

NORTH THAILAND TOUR REPORT

20th Feb to 5th March 2015

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Either for rarity value, excellent views or simply a group favourite.

- Mountain Bamboo-Partridge
- Rufous-throated Partridge
- Hume's Pheasant
- Chinese Egret
- Milky Stork
- Black-faced Spoonbill
- Eurasian Bittern
- Eastern Water Rail
- Black Baza
- Pied Harrier
- Collared Falconet
- Asiatic Dowitcher
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Nordmann's Greenshank
- Spoon-billed Sandpiper
- Malaysian Plover
- Small Pratincole
- Oriental Pratincole
- Asian Emerald Cuckoo
- Blossom-headed Parakeet
- Hodgson's Frogmouth
- Speckled Woodpigeon
- Speckied Woodpigeon
- Indochinese CuckooshrikeDark-sided Thrush

- Vivid Niltava
- Pale Blue Flycatcher
- White-bellied Redstart
- Scarlet-faced Liocichla
- Burmese Shrike
- Slaty-backed Forktail
- Baikal Bush Warbler
- Lanceolated Warbler
- Grey-crowned Warbler
- Daurian Starling
- Red-billed Starling
- Giant Nuthatch
- Fire-capped Tit
- Slaty-bellied Tesia
- White-necked Laughingthrush
- Pygmy Wren-Babbler
- Clicking Shrike-Babbler
- Black-throated Parrotbill
- Grey-headed Parrotbill
- Spot-breasted Parrotbill
- Asian Golden Weaver
- Black-headed Greenfinch
- Spot-winged Grosbeak
- Crested Bunting

SUMMARY:

The focus of this tour is to enjoy the wonderful birds of Thailand's northern mountains of Doi Lang, Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon. Each tour we do to this wonderful country produces an enviable list of quality birds and we always seem to find quite a few extra special species. This particular tour certainly provided our keen group with quite a few highlights with a nesting Hodgson's Frogmouth being a particular favourite, although a close flock of Black-headed Greenfinches was pretty good, and who could forget the male Hume's Pheasant or the singing Baikal Bush Warbler? Photo opportunities at the numerous feeding stations were superb and sometimes the birds are just too close! With a post-tour extension to see Spoon-billed Sandpiper resulting in 40 species of shorebird including a Long-billed Dowitcher in a flock of Asian Dowitchers, some Nordmann's Greenshanks and nesting Asian Golden Weavers we really had a fun time! For the most complete birding experience in Asia, then Thailand remains the no 1 destination.

Days 1 - 2 20th to 21st February

Following an overnight flight everyone met up at a nearby airport hotel for our first dinner together. We were joined by the Zoothera group who had just successfully finished the Central Thailand tour with Nick Upton and regaled us with tales of **Eared Pitta**, **Red-bearded Bee-eater**, **Banded Kingfisher** and other great sightings out of a total trip list of 316 species seen!

Day 3 Sunday 22nd February

So following a short flight to Chiang Mai we drove to Doi Ang Khang where at the base of the mountain we found 3 roadside Black Bazas looking incredibly sexy in the scope, as well as a Rufous-winged Buzzard and an Oriental Honey Buzzard. Higher up the mountain we took a walk along the road and found Oriental White-eye, Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike, Brown-breasted Bulbul, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch and a confiding Aberrant Bush-Warbler. We also had a flyover Bay Woodpecker and heard a Speckled Piculet before the light dropped enough to entice us to drive to our lodge for the night.

Day 4 Monday 23rd February

Started the morning at the Ban Luang Resort with a few Black-breasted Thrushes, Blue Whistling Thrush, and some Striated Swallows feeding in the gardens, but unfortunately the reported Grey-sided Thrush was only seen by the leaders. At the Royal Project feeding station White-tailed Robin, Streaked Wren-Babbler, a flock of Silver-eared Mesia, Hill Blue Flycatcher, Rufous-bellied Niltava, Yellow-bellied Warbler, Maroon Oriole, Greyheaded Canary-Flycatcher and Black-throated Sunbird were seen rather well. Then it was back to the lodge where we saw a flock of 13 Black-headed Greenfinches, Sooty-headed Bulbul, Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush, Japanese Tit and Black-throated Sunbird. Moving up to the Myanmar border post a Daurian Redstart showed well, and there was also Grey Bushchat, Buff-throated Warbler, Yellow-browed Warbler, Eurasian Wryneck and Ashy Woodswallow.



Black-headed Greenfinches

So from here we drove to Doi Lang and headed straight up the mountain where we enjoyed a fabulous time nailing plenty of goodies. In fact our list for this afternoon reads like a "Who's Who" of superb birds: Giant Nuthatch, Ultramarine Flycatcher, Spotbreasted Parrotbill, Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, Himalayan Bluetail, Grey Treepie, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Silver-eared Laughingthrush, 2 Siberian Rubythroats, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, White-browed Laughingthrush, Dark-backed Sibia, another Giant Nuthatch, brief Chestnut-capped Babbler, Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, Spectacled Barwing, Mountain Imperial-Pigeon, Pale Blue Flycatcher, Greycheeked Fulvetta, Rufous-backed Sibia, Blackthroated Bushtit and Bianchi's Warbler. Wow! Oh and

let's not forget totally mind-blowing views of a **Hodgson's Frogmouth** at a nest – a long overdue lifer for yours truly.

Day 5 Tuesday 24th February

Began the day amidst a nice lowland open forest where we quickly scored with a few **Spot-winged Grosbeaks** feeding in the top of a tall tree and we spent some time enjoying the fine views through the scope. Our sighting of **Little Cuckoo-Dove** was something of a surprise, and we also saw an **Asian Barred Owlet, Shikra, White-capped River-Chat, Blue Rock Thrush, Thick-billed Green-Pigeon, Thick-billed Flowerpecker**, and a **Striated Heron**.

We followed this with a full day on Doi Lang, which began with a beautiful Sapphire Flycatcher, followed by Himalayan Bluetail, Blue-winged Minla, Davison's Leaf-Warbler, Pale Blue, Slaty-backed, Rufous-gorgeted,

Ultramarine and Little Pied Flycatchers, Rufous-fronted Babbler, Hill Prinia, Siberian Rubythroat, Rufous-backed Sibia, Blyth's Shrike-Babbler, Pallas's Warbler, Flavescent Bulbul, Golden Babbler, Golden-throated Barbet, White-throated Fantail, Chestnut Bunting, a rare Indochinese Cuckooshrike, Lesser Shortwing, Spectacled Barwing, Mountain Hawk-Eagle, and several flocks of Cook's Swift. Late in the afternoon we kept driving along the road in search of Hume's Pheasant, and after a while we eventually scored with decent views of at least two males. And the last bird of the day was a pair of Mountain Bamboo-Partridges feeding beside the road to round of yet another excellent day.

Day 6 Wednesday 25th February

This is always an exciting day as there is a big possibility of some unusual sightings and good chances of finding a rarity – you just never know how the day will pan out. So we left at 5.15am for the drive to Chiang Saen, arriving shortly after sunrise and went to Nam Kham Nature Reserve. An obliging Puff-throated Babbler greeted us in the car park before we walked over to the first viewing area, where Nick Upton duly found a Redbilled Starling feeding in some large flowering trees with numerous mynas and Chestnut-tailed Starlings.

There are less than half a dozen previous Thai records for this species and surely started yet another twitch for local birders! We also saw our first Eastern Stonechat, Dusky Warbler and Striated Grassbird here before moving over to another trail. Amazingly we found another Red-billed Starling feeding in some flowering trees, along with a Daurian Starling as well. Wow! A Ruddy-breasted Crake was watched feeding at the water's edge, whilst a Chestnut-capped Babbler proved to be frustratingly elusive and only showed briefly. We did spend quite some time here but there were decidedly less birds present than on my previous visit a few weeks ago. So we drove over to Chiang Saen Lake and found a pair of Burmese Shrikes, along with Plaintive Cuckoo, Oriental Reed Warbler, Purple Swamphens, Intermediate Egret and plenty of other common species. From here we drove to the Mekong River where numerous Small Pratincoles, a pair of River Lapwings, Little Stint, Temminck's Stint and Grey-throated Martin were the highlights.

Following lunch at a nearby restaurant we drove back to the lake for a boat ride that enabled us to get a lot closer to the wildfowl, which included Indian Spotbilled Duck and some Garganey. Afterwards, we drove back to the Mekong River for another quick check and this time we added Red Avadavat and Citrine Wagtail to our list before heading to the harrier roost. It was a touch too early when we arrived so we walked along the edge of the marshland and what a surprise it was when lan found a Eurasian Bittern stood out in the open. We also found our second Eurasian Wryneck of the day, Racket-tailed Treepie, and an obliging Thick-billed Warbler hopping around a bare tree. Walking back to the observation area a Yellow Bittern flew out of the marsh, and just then an Eastern Water Rail

appeared right in front of us. Having dipped earlier this



Eastern Water Rail, also called Brown-cheeked Rail

morning it was such a relief to claw this one back, and things kept improving when a **White-browed Crake** was seen. Eventually the harriers started appearing and we ended with a cloud of **Eastern Marsh** and **Pied Harriers** to end the day. Oh and there was also a **Baikal Bush-Warbler** skulking in the tall grass which sang briefly as well!

Day 7 Thursday 26th February

Up in the mountains of Doi Lang again today, this time on the other side of the mountain where we quickly saw our first **Whiskered Yuhinas** and **Scarlet-faced Liocichlas** feeding beside the road. A little later we saw 2 **Whitegorgeted Flycatchers** and a male **Himalayan Bluetail** at a feeding station, although the Bluetail was doing its best to keep the flycatchers away from what he obviously thought was 'his' patch! Both **Chestnut-headed** and **Slaty-bellied Tesia** gave the briefest of views, whilst a fine male **Black-eared Shrike-Babbler** appeared in a

mixed flock nearby. We also saw plenty of **Dark-backed Sibias**, **Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher**, a brief **Yellow-browed Tit**, and both **Pallas's** and **Davison's Leaf Warblers** as well.

After a siesta back at the lodge we drove out into the Thaton fields and spent a very enjoyable time in the late afternoon sunshine finding a whole bunch of new trip birds. Pride of place went to a confiding **Baikal Bush-Warbler** calling back at us from the edge of some tall grasses – and we heard another 7 birds at least! The weedy fields were productive with a flushed **Barred Buttonquail**, 4 **Eurasian Wrynecks**, **Richard's Pipit**, **Bluethroat** and a fast moving **Lanceolated Warbler**. Out on the river were a few **Small Pratincoles** and even an **Oriental Pratincole** as well, whilst Nick Upton had a **Black-faced Bunting** as well. As dusk approached some birds began to arrive to roost in the tall grasses including a flock of **Baya Weavers** and **Chestnut Munia**, whilst overhead both **Paddyfield** and **Red-throated Pipits** flew away calling.

Day 8 Friday 27th February

Headed up onto Doi Lang this morning and we were fortunate to see 6 Hume's Pheasants and a pair of Mountain Bamboo-Partridges on the drive up. This time we drove beyond the feeding stations and walked along the road and this turned out to be a particularly productive excursion. Fine scope views of a pair of Crested Buntings and a close Giant Nuthatch was a good start, and we followed this with Crested Finchbill and repeated views of a pair of Spot-breasted Parrotbills. We even managed to tease out a male White-bellied Redstart and really enjoyed nice looks at this ace skulker. This was almost as good as the male Asian Emerald Cuckoo we scoped as it sat at the top of a tall tree. Returning to the lusher forest and this time there was a couple of Grey-headed Parrotbills in a flock that also contained Grey-chinned Minivet,



Giant Nuthatch showed well at Doi Lang

Indochinese Cuckooshrike, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo and Stripe-breasted Woodpecker. So by now it was late morning and we drove lower to the Ultramarine Flycatcher stake-out for our picnic lunch, and once again had point-blank views of the flycatcher. But this time several Rufescent Prinias were showing well, and then a superb male Fire-capped Tit began feeding on some flowers in a tree at eye-level and was later joined by two females. What a superb way to end our time here. All that remained was to drive to Chiang Mai where we would spend the night.

Day 9 Saturday 28th February



Ultramarine Flycatcher

We arrived at Doi Inthanon shortly after sunrise and had a quick check of a river where we briefly saw a Black-backed Forktail, and followed this with another stop that produced much better views of Slaty-backed Forktail. Other species seen here included Green-billed Malkoha, Plumbeous Water Redstart, and both Golden-fronted and Blue-winged Leafbirds. Moving higher up the mountain we spent the remainder of the morning walking our favourite trail and once again this turned out to be very productive as we began with an extremely confiding pair of Pygmy Wren-babblers literally giving superb close views down to 6 feet. We hadn't really got over this when a flock of White-necked Laughingthrushes were lured into view and although they were in the canopy

above us we had repeated looks at this very tricky species - and another lifer for yours truly. As if this wasn't

enough a flock of **Black-throated Parrotbills** were spotted by Roberta feeding high up in some very tall bamboo, and just around the corner were a pair of **Vivid Niltavas**. Wow! We walked a reasonable distance and also found **Hume's Treecreeper**, **Grey-throated Babbler**, **Martens's Warbler**, **Chestnut-crowned Warbler**, **Streaked Spiderhunter**, **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker**, **Yellow-cheeked Tit**, and several **White-headed Bulbuls**.





Female White-browed Shortwing

Dark-sided Thrush

Lunch was taken at Mr Deang's where the 1st year male **Siberian Blue Robin** was still in attendance. Afterwards we drove to the summit and enjoyed really nice close views of **Green-tailed Sunbird**, **Rufous-winged Fulvetta**, **Chestnut-flanked White-eye**, **Blyth's Leaf Warbler** and **Chestnut-tailed Minla**. Along the boardwalk we found 3 **Dark-sided Thrushes**, **Blue Whistling Thrush**, **White-crowned Forktail**, **Chestnut-headed Tesia**, and an extremely confiding **Snowy-browed Flycatcher**. Driving a little lower we had a pair of **Small Niltavas**, **Grey-cheeked Fulvetta** and a female **White-browed Shortwing** coming in to a little feeding station. We ended the day hearing **Black-tailed Crake** before driving to our lodge.

Day 10 Sunday 1st March

Up early (of course!) and headed up to the higher reached of Doi Inthanon where at our special site we saw 2 **Ashy Woodpigeons** fly over and then at least 15 **Speckled Woodpigeons** perched in the treetops to catch the sun's first rays. We then spent most of the morning at the summit enjoying repeated views of most of the same birds as yesterday, but a **Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker** and **Mountain Tailorbird** were very nice and very new for the tour! There were several **Ashy-throated Warblers** around and **Common Rosefinch** was also new for our burgeoning lists. A quick circuit of the boardwalk produced several views of male **White-browed Shortwing**, a **Himalayan Bluetail**, a **Chestnut-headed Tesia** played hard to get and a pair of **Rufous-throated Partridges** fed in the leaf litter. More **Green-tailed** and many **Mrs Gould's Sunbirds** also showed particularly well.

Lower down the mountain the small feeding station had much the same as yesterday, but a singing **Slaty-bellied Tesia** was glimpsed a few times inside the forest. Along the Jeep Track we had a much better Tesia encounter, as well as a **Large Niltava** and not much else. So we headed to Mr Deang's for lunch – including the blue robin again before driving to the campsite. The **Black-tailed Crake** came in close but never showed, however a few flocks passed by and we added **Scarlet Minivet**, **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**, **Black-winged Cuckooshrike**, **Sulphur-breasted Warbler** and **Ashy Bulbul** to the list.

We ended the day at the base of the mountain where quite a few **Blossom-headed Parakeets** flew in and landed in the treetops in front of us. Also here was an **Indochinese Bushlark**, **Rufous Treepie**, and a **Greyheaded Lapwing**.

Day 11 Monday 2nd March

One last check of our favourite trail this morning resulted in **Clicking Shrike-Babbler**, **Striated Bulbul** and **Banded Bay Cuckoo**, along with further views of species such as **Grey-throated Babbler**, **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Pygmy Wren-babbler** and others. Following a successful walk through lovely forest we returned to Chiang Mai airport and flew back to Bangkok.

Day 12 Tuesday 3rd March

A great day's birding on our 'Spoonie Extension' with 40 species of wader encountered including the Big Three of Spoon-billed Sandpiper (2), Nordmann's Greenshank (12) and Asiatic Dowitcher (4) all being seen well. We had the added bonus of another Thai rarity today, but more of that later. Upon arrival at Pak Thale it took a little longer than I was hoping to see Spoon-billed Sandpiper, but eventually we had nice looks at two individuals feeding in the salt pans. Amongst the other waders to be seen here I particularly liked the numerous Broad-billed Sandpipers with their distinctive bills and stripey heads. There was also a large flock of Eurasian Curlews in the next saltpan and we picked out a single Far Eastern Curlew.



Spoon-billed Sandpiper at its usual wintering site

We moved on to the nearby mudflats along the shores of the Gulf of Thailand and huge numbers of **Greater** and **Lesser Sandplovers** were here, with a couple **Nordmann's Greenshanks** and a **Terek Sandpiper** also present. Moving on to the Laem Phak Bia area the dowitchers were not around, but a flock of 400+ **Great Knot** was nice, and as we drove along the road between the saltpans it was really nice to get super close views of **Long-toed Stint, Temminck's Stint, Eastern Black-tailed Godwit, Spotted Redshank** and others.

After lunch we went with Mr Daeng to the sandspit and despite a strong wing managed to nail Malaysian and



Broad-billed Sandpiper

White-faced Plovers without too much difficulty. We had to wade onto the beach but the water was really warm and pleasant! There was also a solitary Chinese Egret, a flyby Pacific Reef Heron and the usual mass of terns and gulls roosting. Highlights were both **Greater** and **Lesser Crested Terns** and 5 Pallas's Gulls. So with that done we returned to the minibus and went in search of dowitchers, and after checking several spots managed to find a flock of larger waders which necessitated a walk but we were rewarded with several Asian Dowitchers and yet more **Nordmann's Greenshanks**. A huge surprise was the previously reported Long**billed Dowitcher** feeding amidst the **Asian**

Dowitchers. Wow! We completed a great wader watching day with **Common**, **Pintail** and **Greater Painted Snipe** to bring us up to 40 species for the day!

Day 13 Wednesday 4th March



Milky Stork is a scarce bird in Thailand

An exciting morning's birding around the Petchaburi rice fields began at a cracking little marsh and reedbed site with Greater Painted Snipe, Ruddy-breasted Crake, Bluethroat, Red Avadavat, Streaked Weaver and a Watercock. Moving further up the coast road and a quick stop to look at a large number of egrets gathered in a shallow lagoon resulted in what looked like a pure Milky Stork associating with some Painted **Storks**. Another individual seemed to have a few dark feathers and a pink tinge to the rear end and was surely a hybrid. But what a great find. To follow this with a Black-faced Spoonbill was amazing and although distant the scope views were not too bad at all. Nick Upton then took us to view a nesting colony of Asiatic Golden Weavers and we spent some time taking photos and watching the males building their nests and the females flying in to inspect them. We

then found a colony of **Baya Weavers** and could compare the breeding males and the nests to the **Golden Weavers** from earlier. We ended the day with some raptor watching and saw **Black-shouldered Kite**, **Black-eared Kite**, 2 **Greater Spotted** and a **Steppe Eagle** to round off a very enjoyable final birding session before heading back to Bangkok.

Day 14 Thursday 5th March

Departure day from Bangkok and end of the tour.

Nick Bray



This nesting Hodgson's Frogmouth at Doi Lang was bird of the trip!



Asian Golden Weaver at Phetchaburi



Hill Blue Flycatcher at Doi Ang Khang



Pale Blue Flycatcher at Doi Lang



Pied Harrier at Thaton Rice Fields



Rufous-bellied Niltava at Doi Ang Khang



Siberian Rubythroat at Doi Lang

SYSTEMATIC LIST – NORTH THAILAND FEB/MARCH 2015 INCLUDING 'SPOONIE' EXTENSION

H – Heard Only L – Leader Only Sighting

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Lesser Whistling DuckDendrocygna javanicaIndian Spot-billed DuckAnas poecilorhynchaNorthern ShovelerAnas clypeataNorthern PintailAnas acuta

Garganey <u>Anas querquedula</u>

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

Chinese Francolin (H) Francolinus pintadeanus
Rufous-throated Partridge Arborophila rufogularis
Mountain Bamboo Partridge Bambusicola fytchii
Mrs. Hume's Pheasant Syrmaticus humiae

PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae

Little Grebe Tachybaptus ruficollis

CICONIIFORMES: Ciconiidae

Milky StorkMycteria cinereaPainted StorkMycteria leucocephalaAsian OpenbillAnastomus oscitans

PELECANIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

Black-headed lbis <u>Threskiornis melanocephalus</u>

Black-faced Spoonbill Platalea minor

PELECANIFORMES: Ardeidae

Eurasian Bittern

Yellow Bittern

Black-crowned Night Heron

Striated Heron

Chinese Pond Heron

Javan Pond Heron

Eastern Cattle Egret

Botaurus stellaris

Ixobrychus sinensis

Nycticorax nycticorax

Butorides striata

Ardeola bacchus

Ardeola speciosa

Bubulcus coromandus

Grey Heron Ardea cinerea
Purple Heron Ardea purpurea
Great Egret Ardea alba

Intermediate EgretEgretta intermediaLittle EgretEgretta garzettaPacific Reef HeronEgretta sacraChinese EgretEgretta eulophotes

SULIFORMES: Phalacrocoracidae

Little CormorantMicrocarbo nigerIndian CormorantPhalacrocorax fuscicollisGreat CormorantPhalacrocorax carbo

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Pandionidae

Western Osprey Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIFORMES: Accipitridae

Black-winged Kite
Oriental Honey Buzzard

Black Baza

Crested Serpent Eagle (H)
Mountain Hawk-Eagle
Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle (L)

Greater Spotted Eagle

Steppe Eagle Crested Goshawk Shikra

Eastern Marsh Harrier Pied Harrier Black-eared Kite

Brahminy Kite

Rufous-winged Buzzard

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

Eastern Water Rail

White-breasted Waterhen

Black-tailed Crake (H) Ruddy-breasted Crake White-browed Crake Watercock

Purple Swamphen
Common Moorhen

Eurasian Coot

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt Pied Avocet

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

River Lapwing Grey-headed Lapwing Red-wattled Lapwing Pacific Golden Plover

Grey Plover
Little Ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
White-faced Plover
Malaysian Plover

Lesser Sand Plover Greater Sand Plover

CHARADRIIFORMES: Rostratulidae

Greater Painted-snipe

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae

Bronze-winged Jacana

<u>Elanus caeruleus</u>

Pernis ptilorhynchus

Aviceda leuphotes Spilornis cheela

<u>Nisaetus nipalensis</u> <u>Lophotriorchis kienerii</u>

Clanga clanga
Aquila nipalensis
Accipiter trivirgatus

Accipiter badius
Circus spilonotus
Circus melanoleucos

<u>Milvus</u> lineatus <u>Haliastur indus</u> Butastur liventer

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Rallus indicus

Amaurornis phoenicurus

Porzana bicolor
Porzana fusca
Porzana cinerea
Gallicrex cinerea
Porphyrio porphyrio

Gallinula chloropus

<u>Fulica atra</u>

Himantopus himantopus Recurvirostra avosetta

Vanellus duvaucelii

Vanellus cinereus Vanellus indicus Pluvialis fulva

Pluvialis squatarola
Charadrius dubius

Charadrius alexandrinus
Charadrius dealbatus
Charadrius peronii

<u>Charadrius mongolus</u> <u>Charadrius leschenaultii</u>

Rostratula benghalensis

Metopidius indicus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

Pin-tailed Snipe <u>Gallinago stenura</u>
Common Snipe <u>Gallinago gallinago</u>

Asian Dowitcher

Long-billed Dowitcher

Eastern Black-tailed Godwit

Limnodromus scolopaceus

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Limosa limosa melanuroides

Bar-tailed GodwitLimosa lapponicaWhimbrelNumenius phaeopusEurasian CurlewNumenius arquata

Far Eastern Curlew Numenius madagascariensis

Spotted Redshank Tringa erythropus Common Redshank Tringa totanus Marsh Sandpiper Tringa stagnatilis Common Greenshank Tringa nebularia Nordmann's Greenshank Tringa guttifer **Green Sandpiper** Tringa ochropus Wood Sandpiper Tringa glareola Terek Sandpiper Xenus cinereus Common Sandpiper Actitis hypoleucos **Great Knot** Calidris tenuirostris

SanderlingCalidris albaRed-necked StintCalidris ruficollisLittle StintCalidris minutaTemminck's StintCalidris temminckiiLong-toed StintCalidris subminutaCurlew SandpiperCalidris ferrugineaDunlinCalidris alpina

Spoon-billed SandpiperEurynorhynchus pygmeusBroad-billed SandpiperLimicola falcinellusRuffPhilomachus pugnax

CHARADRIIFORMES: Glareolidae

Oriental Pratincole

Small Pratincole

Glareola maldivarum
Glareola lactea

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

Brown-headed Gull <u>Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus</u>

Pallas's Gull Ichthyaetus ichthyaetus Gull-billed Tern Gelochelidon nilotica Caspian Tern Hydroprogne caspia **Greater Crested Tern** Thalasseus bergii Lesser Crested Tern Thalasseus bengalensis Little Tern Sternula albifrons Common Tern Sterna hirundo Whiskered Tern Chlidonias hybrida Chlidonias leucopterus White-winged Tern

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Rock DoveColumba liviaSpeckled Wood PigeonColumba hodgsoniiAshy WoodpigeonColumba pulchricollisOriental Turtle DoveStreptopelia orientalis

Red Turtle Dove <u>Streptopelia tranquebarica</u>

Spotted DoveSpilopelia chinensisLittle Cuckoo-DoveMacropygia ruficepsZebra DoveGeopelia striata

Thick-billed Green PigeonTreron curvirostraWedge-tailed Green PigeonTreron sphenuraMountain Imperial PigeonDucula badia

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

Greater CoucalCentropus sinensisLesser CoucalCentropus bengalensisGreen-billed MalkohaPhaenicophaeus tristisAsian KoelEudynamys scolopaceusAsian Emerald CuckeeChrusesessus masulatus

Asian Emerald Cuckoo

Banded Bay Cuckoo

Plaintive Cuckoo

Large Hawk-Cuckoo (H)

Chrysococcyx maculatus

Cacomantis sonneratii

Cacomantis merulinus

Hierococcyx sparverioides

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

Collared Scops Owl (H) <u>Otus lettia</u>

Collared Owlet (H)

Asian Barred Owlet

Brown Hawk-Owl (H)

Barn Owl (H)

Glaucidium brodiei

Glaucidium cuculoides

Ninox scutulata

Tyto alba

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Podargidae

Hodgson's Frogmouth

Batrachostomus hodgsoni

APODIFORMES: Apodidae

Himalayan Swiftlet

Germain's Swiftlet

Aerodramus brevirostris

Aerodramus germani

Cypsiurus balasiensis

Pacific (Fork-tailed) Swift

Apus pacificus

Cook's Swift Apus cooki

CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae

Indian Roller Coracias benghalensis

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

White-throated Kingfisher

Black-capped Kingfisher

Collared Kingfisher

Common Kingfisher

Malcyon smyrnensis
Halcyon pileata
Todiramphus chloris
Alcedo atthis

CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae

Green Bee-eaterMerops orientalisBlue-tailed Bee-eaterMerops philippinusChestnut-headed Bee-eaterMerops leschenaulti

BUCEROTIFORMES: Upupidae

Eurasian Hoopoe <u>Upupa epops</u>

PICIFORMES: Megalaimidae

Great Barbet (H)

Lineated Barbet

Golden-throated Barbet

Blue-throated Barbet

Megalaima franklinii

Megalaima asiatica

Coppersmith Barbet <u>Megalaima haemacephala</u>

PICIFORMES: Picidae

Eurasian Wryneck Jynx torquilla

Speckled Piculet (H)Picumnus innominatusStripe-breasted WoodpeckerDendrocopos atratusGreater Yellownape (H)Chrysophlegma flavinucha

Lesser Yellownape <u>Picus chlorolophus</u>
Bay Woodpecker <u>Blythipicus pyrrhotis</u>

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae

Collared Falconet Microhierax caerulescens

Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae

Blossom-headed Parakeet Psittacula roseata

PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae

Rusty-naped Pitta (L) <u>Hydrornis oatesi</u>

PASSERIFORMES: Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone Gerygone Gerygone sulphurea

PASSERIFORMES: Tephrodornithidae

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike <u>Hemipus picatus</u>

PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow Artamus fuscus

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae

Common Iora Aegithina tiphia

PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae

Large Cuckooshrike (H)

Black-winged Cuckooshrike

Indochinese Cuckooshrike

Grey-chinned Minivet

Long-tailed Minivet

Short-billed Minivet

Scarlet Minivet

Coracina melaschistos

Coracina polioptera

Pericrocotus solaris

Pericrocotus ethologus

Pericrocotus brevirostris

Pericrocotus speciosus

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae

Brown Shrike

Burmese Shrike

Lanius cristatus

Lanius collurioides

Lanius schach

Grey-backed Shrike

Lanius tephronotus

PASSERIFORMES: Vireonidae

White-bellied Erpornis

Blyth's Shrike-babbler

Black-eared Shrike-babbler

Clicking Shrike-babbler

Erpornis zantholeuca

Pteruthius aeralatus

Pteruthius melanotis

Pteruthius intermedius

PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae

Slender-billed Oriole

Maroon Oriole

Oriolus tenuirostris

Oriolus traillii

PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae

Black Drongo

Ashy Drongo

Bronzed Drongo

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo

Hair-crested Drongo (L)

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus macrocercus

Dicrurus leucophaeus

Dicrurus aeneus

Dicrurus remifer

Dicrurus hottentottus

Dicrurus paradiseus

PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae

White-throated Fantail

Malaysian Pied Fantail

Rhipidura albicollis
Rhipidura javanica

PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch Hypothymis azurea

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

Eurasian Jay <u>Garrulus glandarius</u>
Common Green Magpie <u>Cissa chinensis</u>

Rufous Treepie

Grey Treepie

Racket-tailed Treepie

Eastern Jungle Crow

Dendrocitta vagabunda
Dendrocitta formosae
Crypsirina temia
Corvus levaillantii

PASSERIFORMES: Stenostiridae

Yellow-bellied Fantail <u>Chelidorhynx hypoxantha</u>
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher <u>Culicicapa ceylonensis</u>

PASSERIFORMES: Paridae

Fire-capped Tit Cephalopyrus flammiceps
Yellow-browed Tit Sylviparus modestus
Japanese Tit Parus minor

Yellow-cheeked Tit Machlolophus spilonotus

PASSERIFORMES: Alaudidae

Indochinese Bush Lark Mirafra erythrocephala

PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae

Crested FinchbillSpizixos canifronsStriated BulbulPycnonotus striatusBlack-headed BulbulPycnonotus atricepsBlack-crested BulbulPycnonotus flaviventrisRed-whiskered BulbulPycnonotus jocosus

Brown-breasted Bulbul Pycnonotus xanthorrhous Sooty-headed Bulbul Pycnonotus aurigaster Stripe-throated Bulbul Pycnonotus finlaysoni Flavescent Bulbul Pycnonotus flavescens Streak-eared Bulbul Pycnonotus blanfordi Puff-throated Bulbul Alophoixus pallidus Grey-eyed Bulbul (H) Iole propingua Mountain Bulbul Ixos mcclellandii Ashy Bulbul Hemixos flavala

Black Bulbul Hypsipetes leucocephalus White-headed Bulbul Cerasophila thompsoni

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae

Grev-throated Martin Riparia chinensis **Barn Swallow** Hirundo rustica Hirundo rustica tytleri Barn Swallow Striated Swallow Cecropis striolata

PASSERIFORMES: Pnoepygidae

Pygmy Wren-babbler Pnoepyga pusilla

PASSERIFORMES: Cettiidae

Yellow-bellied Warbler Abroscopus superciliaris Mountain Tailorbird Phyllergates cuculatus Aberrant Bush Warbler Horornis flavolivaceus

Slaty-bellied Tesia Tesia olivea

Chestnut-headed Tesia Cettia castaneocoronata

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae

Black-throated Bushtit Aegithalos concinnus

PASSERIFORMES: Phylloscopidae

Dusky Warbler Phylloscopus fuscatus **Buff-throated Warbler** Phylloscopus subaffinis **Buff-barred Warbler** Phylloscopus pulcher Ashv-throated Warbler Phylloscopus maculipennis Pallas's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus proregulus Yellow-browed Warbler Phylloscopus inornatus Hume's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus humei

Two-barred Warbler Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus Pale-legged Leaf Warbler (H) Phylloscopus tenellipes Blyth's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus reguloides Claudia's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus claudiae Davison's Leaf Warbler Phylloscopus davisoni Sulphur-breasted Warbler Phylloscopus ricketti **Grey-crowned Warbler** Seicercus tephrocephalus Martens's Warbler Seicercus omeiensis Bianchi's Warbler Seicercus valentini Chestnut-crowned Warbler Seicercus castaniceps

PASSERIFORMES: Acrocephalidae

Oriental Reed Warbler Acrocephalus orientalis Black-browed Reed Warbler

Thick-billed Warbler

Acrocephalus bistrigiceps

<u>Iduna aedon</u>

PASSERIFORMES: Locustellidae

Russet Bush-Warbler (H) Baikal Bush-Warbler Lanceolated Warbler

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler (H) Striated Grassbird Locustella mandelli Locustella davidi Locustella lanceolata Locustella certhiola Megalurus palustris

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola
Hill Prinia
Rufescent Prinia
Yellow-bellied Prinia
Plain Prinia

Common Tailorbird

Cisticola juncidis
Prinia superciliaris
Prinia rufescens
Prinia flaviventris
Prinia inornata
Orthotomus sutorius

PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae

Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler White-browed Scimitar Babbler (H)

Grey-throated Babbler Rufous-fronted Babbler Golden Babbler

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler Chestnut-capped Babbler Pomatorhinus erythrogenys Pomatorhinus schisticeps

Stachyris nigriceps Stachyridopsis rufifrons Stachyridopsis chrysaea

Macronus gularis Timalia pileata

PASSERIFORMES: Pellorneidae

Rufous-winged Fulvetta Grey-cheeked Fulvetta Streaked Wren-Babbler Puff-throated Babbler Alcippe castaneceps
Alcippe morrisonia
Napothera brevicaudata
Pellorneum ruficeps

PASSERIFORMES: Leiothrichidae

White-necked Laughingthrush
White-browed Laughingthrush

Silver-eared Laughingthrush

Blue-winged Minla
Bar-throated Minla
Scarlet-faced Liocichla
Spectacled Barwing
Silver-eared Mesia
Rufous-backed Sibia
Dark-backed Sibia

Garrulax strepitans Garrulax sannio

Trochalopteron melanostigma

Minla cyanouroptera

Minla strigula
Liocichla ripponi
Actinodura ramsayi
Leiothrix argentauris
Heterophasia annectans
Heterophasia melanoleuca

PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae

Black-throated Parrotbill
Grey-headed Parrotbill
Spot-breasted Parrotbill

Suthora nipalensis
Psittiparus gularis

Paradoxornis guttaticollis

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae

Whiskered Yuhina <u>Yuhina flavicollis</u>

Chestnut-flanked White-eyeZosterops erythropleurusOriental White-eyeZosterops palpebrosus

PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae

Chestnut-vented NuthatchSitta nagaensisVelvet-fronted NuthatchSitta frontalisGiant NuthatchSitta magna

PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae

Hume's Treecreeper Certhia manipurensis

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae

White-vented (Great) Myna Acridotheres grandis Common Myna Acridotheres tristis **Red-billed Starling** Spodiopsar sericeus Black-collared Starling Gracupica nigricollis **Asian Pied Starling** Gracupica contra **Daurian Starling** Agropsar sturninus White-shouldered Starling (L) Sturnia sinensis **Chestnut-tailed Starling** Sturnia malabarica

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

Dark-sided ThrushZoothera marginataBlack-breasted ThrushTurdus dissimilisEye-browed ThrushTurdus obscurusGrey-sided ThrushTurdus feae

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae

Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher

Oriental Magpie-Robin Copsychus saularis White-rumped Shama Copsychus malabaricus White-gorgeted Flycatcher Anthipes monileger Pale Blue Flycatcher Cyornis unicolor Hill Blue Flycatcher Cyornis banyumas Rufous-bellied Niltava Niltava sundara Vivid Niltava Niltava vivida Large Niltava Niltava grandis Small Niltava Niltava macgrigoriae Verditer Flycatcher Eumyias thalassinus **Lesser Shortwing** Brachypteryx leucophris White-browed Shortwing Brachypteryx montana Siberian Blue Robin Larvivora cyane

Bluethroat Luscinia svecica

White-bellied Redstart <u>Luscinia phoenicuroides</u>

Siberian Rubythroat Calliope calliope White-tailed Robin Myiomela leucura Himalayan Bluetail Tarsiger rufilatus Northern White-crowned Forktail Enicurus leschenaulti Black-backed Forktail Enicurus immaculatus Slaty-backed Forktail Enicurus schistaceus Blue Whistling Thrush Myophonus caeruleus Slaty-backed Flycatcher Ficedula hodgsonii

Ficedula strophiata

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Taiga Flycatcher

Snowy-browed Flycatcher

Little Pied Flycatcher

Ultramarine Flycatcher

Sapphire Flycatcher

Daurian Redstart

Ficedula albicilla

Ficedula hyperythra

Ficedula westermanni

Ficedula superciliaris

Ficedula sapphira

Phoenicurus auroreus

Phoenicurus fuliainosu

Daurian RedstartPhoenicurus auroreusPlumbeous Water RedstartPhoenicurus fuliginosusWhite-capped RedstartPhoenicurus leucocephalusBlue Rock ThrushMonticola solitarius

Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush
Stejneger's Stonechat
Pied Bush Chat
Grey Bush Chat
Saxicola stejnegeri
Saxicola caprata
Saxicola ferreus

PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae

Blue-winged Leafbird

Golden-fronted Leafbird

Orange-bellied Leafbird

Chloropsis aurifrons

Chloropsis hardwickii

PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae

Thick-billed Flowerpecker

Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum agile

Dicaeum melanoxanthum

Dicaeum ignipectus

Dicaeum cruentatum

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae

Purple Sunbird

Olive-backed Sunbird

Mrs. Gould's Sunbird

Green-tailed Sunbird

Black-throated Sunbird

Streaked Spiderhunter

Cinnyris asiaticus

Cinnyris jugularis

Aethopyga gouldiae

Aethopyga nipalensis

Aethopyga saturata

Arachnothera magna

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae

House SparrowPasser domesticusPlain-backed SparrowPasser flaveolusEurasian Tree SparrowPasser montanus

PASSERIFORMES: Ploceidae

Asian Golden Weaver

Streaked Weaver

Baya Weaver

Ploceus hypoxanthus
Ploceus manyar
Ploceus philippinus

PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae

Red Avadavat

Scaly-breasted Munia

Chestnut Munia

White-rumped Munia

Amandava amandava

Lonchura punctulata

Lonchura atricapilla

Lonchura striata

PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae

Eastern Yellow Wagtail <u>Motacilla tschutschensis</u>
Citrine Wagtail <u>Motacilla citreola</u>

Grey Wagtail

White Wagtail

Richard's Pipit

Paddyfield Pipit

Olive-backed Pipit

Red-throated Pipit

Motacilla cinerea

Motacilla alba leucopsis

Anthus richardi

Anthus rufulus

Anthus hodgsoni

Anthus cervinus

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae

Spot-winged GrosbeakMycerobas melanozanthosBlack-headed GreenfinchChloris ambiguaCommon RosefinchCarpodacus erythrinus

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae

Crested Bunting <u>Emberiza lathami</u>
Chestnut Bunting <u>Emberiza rutila</u>

OTHER ANIMALS

Long-tailed Macaque

Phayre's Langur

Variable Squirrel

Burmese Striped Squirrel

Pallas's Squirrel

Northern Treeshrew

Asian Water Monitor

Macaca fascicularis

Trachypithecus phayrei

Callosciurus finlaysonii

Tamiops mcclellandii

Callosciurus erythraeus

Tupaia belangeri

Varanus salvator



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