

# Thailand, January 28 – February 06, 2013.

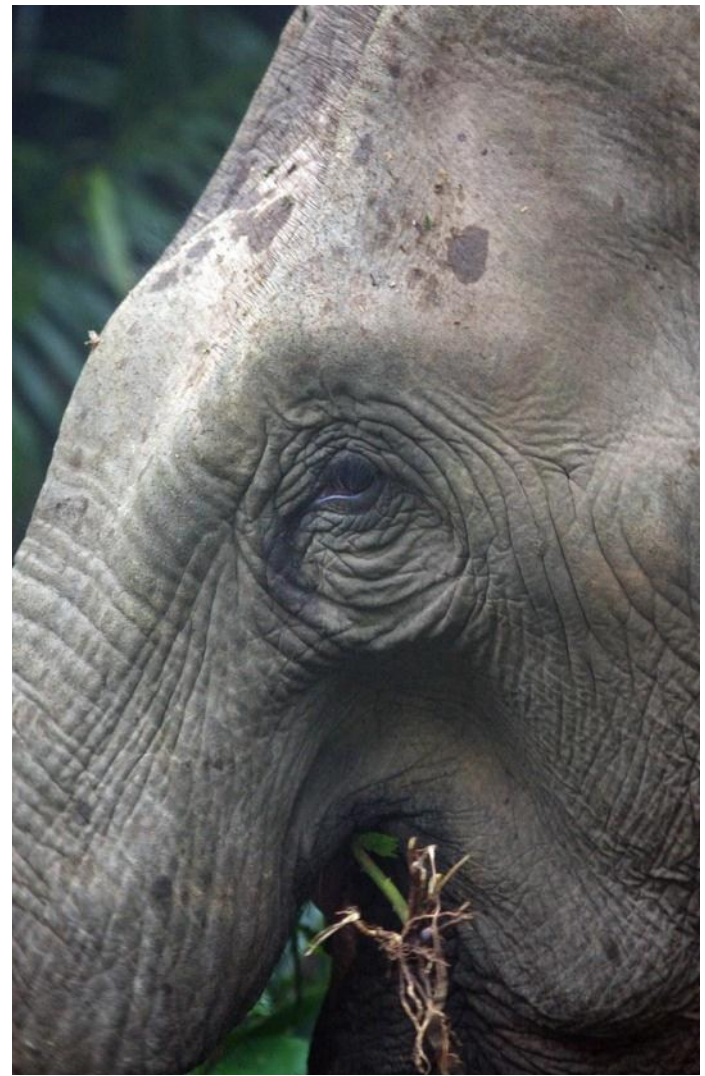
Includes visits to Khao Yai, Laem Pak Bia & Kaeng Krachan

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## Khao Yai

Only a couple of hours drive from Bangkok, this was the first national park to get established in Thailand in 1962. It has quite a colorful past history, that includes villages of outlaws in the 1930's and a refuge for 100's of Thammasat university students who fled up here during the bloody student-uprising in the 1970's. A lot of the open grassland around park-headquarter is a reminder of that era.

When I worked on different projects in the park during the 80's I could still hear the Tiger in the forest west of the HQ, or see their footprints in the mud...I even had the privilege to see one...now people say they are gone...but the birds are still around, over 320 species of them. Mammals are also well represented here - Deer, Gaur (a huge wild ox), Gibbons & Macaques seem to actually gain in numbers the last few years. There is quite a big population of wild Elephants as well, maybe 2-300 and increasing. This can create a slight problem in the future, as the park receives a lot of visitors on a daily basis, about 1 million in a year...most just passing through, but the few that take time and walk the trails do stand a real chance to meet some of these huge beasts in the forest, as we did on this trip!!



This journey was to start the day after I arrived to Thailand from a 2 week visit to Indonesia. Upon arriving I found out that my driver had gotten too busy driving Danish birder Klaus Malling-Ohlsen and group...so, as I stood at the airport waiting to pick up Jan, Karin & Britta, I quickly had to find a new car and drive it myself...fortunately I found a 4-door Pick-up Truck (Pick-up's are the only type of vehicles that navigates most roads here...but a 4-door is not easy to come by...)

After an hours delay, we were on the road, heading for the temple, Wat Pra Puttabath Noi, outside of the city Saraburi, a few hour drive north of Bangkok.

It was many years since I have been to these parts of Thailand, so it was heartfelt return.

The steep and craggy lime-stone mountains here are very beautiful. We scanned the hillsides along the temple-valley, then we heard the loud song eco along the mountain-sides, and we knew the **Limestone Wren-Babbler** still inhabited this picturesque place and were here to greet us. In all we saw 3 birds – the semi-endemic subspecies here; *calvicola*, may soon be a split.

After this slight de-tour, we set off for Khao Yai. I had booked bungalows in a fairly new resort called Baan Saranya, about 15km from park entrance – a bargain at 1200Bath/bungalow –

Early the following morning we set off for the park in thick fog. A quick stop by some tall *Dipterocarpus* trees on the way...the noisy squeeks from the tree-tops revealed a colony of **Red-breasted Parakeets** still occupying these giant trees, in spite of the massive building-boom around the park the last 20 years – true survivors! – Memories of my first encounter with wild parrots, right here, almost 40 years ago, on my first visit to the park, popped up – The customary dispute with the rangers charging ridiculous 400Bath/person entrance-fee (if only those money could finance the up-keep of the trails and training of rangers etc. in this park,) and we were in!

A few km's inside the park we spotted fresh elephant droppings along the road...and just around the next bend it stood calmly by the road side...We carefully drove closer...to about 10-15 meter. Unfortunately, the fog was very thick, effecting photo-quality. Spotting Elephants in Khao Yai is not so uncommon, ...when they are around. The park is huge, over 2000 square km's...! Usually very peaceful, there has been a few accidents in recent years, cars smashed, people chased out of the forest and even 3 accidents with deadly outcome, possibly caused by unwise behavior from us 2-legged intruders.



The Elephant ignored our presence and continued to feed on ginger plants for a few minutes. Then she moved on into the forest. We could hear a few more animals further in.

We made a quick stop at Nong Pak Chi and walked down the short trail to the stream. **White-handed Gibbons** were singing in the background. At the stream we saw 3 **Slaty-backed Fork-tails** – these birds seem to always stay at this section of the stream-

We then went down to HQ and continued on to the Mo Singto trail, just opposite HQ.

Only a few hundred meters on this trail, an **Eared Pitta** quickly ran off, only a few meters ahead of us. **Abbot's Babblers** welcomed us with their “three-cheers-for-you- The **Scaly-breasted Partridge** regularly sounded off their accelerating, loud notes. A **White-crowned Forktail** paid us a quick visit. The endemic **Moustached Barbet** continually kept us company with the loud chuk-a-ruk. An **Asian Paradise-Flycatcher** flashed off his almost 30cm long tail, crossing the trail. A few **Hill Blue Flycatchers** were seen and heard. A family-group of Gibbons started to sing nearby. We left the trail to try to see them, but vegetation was too thick and we only saw an arm or a leg...

Mo Singto is not the “birdiest” of trails, but it is a good, beautiful introduction to a lush mixed evergreen rainforest...and this was the first visit to Thailand for Jan, Karin & Britta...

After lunch at the visitor center we went off to Hew Sawat.

After inspecting the waterfall, we set off on the trail, up-stream to see if we could find the 2 Siamese Crocodiles there – origin unknown - . This trail is good birding as well and we soon heard **Great Hornbills** nearby. I saw a **Masked Finfoot** along this stretch of the Stream, a few years back – a single bird, possibly on migration, stayed here a few days.

After a little while we heard the familiar call of the **Red-headed Trogon**. Soon both male and female sat close by, exposing their rich red breast with the silver-white necklace around their necks. They must be some of my favorites in the forest. A **Banded Kingfisher** called some distance away. We didn't manage to see it.

After some more walking we arrived at the part of the river where the 2 Crocs made their home for some years now.

One of them lazily rested on a log in the middle of the river. We never saw the other one.



**The Limestone mountains behind Wat Pra Puttabath Noi. The Wren-Babbler is such a nice bird.**  
**Photo; Britta**



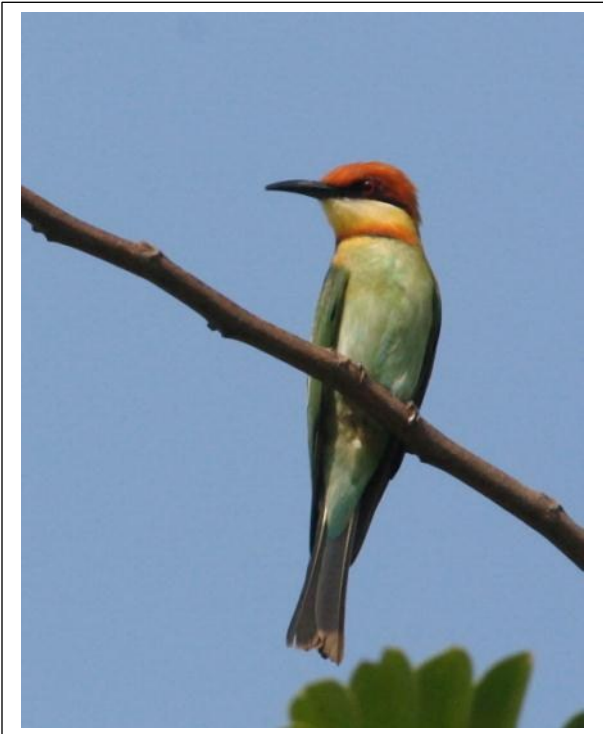
The following day we decided to explore the Bung Phai trail (km 33). Not far in, we heard the call of **Large Scimitar Babblers**.

While trying to find them, suddenly we heard another sound...that of snapping tree-branches, the rustling of leaves and twigs being gathered together...and soon we could see branches and small trees swaying strangely about 30-40 meters ahead of us on the trail.

Suddenly a huge ear...a trunk...or part of an Elephant could be seen among the trees & greenery. We decided to stop and wait for the animals to move on.

The Elephants, that see and hear poorly, were obviously totally unaware of us, so they stayed on the trail. We could hear their fantastic ultrasound - it sounds like the rumbling of an upset stomach – that is part of an elephants communication system; most is very low frequency infra sounds, below the level of human hearing, but at very close range can be felt as a vibration. They say Elephants can “hear” it for miles...

In order for us to continue our journey and clear the trail, I had to make our presence known to them by uttering some loud grunts and calls, audioable also on their “frequency”. They soon got the point; a trunk suddenly popped up above the greenery in our direction, like the periscope of a sub popping up above the sea – elephants smell quite well - Slowly & with great dignity they moved on, 3 or 4 of them. And so did we, happy with this encounter with the true aristocracy of the Asian rainforest. Soon we got engaged in a huge feeding-flock of **White-crested & Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrushes**, **Greater Racket-tailed Drongos** as well as **Large & White-browed Scimitar-Babblers** feeding on the ground – or in low bushes - at close range. **Great Hornbills** flew over our heads.



Lunch at the visitor center. Here I run in to my estranged driver, who mournfully apologized for what happened. I also met Klaus Malling & group here...the ones I had arranged with my driver to drive the past 14 days. It sounded like they had a good time birding the south of Thailand.

In the afternoon we went up to the view-point at Khao Kieo. We saw 2 more colorful **Red-headed Trogons** on the way. At the view-piont we saw 2 obviously grey-washed above, esp on the crown – **Hume’s Warblers**

We had to leave the park fairly early, as we planned to visit the huge Bat-cave about 15-20 km outside...and since I had only been there once many years ago - we wanted to make sure to be there on time for sunset. After a few small mistakes, we ended up in a rubber-tree plantation, having an old villager escorting us to the actual site on his motorbike. We arrived in time for this spectacular show. Millions of Wrinkle-lipped Bats (some bigger ones as well) exiting their cave like that proverbial “smoke”. **Crested Serpant-Eagles, Crested Goshawks, Shikras, Japanese Sparrowhawks, Himalayan Buzzards & a Peregrine Falcon** dove into that smoke...and w/o fail came back with a Bat. What a show!

It was an emotional visit to the park where it all started – my fashination for tropical birds-



## Inner Gulf of Siam

The shoreline from Bangkok and down to Peth-buri is one of Asia's most important migration and wintering areas for waders and & shorebirds. Huge numbers of Gulls, Terns, Egrets, Plovers, Godwits, Curlews, Sandpipers and Stints can be found feeding on the vast mudflats along the coast.

During low tide these mudflats can reach out kilometers into the sea, providing food for 100,000's of birds . During high tide many of the birds gather in the salines inside the wall of Mangrove forest.

Along parts of the pacific coastline, these shores are rapidly being developed, huge industrial parks built, cities expanding, agricultural ventures implemented; China, Korea, Taiwan... Many of the birds using this flyway on migration are now rare or on the verge of extinction.

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## Laem Pak Bia.



We arrived to our resort at Had Chao Samran in the afternoon. As usual, I checked in at White Beach resort, a nice little place right by the beach, about 1500Bath/Bungalow.

After a late lunch we drove off to Pak Thale...it seems nothing else really matter to anyone, who has not yet seen this charismatic little bird with the characteristic spoon-shaped bill, arriving at this place for the first time...maybe it is a little bit like looking death in the eye...the potential risk of extinction to a very special species of bird...and a real warning to us all, what is happening in the world we live in right now...if you are not a ticker, that is...then there are other priorities...!

We had strong afternoon winds to fight, but after some time we found 2 of the 5 that frequent these salines this winter.

5 Spoonbilled in Pak Thale this winter. down from 7 last year. 2-3 more at the other site in Khok Kham.

106 Spoonies were seen on migration, in Rudong mudflats outside Shanghai, Oct 13-15, 2012. Of these, less than a handful could be identified as juveniles!

The 20 chick artificially reared/year at Slimbridge, represents more reproduction, compared to all known sites in the wild together.



Some other interesting observations during our stay in Laem Pak Bia, were 1 **Dunlin** & 1 **Curlew Sandpiper**, still in full summer-plumage.

3 **Far-eastern Curlews**, very educationally lined up in single file together with Euro-Asian Curlews as they flew by at close range by the sea-shore outside the Sala (the open-sided building w. green roof) at the end of the road beyond the "Spoonie" site. There we also saw a few **Terek-Sandpipers**. Among the big flocks of **Black-tailed Godwits** in the saltpans just inside this place, was 1 **Red-necked Phalarope**.

There was 1 **Chinese Egret** at the mouth of the canal out to the sandsplits. **Malaysian Plovers** (10), "**White-faced Plovers**" (male & female) as well as **Heuglin's Gull** (1), **Lesser**(3) & **Greater Crested** (10) **Terns** together with about 50 **Caspian Terns** at the sandsplits.



**Black-faced Spoonbill**



**Spoonbilled Sandpiper**

We got a tip about 2 Black-headed Ibises at Wat Khao Takrom, not far from Ban Laem, maybe

½ hours drive from Pak Thale. After some “driving around” we found the right pond. While scanning all the **Lesser Whistling Ducks** (30), **Northern Showlers** (3), **Northern Pintails** (>800), **Garganeys** (>1500), **Wigeons** (300) & **Gadwalls** (3), Britta suddenly called out “men, där är ju en Skedstork!” Knowing what kind of Spoonbills that has been seen here in the past, I quickly had a look in the scope, a **Black-faced Spoonbill!** This was the first and to my knowledge, the only sighting of this rare and endangered species this year in Thailand. We also saw 2 **Black-headed Ibises** and a **Wryneck** here. This wetland is really worth a visit while in Laem Pak Bia.



At the usual place by the water-storage dams just behind the Mangrove-belt (the little gravel road towards the coastline, where the main road turns 90 degrees, about a kilometer beyond the Kings project.) we saw 40-50 **Nordman’s Greenshank** (seem to be more of them this year?) and 5 **Asian Dowichers** among all the **Great Knots**, **Great Sandplovers** (they are more plentiful compared to the Lesser in these deeper pools) **Curlews**, **Whimbrels** & **Godwits**.



Phil approaching, as binos were passed

Daily birders from all over the world come to Pak Thale to see the Spoonies. This time I saw a Bangkok-taxi drive by for ½ hour (top middle)...enough time to tick another bird! But when a huge Tour-bus came down, binos passed out & a crowd of 120 crammed the place, I thought it was enough. Angrily I started to take pics to document the scene when I saw a man hastily come towards me to explain. It proved to be Dr. Philip Round who had arranged for an awareness-trip here. The president of his university, lecturers and even senators had come here to learn about the plight of Spoonies & the importance of the inner Siam-gulf.

...They saw 2, Philip later told me...and got the message...

## Kaeng Krachan



Kalij Pheasant

After 3 enjoyable days in Laem Pak Bia, we went west, towards the Burmese border- Only a few hours drive away from the coast lies exciting, Kaeng Krachan, green and lush! –

First we stopped by my old friend, Khun Eek, a former Arts-teacher from Bangkok, who couldn't stand big-city any more, bought some land, built a small lodge with a fantastic photo-blind, possibly the best in Thailand. Daily Pheasants, Partridges, Flycatchers, Laughingthrushes, Scimitar-Babblers, Barbets, Leafbirds, Robins...you name it...come for a drink, a shower and possibly a bite to eat...behind the canvas only a few meters away...you and me with the camera! Afternoon was slow, only **Siberian Blue Robin, Scalybreasted Partridge, Radde's Warbler, Greater & Lesser Laughingthrush, Tickell's Blue, Taiga & Blacknaped Monarch Flycatcher** as well as 5-10 more species, modeling away in front of the lens – a bit of Ornithological strip-tease, or cat-walk, showing "it all"!

We then checked in at Ban Maka lodge for 1200baht/Bungalow. Nice, with a huge "birdy" garden – we saw **Orange-headed Thrush, Racket-tailed & Rufous Treepie, Hoopoe, Large-tailed Nightjar, Indo-chinese Bushlark** (just outside) & **Black-hooded Oriole** here. Good food as well.

It was the first time I stayed here and it was nice to get to know the owner, a Bangkok lawyer who escaped here, just like Khun Eek. This is the place where all the birders visiting Kaeng Krachan (and won't camp) check in.



We spent 2 full days in the park, birding around Ban Krang Camp as well as on the higher camp, Panuen Thung. We also spent some time around km. 27 to get the birds there.



**A leopard crossing the road (photo not same date, possibly same individual)**

We also had an encounter with a young Leopard – it seems like I see Leopards almost every time I go there now –

Some of the high-lights around Ban Krang camp were; **Bar-backed partridge, Kalij Pheasant, Grey Peacock Pheasant** (heard only), **White-fronted Scops Owl** (2 seen ), **Orange-breasted Trogon** (7!), **Blue-bearded Bee-eater** (8 altogether!) **Great Hornbill, Rusty-cheeked Hornbill** (splitt from Brown), **Great Slaty Woodpecker & Silver-breasted Broadbill** (10),

Around km 27 we saw (among other) **Black Eagle, Mountain Hawk-Eagle, Large Hawk-Cuckoo, Raffel's Malkhoa, Red-headed Trogon, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Wreathed Hornbill, Speckled Piculet, Green Magpie, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Sulphur-breasted Warbler, Collared Babbler** (split from White-hooded babbler)...in all, a very pleasant stay in this fantastic park!



**Black-naped Monarch**



**Vernal Hanging Parrot**

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# Bird-list.



Kaeng Krachan in the early morning when the mist is rising from the tree-tops. Photo; Britta

Khao Yai = KY

Laem Pak Bia = LPB...(Pak Thale/oceanview=PaT, Wat Pra Puttabath Noi = WP, 90` curve = 90

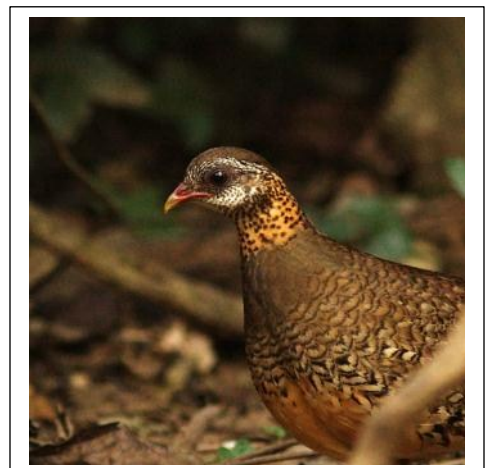
Kaeng Krachan = KK...(Ban Krang = BK, KM 27 = 27, Panoen Tung = PT, Photoblind = PB)

## Ducks & Grebes.

- Lesser Whistling Duck.....30 in LPB (WP)
- Northern Showler.....3 in LPB (WP)
- Northern Pintails.....800 in LPB (WP)
- Garganey.....1200 in LPB (WP)
- Wigeon.....300 in LPB (WP)
- Gadwall.....3 in LPB (WP)**
- Little Grebe.....common in LPB

## Partridges & Pheasants.

- Scaly-breasted Partridge.....heard KK (BK, 3 seen PB)



Red Junglefowl.....heard often KY, KK (BK, Seen PB)  
 Kalij Pheasant, *crawfordii*.....KK (BK 1, PB 5)  
 Grey Peacock Pheasant.....heard often KK (BK, PT)

**Storks, Ibises & Cormorants.**

Asian Openbill.....very common  
 Painted Stork.....1 in LPB(WP)  
 Black-headed Ibis.....1 in LPB (WP)  
 Great Cormorant.....a few in LPB (PaT)  
 Indian Cormorant.....LPB  
 Little Cormorant.....LPB

**Bitterns, Herons & Egrets.**

Black Bittern.....1 in LPB  
 Little Green Heron.....1 in KY  
 Grey Heron.....common in LPB  
 Purple Heron.....3 in LPB  
 Great Egret.....common  
 Intermediate Egret.....at least some in LPB  
 Little Egret.....common  
 Chinese Egret.....1 at the mouth of LPB canal.  
 Java/Chinese Pond Heron.....most likely we saw both.  
 Pacific Reef Heron.....4 at the sandsplits LPB  
 Cattle Egret.....common  
 Black-crowned Night-Heron.....1 in LPB  
 Black-faced Spoonbill.....1 in LPB (WP)

**Raptors.**

Osprey.....1 in LPB (WP)  
 Oriental Honey-Buzzard.....1 by Baan Maka-KK  
 Black-shouldered Kite.....1 on the way to KY, 2 LPB.  
 Black-eared Kite (split from Black) 1 in LPB.  
 Brahminy Kite.....common in LPB.  
 Crested Serpant-Eagle.....1 in KY, 2 in KK  
 Eastern Marsh-Harrier.....3 in LPB  
 Crested Goshawk.....2 in KY, 1 in KK  
 Shikra.....1 in KY  
 Japanese Sparrow-hawk.....3 in KY  
 Besra.....1 in KY  
 Himalayan Buzzard (split fr.common) 3 in KY  
 Mountain Hawk-Eagle.....1 in KK (27)  
 Black Eagle.....1 in KK (27)  
 Peregrine Falcon.....1 in KY

**Rails, Moorhens, Swamphens & Jacanas.**

Ruddy-breasted Crake.....Seen on 3 occations LPB



Red Jungle Fowl



Chinese (left) & Little Egret.



Juv. Peregrine Falcon *japonensis*



Ruddy-breasted Crake

White-breasted Waterhen.....3 in LPB  
 Euroasian Moorhen.....3 in LPB  
 Black-backed Swamphen.....1 in LPB (WP) Split from Purple.  
 Bronze-winged Jacana.....1 in LPB (WP)

**Lapwings, Plovers, Sandpipers, Curlews, Stints etc.**

Red-watteled Lapwing.....common  
 Black-bellied (Grey) Plover.....1-200 LPB  
 Pacific Plover.....about 50 LPB  
 Lesser Sand-Plover.....3-400 LPB  
 Greater Sand-Plover.....50 LPB  
**Malaysian Plover.....LPB (2 PaT, 10 at sandsplits)**  
 Kentish Plover.....Common  
**“White-faced Plover” .....2 at the sandsplits LPB**  
 Little Ringed Plover.....5-10 at LPB  
 Black-winged Stilt.....common LPB  
 Terek Sandpiper.....2 at seashore PaT  
 Common Sandpiper.....4-10 daily LPB  
 Green Sandpiper.....1 at kings project LPB  
 Spotted Redshank.....1-200 LPB  
 Common Greenshank.....20-30 daily LPB  
**Nordman’s Greenshank.....50 at LPB (90’)**  
 Marsh Sandpiper.....common LPB  
 Wood Sandpiper.....10 at Kings project LPB  
 Red-necked Phalarope.....7 LPB (near PaT)  
 Whimbrel.....700 LPB  
 Euroasian Curlew.....2-500 daily LPB  
**Far-Eastern Curlew.....4 at viewpoint LPB(PaT)**  
 Black-tailed Godwit.....500-1000 daily LPB  
**Great Knot.....up to 1000 daily LPB**  
 Red Knot.....50-100/day LPB  
 Sanderling.....20, mostly sandsplits LPB  
 Red-necked Stint.....30-100 daily LPB  
 Temminck’s Stint.....5 LPB  
 Long-toed Stint.....15-20/day LPB  
 Curlew sandpiper.....50-400/day LPB  
**Dunlin.....1 in LPB (PaT)**  
**Spoonbilled Sandpiper.....2 LPB(PaT)**  
 Broad-billed Sandpiper.....5-10/day LPB  
 Ruff.....5 king’s project LPB  
**Asian Dowitcher.....5 LPB (90’)**  
 Common Snipe.....2-3/day LPB.

**Gulls & Terns.**

Brown-headed Gull.....Common in LPB



Red-watteled lapwing



Spoonbilled sandpiper



Red-necked Phalarope



Brown-headed Gulls

Heuglin's Gull.....1 at sandsplits LPB  
 Little Tern.....200, mostly at sandsplits, LPB  
 Caspian Tern.....100, mostly at sandsplits, LPB  
 Whiskered Tern.....common LPB  
 Gull-billed Tern.....10-40/day LPB  
 Common Tern.....200, mostly at sandsplits, LPB  
 Greater Crested Tern.....10 at sandsplits, LPB  
 Lesser Crested Tern.....2 at sandsplits, LPB



Greater Crested & Caspian Terns

**Doves & Pigeons.**

Rock Pigeon.....common  
 Red-collared Dove.....common  
 Spotted Dove.....common  
 Zebra Dove.....common in urban places  
 Emerald Dove.....1 in KK (km27)  
 Thick-billed Pigeon.....8 in KY, 100 in KK  
 Vedge-tailed Pigeon.....2 in KK (PT)  
 Mountain Imperial Pigeon...4 in KY, 4 in KK



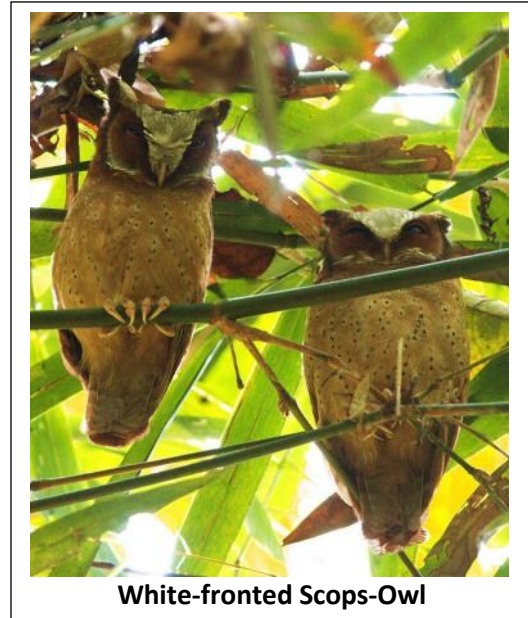
Raffle's malkoha

**Parrots.**

Red-breasted parakeet.....20 in KY  
 Vernal hanging Parrot.....4 in KY, 10 in KK

**Cuckoos.**

Large Hawk-cuckoo.....1 in KK (km27)  
 Indian Cuckoo.....heard in KY  
 Banded Bay Cuckoo.....heard in KK  
 Plaintive Cuckoo.....Heard in LPB  
 Asian Koel.....seen/heard all locations  
 Green-billed Malkoha.....7 in KY, 2 in KK  
 Raffle's Malkoha.....1 seen in KK  
 Greater Coucal.....seen/heard daily



White-fronted Scops-Owl

**Owls.**

Whitefronted Scops Owl...2 in KK (BK)  
 Collared Scops-Owl.....heard in KK (Baan Maka)  
 Collared Owlet.....heard in KY & 1 seen in KK  
 Asian Barred Owlet.....heard in KY, LPB & KK  
 Brown Hawk-Owl.....heard in KK (Baan Maka)

**Nightjars.**

Large-tailed Nightjar.....20 seen/heard in KK  
 Savanna Nightjar.....1 seen in KY (batcave)

**Swifts.**

Brown-backed Needletail..2 in KY  
 Germain's Swiftlet.....common  
 Himalayan Swiftlet.....a few in KK

House Swift.....a few in Bangkok  
Palm Swift.....common

**Trogons, Kingfishers, Bee-eaters,**

Orange-breasted Trogon....7 in KK (BK)  
Red-headed Trogon.....3 in KY, 1 in KK  
Common Kingfisher.....common  
Banded Kingfisher.....heard in KY  
White-throated Kingfisher.7 in LPB, 2 in KK  
Black-capped Kingfisher....4 in LBP  
Collared Kingfisher.....10-15/day in LPB  
Red-bearded Bee-eater.....2 in KK (km27)  
Blue-bearded Bee-eater....8 in KK (BK)  
Green Bee-eater.....5-10/day in LPB  
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater. 4 in KY, 75 in KK

**Rollers & Hoopoes.**

Indian Roller.....common  
Dollarbird.....3 in KK (BK)  
Hoopoe.....1 in KY, 1 in LPB

**Hornbills.**

Oriental Pied Hornbill.....10 in KY, 20 in KK  
Great Hornbill.....4 in KY, 3 in KK  
Rusty-cheeked Hornbill....8 in KK  
Wreathed Hornbill.....2 in KY, 3 in KK (PT)

**Barbets.**

Great Barbet.....a few in KK (PT)  
Liniated Barbet.....a few in KY & LPB  
Green-eared Barbet.....a few in KY,  
Golden-throated barbet....a few in KK (PT)  
Blue-throated Barbet.....2 in KK  
Moustached Barbet.....heard in KY & KK  
Blue-eared barbet.....heard in KY & KK  
Coppersmith Barbet.....KY, LPB & KK

**Wrynecks & Woodpeckers.**

Euroasian Wryneck.....1 in LPB (WP)  
Speckled Pickulet.....1 in KK (km27)  
Common Flameback.....2 in KK  
Greater Flameback.....2 in KY, 6 in KK  
Great Slaty Woodpecker...1 in KK

**Broadbills & Pittas.**

Silver-breasted Broadbill...10-15 in KK (BK)  
Eared Pitta.....1 in KY



Red-bearded Bee-eater



Blue-bearded Bee-eater



Great Hornbill (male)



Orange-breasted Trogon

## Gerygones, Woodshrikes, Shrike-Babblers & Woodswallows.

Golden-bellied Gerygone.....common in LPB

Large Wood-shrike.....1 in KK

White-browed Shrike-Babbler. A few in KK(PT)

Now split to Blyth's S-B.

Ashy Woodswallow.....daily, except KK

## Ioras, Cuckoo-Shrikes & Minivets.

Common Iora.....1 in LPB, 1 in KK

Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike.2+4 in KK

Indo-chinese Cuckoo-Shrike..4+4 in KY

Brown-rumped Minivet.....6+2 in KY

Ashy Minivet.....2 in KK

Scarlet Minivet.....2 in KY

Grey-cheeked Minivet.....2 in KK

## Flycatcher-Shrikes, Shrikes & Erpornis.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike.5+5 in KY

Brown Shrike.....a few in LPB

White-bellied Erpornis (Yuhina) 4 in KY, 2+2 in KK

## Orioles & Drongos.

Black-naped Oriole.....1+1 in LPB, 2+2 in KK

Slender-billed Oriole.....2 in KK

Black-hooded Oriole.....1 in KK (Baan Maka)

Black Drongo.....common

Ashy Drongo.....common

Bronzed Drongo.....3+1 in KK

Sprangled Drongo.....common

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo. a few in KY & KK

## Magpies, Treepies & Crows.

Green Magpie.....2 in KK (PT)

Grey Treepie.....2 in KK (PT)

Racket-tailed Treepie.....3 in KK

**Ratchet-tailed Treepie.....1+1 in KK (km27)**

Rufous Treepie.....2 in KK (Baan Maka)

Eastern Jungle Crow (Large-billed). Common

## Bushlarks & Swallows.

Indo-chinese Bushlark.....3-4 KK (Baan Maka)

Barn Swallow.....common

Red-rumped Swallow.....10 in LPB

## Tits.

Sultan Tit.....2 in KK



White-bellied Erpornis



Ratchet-tailed Treepie

## **Bulbuls.**

**Black-headed Bulbul**.....1-5 daily KK.  
**Black-crested Bulbul**.....common in KY & KK  
**Red-whiskered Bulbul**.....5 in KY  
**Sooty-headed Bulbul**.....a few everywhere  
**Stripe-throated Bulbul**.....1 in KY, 4 in KK  
**Flavacent Bulbul**.....common in KK (PT)  
**Yellow-vented Bulbul**.....a few in KY  
**Streak-eared Bulbul**.....common  
**Puff-throated Bulbul**.....a few in KY  
**Ochraceous Bulbul**.....common in KK  
**Grey-eyed Bulbul**.....fairly common KY & KK  
**Ashy Bulbul**.....a few in KK (PT)  
*Cinereous*, a future split.  
**Mountain Bulbul**.....a few in KK (PT)

## **Warblers, Tailorbirds & Prinias etc.**

**Yellow-bellied Warbler**.....3 in KK  
**Radde's Warbler**.....about 15 in KK  
**Yellow-browed Warbler**.....common  
**Hume's Warbler**.....3 in KY (top)  
**Arctic Warbler**.....2 in KK (PT)  
**Pale-legged Warbler**.....a few in KY & KK  
**Davison's Leaf-Warbler**.....a few in KY & KK  
**Sulphur-breasted Warbler**...1 in KY, 2 in KK  
**Plain-tailed Warbler**.....a few in KK  
**Black-browed Reed Warbler**.a few in LPB  
**Oriental Reed warbler**.....1 in LPB  
**Zitting Cisticola**.....a few LPB  
**Common Tailorbird**.....common  
**Dark-necked Tailorbird**.....common in KY & KK  
**Ashy Tailorbird**.....1 in LPB  
**Yellow-bellied Prinia**.....3 in LPB  
**Plain Prinia**.....common in LPB

## **White-eyes.**

**Chestnut-flanked White-eye.** a few in the flocks. KY  
**Oriental White-eye**.....a few flocks. KY  
**Everett's White eye**.....some in KK

## **Babblers, Laughingthrushes, Fulvettas etc.**

**Brown-cheeked Fulvetta**.....a few at photoblind KK  
**Abbot's Babbler**.....a few in KY & KK  
**Buff-breasted Babbler**.....2 in KK  
**Puff-throated Babbler**.....common in KY & KK



**Black-crested Bulbul**



**Yellow-browed Warbler**



Limestone Wren babbler.....3 in Wat Pra Puttabath Noi. *Callicola*, a future split.

White-crested Laughingthrush.common in KY, 10 KK

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush. Common in KK

Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush. 5-7 in KK

Black-throated Laughingthrush.....heard in KK

Rufous-fronted Babbler.....common KY & KK

Pin-striped Tit Babbler.....common KY & KK

Large Scimitar Babbler.....2 KY, 3-4 KK

White-browed Scimitar Babbler...2 KY, 3-4 KK

### **Bluebirds & Leafbirds.**

Asian Fairy-Bluebird.....common KY & KK

Lesser Green Leafbird.....2 in KK (PT)

Blue-winged Leafbird.....a few in KY & KK

Orange-bellied Leafbird.....2 in KK

### **Shamas & Magpi-Robins.**

Oriental Magpie-Robin.....common

White-rumped Shama..... a few in KY & KK

### **Flycatchers etc.**

Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher.....a few in KK

Black-naped Monarch.....a few in KY & KK

Pied Fantail.....a few in LPB, KK

Asian Paradise Flycatcher.....1 in KY, 4 in KK

Darksided Flycatcher.....5+5 KK (PT)

Asian Brown Flycatcher.....fairly common

Hainan Blue Flycatcher.....1 in KY

Blue-throated Flycatcher.....2 in KK

Chinese Blue Flycatcher.....1 in KK (Baan Maka)

Hill Blue Flycatcher.....a few in KY & KK

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher.....4 in KK

Verditer Flycatcher.....2 in KY, 2 in KK

Taiga Flycatcher.....common

### **Forktails.**

White-crowned Forktail.....1 in KY

Slaty-backed Forktail.....3 in KY

### **Robins, Chats & Thrushes.**

Siberian Blue Robin.....1 in KK photoblind

Blue Rock-Thrush.....3 in KY, 2 in KK

Orange-headed Thrush.....1 in KK (Baan Maka)

Siberian Stonechat *Maura*.....a few in LPB etc.

Pied Bushchat.....common in LPB



Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush



Tickell's Blue Flycatcher (male)



Siberian Blue Robin (male)

## Mynas & Starlings.

Common Hill Myna.....common in KY & KK  
 White-vented Myna.....common  
 Common Myna.....common  
 Black-collared Starling.....a few in KY & LPB  
 Vineous-breasted Starling.....20 in LPB  
 Asian Pied Starling.....common in LPB

## Flowerpeckers, Sunbirds & Spiderhunters

Plain Flowerpecker.....3 in KY  
 Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker.....fairly common  
 Ruby-cheeked Sunbird.....1 in KK  
 Olive-backed Sunbird.....common  
 Black-throated Sunbird.....7 in KK  
 Little Spiderhunter.....2 in KK

## Wagtails & Pipits.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail.....2 in LPB  
 Grey Wagtail.....2 in KY 1 in KK  
 Paddyfield Pipit.....common in LPB  
 Richards Pipit.....2 in LPB  
 Tree Sparrow.....common  
 Scaly-breasted Munia.....common



White-browed Scimitar-Babbler



## List Of Mammals.

(not comprehensive)

Wrinkle-lipped Bat.....Batcave outside KY  
 Banded Langur.....KK 5  
 Dusky Langur.....kk common  
 Northern Pig-tailed Macaque. KY common  
 Longtailed Macaque.....KK  
 White-handed Gibbon.....KY & KK  
 Masked Palm Civet.....KK 1  
 Small Asian Mongoose.....LPB 1  
 Crab-eating Mongoose.....KK 4  
 Leopard.....KK 1  
 Elephant.....KY at least 3.  
 Sambar Deer.....KY common KK 1  
 Red Muntjac Deer.....KY a few KK heard.  
 Black Giant Squirrell.....KY & KK a few  
 Variable Squirrell.....KY & KK  
 ...think we saw a few more squirrels?



