# Birding the Philippines Luzon - Palawan - Mindoro January - February 2019

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# Front cover

Delightful endemic Indigo-banded Kingfisher, Ceyx cyanopectus, at Makiling Botanical Gardens, Los Baños. MG.

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# **Highlights**

- Fine views of a feeding Flame-breasted Fruit Dove at Mt Polis.
- Pre-dawn Bukidnon Woodcock at Mt Polis (previously missed the species at Mount Kitanglad!).
- Owling at Subic Bay including spotlight views of a Slaty-legged Crake.
- Beautiful tropical scenery at Sabang, Palawan: Cockatoos in nice evening light.
- Legendary male Palawan Peacock-Pheasant at St Paul's.
- Many endemics including Falcated Wren-Babbler and Palawan Tit at Sabang.
- Smash-and-grab Grey Imperial Pigeon on Pandan Island.
- Trek to Mt Victoria through pristine montane forest Palawan Striped Babbler!
- A bag of Mindoro endemics around Lake Libuao, Sablayan Prison and Penal Farm.
- Deep voiced and endangered Black-hooded Coucal.
- Evening along creek at Sablayan with large flocks of feeding pigeons: Spotted Imperial Pigeon, Yellowbreasted Fruit Dove, Thick-billed Green Pigeon.
- Indigo-banded Kingfisher in Makiling Botanical Gardens.
- Rare Philippine Eagle Owl at Mt Makiling.
- Very last morning with a responsive Whiskered Pitta at Infanta Rd.

# **General information**

The Philippine Archipelago is among the most endemic-rich areas in the world. And it was sure good to be going back there. At a first glance the itinerary of this trip might seem a bit odd or unusual. To clarify the matter this trip should be seen as a continuation of our trip in 2014 when we covered Mindanao, Bohol and Cebu. Unfortunately Tomas Carlberg could not join us this time. Myself, Sebbe and Anders were instead joined by Claes and Mårten Wikström. We didn't hesitate for one second about getting in touch with Bram at birdguidingphilippines.com to help us guide and set up the trip since his services were impeccable in 2014. And our high recommendations still stands after this trip! Before the start of this trip Claes and Mårten did extensive birding on Mindanao getting a lot of recently found rarities such as wintering Japanese Night Heron and Chinese Crested Tern.

Birding in the Philippines is demanding and tough with elusive birds, unpredictable weather, severe habitat destruction. And it's highly rewarding in terms of really splendid birds and really scarce birds. You will, however, miss stuff, it's impossible to clean-up. And it always leaves a feeling of wanting to go back to get those last ones. It's also time-consuming since you need a lot of island-hopping.

In hindsight we wouldn't change this itinerary. If possible to add some extra days we would have stayed longer at Mt Polis (for Montane Racket-tail), Subic Bay (for Philippine (Luzon) Hawk-Eagle) and Mt Makiling (lost all morning there due to heavy rain). We did extremely well on Palawan, and Sablayan on Mindoro produced (more than) what we'd hoped for.

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- http://www.birdguidingphilippines.com
- Oriental Bird Club: Don't forget to sign up for a membership http://www.orientalbirdclub.org

# Itinerary at a glance

- Jan26 Late arrival at Manila. Meet up!
- Jan27 Candaba Marsh via Solano to Mt Polis
- Jan28 Mt Polis
- Jan29 Mt Polis
- Jan30 Dalton Pass, to Subic Bay (Apallin, Nabasan Trail)
- Subic Bay (Oriza, Hospital Rd, Nabasan Rd), late pm to Manila. Jan31
- Feb1 To Palawan. Irawan Ecopark, Badjao Seafront, Liyang Lookout, Sabang.
- Feb2 St Paul's, Sabang Road, ATV-trail
- Feb3 N Liyang/Sabang Road, Pandan Island, Puerto Princesa mudflats, to Narra
- Feb4 Mt Victoria hike to base camp and above
- Mt Victoria to Narra. Evening at La Cania Island (Puerto Princesa Bay) Feb5
- Feb6 Irawan Ecopark, Iwahig ricefields, Airport mudflats. Afternoon flight to Manila.
- Feb7 Morning flight to Mindoro. To Sablayan. Lake Libuao
- Feb8 Lake Libuao, trail behind sub-prison, Yapan bridge, Sablayan
- Feb9 Mindoro to Manila. Transport to Los Baños. Botanical Gardens, fields at Los Baños.
- Feb10 Mt Makiling, Botanical Gardens, IRRI, Los Baños
- Feb11 Infanta Rd (km 97-108)
- Feb12 Infanta Rd (km 97-98). Evening flight home.



Yellowish White-eye, Banaue Hotel. MG.

Greater Painted Snipe, IRRI, Los Banõs. MG.

# Site comments – Luzon

### **Candaba Marsh**

(15.072413, 120.881082) Most habitat are long gone but there still are good birds to be found. We had a lot of waders and crakes in nearby paddies and in surrounding bushes and trees we found some wintering passerines such as Middendorf's Grasshopper Warbler, Kamchatka Leaf Warbler, Clamorous Reed Warbler, unfortunately only Bram saw the fly-by White-shouldered Starlings. Ducks were scarce since little or no lakes remain. The most important bird to look for is the endemic Philippine Swamphen. We spent a full morning here.

### Mt Polis – Banaue

We arrived after sunset for a three night stay at Banaue Hotel (16.907123, 121.064985) at the UNESCO World Heritage site – the famous rice terraces. We had two full days at Mt Polis right in the middle of the Cordilleran mountains of northern central Luzon. On our first day we spent most of the day on the northern side of the pass (16.965946, 121.026854) toward Bay-yo. Pre-dawn we had brief views of Luzon Scops Owl. We spent most of the morning along the northern slopes in foggy and rainy conditions, it took some time before the we connected with any flocks. The omnipresent Chestnut-faced Babbler was a delight, beautiful Luzon Sunbirds and a single

Flame-crowned Flowerpecker were amazing. Bram found the star of the day: Flame-breasted Fruit Dove which performed well (<u>https://youtu.be/Wxyhuaa-W\_o</u>). Later we continued down to Bay-yo (17.011936, 121.016927) were there is a side-track down to a small village. Here we had the highly localized Benguet Bush-Warbler and also Philippine Bush Warbler. Luzon Water Redstart can be found in the stream at the bottom of the valley and also further north from Bay-yo at an obvious bridge (17.040533, 121.010928). Back at the higher grounds we connected with Mountain Shrike and on the southern slopes towards Banaue we managed to tape in a Long-tailed Bush Warbler. Back at the hotel there was good activity with flocks of Yellowish White-eyes and Blueheaded Fantails.

The next morning we started on the southern slopes where we had a Philippine Frogmouth very close but out of view. Suddenly a sharp call rose our full attention: Bukidnon Woodcock!, it made a quick fly-by before disappearing. At first light we had a marvellous pair of Siberian Rubythroats before searching further for the mountain birds. Green-backed Whistler and Scale-feathered Malkoha was nice, no Tawny-breasted Parrotfinch despite good efforts. We walked long stretches of the road on both sides of the pass today. Some of us got lucky with a male Brown-headed Thrush. It was again quite foggy on the northern side and we hoped in vain for Montane Racket-tails. We had a relaxed afternoon at Banaue, some of us scanned for Whitehead's Swiftlet from the hotel. And some of us made an *ad hoc* walk from the hotel through some paddies and villages further downhill striking gold at a small gully when a Bundok Flycatcher made a quick appearance.

### **Subic Bay**

The best preserved and most easily accessible lowland rainforest on Luzon. We arrived mid-afternoon and went directly to Apallin trail (14.767788, 120.288913). Within short we had connected with Northern Sooty Woodpecker, Luzon Flameback, Trilling Tailorbird and Rufous Coucal. A calling White-browed Shama stayed hidden. Later we tried the Nabasan trail-system (14.763559, 120.285122), it was an amazing evening with calm and clear weather and good activity with woodpeckers drumming and lots of calling birds. Philippine Green Pigeon, Blackish Cuckooshrike and Blue-throated Bee-eaters were seen. Just before darkness while awaiting owls, a Slaty-legged Crake ran across the trail and soon started to climb up a small bush and thanks to Bram's IR-detector we could eventually see the bird with spot-light. The owls were very co-operative around the Nabasan road area and within an hour we had great views of Philippine Scops Owl, Luzon Hawk-Owl and Chocolate Boobook.

At Oriza early morning we tried without luck for White-fronted Tit, the best area for the tit and White-lored Oriole is within restricted areas. Back at Nabasan road we finally found a productive fruiting tree with a few Green Racket-tails at close distance. Rough-crested Malkoha was also added. Later on we walked a long section of Hospital Rd and we spent some time scanning for raptors (no Luzon Hawk-Eagle).

### Mt Makiling – Los Baños

Another classic birding destination with pristine mountain rainforest. We stayed two nights at Searca Residence Hotel (14.161600, 121.239397) in Los Baños. Our first birding here was at the close-by Makiling Botanical Gardens (14.156430, 121.234458). We failed to find any Indigo-banded Kingfisher but the endemic Flaming Sunbird was good. In the evening we positioned ourselves strategically at the top of a track crossing some fields in the southern outskirts of Los Baños (14.153233, 121.241645), a well-known stake-out for Spotted Buttonquail. Staying focused all of us got good views as a pair finally crossed the track as anticipated. You might only get one shot and we reckon this species easily can be missed. The fields are more over-grown nowadays making habitat presumably less attractive for buttonquails.

We had heavy rain throughout the next morning. Before sunrise Bram had a site for Philippine Eagle Owl along the entrance road to Mt Makiling, we had amazing views just before day-break. Still very early we had brief views of a White-browed Shama, after that rain started and hampered all birding on Mt Makiling. Birding was done along the road before the trail to the top starts and above the entrance gate. There was a lot of cyclists sweating their way uphill. Philippine Trogon was added to the list. In the afternoon back in Los Baños we went back to the botanical gardens. This time the Indigo-banded Kingfisher showed beautifully. We searched hard for a Ashy-breasted Flycatcher seen by another team just minutes before our arrival, but we couldn't find it. Spotted Imperial Pigeon was a surprise. Before leaving we found Grey-backed Tailorbird.

Our last stop was at the rice-paddies around IRRI, where we had a nice selection of wetland birds. We flushed up to 11(!) Greater Painted-snipes, and saw Buff-banded Rail and our only Striated Swallow of the trip.

### Infanta Rd

We left Los Baños well before sunrise and arrived at Infanta Road late morning. We spent the whole day walking different stretches of this fairly new birding road on Luzon. The slopes were covered with bushes and smaller trees, regular typhoons in this region prevents trees from growing large. We had only a few flocks of birds and it was generally though birding, however we picked up some good ones. During the day we birded from KM 97-KM

108. Bicol Ground Warbler, one of the main targets, called on a couple of occasions, however they seemed impossible to tape in. A single Lemon-throated Leaf Warbler, Sulphur-billed Nuthatch, many Citrine Canary-Flycatchers, Yellowish White-eyes, good numbers of Guaiaberos. Buzzing, Bicolored and Olive-backed Flowerpeckers were all seen. In the afternoon we took shelter in a small coffee shop - The Hulk! (14.574772, 121.510017) as intense rain showers poured down. We went back to Tanay to find our hotel.

The next morning (also last morning of the trip) we finally found our gem around KM 97-KM 98, after some efforts we eventually caught up with a calling Whiskered Pitta and had great views (<u>https://youtu.be/SwUqi6yMa8E</u>). Another star was a fine Philippine Fairy-bluebird. After a couple of hours driving back to Manila Bram dropped us of at the Ninoy Aquino airport late afternoon well in time for our international flight.



Palawan Peacock-Pheasant. Reportedly this famous old male at St Paul's, Sabang, disappeared/died not long after our visit. MG.

## Site comments – Palawan

### **Irawan Ecopark**

Great lowland birding close to Puerto Princesa (14.574772, 121.510017). It's very easy birding along a dirt track. The track is gated and we had to fill in entrance forms. At times access to this site have been restricted. An alternative to Irawan is Iwahig Penal Farm. We made two visits here, on our first and last days, respectively. There was a good selection of Palawan endemics and trip birds we only saw here: e.g. Melodious Babbler, Blue Paradise Flycatcher, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha and Blue-eared Kingfisher. Generally fine observations of many sunbirds and flowerpeckers. On our second visit we also saw the endemic Palawan Flycatcher.

### Sabang - St Paul's

Birding around Sabang (10.196372, 118.893393) is mainly done along the access road. Most of the Palawan endemics can be found in this general area. On our arrival day late afternoon we went directly to Liyang look-out

(10.105426, 118.848831) at the eastern shore of Ulugan Bay. From this small hill there is a fantastic tropical scenery. We spent a couple of hours and eventually some Philippine Cockatoos appeared, they were very mobile and noisy. Other good birds were Palawan Hornbill,Great Slaty Woodpecker, and a few Blue-headed Racket-tails. During a very productive night-birding session we had views of Spotted Wood Owl, Palawan Scops Owl, Palawan Frogmouth and Large-tailed Nightjar everything from the road from Liyang to Sabang. We heard a Brown Hawk-Owl calling for a long time but the bird was not responsive, this taxon is quite infrequently encountered.

A pre-arranged long-boat the next morning took us from Sabang a few kilometres to St Paul's Subterranean River NP (10.200262, 118.924912). It's important to get here early since there can be lots of tourists here later in the day. We walked around for an hour seeing Tabon Scrubfowl, Hooded Pitta, Palawan Blue Flycatcher but no pheasant. A member of the staff soon helped us, he went out on a small side trail and started to call. Within seconds the famous male Palawan Peacock-Pheasant came running to get his daily rice! It was surprisingly small but exquisitely beautiful, what a top bird! The rest of the day we birded along the Sabang road. We first tried the ATV-trails (10.179432, 118.893668) which gave Hooded and Philippine Pittas, another Palawan Blue Flycatcher and White-vented Shama. Further south there was a particularly productive stretch (10.081018, 118.842614) were we had both Spot-throated and splendid Red-headed Flamebacks, Falcated Wren-Babbler, Dark-throated Oriole, all endemic bulbuls, Yellow-throated Leafbird and Striped Flowerpecker.

The last morning was dedicated to finding Palawan Tit which still had eluded us. We walked a good stretch of the road north of the Liyang look-out and finally found a pair.

### **Pandan Island**

From the jetty (9.843859, 118.745846) at Honda Bay there are long-boats taking tourists to Pandan Island (9.875505, 118.816088). The island is privately owned and there have been some previous restrictions for birdwatchers. As we arrived we were told we couldn't walk across the interior of the island as we wished. However we were allowed to circle the island by walking the beach. At one point on the eastern side well away from any houses there was a small side track through the bushes, only walking some 50 m here we stumbled upon a Grey Imperial Pigeon (https://youtu.be/8DUG-VwmHKU), a satellite island specialist only occurring from Borneo to the Philippines. Mantanani Scops Owl is also present on Pandan Island and from time to time Great-billed Herons occur here.

### **Mt Victoria**

We arrived Narra on the eastern coast of Palawan south of Puerto Princesa just before sunset and found our hotel (9.269939, 118.411430). Bram had arranged for a team of porters and mountain guide who met us at the hotel. A very energetic guy and we went through the logistics for the following expedition. Early next morning we went to a local office and filled in the usual papers. We drove for 30 minutes west toward the mountain and picked up the porters on the way. Late morning we started the long trek to the base camp och Mt Victoria, at first we walked through some grassy habitat before reaching a dried river bed, soon we walked along a small river which we eventually crossed multiple times during the day. It was quite easy walking but the crossings took some time, we used some different tactics, some of us changed between boots and sandals when crossing, some accepted the soaking, and some jumped rocks as much as possible. Anyway we proceeded deeper into the mountains. Well in the afternoon we finally reached the base camp and just before the trail started to gain real height. From the base camp it was at times very steep, and it took a couple of more hours before we reached enough altitude for the good stuff. The very interesting taxon of Mangrove Whistler (far from coastal mangroves!), Palawan Blue Flycatcher, Yellow-breasted Warbler, heard Palawan Tit and Hornbill, a flock of Thick-billed Green Pigeons and a few Blue-headed Racket-tails. Even further up there was Negros Leaf Warblers and Little Pied Flycatchers. At this stage of the trail the forest was very thick and it was tough to get good views of the birds. Albeit shortly thereafter we found the main target: two Palawan Striped Babblers, wow! We had seen most of the high altitude birds of Palawan now, however White-browed Shortwing eluded us. At one point we had a cuckoo calling, not sure of its identification we made a short recording, and it was not after a few days we realised that it in fact was a Banded Bay Cuckoo, a very enigmatic bird in the Philippines, Bram have never seen it here. We were back at the base camp before sunset, had a light dinner and went to sleep in the tents.

During breakfast and before clearing the camp next day we found a pair of cute little Palawan Flycatchers. There was a pretty uneventful (long) walk back to Narra without any big surprises.

### Puerto Princesa mudflats and bay

An evening visit to La Cania Island (9.762896, 118.719325) produced the hoped for Mantanani Scops Owl, Bram had arranged for a boat to take us there and back, the boat-trip was just a few minutes. The Scops Owl was easy to find close to mangroves on the western side of the diminutive island.

Badjao Seafront (9.727864, 118.749674) is an excellent seafood restaurant were we had lunch one day.

From the parking lot there is a boardwalk through mangrove forest to the restaurant, here we had Copperthroated Sunbird, Stork-billed Kingfisher and a Nankeen Night Heron on day-roost. According to the owner who had a genuine interest in birdwatching there was a pair of Spotted Wood Owls around the parking lot.

On two different days we tried to watch waders at mudflats close to Puerto Princesa. The first place was restricted private site which Bram had access to, it was south of the airport (9.727198, 118.771208), there was a good selection of shorebirds including many Grey-tailed Tattlers, Greater and Lesser Sand Plovers, Red-necked Stints and Pacific Golden Plovers. Immediately close to the Airport there are some easily accessible mudflats (9.739248, 118.772276) where we found a feeding Chinese Egret upon arrival. Shorebirds were more distant here and disappeared due to rising tide.



Black-hooded Coucal, Sablayan, Mindoro. MG.



Green-backed Whistler (ssp. mindorensis), Sablayan, Mindoro. MG.

### Site comments – Mindoro

### Sablayan Prison and Penal Farm

Due to heavy natural habitat destruction most endemic birds of Mindoro are threatened. The key lowland birding site is the forest around the Sablayan Prison and Penal Farm (<u>https://youtu.be/yl4qB8K7Izg</u>). There is a bit of paperwork to get access here but Bram had it all sorted out. We had to first report our presence at the main office (12.813485, 120.880112). For our 1,5 day of birding we had two long-time prisoners following us and showing the trails as part of their rehabilitation program. They were quiet and calm and seemed glad to get a change of their daily life. Upon mid-day arrival we went straight to Lake Libuao (12.819111, 120.897305), a beautifully located lake with pretty rainforests in the surroundings. There were some wetland birds around, among them a few Philippine Ducks, an increasingly rare bird, bitterns and many White-browed Crakes. We walked around the western and southern parts of the lake getting good views of Mindoro Hornbill, Bulbul and Racket-tail as well as a canopy-dwelling Scarlet-collared Flowerpecker. At dusk there was still good activity and a Metallic Pigeon flew by. We had a brief Mindoro Hawk-Owl.

Next morning we went back to the lake also adding Black-and-white Trillers and Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo. And interestingly the local form of Green-backed Whistler, a little-known taxon. Later in the morning we walked a small ill-defined trail behind the sub-prison (12.830339, 120.913445) where we had Ashy Minivets, the all black form of Philippine Coucal and eventually we heard the deep call of the rare Black-hooded Coucal. We had a good view although the bird stayed high in the canopy.

From the Yapan bridge (12.836017, 120.913870) we walked the grasslands along the small river heading east with deep forests covering the slopes on the opposite side. Again the scenery was just amazing. It was late afternoon now and after an hour we had found a large fruiting tree (12.836184, 120.922507) with a large flock of Thick-billed Green Pigeons and a few Yellow-breasted Fruit Doves. Not long after another large flock of pigeons appeared, it was Spotted Imperial Pigeons! What a feast. Back at the bridge by dusk we had Savanna Nightjar and Mindoro Hawk-Owl. The following day we left early for our morning plane from San José back to Manila. It seems not possible to stay at Sablayan, we had to go back to the coast to find a hotel (12.846032, 120.779436). It would be fantastic to arrange a longer trek inside this large forest to search for Mindoro Bleeding-heart which possibly survives only here.



Scanning from Banaue Hotel, Cordilleran Mts, Luzon.



Bay-yo, Mt Polis, Luzon.



Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Luzon.



Trek to Mt Victoria, Palawan.



Lake Libuao, Sablayan, Mindoro.



Waiting for Whiskered Pitta, Infanta Rd, Luzon.

# List of birds: The Philippines, January 27th - February 12th 2019

Following IOC World Bird List 9.2 (June 2019) (<u>www.worldbirdnames.org</u>). In total: 283 species (9 heard only), 115 endemics, 38 species on The IUCN Red List for Threatened Species (2014.3). Subspecies notations are foremost literature-based. L = Luzon. P = Palawan. M = Mindoro.

- 1 Garganey Spatula querquedula L: 3 Candaba Marsh (27/1).
- 2 Philippine Duck Anas Iuzonica VU Endemic to the Philippines M: max 5 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7-8/2).
- 3 Philippine Megapode Megapodius cumingii P: 6 St Paul's Subterranean Underground River NP (2/2).
- 4 Red Junglefowl Gallus gallus L: Max 8 Subic Bay (30-31/1).
- 5 Palawan Peacock-Pheasant Polyplectron napoleonis VU Endemic to Palawan
- P: 1 St Paul's Subterranean Underground River NP (2/2).
- Yellow Bittern Ixobrychus sinensis
   L: 3 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 1 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). M: Max 5 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7-8/2).
- Cinnamon Bittern Ixobrychus cinnamomeus
   L: 4 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 2 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). M: 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2), 1 along river, Sablayan (8/2).
- 8 Black-crowned Night Heron Nycticorax nycticorax L: 200+ Candaba Marsh (27/1), 1 imm. IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). M: max 2 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **9** Nankeen Night Heron *Nycticorax caledonicus* P: 1 ad Badjao Seafront, Puerto Princesa (1/2).
- 10 Striated Heron Butorides striata
   P: 2 Puerto Princesa (6/2). M: 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (8/2), 1 along river, Sablayan (8/2).
- **11 Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus* P, L, M: Seen almost daily.
- 12 Grey Heron Ardea cinerea L: 3 Candaba Marsh (27/1). M: 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2).
- **13** Purple Heron Ardea purpurea L: 100+ Candaba Marsh (27/1). M: 10+ Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **14 Great Egret** *Ardea alba* P, L, M: Seen on 8 days.
- **15** Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia* P, L, M: Seen on 11 days.
- **16** Little Egret Egretta garzetta P, L, M: Seen on 10 days.
- 17 Pacific Reef Heron Egretta sacra P: 5 Sabang (2/2), 4 Pandan Island (3/2).
- **18 Chinese Egret** *Égretta eulophotes* VU P: 1 Puerto Princesa, Airport mudflats (6/2).
- **19** Lesser Frigatebird Fregata ariel ariel P: 2 imm flying south Liyang look-out, Sabang (3/2).
- Western Osprey Pandion haliaetus
   P: 1 Puerto Princesa (6/2). M: 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7-8/2).
- Crested Honey Buzzard Pernis ptilorhynchus
   L: 1 Banaue (29/1), 1 Infanta Rd (11/2). P: 1 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 Sabang (2/2), 1 Mt Victoria (5/2), 1 juv Makiling Botanical Gardens (10/2).
- 22 Crested Serpent Eagle Spilornis cheela P: 2 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 Sabang (2/2), 1 Mt Victoria (4/2).
- 23 Philippine Serpent Eagle Spilornis holospilus Endemic to the Philippines
- L: 1 Mt Polis (28/1), 1 er (29/1), 2 Subic Bay (30/1), max 4 Infanta Rd (11-12/2). M: max 4 Sablayan (7-8/2). 24 Rufous-bellied Eagle Lophotriorchis kienerii
- M: 1 ad Sablayan (8/2). **25 Chinese Sparrowhawk** Accipiter soloensis
- L: 1∂ Subic Bay (30/1). Sparrowhawk sp Accipiter sp.

	L:1 probable Besra ( <i>A. virgatus</i> ) Mt Makiling (10/2).
26	Eastern Marsh Harrier Circus spilonotus
	L: 4 Candaba Marsh (27/1).
27	Brahminy Kite Haliastur indus
	L: 20+ Subic Bay (30-31/1), 1 Infanta Rd (11/2). M: 3 Sablayan (7-8/2).
28	White-bellied Sea Eagle Haliaeetus leucogaster
	P: 1 Badjao Seafront, Puerto Princesa (1/2), 1 Puerto Princesa (6/2).
29	Grey-faced Buzzard Butastur indicus
	L: 1 e.r. Santa Fe (27/1), 1 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). P: 2 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 Liyang look-out, Sabang
	(1/2), 1 Sabang (2/2), 1 Mt Victoria (5/2).
30	Eastern Buzzard Buteo japonicus
•••	L: 1 Mt Polis (28/1).
31	Slaty-legged Crake Rallina eurizonoides eurizonoides
01	L: 1 Subic Bay (30/1).
32	Barred Rail Gallirallus torquatus torquatus
02	L: 15+ Candaba Marsh (27/1), 9 Los Baños (9/2), 3 e.r. Infanta Rd (11/2).
33	Buff-banded Rail Gallirallus philippensis philippensis
00	L: 1 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 4 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2).
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34	M: 3h Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2), 1 seen! Lake Libuao, Sablayan (8/2).
25	White-breasted Waterhen Amaurornis phoenicurus
35	L: 15+ Candaba Marsh (27/1), 1 Banaue (28/1), 1 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). M: 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7-
26	8/2). White-browed Crake Porzana cinerea
30	L: 6 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 5 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). M: 6 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7-8/2).
37	Philippine Swamphen Porphyrio pulverulentus Endemic to the Philippines and Talaud Is
57	L: 7 Candaba Marsh (27/1).
38	Common Moorhen Gallinula chloropus
50	L, P, M: Seen on 6 days.
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00	L: 1 pair Los Baños (9/2).
40	Black-winged Stilt Himantopus himantopus
10	P: 20 e.r. Narra (3/2), 5 Narra (5/2).
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	L: 200+ Candaba Marsh (27/1). P: 3 Puerto Princesa (3/2).
42	Grey Plover Pluvialis squatarola
	P: 10 Puerto Princesa (3/2).
43	Little Ringed Plover Charadrius dubius dubius
	L: 10 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 20 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). M: 6 Ricepaddies, Sablayan (8/2).
44	Kentish Plover Charadrius alexandrinus
	L: 80 Candaba Marsh (27/1). P: 3 Puerto Princesa (3/2).
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	P: 2 Puerto Princesa (3/2).
46	Greater Sand Plover Charadrius leschenaultii
	P: 8 Puerto Princesa (3/2).
47	Greater Painted-snipe Rostratula benghalensis
	M: 3 Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2). L: 11 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2).
48	Whimbrel Numenius phaeopus
	P: 1 Pandan Island (3/2).
49	Ruddy Turnstone Arenaria interpres
	P: 5 Puerto Princesa (3/2).
50	Long-toed Stint Calidris subminuta
	L: 15 Candaba Marsh (27/1).
51	Red-necked Stint Calidris ruficollis
	P: 8 Puerto Princesa (3/2).
52	Bukidnon Woodcock Scolopax bukidnonensis Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 1 heard briefly and seen fly-by pre-dawn Mt Polis (29/1).
53	Pin-tailed Snipe Gallinago stenura
	M: 1 flushed calling Ricepaddies, Sablayan (8/2). L: 2 "swintails" IRRI, Los Baños (10/2).

54	Common Snipe Gallinago gallinago
54	L: 7 Candaba Marsh (27/1).
55	Common Sandpiper Actitis hypoleucos
	L, P, M: Seen on 7 days.
56	Green Sandpiper Tringa ochropus
	M: 1 Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2).
57	<b>Grey-tailed Tattler</b> <i>Tringa brevipes</i> P: 25 Puerto Princesa (3/2), 1 Puerto Princesa (6/2).
58	Marsh Sandpiper Tringa stagnatilis
00	L: 2 Candaba Marsh (27/1).
59	Wood Sandpiper Tringa glareola
	L: 15 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 2 e.r. Manila (31/1), 100 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). P: 1 Narra (5/2). M: 10
	Ricepaddies, Sablayan (8/2).
60	Common Greenshank Tringa nebularia
61	L: 2 Candaba Marsh (27/1). P: 3 Sabang (3/2). Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybrida
61	L, P, M: Seen on 5 days.
62	Rock Dove Columba livia (domestica)
	L, P, M: Seen on 8 days.
63	Metallic Pigeon Columba vitiensis griseolugaris
	M: 1-2 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2), 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (8/2).
64	Red Turtle Dove Streptopelia tranquebarica humilis
CE	L: Seen on 5 days.
00	<b>Spotted Dove</b> <i>Spilopelia chinensis tigrina</i> P: Singles on 4 days. M: 25 Sablayan (8/2).
66	Philippine Cuckoo-Dove Macropygia tenuirostris tenuirostris
	P: 2 Sabang (2/2), 2 Sabang (3/2), 3h Mt Victoria (4/2), 2 Irawan Ecopark (6/2). M: 2 Lake Libuao, Sablayan
	(7-8/2).
67	Common Emerald Dove Chalcophaps indica indica
	L: 1 Subic Bay (30/1), 1 Makiling Botanical Gardens (10/2), 2 Infanta Rd (11/2). P: 1 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1
60	Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
00	<b>Zebra Dove</b> <i>Geopelia striata</i> L, P, M: Seen on 12 days.
69	White-eared Brown Dove Phapitreron leucotis leucotis Endemic to the Philippines
	L: Max 3 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 1 Makiling Botanical Gardens (9/2), 2h Mt Makiling (10/2), max 2h Infanta Rd
	(11-12/2). M: 1 Sablayan (7-8/2).
70	Amethyst Brown Dove Phapitreron amethystinus amethystinus HO Endemic to the Philippines
74	L: Max 1h Infanta Rd (11-12/2).
71	Pink-necked Green Pigeon Treron vernans P: 8 Mt Victoria (4/2).
72	Philippine Green Pigeon Treron axillaris Endemic to the Philippines
	L: Max 6 Subic Bay (30-31/1).
73	Thick-billed Green Pigeon Treron curvirostra erimacrus
	P: 15 Mt Victoria (4/2). M: 50+ Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2).
74	Flame-breasted Fruit Dove Ptilinopus marchei VU Endemic to Luzon
75	L: 1 Mt Polis (28/1).
75	<b>Cream-breasted Fruit Dove</b> <i>Ptilinopus merrilli faustinoi</i> NT Endemic to Luzon L: 1 Infanta Rd (11/2).
76	Yellow-breasted Fruit Dove Ptilinopus occipitalis occipitalis Endemic to the Philippines
10	M: 2 Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2).
77	Black-chinned Fruit Dove Ptilinopus leclancheri
	P (ssp gironieri): 1 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 Irawan Ecopark (6/2). L (ssp leclancheri): 1h Mt Makiling (10/2).
78	Spotted Imperial Pigeon Ducula carola carola VU Endemic to the Philippines
=^	M: 25 Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2). L: 4+5 Makiling Botanical Gardens (10/2).
79	Green Imperial Pigeon Ducula aenea
	L (ssp <i>aenea</i> ): Max 12 Subic Bay (30-31/1). P (ssp <i>palawanensis</i> ): Seen on 4 days. M (ssp <i>aenea</i> ): Max 25 Sablayan (7-8/2).
80	Grey Imperial Pigeon Ducula pickeringii VU
	P: 1 Pandan Island (3/2).

- **81 Rufous Coucal** *Centropus unirufus* NT Endemic to Luzon L: 3 Subic Bay (30/1), 1h Subic Bay (31/1).
- **82** Black-hooded Coucal Centropus steerii CR Endemic to Mindoro 1 seen + 3h Sablayan (8/2).
- **83** Greater Coucal Centropus sinensis bubutus HO P: 2h Sabang (1/2), 2h Sabang (3/2), 1h Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
- 84 Philippine Coucal Centropus viridis Endemic to the Philippines L (ssp viridis): 3 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 2 Banaue (29/1), max 1 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 1h Makiling Botanical Gardens (9/2), 1h Las Baños (10/2). M (ssp *mindorensis*): 2 seen + max 8h Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **85** Lesser Coucal Centropus bengalensis philippinensis L: 3 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 1 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2).
- **86** Chestnut-breasted Malkoha Phaenicophaeus curvirostris harringtoni P: 2+1 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 2+1 Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
- 87 Rough-crested Malkoha Dasylophus superciliosus superciliosus Endemic to the Luzon L: Max 7 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 1 Mt Makiling (10/2), 3 Makiling Botanical Gardens (10/2).
- Scale-feathered Malkoha Dasylophus cumingi Endemic to the Luzon
   L: 1+2 Mt Polis (28/1), 2 Mt Polis (29/1), 1 Mt Makiling (10/2), 1 Makiling Botanical Gardens (10/2), 2 Infanta Rd (11/2).
- Asian Koel Eudynamys scolopaces mindanensis
   P: 1h Sabang (1/2), 2ad+1 1cy Pandan Island (3/2), 1h Irawan Ecopark (6/2). M: 3 seen + max 5h Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **90** Violet Cuckoo Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus HO P (ssp xanthorhynchus): 1h Sabang (1/2). L (ssp amethystinus): 1h Makiling Botanical Gardens (10/2).
- **91 Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii fasciolatus* HO P: 1h Mt Victoria (4/2). Sound recording: <u>https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S52399104</u>
- **92 Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus merulinus* P: 1 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 Sabang (1/2), 1 1cy Pandan Island (3/2), 1 Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
- **93 Rusty-breasted Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sepulcralis sepulcralis L*: 1 Makiling (10/2), 1h Infanta Rd (11-12/2).
- **94** Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo Surniculus lugubris brachyurus P: Singles heard daily. 1 seen Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
- **95** Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx pectoralis* Endemic to the Philippines M: 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2).
- **96** Palawan Scops Owl Otus fuliginosus NT Endemic to Palawan P: 1 seen + 1h Sabang (1/2).
- **97** Philippine Scops Owl Otus megalotis Endemic to the Philippines L: 1 seen Subic Bay (30/1), 1h Subic Bay (31/1).
- 98 Luzon Scops Owl Otus longicornis NT Endemic to Luzon L: 1 seen + 3h Mt Polis (28/1).
- **99 Mantanani Scops Owl** Otus mantananensis NT P: 1 seen La Cania Island (5/2).
- **100** Philippine Eagle-Owl Bubo philippensis philippensis VU Endemic to the Philippines L: 1 seen Mt Makiling (10/2).
- **101 Spotted Wood Owl** Strix seloputo wiepkeni P: 2 seen Sabang (1/2).
- **102 Brown Hawk-Owl** *Ninox scutulata palawanensis* HO P: 1h Sabang (1/2).
- **103 Chocolate Boobook** *Ninox randi* Endemic to the Philippines L: Max 4 seen mostly perched on wires Subic Bay (30-31/1).
- **104 Luzon Hawk-Owl** Ninox philippensis philippensis Endemic to the Philippines L: 1 seen max 4h Subic Bay (30-31/1), 2h Mt Makiling (10/2).
- **105 Mindoro Hawk-Owl** *Ninox mindorensis* VU Endemic to Mindoro M: 1 seen briefly Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2), 1 seen the bridge outside Sablayan (8/2).
- **106 Philippine Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus septimus microrhynchus* HO Endemic to the Philippines L: 1h Mt Polis (29/1).
- **107** Palawan Frogmouth Batrachostomus chaseni Endemic to Palawan P: 1 seen + 4 h Sabang (1/2), 1 seen Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
- **108 Great Eared Nightjar** Lyncornis macrotis macrotis L: 1 Subic Bay (30/1), 1 Subic Bay (31/1), 1h Mt Makiling (10/2). M: 2 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2), 1h

Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2). 109 Large-tailed Nightjar Caprimulgus macrurus johnsoni P: 3 seen + 1h Sabang (1/2), 1 seen Pandan Island (3/2), 1 seen + 1h Irawan Ecopark (6/2). **110** Philippine Nightiar Caprimulgus manillensis HO Endemic to the Philippines L: 1h Mt Makiling (10/2). 111 Savanna Nightjar Caprimulgus affinis griseatus M: 1-2 seen Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2). 112 Whiskered Treeswift Hemiprocne comata major L: 5 Subic Bay (31/1). 113 Grey-rumped Swiftlet Collocalia marginata marginata Endemic to the Philippines L: 50 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 10 Los Baños (9/2), 3 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2), max 35 Infanta Rd (11-12/2). P: max 50 Sabang (1-3/2). 114 Ridgetop Swiftlet Collocalia isonota isonota Endemic to the Philippines L: max 50 Mt Polis (28-29/1). **115 Pygmy Swiftlet** Collocalia troglodytes Endemic to the Philippines L: 10+ e.r. Banaue (27/1), 2 Infanta Rd (11/2). P: 1 Sabang (1/2), 2 Mt Victoria (4/2). 116 Philippine Swiftlet Aerodramus mearnsi Endemic to the Philippines L: 25+ Mt Polis (29/1). 117 Ameline Swiftlet Aerodramus amelis Endemic to the Philippensis L: (ssp amelis) 50+ Candaba Marsh (27/1), seen at Los Baños (9/2). P: (ssp palawanensis) Seen in good numbers daily (1-6/2). M: (ssp amelis) 100+ daily (7-8/2). 118 Brown-backed Needletail Hirundapus giganteus giganteus P: 10 Sabang (1/2), 5 Sabang (2/2). **119 Purple Needletail** Hirundapus celebensis L: 5 Subic Bay (31/1). M: 1 Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2). **120 Asian Palm Swift** Cypsiurus balasiensis M: 1 Sablayan (7/2), 2 Sablayan (8/2). L: 1 Los Baños (9/2), 1 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). 121 Pacific Swift Apus pacificus L: 1 Mt Polis (28/1). 122 House Swift Apus nipalensis L: 5 e.r. Banaue (27/1), 3 Banaue (28-29/1), 2 Subic Bay (31/1). **123** Philippine Trogon Harpactes ardens luzoniensis Endemic to the Philippines L: 2 Mt Makiling (10/2). 124 Oriental Dollarbird Eurystomus orientalis orientalis L: max 10 Subic Bay (30-31/1). P: 2 Sabang (1/2). M: 1 Bridge outside Sablayan (8/2). 125 Spotted Wood Kingfisher Actenoides lindsayi lindsayi Endemic to the Philippines L: 1<sup>2</sup> Dalton Pass (30/1), 1h Subic Bay (30/1), 1s + 5h Mt Makiling (10/2). 126 Stork-billed Kingfisher Pelargopsis capensis gouldi P: 1 Badjao Seafront, Puerto Princesa (1/2). 127 White-throated Kingfisher Halcyon smyrnensis gularis L: 1 Banaue (29/1), max 5 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 1 Los Baños (9/12). M: 10 Sablayan (7-8/2). **128 Collared Kingfisher** Todiramphus chloris collaris L, P, M: Observed on 11 days. 129 Blue-eared Kingfisher Alcedo meninting meninting P: 1 Irawan Ecopark (1 & 6.2). **130 Common Kingfisher** Alcedo atthis bengalensis L: 2 Candaba Marsh (27.1). P: 2 Pandan Is (3.2). 2 Airport mudflats, PP (6.2). M: Max 8 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7-8.2). 131 Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher Ceyx erithaca motleyi P: 2 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 Mt Victoria (4 & 5/2), 1 Irawan Ecopark (6/2). 132 Indigo-banded Kingfisher Ceyx cyanopectus cyanopectus Endemic to the Philippines 2 Makiling Botanical Gardens (10/2). 133 Blue-tailed Bee-eater Merops philippinus L: 15 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 10 Subic Bay (30-31/1). M: 20 Sablayan (7-8/2). 134 Blue-throated Bee-eater Merops viridis americanus L: Max 30 Subic Bay (30-31/1). M: Max 5 Sablayan (7-8/2). 135 Palawan Hornbill Anthracoceros marchei VU Endemic to Palawan P: 3+7 Liyang Lookout, Sabang (1/2), 4 Mt Victoria (4/2). 136 Luzon Hornbill Penelopides manillae manillae Endemic to Luzon

L: Max 10 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 5 Mt Makiling (10/2).

- **137 Mindoro Hornbill** *Penelopides mindorensis* EN Endemic to Mindoro M: Max 20 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- 138 Coppersmith Barbet Psilopogon haemacephalus
   L: 1 seen and max 5h, Subic Bay (30-31/1), 3 Mt Makiling (10/2), 1h Infanta Rd (11/2). M: Max 4 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- 139 Philippine Woodpecker Yungipicus maculatus Endemic to the Philippines L (ssp validirostris): Max 2 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 1 Makiling Botanical Gardens (9/2), 1 Infanta Rd (11/2). M (ssp maculatus): 1 + 1h Sablayan (7-8/2).
- 140 White-bellied Woodpecker Dryocopus javensis
   L (ssp confusus): Max 2 h Mt Polis (28-29/1), max 7 Subic Bay (30-31/1). P (ssp hargitti): 1 h Mt Victoria (4/2). M (ssp mindorensis): 1 Sablayan (8/2).
- **141 Spot-throated Flameback** *Dinopium everetti* NT Endemic to Palawan P: Max 2 Sabang (2-3/2), 1 h Mt Victoria (5/2).
- **142 Luzon Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes haematribon* Endemic to Luzon L: Max 4 Subic Bay (30-31/1).
- **143 Red-headed Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes erythrocephalus* EN Endemic to Palawan P: 1 Sabang (2/2).
- **144 Sooty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus funebris funebris* **NT** Endemic to the Philippines L: Max 4 Subic Bay (30-31/1).
- **145 Great Slaty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus pulverulentus pulverulentus* VU P: Max 5 Sabang (Liyang Lookout) (1-2/2), 1 h Sabang (3/2), 1 h Mt Victoria (4/2).
- 146 Philippine Falconet Microhierax erythrogenys erythrogenys Endemic to the Philippines
- L: 1 Hospital Rd, Subic Bay (31/1). M: 1+1 Sablayan (8/2).
- **147 Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus ernesti* L: 1+1 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 1 IRRI (9/2).
- **148 Red-vented Cockatoo** *Cacatua haematuropygia* CR Endemic to the Philippines P: Max 5 Liyang Lookout, Sabang (1-2/2), 1 Narra (4/2).
- **149 Blue-headed Racket-tail** *Prioniturus platenae* VU Endemic to Palawan P: 6 Liyang Lookout (1/2), 20 Liyang Lookout (3/2), 2 Mt Victoria (4/2), 1h Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
- **150 Mindoro Racket-tail** *Prioniturus mindorensis* VU Endemic to Mindoro M: Max 5 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **151 Green Racket-tail** *Prioniturus luconensis* EN Endemic to the Philippines L: 2h + 12 seen Subic Bay (30-31/1).
- 152 Blue-naped Parrot Tanygnathus lucionensis NT Endemic to the Philippines
  L: Max 2 Subic Bay (30-31/1). P: 5 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 2 Liyang Lookout (1/2), 5 Sabang (2/2), 2 Sabang (3/2), 6 Irawan Ecopark (6/2). M: Max 10 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **153** Guaiabero Bolbopsittacus lunulatus lunulatus Éndemic to the Philippines L: Max 10 Subic Bay (30-31/1), Max 8 Infanta Rd (11-12/2).
- 154 Philippine Hanging Parrot Loriculus philippensis Endemic to the Philippines
   L (ssp philippensis): 1 Banaue (29/1), max 10 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 3 Los Baños (9/2), 8 Makiling (10/2), max 2 Infanta Rd (11-12/2). M (ssp mindorensis): 10 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **155 Whiskered Pitta** *Erythropitta kochi* **NT** Endemic to Luzon L: 1h Infanta Rd (11/2), 1 seen + 2h Infanta Rd (12/2).
- **156 Philippine Pitta** *Erythropitta erythrogaster propinqua* Endemic to the Philippines and Talaud Is P: 1 seen and heard ATV-trail, Sabang (2/2).
- 157 Hooded Pitta Pitta sordida
   P (ssp palawanensis): 1 seen + 1h Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 seen + 2h Sabang-area (2/2), 1h Sabang-road (3/2), 1h Irawan Ecopark (6/2). M (ssp sordida): 1 seen Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2).
- 158 Golden-bellied Gerygone Gerygone sulphurea simplex
  L: 25 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 5 Banaue (29/1), 1h Los Baños (9/2), 1 IRRI (10/2). P: 2h Puerto Princesa (6/2).
- **159 White-breasted Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorynchus leucorynchus* L: Seen on 5 days. P: Seen on 2 days. M: 4 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- 160 Common lora Aegithina tiphia aequanimis
  P: 2 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 Sabang-road (2/2). L: Seen at Los Baños (9/2).
- 161 Fiery Minivet Pericrocotus igneus igneus NT P: 2 Sabang-road (3/2), 3 Mt Victoria (5/2).
- **162 Ashy Minivet** Pericrocotus divaricatus

L: 35 Subic Bay (31/1), 20 Los Baños (9/2), 50 Mt Makiling (10/2). P: 4 Sabang-road (2/2). M: 75 Sablayan (8/2).

- 163 Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike Coracina striata L (ssp striata): Max 8 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 2 Mt Makiling (10/2). P (ssp difficilis): 1 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 2 Sabang-road (2/2). M (ssp mindorensis): 2 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **164 Blackish Cuckooshrike** *Edolisoma coerulescens coerulescens* Endemic to Luzon L: 3 Subic Bay (30/1).
- 165 Black-and-white Triller Lalage melanoleuca melanoleuca Endemic to the Philippines M: 1 pair + 1♂ Lake Libuao, Sablayan (8/2).
- 166 Pied Triller Lalage nigra nigra
  L: 5 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 4 Los Baños (9/2). P: 1 Sabang-area (3/2). M: 1♀ Sablayan (7/2), 1♀ Sablayan (8/2).
- **167 Mangrove Whistler** *Pachycephala cinerea plateni* P: 1 seen + 2h Mt Victoria (4/2).
- 168 Green-backed Whistler Pachycephala albiventris Endemic to the Philippines

L (ssp *albiventris*): Max 3 Mt Polis (28-29/1). M (ssp *mindorensis*): 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (8/2). **169 Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus* 

- L, P, M: Commonly seen on 14 days.
- **170 Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach nasutus* L: Seen on 7 days.
- **171 Mountain Shrike** *Lanius validirostris* NT Endemic to the Philippines L: 1-2 Mt Polis (28/1), 4 Mt Polis (29/1).
- **172 Dark-throated Oriole** Oriolus xanthonotus persuasus P: 1♂+1♀ Sabang-road (2/2).
- **173 Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis chinensis* L, P, M: Seen on 11 days.
- **174** Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus leucophaeus* P: Singles seen on 4 days. Not on Mt Victoria.
- **175 Balicassiao** *Dicrurus balicassius balicassius* Endemic to the Philippines L: 10 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 3 Mt Makiling (10/2), 1 Infanta Rd (11/2). M: 10 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- **176 Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus palawanensis*
- P: Seen on 5 days.
  177 Blue-headed Fantail Rhipidura cyaniceps cyaniceps Endemic to Luzon L: Max 10 Mt Polis-Banaue (28-29/1), 4 Infanta Rd (11/2).
- 178 Philippine Pied Fantail Rhipidura nigritorquis Endemic to the Philippines
  - L: 3 Candaba Marsh (27/1). P: 1 Badjao Seafront (1/2), 2 Puerto Princesa (6/2).
- 179 Black-naped Monarch Hypothymis azurea azurea
   P: 3 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 2 Sabang-area (2/2), 1 Mt Victoria (4/2), 1 Irawan Ecopark (6/2). M: 2 Sablayan (8/2)
- **180 Blue Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone cyanescens* Endemic to Palawan P: 1∂ Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 2 Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
- 181 Slender-billed Crow Corvus enca pusillus P: Seen on 5 days. M: 2 Sablayan (7-8/2).
- 182 Large-billed Crow Corvus macrorhynchus philippinus
- L: Max 10 Subic Bay (30-31/1), Seen at Mt Makiling and Infanta Rd.
- 183 Citrine Canary-Flycatcher Culicicapa helianthea L (ssp zimmeri): 2 Mt Polis (28/1), seen at Los Baños (9/2), 2 Infanta Rd (12/2). P (ssp panayensis): Max 5 Mt Victoria (4-5/2). M (ssp panayensis): Seen daily at Sablayan (7-8/2).
- 184 Elegant Tit Pardaliparus elegans elegans Endemic to the Philippines
- L: Max 15 Mt Polis-Banaue (28-29/1), 4 Subic Bay (31/1), 15 Infanta Rd (11/2).
- **185 Palawan Tit** *Pardaliparus amabilis* NT Endemic to Palawan P: 4+1 Sabang-road (3/2), 1h Mt Victoria (4/2).
- **186 Oriental Skylark** *Alauda gulgula wolfei* L: 5 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 10 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2).
- 187 Black-headed Bulbul Pycnonotus atriceps atriceps
   P: 2 Sabang-area (1/2), 2 Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
- **188 Yellow-wattled Bulbul** *Pycnonotus urostictus urostictus* Endemic to the Philippines L: 1h Mt Makiling (10/2).
- 189 Yellow-vented Bulbul Pycnonotus goiavier goiavier

	L, P, M: Seen on 9 days.
190	Ashy-fronted Bulbul Pycnonotus cinereifrons Endemic to Palawan
	P: Seen daily in low numbers, including Mt Victoria.
191	Palawan Bulbul Alophoixus frater Endemic to Palawan
	P: Seen daily in low numbers, including Mt Victoria.
192	Sulphur-bellied Bulbul lole palawanensis Endemic to Palawan
	P: Seen on 4 days in low numbers, including Mt Victoria.
193	Philippine Bulbul Hypsipetes philippinus philippinus Endemic to the Philippines
	L: Seen on 8 days in good numbers.
101	Mindoro Bulbul Hypsipetes mindorensis Endemic to Mindoro
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40E	M: Max 6 Sablayan (7-8/2).
195	Sand Martin Riparia riparia
400	L: 1 Candaba Marsh (27/1).
196	Barn Swallow Hirundo rustica
	L, P, M: Common.
197	Pacific Swallow Hirundo tahitica
	L, P: Common.
198	Striated Swallow Cecropis striolata
	L: 1 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2).
199	Mountain Tailorbird Phyllergates cucullatus philippinus
	L: Max 5 Mt Polis (28-29/1).
200	Philippine Bush Warbler Horornis seebohmi Endemic to Luzon
	L: Max 15 Mt Polis (28-29/1).
201	Lemon-throated Lead Warbler Phylloscopus cebuensis luzonensis Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 1 Infanta Rd (11/2).
202	Kamchatka Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus xanthodryas
	L: 2 Candaba Marsh (27/1).
203	Arctic Warbler Phylloscopus borealis
	L: 1 Mt Polis (29/1), 1 Subic Bay (31/1), 1 Mt Makiling (10/2), 1 Infanta Rd (11/2), 1 Infanta Rd (12/2). P: 1
	Sabang-road (3/2), 1 Sabang (4/2), 1 Irawan Ecopark (6/2). M: Max 3 Sablayan (7-8/2). Some of these were
	Arctic/Kamchatka.
204	Yellow-breasted Warbler Phylloscopus montis xanthopygius
204	P: 5 Mt Victoria (4/2).
205	Negros Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus nigrorum Endemic to the Philippines
205	L (ssp <i>nigrorum</i> ): Max 20 Mt Polis (28-29/1). P (ssp <i>peterseni</i> ): 8 Mt Victoria (4/2).
206	Oriental Reed Warbler Acrocephalus orientalis
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207	P: 1 Puerto Princesa (6/2).
207	Clamorous Reed Warbler Acrocephalus stentoreus harterti
~~~	L: 25 Candaba Marsh (27/1). M: 1 Lake Libuao, Sablayan (7/2).
208	Bicol Ground Warbler Robsonius sorsogonensis HO NT Endemic to Luzon
	L: 2h Infanta Rd (11/2), 2h Infanta Rd (12/2).
209	Middendorf's Grasshopper Warbler Helopsaltes ochotensis
	L: 1 seen + 5h Candaba Marsh (27/1).
210	Long-tailed Bush Warbler Locustella caudata caudata Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 1 seen + 5h Mt Polis (28/1), 2h Mt Polis (29/1).
211	Benguet Bush Warbler Locustella seebohmi Endemic to Luzon
	L: 1 seen + 1h Mt Polis (28/1).
212	Tawny Grassbird Cincloramphus timoriensis tweeddalei
	L: 6 Mt Polis (28/1), 1h Mt Polis (29/1), 1 Infanta Rd (11/2), 2h Infanta Rd (12/2).
213	Striated Grassbird Megalurus palustris forbesi
	L: 25 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 4 Los Baños (9/2), 10 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). P: 1 Iwahig Ricefields (6/2). M:
	10 Sablayan (8/2).
214	Zitting Cisticola Cisticola juncidis
	L (ssp tinnabularis): 25 Candaba Marsh (27/1), 1h Subic Bay (30/1), 5 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2). P (ssp
	nigrostriatus): 1 e.r. Mt Victoria (4/2), 1 Narra (5/2), 1 Iwahig Ricefields (6/2).
215	Trilling Tailorbird Orthotomus chloronotus Endemic to Luzon
	L: Max 2 Subic Bay (30-31/1).
216	Grey-backed Tailorbird Orthotomus derbianus derbianus Endemic to N Philippines
	L: 1 seen + 1h Makiling Botanical Gardens (10/2), max 8 Infanta Rd (11-12/2).

217	Rufous-tailed Tailorbird Orthotomus sericeus sericeus
	P: Seen daily, including Mt Victoria.
218	Pin-striped Tit-Babbler Macronus gularis woodi
	P: Seen daily, including Mt Victoria.
219	Falcated Wren-Babbler Ptilocichla falcata NT Endemic to Palawan
	P: 2 Sabang-road (3/2).
220	Ashy-headed Babbler Malacocincla cinereiceps Endemic to Palawan
	P: Seen in small numbers on 5 days, including Mt Victoria.
221	Melodious Babbler Malacopteron palawanense NT Endemic to Palawan
	P: 2+1 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 4h Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
222	Chestnut-faced Babbler Zosterornis whiteheadi Endemic to Luzon
	L: Common on Mt Polis (28-29/1).
223	Palawan Striped Babbler Zosterornis hypogrammicus NT Endemic to Palawan
004	P: 10 Mt Victoria (4/2).
224	Yellowish White-eye Zosterops nigrorum Endemic to the Philippines
27E	L: 30+ Banaue (29/1), max 15 Infanta Rd (11-12/2).
225	Warbling White-eye Zosterops japonicus
226	L (ssp <i>whiteheadi</i> ): Max 20 Mt Polis-Banaue (28-29/1). P (ssp <i>parkesi</i> ): 10 Mt Victoria (4/2). <b>Asian Fairy-bluebird</b> <i>Irena puella tweeddalii</i>
220	P: Seen on 5 days.
227	Philippine Fairy-bluebird Irena cyanogastra cyanogastra NT Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 1+1 Infanta Rd (11/2), 3 Infanta Rd (12/2).
228	Sulphur-billed Nuthatch Sitta oenoclamys isarog Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 5 Mt Polis (28/1), 5 Infanta Rd (11/2).
229	Asian Glossy Starling Aplonis panayensis panayensis
	L, M: Seen on 7 days.
230	Coleto Sarcops calvus calvus Endemic to the Philippines
	L: Max 15 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 1 Mt Makiling (10/2). M: 2 Sablayan (7-8/2).
231	Common Hill Myna Gracula religiosa palawanensis
	P: 10 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 1 Sabang-area (2/2), 1 Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
232	Crested Myna Acridotheres cristatellus Introduced
	L: 10 Los Baños (10/2).
233	White-shouldered Starling Sturnia sinensis
	L: 2 Candaba Marsh (27/1). BD only.
234	Stripe-headed Rhabdornis Rhabdornis mystacalis mystacalis Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 1 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 2 Makiling Botanical Gardens (9-10/2).
235	Island Thrush Turdus poliocephalus thomassoni
	L: Max 2 Mt Polis (28-29/1).
236	Brown-headed Thrush Turdus chrysolaus
~~~	L: 1 d Mt Polis (29/1).
237	Philippine Magpie-Robin Copsychus mindanensis Endemic to the Philippines
220	L: 2 Los Baños fields (9/2).
238	White-browed Shama Copsychus Iuzoniensis Iuzoniensis Endemic to the Philippines
220	L: Max 2h Subic Bay (30-31/1), 1♂ seen Mt Makiling (10/2). White-vented Shama Copsychus niger Endemic to Palawan
233	P: Seen on 5 days.
240	Grey-streaked Flycatcher Muscicapa griseisticta
240	L: Max 6 Subic Bay (30-31/1), 2 Makiling Botanical Gardens (9-10/2). P: Singles seen on 4 days. M: 1
	Sablayan $(7-8/2)$ .
241	Asian Brown Flycatcher Muscicapa dauurica
	P: 1 Sabang-road (3/2).
242	Palawan Blue Flycatcher NT Cyornis lemprieri Endemic to Palawan
	P: 4 Sabang-area (2/2), 1 Sabang-road (3/2), 5 Mt Victoria (4-5/2).
243	Turqouise Flycatcher Eumyias panayensis
-	L: Max 3 Mt Polis (28-29/1).
244	White-browed Shortwing Brachypteryx montana poliogyna
	L: 1 seen + 2h Mt Polis (29/1), 1h Infanta Rd (12/2).
245	Siberian Rubythroat Calliope calliope
	L: 1♂+1♀ Mt Polis (29/1).

246	Palawan Flycatcher Ficedula platenae VU Endemic to Palawan P: 1 pair Mt Victoria (5/2), 2 Irawan Ecopark (6/2).
247	Bundok Flycatcher Ficedula luzoniensis luzoniensis Endemic to the Philippines
241	L: 1 <sup>o</sup> Banaue (29/1).
248	Little Pied Flycatcher Ficedula westermanni
240	L (ssp <i>rabori</i> ): Max 3 Mt Polis (28-29/1). P (ssp <i>palawanensis</i> ): 3 Mt Victoria (4/2).
219	Luzon Water Redstart Phoenicurus bicolor VU Endemic to the Philippines
243	L: 1+2 Mt Polis (28/1).
250	Blue Rock Thrush Monticola solitarius
200	L: 3 Mt Polis (29/1), 1 $\stackrel{\circ}{\sim}$ Infanta Rd (11/2). M: 1 $\stackrel{\circ}{\rightarrow}$ Sablayan (8/2).
251	Pied Bush Chat Saxicola caprata
201	L: Seen on 4 days. M: Seen daily.
252	Yellow-throated Leafbird Chloropsis palawanensis Endemic to Palawan
-01	P: 5 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 2 Sabang-area (2/2), 4 Sabang-area (3/2).
253	Olive-backed Flowerpecker Prionochilus olivaceus parsonsi Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 1 Infanta Rd (12/2).
254	Palawan Flowerpecker Prionochilus plateni Endemic to Palawan
-••	P: Singles seen on 4 days.
255	Striped Flowerpecker Dicaeum aeruginosum affinae Endemic to the Philippines
	P: 2 Irawan Ecopark (1/2), 3 Sabang-area (2/2).
256	Flame-crowned Flowerpecker Dicaeum anthonyi anthonyi Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 1 Mt Polis (28/1).
257	Bicolored Flowerpecker Dicaeum bicolor Endemic to the Philippines
	1 Makiling Botanical Gardens (9-10/2), 3 Infanta Rd (11/2).
258	Red-keeled Flowerpecker Dicaeum australe Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 5 Los Baños (9-10/2).
259	Scarlet-collared Flowerpecker Dicaeum retrocinctum VU Endemic to Mindoro
	M: Max 4 Sablayan (7-8/2).
260	Buzzing Flowerpecker Dicaeum hypoleucum Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 3 Infanta Rd (11/2).
261	Pygmy Flowerpecker Dicaeum pygmaeum Endemic to the Philippines
	L (ssp <i>pygmaeum</i> ): 1 Dalton Pass (30/1). P (ssp <i>palawanorum</i> ): Seen in singles on 4 days.
262	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker Dicaeum ignipectus luzoniense
000	L: 2 Mt Polis (28/1).
263	Brown-throated Sunbird Anthreptes malacensis paraguae
204	P: Seen on 4 days.
204	<b>Grey-throated Sunbird</b> <i>Anthreptes griseigularis birgitae</i> Endemic to the Philippines L: Max 3 Los Baños (9-10/2).
265	Purple-throated Sunbird Leptocoma sperata trochilus Endemic to the Philippines
205	P: Seen on 4 days.
266	Copper-throated Sunbird Leptocoma calcostetha
200	P: 1 <sup>3</sup> Badjao Seafront (1/2).
267	Olive-backed Sunbird Cinnyris jugularis
	L (ssp jugularis): Seen on 4 days. P (ssp aurora): Seen on 6 days.
268	Flaming Sunbird Aethopyga flagrans Endemic to the Philippines
	L: 1m Makiling Botanical Gardens (9/2), 3 Mt Makiling (10/2), max 2 Infanta Rd (11-12/2).
269	Luzon Sunbird Aethopyga jefferyi Endemic to Luzon
	L: Max 8 Mt Polis (28-29/1).
270	Lovely Sunbird Aethopyga shelleyi Endemic to Palawan
	P: Seen on 6 days.
271	Handsome Sunbird Aethopyga bella minuta Endemic to the Philippines
	M: Max 4 Sablayan (7-8/2). L: 1 d Makiling Botanical Gardens (9/2).
272	Pale Spiderhunter Arachnothera dilutior Endemic to Palawan
	P: Seen on 3 days.
273	Eurasian Tree Sparrow Passer montanus
	L, P, M: Seen daily.
274	Scaly-breasted Munia Lonchura punctulata cabanisi
_	L: 25 IRRI, Los Baños (10/2).
275	White-bellied Munia Lonchura leucogastra

L (ssp everetti): 10 Mt Polis (28/1). P (ssp palawana): 2 Narra (4-5/2).

- **276 Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla jagori* L, P, M: Seen on 8 days.
- **277** Java Sparrow Lonchura oryzivora Introduced L: 4 Solano (27/1), 7 San José (30/1).
- 278 Eastern Yellow Wagtail Motacilla tschutschensis
- L, P, M: Seen on 6 days. 279 Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
- L, P, M: Seen on 11 days.
- **280 Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus* L, P, M: Seen on 5 days.
- **281 Olive-backed Pipit** Anthus hodgsoni L: Max 4 Mt Polis (28-29/1).
- **282 White-cheeked Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula leucogenis* HO Endemic to the Philippines L: 2h Mt Polis (28/1).
- **283 Red Crossbill** *Loxia curvirostra luzoniensis* L: 5 Mt Polis (29/1).

# Comments on some other birds NOT seen

Great-billed Heron Possible on Palawan, e.g. Pandan Island. Philippine Hawk-Eagle Endemic. Quite possible at Subic Bay and Mt Makiling. Luzon Bleeding-heart Endemic. Rare at Mt Makiling and Infanta Rd. Endemic. Few, if any, modern sightings. Mindoro Bleeding-heart Endemic. Elusive highland species. Recorded at Banaue. Whitehead's Swiftlet Rufous Hornbill Endemic. Possible at Infanta Rd. Montane Racket-tail Endemic. Elusive at Mt Polis. Black-bibbed Cicadabird Endemic. Elusive species, possible at Subic Bay and Sablayan (Mindoro). White-lored Oriole Endemic. At Subic Bay mostly seen inside restricted areas. White-fronted Tit Endemic. At Subic Bay mostly seen inside restricted areas. Grand Rhabdornis Endemic. Possible at Infanta Rd. Ashy Thrush Endemic. Best seen at La Mesa Ecopark. Ashy-breasted Flycatcher Endemic. Missed one bird with 15 minutes at Makiling Botanical Gardens. White-browed Jungle Flycatcher Endemic. Very rare at Mt Polis. Tawnv-breasted Parrotfinch Elusive at Mt Polis. Green-faced Parrotfinch Endemic. Generally elusive.

# Additional record shots



Flame-breasted Fruit Dove, Mt Polis. MG.



Philippine Bush Warbler, Mt Polis. MG.



Long-tailed Bush Warbler (ssp. caudata), Mt Polis. MG.



Pygmy Flowerpecker (ssp. pygmaeum), Dalton Pass, Luzon. Female Spotted Wood Kingfisher, Dalton Pass, Luzon. MG. MG.



Male Siberian Rubythroat, Mt Polis. MG.





Chocolate Boobook, Subic Bay. MG.



Philippine Scops Owl, Subic Bay. MG.



Rough-crested Malkoha, Subic Bay. MG.



Red-vented Cockatoo, Sabang. MG.



Slaty-legged Crake, Subic Bay. MG.



Blue-headed Racket-tail, Sabang. MG.



Tabon Scrubfowl, St Paul's. MG.



Red-headed Flameback, Sabang. MG.



Palawan Blue Flycatcher, Sabang. MG.



Grey Imperial Pigeon, Pandan Island. MG.



Palawan Flycatcher, Mt Victoria. MG.



Palawan Tit, Sabang. MG.



Chinese Egret, Puerto Princesa. MG.



Blue Paradise Flycatcher, Irawan Ecopark. MG.



Mantanani Scops Owl, La Cania Island. MG.



Negros Leaf Warbler (ssp. peterseni), Mt Victoria. MG.



Palawan Striped Babbler, Mt Victoria. AH.



Mindoro Racket-tail, Sablayan. MG.



Metallic Pigeon, Sablayan. MG.



Scarlet-collared Flowepecker, Sablayan. MG.



Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo, Sablayan. MG.



Mindoro Hawk-Owl, Sablayan. MG.



Spotted Imperial Pigeon, Makiling Botanical Gardens. MG.



Philippine Eagle-Owl, Mt Makiling. MG.



Juvenile Oriental Honey Buzzard, Makiling Botanical Gardens. MG.



Philippine Fairy-bluebird, Infanta Rd. MG.



Olive-backed Flowerpecker (ssp. parsonsi), Infanta Rd. MG.



Guaiabero, Infanta Rd. MG.



Bam! Whiskered Pitta Erythropitta kochi, Infanta Rd. MG.