

MALAYSIA: BORNEO, SABAH – SABAH CLASSIC SET DEPARTURE TOUR TRIP REPORT

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We saw many spectacular Bornean endemics on the tour, such as Crimson-headed Partridge.



Overview

Our tour of Sabah, Malaysian Borneo started in Kota Kinabalu on the 27th of September 2022, visited the Croker Ranges National Park, Kinabalu National Park, Poring Hot Springs, Sepliok Rainforest Discovery Center (Sepilok RDC), Kinabatangan River, and the Danum Valley, where we stayed in the glorious Borneo Rainforest Lodge. The tour ended at Lahad Datu on the evening of the 8th of October 2022.

We recorded 271 species (nine heard only) and enjoyed a long list of Bornean endemic birds during the tour (almost 50 species on current taxonomy). Some of the endemic highlights seen included Crimson-headed Partridge, Red-breasted Partridge, Bornean Bristlehead, Bornean Ground Cuckoo, Whitehead's Trogon, Whitehead's Broadbill, Whitehead's Spiderhunter, Everett's Thrush, Fruithunter, Black-crowned Pitta, Bornean Green Magpie, Bornean Forktail, White-fronted Falconet, Bornean Barbet, Mountain Barbet, Golden-naped Barbet, Palefaced Bulbul, Bornean Bulbul, Bornean Stubtail, Bornean Wren-Babbler, Mountain Wren-Babbler, Evebrowed Jungle Flycatcher, Bornean Blue Flycatcher, and Mountain Black-eye.

There were many non-endemic highlights too, like Storm's Stork, Helmeted Hornbill, Rhinoceros Hornbill, Diard's Trogon, Red-naped Trogon, Hooded Pitta, and White-bellied Woodpecker, along with several interesting subspecies that could result in future splits, such as Chestnut-necklaced (Sabah) Partridge and (Bornean) Crested Fireback. We also found lots of other spectacular kingfishers, hornbills, and woodpeckers, as well as cryptic babblers and bulbuls. Plenty of non-avian highlights were found, such as Bornean Orangutan, Bornean Gibbon, and Proboscis Monkey. The trip lists for birds and everything else identified follows the report.



We saw all eight species of the hornbills found in Borneo on the tour but seeing the Critically Endangered (BirdLife International) **Helmeted Hornbill** so well was the definite highlight.



Detailed Report

Day 1, 27th September 2022. Arrival and birding in Kota Kinabalu

After a welcome lunch we set out for some relaxed birding around Kota Kinabalu with some of the highlights including Wandering Whistling Duck, Long-tailed Parakeet, Blue-naped Parrot, Whiskered Tern, White-winged Tern, Wood Sandpiper, Nankeen Night Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker, Pied Triller, and Chestnut Munia. It was early to bed in preparation for the following morning.

Day 2, 28th September 2022. Kota Kinabalu to Kinabalu National Park via Croker Range National Park (Tambunan Rafflesia Nature Reserve Center and Gunung Alab areas)

We had a very early start today to get up to Gunung Alab in the <u>Crocker Range National Park</u> for first light. We arrived and got into position near a security light that had attracted lots of moths into it. As the day dawned, we were rewarded for our early start with close views of **Bornean Treepie**, **Hair-crested** (Bornean Spangled) **Drongo**, **Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrush**, **White-throated Fantail**, **Indigo Flycatcher**, **Mountain Black-eye**, **Mountain Tailorbird**, **Mountain** (Bornean) **Leaf Warbler**, and **Sunda Bush Warbler** all coming in for breakfast.

After a while we changed sites and in no time at all we were enjoying point blank views of stunning birds like Crimson-headed Partridge (Bloodhead) – see the trip report cover image, Redbreasted Partridge, Orange-headed Thrush, Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrush, Sunda Laughingthrush, and Snowy-browed Flycatcher. A fantastic start to the day, topped off with close views of a Bornean Swiftlet breeding colony nearby while we enjoyed some refreshments.



The Bornean endemic, **Red-breasted Partridge** gave some excellent views.



Driving down through the mountain range we stopped so some folks could look at a flowering rafflesia, and we found some excellent species here too, including Bornean Barbet, Mountain Barbet, Black-sided Flowerpecker, Chestnut-crested Yuhina, Black-capped White-eye, Cinereous (Green-winged) Bulbul, and Bornean Bulbul. We then took a drive of a couple of hours to our base in Kundasang near Mount Kinabalu, where we enjoyed lunch and checked into our hotel (with amazing mountain views) for the next three nights.

In the late afternoon we looked through a section of forest in Kinabalu National Park. The birding was hard going compared to the easy morning birding, regardless we saw some really fantastic birds, with the absolute highlight being a pair of **Everett's Thrushes** feeding along the roadside drainage ditch. These birds offered prolonged views of this scarce and usually very secretive species. Further highlights included **Bornean Green Magpie** and **Eyebrowed Jungle Flycatcher** (Bornean Shade-dweller). We also heard **Whitehead's Trogon** but couldn't get into a position to view it, unfortunately. This all ended a really enjoyable first full day birding on the tour with loads of Bornean endemic birds seen and seen very well in most cases.



The scarce and (usually) difficult to see **Everett's Thrush** showed remarkably well for us.

Day 3, 29th September 2022. Birding Kinabalu National Park

We headed back into <u>Kinabalu National Park</u> for a morning of birding. We drove into some nice-looking habitat and walked to a viewing platform, finding three **Bornean Forktails** (two adults and a juvenile), **Bornean Whistling Thrush**, **Golden-naped Barbet**, **Bornean Whistler**, **Palefaced Bulbul**, **Bornean Treepie**, **Yellow-breasted Warbler**, **Mountain** (Kinabalu) **Leaf Warbler**, **Chestnut-crested Yuhina**, **Blyth's Shrike-babbler**, **Indigo Flycatcher**, **Eyebrowed Jungle Flycatcher** (Bornean Shade-dweller), and **Temminck's Sunbird**. However, the real stars



of the show here were the pair of **Fruithunters** that were part of a mixed flock and showed excellently for all with prolonged close views, what a treat!



This male **Fruithunter** gave fantastic close views, as did the female shortly afterwards.

Walking further along the road network we had a Mountain Serpent Eagle hunting through the forest (an impressive sight), Chestnut-hooded Laughingthrush, Sunda Laughingthrush, Bareheaded Laughingthrush, Bornean Stubtail, Grey-throated Babbler, Grey-chinned (Greythroated) Minivet, Ashy (Bornean) Drongo, Bornean Green Magpie, Penan Bulbul, Bornean Whistler, and Mountain Wren-Babbler.

A rain affected afternoon resulted in a change of plans but did result in sightings of Pygmy Whiteeye (Pygmy Heleia/Ibon), Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, Pale Blue (Hartet's) Flycatcher, and Oriental (Black) Magpie-Robin in the garden.

Day 4, 30th September 2022. Birding Kinabalu National Park

We had our final day birding within Kinabalu National Park. The day started off overcast, drizzly, and quite cool and didn't look too promising. Indeed, birds were hard to come across early, with Bornean Whistling Thrush seen along the road and a few very small mixed-species flocks containing Yellow-breasted Warbler, Mountain (Kinabalu) Leaf Warbler, Bornean Whistler, Eyebrowed Jungle Flycatcher, Mountain Wren-Babbler, and Grey-throated Babbler.

A change of location yielded another group of birds, including Golden-naped Barbet, Blyth's Shrike-babbler, Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, Sunda Bush Warbler, Indigo Flycatcher, Pygmy Flycatcher, Lesser Cuckooshrike, Temminck's Sunbird, Dark Hawk-Cuckoo, and the star of the morning, Whitehead's Broadbill visiting a fruiting tree.



After lunch we continued our search for more endemics, some of the group saw a distant **Whitehead's Spiderhunter**, and after a lot of walking up and down a section of hill everyone had point-blank views of a pair of one of the star birds of the trip, **Whitehead's Trogon**.



Whitehead's Broadbill showed well to the group (photo by tour participant Joanne Rickett).



Whitehead's Trogon was one of the most spectacular birds of the tour.



We picked up a few other birds during the day that were either new, or gave better views than previous days, such as Black-sided Flowerpecker, Ashy (Bornean) Drongo, Grey Wagtail, Maroon Woodpecker, White-bellied Erpornis, Black-capped White-eye, and right at the end of the day, Brown Wood Owl.

Day 5, 1st October 2022. Birding Poring Hot Springs and travel to Sepliok

We left the Mount Kinabalu area dropping down in elevation and had a few hours birding the lower elevations of <u>Poring Hot Springs</u>. Here we found White-crowned Shama, White-fronted Falconet, Bornean Black-capped Babbler, Sunda Scimitar Babbler, Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher, Banded Broadbill, Black-and-yellow Broadbill, Crimson Sunbird, Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, Brown-throated Sunbird, Plain Sunbird, Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Black-headed Bulbul, Charlotte's Bulbul, Verditer Flycatcher, Little Spiderhunter, Bornean Spiderhunter, and Orange-bellied Flowerpecker. It was a very pleasant walk.



Good sightings of the attractive **Black-and-yellow Broadbill** are always appreciated.

We had a long drive to make so got on the road for a couple of hours before grabbing lunch in a roadside café with good noodles. Afterwards we continued our journey east towards Sepilok. As we drove through countless miles of palm oil plantations we stopped occasionally for a few interesting roadside birds, including Black-winged Kite, Crested Serpent Eagle, Changeable Hawk-Eagle, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Long-tailed Shrike, Striated Grassbird, and Black Hornbill.

Once we arrived in hot and humid Sepilok, we checked into our rooms and had a quick recce of the nearby area, finding Hooded Pitta, White-crowned Shama, Blue-throated Bee-eater,



Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Grey-hooded Babbler, Black Hornbill, Rufous-tailed Tailorbird, Yellow-bellied Bulbul, Grey-cheeked Bulbul, and Olive-winged Bulbul.

Day 6, 2nd October 2022. Birding Sepilok Rainforest Discovery Center

We spent the whole day birding around the <u>Sepilok Rainforest Discovery Center</u> (known simply as "RDC"). We hit the very impressive canopy walkway at dawn and made our way to a couple of the towers, the whole walk and our time on the towers giving us some incredible views of the forest from an unusual perspective. From the towers we got excellent views of several species, including **White-crowned Hornbill**, **Black Hornbill**, **Brown Barbet**, **White-bellied Woodpecker**, **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker**, **Buff-rumped Woodpecker**, **Maroon Woodpecker**, **Black-and-red Broadbill**, **Black-and-yellow Broadbill**, **Long-billed Spiderhunter**, **Thick-billed Spiderhunter**, **Lesser Green Leafbird**, and **Raffles's Malkoha**. We also enjoyed views of **Prevost's Squirrel**, **Pale Giant Squirrel**, and one of the biggest highlights of the morning, a **Red Giant Flying Squirrel**, which some of the group got to witness in a 50+ meter (165+ feet) flight, a seriously spectacular sight!

It was soon time for breakfast, and it was looking like rain was on the way, so we departed for our nearby accommodation and enjoyed watching some sunbirds while we ate. Afterwards, we headed back out into the trail system at the RDC. The weather was starting to deteriorate but we persisted a little longer, and it was a good job we did as it resulted in us seeing **Short-tailed** (Leaflitter) **Babbler** and the star of the mornings birding, the highly sought-after, **Black-crowned Pitta**, which put on a great performance for us. By now the rain had started to get too heavy and so we sought some shelter in the café for a while.



We had some great looks at the Bornean (and Sabah) endemic, **Black-crowned Pitta** during the tour.



Once the rain had reduced enough, we ventured out for some late morning birding. It was hot and very humid and activity low, though we did see Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Raffles's Malkoha, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Purple-naped Spiderhunter, Buff-necked Woodpecker, Green Iora, Crested Goshawk, and Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike, to name a few. Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher and Blue-eared Kingfishers were seen by some of the group.

We enjoyed lunch and some took a siesta while others tried photographing some birds in the lodge grounds (getting brilliant looks at **Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot**), and others made use of the swimming pool and spa. After our break we covered a trail and section of canopy walkway where we found plenty of birds to keep us entertained. Some of these included **Rufous-collared Kingfisher**, (Black-faced/Bornean) **Banded Kingfisher**, **Diard's Trogon**, **Rhinoceros Hornbill**, **Red-billed Malkoha**, **Wallace's Hawk-Eagle**, **Silver-rumped Spinetail**, **Grey-rumped Treeswift**, **Rufous-winged Philentoma**, **Grey-and-buff Woodpecker**, **Banded Woodpecker**, **Crimson-winged Woodpecker**, **Brown Barbet**, **White-crowned Shama**, and a migrant (calling) **Arctic Warbler**. It had been another wonderful day of birding in Borneo.



This female **Rufous-collared Kingfisher** was one of several high-quality birds that came thick and fast during our afternoon birding in the RDC at Sepliok.

Day 7, 3^{rd} October 2022. Birding Sepilok Rainforest Discovery Center and travel to Kinabatangan River with evening boat cruise

We again took a pre-breakfast walk along the canopy walkway and enjoyed good views of many species. While numbers appeared lower than the previous day, we did pick out some new species for the trip and improved on views of some others, including **Brown Barbet**, **Violet Cuckoo**, **Wallace's Hawk-Eagle**, **Common Hill Myna**, **Oriental Pied Hornbill**, **Stork-billed**



Kingfisher, Hooded Pitta, Spectacled Bulbul, and Brown-streaked (Umber) Flycatcher. Some in the group saw a distant (wild) Bornean Orangutan and the pretty Red Leaf Monkey.

In the afternoon we drove across to Sukau where we boarded our boat to our accommodation along the Kinabatangan River. Unfortunately, we had a fair bit of rain during the afternoon, so our boat trip was somewhat delayed, and we only got out for less than an hour. During this time we did see Wrinkled Hornbill, Bushy-crested Hornbill, Black Hornbill, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Oriental Darter, Black-crowned Night Heron, Wallace's Hawk-Eagle, Crested Serpent Eagle, and Bat Hawk. There were a few mammalian highlights too, with the odd-looking Proboscis Monkey being one of our key targets for the area seen well, other species seen included Silvery Lutung, Southern Pig-tailed Macaque, and Long-tailed Macaque.

Day 8, 4th October 2022. Birding Kinabatangan River

We made a couple of boat trips in the morning. The first one at dawn gave us a vocal Chestnut-necklaced (Sabah) Partridge which we saw along the riverbank, brief views of a pair of Storm's Stork, along with White-bellied Sea Eagle, Brahminy Kite, Crested Goshawk, Wrinkled Hornbill, and a few other more widespread species like Oriental Dollarbird, Little Green Pigeon, and Blue-eared Kingfisher. We heard Bornean Ground Cuckoo but were unable to obtain views given the location it was in.



The Bornean endemic subspecies of **Chestnut-necklaced Partridge** is found only in Sabah and is considered a potential future split by some authorities and referred to as Sabah Partridge.

After breakfast we hit the waterways again and had walkaway views of a perched and rather showy **Storm's Stork**, with other birds seen including **Bat Hawk**, **Lesser Adjutant**, **Whiskered Tern**,



Wrinkled Hornbill, and more common birds. Just after we'd heard another Bornean Ground Cuckoo there was a clap of thunder and suddenly a torrential deluge hit us. We donned our waterproofs and made a hasty retreat in some appalling conditions with a stinging horizontal rain!



It was great to see the colorful Wrinkled Hornbill while birding along the Kinabatangan River.



We enjoyed this Storm's Stork much more than the squally storm that followed!



We got back to our accommodation and tried to dry off, and while we waited for the rain to stop, we had lunch. The afternoon featured much of the same, dodging showers and listening to **Bornean Ground Cuckoos!**

Day 9, 5th October 2022. Morning birding Kinabatangan River and transfer to Borneo Rainforest Lodge, Danum Valley

Our final boat trip on the Kinabatangan River was delayed due to some more heavy rain showers, but we were eventually able to make our way out on the water and we were glad we did! We went back to one of the spots where we heard four **Bornean Ground Cuckoos** the previous afternoon, but this time just one could be heard and it was, unfortunately, too distant. We did enjoy watching a **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**, **Storm's Stork**, and a pair of **Bold-striped Tit-Babblers** while we waited. Again, there was no sign of the cuckoos, so we went to another site we'd heard them the previous day. After a while of sitting and waiting we were about to give up, we had a bus to catch to Lahad Datu. Just as our trusty boatman turned the engine on, we heard one calling, and it seemed close. We repositioned ourselves along the riverbank and after a while of scanning we picked one up, sitting a few feet off the ground in a tree – finally, we'd seen **Bornean Ground Cuckoo!** We were elated and with some careful maneuvering around the boat everyone was able to get into a position to see this wonderful and highly sought-after scarce endemic! We were behind schedule but there were no complaints!



Bornean Ground Cuckoo appeared very much at the last minute.

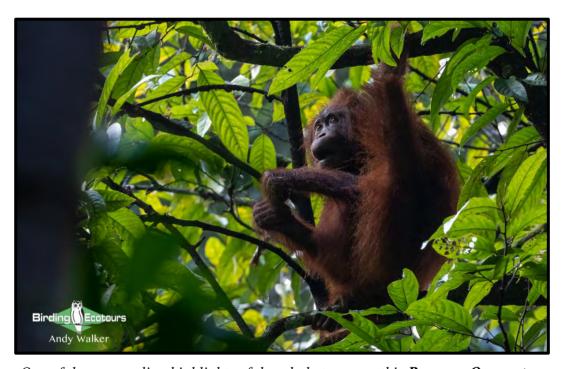
After a quick, late breakfast, we spent the rest of the day traveling to Borneo Rainforest Lodge in the Danum Valley. We arrived just as the sun set, with the sound of **Rhinoceros Hornbills** flying over this spectacular forest we would be exploring over the coming few days.



Day 10, 6th October 2022. Birding Danum Valley and Borneo Rainforest Lodge

We awoke to a beautiful morning with mist hanging in the valley in front of the lodge. We headed out early to try and get started on the birding in the area and found some great birds. Lots of bulbuls and babblers were vocalizing and we found a small fruiting tree that attracted several species. Some of the morning highlights included Red-naped Trogon, Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Crested (Indomalayan) Honey Buzzard, Black Eagle, Blyth's Hawk Eagle, White-fronted Falconet, Rufous Piculet, Lesser Cuckooshrike, White-bellied Erpornis, Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher, Spectacled Bulbul, Hairy-backed Bulbul, Finsch's Bulbul, Charlotte's Bulbul, Horsfield's Babbler, Brown Fulvetta, Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker, Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker, Bornean Spiderhunter, Purple-naped Sunbird, Greater Green Leafbird, and Lesser Green Leafbird. Several species tantalized us by remaining 'heard only' and included Great Argus, Blue-headed Pitta, and Giant Pitta!

Our morning birding was interrupted for one particular mammal that gave us our best look to date, (a wild) **Bornean Orangutan**. It was sitting feeding happily in a durian tree and we enjoyed watching this magnificent creature go about its daily routine.



One of the mammalian highlights of the whole tour was this **Bornean Orangutan**.

In the afternoon we ventured out under leaden skies into the forest before a storm hit. As expected, it was fairly quiet as the birds seemed to sense what was coming! Grey-hooded Babbler, Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher, Grey-headed Canary Flycatcher, and Spotted Fantail were seen and Sunda Blue Flycatcher, Blue-eared (Black-eared) Barbet, and (Bornean) Crested Fireback were heard.



Day 11, 7th October 2022 Birding Danum Valley and Borneo Rainforest Lodge

We again had morning and afternoon birding sessions in the Danum Valley from our base at the wonderful Borneo Rainforest Lodge. It was amazing to be staying right in this beautiful forest. The morning was very birdy, and we found several new species for the trip, and several more endemics too. We got some good lucks at the skulking Bornean Wren-Babbler, Striped Wren-Babbler, Bornean Blue Flycatcher, Red-bearded Bee-eater, Large Woodshrike, Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler, Chestnut-rumped Babbler, Black-bellied Malkoha, and several of the group heard a distant Bornean Bristlehead. Activity dropped as soon as the temperature crept up, so we also took a break during the middle of the day.



Bornean Wren-Babbler gave some very good views, but getting a photo was tough given its habits of moving along the ground through dense vegetation.

In the afternoon we again headed out birding and found a pair of White-chested (Bornean Swamp) Babblers near the river, with Black Eagle and Changeable Hawk-Eagle overhead. We made our way to a canopy walkway and while we were busily photographing a gorgeous Whiskered Treeswift, the distinctive shape of the Bornean Bristlehead appeared, flying over us. They were typically vocal as four birds landed in the tops of the tallest trees around. Everyone got up on the canopy walkway to enjoy slightly closer views of this species, which is a highly sought-after Bornean endemic, monotypic family. We were extremely happy to have finally seen this species, after having no sight or sound of them during our time at Sepilok earlier in the tour. The afternoon was pressing on, so we commenced our walk back to the lodge, stopping on the way back to enjoy good views of Dark-sided Flycatcher, Rufous Woodpecker, White-crowned Hornbill, and the other star of the afternoon, a mother and baby (wild) Bornean Orangutan preparing to go to bed.



We had spent a lot of time trying to locate this sought-after endemic, so despite them being high in the canopy we were very grateful to see a small group of **Bornean Bristleheads**. Not a great photo, but you can tell what it is!

We had a night drive in the early evening and got to see the rather unique sight of a male Black-crowned Pitta roosting! More expected was the Blyth's Frogmouth. Barred Eagle-Owls were vocal but would not show this time. We also found Sambar, Lesser Oriental Chevrotain (Lesser Mouse Deer), Large Flying-fox, and Black Flying Squirrel.

Day 12, 8th October 2022. Morning birding Danum Valley and Borneo Rainforest Lodge before tour conclusion in Lahad Datu with onward journeys

We had a final morning birding session out from the Borneo Rainforest Lodge as we tried to seek out any final species. It was however rather hot very early and activity was disappointingly low. We did pick up a couple of **Bornean Black Magpies** moving through the canopy, and we enjoyed having a final look at the **Bornean Orangutans**, the mother and baby not having moved far from where we left them the previous evening. Some of the group also saw the elusive **Northern** (North Bornean) **Grey Gibbon**, a species we had been hearing calling away most mornings in the lowlands. A few other species put in an appearance, such as (Bornean) **Crested Fireback**, **Thick-billed Green Pigeon**, **Large Green Pigeon**, **Wreathed Hornbill**, **Rufous Piculet**, **Banded Broadbill**, **Black-and-yellow Broadbill**, **Rufous-winged Philentoma**, **Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler** (our best views of the tour), **Striped Wren-Babbler**, **Common Hill Myna**, and **White-crowned Shama**.

We had our final lunch and checklist session of the tour, the food and service at Borneo Rainforest Lodge was top notch and definitely well received. We then made our way to Lahad Datu where this Borneo birding tour ended – not before we saw **Oriental Plover** on the runway!





The Bornean endemic White-crowned Shama often remains hidden in the forest, but occasionally hops out into the sunlight.

This was a great and enjoyable tour with a fun group of people from around the world. We must also offer a huge debt of thanks to our wonderful local guide, Liew, and all of the other people (local guides and drivers – particularly David for the first half of the tour) who all helped make it a success.

Bird List - Following IOC (12.1)

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen. The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following <u>BirdLife International</u>: CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable. The common name for Bornean endemics is shown in **bold** type, e.g., **Whitehead's Trogon**.

Common Name	Scientific Name	
Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)		
Wandering Whistling Duck	Dendrocygna arcuata	
Pheasants & Allies (Phasianidae)		
Red-breasted Partridge	Arborophila hyperythra	
Crested Fireback - VU	Lophura ignita	
Great Argus – VU (H)	Argusianus argus	



Common Name	Scientific Name
Chestnut-necklaced Partridge - VU	Tropicoperdix charltonii
Crimson-headed Partridge	Haematortyx sanguiniceps
Red Junglefowl (H)	Gallus gallus
Frogmouths (Podargidae)	
Blyth's Frogmouth	Batrachostomus affinis
Treeswifts (Hemiprocnidae)	1
Grey-rumped Treeswift	Hemiprocne longipennis
Whiskered Treeswift	Hemiprocne comata
Swifts (Apodidae)	
Plume-toed Swiftlet	Collocalia affinis
Bornean Swiftlet	Collocalia dodgei
Silver-rumped Spinetail	Rhaphidura leucopygialis
White-throated Needletail	Hirundapus caudacutus
Brown-backed Needletail	Hirundapus giganteus
Pacific Swift	Apus pacificus
House Swift	Apus nipalensis
Condition (Consulting)	
Cuckoos (Cuculidae)	
Short-toed Coucal - VU	Centropus rectunguis
Greater Coucal	Centropus sinensis
Lesser Coucal	Centropus bengalensis
Bornean Ground Cuckoo	Carpococcyx radiceus
Raffles's Malkoha	Rhinortha chlorophaea
Red-billed Malkoha	Zanclostomus javanicus
Chestnut-breasted Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus curvirostris
Chestnut-bellied Malkoha Black-bellied Malkoha	Phaenicophaeus sumatranus
Violet Cuckoo	Phaenicophaeus diardi
	Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus
Dark Hawk-Cuckoo	Hierococcyx bocki
Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)	
Rock Dove (Feral Pigeon)	Columba livia dom.
Spotted Dove	Spilopelia chinensis
Philippine Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia tenuirostris
Little Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia ruficeps
Common Emerald Dove	Chalcophaps indica



Common Name	Scientific Name
Zebra Dove	Geopelia striata
Little Green Pigeon	Treron olax
Pink-necked Green Pigeon	Treron vernans
Thick-billed Green Pigeon	Treron curvirostra
Large Green Pigeon - VU	Treron capellei
Green Imperial Pigeon	Ducula aenea
Rails, Crakes & Coots (Rallidae)	
Common Moorhen	Gallinula chloropus
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus
Plovers (Charadriidae)	
Oriental Plover	Charadrius veredus
Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)	
Common Sandpiper	Actitis hypoleucos
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa glareola
Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)	
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias hybrida
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus
Storks (Ciconiidae)	
Storm's Stork - EN	Ciconia stormi
Lesser Adjutant - VU	Leptoptilos javanicus
Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)	T
Oriental Darter	Anhinga melanogaster
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Herons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)	
Black-crowned Night Heron	Nycticorax nycticorax
Nankeen Night Heron	Nycticorax caledonicus
Striated Heron	Butorides striata
Eastern Cattle Egret	Bubulcus coromandus
Grey Heron	Ardea cinerea
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea
Great Egret	Ardea alba
Intermediate Egret	Ardea intermedia
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta





Common Name	Scientific Name
Oriental Dollarbird	Eurystomus orientalis
Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)	
Rufous-collared Kingfisher	Actenoides concretus
Banded Kingfisher	Lacedo pulchella
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Pelargopsis capensis
Collared Kingfisher	Todiramphus chloris
Blue-eared Kingfisher	Alcedo meninting
Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	Ceyx erithaca
Bee-eaters (Meropidae)	
Red-bearded Bee-eater	Nyctyornis amictus
Blue-throated Bee-eater	Merops viridis
Asian Barbets (Megalaimidae)	
Golden-whiskered Barbet	Psilopogon chrysopogon
Mountain Barbet	Psilopogon monticola
Golden-naped Barbet	Psilopogon pulcherrimus
Blue-eared Barbet	Psilopogon duvaucelii
Bornean Barbet	Psilopogon eximius
Brown Barbet	Caloramphus fuliginosus
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Woodpeckers (Picidae) Rufous Piculet	C L
	Sasia abnormis
Grey-and-buff Woodpecker	Hemicircus concretus
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	Yungipicus canicapillus
Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker	Yungipicus moluccensis
White-bellied Woodpecker	Dryocopus javensis
Banded Woodpecker	Chrysophlegma miniaceum
Crimson-winged Woodpecker	Picus puniceus
Maroon Woodpecker	Blythipicus rubiginosus
Orange-backed Woodpecker	Reinwardtipicus validus
Rufous Woodpecker	Micropternus brachyurus Maiglyptos trigitis
Buff-rumped Woodpecker	Meiglyptes tristis
Buff-necked Woodpecker	Meiglyptes tukki
Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)	
White-fronted Falconet	Microhierax latifrons
Peregrine Falcon	Falco peregrinus



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Old World Parrots (Psittaculidae)		
Blue-rumped Parrot	Psittinus cyanurus	
Blue-naped Parrot	Tanygnathus lucionensis	
Long-tailed Parakeet - VU	Psittacula longicauda	
Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot	Loriculus galgulus	
Typical Broadbills (Eurylaimidae)		
Long-tailed Broadbill (H)	Psarisomus dalhousiae	
Black-and-red Broadbill	Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos	
Banded Broadbill	Eurylaimus javanicus	
Black-and-yellow Broadbill	Eurylaimus ochromalus	
African & Green Broadbills (Calyptomenidae)		
Whitehead's Broadbill	Calyptomena whiteheadi	
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Pittas (Pittidae)		
Giant Pitta (H)	Hydrornis caeruleus	
Blue-headed Pitta – VU (H)	Hydrornis baudii	
Black-crowned Pitta	Erythropitta ussheri	
Hooded Pitta	Pitta sordida	
Australasian Warblers (Acanthizio	dae)	
Golden-bellied Gerygone	Gerygone sulphurea	
Golden beined Gerygone	Gerygone surprureu	
Vangas & Allies (Vangidae)		
Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike	Hemipus hirundinaceus	
Large Woodshrike	Tephrodornis virgatus	
Rufous-winged Philentoma	Philentoma pyrhoptera	
Bristlehead (Pityriasidae)		
Bornean Bristlehead	Pityriasis gymnocephala	
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Woodswallows, Butcherbirds & A	llies (Artamidae)	
White-breasted Woodswallow	Artamus leucorynchus	
Ioras (Aegithinidae)		
Common Iora	Aegithina tiphia	
Green Iora	Aegithina viridissima	



Common Name	Scientific Name	
Cuckooshrikes (Campephagidae)		
Grey-chinned Minivet	Pericrocotus solaris	
Pied Triller	Lalage nigra	
Lesser Cuckooshrike	Lalage fimbriata	
Whistlers & Allies (Pachycephali	dae)	
Bornean Whistler	Pachycephala hypoxantha	
Shrikes (Laniidae)		
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius schach	
Vireos, Greenlets, Shrike-babble	rs (Vireonidae)	
Blyth's Shrike-babbler	Pteruthius aeralatus	
White-bellied Erpornis	Erpornis zantholeuca	
Figbirds, Orioles, Turnagra (Oriolidae)		
Dark-throated Oriole	Oriolus xanthonotus	
Drongos (Dicruridae)		
Bronzed Drongo	Dicrurus aeneus	
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Dicrurus paradiseus	
Hair-crested Drongo	Dicrurus hottentottus	
Ashy Drongo	Dicrurus leucophaeus	
Fantails (Rhipiduridae)		
White-throated Fantail	Rhipidura albicollis	
Malaysian Pied Fantail	Rhipidura javanica	
Spotted Fantail	Rhipidura perlata	
Monarchs (Monarchidae)		
Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis azurea	
Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher	Terpsiphone affinis	
Crows, Jays (Corvidae)		
Bornean Black Magpie	Platysmurus aterrimus	
Bornean Green Magpie	Cissa jefferyi	
Bornean Treepie	Dendrocitta cinerascens	
House Crow	Corvus splendens	



Common Name	Scientific Name
Slender-billed Crow	Corvus enca
Fairy Flycatchers (Stenostiridae)	
Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher	Culicicapa ceylonensis
Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)	
Hairy-backed Bulbul	Tricholestes criniger
Yellow-bellied Bulbul	Alophoixus phaeocephalus
Grey-cheeked Bulbul	Alophoixus tephrogenys
Penan Bulbul	Alophoixus ruficrissus
Finsch's Bulbul	Iole finschii
Charlotte's Bulbul	Iole charlottae
Cinereous Bulbul	Hemixos cinereus
Black-headed Bulbul	Brachypodius melanocephalos
Spectacled Bulbul	Ixodia erythropthalmos
Bornean Bulbul	Rubigula montis
Cream-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus simplex
Olive-winged Bulbul	Pycnonotus plumosus
Asian Red-eyed Bulbul	Pycnonotus brunneus
Pale-faced Bulbul	Pycnonotus leucops
Yellow-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus goiavier
Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)	
Pacific Swallow	Hirundo tahitica
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica
Cettia Bush Warblers & Allies (Cett	iidae)
Mountain Tailorbird	Phyllergates cucullatus
Sunda Bush Warbler	Horornis vulcanius
Bornean Stubtail	Urosphena whiteheadi
Leaf Warblers & Allies (Phylloscopi	dae)
Arctic Warbler	Phylloscopus borealis
Yellow-breasted Warbler	Phylloscopus montis
Mountain Leaf Warbler	Phylloscopus trivirgatus
Grassbirds & Allies (Locustellidae)	
Striated Grassbird	Megalurus palustris
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Cisticolas & Allies (Cisticolidae)		
Yellow-bellied Prinia	Prinia flaviventris	
Dark-necked Tailorbird	Orthotomus atrogularis	
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird	Orthotomus sericeus	
Ashy Tailorbird	Orthotomus ruficeps	
White-eyes (Zosteropidae)		
Chestnut-crested Yuhina	Staphida everetti	
Pygmy White-eye	Heleia squamifrons	
Black-capped White-eye	Zosterops atricapilla	
Mountain Blackeye	Zosterops emiliae	
Hume's White-eye	Zosterops auriventer	
Babblers, Scimitar Babblers (Timaliidae)		
Bold-striped Tit-Babbler	Mixornis bornensis	
Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler	Macronus ptilosus	
Grey-hooded Babbler	Cyanoderma bicolor	
Rufous-fronted Babbler	Cyanoderma rufifrons	
Bare-headed Laughingthrush	Melanocichla calva	
Sunda Scimitar Babbler	Pomatorhinus bornensis	
Chestnut-rumped Babbler (H)	Stachyris maculata	
Grey-throated Babbler	Stachyris nigriceps	
Ground Babblers (Pellorneidae)		
Black-throated Wren-Babbler (H)	Turdinus atrigularis	
Sooty-capped Babbler	Malacopteron affine	
Scaly-crowned Babbler	Malacopteron cinereum	
Rufous-crowned Babbler	Malacopteron magnum	
Moustached Babbler	Malacopteron magnirostre	
Bornean Black-capped Babbler	Pellorneum capistratoides	
Short-tailed Babbler	Pellorneum malaccense	
White-chested Babbler	Pellorneum rostratum	
Striped Wren-Babbler	Kenopia striata	
Horsfield's Babbler	Malacocincla sepiaria	
Mountain Wren-Babbler	Gypsophila crassa	
Bornean Wren-Babbler - VU	Ptilocichla leucogrammica	
Alcippe Fulvettas (Alcippeidae)		
Brown Fulvetta	Alcippe brunneicauda	





Common Name	Scientific Name
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	Ficedula hyperythra
Rufous-chested Flycatcher	Ficedula dumetoria
Leafbirds (Chloropseidae)	
Greater Green Leafbird - EN	Chloropsis sonnerati
Lesser Green Leafbird	Chloropsis cyanopogon
Flowerpeckers (Dicaeidae)	
Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker	Prionochilus maculatus
Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker	Prionochilus xanthopygius
Yellow-vented Flowerpecker	Dicaeum chrysorrheum
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker	Dicaeum trigonostigma
Black-sided Flowerpecker	Dicaeum monticolum
Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)	T.
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	Chalcoparia singalensis
Plain Sunbird	Anthreptes simplex
Brown-throated Sunbird	Anthreptes malacensis
Red-throated Sunbird	Anthreptes rhodolaemus
Copper-throated Sunbird	Leptocoma calcostetha
Olive-backed Sunbird	Cinnyris jugularis
Crimson Sunbird	Aethopyga siparaja
Temminck's Sunbird	Aethopyga temminckii
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Purple-naped Sunbird	hypogrammicum
Little Spiderhunter	Arachnothera longirostra
Thick-billed Spiderhunter	Arachnothera crassirostris
Long-billed Spiderhunter	Arachnothera robusta
Yellow-eared Spiderhunter	Arachnothera chrysogenys
Bornean Spiderhunter	Arachnothera everetti
Whitehead's Spiderhunter	Arachnothera juliae
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Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (P	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus
Waxbills, Munias & Allies (Estrildida	 e
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulata
Dusky Munia	Lonchura fuscans
Chestnut Munia	Lonchura atricapilla
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Common Name	Scientific Name
Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)	
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea
Paddyfield Pipit	Anthus rufulus

Total seen	262
Total heard only	9
Total recorded	271

Mammal List

Common Name	Scientific Name	
Squirrels (Sciuridae)		
Least Pygmy Squirrel	Exilisciurus exilis	
Tufted (Whitehead's) Pygmy Squirrel	Exilisciurus whiteheadi	
Borneo Black-banded Squirrel	Callosciurus orestes	
Plantain Squirrel	Callosciurus notatus	
Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel	Sundasciurus everetti	
Jentink's Squirrel	Sundasciurus jentinki	
Low's Squirrel	Sundasciurus lowii	
Pale Giant Squirrel	Ratufa affinis	
Prevost's Squirrel	Callosciurus prevostii	
Red Giant Flying Squirrel	Petaurista petaurista	
Black Flying Squirrel	Aeromys tephromelas	
Civets, Genets, and Oyans (Viverridae)		
Malay (Palm) Civet	Viverra tangalunga	
(Bornean) Banded Civet	Hemigalus derbyanus boiei	
Old World Fruit Bats (Pteropodidae)		
Large Flying-fox	Pteropus vampyrus	
Old World Leaf-nosed Bats (Hipposideridae)		
Ridley's Leaf-nosed Bat	Hipposideros ridleyi	
Deer (Cervidae)		
(Bornean) Sambar	Rusa unicolor brookei	



Common Name	Scientific Name
Chevrotains (Tragulidae)	
Lesser Oriental Chevrotain	Tragulus kanchii
Treeshrews (Tupaiidae)	
Common (Large) Treeshrew	Tupaia glis
Lesser Treeshrew	Tupia minor
Mountain Treeshrew	Tupia montana
Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)	
Long-tailed Macaque	Macaca fascicularis
Southern Pig-tailed Macaque	Macaca nemestrina
Red Langur (Leaf Monkey)	Presbytis rubicunda
Silvery Lutung	Trachypithecus cristatus
Proboscis Monkey	Nasalis larvatus
Gibbons (Hylobatidae)	
Northern (North Bornean) Grey Gibbon	Hylobates funereus
Great Apes (Hominidae)	
(Northeast) Bornean Orangutan	Pongo pygmaeus morio

Total	27

Reptile List

Common Name	Scientific Name	
Typical Geckos (Gekkonidae)		
Common House Gecko	Hemidactylus frenatus	
Flat-tailed House Gecko	Hemidactylus platyurus	
Spotted House Gecko	Gekko monarchus	
Dragons (Agamidae)		
Borneo Forest Dragon	Gonocephalus bornensis	
Changeable (Oriental Garden) Lizard	Calotes versicolor	



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Total

Common Name	Scientific Name	
Great Flying Dragon	Draco maximus	
Skinks (Scincidae)		
Borneo Skink	Dasia vittata	
Rough Mabuya	Eutropis rudis	
Lewis's Mabuya	Eutropis lewisi	
Sabah Slender Skink	Sphenomorphus sabanus	
Monitor Lizards (Varanidae)		
Common Water Monitor	Varanus salvator	
Crocodiles (Crocodylidae)		
Saltwater Crocodile	Crocodylus porosus	
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Colubrid Snakes (Colubridae)		
Red-sided Keelback Water Snake	Xenochrophis trianguligerus	

Notable Other Taxa List

Not a conclusive list. We saw lots of interesting taxa during our tour, e.g. multiple species of millipede that can only be identified to genus level (see here) and so not included below. Similarly, lots of butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies and stick insects were seen and will take a long time to identify due to limited available literature. The list below includes some of the more readily identified species.

Common Name	Scientific Name	
Orbweavers (Araneidae)		
Multi-colored Saint Andrew's		
Cross Spider	Argiope versicolor	
Ants (Formicidae)		
Giant Forest Ant	Dinomyrmex gigas borneensis	
Lanternflies (Fulgoridae)		



