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The Philippines is simply full of amazing endemic birds and some equally great non-endemics. Our quest was to see as many of them as possible. High on everyone's list were Red-crested Malkoha, Palawan Peacock-Pheasant, and, most of all, Great Philippine Eagle. We saw all of these and many more, so to say that our Philippines tour was an outstanding success would be an understatement! This great, complex archipelago far exceeded our birding expectations, as did the accommodations, the food, and the friendly hospitality of the remarkable Philippine people.

Starting in Manila on the island of Luzon, we first dropped in to the bird-rich Candaba Marshes before proceeding to Subic Bay, the old U.S. naval base to the north of Manila. This is where the birding really hotted up, literally and figuratively! We racked up the new birds here with loads of Guaiaberos, White-eared Doves, Balicassiaos, Blackish Cuckoo-shrikes, and Coletos. On top of that we had great views of the bizarre Red-crested Malkoha, many Luzon Tarctic Hornbills, fleeting looks at the shy Rufous Coucal, and sensational Sooty Woodpeckers.

From Manila we flew to the atmospherically-named Cagayan de Oro on the southern island of Mindanao where we divided our time between two very important and enjoyable sites—Mount Kitanglad and PICOP. The trek up to our lodge on Kitanglad wasn't too arduous (mostly on the back of a truck actually!). This area is full of cracking endemics, but the bird on everyone's mind was the legendary Great Philippine Eagle—sometimes referred to as the Philippine Monkey-eating Eagle. Our exertions and patience were rewarded with scope views of an amazing perched bird that we watched for some time as he preened, scanned his domain, and eventually took flight before disappearing back into the forest. Another big highlight this year was a pair of the usually shy Blue-capped Kingfisher at close range.

Back down in the lowlands, we spent three full days exploring the PICOP logging concession, and still this wasn't enough! Too many highlights to mention them all here, but a few of the unforgettable ones included Steere's Pitta, a superb Rufous-lored Kingfisher, some stunning views of the impressive Rufous Hornbill, and a whole host of endemics.

The island of Palawan was another revelation! Definitely a trip favorite for its quiet, laid-back atmosphere and super birding, we concentrated our efforts on the remarkable St. Paul's Subterranean River National Park. After some tension, the much-hoped-for Palawan Peacock-Pheasant turned up trumps and was greeted with undisguised delight. What a stunner! Another swag of endemics like Ashy-headed Babbler, Palawan Hornbill, Palawan Tit, and Palawan Flycatcher were delightful additions to our trip list. There were some special non-endemics to be found here, too: Chinese Egret, Tabon Scrubfowl, and Mantanani Scops-Owl. The scops-owl in particular was a lot of fun!

Many wonderful people helped us on our travels and I extend my sincere thanks to Jimmy and Tani, in particular, for their unflinching good humor and skillful organization. On Mount Kitanglad, we were pampered by Carlito and his family; at PICOP, Zado expertly accompanied us throughout; on Palawan, Mylene looked after our every whim.

I enjoyed leading this tour immensely and I thank you all for joining me. Your good humor and excellent company both in the field and at the table made traveling with you a joy! As always, I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Susan Myers

BIRDS

endemic birds in **bold**

NON-PASSERINES

1. Wandering Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*
great looks at quite a few birds at Candaba and in the Bislig area.
2. **Philippine Duck** *Anas luzonica*
this attractive endemic was seen very well at the Candaba Marshes and at Bislig.
3. Garganey *Anas querquedula*
a few at the Candaba Marshes.
4. Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
common at the Candaba Marshes.
5. Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*
common at the Candaba Marshes.
6. Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*
possibly this species amongst the former at Candaba.
7. Tabon Scrubfowl *Megapodius cumingii*
although the eerie calls are often heard in the Palawan forests, they can be surprisingly elusive; Diane was the only one to have looks at this species behind the park rangers hut at St. Paul's National Park.
8. Blue-breasted (King) Quail *Coturnix chinensis*
one seen by Nancy on the roadside in PICOP.
9. Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*
seen and heard at Subic and Mount Kitanglad.
10. **Palawan Peacock-Pheasant** *Polyplectron napoleonis*
a close contender for Bird of the Trip, this absolute stunner is still showing incredibly well at the park rangers' hut in St. Paul's National Park, Palawan. For how much longer will this be a gettable bird, I wonder...
11. Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*
very common at the Candaba Marshes, where we had great scope views of a number of birds; one also seen at Bislig.
12. Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*
up to three were seen well at the Candaba Marshes; one at PICOP.
13. Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
particularly common at the Candaba Marshes; also seen at Iwahig, Palawan.
14. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*
also common at the Candaba Marshes, and around Bislig, Mindanao.
15. Great Egret *Ardea alba*
quite common in rural areas throughout.

16. Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*
a handful of sightings as we traveled.
17. Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
quite common in rural areas throughout.
18. Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*
excellent looks at about six birds on mudflats at White Beach near Puerto Princesa, Palawan. This is a Globally Threatened species.
19. Pacific Reef Egret *Egretta sacra*
one dark morph bird seen off the coast at St. Paul's National Park.
20. Javan Pond-Heron *Ardeola speciosa*
a few at the Candaba Marshes and at Sabang, Palawan.
21. Cattle Egret *Ardea ibis*
seen almost daily.
22. Black-crowned Night-Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*
in huge numbers at Candaba.
23. Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni*
one juvenile bird in the gardens of our lodge at Sabang, Palawan.
24. Barred Honey-Buzzard *Pernis celebensis*
we saw two of this near endemic in flight at PICOP, Mindanao.
25. Oriental Honey-Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
quite a few seen seen well at PICOP.
26. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus*
seen at Subic and at Bislig.
27. White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*
one seen at Iwahig.
28. Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela*
one seen on Palawan.
29. **Philippine Serpent-Eagle** *Spilornis holospilus*
some excellent sightings at PICOP, as well as at Subic. This taxon is now widely accepted as a legitimate split from Crested Serpent-Eagle *S. cheela*.
30. Chinese Goshawk *Accipiter soloensis*
good looks at two flying birds on different occasions at Subic and at Mount Makiling.
31. **Great Philippine Eagle** *Pithecophaga jefferyi*
Unarguably Bird of the Trip! Our patience was rewarded as after a long wait we enjoyed lengthy scope views of this truly spectacular raptor perched in rainforest on Mount Kitanglad.
32. **Philippine Falconet** *Microhierax erythrogenys*
this very appealing endemic was seen remarkably often this year with a total of eight birds recorded at Subic, PICOP and Mount Makiling.

33. **Spotted Button-quail** *Turnix ocellata*
rather poor and brief views of a bird foraging on a dirt trail at Mount Makiling.
34. Barred Button-quail *Turnix suscitator*
seen well at Mount Makiling.
35. Barred Rail *Gallirallus torquatus*
fantastic looks at two seen foraging right out in the open in a rice paddy near the Candaba Marshes.
36. Plain Bush-hen *Amaurornis olivacea*
seen very briefly on the roadside at PICOP.
37. White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
a few sightings at various wetland sites.
38. White-browed Crake *Porzana cinerea*
common, albeit secretive, at the Candaba Marshes.
39. Purple Swampphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*
Candaba Marshes.
40. Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
Candaba Marshes; two at Bislig.
41. Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
seen at Iwahig, Palawan.
42. Malaysian Plover *Charadrius peronii*
super looks at a pair of this scarce wader on the sandy beaches of St. Paul's National Park.
43. Greater Sand Plover *Charadrius leschenaultia*
quite a few were seen at White Beach near Puerto Princesa.
44. Lesser Sand Plover *Charadrius mongolus*
one at White Beach near Puerto Princesa.
45. Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*
one seen at the Candaba Marshes.
46. Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*
a few at Iwahig, Palawan.
47. Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*
a few records at various sites.
48. Grey-tailed Tattler *Heteroscelus brevipes*
many seen on Palawan.
49. Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
White Beach and Iwahig, Palawan.
50. Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis*
many in rice paddies at Iwahig, Palawan.
51. Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
Candaba Marshes; Iwahig, Palawan.

52. Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
quite common on Palawan.
53. Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
White Beach, Palawan.
54. Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis*
a few at Iwahig.
55. Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*
common at Iwahig, Palawan.
56. Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*
probably this species flushed at Iwahig, but it is not possible to distinguish between this and Swinhoe's in the field.
57. **Bukidnon Woodcock** *Scolopax bukidnonensis*
we had some excellent flight views of this interesting woodcock as two circled around us at Mount Kitanglad at dusk and dawn, giving its distinctive rattling vocalisations. We had to duck as they came over us!
58. Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*
a few at Candaba.
59. Greater Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis*
the swampy paddy fields behind our seemed to be full of this species!
60. Black-headed Gull *Larus ridibundus*
a few on the lake at Las Banos.
61. Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*
a few at Candaba.
62. Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybridus*
Candaba Marshes; Palawan; near Manila.
63. Spotted Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*
common, on Palawan in particular.
64. Philippine Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia tenuirostris*
excellent sightings of a few at our lodge at Kitanglad and on Palawan.
65. Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*
a handful of sightings at Subic, Palawan.
66. Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*
Candaba Marshes; PICOP; Palawan.
67. **White-eared Dove** *Phapitreron leucotis*
one or two seen at Subic, and Mount Kitanglad.
68. Pink-necked Pigeon *Treron vernans*
brief looks at a few at Iwahig, Palawan.
69. Pompadour Green-Pigeon *Treron pompadora*
seen well at Subic.

70. Thick-billed Pigeon *Treron curvirostra*
excellent looks at many on Palawan.
71. **Yellow-breasted Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus occipitalis*
this stunning bird was seen at Mount Kitanglad and PICOP.
72. **Pink-billed Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula poliocephala*
superb views of this beautiful bird at PICOP.
73. Green Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula aenea*
common at Subic, Mindanao and on Palawan.
74. Grey Imperial Pigeon *Ducula pickeringii*
great scope looks at a single bird on Pandan Island.
75. Pied Imperial Pigeon *Ducula bicolor*
many seen on Pandan Island.
76. **Guaiabero** *Bolbopsittacus lunulatus*
common and seen daily at Subic and PICOP.
77. **Mindanao Racquet-tail** *Prioniturus waterstradti*
we had brief but good flight views on Mount Kitanglad.
78. **Green Racquet-tail** *Prioniturus luconensis*
seen well at Subic.
79. **Blue-crowned Racquet-tail** *Prioniturus discurus*
two at PICOP.
80. Blue-naped Parrot *Tanygnathus lucionensis*
great looks at up to eight of this scarce bird at Subic.
81. **Colasisi (Phillipine Hanging-Parrot)** *Loriculus philippensis*
super looks at this great bird daily at Subic and especially on Mount Kitanglad.
82. **Phillipine Hawk Cuckoo** *Cuculus pectoralis*
heard at Mount Kitanglad and Mount Makiling.
83. Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*
seen at Candaba and on Palawan.
84. Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis*
heard frequently on Mindanao.
85. Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*
superb looks at a single bird at PICOP.
86. Asian Drongo-Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris*
one seen on Palawan and heard daily.
87. **Phillipine Drongo-Cuckoo** *Surniculus velutinus*
seen well at PICOP.
88. Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea*
seen and heard at Subic, and on Palawan.

89. Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*
seen daily on Palawan.
90. **Red-crested Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus superciliosus*
outstanding views of this fairly secretive and totally sensational bird at Subic and Mount Makiling.
91. **Scale-feathered Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus cumingi*
excellent, long looks at this unusual bird on Mount Makiling. Always a big hit!
92. **Rufous Coucal** *Centropus unirus*
eventually we had good looks at this surprisingly furtive bird at Subic.
93. **Black-faced Coucal** *Centropus melanops*
eventually we found a cooperative bird PICOP.
94. **Philippine Coucal** *Centropus viridis*
another secretive coucal which we had good looks at after quite a bit of effort at Subic, also Mount Kitanglad and PICOP.
95. Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*
seen fairly regularly at Candaba and Palawan.
96. Eastern Grass Owl *Tyto longimembris*
amazing looks at a bird hunting over grassland on the airstrip at Bislig, Mindanao.
97. **Palawan Scops-Owl** *Otus fuliginosus*
heard on Palawan. The nightbirds were particularly difficult this year in the dry conditions and although we heard this one at close range a number of times, it just wouldn't show...
98. **Philippine Scops-Owl** *Otus megalotis*
frustratingly only heard on Mount Makiling.
99. **Mantanani Scops-Owl** *Otus mantananensis*
after some misadventure involving a minor landslide and the disappearance of the leader into a gaping hole, some were lucky enough to have looks at a single bird on Pandan Island, Palawan. This species is found only on small offshore islands between Palawan and Borneo.
100. **Giant Scops Owl** *Mimizuku gurneyi*
heard on Mount Kitanglad.
101. Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox scutulata*
good flyover views at Lion's Cave, Palawan.
102. **Chocolate Boobook** *Ninox randi*
heard at PICOP. A recent split from Brown Hawk-Owl *N. scutulata* of India and South-East Asia, east to Palawan.
103. Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox scutulata*
heard on Palawan.
104. **Mindanao Hawk-Owl** *Ninox spilocephala*
heard at PICOP.
105. **Philippine Hawk-Owl** *Ninox philippensis*
after much effort we found a pair that showed quite well just as the sun was coming up at Mount Makiling.

106. **Philippine Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus septimus*
amazing close looks at a very responsive bird on Mount Kitanglad.
107. **Palawan Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus chaseni*
another frustrating nightbird experience on Palawan – so close!; this taxon is still often treated as a race of Javan Frogmouth *B. javensis* but it's distinctive morphology and vocalizations suggest this is a definite split.
108. Great Eared-Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*
super looks at this very impressive nightjar on Mount Kitanglad.
109. Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*
one seen well on Palawan.
110. **Philippine Nightjar** *Caprimulgus manillensis*
great spotlight looks at PICOP.
111. **Philippine Needletail** *Mearnsia picina*
seen at PICOP.
112. Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta*
seen regularly throughout.
113. **Pygmy Swiftlet** *Collocalia troglodytes*
easily identified by its small size and distinctive white rump band; seen at PICOP, and on Palawan.
114. **Philippine Swiftlet** *Aerodramus mearnsi*
seen on Mount Kitanglad.
115. **Palawan Swiftlet** *Aerodramus palawanensis*
seen well at the Underground River in St. Paul's National Park. This form was previously lumped in Island Swiftlet but now often split as a separate species.
116. Uniform Swiftlet *Aerodramus vanikorensis*
Subic; PICOP; Negros.
117. Edible-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus fuciphagus*
Palawan.
118. House Swift *Apus nipalensis*
Los Banos.
119. Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata*
a few at Subic and Mount Kitanglad.
120. **Philippine Trogon** *Harpactes ardens*
after a bit of a runaround we saw one or two very well at PICOP, and then again at Mount Makiling.
121. Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*
particularly common at Candaba Marshes; also seen on Palawan.
122. **Indigo-banded Kingfisher** *Alcedo cyanopecta*
excellent looks in the heavy rain along the river at Los Banos.
123. **Silvery Kingfisher** *Alcedo argentata*
this one was a real crowd pleaser! Superb views at PICOP.

124. Ruddy Kingfisher *Halcyon coromanda*
one appeared to have been shot out of a cannon repeatedly on the road to Sabang, Palawan.
125. White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*
seen at Subic, PICOP and Los Banos; the Philippine race shows hardly any white on the throat.
126. **Rufous-lored Kingfisher** *Todiramphus winchelli*
brilliant looks at a sensational bird at PICOP.
127. Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*
common and seen daily at most lowland sites.
128. **Spotted Kingfisher** *Actenoides lindsayi*
seen very well at Mount Makiling.
129. **Blue-capped Kingfisher** *Actenoides hombroni*
this beautiful but tricky kingfisher was seen remarkably well by all on Mount Kitanglad.
130. Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis*
seen well at Subic where they love to play tennis.
131. Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*
Candaba Marshes; Mount Makiling.
132. Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*
seen on Palawan.
133. **Palawan Hornbill** *Anthracoceros marcheii*
excellent looks at a group feeding in a fruiting tree along the roadside en route to Sabang.
134. **Rufous Hornbill** *Buceros hydrocorax*
one of the many Best Birds, we couldn't have had better views at PICOP.
135. **Luzon Tarictic Hornbill** *Penelopides manillae*
great views on a number of occasions at Subic.
136. **Samar Tarictic Hornbill** *Penelopides samarensis*
seen briefly at Rajah Sikatuna National Park, Bohol.
137. **Mindanao Tarictic Hornbill** *Penelopides affinis*
two seen from our lodge on Mount Kitanglad; two more at PICOP.
138. Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*
the only barbet found in the Philippines; seen and heard at Subic, PICOP, Los Banos.
139. **Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos maculates*
a total of four seen at Subic and Mount Kitanglad.
140. White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*
brilliant looks at this interesting bird at PICOP.
141. Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*
seen briefly on Palawan.
142. Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*
the interesting race *haematribon* seen on a few occasions at Subic; also recorded on Mindanao.

143. **Sooty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus funebris*
another sensational woodpecker seen exceptionally well at Subic.
144. Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*
seen and scoped on Palawan.

PASSERINES

145. Hooded Pitta *Pitta sordida*
heard only in St. Paul's National Park, Palawan.
146. **Steere's (Azure-breasted) Pitta** *Pitta steerii*
this stunning endemic pitta was seen or heard daily at PICOP.
147. Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta erythrogaster*
heard at Subic.
148. Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*
seen almost daily throughout.
149. Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*
seen daily at Mount Kitanglad.
150. Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina striata*
quite common at Subic.
151. **Blackish Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina coerulescens*
also quite common at Subic where we had some excellent looks.
152. **Black-bibbed Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina mindanensis*
some excellent looks at a very responsive bird at PICOP.
153. **McGregor's Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina mcgregori*
good looks at two or three on Mount Kitanglad.
154. **White-winged Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina ostenta*
a total of six seen on Mount Kanla-on after the arduous climb!
155. **Black-and-white Triller** *Lalage melanoleuca*
one seen at Mount Makiling.
156. Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*
seen at PICOP and on Palawan.
157. Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*
seen at Subic and on Mount Makiling.
158. Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus*
a few seen on Palawan.
159. Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*
quite common at PICOP.
160. **Philippine Leafbird** *Chloropsis flavipennis*
good looks at a total of three birds at PICOP.

161. **Yellow-throated Leafbird** *Chloropsis palawanensis*
seen daily on Palawan.
162. Common lora *Aegithina tiphia*
recorded at St. Paul's National Park, Palawan.
163. Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca*
many recorded at Subic, and on Palawan. The distinctive-looking race on Palawan may be (should be) split in the future to Palawan Crow *C. palawanensis*.
164. Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchos*
Subic; Mindanao.
165. **Short-crested Monarch** *Hypothymis helenae*
great looks at this wonderful bird at PICOP.
166. Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*
quite common at PICOP, heard at St. Paul's National Park.
167. **Blue Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone cyanescens*
two beautiful and cooperative males were seen in roadside vegetation en route to Sabang, Palawan.
168. **Rufous Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone cinnamomea*
fabulous looks at another fantastic endemic monarch at PICOP.
169. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
the only bird we saw every day of the tour!
170. Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica*
seen near our hotel in Manila.
171. Striated Swallow *Cecropis striolata*
daily at Los Banos.
172. **Elegant Tit** *Pardiliparus elegans*
seen daily at Subic and Mount Kitanglad.
173. **Palawan Tit** *Pardiliparus amabilis*
some great sightings on Palawan.
174. **Sulphur-billed Nuthatch** *Sitta oenochlamys*
this neat endemic was seen on a few occasions on Mount Kitanglad; also seen on Mount Makiling.
175. Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*
St. Paul's National Park, Palawan.
176. **Yellow-wattled Bulbul** *Pycnonotus urostictus*
a few seen at PICOP and Mount Makiling.
177. Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*
seen almost daily throughout.
178. Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus*
a total of three on Palawan.

179. Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Alophoixus bres*
many recorded from Palawan.
180. **Sulphur-bellied Bulbul** *Ixos palawanensis*
two seen at St. Paul's National Park, Palawan.
181. **Philippine Bulbul** *Ixos philippinus*
very common at all sites except Palawan.
182. **Yellowish Bulbul** *Ixos everetti*
three seen at PICOP.
183. Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*
Candaba Marshes and Los Banos.
184. Oriental Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*
Candaba Marshes.
185. Mountain Tailorbird *Orthotomus cuculatus* (**Rufous-headed Tailorbird** *Orthotomus heterolaemus*)
one or two seen very well on Mount Kitanglad; this race is now considered by some authors as a distinct species from Mountain Tailorbird.
186. **Philippine Tailorbird** *Orthotomus castaneiceps*
heard at a number of sites but seen well at Subic.
187. Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps*
excellent looks at a number of birds on Palawan.
188. **Black-headed Tailorbird** *Orthotomus nigriceps*
two of this skulking bird were seen well at PICOP.
189. Mountain Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*
a couple recorded on Mount Kitanglad.
190. Tawny Grassbird *Megalurus timoriensis*
good looks at up to four birds on different occasions on Mount Kitanglad.
191. Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*
very common at Candaba Marshes, on Mount Kitanglad, and Los Banos.
192. Grey-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa griseisticta*
seen almost daily at Mount Kitanglad, PICOP and on Palawan.
193. Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*
a couple of sightings on Mount Kitanglad.
194. Palawan Flycatcher *Ficedula platenae*
fabulous views of this scarce bird at Iwahig.
195. Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*
a few at Mount Kitanglad.
196. Mountain Verditer-Flycatcher *Eumyias panayensis*
seen daily on Mount Kitanglad.

197. **Palawan Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis lemprieri*
a handful of excellent sightings at St. Paul's National Park, Palawan.
198. Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope*
excellent looks at a single bird in thick vegetation at Candaba.
199. Oriental Magpie-Robin *Copsychus saularis*
one at Subic, also near Mount Kitanglad.
200. **White-browed Shama** *Copsychus luzoniensis*
a very hard bird to track down – we heard them at Subic, and then had good looks at one on Mount Makiling.
201. **White-vented Shama** *Copsychus niger*
excellent looks at a couple of birds at St. Paul's National Park, Palawan.
202. Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*
seen at the Candaba Marshes.
203. Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*
many seen on Mount Kitanglad.
204. White-browed Shortwing *Brachypteryx montana*
heard at very close range on Mount Kitanglad but refused to show!
205. **Blue Fantail** *Rhipidura superciliaris*
seen well at PICOP; this bird has a very unusual voice for a fantail.
206. **Black-and-cinnamon Fantail** *Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea*
this very handsome bird was seen well a couple of times on Mount Kitanglad but surprisingly scarce this year.
207. Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*
one or two here and there.
208. **Yellow-bellied Whistler** *Pachycephala philippinensis*
a total of three recorded on Mount Kitanglad.
209. **Ashy-headed Babbler** *Malacocincla cinereiceps*
great looks at a very accommodating bird along the trail at St. Paul's National Park, Palawan.
210. **Melodious Babbler** *Malacopteron palawanense*
as always this bird was uncooperative but we eventually found one that showed on the Balsahan trail at Iwahig, Palawan.
211. **Striated Ground-Babbler** *Ptilocichla mindanensis*
a piar bird showed well at PICOP although they were hard to get on to as they moved so quickly.
212. **Falcated Wren-Babbler** *Ptilocichla falcate*
just heard this year.
213. **Pygmy Babbler** *Stachyris plateni*
brief looks at a few birds at PICOP.
214. **Rusty-crowned Babbler** *Stachyris capitalis*
excellent looks at two birds at PICOP.

215. Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*
seen in roadside vegetation on the road to Sabang, Palawan and at Iwahig.
216. **Brown Tit-Babbler** *Macronous striaticeps*
good looks at Mount Kitanglad and at PICOP.
217. Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti*
common at PICOP.
218. Yellowish White-eye *Zosterops nigrorum*
a small flock seen at Mount Makiling.
219. **Mountain White-eye** *Zosterops montanus*
common on Mount Kitanglad.
220. **Mindanao (Black-masked) White-eye** *Lophozosterops goodfellowi*
just two on Mount Kitanglad.
221. **Cinnamon Ibon (White-eye)** *Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus*
seen or heard daily on Mount Kitanglad, where it is common in mixed flocks.
222. Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea*
a few seen well at Candaba.
223. **Stripe-sided Rhabdornis** *Rhabdornis mystacalis*
a new family for all! We saw and scoped this interesting species at Subic and Mount Makiling.
224. **Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis** *Rhabdornis inornatus*
three scoped as we waited for the Philippine Eagle on Mount Kitanglad.
225. Plain-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*
a few on Palawan.
226. Copper-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma calcostetha*
seen briefly in mangroves on Palawan.
227. Purple-throated Sunbird *Leptocoma sperata*
seen on Palawan, and on Mount Makiling.
228. Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*
seen daily on Palawan. The race *aurora* on Palawan is very distinctive and may be split in the future.
229. **Grey-hooded Sunbird** *Aethopyga primigenius*
two seen well on Mount Kitanglad.
230. **Metallic-winged Sunbird** *Aethopyga pulcherrima*
common at PICOP.
231. **Lovely Sunbird** *Aethopyga minuta*
seen on Mount Makiling.
232. **Handsome Sunbird** *Aethopyga bella*
Recently split from Lovely Sunbird (Mann 2002), and found on Mindanao; we saw this species at PICOP.
233. **Shelley's Sunbird** *Aethopyga shelleyi*
common on Palawan; recently split from Lovely Sunbird and confined to Palawan.

234. Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*
PICOP and on Palawan.
235. **Naked-faced Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera clarae*
brief looks at one at PICOP.
236. **Olive-backed Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus olivaceus*
seen at PICOP and on Mount Kitanglad.
237. **Palawan Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus plateni*
seen very well a number of times on Palawan.
238. **Olive-capped Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum nigrilore*
good looks of birds feeding in flowering trees on Mount Kitanglad.
239. **Bicolored Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum bicolor*
one or two seen at PICOP.
240. **Red-striped Flowpecker** *Dicaeum australe*
seen regularly at PICOP and Los Banos.
241. Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*
seen daily at PICOP.
242. **White-bellied Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum hypoleucum*
one on Mount Kitanglad.
243. Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*
a few seen on Mount Kitanglad.
244. **Philippine Oriole** *Oriolus steerii*
we eventually had excellent looks at PICOP, after a less satisfactory record from Subic.
245. Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*
very common at Subic and PICOP.
246. Asian Fairy-bluebird *Irena puella*
many seen in fruiting trees on Palawan.
247. Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
seen daily on Palawan.
248. **Balicassiao** *Dicrurus balicassius*
common at Subic, and at Los Banos,.
249. Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus*
a few at Palawan.
250. Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus*
many at PICOP.

Note: some authors lump Hair-crested and Spangled Drongo as the same species, Spangled Drongo. Others split them to *D. hottentotus* and *D. bracteatus* with the races **striatus** of Mindanao and **samarensis** of Bohol and Leyte included in Spangled Drongo, and all the others races under Hair-crested Drongo.

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251. White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*
common.
252. Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*
recorded at Bislig, and Palawan.
253. Short-tailed Starling *Aplonis minor*
quite common on Mount Kitanglad.
254. **Apo Myna** *Basilornis Miranda*
this crazy-looking bird was seen well on Mount Kitanglad. A real cracker!
255. **Coletto** *Sarcops calvus*
great looks at Subic, also seen at PICOP.
256. Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus*
a few seen at Subic.
257. Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*
recorded at Iwahig, where they were common in the rice paddies.
258. Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*
recorded on Mount Kitanglad, and on Palawan.
259. Oriental Pipit *Anthus rufulus*
one on Mount Kitanglad.
260. **White-cheeked Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula leucogenis*
excellent scope looks at this scarce montane endemic with four seen on Mount Kitanglad.
261. Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*
seen almost daily near human habitation.
262. **Red-eared Parrot-Finch** *Erythrura coloria*
great looks at few in long grasses on Mount Kitanglad.
263. Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*
a few seen on Palawan and at Los Banos.
264. White-bellied Munia *Lonchura leucogastra*
Mount Kitanglad, Palawan.
265. Chestnut Munia *Lonchura malacca*
common at Candaba Marshes, PICOP and on Palawan.

MAMMALS

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*
common around Subic.

Large Fruit Bat *Pteropus vampyrus*
huge colonies at Subic.

Palawan Squirrel *Sundasciurus juvenicus*
a couple of sightings at St. Paul's National Park.

Wagler's Pit Viper

Water Monitor *Varanus salvator*

Draco sp.

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