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Black-crowned Barwing, LoXo Pass

(James Eaton/Birdtour Asia)

East Tonkin & Central Annam Pre-tour Extension

1st – 10th March 2007

This exciting extension took us to some of Vietnam's most remote national parks in searching for some of the rarest and least known Indochinese endemics including the recently discovered Black-crowned Barwing, Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush, Short-tailed Scimitar-babbler and Yellow-billed Nuthatch. We also made a highly successful trip to the Red River Delta where highlights were 3 Spoon-billed Sandpipers – one of the world's most enigmatic shore-birds, 263 Saunder's Gulls and 40 Black-faced Spoonbill. We recorded a total of 191 species and an additional 18 heard only.

After a late night arrival into Hanoi we took a leisurely drive west the following morning to Mount Ba Vi National Park, which protects a good area of montane forest to the south-west of the capital. Although the early presence of thick fog looked a little ominous we continued to the summit following a light lunch

where we found the bird activity good despite the mist continually swirling in and out of the forest. Wintering thrushes were particularly conspicuous, with several prolonged views of numerous Japanese along with the occasional White's, Grey-backed and Black-breasted, including a fine perched male of the later. The distant calls of Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush – our main target here - soon emanated from the forest below and with some strategic positioning we enjoyed several views of this shy species during the afternoon, at one stage with an excited flock of Red-billed Scimitar-babblers. Birding the remaining hours of daylight and the following morning produced a great selection of resident and wintering passerines; warblers were represented by Bianchi's, Pallas's, Yellow-browed and Kloss's (part of the split White-tailed complex) Leaf-Warblers, Silver-eared Mesia's added splashes of colour to the feeding flocks which also contained hyperactive Indochinese Yuhina (split from Straited Yuhina), Silver-breasted Broadbills, Fujian Niltavas and a single Northern Orange-flanked Bush-robin. Our drive up the mountain at dawn flushed a roadside Brown Wood-Owl (for the leaders third tour in a row!) and lower down some fruiting trees held literally hundreds of Red-whiskered Bulbuls along with Grey-eyed, migrant *sinensis* Black and Ashy Bulbuls and a single Green-eared Barbet.

Following a rather uneventful drive east through the fertile Red River floodplain, with short-stops for several flocks of wintering Grey-headed Lapwing and Red-billed Starling, we eventually reached the new hotel at Xuan Thuy National Park and Ramsar Site ready for an early rise the following morning. Our timing was perfect, as high-tide reached its peak shortly after dawn, with the only exposed area of mud teeming with roosting shorebirds, predominately Dunlin, Sanderling and Kentish Plover but with smaller numbers of Lesser and Greater Sand-plovers, single Broad-billed and Curlew Sandpipers and at least 3 of our target species; Spoon-billed Sandpipers busily feeding in their distinctive manner – sweeping the bill from side to side in the shallow waters, 1 bird was even beginning to show some of its summer finery as it preened for 5 minutes in front of us. As the tide receded, so did we, after a short trek to study the flock of 30 or so Heuglin's Gulls roosting on the sand-bar. After our celebratory lunch we jumped onto the back of some motorbikes across the shrimp ponds to the seaward side where we came across the regular wintering flock of 40 Black-faced Spoonbills, many of which were already in their full summer splendour and allowed a surprisingly close approach. Further birding in the area produced a surprise flock of 11 Falcated Duck, including a fine male, mingling with Eurasian Wigeon. Burmese Spot-billed Ducks, Eastern Marsh Harriers, *extensicauda* Plain Prinias and huge numbers of Red-billed Starlings, totalling over 700 completed the day.

Our success the previous day allowed us to visit the opposite side of the delta this morning to a military outpost with a remaining pocket of mangrove and much to our delight 263 Saunder's Gulls, most complete with full black hoods and seductive white eye-crescents! Extending our gratitude to the superintendent we had lunch with him and his men (who were particularly appreciative of the bottle of Hanoi Vodka donated to them...) and birded the vicinity picking up little of note except large numbers of Black-crowned Night-Heron and a surprise Ruff amongst the roosting Spotted Redshanks and Pacific Golden-Plovers And a few Light-vented Bulbuls on the return journey.



Black-faced Spoonbills, Xuan Thuy NP



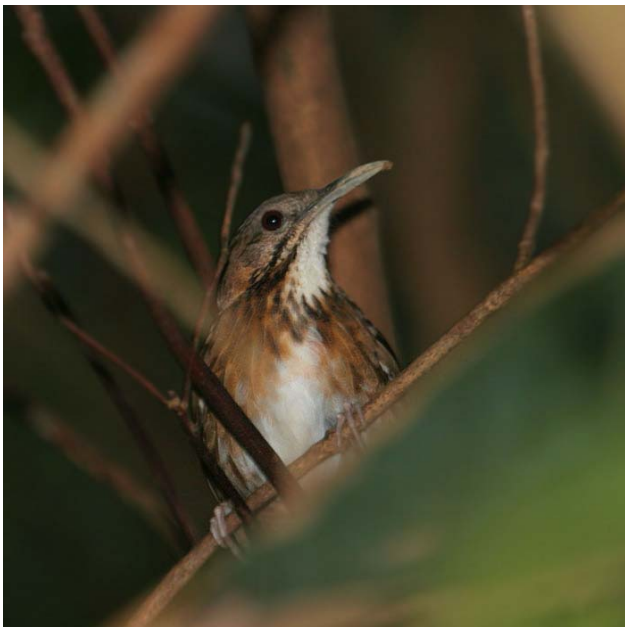
Saunder's Gull, Red River Delta

Leaving the north behind we flew south to the coastal city of DaNang, made famous during the American War as an American seaport, our first port of call were the Central Highlands of Kon Tum province, an area only explored by western ornithologists as recently as the late nineties. The original expedition to the area produced two babblers new to science along with a whole host of new subspecies. Unfortunately much of the area is still out-of-bounds but at least one accessible pocket of forest is just high enough to

hold one of the new species; the Black-crowned Barwing, and it took just a matter of minutes after the surprise downpour before we came across a vocal pair of this stunning species. Cameras were clicking as the pair entertained us with an amazing display as they sat top-to-tail, bobbing their heads, raising crests and puffing their wing and throat feathers out while duetting. Moving onto a forest track (soon to be road) was initially slow going until a huge feeding flock buzzed around us with a family of Yellow-billed Nuthatch stealing the show and a supporting cast of Rufous-winged and Mountain Fulvetta, Mrs Gould's Sunbird, Red-tailed Minla, Rufous-backed Sibia, Maroon Oriole and sultry Yellow-cheeked Tits, on our walk back to the vehicle a flock of White-winged Magpies flew in and landed ahead of us, just perfect!

Unfortunately we awoke to the distinctive sound of heavy rain hitting a corrugated metal roof and our plans for some early morning birding were washed away so we opted to drive early to our next destination; Bach Ma National Park, in time for some afternoons birding. The weather was decidedly better here and we enjoyed a rare outing in the sunshine along the summit road. Birding activity was high, and our main target here soon appeared, as a Short-tailed Scimitar-babbler ran from side-to-side along the grassy road verge guarding its territory from an unseen intruder! We birded the summit area for the whole of the following day, mostly in heavy fog which ironically probably helped us with some of our target species including the Blue-rumped Pitta that hopped along various exposed fallen branches while calling profusely for as long as we wanted. A short pre-dawn night-birding session produced Hodgson's Frogmouth overhead and other notable species performing here included Indochinese Green-Magpie (shouldn't that be Yellow-Magpie!), 5 Ratchet-tailed Treepies, White-gorgetted and distinctive *klossi* Blue-throated Flycatchers, Black-crested *gayeti* Sultan Tits, Long-tailed Broadbill, White-crowned Forktail, Grey-cheeked Warbler, Bay Woodpecker, White-browed Scimitar-babbler, Black-throated and Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrushes and a super Rufous-throated Partridge that slowly walked across a large open area showing of its red boots while some large feeding flocks responding to our Collared Owl impersonations, one flock containing over 30 Yellow-browed Warblers.

Unfortunately for us and the habitat, a massive typhoon that hit this area the previous year had wiped out most of the lowland forest on the seaward side, leaving just the under- and mid-story relatively intact. The trails were difficult to walk with a number of fallen logs yet to be dealt with, making our birding just that little bit more difficult and although we found activity to be quite low in this area a male dazzling Barbellied Pitta sat motionless as we soaked in its splendour made the experience more than worthwhile. Blue-throated & Hainan Blue-Flycatchers, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, Scaly-crowned & Abbott's Babbler, perched Mountain Hawk-Eagle and both Fork-tailed and Crimson Sunbirds made up the rearguard. Some pre-breakfast birding near to our accommodation produced the hoped-for Masked Laughingthrushes and also Racket-tailed Treepie while at night a Collared Scops-Owl showed well, glowing in our spotlight after giving us a brief run-around.



Short-tailed Scimitar-babbler, Bach Ma NP



Blue-rumped Pitta, Bach Ma NP

Our next drive took us into Quang Binh province, close to the Lao border. Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park is one of the few areas of accessible karst limestone forest, the specialised home of the near endemic Sooty Babbler, confined to a small area in central Annam and Lao and only rediscovered as recently as 1994. Screaming flocks of Pacific Swifts wheeled overhead at their breeding cliffs, also occupied by returning White-shouldered Starlings and White-vented Mynas. We then made our way up the steep steps to a forested limestone gully where before long we found our tricky quarry as a pair of Sooty Babbler fed quietly on the limestone and in the dense vegetation enabling us to fully appreciate their comical expressions, banana-bill, blue eye-ring and quiet chirping to one other, a quite unique species. With

persistence we also picked up Crimson Sunbird, Black-browed Fulvetta, Blue Whistling-thrush, Tickell's Blue Flycatcher and, finally, a Sulphur-breasted Warbler of an undescribed taxon that appears to be restricted to this limestone zone and we wait with baited breath on the taxonomic status of this (sub-) species! After this latest successful outing we headed back to the scenic town of Hue to connect with our onward flight to Saigon to meet with the rest of the group for the start of the main tour.

Vietnam Main tour

11th- 26th March 2007



Vietnamese Cutia, Ho Tuyen Lam

(James Eaton/Birdtour Asia)

Our two-week Vietnam main tour concentrated on Tam Dao and Cuc Phuong National Parks in the north and Cat Tien National Park and the Dalat Plateau in the south. We continued the success of our pre-tour extension, recording a total of 333 species of which 12 were heard only. The endemic hotspot of the Dalat plateau provided the hoped-for Vietnamese endemics; two flocks of Vietnamese Cutia, Vietnamese Greenfinches at every site visited, Grey-crowned Crocia on two dates and the recently split Black-crowned Fulvetta, Grey-crowned Tit and Black-headed Parrotbills. We also saw a brace of exciting Laughingthrushes; White-cheeked, Collared, Black-hooded and Orange-breasted which all performed beyond expectations. At Cat Tien we had glorious views of the skulkers; 11 Bar-bellied Pitta and 2 Germain's Peacock-Pheasant in a single morning is hard to beat, although the whooping cries of Buff-cheeked Gibbons as they swung from tree-to-tree was an equal highlight. The cooler climes of north Vietnam continued providing great spectacles; Cuc Phuong hosted feisty Pied Falconet, a confiding Asian Stubtail, Tonkin Partridges crossing the road twice and large numbers of wintering thrushes. Finally the misty hills of Tam Dao offered just occasional glimpses of sunlight but some very special birds including the bird of the tour, an unforgettable encounter with a Blue-naped Pitta at close quarters. Here we also had numerous sightings of Short-tailed and Rufous-headed Parrotbills, Grey Laughingthrushes and White-gorgetted Flycatchers.

The first day of the tour saw us heading east from Saigon, arriving in Dalat for a late lunch and in plenty of time for some early exploration of the nearby Ta Nung Valley. This was to be our first of three visits to this small but exciting forested valley. Our walk to the valley was rather rushed as the forest below echoed with the calls of Indochinese Green-Magpie, Black-hooded and White-cheeked Laughingthrushes. White-cheeked Laughingthrushes were quickly seen in typical large, roving flocks and the Black-hooded Laughingthrush and Indochinese Green Magpie were found deeper into the forest. After much patience and careful perusal we were treated to cracking views of a Grey-bellied Tesia with even the bright orange tonsil visible as the bird gave its explosive territorial song. Subsequent trips to this productive valley provided plenty of new species with a different selection of offer for each visit. Concentrating our attention to the canopy surrounding an interesting clearing gave relaxed but exciting birding where Black-browed Barbets a constant sight and sound, and roving flocks favouring the flowering bushes and neighbouring

trees yielded many more additions; Rufous-backed Sibia, Grey-cheeked Warbler, a vocal Alstrom's (=Plain-tailed) Warbler, dazzling Mrs Gould's and Black-throated Sunbirds were the main source of colour and Grey-crowned Tit, Black-headed Parrotbill, Siberian Blue-Robins, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Rufous-capped Babblers and Hill Prinias also joined in on the fun. This was also the place where we had great, prolonged views of the greatest speciality of this valley - flocks of endemic Grey-crowned Crocia. A small conifer plantation en route to the valley was home to a Vietnamese Greenfinch territory and as dusk approached one evening an obliging pair of White-throated Rock-thrush showed brilliantly in the scope.



Siberian Blue-Robin, Ta Nung Valley



Golden-throated Barbet, Mt Lang Biang

Our first full day around Dalat took us to Ho Tuyen Lam, a large recreational reservoir bordered by pines and remnant patches of broadleaved forest. The walk to the broadleaved forest took us through the pines, which had excellent bird activity; endemic Vietnamese Greenfinches, pine-loving *annamensis* Long-tailed Minivets, Burmese Shrikes, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Black-collared & Vinous-breasted Starlings all being particularly numerous during our early morning walk. Our target species also appeared on cue, first a close Slender-billed Oriole perched between the tourist chalets, next excellent views were had of a migrant Hodgson's Hawk-cuckoo, yet more White-cheeked Laughingthrushes entertained us and a flock of Vietnamese Cutia played in the sun - 2 males in full song to each other as they possessively guarded the accompanying females. Birding slowed as we ventured into the broadleaved forest where a foraging pair of Eye-browed Wren-babblers next to the track tried unsuccessfully to conceal themselves without much luck, as did the White-browed Scimitar-babblers and the family party of the beautifully-marked *albigula* Bar-backed Partridges that strolled in unison across the trail. Several small feeding flocks of Mountain Fulvetta kept us alert although not as alert as the party of Black-headed Parrotbills that managed to find and scare off a calling Collared Owlet. We paid special attention to the warblers here; Kloss's Leaf-Warblers (split from White-tailed group) were common, and as we climbed higher we noted Blyth's Leaf-Warbler (of the split-off Southern complex) and *ocularis* White-spectacled Warblers, another likely future split.

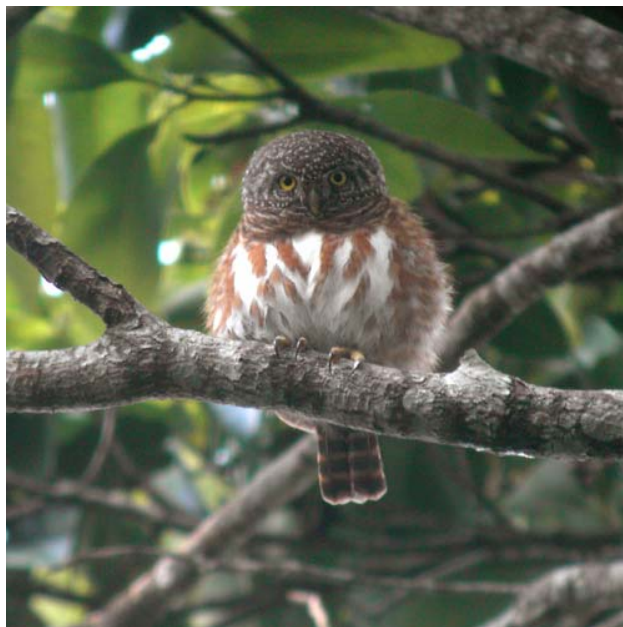
A full morning invested on a sunny Lang Biang mountain soon produced one of Vietnam's most colourful endemic, the usually elusive Collared Laughingthrush which allowed us unobscured views at close range in the early morning. Climbing up the mountain after our early success produced a *meridionalis* Brown-throated Treecreeper singing overhead (another likely endemic split) and eventually a pair of smart Black-headed Sibia. Vietnamese Cutia were again co-operative as small flocks played follow-the-leader through the canopy on two occasions. Small feeding flocks kept us on our toes - Yellow-cheeked Tit, Silver-eared Mesia, Rufous-capped Babbler, Ashy-throated Leaf-Warbler, Mugimaki Flycatcher and non-blue Blue-winged Minla were seen on several but the recently split Black-crowned Fulvetta showed just the once. As we retreated down the mountain through the pine forest, Vietnamese Greenfinch and *meridionalis* Red Crossbill of the isolated Dalat population both showed particularly well along with Large Cuckoo-shrike and Golden-throated Barbets.

Moving back west from Dalat we invested an afternoon and a morning at Deo Nui San, a beautiful forested mountain pass bisected by a paved road. Our afternoon visit was spent along a forested trail and was surprisingly productive as a flock of Black-hooded Laughingthrushes fed quietly on the forest floor along with yet more White-cheeked. A gaudy feeding flock contained Red-headed Trogon and Long-tailed Broadbills and a nearby clearing had both Black-headed Sibia and a brief Siberian Thrush. Along the roadside Blue-bearded Bee-eaters, Yellow-vented Green-Pigeons and Barred Cuckoo-doves were noted but our quest for a Collared Owlet calling nearby was unsuccessful.

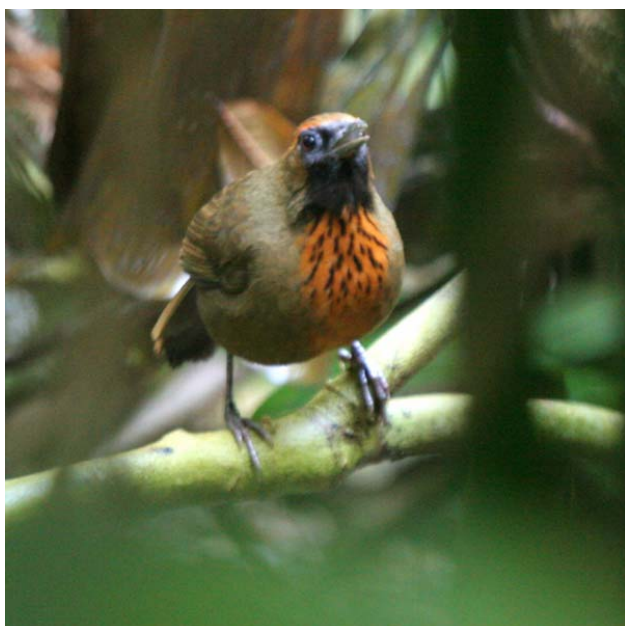
The following morning a chorus of endemic Orange-breasted Laughingthrushes beckoned us into the forest and we soon obtained nice views of three birds perched side-by-side. Back on the roadside feeding flocks started to gather, a pair of diminutive Speckled Piculets, Bay Woodpecker, Vietnamese Greenfinches, Long-tailed Broadbill and Red-billed Scimitar-babblers were the notable highlights along with several large flocks of White-cheeked Laughingthrushes. Once again we were drawn across to the Collared Owlet calling from the same perch as the previous afternoon and this time we were more successful and great views were had of this pocket-sized predator. Unfortunately two calling Blue Pitta inside the forest failed to produce more than a brief head view but the Orange-breasted Laughingthrush in full song on an open perch was some compensation, as was a singing *klossi* Blue-throated Flycatcher, yet another distinctive taxon confined to southern Indochina.



Vietnamese Greenfinch, Ta Nung Valley



Collared Owlet, Deo Nui San



Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Deo Nui San



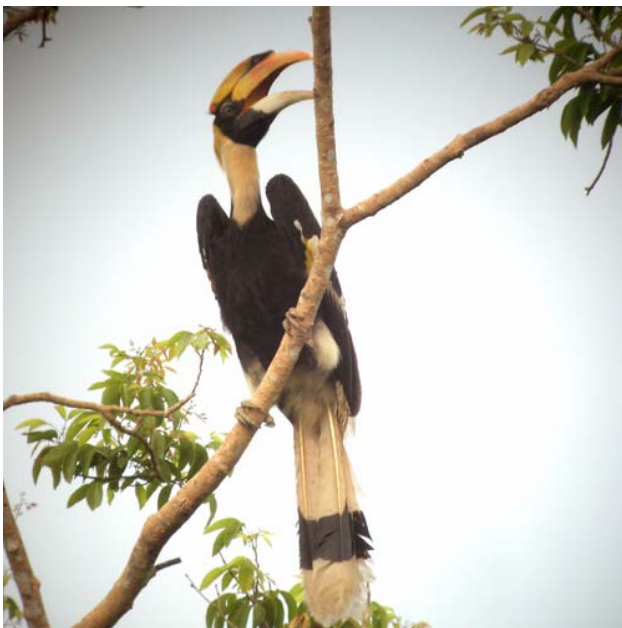
Black-headed Sibia, Deo Nui San

Moving back towards Saigon we had a three-night stay at Cat Tien National Park, one of Vietnam's premier birding destinations and home to several species confined to this area and remote eastern Cambodia. Conditions were rather dry and hot at times but the birds kept coming and we enjoyed a great run of the specialties. We were greeted on arrival at the Headquarters by a sizeable flock of Golden-crested Myna and sallying Chestnut-headed Bee-eaters but eager for more we made a short walk into the forest in the late afternoon which produced some good birds, notably a surprisingly confiding male and

juvenile Blue-rumped Pitta feeding by the trail. As dusk approached the whistles of Great Eared Nightjar drew our attention and soon we were treated to several low passes of the 'harrier of the night' along with Large-tailed Nightjar and a Brown Boobook fly-catching in our spotlight.

A dawn chorus of wailing Buff-cheeked Gibbons emanated from the forest and we were treated to a group of these beautiful primates swinging from tree to tree. We concentrated most of our efforts this morning around an area seemingly full of fruiting trees, obviously frugivores figured highly in this area and the large flocks of Thick-billed and Orange-breasted Green-Pigeons contained smaller numbers of Ashy-headed Green-Pigeons (a recent split from Pompadour). The delightful Heart-spotted Woodpecker kept us entertained and furtive Black-&-Buff and Pale-headed Woodpeckers were welcome additions. The national parks main avian prizes keep to the forest floor and with patience we hit a run of form; as we were watching a family of Blue-rumped Pitta feeding quietly next to the trail, a pair of Scaly-breasted Partridges walked by oblivious to our presence and the brilliant emerald Bar-bellied Pitta repeatedly appeared culminating in an astonishing 11 individuals in just 3 hours, Germain's Peacock-Pheasant was noticeably quiet, though after a 10-minute performance from a perched calling bird we didn't worry any further about this species!

Other highlights during our stay here included Green Peafowl sauntering past in the early evening sunlight, raucous Rose-breasted Parakeets, hyperactive Vernal Hanging-parrots, Orange-breasted Trogon, several responsive Banded Kingfishers, Great Hornbill, Chestnut-winged Cuckoo and Indochinese Cuckoo-shrike. An additional mammal highlight was a fast moving group of Black-shanked Douc-Langurs, a rare, beautifully marked primate restricted to tiny areas of Southern Vietnam and East Cambodia.



Great Hornbill, Cat Tien National Park



Scaly-breasted Partridge, Cat Tien NP

Upon flying to Hanoi we were greeted by a decidedly chillier climate, so after unpacking our fleeces and raincoats we drove south to Cuc Phong National Park, Vietnam's first designated national park inaugurated by Ho Chi Minh himself, taking time off from the war to officially open the park. Our three-night stay was adequate time to find the majority of the parks specialties beginning on our drive into the park when we were treated to a roadside Pied Falconet, making feeding sallies from its favoured perch, this proved to be opportune as it was the only one seen during our stay. Winter was still much in evidence with wintering thrushes feeding at the roadside and on the forest floor. They were predominantly Japanese Thrushes, but diligent searching produced more Grey-backed, Scaly and a pair of Chinese Blackbirds, a much larger bird than its European counterparts. Our main efforts were spent on the forest trails searching for the many range-restricted species that inhabit the park, White-winged Magpie's appeared, refreshing our memories from over 2-weeks ago when we observed this rare species in Central Annam, both Bar-bellied and Blue-rumped Pitta's popped-up - our third site for both species - and some amusing encounters with Limestone Wren-babblers as both Ron and myself attempted to photograph a particularly showy pair, performing much better for Dollyann and John than ourselves! Several encounters were had with some of the other shy forest inhabitants; a pair of Large Scimitar-babbler circled us over and over again, and a pair of Tonkin Partridges (a split from Chestnut-necklaced Partridge) fortuitously passed through the telescope as we watched yet another flock of Japanese Thrushes on the roadside, then gave a repeat performance for those that missed them initially by passing back across the road! Red-vented Barbet finally put in a performance worthy of this impressive barbet and both White-tailed and Hainan Blue Flycatchers shone in the dark understory which they shared with a single Silver Pheasant.

One afternoon was spent at the nearby Van Long National Park, a beautiful marsh against a backdrop of dramatic limestone cliffs which is one of the last remaining homes of the critically endangered Delacour's

Langur, of which there are as few as 250 wild individuals left. Birding was also very productive with three Ferruginous Ducks present among a large flock of Garganey the biggest surprise. A surprise passage of several hundred Grey-faced Buzzards were welcome as a pair of majestic Bonelli's Eagles soared overhead while the resident Peregrine and Dusky Crag Martins circled below. Finally, as dusk approached a small troop of Delacour's Langur was spotted in a small bush which offered wonderful views as they fed and frolicked on the limestone cliffs.

Our final destination was the hill station of Tam Dao situated in the heart of Tam Dao National Park. This area is notorious for its unpredictable weather so we were not surprised to be greeted by fog on our arrival. Our 3-night stay may have been blighted somewhat by wet and misty conditions but our one morning of fine weather produced the bulk of the specialties we were hoping for. Undoubtedly the star of the show and indeed 'bird of the tour' was the rarely observed Blue-naped Pitta that took little persuasion to perch on an open bamboo stem just metres from us before continuing to feed close-by for 5 minutes. The birds continued to flow during this morning clearly taking full advantage of the fine weather and several excellent feeding flocks produced many close encounters with delightful Short-tailed Parrotbills, White-gorgetted Flycatcher, the often elusive Grey Laughingthrush, White-browed Piculet and Black-chinned Yuhina. Birding in mistier conditions eventually yielded Rufous-headed Parrotbill on 2 consecutive days feeding with Collared Babblers (a recent split from White-hooded Babbler), numbers of Streak-breasted Scimitar-babblers, migrant Tristram's Buntings flocking at dusk and bathing at dawn, a pair of Bar-backed Partridge (a species being driven to local extinction along with the other *galliforms* in the national park) and some fine songsters including Chestnut Bulbul, Pale-footed Bush-Warbler and Orange-headed Thrush. This fine run brought the tour to a fitting climax having recorded a total of 399 species during our extensive exploration of Vietnam, a wonderful and friendly country with a fine set of avian endemics.



Black-browed Fulvetta, Cuc Phuong



Tristram's Bunting, Tam Dao

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Systematic Bird List

PODICIPEDIFORMES: Podicipedidae

Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis

CICONIIFORMES: Ardeidae

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea

Great Egret

Ardea alba

Intermediate Egret

Egretta intermedia

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

Chinese Pond-Heron

Ardeola bacchus

Eastern Cattle Egret

Bubulcus coromandus

Striated Heron

Butorides striata

Cinnamon Bittern

Ixobrychus cinnamomeus

CICONIIFORMES: Threskiornithidae

Black-faced Spoonbill

Platalea minor

ANSERIFORMES: Anatidae

Eurasian Wigeon

Anas penelope

Falcated Duck

Anas falcata

Eurasian Teal

Anas crecca

Burmese Spot-billed Duck

Anas poecilorhyncha

Northern Pintail

Anas acuta

Garganey

Anas querquedula

Ferruginous Pochard

Aythya nyroca

FALCONIFORMES: Pandionidae

Osprey

Pandion haliaetus

FALCONIFORMES: Accipitridae

Black-shouldered Kite

Elanus caeruleus

Black Kite

Milvus migrans

Crested Serpent-Eagle

Spilornis cheela

Eastern Marsh-Harrier

Circus spilonotus

Crested Goshawk

Accipiter trivirgatus

Shikra

Accipiter badius

Japanese Sparrowhawk

Accipiter gularis

Grey-faced Buzzard

Butastur indicus

Black Eagle

Ictinaetus malayensis

Bonelli's Eagle

Aquila fasciatus

Changeable Hawk-Eagle

Spizaetus limnaeetus

Mountain Hawk-Eagle

Spizaetus nipalensis

FALCONIFORMES: Falconidae

Pied Falconet

Microhierax melanoleucus

Eurasian Kestrel

Falco tinnunculus

Peregrine Falcon

Falco peregrinus ernesti

GALLIFORMES: Phasianidae

Chinese Francolin

Francolinus pintadeanus

Rufous-throated Partridge

Arborophila rufogularis guttata

Bar-backed Partridge

Arborophila brunneopectus henrici

Scaly-breasted Partridge

Arborophila brunneopectus albigula

Annam Partridge

Arborophila chloropus cognacqi

Tonkin Partridge

Arborophila merlini

heard only

Red Junglefowl

Arborophila tonkinensis

Silver Pheasant

Gallus gallus

Germain's Peacock-Pheasant

Lophura nycthemera nycthemera

Green Peafowl

Lophura nycthemera beli

Polyplectron germaini

Pavo muticus imperator

GRUIFORMES: Turnicidae

Barred Buttonquail

Turnix suscitator

GRUIFORMES: Rallidae

White-breasted Waterhen

Amaurornis phoenicurus

White-browed Crane

Porzana cinerea

Black-backed Swampphen

Porphyrio indicus

Common Moorhen

Gallinula chloropus

Eurasian Coot

Fulica atra

CHARADRIIFORMES: Jacanidae

Pheasant-tailed Jacana

Hydrophasianus chirurgus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Recurvirostridae

Black-winged Stilt

Himantopus himantopus himantopus

CHARADRIIFORMES: Charadriidae

Northern Lapwing

Vanellus vanellus

Grey-headed Lapwing

Vanellus cinereus

Red-wattled Lapwing

Vanellus indicus

Pacific Golden-Plover
Grey Plover
Little Ringed Plover
Kentish Plover
Lesser Sandplover
Greater Sandplover

Pluvialis fulva
Pluvialis squatarola
Charadrius dubius jerdoni
Charadrius alexandrinus
Charadrius mongolus schaeferi
Charadrius leschenaultii

CHARADRIIFORMES: Scolopacidae

Pintail Snipe
Common Snipe
Eastern' Black-tailed Godwit
Spotted Redshank
Common Redshank
Marsh Sandpiper
Common Greenshank
Green Sandpiper
Wood Sandpiper
Common Sandpiper
Sanderling
Red-necked Stint
Curlew Sandpiper
Dunlin
Spoon-billed Sandpiper
Broad-billed Sandpiper
Ruff

Gallinago stenura
Gallinago gallinago
Limosa [limosa] melanuroides
Tringa erythropus
Tringa totanus
Tringa stagnatilis
Tringa nebularia
Tringa ochropus
Tringa glareola
Actitis hypoleucos
Calidris alba
Calidris ruficollis
Calidris ferruginea
Calidris alpina
Eurynorhynchus pygmeus
Limicola falcinellus
Philomachus pugnax

CHARADRIIFORMES: Laridae

Heuglin's Gull
Black-headed Gull
Saunders's Gull

Larus heuglini
Larus ridibundus
Larus saundersi

CHARADRIIFORMES: Sternidae

Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybridus

COLUMBIFORMES: Columbidae

Red Collared-Dove
Spotted Dove
Barred Cuckoo-Dove
Emerald Dove
Orange-breasted Green-Pigeon
Ashy-headed Green-Pigeon
Thick-billed Green-Pigeon
Yellow-vented Green-Pigeon
Green Imperial-Pigeon
Mountain Imperial-Pigeon

Streptopelia tranquebarica
Streptopelia chinensis
Macropygia unchall tusalia
Chalcophaps indica
Treron bicincta
Treron phayrei
Treron curvirostra
Treron seimundi modestus
Ducula aenea
Ducula badia

PSITTACIFORMES: Psittacidae

Red-breasted Parakeet
Vernal Hanging-Parrot

Psittacula alexandri
Loriculus vernalis

CUCULIFORMES: Cuculidae

Chestnut-winged Cuckoo
Large Hawk-Cuckoo
Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo
Indian Cuckoo
Banded Bay Cuckoo
Plaintive Cuckoo
Violet Cuckoo
Asian Drongo-Cuckoo
Green-billed Malkoha
Greater Coucal
Lesser Coucal

Clamator coromandus
Cuculus sparverioides *heard only*
Cuculus niscolor
Cuculus micropterus *heard only*
Cacomantis sonneratii
Cacomantis merulinus *heard only*
Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus
Surniculus lugubris
Phaenicophaeus tristis
Centropus sinensis
Centropus bengalensis

STRIGIFORMES: Strigidae

Mountain Scops-Owl
Collared Scops-Owl
Brown Wood-Owl
Collared Owlet
Asian Barred Owlet
Brown Boobook

Otus spilocephalus *heard only*
Otus lettia
Strix leptogrammica loatiana
Glaucidium brodiei
Glaucidium cuculoides deinani
Ninox scutulata

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Podargidae

Hodgson's Frogmouth
 Blyth's Frogmouth

Batrachostomus hodgsoni indochinae
Batrachostomus affinis continentalis

heard only

CAPRIMULGIFORMES: Caprimulgidae

Great Eared-Nightjar
 Large-tailed Nightjar

Eurostopodus macrotis
Caprimulgus macrurus

APODIFORMES: Apodidae

Germain's Swiftlet
 Silver-backed Needletail
 Asian Palm-Swift
 Pacific Swift
 House Swift

Aerodramus germani
Hirundapus cochinchinensis
Cypsiurus balasiensis
Apus pacificus cooki
Apus nipalensis

TROGONIFORMES: Trogonidae

Red-headed Trogon
 Orange-breasted Trogon

Harpactes erythrocephalus
Harpactes oreskios

CORACIIFORMES: Alcedinidae

Common Kingfisher
 Banded Kingfisher
 Stork-billed Kingfisher
 White-throated Kingfisher
 Black-capped Kingfisher
 Pied Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis bengalensis
Lacedo pulchella amabilis
Pelargopsis capensis
Halcyon smyrnensis
Halcyon pileata
Ceryle rudis leucomelanura

CORACIIFORMES: Meropidae

Blue-bearded Bee-eater
 Green Bee-eater
 Chestnut-headed Bee-eater

Nyctyornis athertoni
Merops orientalis ferrugeiceps
Merops leschenaulti

CORACIIFORMES: Coraciidae

Black-billed Roller
 Dollarbird

Coracias [benghalensis] affinis
Eurystomus orientalis

CORACIIFORMES: Upupidae

Hoopoe

Upupa epops

CORACIIFORMES: Bucerotidae

Oriental Pied-Hornbill
 Great Hornbill
 Rusty-cheeked Hornbill

Anthracoceros albirostris
Buceros bicornis
Anorrhinus austeni

heard only

PICIFORMES: Capitonidae

Red-vented Barbet
 Lineated Barbet
 Green-eared Barbet
 Golden-throated Barbet

Megalaima lagrandieri
Megalaima lineata
Megalaima faiostriata
Megalaima franklinii franklinii
Megalaima franklinii auricularis
Megalaima oorti annamensis
Megalaima australis cyanotis
Megalaima haemacephala indica

heard only

Black-browed Barbet
 Blue-eared Barbet
 Coppermouth Barbet

PICIFORMES: Picidae

Speckled Piculet
 White-browed Piculet
 Grey-capped Woodpecker

Picumnus innominatus malayorum
Sasia ochracea reichenowi
Dendrocopos canicapillus delacouri
Dendrocopos canicapillus kaleenis
Picus chlorolophus annamensis
Picus chlorolophus citrinocristatus
Picus flavinucha archon
Picus vittatus
Dinopium javanense intermedium
Chrysocolaptes lucidus guttacristatus
Gecinulus grantia indochinensis
Blythipicus pyrrhotis
Meiglyptes jugularis
Hemicircus canente

Lesser Yellownape

Greater Yellownape
 Laced Woodpecker
 Common Flameback
 Greater Flameback
 Pale-headed Woodpecker
 Bay Woodpecker
 Black-and-buff Woodpecker
 Heart-spotted Woodpecker

Great Slaty Woodpecker

Mulleripicus pulverulentus harterti

heard only

PASSERIFORMES: Eurylaimidae

Dusky Broadbill
Black-and-red Broadbill
Banded Broadbill
Long-tailed Broadbill
Silver-breasted Broadbill

Corydon sumatranus
Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus
Eurylaimus javanicus
Psarisomus dalhousiae
Serilophus lunatus

PASSERIFORMES: Pittidae

Blue-naped Pitta
Blue-rumped Pitta

Pitta nipalensis hendeei
Pitta soror soror
Pitta soror tonkinensis
Pitta soror annamensis
Pitta cyanea willoughbyi
Pitta elliotii

Blue Pitta

Bar-bellied Pitta

PASSERIFORMES: Hirundinidae

Dusky Crag-Martin
Barn Swallow
Wire-tailed Swallow
Red-rumped Swallow
Striated Swallow
Asian House-Martin

Ptyonoprogne concolor
Hirundo rustica
Hirundo smithii
Cecropis daurica japonica
Cecropis striolata
Delichon dasypus

PASSERIFORMES: Motacillidae

White Wagtail
Eastern Yellow Wagtail

Grey Wagtail
Paddyfield Pipit
Richard's Pipit
Olive-backed Pipit
Red-throated Pipit

Motacilla [alba] leucopsis
Motacilla macronyx macronyx
Motacilla macronyx taivana
Motacilla cinerea
Anthus rufulus
Anthus richardi
Anthus hodgsoni
Anthus cervinus

PASSERIFORMES: Campephagidae

Large Cuckooshrike

Indochinese Cuckooshrike
Black-winged Cuckooshrike
Swinhoe's Minivet
Long-tailed Minivet
Scarlet Minivet
Grey-chinned Minivet

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike

Coracina macei siamensis
Coracina macei rexpineti
Coracina polioptera
Coracina melaschistos
Pericrocotus cantonensis
Pericrocotus ethologus annamensis
Pericrocotus speciosus
Pericrocotus solaris griseogularis
Pericrocotus solaris deignani
Hemipus picatus

heard only

PASSERIFORMES: Pycnonotidae

Black-headed Bulbul
Black-crested Bulbul
Red-whiskered Bulbul
Light-vented Bulbul
Sooty-headed Bulbul

Stripe-throated Bulbul
Flavescent Bulbul
Streak-eared Bulbul
Puff-throated Bulbul
Ochraceous Bulbul
Grey-eyed Bulbul

Ashy Bulbul
Chestnut Bulbul
Mountain Bulbul
Black Bulbul

Pycnonotus atriceps
Pycnonotus melanicterus ventynei
Pycnonotus jocosus
Pycnonotus sinensis hainanus
Pycnonotus aurigaster germani
Pycnonotus aurigaster klossi
Pycnonotus finlaysoni
Pycnonotus flavescens sordidus
Pycnonotus blanfordi
Alophoixus pallidus
Alophoixus ochraceus hallae
Iole propinqua simulator
Iole propinqua aquilonis
Hemixos flavala remotus
Hemixos castanonotus
Ixos maclellandii griseiventer
Hypsipetes leucocephalus sinensis

PASSERIFORMES: Chloropseidae

Blue-winged Leafbird
Orange-bellied Leafbird

Chloropsis cochinchinensis
Chloropsis hardwickii melliana

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithinidae

Common Iora
Great Iora

Aegithina tiphia
Aegithina lafresnayeii innotata
Aegithina lafresnayeii xanthotis

PASSERIFORMES: Turdidae

White-throated Rock-Thrush
Blue Rock-Thrush
Blue Whistling-Thrush
Orange-headed Thrush
Siberian Thrush
White's Thrush
Grey-backed Thrush
Black-breasted Thrush
Japanese Thrush
Chinese Blackbird
Lesser Shortwing

Monticola gularis
Monticola solitarius
Myophonus caeruleus eugenei
Zoothera citrina
Zoothera sibirica
Zoothera aurea
Turdus hortulorum
Turdus dissimilis
Turdus cardis
Turdus mandarinus
Brachypteryx leucophrys carolinae
Brachypteryx leucophrys langbianensis

PASSERIFORMES: Cisticolidae

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

Cisticola juncidis
Prinia superciliaris klossi
Prinia rufescens
Prinia flaviventris
Prinia inornata extensicauda

PASSERIFORMES: Sylviidae

Grey-bellied Tesia
Asian Stubtail
Manchurian Bush-Warbler
Pale-footed Bush-Warbler
Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler
Lanceolated Warbler
Mountain Tailorbird
Common Tailorbird
Dark-necked Tailorbird
Dusky Warbler
Ashy-throated Warbler
Pallas's Warbler
Yellow-browed Warbler
Arctic Warbler
Two-barred Warbler
Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler
Blyth's Leaf-Warbler
Kloss's Leaf-Warbler
Sulphur-breasted Warbler
White-spectacled Warbler
Grey-cheeked Warbler
Chestnut-crowned Warbler
Grey-crowned Warbler
Bianchi's Warbler
Alstrom's Warbler
Yellow-bellied Warbler
Striated Grassbird

Tesia cyaniventer
Urosphena squameiceps
Cettia canturians
Cettia pallidipes
Cettia fortipes
Locustella lanceolata
Orthotomus cuculatus
Orthotomus sutorius longicauda
Orthotomus atrogularis
Phylloscopus fuscatus
Phylloscopus maculipennis
Phylloscopus proregulus
Phylloscopus inornatus
Phylloscopus borealis
Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus
Phylloscopus tenellipes
Phylloscopus reguloides ticehursti
Phylloscopus ogilviegranti klossi
Phylloscopus ricketti
Seicercus affinis ocularis
Seicercus poliogenys
Seicercus castaniceps annamensis
Seicercus tephrocephalus
Seicercus valentini
Seicercus soror
Abroscopus superciliaris
Megalurus palustris

heard only

PASSERIFORMES: Muscicapidae

Asian Brown Flycatcher
Mugimaki Flycatcher
Red-throated Flycatcher
White-gorgetted Flycatcher
Little Pied Flycatcher
Blue-and-white Flycatcher
Verditer Flycatcher
Large Niltava
Fujian Niltava
White-tailed Flycatcher
Hainan Blue-Flycatcher
Blue-throated Flycatcher
Hill Blue-Flycatcher

Muscicapa latirostris
Ficedula mugimaki
Ficedula albicilla
Ficedula monileger
Ficedula westermanni
Cyanoptila cyanomelana
Eumyias thalassina
Niltava grandis decorata
Niltava davidi
Cyornis concretus
Cyornis hainanus
Cyornis rubeculoides klossi
Cyornis banyumas

Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher
Siberian Blue Robin
Northern Red-flanked Bush-Robin
Oriental Magpie-Robin
White-rumped Shama
White-tailed Robin
Siberian Stonechat
Slaty-backed Forktail
White-crowned Forktail
Pied Bushchat
Grey Bushchat

PASSERIFORMES: Rhipiduridae

White-throated Fantail

Cyornis tickelliae
Culicicapa ceylonensis
Luscinia cyane
Tarsiger cyanurus
Copsychus saularis
Copsychus malabaricus
Cinclidium leucurum
Saxicola maura
Enicurus schistaceus
Enicurus leschenaulti
Saxicola caprata
Saxicola ferrea

Rhipidura albicollis celsa
Rhipidura albicollis cinerascens

PASSERIFORMES: Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch
Asian Paradise-Flycatcher

Hypothymis azurea
Terpsiphone paradisi

PASSERIFORMES: Timaliidae

Masked Laughingthrush
White-crested Laughingthrush
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush
Black-hooded Laughingthrush
Grey Laughingthrush
Rufous-cheeked Laughingthrush
Black-throated Laughingthrush
White-cheeked Laughingthrush
Orange-breasted Laughingthrush
Collared Laughingthrush
Abbott's Babbler
Buff-breasted Babbler
Puff-throated Babbler

Garrulax perspicillatus
Garrulax leucolophus
Garrulax monileger
Garrulax milleti
Garrulax maesi
Garrulax castanotis
Garrulax chinensis
Garrulax vassali
Garrulax annamensis
Garrulax yersini
Malacocincla abbotti
Pellorneum tickelli

Scaly-crowned Babbler
Large Scimitar-Babbler
White-browed Scimitar-Babbler
Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler
Red-billed Scimitar-Babbler

Pellorneum ruficeps dilloni
Pellorneum ruficeps vividum *heard only*
Malacopteron cinereum indochinense
Pomatorhinus hypoleucos
Pomatorhinus schisticeps annamensis
Pomatorhinus ruficollis reconditus
Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps ochraceiceps

Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler
Limestone Wren-Babbler
Streaked Wren-Babbler

Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps alius
Jabouilleia danjoui parvirostris
Napothera crispifrons annamensis
Napothera brevicaudata stevensi
Napothera brevicaudata proxima
Napothera brevicaudata rufiventer

Eye-browed Wren-Babbler
Pygmy Wren-Babbler
Rufous-capped Babbler
Golden Babbler
Sooty Babbler
Grey-throated Babbler

Napothera epilepidota amyae
Pnoepyga pusilla annamensis *heard only*
Stachyris ruficeps pagana
Stachyris chrysaee
Stachyris herberti
Stachyris nigriceps yunnanensis

Spot-necked Babbler
Pin-striped Tit-Babbler

Stachyris nigriceps rileyi
Stachyris striolata
Macronous gularis versuricola
Macronous gularis lutescens

Grey-faced Tit-Babbler
Chestnut-capped Babbler
Silver-eared Mesia
Vietnamese Cutia
White-browed Shrike-Babbler

Macronous kelleyi
Timalia pileata
Leiothrix argentauris
Cutia legalleni
Pteruthius flaviscapis annamensis
Pteruthius flaviscapis ricketi

Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler
Collared Babbler
Black-crowned Barwing
Blue-winged Minla
Red-tailed Minla
Black-crowned Fulvetta
Rufous-winged Fulvetta

Pteruthius aenobarbus indochinensis
Gampsorhynchus torquatus
Actinodura sodangorum
Minla cyanouroptera orientalis
Minla ignotincta mariae
Alcippe klossi
Alcippe castaneiceps stepanyani

Rufous-throated Fulvetta
Grey-cheeked Fulvetta
Black-browed Fulvetta
Mountain Fulvetta
Grey-crowned Crocia
Rufous-backed Sibia

Black-headed Sibia
Indochinese Yuhina
Black-chinned Yuhina
White-bellied Erpornis

Alcippe rufogularis
Alcippe morrisonia schaefferi
Alcippe grotei
Alcippe peracensis annamensis
Crocias langbianis
Heterophasia annectens exima
Heterophasia annectens roundi
Heterophasia desgodinsi robinsoni
Yuhina torqueola
Yuhina nigrimenta
Erpornis zantholeuca sordida
Erpornis zantholeuca tyrannula

PASSERIFORMES: Paradoxornithidae

Black-headed Parrotbill
Short-tailed Parrotbill
Rufous-headed Parrotbill

Paradoxornis margeritae
Paradoxornis davidianus
Paradoxornis ruficeps

PASSERIFORMES: Aegithalidae

Grey-crowned Tit

Aegithalos annamensis

PASSERIFORMES: Paridae

Great Tit
Green-backed Tit
Yellow-cheeked Tit
Yellow-browed Tit
Sultan Tit

Parus major commixtus
Parus monticolus legendrei
Parus spilonotus basileus
Sylviparus modestus
Melanochlora sultanea
Melanochlora sultanea gayeti

PASSERIFORMES: Sittidae

Chestnut-vented Nuthatch
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch
Yellow-billed Nuthatch

Sitta nagaensis grisiventris
Sitta frontalis
Sitta solangiae fortior

PASSERIFORMES: Certhiidae

Brown-throated Treecreeper

Certhia discolor meridionalis

PASSERIFORMES: Nectariniidae

Brown-throated Sunbird
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird
Purple-naped Sunbird
Purple-throated Sunbird
Olive-backed Sunbird
Mrs Gould's Sunbird
Fork-tailed Sunbird
Black-throated Sunbird
Crimson Sunbird

Anthreptes malacensis
Anthreptes singalensis koratensis
Hypogramma hypogrammicum mariae
Leptocoma sperata
Cinnyris jugularis
Aethopyga gouldiae annamensis
Aethopyga christinae
Aethopyga saturata johnsi
Aethopyga siparaja tonkinensis
Aethopyga siparaja mangini
Arachnothera longirostra
Arachnothera magna

Little Spiderhunter
Streaked Spiderhunter

PASSERIFORMES: Dicaeidae

Thick-billed Flowerpecker
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum agile
Dicaeum chrysorrheum
Dicaeum ignipectus
Dicaeum cruentatum

PASSERIFORMES: Zosteropidae

Chestnut-flanked White-eye
Japanese White-eye

Zosterops erythropleurus
Zosterops japonicus

PASSERIFORMES: Oriolidae

Black-naped Oriole
Slender-billed Oriole
Black-hooded Oriole
Maroon Oriole

Oriolus chinensis diffusus
Oriolus tenuirostris invisus
Oriolus xanthornus
Oriolus traillii traillii

PASSERIFORMES: Irenidae

Asian Fairy-bluebird

Irena puella

PASSERIFORMES: Laniidae

Brown Shrike
 Burmese Shrike
 Long-tailed Shrike
 Grey-backed Shrike

Lanius cristatus
Lanius collurioides nigricapillus
Lanius schach schach
Lanius tephronotus

PASSERIFORMES: Prionopidae

Large Woodshrike

Tephrodornis gularis mekongensis

PASSERIFORMES: Dicruridae

Black Drongo
 Ashy Drongo

 Bronzed Drongo
 Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo
 Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus macrocercus
Dicrurus leucophaeus
Dicrurus leucophaeus leucogenis
Dicrurus aeneus
Dicrurus remifer
Dicrurus paradiseus

PASSERIFORMES: Artamidae

Ashy Woodswallow

Artamus fuscus

PASSERIFORMES: Corvidae

Eurasian Jay
 White-winged Magpie
 Common Green Magpie

 Indochinese Green Magpie

 Racket-tailed Treepie
 Ratchet-tailed Treepie
 Eastern Jungle Crow

Garrulus glandarius leucotis
Urocissa whiteheadi
Cissa chinensis chinensis
Cissa chinensis klossi
Cissa hypoleuca chauleti
Cissa hypoleuca concolor
Crypsirina temia
Temnurus temnurus
Corvus [macrorhynchos] levaillantii

PASSERIFORMES: Sturnidae

Golden-crested Myna
 Hill Myna
 White-vented Myna
 Crested Myna
 Common Myna
 Vinous-breasted Starling
 Black-collared Starling
 White-shouldered Starling
 Red-billed Starling

Ampeliceps coronatus
Gracula religiosa
Acridotheres grandis
Acridotheres cristatellus
Acridotheres tristis
Acridotheres burmannicus leucocephalus
Gracupica nigricollis
Sturnia sinensis
Sturnus sericeus

PASSERIFORMES: Estrildidae

White-rumped Munia
 Scaly-breasted Munia

Lonchura striata
Lonchura punctulata

PASSERIFORMES: Emberizidae

Tristram's Bunting

Emberiza tristrami

PASSERIFORMES: Fringillidae

Red Crossbill
 Vietnamese Greenfinch

Loxia curvirostra meridionalis
Carduelis monguilloti

PASSERIFORMES: Passeridae

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Passer montanus

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Northern Smooth-tail Treeshrew
 Long-tailed Macaque
 Delacour's Langur
 Black-shanked Douc-Langur
 Buff-cheeked Gibbon
 Common Palm Civet
 Red Muntjac
 Black Giant Squirrel
 Belly-banded (Pallas's) Squirrel

Dendrogale murina
Macaca fascicularis
Trachypithecus delacouri
Pygathrix nigripes
Nomascus gabriellae
Paradoxurus hermaphroditus
Muntiacus muntjac
Ratufa bicolor
Calloscirurus erythraeus

Variable Squirrel
Indochinese Striped Squirrel
Cambodian Striped Squirrel

Calloscirurus finlaysoni
Tamiops maritimus
Tamiops rodolphii



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