



**INDONESIA BIRDING TOURS: MORNING, HALF-DAY, 1-DAY,
AND SHORT (2-DAYS AND 3-DAYS) BALI BIRD TOURS**

AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME



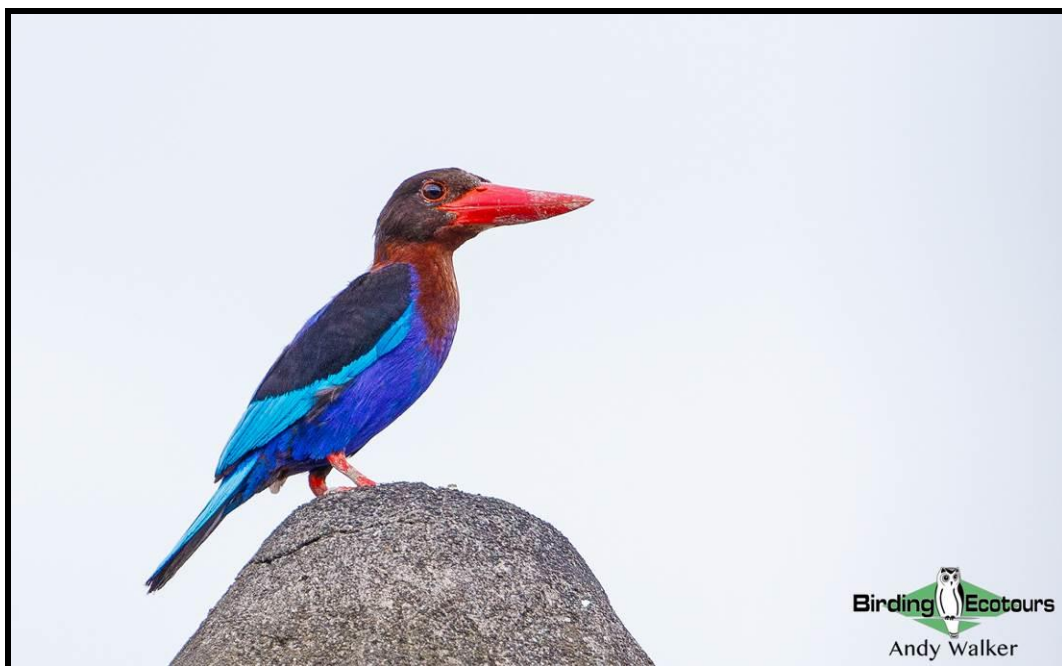
*The Critically Endangered (BirdLife International) **Bali Myna** is endemic to just the island of Bali in Indonesia, where it persists in a few remote locations.*

With Andy now living in Bali, Indonesia, we are able to offer a wide-range of morning, half-day, full-day, or short (two to three days) Bali birding tours. If Andy is unavailable or on tour, we now also have a team of excellent Bali-based ornithologists who can step in and give you an excellent Bali bird tour.

If you are coming to Bali for a holiday and would like to fit in some Bali birding, please let us know. We have a range of options and can tailor our Bali birdwatching itineraries to your every need. For example, if you are in Bali for the start or end of a cruise, having a cultural visit to enjoy the many ancient temples or some yoga in the town of Ubud (where Andy now calls home), relaxing down on the coast near Denpasar or some of the famous beach areas like Canggu, Kuta, Jimbaran, or Seminyak, and fancy a short birdwatching break, we can help with a range of options depending on your location and time available.

Bali has a long list of highly sought-after species and subspecies. We have our long (17-day) **Indonesia Birding Tour: Bali and East Java – Bali Myna and Other Rare Regional Specials** set departure birding tour, but the following options could work if you have less time available and would still like to experience some of Bali's great birds. Some of the top birds in Bali include **Bali Myna, Black-winged Myna, Sunda Teal, Green Junglefowl, Javan Hawk-Eagle, Javan Owlet, Beach Stone-curlew, Javan Plover, White-tailed Tropicbird, Christmas Frigatebird, Javan Kingfisher, Cerulean Kingfisher, Javan Banded Pitta, Flame-fronted Barbet, Yellow-eared Barbet, Javan Bush Warbler, White-crowned Forktail, Javan Scimitar Babbler, Javan Munia, White-capped Munia, and Java Sparrow.**

In addition to the above big-name birds, there's something for everyone in terms of enjoyable walks through bird-filled rice paddies and coastal marshes, mountain and volcano hikes full of montane forest birds, estuarine, saltpans, and beach habitat, featuring resident and migrant shorebirds, and lowland forest full of exciting birds and other wildlife.



*The rice paddies around Ubud, in Bali are a great place to see **Javan Kingfisher**.*

Birding the Ubud Area

We have numerous options for morning, half-day, 1-day, and longer birding trips around the Ubud area (e.g., you could combine a few of the options below).

Ubud Rice Paddies, Campuhan Ridge Walk, Bali Bird Walk (suitable for a morning trip)

Our rice paddy and rice terrace walks offer the chance of seeing some common and widespread birds of Bali but also include some of the special birds to be found here, such as **Javan Kingfisher**, **Javan Munia**, **Javan Pond Heron**, **Cave Swiftlet**, and with luck, the stunning **Java Sparrow** (they move around a lot depending on the rice farming). These walks around Ubud include the awesome Campuhan Ridge, the Bali Bird Walk, and other sites that Andy has been exploring over the last few years. Some of the other birds possible may include (Javan) **White-crowned Forktail**, **Blue-eared Kingfisher**, **Sunda Scops Owl**, **Savanna Nightjar**, **Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon**, **Ruby-throated Bulbul**, **Black-headed Bulbul**, **Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo**, **Chestnut-breasted Malkoha**, **Striated Swallow**, **Short-tailed Starling**, and **White-headed Munia**, to name just a few. During the northern winter months (and a little either side) it might be possible to find shorebirds (waders) like **Pin-tailed Snipe**, **Swinhoe's Snipe**, **Wood Sandpiper**, and **Long-toed Stint**, and raptors such as **Chinese Sparrowhawk**, **Japanese Sparrowhawk**, and **Crested Honey Buzzard**. During the **Eastern Cattle Egret** breeding season (around Christmas) there is a huge colony to visit for excellent photo opportunities.



Java Sparrow has been introduced in several locations around the world, such as Hawaii and Thailand, but its natural range is restricted to just Java and Bali.

The Coast near Ubud (suitable for full-day tours)

We have got several excellent coastal birding sites not far from Ubud that make for a great full-day birding session, with a wide range of species possible. We can usually find some secretive species here, such as **White-browed Crake**, **Ruddy-breasted Crake**, **Barred Buttonquail**, **Greater Painted-snipe**, and **Yellow Bittern**, along with **Javan Plover**, **Cerulean Kingfisher**, **Javan Kingfisher**, **Collared Kingfisher**, **Blue-eared Kingfisher**, **Savanna Nightjar**, **Golden-headed Cisticola**, (Double) **Zitting Cisticola**, migrant shorebirds including **Swinhoe's Snipe**, **Pin-tailed Snipe**, **Pacific Golden Plover**, **Oriental Plover**, and **Australian Pratincole**, along with **Streaked Weaver** and **White-headed Munia**. During the northern winter months **Eastern Yellow Wagtail** and **Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler** can be found too. This area is also great for finding rarities and is where Andy found Bali's first **Black-browed Reed Warbler** in 2022!



*Secretive **White-browed Crakes** can be found in the coastal marshes on Bali.*

Mountain Birding Sites near Ubud (suitable for full-day tours)

We have lots of different options for some higher-elevation birding within easy reach of Ubud, whether this be Gunung Batur near the famous volcano viewpoint of Kintamani village (enjoy birding while looking at seriously impressive landscapes featuring Gunung Batur, Gunung Abang, and Gunung Agung – more on the latter, Bali's highest peak, below). Or there are other upland sites with excellent forest, such as those around the town of Tabanan and one of the best sites, Bedugul Botanic Garden. Gunung Agung offers something special too, with great birds and views all the way across the island (and it's possible to get this without strenuous hikes!).

The mountains are home to some of Bali's most sought-after and poorly known resident species and we can find **Javan Owlet**, **Javan Bush Warbler**, **Aberrant (Sunda) Bush Warbler**, **Javan Cuckooshrike**, **Orange-spotted Bulbul**, **Brown-cheeked Bulbul**, **Flame-browed Barbet**,

Yellow-eared Barbet, (Javan) White-crowned Forktail, Spotted Kestrel, Javan Hawk-Eagle, Javan Scimitar Babbler, Dark-backed Imperial Pigeon, Banded Fruit Dove, Sunda Thrush, Javan Whistling Thrush, Mountain Leaf Warbler, and Sunda Warbler.



*Javan Owlet is unusual for *Glaucidium* owls as it is predominantly nocturnal.*



Siberian Thrush is one of several great migrants to be found in the hills around Ubud.

In addition to the many wonderful resident birds in the hills around Ubud, during the northern winter it is possible to find migrants such as **Siberian Thrush**, **Eyebrowed Thrush**, **Mugimaki Flycatcher**, **Narcissus Flycatcher**, **Arctic Warbler**, and **Blue-and-white Flycatcher**.

Birding the Denpasar Area

Estuary and Wetland Birding (Serangan Island, Nusa Dua Lagoons, and mangroves) (suitable for a half-day or full-day tour)

There are numerous wonderful birding sites around Denpasar, and these are all easily accessible for anyone staying in the city, or other tourist areas like Jimbaran, Seminyak, Kuta, or Sanur (or even if you are staying further afield in Ubud). They make for a perfect half-day or full-day birding trip, and with careful attention to the tide times can make for an entertaining day out.

The birding sites around Denpasar and Nusa Dua are great for a number of resident and migrant species, with top targets including **Sunda Teal**, **Javan Plover**, **Beach Stone-curlew**, **Siberian Sand Plover**, **Tibetan Sand Plover**, **Greater Sand Plover**, **Kentish Plover**, **Grey-tailed Tattler**, **Great Knot**, **Broad-billed Sandpiper**, **Far Eastern Curlew**, **Cerulean Kingfisher**, **Blue-eared Kingfisher**, **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **Nankeen Night Heron**, **Black-crowned Night Heron**, **Purple Heron**, **Gull-billed Tern**, **Australian Tern**, **Greater Crested Tern**, **Pink-necked Green Pigeon**, **Bar-winged Prinia**, **Golden-bellied Gerygone**, **Racket-tailed Treepie**, **White-shouldered Triller**, **Pied Triller**, **Olive-backed Tailorbird**, **Brown-throated Sunbird**, **Olive-backed Sunbird**, and **Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker**. Some of these sites also give good opportunities for photography.



Javan Plover can be found around the coast along with other resident and migrant shorebirds.



*The tiny **Cerulean Kingfisher** is strikingly plumaged and sure to delight.*

Sea Cliffs (Birding Uluwatu Temple) (Half-day best)

Uluwatu Temple is a famous Hindu temple site perched on the edge of some high cliffs at the southwestern-most part of Bali Island. A great site for seawatching for a morning or photographing the sunset in the evening! Our birding trips here and in the surrounding wider area look for **White-tailed Tropicbird**, **Brown Booby**, **Red-footed Booby**, **Lesser Frigatebird**, **Great Frigatebird**, **Christmas Frigatebird**, **Streaked Shearwater**, **Wedge-tailed Shearwater**, **Sooty Tern**, and other seabirds (telescope required). Conditions need to be just right though to get the most out of the site. There are interesting land birds and passerines in the area too.

A Little Further Afield – Birding at Bali Barat National Park and Surrounds

Birdwatching at Bali Barat National Park (2-day and 3-day tours best for here)

Situated on the northwest tip of Bali is the famed Bali Barat National Park. This is Bali's only national park and protects a vast area of low-lying wilderness which is a scarce commodity on this heavily developed island. There is a patchwork of habitats here including mangroves, palm savanna, and evergreen forest. This site is *the* prime location for finding the extremely rare **Bali Myna** and the almost-as-rare **Black-winged** (Grey-rumped) **Myna**. The best option for birding here is by taking two or three days to explore this wonderful area, this would enable you to really get the most out of the site and the surrounding area – which also includes salt pans and interesting estuaries and mudflats. There are lots of accommodation options in the area to suit a range of budgets.



Bali Myna is always one of the top targets when birding at Bali Barat National Park.



Black-winged Myna is another rare bird to be found in Bali Barat National Park.

A stay of a couple of days around the Bali Barat National Park area can be incredibly rewarding with lots of rare and localized species and subspecies possible, including highly sought-after birds such as **Javan Banded Pitta**, **Javan Cuckooshrike**, **Hair-crested** (Javan Spangled)

Drongo, Green Junglefowl, Sunda Scops Owl, Black-thighed Falconet, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Barred Eagle-Owl, Laced Woodpecker, Oriental (Rufous-backed) Dwarf Kingfisher, Blue-tailed Bee-eater, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Oriental Dollarbird, Yellow-throated Hanging Parrot, Kamchatka Leaf Warbler (during the northern winter months), Mangrove Whistler, Oriental Magpie-Robin (of the local subspecies), Grey-rumped Treeswift, Javan Myna, Pink-necked Green Pigeon, Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon, and Orange-breasted Green Pigeon.

Birding Saltpans near Bali Barat NP (half-day while in area on 2-day or 3-day trip)

The saltpans around the area can be great for resident and migrant shorebirds and waterbirds such as **Javan Plover, Pied Stilt, Greater Painted-snipe, Beach Stone-curlew, Greater Sand Plover, Siberian Sand Plover, Tibetan Sand Plover, Malaysian Plover, Terek Sandpiper, Long-toed Stint, Marsh Sandpiper, Pacific Reef Heron, Cerulean Kingfisher, and Sunda Teal.** With **Sunda Collared Dove, Javan Myna, Pied Triller, Golden-bellied Gerygone, Javan Munia, White-headed Munia, and Streaked Weaver** all also present.

Birding Estuaries and Mudflats near Bali Barat National Park (half-day while in area on 2-day or 3-day trip)

The estuaries and mudflats of the local area can be excellent too, with chances of **Great-billed Heron, Lesser Adjutant, and Beach Stone-curlew**, along with numerous terns, frigatebirds, jaegers, herons, and shorebirds. In the right season, **Aleutian Tern** might also be possible.



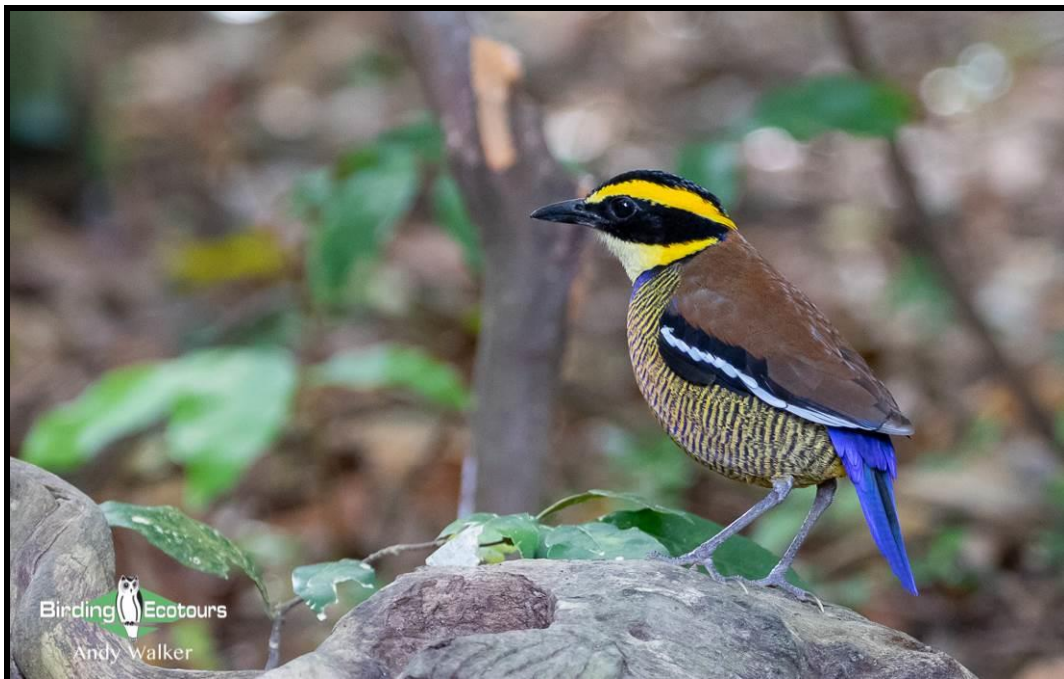
Terek Sandpiper is present at the saltpans during the passage/non-breeding season.



Greater Sand Plover overwinters in the salt pans and by March are starting to color up nicely.

Javan Banded Pitta Photography (while in Bali Barat area on 2-day or 3-day birding tour)

Sometimes while in the Bali Barat National Park area, we can gain access to a couple of bird blinds (bird hides) to look for and photograph the shy and secretive **Javan Banded Pitta**.



Javan Banded Pitta is a gorgeous bird that brightens up the dark forest.

The bird blinds (bird hides) can also attract other secretive birds of Bali, such as **Oriental** (Rufous-backed) **Dwarf Kingfisher**, **Laced Woodpecker**, **Horsfield's Babbler**, and more. Please ask us for costs for this extra activity (if the birds are “available” at the time), to be added into your 2-day or 3-day Bali Barat birding tour.



*Seeing **Oriental** (Rufous-backed) **Dwarf Kingfisher** away from a photography blind when birding in Bali can be tough work but a great highlight when seen!*

Duration:	Various (and you could combine or take multiple of these tours)
Group Size:	1 – 4
Dates:	Any time, subject to guide availability
Start:	Various, Bali
End:	Various, Bali
Prices:	<p>Morning tour in Ubud rice paddies \$370 for 1 person, then \$53 per extra person sharing, up to max 4 people (6 am to 10 am)</p> <p>Full-day tour in Ubud area \$475 for 1 person, then \$53 per extra person sharing, up to max 4 people (6 am to 6 pm with lunch break in middle of the day)</p> <p>Half-day tour in Denpasar area \$490 for 1 person, then \$53 per extra person sharing, up to max 4 people (6 am to noon)</p>

Full-day tour in Denpasar area \$615 for 1 person, then \$53 per extra person sharing, up to max 4 people (6 am to 6 pm with lunch break in middle of the day)

Bali Barat 2-day bird tour (one night) trips start from \$1,030 per person based on two sharing in premium accommodation, up to max 4 people (pick up morning of Day 1 and drop off late afternoon Day 2)

Bali Barat 3-day bird tour (two nights) trips start from \$1,580 per person based on two sharing in premium accommodation, up to max 4 people (pick up morning of Day 1 and drop off late afternoon Day 3)

Javan Banded Pitta blind/hide access price on application and can be added to the 2-day or 3-day tours around Bali Barat National Park for an extra fee

All tour prices include:

Expert tour leader/bird guide fees

Birdwatching site entrance fees

All ground transport from agreed local area pick up point to local area drop off point with air-conditioning and fuel, tolls, and taxes while on tour (if you would like to be dropped off at a different location to your pick up location at the end of the tour this may be possible but may incur extra charges depending on location – please let us know at time of booking so we can factor this in to our tour planning in advance).

Longer (2-day and 3-day) tour prices include:

Premium accommodation (double room), subject to availability – see the Important Notes section below

Meals

Drinking water – please bring a refillable water bottle

Expert tour leader/local bird guide fees

Birdwatching site/national park entrance fees

All ground transport from agreed local area pick up point to local area drop off point with air-conditioning and fuel, tolls, and taxes while on tour (if you would like to be dropped off at a different location to your pick up location at the end of the tour this may be possible but may incur extra charges depending on location – please let us know at time of booking so we can factor this in to our tour planning in advance).

Morning, half-day and full-day prices exclude:

Accommodation

Meals and drinks

Please see the 'all tours prices exclude' section below for further exclusions on these tours

All tour prices exclude:

Flights to/from Ngurah Rai International Airport, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Airport transfers

Expenditures due to flight cancellations/delays or other causes beyond our control (force majeure)

Visa fees if visa required

Departure tax if required

Items of a personal nature, e.g., gifts, laundry, internet access, phone calls etc.

Pitta blind access

Any pre- or post-tour accommodation, meals, or birding/sightseeing/monument excursions

Soft/alcoholic drinks

Tour Durations:

- Morning birding tours in Ubud start at 6 am and end at 10 am (pick up at 6 am drop off at 10 am).
- Half-day Bali birding tours start at 6 am and end at noon (pick up at 6 am drop off at noon).
- Full-day Bali birdwatching tours start at 6 am and end at 6 pm. There is a break in the middle of the day for lunch (meals not provided) (pick up at 6 am drop off at 6 pm).
- 2-day and 3-day Bali bird tour start times will be discussed based on starting and ending points.

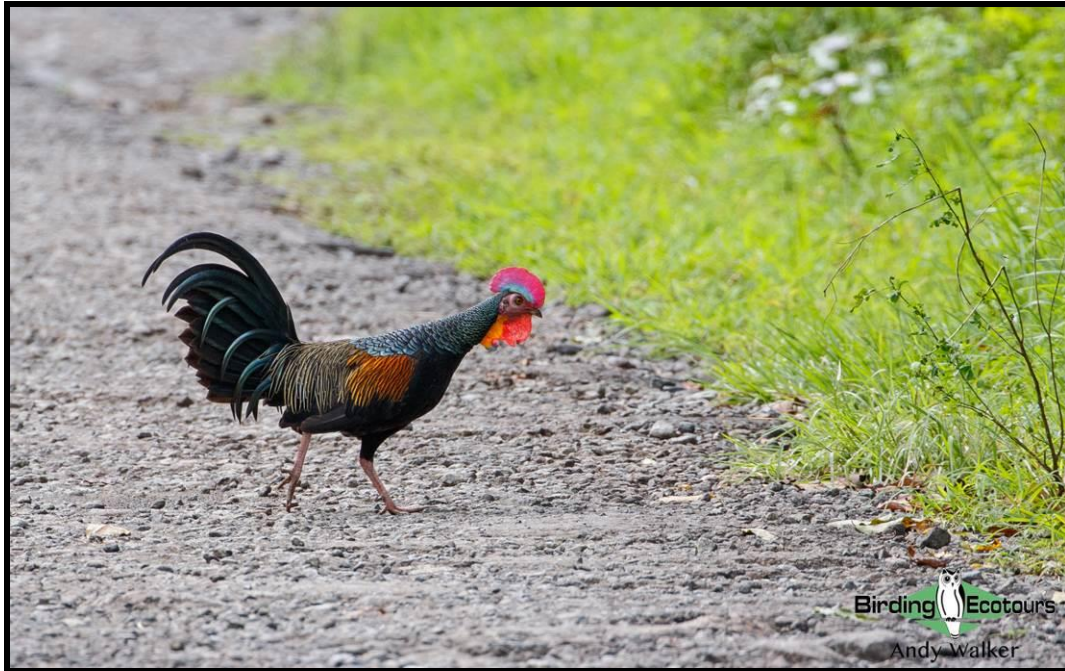
Important Notes:

Our 2-day and 3-day Bali Barat birding tours include premium accommodation. This accommodation has been selected as it grants access to the national park area, where many of the main target birds can be found. Note that there are budget options for staying outside the park and birding the outside area only, where you'd see some, but not all of the key species. If you'd like to find about a budget tour to the Bali Barat area, please [contact us](#). Please note that our preferred accommodation in Bali Barat books up far in advance, so if you are interested in a 2-day or 3-day Bali Barat birding tour we recommend booking as early as possible.

Expect hot and humid weather conditions in Bali year-round. There is little temperature variation across the year with average temperatures ranging from 78-82 °F (26-28 °C). Temperature highs of around 95 °F (35 °C) occur in some months. It can feel cooler in the mountains and hotter at the coast. Humidity levels hang at around 85-95% across the year. The rainy season tends to run from November to March and afternoon showers are common through this period. The rainy season may extend from October to April, but usually April to October are the drier months. January is usually the wettest month of the year with 13.5 inches/34.5 centimetres of rain falling on average during the month and rain falling on 27 out of 31 days! We tend to have to maintain some level of flexibility with birding in Bali due to the weather, particularly during the wet season.

We will provide specific advice on what to bring on a Bali birding tour (e.g., suitable clothes and footwear) ahead of your day trip as it will vary depending on which tour you take.

Please note the traffic in Bali is bad, roads are small (narrow) and congested with vehicles, many badly driven/ridden and so journey times usually take much longer than expected, especially if there is a religious ceremony, when roads can be closed without any warning.



Green Junglefowl is an attractive bird and Bali is a great place to see this species.



The rarely seen Red-legged Crake can be found in Bali, with some luck!