressive temple of all. This area also had more surrounding forest and thus more birds. Lunch-time siesta at the pool before a final temple-trip in the afternoon. In the evening Joakim Hammar arrived from Hong Kong, so by now we were a full crew set for some good birding.

Tue 8/2

Bjorn, Chris and Joakim left Siem Reap in the very early morning and drove to the jetty at Tonle Sap for a full day on the lake and the wetlands at Prek Toal. At dawn at around 6.00 we boarded a speedboat that took us across the huge lake. First we passed a floating village on the way out to the open lake. Lots of swallows and Whiskered Terns flew around us and after almost one hour we approached the other floating village called Prek Toal. There we duly signed in for a visit to the nearby wildlife sanctuary. We boarded a smaller speedboat that took us half an hour along the shoreline until we drove up a smaller river to a tiny fishing village. The local fishermen adjusted a small paddleboat for us and we were soon paddling upriver in search of some key species. Lesser Adjutant was soon bagged to Joakim's relief. The greater model was more difficult to sort out and it took us several hours of paddling until we eventually reached platform number two. There we climbed a bamboo-ladder to a platform built in the top of the tree. We could overlook some fantastic stork-colonies and it did not take long until some soaring Greater Adjutants were logged. The hoped for Milky Stork breeds only with three pairs, but unfortunately they were not yet sitting on their nests so it took some scanning until one and later another one was picked out among the hundreds of soaring Painted Storks. Satisfied we returned down-river, now having the first core birds under the belt. We now did a reverse boat-changing trip and arrived back in Siem Reap in the evening for a quick dinner. At this stage our driver for the next few days had arrived and we boarded the jeep and drove on good roads for 2.5 hours to Khompong Thom.



Painted Stork and Asian Openbills

Wed 9/2

We left the hotel in Khompong Thom at 5.30 in the morning for a 40 km drive back towards Siem Reap. Then we turned southwest on a small dirt road that took us to some grassland, where we very quickly stumbled upon a male Bengal Florican sitting in the grass. We were soon treated to fantastic views of both males and females in flight as well as on the ground. In the early morning one male even put in a display jump. We spent a couple of hours birding in this habitat before we had to leave and go back to Khompong Thom. After a quick lunch we headed north and the hard-faced road very quickly became an extremely bumpy dirt road. It took us some six hours before we reached the provincial town of Preah Vihear, i.e. Tbeng Meanchey. GSM phone coverage and two roundabouts were surprise finds in this remote part of the world. After having picked up an English-speaking guide, Hong, at the WCS office, we continued north in the late afternoon. A fruiting tree with Orange-breasted and Yellow-footed Pigeons was thoroughly enjoyed and it was not until dark when we arrived the extremely remote village of Tmat Baeuy. Here we checked in at the house of one of the local families and arranged our bamboo mattresses and mossie nets. Although we had been forewarned about mossies, we actually encountered extremely few at all.

Thur 10/2

Early pre-dawn start with high expectations on the forthcoming ibis-hunt. Looking for Giant and White-shouldered ibises may involve anything from a few to close to 40 km walk, checking any known trapaengs (small water-holes in the dry forest). After a five km walk we arrived at the first trapaeng and four Woolly-necked Storks took to their wings, but no ibises. A further few km and we were shown an active nest of a White-shouldered Ibis. Unfortunately we were only able to see its head sticking up, so not a very satisfactory view. After this we basically spent the rest of the entire day walking at good pace from one trapaeng to the other. Most were completely dried up and all in all we only found about eight with water during the whole day. At the heat of the day when the temperature was at 42 degrees, we had a short lunch-break in the shade of the guide's hut in the middle of the forest. At the end of the afternoon we were tired and disappointed and the guides told us that we had checked all known trapaengs. The last one we were told was the most likely one, but it had been invaded by cattle and a farmer, so definitely no ibises there either. In one of the last ones we had however found some fresh marks so considerations for the next day was made. By 17.00 we had to return back to the village and Chris felt extremely exhausted. He and two of the guides headed straight back to the village and Joakim and myself decided to take one guide and go to "one last" (there

seemed to be always one more...) trapaeng. Not long after we had split up, both Joakim and I saw a large bird flying up into a tree at some distance. Much to my surprise I found myself looking at a huge ibis with grey wings and grey head standing on a massive branch several hundred meters away! Within short it flew up together with some more ibises and called loudly. Perseverance really paid off and we were now worried that Chris had not seen them, although we judged that he definitely must have been reasonably close to where the ibises had flown. We continued our walk towards the last trapaeng we were heading for and suddenly we flushed the same ibis flock again, now at very close range. After some flying back and forth they headed away from us and fortunately in the direction of where Chris should be. Not long after, we actually bumped into him and it turned out that he had been standing right underneath them and had had excellent views! By now, the walk back to the village felt much easier and just before dusk we made a stop at another nest of White-shouldered Ibis. It seemed empty, but it did not take long before we heard them calling and soon located three birds flying low over the forest. Fortunately they landed in full view and we were treated to good scope views. The rest of the walk back was like a walk in the park, although we had to do the last bit in darkness. Altogether a fantastic day, having logged two of the rarest ibises in the world. The fact that it had taken 13 hours of solid walking (minus some short birding stops) in baking sun was soon to be forgotten.



Two distant flying Giant Ibises

Fri 11/2

With the pressure from the ibises now off, we spent the morning birding in the forest along the access road to the village. Much the same birds as yesterday, with the exception of a small party of the seldom-seen Pale-capped Pigeon flying straight overhead. Our original car had left for a repair in town already yesterday and had not gotten back in the evening. Rumors told us that a new car would arrive in the late morning and in fact that was exactly what happened. We then drove to Tbeng Meanchey for an early lunch and also picked up an armed (AK47) policeman for the next leg on our trip. The plan was to go to Chhep and visit the vulture restaurant that we had prearranged with WCS. The target species was Slender-billed Vulture that was supposed to frequent the dead cow that we had bought. After crossing the first river we soon got stuck in the sand. The driver seemed to get less enthusiastic about this trip and this was further emphasized when we got stuck a second time. In addition to this we also passed an area where they were clearing landmines along the road. By now the driver had had enough and refused to drive any further. We had gotten only 13 km out of the expected 80! As we were still within GSM coverage, Joakim desperately spent some time on the phone with the ground

agent. After some serious discussions about the situation, the driver won the debate with 1-6. Everyone (ground agent, interpreter, AK47-guy and us) was convinced that it was ok to continue, but the driver said the bushes along the road may scratch the car so he still refused to continue. We quickly contemplated the alternatives we had on hand and decided to go for a dash trip to Kratie with Mekong Wagtail instead. Therefore we spent the rest of the day driving back to Khompong Thom, stopping in the late afternoon at a decent patch of forest. In Khompong Thom we had dinner and then continued for another couple of hours to Khompong Cham, where we stayed at a hotel next to the Mekong River.

Sat 12/2

We left Khompong Cham pre-dawn and drove on good roads to Kratie which took 2.5 hours. About 15 km north of Kratie is the place where boats can be arranged to go looking for river dolphins. To birders this site is however more known as a convenient site for seeing the recently described Mekong Wagtail. It did not take us more than a few minutes to arrange a boatman who knew about the wagtail and we were soon cruising among the small bush-covered sandy islets in the river. Having first seen a couple of leucopsis White Wagtails it was then time for the real one and we eventually had fantastic views of a displaying pair. Furthermore, a pair of dolphins put in a good show close to the boat.

An interrogation with the boatman yielded in him telling us about a site for Asian Golden Weaver. In the heat of the day we made the 2 km walk to the site, although the weavers were not to be seen so the guide had to be content with only the fixed part of the fee. After a lunch in Kratie we spent the rest of the afternoon in the northwestern corner of the lake that is located immediately to the southeast of town. Good birding, but not the weavers we had hoped for.

By now it was time to drive back to Khompong Cham in the dark. The drive was uneventful with the exception of a rock thrown at our car. Needless to say, we did not stop to whip the ass off any potential bandit.

Sun 13/2

Relatively speaking we had a bit of a lie-in this morning until we hit the road and the two hours drive to Pnomh Penh. We went straight to the Foreign Correspondents Club for a brunch and a view over the Mekong River. By midday it was time for myself to leave for the airport and fly to Viet Nam and catch up with my family for the more relaxed part of the vacation. Joakim and Chris also left for their respective destinations later in the day.

Weather

During the entire stay the weather was very stable with clear sky and hot or very hot during the middle of the day.

Logistics

We booked our logistics in advance and it turned out to be a very successful set-up. For Tonle Sap we used OSMOSE and for the rest of the trip we used Monsoon Tours. Each of these can be contacted at following addresses.

OSMOSE can arrange trips to Tonle Sap as well as ATT (for Sarus Cranes):
Nathalie Nivot-Goes, Project Coordinator, Osmose Conservation, Education, Ecotourism
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Site descriptions

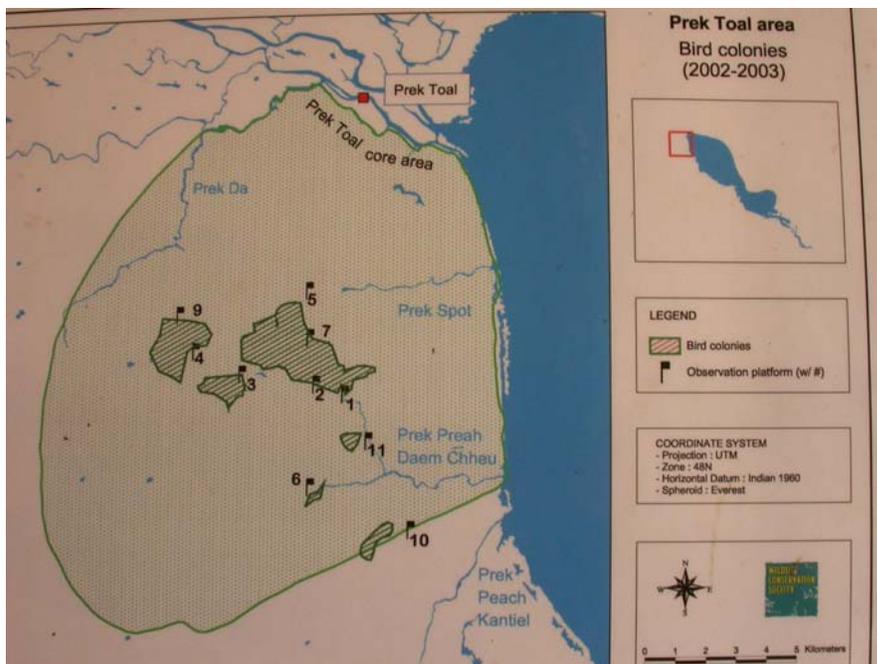
During the very quick dash to this fascinating country, we only visited four main sites.

Angkor Wat

The temples around Angkor Wat are mostly situated very close to Siem Reap, which has an international airport. We stayed at a fairly high-class hotel called Angkor Wat Resort, which was much appreciated by the kids as it had a nice pool for the siestas. Over the last few years there have popped up lots of fancy hotels and guesthouses and the best way is probably to surf the web. To go to the temple areas is very easy and could be arranged with any kind of transport depending on your wish. We had a taxi/guide through the hotel for two days and paid 25 USD for the car/day and the same amount for the guide. This was probably 5 USD over the market price on the street. From a birding perspective, there is no special reason to go to Angkor Wat, but to go to Cambodia and not visit, would be like going to Cuzco and skip Macchu Picchu. We were glad we spent two days in order to explore the temples we wanted, although if really short of time the major ones could be covered in a day. My personal favorite ones are Angkor Wat and Ta Phrom.

Prek Toal, Tonle Sap

Tonle Sap is the largest lake in Southeast Asia and is a shallow lake very rich in fish. During the wet season, the lake increases dramatically in size due to the floods. Near the floating village of Prek Toal, there is an extensive wildlife sanctuary that has huge numbers of waterbirds. Key species are Spot-billed Pelican (very common), Open-billed Stork (very common), Lesser Adjutant (almost 100 pairs), Greater Adjutant (about 20 pairs), Milky Stork (3 pairs). Besides these, there is a good selection of herons, cormorants, Grey-headed Fish-Eagle, etc. We paddled up Prek Preah Daern Chheu all the way to platform 2. Note that it takes a lot of time to paddle and later in the season the lake might have dried up so you would need to walk in the mud in order to reach the wanted spots.



Grasslands northwest of Khompong Thom

Bengal Floricans still occur at some sites on the Tonle Sap floodplain around Khompong Thom. We went to an area of grasslands some 40 km northwest of KT and were treated to mega-views of this endangered bustard. To us it seemed questionable how long these grasslands will remain in the future, as they seemed totally enclosed by rice-fields.

Preah Vihear

A remote part of Cambodia and a province that needs to be visited in order to see the two rare ibises, Giant and White-shouldered. The main town is Tbeng Meanchey, which is some 120 km north of Khompong Thom. The road is all gravel and most of the part very bumpy and takes about 6 hours to cover. Tbeng Meanchey has guesthouses, a few restaurants and also GSM coverage. A little more than 20 km (1.5-2 hours!) north/northwest of Tbeng Meanchey is Tmat Baeuy, a small village of some 800 people. This is the village where we stayed for two nights. Visiting birders are strongly encouraged to contact WCS (see above for contact details) before visiting this village, as there is an on-going joint project between the village and WCS in order to save the ibises.

North of Khompong Thom, the road leads through a seemingly good patch of forest that could be further explored.

Kratie

Kratie is a small town on the east side of the mighty Mekong River. It takes about 2.5-3 hours to drive on good roads from Khompong Cham, which itself is about 2 hours drive from Pnomh Penh. It should also be possible to go from PP to Kratie by speedboat. Kratie is well known as a reliable site for the rare Mekong subspecies of the Irrawaddy River Dolphin. In order to see the dolphins, one has to go by boat from a small jetty some 15 km north of Kratie. The advantage for birders is that this may also be the easiest place to connect with the Mekong Wagtail. Immediately southeast of the town is a rather large reed- and bush-fringed lake, which is supposed to yield Asian Golden Weaver. The road between the jetty and the town passes along the river and we saw several Small Pratincoles on the far shore.



View over Mekong River and breeding habitat of Mekong Wagtail

Some coordinates that might be useful for visiting birders:

N13°08.492, E103°38.917

N12°42.766, E104°53.315

N13°47.995, E104°58.807

N13°58.531, E104°53.066

N12°38.351, E106°01.082

Platform 2, Prek Toal, Tonle Sap

Hotel in Khompong Thom

WCS office in Tbeng Meanchey

“Ibis village” Tmat Baeuy

Mekong Wagtail site in the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie

Birds

Subspecies have been assigned mostly based on literature references rather than actual field characters.

Little Grebe, *Tachybaptus ruficollis poggei*
Five at Angkor Wat.

Spot-billed Pelican, *Pelecanus philippensis*
500+ at Prek Toal.



Spot-billed Pelicans

Indian Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*
Very common at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.



Indian Cormorants

Great Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax carbo sinensis*
100s at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Little Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax niger*
Two at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and five at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Darter, *Anhinga melanogaster*
Very common at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and one at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Gray Heron, *Ardea cinerea jouyi*
50+ at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and one at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Purple Heron, *Ardea purpurea manilensis*
20 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Great Egret, *Ardea alba modestus*
100s at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and two at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Intermediate Egret, *Egretta intermedia intermedia*

Ten at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and ten at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta garzetta*

Very common at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and 50 at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Chinese Pond-Heron, *Ardeola bacchus*

Very common at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and common at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie. Some birds at Prek Toal could maybe have been Javan Pond-Heron, *Ardeola speciosa*.

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis coromanda*

Common in most areas.

Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus javanicus*

20 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

50 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Yellow Bittern, *Ixobrychus sinensis*

5-8 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Black Bittern, *Ixobrychus flavicollis flavicollis*

Two at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Milky Stork, *Mycteria cinerea*

Two soaring nicely at platform 2 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap. One of the highlights of the day at this fantastic sanctuary.



Milky Stork

Painted Stork, *Mycteria leucocephala*

300+ at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.



Painted Stork

Asian Openbill, *Anastomus oscitans*
500+ at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.



Asian Openbill

Woolly-necked Stork, *Ciconia episcopus episcopus*
4 + 1 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Lesser Adjutant, *Leptoptilos javanicus*

20+ at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap, two at Khompong Thom and one at Preah Vihear.



Lesser Adjutant

Greater Adjutant, *Leptoptilos dubius*

5-6 at platform 2 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap. Some of these were distant birds soaring and standing, but also two soaring nicely at close range.



Greater Adjutant (flying right!)

Black-headed Ibis, *Threskiornis melanocephalus*
Three at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

White-shouldered Ibis, *Pseudibis davisoni*

1+3 at Preah Vihear.



White-shouldered Ibis

Giant Ibis, *Pseudibis gigantea*

Seven at Preah Vihear.

Lesser Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna javanica*

100 at Kratie.

Cotton Pygmy-goose, *Nettapus coromandelianus coromandelianus*

Five at Angkor Wat.

Spot-billed Duck, *Anas poecilorhyncha haringtoni*

Two at Khompong Thom and four at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Osprey, *Pandion haliaetus haliaetus*

Two at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Oriental Honey-buzzard, *Pernis ptilorhynchus ruficollis/orientalis*

Two at Preah Vihear.

Black-shouldered Kite, *Elanus caeruleus vociferus*

3-4 at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie and one at Khompong Thom.

Brahminy Kite, *Haliastur indus indus*

Five at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Gray-headed Fish-Eagle, *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*

Three at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Crested Serpent-Eagle, *Spilornis cheela burmanicus*

Two along the road and four at Preah Vihear.

Eastern Marsh-Harrier, *Circus spilonotus spilonotus*

20 at Khompong Thom.

Crested Goshawk, *Accipiter trivirgatus indicus*

Two pairs at Angkor Wat.

Shikra, *Accipiter badius poliopsis*

Several at Siem Reap and along the road north to Tbeng Meanchey.

Rufous-winged Buzzard, *Butastur liventer*

Common at Preah Vihear.

Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus ssp*

One at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Chinese Francolin, *Francolinus pintadeanus phayrei*

20 at Preah Vihear.

Red Junglefowl, *Gallus gallus gallus*

20 at forest between Khompong Thom and Tbeng Meanchey.

Small Buttonquail, *Turnix sylvatica davidi*

Three at Khompong Thom.

[Yellow-legged Buttonquail, *Turnix tanki*

One probable at Preah Vihear.]

White-breasted Waterhen, *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Two at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap by Chris.

[Ruddy-breasted Crake, *Porzana fusca* ssp

Presumably this species heard commonly at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.]

Purple Swamphen, *Porphyrio porphyrio viridis*

5-8 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Common Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus chloropus*

Five at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Bengal Florican, *Houbaropsis bengalensis blandini*

12 at Khompong Thom.



Bengal Floricans

Bronze-winged Jacana, *Metopidius indicus*

Two at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and 5-8 at Kratie.

Small Pratincole, *Glareola lactea*

Five at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Red-wattled Lapwing, *Vanellus indicus atronuchalis*

Three singles at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and a pair at Kratie.

Pacific Golden-Plover, *Pluvialis fulva*

Four at Khompong Thom.

Little Ringed Plover, *Charadrius dubius curonicus/jerdoni*

One at Khompong Thom by Chris, 3-4 at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie and two at Kratie.

Pintail Snipe, *Gallinago stenura*

25 at Khompong Thom.

Common Snipe, *Gallinago gallinago gallinago*

One at Khompong Thom and ten at Kratie.

Common Greenshank, *Tringa nebularia*

17 at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Wood Sandpiper, *Tringa glareola*

One at Khompong Thom and one at Kratie.

Common Sandpiper, *Actitis hypoleucos*

One at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie by Chris.

Brown-headed Gull, *Larus brunnicapillus*

100+ at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Caspian Tern, *Sterna caspia*

Four at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie and one at Phnom Penh.

Whiskered Tern, *Chlidonias hybridus swinhoei*

1000s at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and all around Tonle Sap. About 100 at Phnom Penh.

Pale-capped Pigeon, *Columba punicea*

Four flew right over us at Preah Vihear on the last morning in the area.

Red Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia tranquebarica humilis*

Five at Preah Vihear.

Spotted Dove, *Streptopelia chinensis tigrina*

Common.

Emerald Dove, *Chalcophaps indica indica*

20 at the forest between Khompong Thom and Tbeng Meanchey.

Orange-breasted Pigeon, *Treron bicincta bicincta*

Ten in a fruiting tree north of Tbeng Meanchey.



Orange-breasted Pigeon (and Yellow-footed in the background)

Yellow-footed Pigeon, *Treron phoenicoptera annamensis*

Six in the same fruiting tree as previous species north of Tbeng Meanchey. Two at Preah Vihear by Joakim.



Yellow-footed Pigeon

Alexandrine Parakeet, *Psittacula eupatria siamensis*

One pair at Angkor Wat, one at Preah Vihear and another one by Joakim at Preah Vihear.

Blossom-headed Parakeet, *Psittacula roseate juneae*
Around 50 at Preah Vihear.



Blossom-headed Parakeet

Red-breasted Parakeet, *Psittacula alexandri fasciata*
Around 50 at Angkor Wat and common at Preah Vihear.

Indian Cuckoo, *Cuculus micropterus concretus*
One heard at Preah Vihear.

Plaintive Cuckoo, *Cacomantis merulinus querulus*
One at Kratie.

Asian Koel, *Eudynamys scolopacea chinensis*
Five at Preah Vihear.

Green-billed Malkoha, *Phaenicophaeus tristis longicaudatus*
One or two at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and one at Kratie.

Greater Coucal, *Centropus sinensis intermedius*
One at Angkor Wat, 20 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and five at Preah Vihear.

Brown Wood-Owl, *Strix leptogrammica laotiana*
One recently fledged juvenile on the ground in a dry stream at Preah Vihear.



Juvenile Brown Wood-Owl

Asian Barred Owlet, *Glaucidium cuculoides deignani*
Two at Preah Vihear.

Savanna Nightjar, *Caprimulgus affinis monticolus*
One flushed several times east of the small lake east of the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Brown-backed Needletail, *Hirundapus giganteus indicus*
Two probably of this species at Angkor Wat. Ten along the road between Khompong Thom and Tbeng Meanchey.

Asian Palm-Swift, *Cypsiurus balasiensis infumatus*
Common.

German's Swiftlet, *Collocalia germani germani* ?

A few along the road between Khompong Thom and Kratie and also around Kratie. The identification to species shall be seen as tentative.

Crested Treeswift, *Hemiprocne coronata*

Common at Preah Vihear.

Common Kingfisher, *Alcedo atthis bengalensis*

One at Angkor Wat, 10-20 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and a few at Kratie.

White-throated Kingfisher, *Halcyon smyrnensis fusca*

One along the road between Preah Vihear and Tbeng Meanchey, and two at Kratie.

Black-capped Kingfisher, *Halcyon pileata*

One at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Pied Kingfisher, *Ceryle rudis leucomelanura*

One at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie by Joakim and one at Kratie.

Green Bee-eater, *Merops orientalis ferrugineiceps*

20+ at Preah Vihear and five at Kratie.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater, *Merops philippinus*

Six at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and 15 at Kratie.



Blue-tailed Bee-eater

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, *Merops leschenaulti leschenaulti*

Two at Preah Vihear.

Indian Roller, *Coracias benghalensis affinis*

Common at Preah Vihear.

Dollarbird, *Eurystomus orientalis orientalis*

One at Angkor Wat.

Eurasian Hoopoe, *Upupa epops longirostris*

10 at Preah Vihear.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill, *Anthracoceros albirostris albirostris*

Two south of Tbeng Meanchey.

Lineated Barbet, *Megalaima lineata lineata*

Five at Angkor Wat and common at Preah Vihear.

Coppersmith Barbet, *Megalaima haemacephala indica*

Five at Angkor Wat.

Gray-capped Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos canicapillus delacouri*

5+ at Preah Vihear.

Rufous Woodpecker, *Celeus brachyurus annamensis*

One probably this species at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap. One at Preah Vihear.

Greater Yellownape, *Picus flavinucha pierrei*

One at Preah Vihear.

Streak-throated Woodpecker, *Picus xanthopygaeus*

One at Preah Vihear.

Black-headed Woodpecker, *Picus erythropygius erythropygius*
Six of this good-looking woodpecker seen at Preah Vihear.



Black-headed Woodpecker

Common Flameback, *Dinopium javanense intermedium*
7-8 at Preah Vihear. Also one unidentified goldenbacked woodpecker at platform 2 at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

Indochinese Bushlark, *Mirafraga erythrocephala*
Two at Khompong Thom, one at Preah Vihear and two at Kratie.

Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia* ssp
Many over Tonle Sap. Not diluta.

Plain Martin, *Riparia paludicola chinensis*
20 at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica* ssp
Common.

Red-rumped Swallow, *Cecropis daurica* ssp
Common at Preah Vihear.

Asian Martin, *Delichon dasypus* ssp
Three at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap by Joakim.

White Wagtail, *Motacilla alba leucopsis*
Two on the sandy islands at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Mekong Wagtail, *Motacilla samveasnae*
One pair and a single male at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie. All were seen straight out from the small jetty, i.e. involving a very short boat trip.



Mekong Wagtail

Eastern Yellow Wagtail, *Motacilla tschutschensis macronyx*
Five at Khompong Thom. One at Kratie by Chris was probably *tschutschensis*.

Oriental Pipit, *Anthus rufulus malayensis*

10 at Kratie. Several unidentified large pipits at Khompong Thom may have been this species.

Olive-backed Pipit, *Anthus hodgsoni yunnanensis*

20 at Preah Vihear.

Red-throated Pipit, *Anthus cervinus*

Five at Khompong Thom and five at Kratie.

Large Cuckoo-shrike, *Coracina macei siamensis*

Two along the road between Khompong Thom and Tbeng Meanchey.

Indochinese Cuckoo-shrike, *Coracina polioptera polioptera*

4-5 at Preah Vihear.



Indochinese Cuckoo-Shrike

Small Minivet, *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus sacerdos*

10+ at Preah Vihear.

Gray-chinned Minivet, *Pericrocotus solaris nassovicus*

Common at Preah Vihear.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, *Hemipus picatus picatus*

One along the road between Khompong Thom and Tbeng Meanchey, and two at Preah Vihear by Chris & Joakim.

Black-headed Bulbul, *Pycnonotus atriceps atriceps*

Two at Angkor Wat and another 50 by Chris at Angkor Wat.

Black-crested Bulbul, *Pycnonotus melanicterus johnsoni*

Two at Angkor Wat. One in the forest between Khompong Thom and Tbeng Meanchey.

Red-whiskered Bulbul, *Pycnonotus jocosus pattani*

A few at Angkor Wat.

Sooty-headed Bulbul, *Pycnonotus aurigaster germani*

Common at Preah Vihear and a few at Kratie.

Stripe-throated Bulbul, *Pycnonotus finlaysoni eous*

One in the forest between Khompong Thom and Tbeng Meanchey.

Yellow-vented Bulbul, *Pycnonotus goiavier jambu*

Two at Kratie. Also seen at Siem Reap by Chris.

Streak-eared Bulbul, *Pycnonotus blanfordi conradi*

Two at Angkor Wat. Two at Kratie.

Golden-fronted Leafbird, *Chloropsis aurifrons inornata*

Four at Preah Vihear.

Common Iora, *Aegithina tiphia cambodiana*

Ten at Preah Vihear.

Blue Rock-Thrush, *Monticola solitarius philippensis*

Two at Kratie and one at Khompong Cham.

- Blue Whistling-Thrush, *Myophonus caeruleus caeruleus*
One at Angkor Wat. Black-billed.
- Zitting Cisticola, *Cisticola juncidis tinnabulans/malayus*
Common at Khompong Thom and a few at Kratie.
- Rufescent Prinia, *Prinia rufescens objurgans*
Common at Preah Vihear and three at Kratie.
- Yellow-bellied Prinia, *Prinia flaviventris delacouri*
Several at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.
- Pallas' Grasshopper Warbler, *Locustella certhiola* ssp
Two at Khompong Thom by Joakim and Chris. Three at Kratie.
- Black-browed Reed-Warbler, *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*
Common at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and three at Kratie.
- Oriental Reed-Warbler, *Acrocephalus orientalis*
Two at Kratie.
- Dark-necked Tailorbird, *Orthotomus atrogularis nitidus*
One at Angkor Wat.
- Dusky Warbler, *Phylloscopus fuscatus* ssp
Frequently heard at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap. Common at Kratie.
- Radde's Warbler, *Phylloscopus schwarzi*
Two at Preah Vihear.
- Yellow-browed Warbler, *Phylloscopus inornatus*
Common in most areas.
- Greenish Warbler, *Phylloscopus trochiloides* ssp
One heard at Preah Vihear.
- Striated Grassbird, *Megalurus palustris toklao*
One at Khompong Thom by Joakim and two at Kratie.



Striated Grassbird

- Asian Brown Flycatcher, *Muscicapa dauurica* ssp
Three at Angkor Wat and one at Preah Vihear.
- Taiga Flycatcher, *Ficedula albicilla*
One at Angkor Wat and 10+ at Preah Vihear.
- Bluethroat, *Luscinia svecica* ssp
Common at Khompong Thom and two at Kratie.
- Oriental Magpie-Robin, *Copsychus saularis erimelas*
Two heard at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and one at Preah Vihear.
- White-rumped Shama, *Copsychus malabaricus interpositus*
Two at Preah Vihear.

Siberian Stonechat, *Saxicola maurus*

Common at Khompong Thom and a few at Kratie.

Pied Bushchat, *Saxicola caprata burmanica*

10+ at Preah Vihear and two at Khompong Thom.

White-throated Fantail, *Rhipidura albicollis cinerascens*

Three at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap.

White-browed Fantail, *Rhipidura aureola burmanica*

Five at Preah Vihear.

Black-naped Monarch, *Hypothymis azurea styani*

One at Preah Vihear.

White-crested Laughingthrush, *Garrulax leucolophus diardi*

Two small groups at Preah Vihear and ten at the forest between Khompong Thom and Tbeng Meanchey.

Striped Tit-Babbler, *Macronous gularis saraburiensis*

Two at Angkor Wat by Chris.

Great Tit, *Parus major templorum*

One at Preah Vihear.

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, *Chalcoparia singalensis koratensis*

Four at Angkor Wat by Chris.

Plain-throated Sunbird, *Anthreptes malacensis malacensis*

One at Angkor Wat.

Purple Sunbird, *Cinnyris asiaticus intermedia*

Common at Preah Vihear.

Olive-backed Sunbird, *Cinnyris jugularis flammixillaris*

One at Preah Vihear.

Black-naped Oriole, *Oriolus chinensis diffusus*

Five at Angkor Wat and five at Preah Vihear.

Black-hooded Oriole, *Oriolus xanthornus xanthornus*

Common at Preah Vihear.

Brown Shrike, *Lanius cristatus ssp (not lucionensis)*

Three at Angkor Wat, two at Preah Vihear and two at Kratie.

Burmese Shrike, *Lanius collurioides collurioides*

10+ at Preah Vihear.



Burmese Shrike

Common Woodshrike, *Tephrodornis pondicerianus orientis*

Common at Preah Vihear.

Black Drongo, *Dicurus macrocercus thai*

Common, especially 200+ going for a night roost at Kratie.

Ashy Drongo, *Dicurus leucophaeus bondi*

One at Angkor Wat and five at Preah Vihear.

Hair-crested Drongo, *Dicrurus hottentottus hottentottus*
One north of Tbeng Meanchey.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, *Dicrurus paradiseus paradiseus*
Three at Preah Vihear.

Blue Magpie, *Urocissa erythrorhyncha magnirostris*
Four at Preah Vihear.

Rufous Treepie, *Dendrocitta vagabunda sakeratensis*
Five at Preah Vihear.

Racket-tailed Treepie, *Crypsirina temia*
One at Kratie by Joakim.

Large-billed Crow, *Corvus macrorhynchos macrorhynchos*
40+ at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap, a few at Preah Vihear and one at Kratie.

Common Hill Myna, *Gracula religiosa intermedia*
Five at Angkor Wat. Two north of Tbeng Meanchey by Joakim.

White-vented Myna, *Acridotheres grandis*
A few at Angkor Wat, several at Prek Toal, Tonle Sap and common at Kratie.

Common Myna, *Acridotheres tristis tristis*
Common at Angkor Wat, Kratie and Khompong Cham.

Vinous-breasted Starling, *Acridotheres burmannicus leucocephalus*
Three at Preah Vihear.

Black-collared Starling, *Gracupica nigricollis*
Three at Angkor Wat and common at Preah Vihear.

Chestnut-tailed Starling, *Sturnia malabarica nemoricola*
Two at Preah Vihear by Joakim.

Plain-backed Sparrow, *Passer flaveolus*
10+ at Kratie.

House Sparrow, *Passer domesticus ssp*
Three at Tonle Sap jetty.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow, *Passer montanus malaccensis*
A few at Angkor Wat and one at Kratie.

Red Avadavat, *Amandava amandava punicea*
50 at Khompong Thom.

White-rumped Munia, *Lonchura striata subsquamicollis*
Five at Khompong Thom and 20 at Kratie.

Nutmeg Mannikin, *Lonchura punctulata topela*
Five at Kratie.

Mammals

Irrawaddy River Dolphin
2+1 seen at close range at the Mekong River 15 km north of Kratie.

Deer sp
One small deer seen at Preah Vihear.

Miscellaneous rats, bats and squirrels seen, but not identified.