

Malaysia

The Malay Peninsula

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Photos (clockwise, from top left): You're nicked me beauty! Malayan Laughingthrush at Fraser's Hill police station • The comical Black-and-yellow Broadbill seen well at Lanchang • Chestnut-bellied Malkoha at the Gap • Numbers of Crested Fireback at Taman Negara seemed to increase during our stay • Fire-tufted Barbet at Fraser's Hill was readily seen and heard • Bird of the trip! The superb Garnet Pitta at Krau Forest © Brian Small, Limosa

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Photos (clockwise, from top left): Chestnut-capped Laughingthrushes at Fraser's Hill were numerous at times • Spectacled Spiderhunter tracked down on our last day at Taman Negara • A much-wanted species, Long-tailed Broadbill is a fine bird! • Equally nice, and thankfully easier to see, Silver-eared Mesia • Sultan Tits were seen well at a number of spots at Fraser's Hill • Orange-bellied Trogon on the New Gap road © Brian Small, Limosa

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Trip Diary

Malaysia seems to have drifted off the birding radar for a bit – there is no doubt it has troubles with environmental protection issues, but the success of Limosa's first trip to the country since 2007 was so great that it is hard to understand. Starting at Kuala Lumpur and making a roughly clockwise 'circuit', via Kuala Selangor, Bukit Fraser and Taman Negara, we eventually returned to KL at the end of the tour extremely happy. The birds we had seen had been amazing, with the 300+ species recorded by the group including some quite superb species such as Garnet Pitta, Helmeted Hornbill, Fire-tufted Barbet, several species of broadbill, and so on! Added to this was Mr Lee's fantastic guiding abilities – his eyesight and hearing is awesome – and some good food; we could not have failed to have a good time, and we didn't!

Highlights of the trip were many and varied but those below maybe stand out more than others.

- Hooded Pitta and Long-tailed Parakeets at Shah Alam (sorry about this late arrivals!)
- Three laughingthrushes at Bukit Fraser, including the endemic Malayan and Chestnut-capped
- Broadbills – eventually: Long-tailed, Banded, Black-and-red, Black-and-yellow and Green
- Garnet Pitta – possibly bird of the trip at Krau
- Malkohas – six species, including Raffles and Chestnut-bellied
- Bulbuls – 21 species! With Scaly-breasted and Grey-bellied perhaps the best
- Both Rufous-winged and Maroon-breasted Philentomas at Taman Negara
- Diminutive Black-thighed Falconet and Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot – now apparently taxonomically closely related
- Helmeted, White-crowned and Rhinoceros Hornbills
- Woodpeckers – 17 species, including Bamboo and White-bellied (we won't mention Crimson-winged...)
- And last but not least, Mountain Leaf Warbler – stunning!

Wednesday 17 February

Most of the group departed London Heathrow, sadly late due to 'technical problems' on the Malaysian Airlines flight. However, other members had either travelled out earlier, had come on different airlines or from Germany, and were already at Kuala Lumpur.

Thursday 18 February

Sadly due to the flight delays on the London flight, the majority of the group did not arrive until late evening. So it was a small (and elite) group that assembled early at the KLIA; having met with Mr Lee and the drivers (Vincent and Ali) this morning ready for the day ahead, we loaded our bags into the buses and set off towards Kuala Selangor, but with a couple of key sites to visit on the way.

The first was just an hour away at the botanical gardens at Shah Alam, where BS and local guide Liew had seen a Hooded Pitta the day before. It was quite warm as we exited the buses to walk the kilometre or so to the spot where we hoped the key species might perform, but as this was our first chance to 'get our eye in' on Malaysian birds, we did not rush. The first distraction was at the small patch of cultivated fields near the entrance, and we saw Baya Weavers weaving nests, many of the ubiquitous Javan Mynas, three species of munia - White-rumped, Scaly-breasted and White-headed, the latter a size up from the former two species, and Paddyfield Pipits.



Heading along the paved trail we continued to pick up new species: Pin-striped Tit-babbler, Yellow-vented and Olive-winged Bulbuls, a Blue-winged Pitta called at close range but failed to show. It was not long before we were at the Hooded Pitta spot and in position; Lee tapped the mealworm box and peered into the dark undergrowth beneath the plants, and almost immediately out it popped. We just sat and gawked at this ace bird atop a log right by the trail; once the first lot of food had gone it sat in the dark digesting ready for the next lot! We (and it) had seconds and thirds, before we decided that time had pressed on enough for our tummies to rumble a little. Returning towards the buses, we were delayed by Grey-breasted Spiderhunters - giving us a bit of a run around initially, and the second of two interesting flycatchers – this time a fine yellow-bellied, young male Green-backed (or Elisae's) Flycatcher to compare with the Narcissus we had seen earlier. Back at the fields we picked up a small group of Long-tailed Parakeets on a bare snag and our first Asian Glossy Starlings.

It was a short drive to Lee's restaurant of choice in Shah Alam and our first fine Chinese meal – delicious. Likewise, it was nearby that we made another stop, this time unsuccessfully, for Buffy Fish Owl – though we did get good views of an Indian Cuckoo. We made one more stop before departing for Kuala Selangor, this time for Barred Eagle Owl and were met by one of these fine birds frowned down at us with its 'bushy' Denis Healy-like eyebrows – ace! It was by now pretty hot and humid, so the drive in air-conditioned buses towards the coast was appreciated. We made one unscheduled stop on the motorway itself, for a large colony of Black-crowned Night Herons and Eastern Cattle Egrets that had attracted good numbers of Asian Openbills – here looking rather grubby and grey.

Arriving at our hotel at Kuala Selangor in quite some heat, we had a chance of a brief siesta, before BS had to depart for KL in order to meet the rest of the group, whilst Lee took a late afternoon trip out to the beach at Jeram and Melawadi Hill. Here they enjoyed a few waders, Pacific Reef Heron, seven Lesser Adjutants, Dollarbirds and the only Little Bronze Cuckoo of the trip. Meanwhile, the rest of the group sadly were still in the air and did not land until early evening. With bags loaded as promptly as possible (despite the complicated lift system at KLIA) we headed off, hopefully for a good sleep in preparation for the whole group meeting and birding tomorrow...

Friday 19 February

It was very warm and humid even in the halfnight before dawn, as we gathered for a quick breakfast at the hotel, before heading out to the close-by Kuala Selangor Nature Park and a walk into the mangroves for some key species. Making a prompt start enabled us to utilise the (marginally) lower temperatures of early morning, and help feed the local mosquito population (!). At the hotel car park Brahminy Kites and Blue-tailed Bee-eaters were gathering and once at the park entrance we were met by Silvered Leaf Monkeys; we then got straight into birding with Pink-necked Green Pigeons and Coppermith Barbets first up. It wasn't long before we got lucky with a singing male Mangrove Blue Flycatcher close to the track – it showed superbly and allowed great views.

From the viewing platform amongst the mangroves, views across the treetops enabled us to pick up more good birds: Malaysian Pied Fantails, Golden-bellied Gerygone, Pied Trillers, plus several Collared and Black-capped Kingfishers. Lee encouraged us to look at the swiftlets and there was no

doubting that there were two different types: most seemed to have the paler brownish rump typical of Germain's Swiftlet, but others were more uniformly dark above and (as Lee explained) actually Edible-nest Swiftlets. A Crow-billed Drongo back along the trail was only seen briefly, but both Yellow-bellied Prinia and Ashy Tailorbirds thankfully showed much better. Amongst the woodpeckers, we gained fine looks at Laced and Rufous, plus Common Flamebacks – later we were to find the small and localised Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker. Groups of Long-tailed Macaques accompanied us for most of the walk round the mangroves, but did not cause any problems.

Arriving at the densest patch of mangroves near the river, two Chestnut-bellied Malkohas perched in the open, then as we followed the raised walkway we picked up five Arctic Warblers – very worn and grey-brown here at this time of year, Cinereous Tits, Mangrove Whistler, and three new cuckoos. The first was a Banded Bay Cuckoo sitting quietly in the foliage; the second was a Plaintive Cuckoo – heard and seen; but the last was a Rusty-breasted Cuckoo that showed well at close range. By now the heat had well and truly built up, and we headed back towards the reserve entrance a little more swiftly, with a mighty Stork-billed Kingfisher sitting calling from the trees and two Black Bazas about the only things to slow us down.

Back at the hotel we had a little time to wash ourselves down again and then finalise our packing ready to depart for the hills. During a superb lunch by the river we were interrupted on a number of occasions by avian comings and goings: Whiskered Terns flew down the river in small groups; Striated Herons scuttled low across the waters; very pale Grey Herons and Little and Great Egrets perched on floating vegetation, hunting for fish just below the surface. Having eventually finished our delicious meal, we set off for Fraser's Hill.

We made good progress, with just one halt for fuel, before we made our first 'serious' birding stop at Selangor Dam, where we checked the numerous Barn Swallows for the Malay Peninsula endemic Rufous-bellied Swallow. It was not long before one was seen sat amongst the resting swallows; a little distant at first, eventually at least four were picked out in flight – their call subtly different but still reminiscent of Red-rumped Swallow. Also flying about the bridge were good numbers of House Swifts and Banded Bay Cuckoos called from lakeside vegetation. Moving a little higher, we stopped at a layby just as a shower arrived, but still had views of a couple of Whiskered Treeswifts.

As we reached the famous Gap below Bukit Fraser the rain had eased enough for us to have 30 minutes of birding next to the road. Above us Silver-rumped Spinetails joined Glossy Swiftlets, whilst in the bushes and trees below us amongst others were a White-bellied Erpornis, Bronzed Drongo, four Sultan Tits and a pair of Blue-winged Leafbirds formed a small loose flock. Moving on up the Old Gap road, Lee in the lead vehicle suddenly called a halt and in the nearby trees sat a superb Red-bearded Bee-eater. Eventually we reached the hotel, checked into our rooms and drove the short distance to a nearby Chinese restaurant for lunch – somewhere that was to become a regular haunt for us.

After lunch, and a chance to relax a little, we made a short walk near the hotel and enjoyed some of the typical birds of the old hill resort. Fire-tufted Barbets revved their engines like old mopeds; Long-tailed Sibilias formed sizeable flocks; smart and approachable Streaked Spiderhunters showed well; lovely Chestnut-capped Laughingthrushes also formed good flocks and we were able to find two of the more secretive Malayan Laughingthrushes before the evening closed in. Phew, what a day!

Saturday 20 February

An early breakfast in the hotel was followed this morning by an almost complete walk round the Telekom Loop. It was certainly a busy and bird-filled morning – hard work at times as one or two key species failed to show, but many did! It was also a rather windy morning, with clouds scudding across the sky and through the hills. First up, along the road was a nice view of a Collared Owlet – we heard many on our days in Fraser's Hill, but this one we actually saw. More Fire-tufted Barbets showed well and we also saw and heard Black-browed and Red-throated Barbets; a Red-headed Trogon came in above our heads; more common and regularly seen species included Golden Babbler, Mountain Fulvetta and Blue-winged Minla. Frustratingly, a Rusty-naped Pitta called at close range, but despite two bites at the cherry we failed to call it in.

Small flocks came and went, and one memorable group as we looked down into a small walled garden included Grey-chinned and Scarlet Minivets, a very bright Maroon Woodpecker, White-bellied Erpornis, Black-and-crimson Oriole, amongst others. We got nice views of both vociferous Blyth's and Black-eared Shrike-babblers, Javan Cuckooshrike, Everett's White-eyes, a colony of Glossy Swiftlets and many Pacific Swifts passing through overhead. Things didn't stop there and other birds seen were Black Laughingthrushes, Rufous-browed, Mugimaki and Little Pied Flycatchers, smart Orange-bellied and Fire-breasted Flowerpeckers. Sadly we only heard Malaysian Partridge not far below us.

After a copious (to say the least) lunch in the village, we had a bit of a rest at the hotel – some choosing to wander around the local environs for photo opportunities, then drove down the Old Gap road in the search for lower-elevation species. Stopping at various points on the way down to the Gap we were successful in many ways – finding a few unusual species. A couple of Blyth's Hawk-eagles were seen well, but were outshone by at least one and probably two Wallace's Hawk-eagles; one of these was watched in very good light through the 'scope, when the warm brown head and close tail barring (amongst other features) were easily seen. We had slightly better views than in the morning of flighty Little Cuckoo-doves, but after a slower start we came across a simply brilliant bird wave coming up the hill towards us.

The number and variety of species was bewildering and you had to work hard to keep up with all the names being called out: the highlight amongst the flock were the three Blue Nuthatches that showed really well through the 'scope; Ashy Minivets, up to five Greater Green and several Blue-winged Leafbirds, Everett's White-eyes, Verditer Flycatcher, Long-billed and Little Spiderhunters; to cap it all off was one of the best of the bulbuls – the Scaly-breasted Bulbul. However, like all these flocks, as fast as they arrived they were gone, back down the hill and out of sight.

A little lower and another gentle stroll down the road, produced a sweet Pygmy Wren-babbler that eventually sat out in the open giving its two note 'song'; a Brown Shrike sat on a patch of razor wire (!); four lovely Silver-breasted Broadbills came in close – seemingly a pair and two young birds. A Sooty Barbet started calling and then turned up with another in a bare tree.

That evening after dinner we ventured out locally. Near the old army camp we had good views of three Grey Nightjars catching moths attracted to streetlights, but sadly the Brown Wood Owls failed to come out – especially as the heavens opened.

Sunday 21 February

Another very breezy morning dawned and birding started with our first and only Lesser Yellow-nape near the hotel car park, several Long-tailed Sibilias as usual and Grey-chinned Minivets parties moving through the high treetops. A short walk from the hotel into the village we were invited into the old police station by the occupant – who had a number of cameras set up to photograph the birds. Tiptoeing past the piles of dead cicadas – huge numbers! – we enjoyed a marvellous 30 minutes seeing more great birds at close range. Perhaps the best were the Verditer Flycatcher and Malayan Laughingthrush – this time feeding in the open; also several Javan Cuckooshrikes were about - no doubt interested in the cicadas, and a lovely pair of Large Niltavas sat on the fence line.

A little further down the road, near the top of the Old Gap road, Lee's amazing ears could hear a Slay-backed Forktail calling and eventually it came out on the road a couple of times, but if you were stood in the wrong place you would miss it. With an uncanny ability it managed to stay hidden for some, then got fed up and disappeared under the small culvert below the road and was away. Up the Jalan Lady Maxwell we had a superb 80 minutes of birding, including a star bird for the leader...

The first good find was a Streaked Wren-babbler calling from beside the small lay-by; though initially elusive it did eventually pop out for all to see. In the tall trees above us were the usual minivets, Fire-tufted Barbet, White-bellied Erpornis and noisy Mountain Bulbuls. However, we began to pick out several species of warbler lower down: pretty Chestnut-crowneds, Yellow-browed, Arctic, and then amongst a good group of at least six Eastern Crowned a much more yellow bird bright yellow warbler appeared, sporting a very stripy head pattern. Mountain Leaf Warbler – superb! This was a good bird for at least one person in the group and with a bit of playback it kept on coming in closer for even better views. Pressing on...and in the same small stream bed by the road we heard and then saw a young male White-tailed Robin, Mugimaki Flycatcher and Rufous-browed Flycatchers popping out onto the road. On our walk back down the hill, we got another Blue Nuthatch high overhead.

We could hear a number of Lesser Shortwings, but all of them stayed deep in the woods, so in order to put this species to bed we visited an old derelict building, which has become a bit of a stake-out. However, nobody had told the shortwing this...and after 20 minutes we strolled a short distance down a nearby track, which proved to be serendipitous. A good wave of birds came past, and of special note were the Black-eared Shrike-babblers that offered the best views for many in the group; Chestnut-crowned Warblers sang and were joined by Eastern Crowned and then two more Mountain Leaf – double the pleasure! To top off the morning's birding back at the old building the Lesser Shortwing deigned to show and a fine male Large Niltava sat on a dead tree. Then it was back into the village and lunch at our by now regular Chinese restaurant.

The post-meal siesta was a little longer as we were to stay out later than usual, and we eventually set out down the road towards the Jerian Waterfall. On the way down our highlights included Ferruginous and a lovely male Pygmy Flycatcher – a Rufous-chested Flycatcher was seen by BS but disappeared too quickly, a couple of Green-billed Malkohas, a calling Banded Kingfisher failed to appear, a female Siberian Thrush swept up from the leaf litter to perch in a tree, but was away all too quickly.

Down at the waterfall itself, we had a nice walk down the path following the river – being the only people there was very nice. A pair of Rufescent Prinias popped into view at the top of a tall patch of grasses and the local Black-throated Sunbirds also showed well. The target was Slaty-backed Forktail or Blue Whistling Thrush; we saw two of the former chasing about the flowing water and boulders, but not the latter. Arriving back at the car park, we kicked our heels until dusk, and were beginning to question our sanity, when a Malaysian Eared Nightjar appeared over the trees and showed on-and-off until the light finally faded. As we drove up the hill, we stopped to avoid a deeply eroded gully and a Mountain Scops Owl called close to us; Lee did a bit of playback and the bird flew across the road into the bushes but disappointingly remained hidden.

Monday 22 February

A very calm, hot and sunny day dawned, one that we would spend trying to fill in some of the very few gaps left in our Fraser's Hill lists. We set off early after breakfast as it was obviously going to be warm, again taking the New Gap road. We spent a lot of time looking out across the forest for hornbills, but were distracted by the butterfly activity and an Orange-breasted Trogon that showed nicely and unlike many trogons we encountered actually hung about for a bit. Many indigo-black Glossy Swiftlets swooped about us, getting very close, several Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrikes flicked through the trees – always in small parties, but actually it was quiet.

Down at the gap, we were a little more fortunate, and had a good 45 minutes standing in the same spot: two species of malkoha were seen – Chestnut-bellied and Red-billed; above us three Buff-rumped Woodpeckers tapped a bare tree and were joined by Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot; a Dollarbird swept past, a spiral of raptors were largely Crested Honey Buzzards but included a Black Eagle; a Plain Flowerpecker, Sultan Tit and a Verditer Flycatcher also showed. Nearby a Bamboo Woodpecker called, then typically spent the next 10 minutes sweeping through the large patch of bamboo giving brief perched looks. Just along the road two Chequer-throated Woodpeckers also showed well – the start of a great day for this family.

We made a couple of stops up the Old Gap road: the first lower down between the 5-6 km markers; the second higher up near the 2-3km markers. Eventually we managed to get a couple of views of Rhinoceros Hornbill perched distantly across the valley perched in a fruiting tree (how did Lee see that!), though a couple of Crimson-winged Woodpeckers sadly skedaddled before all managed to get views of them. A Large Woodshrike could be heard calling and eventually it came in to the trees above the road, and another Banded Kingfisher called but failed to show. Higher up, we found a Dark Hawk-cuckoo and a few people in the group saw a Plaintive Cuckoo.

Just after lunch, two Rufous-bellied Swallows came in over the restaurant, but again we had a short siesta and those that wanted a rest stayed around the hotel, whilst others made a walk at the far end of the Telekom Loop – the area we did not reach a couple of days ago. A Black-bellied Malkoha near the hotel was nice before we set off, and at the beginning of our walk we saw a Buff-breasted Babbler near the waterfall. However, the stars were the two Long-tailed Broadbills that showed well on the loop itself. A couple of Speckled Piculets were very much admired, as were two calling Green

Magpies, Black-eared and Blyth's Shrike-babblers, a pair of Pygmy Flycatchers and also two Fire-breasted Flowerpeckers. Our birding time at Fraser's Hill drew to an end and we returned to the hotel, finished packing and had a last meal at the Chinese restaurant.

Tuesday 23 February

Another day dawned sunny and very warm – becoming hot and humid in the lowlands. An early departure allowed us to cover quite a bit of ground before breakfast, which we had at an Indian restaurant in Bentong – a delicious selection of Indian breads and dhal - for some this was the best breakfast of the trip. From here it was a relatively short drive to our first birding stop – a small wetland at Lanchang, where we had a great hour's birding.

Having been warned by the drivers about where we put our feet (there was plenty of cattle 'activity'), we immediately started to pick up new birds. First up were Thick-billed Green Pigeons, huge-billed Golden-whiskered Barbet and lovely Blue-throated Bee-eaters. Our first two Black-thighed Falconets were particularly appreciated; a good group of Oriental Pied Hornbills swept into adjacent trees; but perhaps most appreciated were a triumvirate of broadbills – Black-and-red (a little distant), Banded and then right above us noisy Black-and-yellow. At least four Yellow Bitterns were seen about the small lakes as were a couple of Striated Herons; a Lesser Whistling Duck flew about; White-breasted Waterhens picked about the edges; a small *Acro* near the wooden bridge was, with patience, seen to be a Black-browed Warbler.



The reason we had departed so early was to visit to the biodiversity project at Krau Forest, where we hoped to pick up a few key species. The first stop produced perhaps the bird of the trip for many. Though there were several other species about new to us – Blue-eared Barbet, Green lora, Hairy-backed, Yellow-bellied and Black-headed Bulbuls, it was what waited for us c. 20m into the forest from the road's edge that was what we really hoped to see. Picking our way carefully we came to a fallen log, positioned ourselves, and Lee placed some mealworms onto the log and we waited. First up were a couple of Short-tailed Babblers – nice but not what we were here for; then a ripple of excitement came down the line as up onto the log popped a simply stunning Garnet Pitta. Even though the understorey was dark it glowed and tested the abilities of the cameras to cope with such dim conditions as it stood or fed for a good ten minutes. Wow!

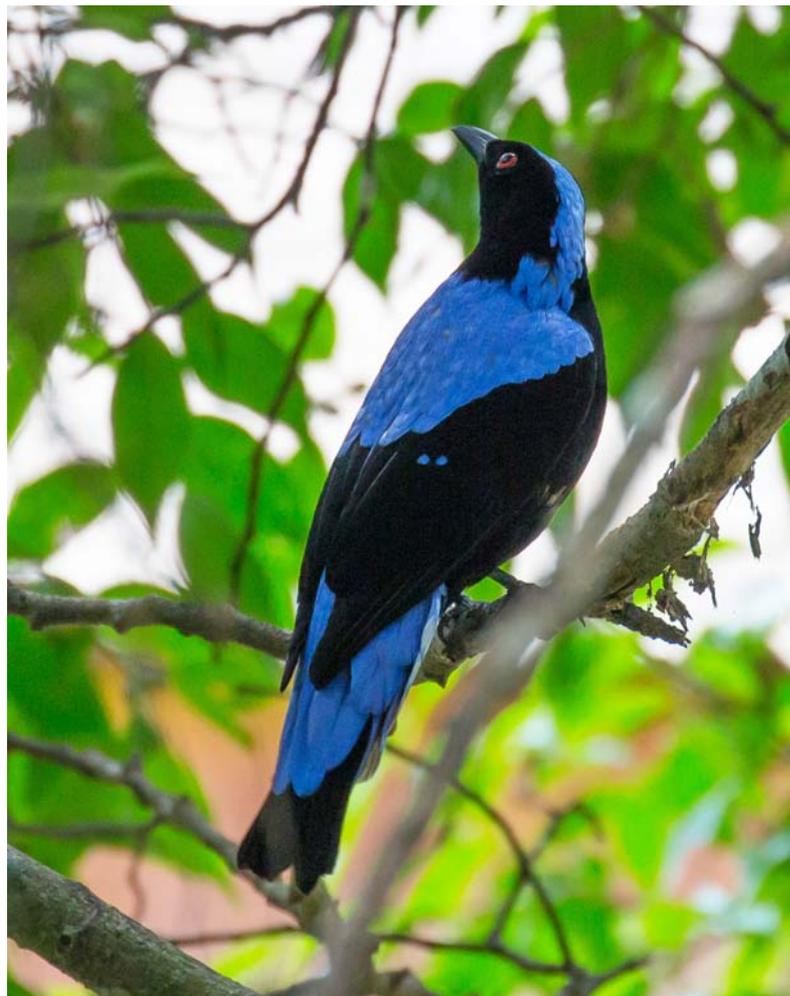
Back in the bus we were buzzing, but we had more to see. A short drive and we were out again for a walk near to the park entrance. Buff-rumped Woodpeckers, Yellow-breasted Flowerpeckers and more Black-and-red Broadbills were nice, but we had hopes of better. We patiently stalked the forest edge listening, but though we managed to hear the much-wanted Rail-babbler and Banded Pitta they simply did not want to come out and play! We eventually gave up and nearby we took lunch, finding a feeding family of Pin-striped Tit-babblers in the grounds, before pressing on to Taman Negara. Despite the great habitat we had visited, I found the drive through the large swathes of deforested areas depressing. In preparation for yet more oil palms, the ploughed fields exposed bleached stumps of huge and ancient trees standing tall like whale bones on a beach. We saw many large trucks carrying enormous trees and passed several large timber yards full of many old trees. What is the world coming to?

Mid afternoon we stopped for fuel, and as well as having an ice-cream we watched a male Baya Weaver building a nest; Andrew found at least one male Red Avadavat here – likely an escape but it is on some checklists for Malaysia. Eventually we arrived at the jetty at Kuala Tahan and took the short ferry crossing to our resort for the next four nights. Our rooms were a little way from the restaurant, but they were in a really good area where the trees flowered and attracted great numbers of flowerpeckers, sunbirds and other species including the local Crested Firebacks. Once settled into our rooms, some had a short walk down to the Bumbun (it is not often you can write that in a report) Tahan – a hide looking out across a clearing to a fruiting tree. Near the hide a young Tiger Shrike popped up; Black-winged Flycatchershrikes fed; a Scaly-breasted Bulbul picked fruit from the tree alongside many Fairy-bluebirds, Thick-billed Green Pigeons, Red-eyed and Spectacled Bulebuls, and a nice find was a male Eyebrowed Thrush. Two more Black-thighed Falconets hunted across the grass, catching dragonflies disturbed by a family of Wild Boar.

It rained in the evening, but we did not get wet as we ate our meals at the restaurant joined by the local Tapir, lying down having its belly scratched with a stick – we had to restrain Keith from joining it!!

Wednesday 24 February

A hot and humid day dawned and following breakfast we spent most of the morning checking along the Canopy Trail and Swamp Loop on the raised boardwalks. Near the trailhead we saw our first Tickell's Blue Flycatcher and Abbott's Babbler. The Canopy trail produced a couple of good new woodpeckers: Olive-backed (often hard to see) and a party of big and noisy Great Slaty Woodpeckers. Though elusive, what was even better (for those that got views) was the Blue-winged Pitta that showed close to the trail. Up to three Raffle's Malkohas fed above us, the male a rich cinnamon-rufous, but the female powdery grey on the head; all the while the forest was full of the song of elusive White-rumped Shamas.



As the trail became busy with 'normal tourists' we decided to drop back to visit the hide and Swamp Loop. The 'Bumbun' was good as only a few of the group had visited it the previous evening; the fruiting tree was still a hive of activity, especially with Fairy-bluebirds plus Red-eyed, Buff-vented, Grey-cheeked and Black-headed Bulebuls and Thick-billed Green Pigeons, but we also saw Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike and Lee found a Straw-headed Bulbul in a distant tree, while Cinereous and Puff-backed Bulebuls also joined the throng. A couple of black birds with white wing patches swept in and proved to be a pair of Black-and-white Bulebuls. Leaving the hide for the loop, we found the secretive Large Wren-babbler (Lee's bird of the trip as he knows how tough they can be to see well), plus a few more new species for the group: Black-naped Monarch, and four babbler – Chestnut-rumped, Chestnut-winged, Sooty-capped and Black-throated.

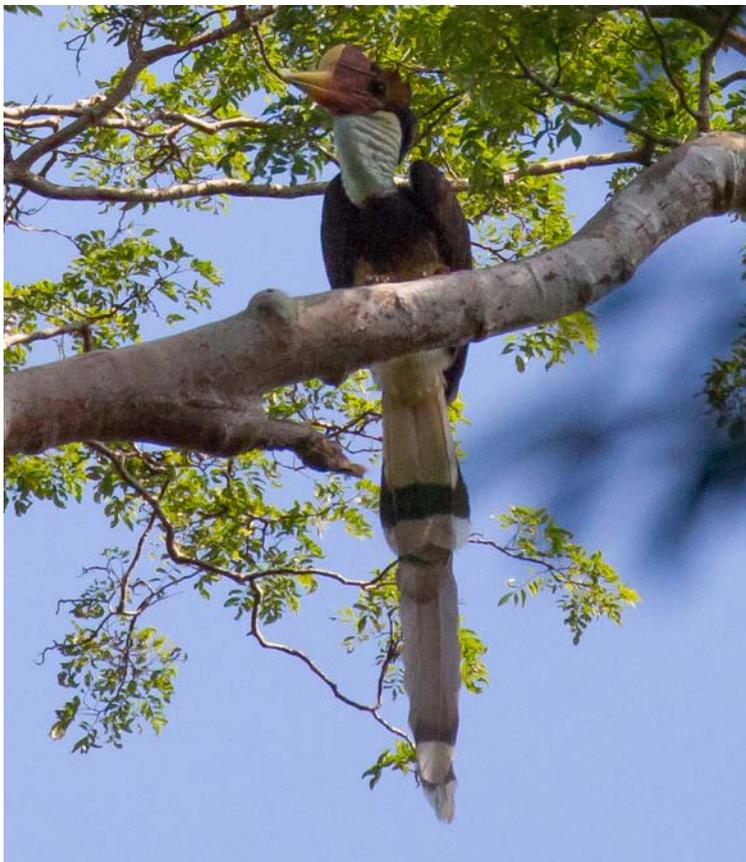
Our afternoon walk started at the fruiting tree near Andrew's lodge, though some had spent a while there before the group joined together. It had already produced close views of Black-and-white Bulbuls, Little Green Pigeon, Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker and nearby Yellow-eared Spiderhunter. Finally we departed, but were then detained by a male Banded Kingfisher- at last we had seen one! We set off heading west past the restaurant down the Lubok Simpon. The edges of the campsite found us watching Blue-eared Barbet, two Green Broadbills and also heard Crested Partridge. Further along the trail we were treated to two White-bellied Woodpeckers, though had to manoeuvre ourselves to get 'scope views through a narrow window and this was followed by Orange-backed Woodpecker – our 'pecker fest continued!

Down at the beach, as well as people swimming, Lee found us a Blue-eared Kingfisher then his target bird showed up lower down the Tahan River – a Blue-banded Kingfisher. We enjoyed nice views then the loud call of a Rhinoceros Hornbill disturbed our reverie and two swept in, their wings whooshing, landing in a tree across the river. All the while numerous Silver-rumped Spinetails fed above us, but eventually we had to leave, returning to the resort in good time to get ready for dinner.

Thursday 25 February

It was a hot and humid day, some sun and some cloud. After breakfast we departed at 08:00 for a boat ride up the river to the Bumbun Yong trail. It was fun getting in to the boat and even more fun getting out and then up the slope. First up was a Rufous-crowned Babbler, a couple of Red-naped Trogons, not really playing ball but eventually seen through the 'scope, and Scarlet-rumped Trogon was heard but not seen. Thanks once again to Lee's hearing, we managed to find Rufous-collared Kingfisher – a really super bird, then a couple of Crested Jays called and typically kept their distance, but we had views of them with patience. In the distance we could hear Great Argus and Malayan Peacock-pheasant, but much closer we could hear Rail-babbler! Lee recorded its song and played it back and it came ever closer, but chose a dense patch of vegetation to call from and try as we might we could see the blessed thing! It must have only been 10 metres away, but no joy. To add to our woodpeckers we found Buff-necked, another Chequer-throated and a Crimson-winged. A Black Hornbill was heard distantly.

On our walk back to the boat, the call of Helmeted Hornbills was heard and Lee put on the tape (loudly) and they flew in and landed above us. We had great views as two birds sat atop a very tall tree (c.60m) and argued before flying off. It is sad that they are threatened so much by hunters who sell their casques and bills to the Chinese market, where they are carved as some strange kind of ornament. In Indonesia's West Kalimantan province alone it is estimated that about 6,000 are killed each year; and then there is habitat destruction for palm oil! A little further on we found a small feeding flock, which held Oriental Paradise Flycatcher and even better a pair of Maroon-breasted Philentoma. Taking our time not to slip down the slope, despite the best efforts of some, we boarded our boat and returned to the hotel.



With mooching time after lunch, some spent time looking through the feeding flock near our rooms. It was time well spent as it produced Van Hasselt's, Plain and Purple-naped Sunbirds, Yellow-vented Flowerpecker, and a Brown-streaked Flycatcher. We had a slightly more relaxed afternoon near to the lodge, spending time at the hide and the campsite. The Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike was still around the tree along with numerous bulbuls and our last new barbet for the trip, Yellow-crowned, was found along with a streaky female Dark-throated Oriole.

Back down by the campsite – looking for the argus, we got a couple of terrific looks at Blue-winged Pitta and a Rufous-tailed Tailorbird that simply would not stay still.

Friday 26 February

Our last full day at Taman Negara was a little different as we were to enjoy a gentle boat ride on the Tahan river, setting off early as to be in open boats in the sun would not have been sensible – though in fact most of the time we were in shade. Early breakfast produced a Savanna Nightjar for Julia as she walked in the dark to the restaurant, and once down at the jetty our three low boats set off and almost immediately a Blue-eared Kingfisher buzzed past, followed equally quickly by the first of three White-chested Babblers keeping low in the fallen branches by the riverside. Lee heard a Cinnamon-rumped Trogon and eventually, with a bit of manoeuvring by the boatmen, we managed a view high and deep in the trees. Lee also picked out Violet Cuckoo and Square-tailed Drongo-cuckoo before we sped up a little patch of rapids (some more easily than others), then beached the boats and walked to a small clearing in the trees.

Our hour here was nicely sunny and productive, with the highlight probably the three White-crowned Hornbill that flew in closely. A Plaintive Cuckoo fed by dropping onto the ground, Green and Common loras popped into the trees and various bulbul species fed nearby, as did a Plain Sunbird. A couple of warblers near a derelict building were interesting: one was obviously an Arctic, but the other looked much more like a Pale-legged Leaf Warbler - we never did nail it. As we drifted back down the river we got second looks at White-chested Babbler and a pair of Tickell's Blue Flycatchers sat near the river, but the best was a Lesser Fish Eagle seen by one boat (lagging behind the rest).

Our return to the resort was halted at another beach along the Lubok Simpon, from which we would walk back to the resort. The beach was nice as it attracted a number of interesting butterfly species, including Rajah Brooke's and Common Birdwings, and good views of Violet Cuckoo and a Spectacled Spiderhunter fed in a flowering bush across the river. The walk back was fairly quiet, but a Rufous-winged Philentoma was very nice and the highlight was a Rufous-backed Dwarf Kingfisher (or maybe two) that whizzed about us, occasionally perching long enough to get a couple of 'scope views.

In the afternoon we again had a siesta – it was very hot and humid, choosing to rest in or near our chalets. It was here that we gathered and tried to make sure everyone had seen the Brown-streaked Flycatcher that had taken up its territory, only to find that there were in fact two – an adult and a first-winter. A few sunbirds were about, but the flowers had all but dried out. There was a super view of three Blue-rumped Parrots in a leafless tree, a Silver-backed Needletail swept through and was gone, a Black-and-yellow Broadbill fed in the trees. We checked along the Canopy trail as a Malaysian Honeyguide had been heard calling by BS during the rain of early afternoon, but sadly to no avail; a Malayan Peacock-pheasant called close-by but was not to show (again), and so we headed for the hide. The usual culprits were present, with the best being two Black-thighed Falconets and as ever Fairy-bluebirds. Gradually the numbers of the group diminished as people headed back their rooms.

After dinner we headed down to the campsite to search for nightbirds, but we really were having no luck with these. Neither of the frogmouths responded nor did any owls. Giving up, we headed back to the chalets where we heard Reddish Scops Owl for the third night in a row!

Saturday 27 February

Our last day in Malaysia again dawned hot and sunny. We were still finding new birds however, even just around the resort and near the hide. A noisy group of Black Magpies were the first followed by Wreathed Hornbills from the hide; here too was a Purple-naped Sunbird and the immature Tiger Shrike showed for those that had missed it before. A male Green Broadbill fed in the fruiting tree, along with our last new bulbul – the bright Grey-bellied Bulbul; near the hide we found Chestnut-winged Babbler – again for those that had missed it before.

Sadly it was time to return to our chalets, wash/freshen up ready for the journey back to Kuala Lumpur. As we gathered near the jetty a large flock of needletails gathered above the resort and we were able to find both Brown- and Silver-backed Needletails. Once across the river we pressed on to Jerantut for lunch – stopping for a close Changeable Hawk-eagle on the way, where we enjoyed our last Chinese meal of the trip. The leaders had discussed one last stop in the Genting highlands, and as we passed through them we pulled off at the resort on Bukit Berjaya. Our target was found very quickly; right by the road we had good views of Grey-rumped Treeswift amongst many needletails (of both species) and swiftlets. Whilst watching these we noticed an all-black swift that was a size up from the swiftlets – almost like a Common Swift, and like that species it had a distinctly, but shallow, forked tail; no pale area on the throat either confused us. Scratching our heads we left it and it was not until later when Rob suggested Giant Swiftlet (Waterfall Swift) that the penny dropped; maybe, just maybe we had seen one of the rarest swifts in the region and walked away... One of the few recent records in Malaysia comes from the Genting Highlands and it was clearly a good day for swifts with many moving.

Passing KL we saw the Petronas Towers and approaching the airport a few Chinese Pond Herons and a couple of Intermediate Egrets were seen. We said our farewell and thanks to Lee, Vincent and Ali - plus to Harry, Nick and Judy who were to head home the next day, and once checked in waited for our flights. Sadly one flight was delayed – and so most actually departed the next day...

Sunday 28 February

Our flights departed in the early hours and all eventually arrived home safely and soundly. I would like to thank you all for your great company. A bird tour is more than just the birds and wildlife, it is the experience of being in a group and having fun – and we certainly did that. I sincerely hope to see you all again soon – and most likely will. Until then take care.

Brian Small

ANNOTATED LIST OF THE BIRD SPECIES RECORDED

(n=306 – 295+11 heard-only; names and order follows IOC Checklist 6.1)

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*

One on 23/2 at Lanchang wetland

Malaysian Partridge *Arborophila campbelli* - H

Heard on one day along the Telekom Loop

Ferruginous Partridge *Caloperdix oculeus* - H

Again heard at Fraser's Hill (FH), up the Old Gap road on 22/2

Crested Partridge *Rollulus rouloul* - H

We got close to this species at Taman Negara (TN), near the campsite on 24/2 but it did not show

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*

Seen and heard on a couple of dates, 19/2 and en route 23/2

Crested Fireback *Lophura ignita*

This cracking species was seen well around the TN resort, with a max of five (two males and three females)

Malayan Peacock-pheasant *Polyplectron malacense* - H

We got close to this species twice at TN, but somehow things just did not fall into place enough for us to see them – close though

Great Argus *Argusianus argus*

We heard this on a couple of dates but saw just the one near the campsite on 26/2 and 27/2

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*

Up to 40 at the colony near the motorway en route on 18/2 - apparently a recent colonist so far south

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*

Seven at Jeram by part of the group on 18/2

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Several at Lanchang wetland on 23/2

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Two dates, 18/2 and 19/2, with many seen nesting at the motorway colony

Striated Heron *Butorides striata javanica*

Seen on four dates, with many near the coast on the first two days of the tour

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*

Many near the coasts were all assumed to be this species, though there is a slim chance that some may have been Javan Pond Heron

Eastern Cattle Egret *Bubulcus coromandus*

Seen on three dates often around cattle en route

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

Many very pale birds seen near the coast – some looking almost white

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

Again only seen near the coast

Great Egret *Ardea alba*

Recorded near the coast, but also en route near Jerantut on 23/2

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*

Two near the airport on the last day

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

Seen only near the coast

Pacific Reef Heron *Egretta sacra*

One was seen on the coast at Jeran by the early arrivals on 18/2

Crested Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

Noted on five dates in singles apart from a small spiralling flock on 22/2

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes*

Four seen on 19/2 (two then two) at Kuala Selangor

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Seen or heard on seven dates

Changeable Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus limnaetus*

Singles seen on 18/2 and 27/2

Blyth's Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus alboniger*

Two at FH on 20/2 offered nice comparison with the next species

Wallace's Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus nanus*

Amazingly two were seen at FH – New Gap Rd – on 20/2, with good 'scope views confirming this species

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis*

Singles on two dates, 20/2 and 22/2

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus*

Good numbers near the coast, especially over Kuala Selangor

Lesser Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis*

One over the Tahan River on 26/2

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus*

One at FH, Telekom Loop on 20/2

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Two at Lanchang, 23/2

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Seen at the coast on 18/2

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Seen with other waders at Jeran on 18/2

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*

Only picked up on the mud at Kuala Selangor Park, with two on 18/2

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*

Several seen at the coast on 18/2

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*

Small flocks on the coast moving down the rivers, 18/2 and 19/2

Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Many feral birds seen on four dates near large towns and cities

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*

Similar distribution to Feral Pigeons, with many on roadside fences

Little Cuckoo-dove *Macropygia ruficeps*

Seen on two dates at FH, with initial views in flight, but then two perched down New Gap Rd

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*

Seen at KL and near the coast on three dates

Little Green Pigeon *Treron olax*

Found in the fruiting tree at the TN resort on two dates, 24/2 and 27/2

Pink-necked Green Pigeon *Treron vernans*

Found in the mangroves at KS, 18/2 and 19/2 and en route on 23/2

Thick-billed Green Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*

Common near Lanchang and at TN

Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*

Seen in low numbers on seven dates

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*

Heard at KS, 18/2, then seen at TN but just singles

Raffles's Malkoha *Rhinortha chlorophaea*

This smart cinnamon-coloured malkoha was seen well at TN on two dates

Red-billed Malkoha *Zanclostomus javanicus*

Seen at the Gap on 22/2

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

One at the Gap on 22/2 then at Krau forest 23/2

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus*

Two in the mangroves at KS on 19/2

Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi*

Noted on four dates, the first at the hotel, FH on 22/2

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*

Two at the Waterfall on 21/2

Asian Koel *Eudynamis scolopacea*

Heard often, seen less

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

Two seen and heard along the Tahan River on 26/2, with one close above on the beach along Lubok Simpon

Little Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx minutillus*

One at KS, 18/2

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*

Seen at KS Park, 19/2, then others heard at TN

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*

Seen and heard at KS mangroves, 19/2; one at FH 22/2 and then at the clearing along the Tahan River on 26/2

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis*

One at close range in the KS mangroves, 19/2

Square-tailed Drongo-cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*

Several flying high over the river on 26/2

Dark Hawk-cuckoo *Hierococcyx bocki*

One heard and seen at Old gap road on 22/2 – a recent split

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus*

Seen or heard on three dates, the first on 18/2 at Shah Alam gardens

Reddish Scops Owl *Otus rufescens* - H

Heard near our chalets at TN on three dates

Mountain Scops Owl *Otus spilocephalus*

Heard and seen briefly at FH, 21/2

Barred Eagle Owl *Bubo sumatranus*

A real highlight was the single in a park at Shah Alam, 18/2

Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei*

Heard on two dates, but also seen on 20/2 along the Telekom Loop

Malaysian Eared Nightjar *Lyncornis temminckii*

At least one at the Jerai waterfall car park in the evening of 21/2

Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus jotaka*

Three seen perched atop lights at FH, evening of 20/2

Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* - H

Heard through the night and early morning at our KS hotel, 19/2

Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis*

Seen at TN early on 26/2

Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*

Seen well at Genting Highlands, 27/2

Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata*

Seen on four dates, the first en route to FH on 19/2 - good views as we approached the Gap

[Giant Swiftlet *Hydrochous gigas*

An all-dark swift with a distinctly forked tail was seen with a large group of swiftlets and needletails at the Genting Highlands on 27/2. Its size and shape was very distinct and closely matched photos and descriptions of this species]

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta*

Huge numbers in the highlands at FH, with a nice breeding colony just beginning to nest-build along the Telekom Loop

Edible-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus fuciphagus*

Lee pointed out to us that a good number of the swiftlets near the coast (presumably introduced for their nests) were in fact this species.

Germain's Swiftlet *Aerodramus germaini*

Seen well alongside the darker previous species near the coast and at TN

Silver-rumped Spinetail *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

Four at the Gap on 19/2, but many seen at TN

Silver-backed Needletail *Hirundapus cochinchinensis*

After a couple of unidentified needletails in FH and TN, we saw one well enough to identify it as Silver-backed at TN on 26/2; others the next day at TN and Genting

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*

Good numbers above the resort at TN, 26/2 and Genting, 27/2

Pacific Swift *Apus pacificus*

A superb swift and one that we saw well at FH as huge flocks sped through on 20/2

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*

Seen locally on seven dates in good numbers, e.g. bridges near Selangor Dam

Red-naped Trogon *Harpactes kasumba*

A pair along Lubok Simpon, TN, 25/2

Cinnamon-rumped Trogon *Harpactes orrhophaeus*

One from our river trip at TN on 26/2

Scarlet-rumped Trogon *Harpactes duvaucelii*

Heard at TN on two dates, really close at times, but like a number of species was not responsive to tape

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*

A female along the New gap road on 20/2 was seen well, with another on FH, 22/2

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

Seen on a couple of days at FH, along Telekom Loop for example, but most were brief views

Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*

Recorded on four dates, with the first being two at Kuala Selangor on 18/2

Rufous-collared Kingfisher *Actenoides concretus*

This, a much-wanted species, was admirably found in dense forest by Lee at TN on 25/2 – two in fact!

Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*

Having heard two at FH, it was good to catch up with a male in the TN resort on 24/2

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis*

This huge and vocal kingfisher was first seen at KS mangroves on 19/2, then Lanchang wetland on 23/2 and two dates at TN

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*

Common and widespread, often along the edge of roads

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*

Seen at the KS mangroves on 18/2 and 19/2

Collared Kingfisher *Todirhamphus chloris*

As expected, only seen in the mangroves near the coast on 19/2. This species has recently been split into six species by IOC with “more to come”...

Blue-banded Kingfisher *Alcedo euryzona*

One feeding from fallen trees along the river by Lubok Simpon trail, 24/2, was much admired

Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting*

Seen on two dates at TN, the first on 24/2; really quite different in colour from Common

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Seen on three dates, first on 19/2 in the mangroves but most at TN

'Rufous-backed' Dwarf Kingfisher *Ceyx [erithaca] rufidorsa*

This is still treated as a variant of Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher by IOC – not even a subspecies – but we enjoyed it nevertheless at TN on 26/2

Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctornis amictus*

What a bird! Seen or heard on three dates, with first found as we drove up Old gap road on our arrival at FS on 19/2

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*

Not many seen and all near the coastal mangroves; 40 in one flock near the KS hotel at dawn easily the highest total

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*

Another desirable species, and though Lee found one calling at height over FH on 21/2, it was not until Lanchang wetland on 23/2 that we got proper views

White-crowned Hornbill *Berenicornis comatus*

Three at TN, 26/2, gave superb views

Rhinoceros Hornbill *Buceros rhinoceros*

The single along Old Gap road on 21/2 was nice, but we had much better views at TN on three dates – six noted on 25/2

Helmeted Hornbill *Rhinoplax vigil*

Heard distantly near the resort, we were pleased when two flew into a tall tree along the Lubok Simpon trail, 25/2

**Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris***

Cracking views of up to 10 at Lanchang wetland area, 23/2, and two at TN two days later

Black Hornbill *Anthracoceros malayanus* – H

Sadly heard only at TN on 25/2

Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus*

A couple in flight from the Tahan hide on 27/2 were found just in the 'nick of time'

Fire-tufted Barbet *Psilopogon pyrolophus*

With its distinctive noise, we found several of these every day at FH often at close range near the hotel where they come to fruit

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*

Seen on the two days near the coast where they favour mangroves

Golden-whiskered Barbet *Megalaima chrysopogon*

Heard at FH, but then this huge-billed barbet was seen well at Lanchang wetland, 23/2, and again the next day from the hide

Red-throated Barbet *Megalaima mystacophanos*

Seen on four dates; the first at FH on 20/2 along Telekom Loop and also at TN; remember the odd, "off beat" call very different to Black-browed

Black-browed Barbet *Megalaima oorti*

Fairly common at FH, where its distinctive call rang out frequently from the forest

Yellow-crowned Barbet *Megalaima henricii*

Only seen on 25/2 at TN

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*

Picked out on two days at TN, both from the hide at Tahan feeding in the fruiting tree

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*

Seen and heard near the coast, with a pair entering a nesthole just above our heads at the park entrance; also heard at Lanchang on 23/2

Sooty Barbet *Caloramphus hayii*

Two down the New Gap road at FH showed well, then seen or heard on two subsequent dates at FH and TN

Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus*

Two found round the Telekom Loop on 22/2

Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos moluccensis*

Seen in the mangroves at KS on 19/2

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

A spectacular woodpecker! Heard calling along the Lubok Simpon trail on 24/2, but it took quite a bit of manoeuvring before we managed to get them in the 'scope, when we realized there were two – an adult and a young bird

Banded Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma miniaceus*

One came into a dead palm at TN resort early on 24/2

Chequer-throated Woodpecker *Chrysophlegma mentalis*

Two picked up at the Gap, 22/2, then another at TN, 25/2

Greater Yellownape *Chrysophlegma flavinucha*

Seen and heard on three dates at FH – one near the golf course, 20/2

Lesser Yellownape *Picus chlorolophus*

Just the one near the hotel at FH, 21/2

Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus*

Two along the Old Gap road, 22/2, showed well to some but frustrated others that really wanted to see it; another along Lubok Simpon, 25/2

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*

A mangrove species, so typically found at KS on 19/2

Olive-backed Woodpecker *Dinopium rafflesii*

A good one to see, so we were pleased along Canopy Trail where one showed well, 24/2

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*

Seen only at KS park, 19/2

Bamboo Woodpecker *Gecinulus viridis*

Tough to get great views of this flighty female at the Gap, 22/2, but with patience most did

Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus*

One in trees at the back of a small walled garden along the Telekom Loop, 20/2, was pretty smart

Orange-backed Woodpecker *Reinwardtipicus validus*

A bit of a misnomer – Orange-barred would be better – but still good to see at TN on 2

Rufous Woodpecker *Macropternus brachyurus*

One (pictured above) in the mangroves, 19/2

Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis*

Seen on five dates; the first being three above us at the Gap, 22/2, then two showed well at Krau forest and three more dates at TN

Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki*

A pair along Lubok Simpon, TN, 24/2

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

Heard at TN on 23/2, but then a noisy group flew in along the Canopy Trail, the next day

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*

Every one a winner, from the first at Lanchang to the last at Genting Highlands, and those in between at the Tahan hide

Long-tailed Parakeet *Psittacula longicauda*

Only seen at Shah Alam botanical gardens, 18/2

Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot *Loriculus galgulus*

Seen and heard at the Gap, 22/2, but much better views every day at TN

Blue-rumped Parrot *Psittinus cyanurus*

Picked out in flight at Lanchang, 23/2, but good views of a perched group at TN resort, 26/2

Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis*

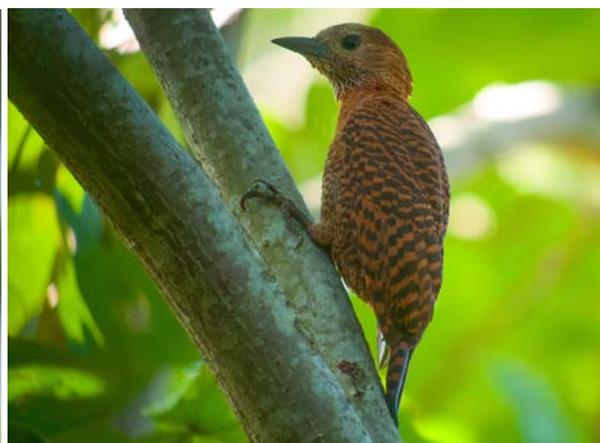
A pair at the campsite, TN, 24/2 showed nicely, then a male at the fruiting tree at Tahan hide, 26/2

Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos*

The first was a little distant at Lanchang, 23/2, but we needn't have worried as we got great views at TN

Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae*

Having given us the run around, we saved this one 'til the last at FH, where a pair was seen on the Telekom Loop, 22/2

**Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus***

A stunning bird – well a family of four actually – seen down the New Gap road on 20/2

Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*

One at Lanchang, 23/2

Black-and-yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

A slightly comical-looking species, but nice to see just above us at Lanchang, 23/2 and by our chalets at TN, 26/2

Rusty-naped Pitta *Hydrornis oatesi deborah*

Heard on two dates at FH, where they lived up to their reputation for shyness!

Malayan Banded Pitta *Hydrornis guajanus*

It was a bit of a blow to miss seeing this one, having to make do with calls only at Krau on 23/2...

Garnet Pitta *Erythropitta granatina*

...However, our disappointment with not seeing the last species was more than made up for by seeing this one. One showed brilliantly – after an anxious wait – at Krau forest for 20 minutes or so on 23/2. A real belter and bird of the trip for many!

Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida*

This may well have been a contender for bird of the trip had everyone been present to see it; seen at close range at Shah Alam on 18/2; we later saw another as we walked back to the buses

Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta moluccensis*

Having heard and perhaps briefly seen one of several calling birds at Shah Alam, 18/2, it was great to actually see four different birds – two along Canopy Trail, 24/2 and two at the campsite the next day

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea*

Not quite as exciting as the pittas, but seen well at least in the mangroves at KS, 18/2 and 19/2 – how do you say its name again?

Bar-winged Flycatchershrike *Hemipus picatus*

Seen at FH on three dates, often in small and mobile mixed flocks

Black-winged Flycatchershrike *Hemipus hirundinaceus*

Two on two dates at TN: near the lodges, 23/2, and then at the Tahan hide

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus*

Singles picked up on two dates at FH: one along Telekom Loop, 20/2 and another along Old Gap road, 22/2

Rufous-winged Philentoma *Philentoma pyrhoptera*

Not always easy to find, so one showing well along Lubok Simpon, 26/2, was good

Maroon-breasted Philentoma *Philentoma velata*

A pair at TN was good, 25/2

Common lora *Aegithina tiphia*

Seen and heard at KS Park on our first two days then again at TN on 26/2

Green lora *Aegithina viridissima*

A distinctive bird and seen first at Krau, 23/2 then on three subsequent dates at TN

Javan Cuckooshrike *Coracina javensis*

Noted regularly in pairs or even bigger groups at FH

Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike *Coracina striata*

One visited the fruiting tree by the hide at TN

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*

Seen in the mangroves at KS, 18/2 and 19/2

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

At least two joined a bird wave at the New Gap road, 20/2

Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*

A very smart bird and small parties were seen every day at FH

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus*

Not as common as Grey-chinned, but we saw a few at FH on 20/2 and 21/2

Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea*

Two in (believe it or not) the mangroves at KS, 19/2

Tiger Shrike *Lanius tigrinus*

A barred first-winter in front of Tahan hide on two dates, firstly on 23/2

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*

Regularly noted on fence lines en route and seen nicely at FH, where one liked the razor wire round a small fenced compound

White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca*

Its grating little call often indicating its presence amongst a mixed flock, this smart species was seen well at FH on three dates

Blyth's Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus*

Another smart bird, again often picked out by its voice, we saw these well at FH

Black-eared Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*

An even smarter species, with its rich yellow underparts, wing bars and head pattern, we very much enjoyed these at FH on the same three dates

Dark-throated Oriole *Oriolus xanthonotus*

Only one – a female in the fruiting tree at Tahan hide on two dates

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*

Seen and heard well in lowland parks or gardens, near KL airport on 18/2, but also at FH

Black-and-crimson Oriole *Oriolus cruentus*

A good number seen feeding in bird flocks at FH on three dates

Crow-billed Drongo *Dicrurus annectans*

An elusive bird was found in the mangroves on 19/2, but quickly disappeared

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*

Singles seen on three dates, the first at the Gap, FH, 19/2

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer*

The common drongo in the higher elevations of FH

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*

Seen lower along Old Gap road, 22/2, and on three dates at TN

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*

Seen well on several occasions at FH – notably along Telekom Loop

Malaysian Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*

Seen at KS Park on 19/2

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*

Ones or twos seen at TN, the first along the Swamp Loop on 24/2

Oriental Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis*

Now split into three species, we had Oriental PF at Lubok Simpon, 25/2

Crested Jay *Platylophus galericulatus*

Two elusive birds along a trail at TN, 25/2

Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus*

Saved until our last day, a group of four above our chalets, 27/2

Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis*

Another species that can keep well hidden; heard near the old police station at FH, then seen along Telekom Loop, 22/2

House Crow *Corvus splendens*

Common in lowland areas, e.g. near KL

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Seen daily; low numbers inland, but good flocks near large towns and cities

Rail-babbler *Eupetes macrocerus* - H

Despite getting within 10 metres of a bird at TN, we simply could not see it in the leaf litter. Also heard at Krau

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Singles in mobile flocks at TN, 20/2 and 21/2

Sultan Tit *Melanochloa sultanea*

Well appreciated and seen on five dates, the first four at the Gap on 19/2

Cinereous Tit *Parus cinereus*

Four in the mangroves at KS, 19/2

Black-and-white Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanoleucos*

Two at Tahan hide, 24/2, and three in the hotel grounds the same day; two again on 26/2.

Straw-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus zeylanicus*

Just one of this species (listed as vulnerable) from the hide, 24/2

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*

A large number of this oriole look-alike seen at Krau and especially at TN – many at the fruiting tree, Tahan hide

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris*

Noted on three dates in low numbers, FH

Scaly-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus squamatus*

A fabulous bulbul and enjoyed initially at New Gap road, 20/2, and then from Tahan hide on three dates

Grey-bellied Bulbul *Pycnonotus cyaniventris*

Illustrations don't do this species justice - the bright olive upperparts and smoky grey underparts looked good; seen from Tahan hide on two dates

[Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*

One at the hotel at KS – maybe an introduced/escaped bird according to Lee]

Puff-backed Bulbul *Pycnonotus eutilotus*

Seen on four days at TN

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*

Seen well, this is a nice species; noted on all dates at FH and TN

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*

The common bulbul in all areas, but notably in lowland areas

Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus*

Firstly noted at Shah Alam and then at KS the next day

Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex*

Shah Alam produced the first, 18/2, then seen regularly at TN

Asian Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus*

Ditto – very common at TN

Spectacled Bulbul *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos*

Seen at Krau forest, 23/2 and at Tahan hide, 25/2 and 26/2

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus*

Crested and white-throated and seen only at FH

Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Alophoixus bres*

Taman Negara produced just ones or twos on 24/2 and 25/2

Yellow-bellied Bulbul *Alophoixus phaeocephalus*

First seen at Krau forest, 23/2, and at TN on two subsequent dates

Hairy-backed Bulbul *Tricholestes criniger*

Two dates at TN for this indistinct species

Buff-vented Bulbul *Iole olivacea*

Taman Negara again produced several at Tahan hide

Mountain Bulbul *Ixos mcclellandii*

Good numbers at FH on three dates, notably on Telekom Loop

Streaked Bulbul *Ixos malaccensis*

Similar to Mountain, but streaked on throat and chest; only seen at TN

Cinereous Bulbul *Hemixos cinereus*

Now treated as separate from Ashy Bulbul; seen on six dates at FH and TN

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*

Seen daily in good numbers

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*

Common and seen daily

Rufous-bellied Swallow *Cecropis badia*

An endemic, seen at Selangor Dam, four on 19/2, and round the restaurants at FH, 22/2

Pygmy Wren-babbler *Pnoepyga pusilla*

Seen or heard on two dates, with lovely views of one calling down the New Gap road, 20/2

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliosus*

Good views of two along New Gap road, 21/2

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cucullatus*

Another smart species and seen on three days at FH

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Good numbers seen and heard, often in small groups, at FH on three days

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*

Rather brown and worn birds seen at a number of sites, the first five at KS mangroves, 19/2, then several on three subsequent dates on FH and at TN

Eastern Crowned Warbler *Phylloscopus coronatus*

Small groups at FH in mixed flocks, 21/2 and 22/2

Mountain Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*

Much-enjoyed species, with four seen on one date, 21/2

Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*

Often found in mixed flocks on three dates at FH, often alongside Black-eared Shrike-babbler

Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*

One at the Lanchang wetland on 23/2

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*

Two at Jerian waterfall on 21/2

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*

An inhabitant of grassy wetlands, so those at KS park and Lanchang were expected

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*

First seen at KS mangroves, but then daily at TN, especially around the lodge grounds

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*

Seen only at FH on four dates

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sericeus*

Singles at TN on 25/2 and 27/2

Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*

Recorded at KS mangroves on 19/2

Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus montanus* – H

Heard only at TN on 26/2

Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata*

Only seen on Swamp Loop, TN, on 24/2

Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis*

A smart babbler and picked up along two trails at TN, 24/2 and 25/2

Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera*

Twos on two dates near Tahan hide, the first on 24/2

Golden Babbler *Stachyridopsis chrysaea*

Fair numbers at FH on three dates, often in small groups with Mountain Fulvetta

Pin-striped Tit-babbler *Macronous gularis*

The first were seen in the botanical gardens, Shah Alam, on 18/2, then feeding young at Krau and TN

Mountain Fulvetta *Alcippe peracensis*

Fraser's Hill produced many small groups on three dates

Large Wren-babbler *Napothera macrodactyla*

A secretive species, so one that showed well near Tahan hide was special on 24/2

Streaked Wren-babbler *Napothera brevicaudata*

Heard then seen along Jahan Lady Maxwell, FH, 21/2

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti*

Heard in the mangroves at KS, 19/2, then seen at TN on 24/2 and 26/2

Short-tailed Babbler *Malacocincla malaccensis*

Two as we waited for the Garnet Pitt at Krau forest, 23/2

Sooty-capped Babbler *Malacopteron affine*

Two at TN on 24/2

Rufous-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron magnum*

Seen along Lubok Simpon, TN, 25/2

White-chested Babbler *Trichastoma rostratum*

Three along the river's edge at Taman Negara from the boat ride on 26/2

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli*

Noted on a couple of dates, but only seen by the group along Telekom Loop, FH, 22/2

Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush *Garrulax mitratus*

A showy stunner and with lots of character, and seen easily at FH on three dates

Black Laughingthrush *Garrulax lugubris*

Less showy and in lower numbers, preferring to hide in the trees more at FH on three dates

Malayan Laughingthrush *Trochalopteron peninsulae*

Another fine laughingthrush, but a grand total of just seven seen, the first being three on our first morning at FH, but the best being two in the old police station

Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*

Crept mouse-like along branches at FH on all three days

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argenteauris*

Fairly common on FH, but a real stunner

Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides*

Seen daily at FH, often on small groups located by its sibilant call

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus*

Seen in the mangroves at KS and at TN, but never in large numbers

Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*

Just seen on one day at FH, 20/2

Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*

Two in a bird wave along New Gap road and 23/2, with many at TN feeding in fruiting trees

Blue Nuthatch *Sitta azurea*

Much desired and it did not let us down at FH, with three in a good bird wave on New Gap road, 20/2, and one at Jalan Lady Maxwell, 22/2

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*

Picked up easily near the coast, with good views near the Chinese restaurant at KS, then also at Bentong and Jerantut, 23/2

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*

Two in the mangroves at KS, 19/2, the only ones seen

Javan Myna *Acridotheres javanicus*

Common away from FH

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*

No longer common having been ousted by the introduced Javan moving up from the south, and seen in small numbers by the road and at KL airport

Siberian Thrush *Geokichla sibirica*

A young female seen briefly down the waterfall road at FH, 20/2

Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*

A fine male in the fruiting tree at Tahan hide on two dates 23/2 and 26/2

Oriental Magpie-robin *Copsychus saularis*

Seen daily in good numbers

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*

The lovely song was heard on five dates – the first at Shah Alam on 18/2, but then first seen at TN on 24/2 then on the next three days

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa dauurica*

Recorded daily though in low numbers

Brown-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa williamsoni*

Though seen above our chalets at TN on three days, it was not until the last that most got their first views – when in fact there were two. The identification was well-discussed, but the general rufous hue and streaked throat, breast and flanks all looked good

Ferruginous Flycatcher *Muscicapa ferruginea*

Seen down the waterfall road at FH on 21/2

Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Anthipes solitaris*

Another lovely small flycatcher seen and heard at FH on three days – the first on Telekom Loop, 20/2

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*

Only on two dates: one by our chalets at TN on 24/2 and then a pair on our river trip on 26/2

Mangrove Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis rufigastra*

It was nice to get this one under our belts so early on our walk at KS Park, 19/2. The male showed really well and allowed us to hear it sing and even get some video

Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*

Males and females are equally beautiful: the male being a deep, shiny purple-blue; the female warm brown with iridescent blue patches on her neck sides. Seen at FH police station and other spots on 21/2

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*

Three, all males, seen on FH on 20/2-22/2, and all lovely

Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophrys*

Having heard them along Telekom Loop and Jalan Lady Maxwell, it was nice to eventually see one feeding on the floor of a dilapidated building, 21/2

White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura*

After a bit of a struggle we all managed to see this young male at Jalan Lady Maxwell, FH, 21/2

Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus*

One at the top of Old Gap road in the early morning of 22/2 was followed by two later in the day at the waterfalls

Narcissus Flycatcher *Ficedula narcissina*

One first-winter at Shah Alam was seen well

Green-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula elisae*

A nice young male at the botanical gardens, Shah Alam, 18/2 showed the bright mustard yellow underparts that differentiate the species from the previous

Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*

Every one you see is a highlight – especially the stunning males, so we felt lucky to see a few most days at FH

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*

Fair numbers seen at FH on three days

Pygmy Flycatcher *Muscicapella hodgsoni*

A male was seen as we strolled down the waterfall road at FH on 21/2, then a pair was noted along Telekom Loop, 22/2

Greater Green Leafbird *Chloropsis sonnerati*

Up to five in the bird wave at New Gap road on 20/2; seen daily at TN

Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon*

Fewer than the previous species and noted on just three days at Krau and at TN

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*

Recorded on five days from the Gap at FH on 19/2 to TN

Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii*

Seen well at FH on three dates, with those in the little triangular garden seen very well

Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus maculatus*

Several noted along the road at Krau on 23/2

Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus percussus*

A pair in the fruiting tree in the TN resort, 24/2, and another there 26/2

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

One at the Gap 22/2 then singles at TN, 24/2 and 25/2

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

Seen on two dates at FH, along Telekom Loop 20/2 and 21/2; also in the fruiting tree at TN

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum*

Two at the Gap, FH, on 19/2 and a single there on 22/2

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*

Two or three along Telekom Loop, 20/2 and 22/2, also at TN resort 24/2

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*

A female at Shah Alam, 18/2, and one at TN, 24/2

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*

Three at KS, a pair and a male, 19/2, than at TN on three dates

Plain Sunbird *Anthreptes simplex*

Singles seen on two dates at TN; one near Tahan hide and one in the clearing on our boat trip

Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*

Seen near the coast on the first two dates, then at TN, 24/2

Red-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes rhodolaemus*

A much scarcer species and so it was nice to see two or three at TN in the flowering trees above our chalets, 26/2

Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum*

Only seen at TN on three dates, with our best view at the Tahan hide, 26/2

Van Hasselt's Sunbird *Leptocoma brasiliana*

At least one male and a female at TN on three dates

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

Only seen at Shah Alam and near the coast on our first two dates

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*

A very smart sunbird and the only sunbird species we saw at FH on four dates

Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*

Singles at FH, 20/2 and 21/2, and then one at TN, 24/2

Long-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera robusta*

We enjoyed good looks at this species at FH, two on 20/2, and at TN on two dates

Spectacled Spiderhunter *Arachnothera flavigaster*

Two singles at TN: one by the boats on 26/2 and another in the resort the same day

Yellow-eared Spiderhunter *Arachnothera chrysoyenus*

Seen at TN resort on two dates, 24/2 and 27/2

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera modesta*

Seen on seven dates, the first for some at Shah Alam, 18/2, and for others at FH on 19/2

Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*

Cracking views of several at FH on all four dates

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Common away from FH

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*

Seen at Shah Alam, where it was nesting, 18/2, and at Jerantut, where we watched a male nest building, 23/2

[Red Avadavat *Amandava amandava*

At least one male was found by Andrew at Jerantut, 23/2; most likely an escape]

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*

A small mixed flock of munias at the botanical gardens on 18/2 held several of these and also at TN, 24/2

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*

As above, plus several at Lanchang, 23/2

White-headed Munia *Lonchura maja*

A much larger munia and seen well at the cultivated fields at Shah Alam on 18/2

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

Seen in low numbers at FH on three dates and by the river at TN on two

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*

Two at Shah Alam on 18/2

MAMMALS

Common Treeshrew *Tupaia glis*
 Siamang *Symphalangus syndactylus*
 Lar (White-handed) Gibbon *Hylobates lar*
 Silvered Leaf-Monkey *Presbytis cristata*
 White-thighed Leaf-Monkey *Presbytis siamensis*
 Spectacled (Dusky) Leaf Monkey *Trachypithecus obscurus*
 Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*
 Southern Pig-tailed Macaque *Macaca nemestrina*
 Prevost's Squirrel *Callosciurus prevostii*
 Grey-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps*
 Pallas's Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus*
 Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandii*
 Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus*
 Wild Boar *Sus scrofa*
 Malayan Tapir *Tapirus indicus*
 Malayan Porcupine *Hystrix brachyura*
 Sunda Slow Loris *Nycticebus coucang*

BUTTERFLIES

Rajah Brooke's Birdwing *Trogonoptera brookiana*
 Common Birdwing *Troides helena*
 White-headed Batwing *Troides aeacus*
 Common Rose *Pachliopta aristolochiae*
 Black-and-white Helen *Papilio nephelus*
 Common Mormon *Papilio polytes*
 Common Bluebottle *Graphium sarpedon*
 Fourbar Swordtail *Graphium agetes*
 Redbase Jezebel *Delias pasithoe*
 Common Yellow Jezebel *Delias baracasa*
 Psyche *Leptosia nina*
 Striped Albatross *Appias libythea*
 Orange Albatross *Appias nero*
 Yellow Orange Tip *Ixias pyrene*
 Malayan Grass Yellow *Eurema nicevillei*
 Plain Tiger *Danaus chrysippus*
 Swamp Tiger *Danaus affinis*
 Dark Blue Tiger *Tirumala septentrionis*
 Yellow Glassy Tiger *Parantica aspasia*
 Smaller Wood-nymph *Ideopsis gaura*
 Striped Blue Crow *Euploea mulciber*
 Great Crow *Euploea phaenareta*
 Magpie Crow *Euploea radamanthus*
 Common Red Forester *Lethe mekara*
 Malayan Owl *Neorina lowii*
 Blue Kaiser *Penthema darlisa*
 Common Four-ring *Ypthima huebneri*
 Common Five-ring *Ypthima baldus*
 Common Three-ring *Ypthima pandocus*
 Malayan Lacewing *Cethosia hypsea*
 Common Yeoman *Cirrochroa tyche*
 Banded Yeoman *Cirrochroa Orissa*
 Royal Assyrian *Terinos terpander*
 Small Leopard *Phalanta alcippe*
 Rustic *Cupha erymanthis*
 Common Sailer *Neptis hylas*
 Malayan Viscount *Tanaecia pelea*

Common Earl *Tanaecia jului*
Yellow Archduke *Lexias canscens*
Great Egg-fly *Hypolimnas bolina*
Chocolate Soldier *Junonia iphita*
Banded Red Harlequin *Paralaxita orphan*
Common Pierrot *Castalius rosimon*
Common Hedge Blue *Acytolepis puspa*
Dark Grass Blue *Zixeeria karsandra*
Yamfly *Ioxura atymnus*
Common Posy *Drupadia ravindra*
Fluffy Tit *Zeltus amasa*
Pale Palm Dart *Telicota colon*
Fullstop Swift *Caltoris cormasa*

