

Thailand

(with short notes on Laos)

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General

This was a combined family holiday and birding trip. We started off with a few days of general sightseeing around Luang Prabang in Laos before travelling south to well-known Khao Lak in peninsular Thailand. From there I made one half-day birding venture to Khao Sok National Park as well as the pilgrimage trip to Similan Island for the long-awaited Nicobar Pigeon. At the end of the trip I stayed on for a few more extra days and went to Khao Yai in order to pick up a few so-far missed birds. This proved highly successful and I managed to see the targeted Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo, Siamese Fireback, Eared Pitta as well as an incredibly nice sighting of Oriental Bay-Owl. In addition to these I also encountered goodies such as Blue Pitta, Scaly-breasted Partridge and a selection of hornbills, barbets, etc.



Myself (left) and displaying Siamese Fireback (the flapping guy to the right)

Itinerary

23/12

We left Beijing in the early evening and arrived at Bangkok around 22.00 local time and quickly transferred to a nearby hotel.

24/12

In the morning we took a short range flight from Bangkok to Luang Prabang in Lao's People Democratic Republic. At the local airport we swiftly arrange an open-air taxi that took us to our pre-booked hotel near the centre of town. Town is actually a bit of an exaggeration as it turned out that it was possible to walk all around the centre in less than an hour. This however suited us perfectly and we thoroughly enjoyed the restaurants, cafes and small shops. Especially the restaurants along the Mekong river were perfectly set for a dinner at sunset. The fusion of French and Asian food was apparent and made for good quality and taste.

25/12

We left Luang Prabang at 8.00 in the morning with a slow-boat up-river the Mekong. The air was rather cool and a mist was covering the river and valleys. After 2 hours and 25 km we reached the Pak Ou cave that was the destination of the day. A couple of limestone caves filled with hundreds of Buddha statues. Along the way we also visited four riverside villages in order to have lunch, stretch our legs as well as playing along with the dude tourist herds. By 16.00 we were back in Luang Prabang and strolled along the riverfront until dusk when we had a Laotian BBQ. The day had been almost completely birdless, and in spite of traveling along seemingly decent secondary habbo next to

the river, there were just NO birds heard nor seen. Not even the looked-for White-eyed River-Martin showed up ;-). The avifauna was even more impoverished than the Chinese countryside, which says a lot.

26/12

The entire day was spent doing next to nothing in Luang Prabang, enjoying the cafes and good food.

27/12

This day we went for a trekk in the hills about half an hour's drive from Luang Prabang. Most of the walk was through secondary scrub and the only larger trees were along the river. Some common birds showed their presence, but nothing to race my heart.

28/12

After spending the first half of the day in Luang Prabang, we took the afternoon flight to Bangkok for another connection to Phuket. In the late evening we arrived our hotel in Khao Lak.

29/12

A lazy day by the poolside and at the beach.

30/12

Yet another lazy day...

31/12

Today I was finally in for some birding again. At 5.00 I left the hotel for a one hour drive to Khao Sok National Park to the northeast of Khao Lak. I birded this area until lunchtime, when I returned to Khao Lak for some New Year celebration preparations.

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We were starting the new year with yes, that's right: another lazy day.

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And yet another one of those days...

3/1

The last day in the south and eventually it was time to chip in one of the target birds: Nicobar Pigeon. When we were in the area 14 years ago, we were not able to go to Similan Islands because of lack of boats. This time I was determined to go and arranged a boat to Island No 4. We left at 7.00 from the jetty and soon hit the choppy sea. After 1.5 hours of bumpy boat-ride we finally set foot on the island and I dashed off to the campground and found a big fat Nicko Pig walking around in the grass. In all honesty it was a bit Attenboroughish to see this relatively tricky species with such ease. While I was photographing it, my wife came to get me, as my boys had found some more Pigeons near the boat-landing beach. How easy can it get? Nevertheless, when I made another search in the same areas at midday, I did not find a sniff of them. Instead I found a photogenic Slaty-breasted Rail. After having enjoyed the beach-life and done some snorkeling, we returned to the mainland. This time the waves were a lot gentler due to our cruising direction, something that was much appreciated by at least one of my sons.



4/1

In the early morning we left the hotel at Khao Lak for a morning flight from Phuket to Bangkok. The family continued to Beijing, while I went to Khao Yai National Park instead. The plan was to find a few remaining target birds that I missed at my last visit 14 years ago. Being short of time I opted for hiring the local guide Nang to arrange for transportation and logistics and also guiding. After arrival at BKK airport, we were soon on our way to an area called Ban Bu Ton Road to look for Asian Golden Weaver. In the breeding season they should be straightforward to find, but at this time of the year they seem to be spread out and in spite of searching in three areas, we eventually gave up and continued to Khao Yai arriving about 15.30. We immediately checked out a few sites where the star bird Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo can be seen, but it never showed. Before dusk we also walked a few hundred meters on trail 6 and briefly saw a probable Eared Pitta fly across. In the evening we did some nocturnal birding and saw a small party of Gaur. The evening show was topped by an incredible Oriental Bay-Owl. After hearing two calling rather distantly in the forest, we walked in and finally had stunning views of one bird at close range doing its typical vertical trunk-hugging posture. Pure magic!

5/1

We left Khao Yai early and drove for 1.5 hours to Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve, where we arrived at the crack of dawn. The purpose for this side-trip was to watch Siamese Fireback that is especially confiding in this seldom-visited reserve. It did not take us long until we had found our target and we were soon surrounded by sometimes as many as seven male Firebacks displaying a point blank distance. This was almost unbelievable and some of the most amazing pheasant experiences I've ever had. After enjoying these birds for an eternity, we finally left them in peace, because we had another target in mind. White-rumped Falcon has eluded me at several places in SE Asia and we therefore decided to have a try at nearby Sap Suda National Park. Luck was not with me and we searched diligently for the entire day without and positive result. At dusk we returned to Khao Yai.



Unbelievable sight of Siamese Firebacks

6/1

This was the day for CBGC and in the very early morning I was positioned at a small garbage dump where it is sometimes seen. Nothing happened though and I had to go back to the usual camp-site. Within minutes after arriving, I learned that one was being seen behind the restaurant, which was not exactly where I was positioned. After an adrenalin-kicked rush to the restaurant I slowly sneaked up next to Nang who pointed out the Junglefowl which the CBGC was feeding together with. Another birder asked us what the large black-headed bird was that he was seeing. This birder stood next to me, but in spite of this I could not see it. This was frustration per definition! We then spent considerable time keeping track of the gully where the birds were supposed to be. It was however until ten o'clock when I was sitting alone behind the restaurant that I saw a large slow-moving bird with a pale grey back behind a large root-system. Sadly it disappeared as only forest birds can, and nothing more was seen. I sat and waited for another half hour when suddenly a CBGC decided to walk right out in the open in front of me! It was so close so that I could not raise my bins without flushing it. It just stood there for probably more than half a minute, judging whether I was a threat or not. We were both absolutely still until "the boy's" brain started to spin and it panicked, turned around and disappeared with the speed of light. I had nothing to complain about though and more than satisfied I started to work on a strategy to find an Eared Pitta.

I decided to walk up through the scrubby forest behind the small dam. This trail leads uphill and after about a km a trail to the right leads down to trail 6. Just where the shortcut trail connected to trail 6, I heard an Eared Pitta calling a couple of times, but too far away to be able to be located. I then slowly walked trail 6 back to the restaurant and had a nice encounter of a pair of Scaly-breasted Partridges. At the restaurant I recharged with a late lunch before moving back out on trail 6 again. When I was back the previously mentioned shortcut junction, which is where there is an exceptionally large tree with a giant root system, I heard some typical Pitta-leaf-tossing behind a large fallen trunk. Soon afterwards a female Eared Pitta was seen hopping away from me and disappearing behind a tree. It then just disappeared and in spite of extensive waiting and searching I could not find her or her mate again. Nevertheless, it was a most satisfying event after having heard the species several times before. On the way back I also stumbled upon a nice Blue Pitta.

7/1

I left Khao Yai National Park at 5.30 for a 1h15 drive to revisit Ban Bu Ton Road in a final attempt to look for Asian Golden Weaver. In 1.5 hours I did not see a single Weaver, so presumably they are off somewhere else at this time of the year. From Ban Bu Ton Road it was another hour to the airport.

Weather

Thailand in the winter means pleasant weather by definition. No complaints whatsoever.

Logistics

All flights and hotels were pre-booked as we thought it was a good idea due to the peak season. Even though I had been to Khao Yai once before, I decided to hire a guide to help me find my target birds. This proved highly successful as I could enjoy some normally not visited areas like Sakaerat and Sap Suda. The guide is named Nang and is a really good birding guide with extensive experience from guiding and birding in Khao Yai and to some extent also elsewhere in Thailand. She arranged all transportation to and from the airport, hotel and food. Nang can be contacted at nangguide@gmail.com or nang@thailandyourway.com.



Nang and co-workers

Site descriptions

Khao Sok National Park

I visited this national park during some morning hours without having any previous information at all. The park is only about one hour drive from Khao Lak and is therefore a good alternative for chipping in some decent birding during a family holiday. The park has essentially two trails leading from the HQ, where the entrance fee of 400 THB is paid. I arrived just before first light and the ticket office was open by then and they can provide maps of the area. I opted for the trail leading 7 km to Ton Cloy waterfall, which is a sort of jeep-track for the initial 2 km to a small visitor center selling drinks. Thereafter it is a narrow forest trail, which I only walked about 2 km in altogether. The forest is quite decent and looked primary on at least one side in the beginning and all over beyond the visitor center. From the HQ there is another trail leading to somewhere, which I never tried. I later learned that this would be better off for birding. At the HQ there are some large trees that were fruiting and thus held lots of bulbuls and flowerpeckers. Some of the local guides had seen one of my target birds, Scaly-breasted Bulbul earlier in the morning and also claimed that White-crowned Hornbill is sometimes seen.

Similan Islands

Similan Islands is a series of small islands to the west of Khao Lak. It is by divers regarded as a top-ten diving site and there are lots of boats going there every day. However, most (all?) of these boats are focused on snorkeling and diving and thus spend very little time on the key island (number 4) and furthermore only land there briefly in the afternoon when the chances for the Pigeons are seriously reduced. If time is no constraint, an overnight visit is probably highly recommended and should pose no problems as there are many multi day package trips. In order to maximize my chances of seeing the Pigeon, we chartered a speedboat and went straight to island No 4. The process of arranging the boat included some high level negotiation expertise with several tour agents in Khao Lak. Another option could be to just show up at the jetty and take it from there. Anyway, a site well worth visiting both for the Nicobar Pigeons and also for the snorkeling. I e.g. saw my first sea-snake ever.



First make sure to see the Nicobar Pigeons...



... then time for some relaxing...

Birds in Laos

Shikra, *Accipiter badius poliopsis*

One along the river near Luang Prabang.

Small Pratincole, *Glareola lactea*

Two near Pak Ou.

Little Ringed Plover, *Charadrius dubius jerdoni*

Three along the river between Luang Prabang and Pak Ou.

Common Sandpiper, *Actitis hypoleucos*

One along the river between Luang Prabang and Pak Ou.

Indochinese Swiftlet, *Aerodramus rogersi*

Around five near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Asian Palm-Swift, *Cypsiurus balasiensis infumatus*

A few over Luang Prabang and a few near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

White-throated Kingfisher, *Halcyon smyrnensis perpulchra*

One along the river between Luang Prabang and Pak Ou.

Indian Roller, *Coracias benghalensis affinis*

One near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Wire-tailed Swallow, *Hirundo smithii filifera*

Two near Pak Ou.

Striated Swallow, *Cecropis striolata stanfordi*

20 at Luang Prabang.

Asian House Martin, *Delichon dasypus ssp*

One at Luang Prabang.

White Wagtail, *Motacilla alba alboides & leucopsis*

Five alboides along the river between Luang Prabang and Pak Ou and one leucopsis near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Red-whiskered Bulbul, *Pycnonotus jocosus ssp*

50+ near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Sooty-headed Bulbul, *Pycnonotus aurigaster latouchei*

One near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Common Tailorbird, *Ortothomus sutorius longicauda*

Commonly recorded in most villages.

Yellow-browed Warbler, *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Commonly recorded in most villages.

Greenish Warbler, *Phylloscopus trochiloides ssp*

One heard near Luang Prabang.

Seicercus sp

One heard singing (trilling end) at near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Taiga Flycatcher, *Ficedula albicilla*

Commonly recorded around Luang Prabang and near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Siberian Rubythroat, *Luscinia calliope*

One heard near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Plumbeous Water-Redstart, *Rhyacornis fuliginosus*

One near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Rufous-capped Babbler, *Stachyris ruficeps davidi*

Common near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.

Striped Tit-Babbler, *Macronous gularis lutescens*

Two at Pak Ou.

Flowerpecker sp

One female at Pak Ou and a few more heard at Luang Prabang.

Little Spiderhunter, *Arachnothera longirostra sordida*
One near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.
Long-tailed Shrike, *Lanius schach tricolor*
One near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river.
Ashy Drongo, *Dicurus leucophaeus* ssp
One near Tad Sao Waterfall at Nam Khan river
Eurasian Tree Sparrow, *Passer montanus* ssp
Common in Luang Prabang.

Birds in Thailand

Little Grebe, *Tachybaptus ruficollis poggei*
One at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).
Little Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax niger*
Two at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).
Purple Heron, *Ardea purpurea manilensis*
One at Ban Bu Ton Road.
Great Egret, *Ardea alba modesta*
Common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).
Intermediate Egret, *Egretta intermedia intermedia*
Common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).
Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta garzetta*
Common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).
Pacific Reef-Heron, *Egretta sacra sacra*
At least two at Khao Lak.
Chinese Pond-Heron, *Ardeola bacchus*
A few at Khao Lak and one in the forest at Khao Yai National Park., were most likely this species.
Javan Pond-Heron, *Ardeola speciosa continentalis*
Common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok). Most likely this species in the cultivated areas around Bangkok.
Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis coromandus*
Common around Bangkok.
Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus javanicus*
Two at LT.
Asian Openbill, *Anastomus oscitans*
Locally common around Bangkok, especially at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).



Asian Openbill

Lesser Whistling-Duck, *Dendrocygna javanica*
200+ at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Black Kite, *Milvus migrans* ssp
A few around Bangkok.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
One at Khao Lak, one at LT and one at Similan Island.

Crested Serpent-Eagle, *Spilornis cheela burmanicus*
One at Khao Lak and one heard at Khao Sok National Park.

Crested Goshawk, *Accipiter trivirgatus indicus*
One at Khao Yai National Park.

Rufous-winged Buzzard, *Butastur liventer*
A few near Sap Sudau National Park.

Collared Falconet, *Microhierax caerulescens burmanicus*
One at Sap Sudau National Park.

Scaly-breasted Partridge, *Arborophila chloropus* ssp (olivacea?)
One pair seen exceptionally well at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

Red Junglefowl, *Gallus gallus gallus*
One male at Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve and three at the CBGC site at Khao Yai National Park.

Siamese Fireback, *Lophura diardi*
A total of at least 25 at Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve.



Siamese Firebacks were really showing their best performance

Slaty-breasted Rail, *Gallirallus striatus albiventer/gularis*
One seen well and photographed at Similan Island.



Slaty-breasted Rail, he really forgot that he was a skulker

White-breasted Waterhen, *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*
A few at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Black-winged Stilt, *Himantopus himantopus*
About 30 at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Grey-headed Lapwing, *Vanellus cinereus*
17 at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Red-wattled Lapwing, *Vanellus indicus atronuchalis*
Two at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok) and two at Khao Yai National Park.

Little Ringed Plover, *Charadrius dubius jerdoni*
12 at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Pintail Snipe, *Gallinago stenura*
One at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus variegatus*
One at Khao Lak and five at Similan boat jetty.

Common Redshank, *Tringa totanus ssp*
One at Similan boat jetty.

Wood Sandpiper, *Tringa glareola*
Three at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Common Sandpiper, *Actitis hypoleucos*
One at Similan boat jetty.

Bridled Tern, *Sterna anaethetus anaethetus*
Six together near Similan Island.

Red Collared Dove, *Streptopelia tranquebarica humilis*
10+ at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Spotted Dove, *Streptopelia chinensis tigrina*
A few at Khao Lak, around Bangkok and Sap Sudau.

Emerald Dove, *Chalcophaps indica indica*
One at Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve.

Nicobar Pigeon, *Caloenas nicobarica nicobarica*

Five at Similan Island was a long-awaited lifer. Very strange-looking Columbidae, more like a Galliform...



A pair of Nicobar Pigeons in the beach-side vegetation, easy in the morning, but by midday they vanished

Green-Pigeon sp, *Treron* sp

One heard calling at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park. and another seen in the same area that was probably a Wedge-tailed.

Green Imperial-Pigeon, *Ducula aenea sylvatica*

One heard at Similan Island.

Mountain Imperial-Pigeon, *Ducula badia griseicapilla*

One heard at Khao Yai National Park.

Blossom-headed Parakeet, *Psittacula roseate juneae*

Two separate pairs at Sap Sudau National Park.

Red-breasted Parakeet, *Psittacula alexandri fasciata*

40+ at Sap Sudau National Park.



Red-breasted Parakeets

Vernal Hanging-Parrot, *Loriculus vernalis*

A few heard at Khao Lak and one heard at Khao Yai National Park.

Plaintive Cuckoo, *Cacomantis merulinus querulus*

One heard at Khao Lak and one at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).



Plaintive Cuckoo

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo, *Surniculus lugubris dicruroides*

One at Khao Sok National Park.

Asian Koel, *Eudynamis scolopacea malayana*

One heard at Similan boat jetty, a few heard and two seen at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok), one heard at Sap Sudau National Park and one heard at Khao Yai National Park.

Green-billed Malkoha, *Phaenicophaeus tristis longicaudatus*

Three at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo, *Carpococcyx renauldi*

What a bird! One was seen behind the restaurant at the campsite in Khao Yai National Park. The first and supposedly most reliable site that I visited at dawn was empty. At the second site at the campground I was looking behind the toilets, when some others saw it behind the nearby restaurant together with some Junglefowls. When I hurriedly arrived there, the guy next to me saw it, although I only saw the chickens. Then I waited for over an hour until the male Junglefowl came back, saw me and ran off while alerting everything in the neighborhood. Yet half an hour later I saw the mantle and back of the CBGC, but it slipped away. Classic definition of BWD-sighting! Another half hour later at about 10.00 it suddenly came walking in full view along the water in the bottom of the gully. As it was so close, I could only sit absolutely still and admire it. The sun was shining on it and it just stood there looking at me for what felt like ages before deciding that the most appropriate mode of operations was panic and off it went. This bird had a slightly paler bill and as it was feeding together with the chickens, it was most likely an immature bird.

Greater Coucal, *Centropus sinensis intermedius*

Five at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok) and one at Sap Sudau National Park.

Oriental Bay-Owl, *Phodilus badius saturatus*

Two heard simultaneously and one of them seen brilliantly in the evening at Radar Road, Khao Yai National Park. This must surely be one of the more strange-looking owls. In order to see it, we had to walk into the forest about 50 meters and we then saw it perched on a vertical thin trunk in a most classic manner. Its huge feet and head with the heart-shaped face and large eyes made it absolutely weird. We watched it for a couple of minutes before it went off.

Collared Scops-Owl, *Otus lettia lettia*

One heard at Jungle House, Khao Yai National Park.

Sunda Scops-Owl, *Otus lempiji condorensis*

One heard and photographed at Khao Lak. Called with a downward inflected “tjo” every 12 seconds.



Sunda Scops-Owl

Collared Owlet, *Glaucidium brodiei brodiei*

Two heard at Khao Yai National Park.

Asian Barred Owlet, *Glaucidium cuculoides deignani*

One heard at Radar Road, Khao Yai National Park and one heard at Jungle House, Khao Yai National Park.

Spotted Owlet, *Athene brama pulchra*

Two seen in flight near Sap Sudau National Park.

Brown Hawk-Owl, *Ninox scutulata burmarnica*

One heard at Radar Road, Khao Yai National Park. and four heard at Jungle House, Khao Yai National Park.

Great Eared-Nightjar, *Eurostopodus macrotis cerviniceps*

About four heard at Radar Road, Khao Yai National Park.

Swiftlet sp, *Aerodramus* sp

A few between Khao Sok National Park and Khao Lak.

Asian Palm-Swift, *Cypsiurus balasiensis infumatus*

Common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok) and a few at Khao Yai National Park.

Fork-tailed Swift, *Apus pacificus cooki*

Sometimes in large flocks at Khao Lak and 50+ at Khao Sok National Park. Extremely varying size of the white rump-patch, sometimes just a thin boomerang-shaped patch.

Crested Treeswift, *Hemiprocne coronata*

Two at Sap Sudau National Park.

Red-headed Trogon, *Harpactes erythrocephalus* ssp

One or two at Trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

Common Kingfisher, *Alcedo atthis bengalensis*

One at Khao Lak and one at Similan boat jetty.

White-throated Kingfisher, *Halcyon smyrnensis perpulchra*

One at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Black-capped Kingfisher, *Halcyon pileata*

One at Similan boat jetty and two at Ban Bu Ton Road.

Collared Kingfisher, *Todiramphus chloris armstrongi/humii*

One at Similan boat jetty.

Green Bee-eater, *Merops orientalis ferrugineiceps*
 A few at Sap Sudau National Park.

Indian Roller, *Coracias benghalensis affinis*
 Common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok) and Sap Sudau National Park.

Oriental Pied Hornbill, *Antracoceros albirostris albirostris*
 Two separate pairs at Khao Yai National Park.

Great Hornbill, *Buceros bicornis*
 Two at Khao Yai National Park.

Bushy-crested Hornbill, *Anorrhinus galeritus*
 One at Khao Sok National Park.

Wreathed Hornbill, *Aceros undulatus*
 Two at Khao Yai National Park.

Lineated Barbet, *Megalaima lineata lineata*
 A few at Sap Sudau National Park.

Green-eared Barbet, *Megalaima faiostriata faiostriata*
 Common in Khao Yai National Park.

Gold-whiskered Barbet, *Megalaima chrysopogon chrysopogon*
 One heard at Khao Lak.

Red-throated Barbet, *Megalaima mystacophanus mystacophanus*
 Two heard at Khao Lak.

Moustached Barbet, *Megalaima incognita elbeli*
 Several in Khao Yai National Park.

Blue-eared Barbet, *Megalaima australis stuarti*
 One heard at Khao Lak and one heard at Khao Sok National Park.

Coppersmith Barbet, *Megalaima haemacephala indica*
 One at Sap Sudau National Park.

Grey-capped Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos canicapillus canicapillus*
 Four at Sap Sudau National Park.

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos macei longipennis*
 One at Sap Sudau National Park.

Lesser Yellownape, *Picus chlorolophus chlorolophus*
 One at Sap Sudau National Park.

Greater Flameback, *Chrysocolaptes lucidus guttacrastatus*
 One at Khao Yai National Park.

Eared Pitta, *Pitta phayrei*
 One probable flew briefly across trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park., but vanished when it landed. Another responded briefly once to the tape at midday near the big tree at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park. Later the same day a female was seen in the same area.

Blue Pitta, *Pitta cyanea aurantiaca*
 One male was seen nicely in the late afternoon halfway in on trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park. After a while it started to utter the contact call.

Barn Swallow, *Hirundo rustica ssp*
 Common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok) and at Sap Sudau National Park.

Pacific Swallow, *Hirundo tahitica javanica*
 Common at Khao Lak.

Red-rumped Swallow, *Cecropis daurica daurica/japonica*
 A few at Sap Sudau National Park.

Rufous-bellied Swallow, *Cecropis badia*
 A few at Khao Sok National Park.

Forest Wagtail, *Dendroanthus indicus*
 Two at Khao Sok National Park and two at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Eastern Yellow Wagtail, *Motacilla tschutschensis* ssp
10+ at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Oriental Pipit, *Anthus rufulus rufulus*
One at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Large Cuckoo-Shrike, *Coracina macei siamensis*
Three at Sap Sudau National Park.

Rosy Minivet, *Pericrocotus roseus*
At least one at Sap Sudau National Park.

Swinhoe's Minivet, *Pericrocotus cantonensis*
At least one at Sap Sudau National Park.

Scarlet Minivet, *Pericrocotus flammeus semiruber*
Five at Sap Sudau National Park.

Black-headed Bulbul, *Pycnonotus atriceps atriceps*
10+ at Khao Sok National Park.

Black-crested Bulbul, *Pycnonotus melanicterus negatus*
10+ at Khao Sok National Park and two at Khao Lak.

Sooty-headed Bulbul, *Pycnonotus aurigaster germani*
Common at Sap Sudau National Park.

Stripe-throated Bulbul, *Pycnonotus finlaysoni finlaysoni* & *eous*
One at Khao Sok National Park, two at Khao Lak (*finlaysoni*) and one at Khao Yai National Park (*eous*).

Streak-eared Bulbul, *Pycnonotus blanfordi conradi*
Several at Khao Yai National Park and presumably this species at Khao Lak.

Puff-throated Bulbul, *Alophoixus pallidus isani*
Five at Khao Yai National Park.

Ochraceous Bulbul, *Alophoixus ochraceus cabanisi*
Five at Khao Sok National Park.

Hairy-backed Bulbul, *Tricholestes criniger criniger*
Two at Khao Sok National Park.

Grey-eyed Bulbul, *Iole propinqua cinnamomeoventris*
Five at Khao Sok National Park.

Common Iora, *Aegithina tiphia philipi*
One heard at Sap Sudau National Park.

White-throated Rock-Thrush, *Monticola gularis*
One at Khao Sok National Park.

Blue Rock-Thrush, *Monticola solitarius* ssp
One at Mo Sing Tao reservoir at Khao Yai National Park.

Blue Whistling-Thrush, *Myophonus caeruleus eugenei*
One or two at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

Orange-headed Thrush, *Zoothera citrine* ssp & *innotata*

Two at Khao Sok National Park. One seen on the ground inside the forest and one seen in the canopy of a fruiting tree. One at the CBGC site at Khao Yai National Park was of the taxon *innotata*.



Orange-headed Thrush

Rufescent Prinia, *Prinia rufescens objurgans*

Five at Sap Sudau National Park.

Plain Prinia, *Prinia inornata herberti*

Ten at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Common Tailorbird, *Orthotomus sutorius maculicollis*

Two at Khao Lak.

Dark-necked Tailorbird, *Orthotomus atrogularis nitidus*

Common at Khao Yai National Park.

Radde's Warbler, *Phylloscopus schwarzi*

Three at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok) and three at Sap Sudau National Park.

Yellow-browed Warbler, *Phylloscopus inornatus*

One heard at Khao Sok National Park, common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok), Khao Yai National Park. and Sap Sudau National Park.

Arctic Warbler, *Phylloscopus borealis* ssp

A few at Khao Sok National Park.

Two-barred Warbler, *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*

Two at Khao Yai National Park.

Blyth's Leaf-Warbler, *Phylloscopus reguloides assamensis*

Five at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park. Calling with a faint "pchjypp", tree-climbing behavior, no single wing-flicking.

Sulphur-breasted Warbler, *Phylloscopus ricketti*

Three at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

Plain-tailed Warbler, *Seicercus soror*

One seen and heard calling at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park. with a high-pitched "sripp". Very faint crown-streaking and the dark bilateral streaks were not contrasting at all.

Asian Brown Flycatcher, *Muscicapa dauurica* ssp

One at Khao Lak.

Brown-streaked Flycatcher, *Muscicapa williamsoni williamsoni*

One at Khao Sok National Park.

Taiga Flycatcher, *Ficedula albicilla*

Several at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok), Khao Yai National Park. and Sap Sudau National Park.

Blue-throated Flycatcher, *Cyornis rubeculoides dialilaema*
One male and most likely a female at Khao Sok National Park.

Hill Blue Flycatcher, *Cyornis banyumas lekhakuni*
Five at Khao Yai National Park.

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis calochrysa*
One seen and others heard at Khao Yai National Park.

Siberian Blue Robin, *Luscinia cyane ssp*
Four female-types at Khao Sok National Park and three males at Khao Yai National Park.

Oriental Magpie-Robin, *Copsychus saularis musicus & erimelas*
One at Khao Lak (*musicus*) and two (*erimelas*) at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

White-rumped Shama, *Copsychus malabaricus interpositus*
Five at Khao Sok National Park and three at Khao Yai National Park.

White-crowned Forktail, *Enicurus leschenaultia indicus*
One at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

Common Stonechat, *Saxicola torquata ssp*
Five at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Pied Bushchat, *Saxicola caprata burmanica*
One at Sap Sudau National Park.

White-throated Fantail, *Rhipidura albicollis celsa*
One at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

White-browed Fantail, *Rhipidura aureola burmanica*
Two at Sap Sudau National Park.

Black-naped Monarch, *Hypothymis azurea galerita & montana*
Two at Khao Sok National Park (*galerita*) and two at Khao Yai National Park (*montana*).

Asian Paradise-Flycatcher, *Tersiphone paradise indochinensis*
One at Khao Sok National Park.

White-crested Laughingthrush, *Garrulax leucolophus diardi*
One flock of five seen and other flocks heard at Khao Yai National Park.

Abbotts' Babbler, *Malacocincla abbotti ssp*
Five at Khao Sok National Park and five at Khao Yai National Park.

Large Scimitar-Babbler, *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos tickelli*
Two at Sakaerat Biosphere Reserve and one at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, *Pomatorhinus schisticeps ssp*
Two at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

Rufous-fronted Babbler, *Stachyris rufifrons obscura*
One heard at Khao Sok National Park.

Grey-throated Babbler, *Stachyris nigriceps dipora*
One at Khao Sok National Park.

Chestnut-winged Babbler, *Stachyris erythroptera erythroptera*
Four at Khao Sok National Park.

Striped Tit-Babbler, *Macronous gularis ssp*
Two heard at Khao Sok National Park and common at Khao Yai National Park.

White-bellied Yuhina, *Yuhina zantholeuca ssp*
One at Khao Yai National Park.

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch, *Sitta castanea neglecta*
Three at Sap Sudau National Park.

Purple-naped Sunbird, *Hypogramma hypogrammicum nuchale*
One at Khao Sok National Park.

Olive-backed Sunbird, *Cinnyris jugularis flammae*
Two at Khao Sok National Park, a few at Khao Lak, two at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok) and a few at Khao Yai National Park.

Little Spiderhunter, *Arachnothera longirostra cinereicollis*
One at Khao Sok National Park.

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker, *Prionochilus maculates septentrionalis*
Two at Khao Sok National Park.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, *Dicaeum chrysorrheum chrysorrheum*
One at Khao Sok National Park.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker, *Dicaeum trigonostigma trigonostigma*
Five at Khao Sok National Park.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker, *Dicaeum cruentatum cruentatum*
Two at Khao Sok National Park.

Oriental White-eye, *Zosterops palpebrosus williamsoni*
One at Khao Yai National Park.

Black-hooded Oriole, *Oriolus xanthornus xanthornus*
One at Sap Sudau National Park.

Asian Fairy-bluebird, *Irena puella puella*
Five at Khao Sok National Park.

Brown Shrike, *Lanius cristatus ssp*
A few at Khao Yai National Park. and one at Sap Sudau National Park.

Common Woodshrike, *Tephrodornis pondicerianus ssp*
Ten at Sap Sudau National Park.

Black Drongo, *Dicrurus macrocercus cathoecus*
Common at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Ashy Drongo, *Dicrurus leucophaeus bondi*
Five at Sap Sudau National Park.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, *Dicrurus remifer peracensis*
One at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, *Dicrurus paradiseus paradiseus*
Three at Sap Sudau National Park.

Eurasian Jay, *Garrulus glandarius leucotis*
Five at Sap Sudau National Park.

Green Magpie, *Cissa chinensis chinensis*
Two at trail 6 at Khao Yai National Park.

Rufous Treepie, *Dendrocitta vagabunda sakeratensis*
One at Sap Sudau National Park.

Large-billed Crow, *Corvus macrorhynchos macrorhynchos*
A few at Khao Lak and five at Sap Sudau National Park.

Common Hill Myna, *Gracula religiosa intermedia*
Four at Sap Sudau National Park.

White-vented Myna, *Acridotheres grandis*
Common around Bangkok.

Common Myna, *Acridotheres tristis tristis*
Common around Bangkok.

Asian Pied Starling, *Sturnus contra floweri*
Five at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow, *Passer montanus ssp*
Common at Similan boat jetty and around Bangkok.

Weaver sp
One at Ban Bu Ton Road (northeast Bangkok).

Mammals (incomplete list)

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A party of five was spot-lighted at Khao Yai National Park.

Asian Elephant

Heard at Khao Yai National Park.

Common Palm-Civet

One at Khao Yai National Park.