

# **SULAWESI & HALMAHERA**

## **October 14 – November 4, 2010**



Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher © Susan Myers

**LEADERS: SUSAN D. MYERS**

**Compiled By: Susan D. Myers**

**VICTOR EMANUEL NATURE TOURS, INC.**  
**2525 WALLINGWOOD DRIVE, SUITE 1003**  
**AUSTIN, TX 78746**  
**WWW.VENTBIRD.COM**

## Sulawesi & Halmahera

*Our second 2010 Sulawesi & Halmahera tour produced excellent birding in this little-known part of the world. There were many highlights, but the Purple-bearded Bee-eater, Wallace's Standardwing, and the remarkable Maleo topped the list! Unfortunately, habitat loss continues to be a major problem in this region and it's safe to say that Indonesia falls into the category of "see it while you can." Nevertheless, the wildlife of Sulawesi and Halmahera put on a great show, even if we did miss some of the more difficult endemics, and we enjoyed a fascinating and beautiful area that is well off the beaten path.*

*We started our explorations of these weirdly-shaped islands in the southern city of Makassar where we explored the nearby forests of Karaenta in search of the restricted-range Black-ringed White-eye, which we found very easily. Moving farther north to central Sulawesi, we spent the next few days in Lore Lindu National Park. Here we birded the attractive montane forests in search of the higher altitude endemics and specialties. Unfortunately, the recent total disintegration of the track meant we had to walk from the bottom up the Anaso Trail. Highlights on the trail included some amazing looks at the sensational Purple-bearded Bee-eater, followed by a Diabolical Nightjar at arm's-length and some super looks at Red-eared Fruit-Doves.*

*We spent quite a bit of our time at Danau (Lake) Tambing where the stunning Fiery-browed Mynas dominated the scene. Pied Crows, with their remarkable vocalizations, put in some wonderful appearances. We had great looks at a Small Sparrowhawk, as well as Rusty-bellied Fantails and Blue-fronted Flycatchers. The nearby flowering trees attracted large numbers of Sulawesi Myzomelas, while Island Blue and Citrine flycatchers, Gray-sided and Yellow-sided flowerpeckers, and various species of white-eyes put in appearances. Yellow-and-green Lorikeets zipped all over the place. A close perched Sulawesi Serpent-Eagle was a special treat.*

*Along the road closer to Wuasa we had an excellent afternoon with scope views of the remarkable White-bellied Imperial-Pigeon, as well as a sneaky Sulawesi Blue-Flycatcher, a number of cooperative Gray-sided Flowerpeckers, and a couple of Large Sulawesi Hanging-Parrots amongst others. Another big highlight at Lore Lindu was a very cooperative Cinnabar Hawk-Owl in the early morning—plumb in the middle of the spotlight! This species was first described as recently as 1999!*

*Our next destination was the island of Halmahera, where we spent a week exploring various sites. After flying to the legendary island of Ternate—the administrative center of the so-called Spice Islands during the times of the Portuguese, when nutmeg was worth more than its weight in gold—we transferred by boat to the quiet little village of Sidangoli. From here we explored the nearby forests, or what remains of them, finding a nice swag of the endemics. In the forests of the exotically-named Kali Batu Putih we turned up a shy Ivory-breasted Pitta, distant but very welcome Chattering Lorikeets, a lovely pair of Scarlet-breasted Fruit-Doves feeding in a fruiting tree, a very nice Sombre Kingfisher, excellent Paradise Crows, Halmahera Cuckoo-shrike, and Cream-throated White-eyes, while Gurney's Eagles soared overhead.*

*An early morning boat ride took us to a Wallace's Standardwing lek where we watched these remarkable birds performing high up in the canopy as dawn broke. Moving farther north we based ourselves in the (relatively) bustling town of Tobelo. Some areas of remnant forest patches rewarded us with views of more endemics such as White-streaked Friarbird, Gray-headed Fruit-Dove, Moluccan Starling, and many others.*

*Returning to Sulawesi we headed directly to the superb Tangkoko National Park on the tip of the northeastern peninsula. This is a small but very rich national park and we enjoyed arguably the best birding of the tour here. Over the next few days we explored the trails within the forest and spent time at an excellent lookout where we observed many of the upper canopy species. One of the features of this park is the remarkable number of kingfisher species. During our stay here we observed seven species including four endemics—Green-backed, Sulawesi Dwarf, Lilac-cheeked, and Great-billed (in nearby mangroves). Another standout bird was the stunning Red-backed Thrush, which showed beautifully after giving us the slip a few times. Our dusk visit to the Spectral Tarsier tree was a non-avian highlight. But many other birds showed well for us: White-faced Cuckoo-Dove (Sulawesi Black Pigeon), Gray-headed Imperial-Pigeon, the appropriately named Ornate Lorikeet, and many more.*

*We finished our trip with a visit to the improbably named Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park. Near our hotel in Kotamobagu, we made a visit to a suburban garden where we found a simply gorgeous Sulawesi Masked Owl at its nest hole. But the highlight of our stay here was undoubtedly our visit to Tambun where we were able to see that largest of the megapodes, the Maleo. We watched a pair of birds in the early morning light through the scope; as the light improved, we could see their lovely pinkish plumage increasingly well. We had more great looks at a number of raptors including Black Eagle, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Spotted Kestrels, and a number of Spotted Harriers, which have an interesting disjunct distribution. In a nearby flowering tree we had great views of Sulawesi Triller, Sulawesi Cuckoo-shrike, and Large Sulawesi Hanging-Parrots. We also met up with Bay Coucal, the eye-catching Yellow-billed Malkoha, and a number of other goodies, as pretty Gray-rumped Treeswifts and Ivory-backed Woodswallows put on a great show.*

Susan Myers

Unit 21, 93-103 High Street

Preston VIC 3072

Australia

myers\_susan@yahoo.com.au

## Annotated Bird List

(E) = endemic

### NON-PASSERINES

#### Ducks, Geese & Swans: Anatidae

Wandering Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna guttata* (2) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Sunda Teal *Anas gibberifrons* (1) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

#### Megapodes: Megapodidae

Maleo(E) *Macrocephalon maleo* (2) brilliant scope looks at a pair at Toraut, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Moluccan Scrubfowl *Megapodius wallacei* (1) on the beach at Galela.

Dusky Scrubfowl (E) *Megapodius freycinet* (H) Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

#### Grebes: Podicipedidae

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* (3) on Danau Tambing, Lore Lindu NP.

#### Shearwaters & Petrels: Procellariidae

Streaked Shearwater *Calonectris leucomelas*

#### Boobies & Gannets: Sulidae

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* (1) seen as we were going to Ternate.

#### Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns: Ardeidae

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis* (1) seen en route to Kota Mobagu.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* many en route to and around Palu and Kota Mobagu.

Great Egret *Ardea alba* many en route to and around Kota Mobagu.

Intermediate Egret *Mesophoyx intermedia* many en route to and around Kota Mobagu.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* many en route to and around Palu, Tangkoko and Kota Mobagu.

Pacific Reef-Heron *Egretta sacra* many around Tangkoko.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* very common in rural areas.

Javan Pond-Heron *Ardeola speciosa* quite common in rural areas.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata* (2) Tangkoko.

#### Ibises & Spoonbills: Threskiornidae

Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* (3) seen by some at Tangkoko.

### **Hawks, Eagles & Kites:Accipitridae**

Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata rufa* (4) seen en route from Tobelo to Sidangoli, Halmahera.

Barred Honey-buzzard *Pernis celebensis*(1) Lore Lindu.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus* very common throughout on Halmahera and north Sulawesi.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*(1) Tangkoko.

Sulawesi Serpent-Eagle (E) *Spilornis rufipectus*(1) superb looks at a perched bird at Lore Lindu, (4) at Tangkoko.

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis*(3) over rice paddies near Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Spot-tailed Goshawk *Accipiter trinotatus*(H) Lore Lindu NP.

Moluccan Goshawk (E) *Accipiter henicogrammus*(2) seen well in flight and perched at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Small Sparrowhawk (E) *Accipiter nanus*(3) possibly the same bird seen two or three times near the lake at Lore Lindu NP.

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* (1) at Lore Lindu NP.

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*(2) great flight views at Toraut, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Gurney's Eagle *Aquila gurneyi*(4) great looks at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Rufous-bellied Eagle *Lophotrioichis kienerii*(1) at Toraut, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle (E) *Nisaetus lanceolatus*(1) perched at the ridge lookout at Tangkoko.

### **Falcons & Caracaras:Falconidae**

Spotted Kestrel *Falco moluccensis*(1) Lore Lindu NP, (2) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

### **Rails, Gallinules & Coots:Rallidae**

Barred Rail *Gallirallus torquatus*(2) Tangkoko.

Isabelline Bush-hen (E) *Amaurornis isabellina*(3) fabulous looks at Toraut, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca* (1) Jack and Sue spotted one en route to Palu.

Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio* (1) one seen in Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

### **Sandpipers & Allies:Scolopacidae**

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*(1) at the pier at the Sidangoli.

Gray-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes*(2) at Foli, Halmahera.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*(3) at the Santika, Manado.

### **Buttonquails:Turnicidae**

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator rufilata*(2) waddling down the grassy trail atTangkoko.

### **Gulls Terns & Skimmers:Laridae**

- Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus* (2) on the crossing back from Foli.
- Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus* couple on the crossing back from Foli.
- Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*(2) around the pier at Ternate.
- Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*(6) Tobelo.
- Aleutian Tern *Sterna aleutica* (2) two seen from the boat on the way back from Foli.
- Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana*very common on the crossing back from Foli.
- Great Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii*(1) en route to Sidangoli, Halmahera.

### **Pigeons & Doves:Columbidae**

- Rock (Feral) Pigeon ( I ) *Columba livia*
- Red Collared-Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*many in secondary scrub en route to Lore Lindu NP from Palu.
- Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* common in rural areas throughout.
- Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove (Brown Cuckoo-Dove) *Macropygia amboinensis albicapilla* very common in forested areas on Sulawesi.
- White-faced Cuckoo-Dove (Sulawesi Black Pigeon) (E) *Turacoena manadensis*(4) sensational looks at this impressive bird on a number of occasions at Tangkoko.
- Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indicat*typically brief views as the birds rockets out of the understorey, on many occasions throughout.
- Stephan's Dove *Chalcophaps stephani*(1) possibly seen in scrub at Foli, Halmahera.
- Gray-cheeked Green Pigeon *Treron griseicauda*very many seen at Tangkoko, and many more at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.
- Red-eared Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus fischeri*centralis (4) great looks of some birds feeding in a fruiting tree on the Anaso Trail, Lore Lindu NP.
- Maroon-chinned Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus subgularis*(H) on the Molibagu Road, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.
- Scarlet-breasted Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus bernsteinii* (2) fabulously cooperative birds feeding in a close fruiting tree at Kali Batu Putih.
- Superb Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus superbussuperbus*(1) en route to Tobelo, Halmahera.
- Blue-capped Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus monacha*(2) brief looks at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.
- Gray-headed Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus hyogastrus*very common on Halmahera.
- Black-naped Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus melanospilus*(4) at Tangkoko and Bogani Nani Wartabone NP, best look was on the last day on the Molibagu Road.
- White-bellied Imperial-Pigeon (E) *Ducula forsteni*(3) great scope views at Lore Lindu NP, (3) Tangkoko.
- Gray-headed Imperial-Pigeon (E) *Ducula radiata*(3) Tangkoko.
- Green Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula aeneapaulina*many seen daily at Tangkoko, also recorded from Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.
- White-eyed (Spectacled) Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula perspicillata* (1) Foli, Halmahera.

Cinnamon-bellied Imperial-Pigeon (E) *Ducula basilica*(1) one seen well at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Pied Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula bicolor bicolor* (Su), *D. b. melanura* (Ha) locally common, recorded at Kali Batu Putih, and Tangkoko.

White (Silver-tipped) Imperial-Pigeon (E) *Ducula luctuos* locally common at Tangkoko.

### **Cockatoos: Cacatuidae**

Yellow-crested Cockatoo *Cacatua sulphurea sulphurea*(1) Tangkoko.

White Cockatoo (E) *Cacatua alba*(7) great scope looks at Daru, Halmahera.

### **Parrots, Macaws & Allies: Psittacidae**

Violet-necked Lory *Eos squamata ricineata*(1) feeding in a flowering tree, Halmahera.

Ornate Lorikeet (E) *Trichoglossus ornatus* a large congregation seen in flowering trees at Tangkoko.

Yellow-and-green Lorikeet (E) *Trichoglossus flavoviridis meyeri* common but flighty at Danau Tambin, Lore Lindu NP.

Chattering Lory (E) *Lorius garrulus garrulus*(2) nice spotting by Roman gave us some good albeit distant views of this tricky species.

Red-flanked Lorikeet *Charmosyna placens* many seen in the Tobelo area, Halmahera.

Red-cheeked Parrot *Geoffroyus geoffroyi cyanicollis* common around Kali Batu Putih.

Yellowish-breasted Racquet-tail (E) *Prioniturus flavicans* (20+) Tangkoko.

Golden-mantled Racquet-tail (E) *Prioniturus platurus*(10) a high flying flock over the Anaso trail, Lore Lindu NP;(2) with the above species at Tangkoko.

Azure-rumped (Blue-backed) Parrot *Tanygnathus sumatranus* many seen around Tangkoko and Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Eclectus Parrot *Eclectus roratus vosmaeri* one or two daily on Halmahera.

Large Sulawesi Hanging-Parrot (E) *Loriculus stigmatus*(5) Tangkoko, many at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Moluccan Hanging-Parrot (E) *Loriculus amabilis*(1) great scope looks at Tobelo.

Small Sulawesi Hanging-Parrot (E) *Loriculus exilis*(1) Danau Tambing, Lore Lindu NP.

### **Cuckoos: Cuculidae**

Himalayan Cuckoo *Cuculus saturatus saturatus*(1) at Tangkoko NP. (recently Oriental Cuckoo has been split three ways – the bird that migrates to this region is now known as Himalayan.)

Plaintive Cuckoo (E) *Cacomantis heinrichi*(1) Karaenta.

Brush Cuckoo *Cacomantis variolosus variolosus*(H) Halmahera.

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis virescens* (2) Lore Lindu NP.

Little Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx minutillus jungei*(1) an immature bird at Lore Lindu NP.

Black-billed Koel (E) *Eudynamis melanorhynchus*(1) typically very vocal but quite secretive, we managed to entice one out for reasonable looks at Tangkoko.

Channel-billed Cuckoo *Scythrops novaehollandiae* (1) fly over at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.  
Yellow-billed Malkoha (E) *Phaenicophaeus calyborhynchus*(2) Lore Lindu NP, (1) Tangkoko, (3) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP. A really spectacular species!  
Bay Coucal (E) *Centropus celebensis*(3) excellent looks at Tangkoko NP.  
Goliath Coucal (E) *Centropus goliath*(2) heard daily on Halmahera, great looks at this impressive species en route to Tobelo, Halmahera.  
Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*(1) near Makassar, (1) Sidangoli, (2) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

### **Barn-Owls:Tytonidae**

Sulawesi Masked Owl (E) *Tyto rosenbergiirosenbergii*(1) in a backyard in Kota Mobagu.

### **Owls:Strigidae**

Moluccan Scops-Owl (E) *Otus magicus leucospilus*(H) heard nightly on Halmahera but remained very secretive – and rain did not help our chances...  
Sulawesi Scops-Owl (E) *Otus manadensis*(1) excellent looks at Tangkoko.  
Speckled Hawk-Owl (E) *Ninox punctulata*(1) superb looks at in scrub at the back of the headquarters of Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.  
Cinnabar Hawk-Owl (E) *Ninox ios* (1) great success at Lore Lindu NP!

### **Owlet-nightjars:Aegothelidae**

Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar (E) *Aegotheles crinifrons* (H) very close but he just refused to show.

### **Nighthjars & Allies:Caprimulgidae**

Diablolical Nightjar (E) *Eurostopodus diabolicus*(2) point blank looks at Lore Lindu NP on the Anaso Trail.  
Great Eared-Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis macropterus*(1) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.  
Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus*(1) Halmahera.  
Sulawesi Nightjar (E) *Caprimulgus celebensis*(2) in the chigger paddock at Tangkoko.  
Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis*(2) great looks in scrub en route to Lore Lindu NP.

### **Swifts:Apodidae**

Purple Needletail *Hirundapus celebensis* (10+) zooming over the nightjar paddock at Tangkoko.  
Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculentaseen* almost daily throughout.  
Moluccan Swiftlet (E) *Aerodramus infuscatus*very common on Halmahera.  
Uniform Swiftlet *Aerodramus vanikorensis*very common on Sulawesi.  
House Swift *Apus nipalensis*a few around Makassar and Manado.

### **Treeswifts:Hemiprocnidae**

Gray-rumped Treeswift *Hemiproctes longipennis* quite common around Lore Lindu NP.

Moustached Treeswift *Hemiproctes mystacea* (4) Halmahera.

### **Kingfishers:Alcedinidae**

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*(1) at Tangkoko.

Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher (E) *Ceyx fallax*(2) fabulous close looks at Tangkoko.

Lilac-cheeked Kingfisher (E) *Cittura cyanotiscyanotis*(1) a funny scenario where Roman thought this was another Green-backed Kingfisher at Tangkoko!

Black-billed (Great-billed) Kingfisher (E) *Pelargopsis melanorhyncha*(3) great looks at this impressive bird at Tangkoko.

Ruddy Kingfisher *Halcyon coromanda*(1) yet another stunning kingfisher at Tangkoko.

Blue-and-white Kingfisher (E) *Todiramphus diops*(2) a pair studied at length on our return drive to Sidangoli, Halmahera.

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris chloris* very common and seen almost daily throughout.

Sombre Kingfisher (E) *Todiramphus funebris*(2) excellent looks at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Green-backed Kingfisher (E) *Actenoides monachus monachus*(2) great close looks at Tangkoko.

Common Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera galatea browni*(1) super looks at a responsive bird en route to Tobelo.

### **Bee-eaters:Meropidae**

Purple-bearded Bee-eater (E) *Meropogon forsteni*(2) a real crowd pleaser at Lore Lindu NP.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus* common around Lore Lindu NP.

### **Rollers:Coraciidae**

Purple-winged Roller (E) *Coracias temminckii*(2) Tangkoko NP.

### **Hornbills:Bucerotidae**

Sulawesi Dwarf Hornbill (E) *Penelopides exarhatus exarhatus*(H) Molibagu Road.

Knobbed Hornbill (E) *Aceros cassidix*(1) Tangkoko, (2) better looks at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Blyth's Hornbill *Aceros plicatus* many seen very well on Halmahera.

### **Woodpeckers & Allies:Picidae**

Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker (E) *Dendrocopos temminckii*(5) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Ashy Woodpecker (E) *Mulleripicus fulvus fulvus*(1) Lore Lindu NP, on the Anaso Trail, (5) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

## PASSERINES

### Pittas:Pittidae

Ivory-breasted Pitta (E) *Pitta maxima*(1) although heard often, a bit more tricky to track down, most were able to get on a bird that was very responsive but very flighty at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Red-bellied Pitta *Pitta erythrogaster celebensis*(1) brief looks at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP, *P. e. rufiventris* (H) Halmahera.

### Honeyeaters:Meliphagidae

Dusky Myzomela *Myzomela obscura*(1) Tobelo, Halmahera.

Sulawesi Myzomela (E) *Myzomela chloroptera*very common at Danau Tambing, Lore Lindu NP.

White-streaked Friarbird (E) *Melitograis gilolensis*(2) a couple of cooperative birds feeding in a flowering palm at Tobelo.

Dark-eared (Lesser Sulawesi)Honeyeater (E) *Myza celebensis*(1) Lore Lindu NP.

Greater Streaked (Greater Sulawesi)Honeyeater (E) *Myza sarasinorum*(1) a few at Lore Lindu NP.

### Thornbills:Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea flaveola*(1) seen or heard daily in Lore Lindu NP and Tangkoko.

### Woodswallows:Artamidae

White-backed (Ivory-backed)Woodswallow (E) *Artamus monachus*many seen around Danau Tambing, Lore Lindu NP; also in big numbers at Toraut, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*quite common almost throughout.

### Cuckoo-Shrikes:Campephagidae

Pied Cuckoo-shrike (E) *Coracina bicolor* (1) we worked really hard to try to get on an elusive pair calling constantly deep in the forest at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP, eventually we were rewarded with a good look for most.

Moluccan Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina atriceps magnirostris*(1) at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Cerulean Cuckoo-shrike (E) *Coracina temminckii*(1) on the Anaso Trail,Lore Lindu NP.

White-rumped Cuckoo-shrike (E) *Coracina leucopygia*(1) on a nest in a village near Karaenta.

White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina papuensis*(2) Tobelo, Halmahera.

Halmahera Cuckoo-shrike (E) *Coracina parvula*(3) Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Sulawesi Cuckoo-shrike (Sulawesi Cicadabird) (E) *Coracina morio*(2) at Toraut,Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

White-rumped (Sulawesi)Triller (E) *Lalage leucopygialis*(5) feeding in a favourite tree at Toraut, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

White-shouldered (White-winged) Triller *Lalage sueurii* (8) in the gardens of the Makassar Airport.

Rufous-bellied Triller (E) *Lalage aurea*(7) a number of good sightings on Halmahera.

### **Whistlers Pachycephalidae**

Sulphur-bellied (Yellow-vented) Whistler (E) *Pachycephala sulfuriventer*(6) on the Anaso Trail at Lore Lindu NP.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis mentalis*(H) heard daily on Halmahera.

Drab Whistler (E) *Pachycephala griseonota cinerascens*(1) seen well at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

### **Old World Orioles Oriolidae**

Halmahera Oriole (E) *Oriolus phaeochromus*(H) at Kali Batu Putih.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* common at Tangkoko and Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

### **Drongos Dicruridae**

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus leucops* very common in the lowlands, particularly in Tangkoko NP.

Sulawesi Drongo (E) *Dicrurus montanus*(1) in Lore Lindu NP.

Spangled Drongo *Dicrurus bracteatus atrocaeruleus* very common on Halmahera.

### **Fantails Rhipiduridae**

Willie-wagtail *Rhipidura leucophrys* seen daily on Halmahera.

Rusty-flanked (Rusty-bellied) Fantail (E) *Rhipidura teysmanni*(8) this appealing species was seen regularly at Lore Lindu NP.

### **Monarch Flycatchers: Monarchidae**

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea puella* (1) Tangkoko, (H) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

White-naped Monarch (E) *Monarchapileatus* (1) superb, close looks at this glamorous bird at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Spectacled Monarch *Monarcha [trivirgatus] bimaculatus* seen or heard daily on Halmahera.

Moluccan Flycatcher (Slaty Monarch) *Myiagra galeata galeata*(4) at Kali Batu Putih and Tobelo, Halmahera.

### **Crows, Jays & Magpies: Corvidae**

Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca celebensis* very common in the north, Sulawesi.

Piping Crow (E) *Corvus typicus*(8) brilliant looks at this interesting bird at Danau Tambing, Lore Lindu NP.

Long-billed Crow (E) *Corvus validus*(3) good looks at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

### **Birds-of-Paradise: Paradisaeidae**

Paradise-crow (E) *Lycocorax pyrrhopterus*(3) very cooperative at Kali Batu Putih.

Wallace's Standardwing (E) *Semioptera wallacii*(5) at the lek at Foli.

**Swallows:Hirundinidae**

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* seen daily throughout.

Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica* seen almost daily throughout.

**Fairy Flycatchers:Stenostiridae**

Citrine Canary-Flycatcher *Culicicapa helianthea*(8) Lore Lindu NP.

**Bush-Warblers & Allies:Cettidae**

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cuculatus stentor*(4) heard more often than seen at Lore Lindu NP.

**Bulbuls:Pycnonotidae**

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster* common in lowland areas.

Golden Bulbul (E) *Alophoixus affinis chloris* seen almost daily on Halmahera.

**Leaf Warblers:Phylloscopidae**

Sulawesi Leaf-Warbler (E) *Phylloscopus sarasinorum*(6) Lore Lindu NP.

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis* (2) Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera, (1) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

**Reed Warblers & Allies: Acrocephalidae**

Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*(H) near Toraut, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

**Grassbirds & Allies Megaluridae**

Chestnut-backed Bush-Warbler (E) *Bradypterus castaneus castaneus*(1) Lore Lindu NP, heard daily.

**Cisticolas & Allies:Cisticolidae**

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*(1) at Tangkoko.

**Old World Flycatchers:Muscicapidae**

Gray-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa griseisticta*(1) Lore Lindu NP, (2) Halmahera, (4) Tangkoko, (8) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula hyperythra* (1) immature on the Anaso Trail, Lore Lindu NP.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*(8+) Lore Lindu NP.

Island Flycatcher *Eumyias panayensis*(12) Lore Lindu NP.

Blue-fronted Flycatcher (E) *Cyornis hoevelli*(9) excellent close looks at Lore Lindu NP, both at the lake and on the Anaso trail.

Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis omissa*(2) Lore Lindu NP.

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*(2) en route to Lore Lindu NP.

### **Thrushes & Allies: Turdidae**

Blue Rock-Thrush *Monticola solitarius*(2) at Tangkoko.

Rusty-backed Thrush (E) *Zosterops erythronota*(1) one of the best birds of the trip, seen incredibly well at Tangkoko.

Great Shortwing (E) *Heinrichia calligynacalligyna*(1) brief looks for some at this very difficult bird at Lore Lindu NP.

### **Babblers: Timalidae**

Malia (E) *Malia grata stresemanni*(6) heard and seen daily at Lore Lindu NP, but difficult to get good looks.

Sulawesi Babbler (E) *Trichastoma celebense rufofuscum*(1) Lore Lindu NP, *T. c. celebense* (2) Tangkoko, (H) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Mountain White-eye *Zosterops montanusmontanus*Lore Lindu NP.

Lemon-bellied White-eye *Zosterops chloris mentorus*recorded at Karaenta and Lore Lindu NP.

Black-ringed White-eye (E) *Zosterops anomalus*(2) of this restricted range endemic at Karaenta.

Black-crowned White-eye *Zosterops atrifrons*many at Lore Lindu NP, (10) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Cream-throated White-eye (E) *Zosterops atriceps*(2) Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Streak-headed (Dark-eye) White-eye (E) *Lophozosterops squamiceps*(8) on the Anaso Trail, Lore Lindu NP.

### **Starlings: Sturnidae**

Metallic Starling *Aplonis metallica*abundant on Halmahera.

Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis*Santika, Manado.

Moluccan Starling *Aplonis mysolensis*(4) at Tobelo, Halmahera,.

Sulawesi Crested Myna *Basilornis celebensis*(2) Tangkoko,(1) Molibagu Road, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

White-necked Myna (E) *Streptocitta albicollisalbicollis*(6) Tangkoko, (2) Molibagu Road, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Fiery-browed Myna (E) *Enodes erythrophris*very common at Lore Lindu NP and on Gunung Ambang.

Finch-billed Myna (E) *Scissirostrum dubium*this amazing bird was abundant at Tangkoko and Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

### **Flowerpeckers: Dicaeidae**

Yellow-sided Flowerpecker (E) *Dicaeum aureolimbatum*(8) Lore Lindu NP, (1) Tangkoko, (6) Molibagu Road.

Flame-breasted Flowerpecker (E) *Dicaeum erythrothorax*(2) Tobelo, Halmahera.

Gray-sided Flowerpecker (E) *Dicaeum celebicum*(1) Lore Lindu NP, (6) Tangkoko, (12+) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

#### **Sunbirds & Spiderhunters:Nectarinidae**

Black Sunbird *Leptocoma sericea grayi*daily on Halmahera.

Olive-backed (Yellow-bellied)Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis plateni*almost daily throughout.

Eastern Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja flavostriata*(3) super views of this gem on the Molibagu Road.

#### **Wagtails & Pipits:Motacillidae**

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*(8) Lore Lindu NP, (2) Molibagu Road.

#### **Hylocitera:Hylocitreidae**

Olive-flanked (Yellow-flanked)Whistler (E) *Hylocitrea bonensis* (2) Lore Lindu NP, brief looks for some on the Anaso Trail.

#### **Siskins, Crossbills & Allies: Fringillidae**

Mountain Serin *Serinus estherae* (8?) on the Anaso Trail, for Barbara and Al.

#### **Old World Sparrows:Passeridae**

Eurasian Tree Sparrow ( I ) *Passer montanus*seen daily.

#### **Waxbills & Allies:Estrildidae**

Black-faced Munia *Lonchura molucca*(4) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Nutmeg Mannikin *Lonchura punctulata*many in rice paddies at Wuasa, Lore Lindu NP.

Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*common in lowland areas on Sulawesi.

Pale-headed Munia *Lonchura pallida* a few in the Lore Lindu area.

## **MAMMALS**

Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphin *Tursiops aduncus*

Bear Cuscus *Phalanger ornatus*

Sulawesi Crested Macaque *Macaca nigra*

Moor Macaque *Macaca maura*

Spectral Tarsier *Tarsius spectrum*

Sulawesi Pygmy Squirrel *Prosciurillus murinus*

Montane Long-nosed Squirrel *Hyosciurus heinrichi*

Lowland Long-nosed Squirrel *Hyosciurus ileile*

Masked Fruit Bat *Pteropus personatus*

Pale Tree Squirrel *Prosciurillus leucomus*

## **HERPS & others**

Green Whipsnake *Ahaetulla prasina*

Draco sp.

### **Best Birds:**

**4 Wallace's Standardwing**

**4 Purple-bearded Bee-eater**

3 Maleo

3 Knobbed Hornbill

2 Ivory-breasted Pitta

2 Sulawesi Masked Owl

1 Goliath Coucal

1 Barred Rail

1 Lilac-cheeked Kingfisher

1 Olive-flanked Whistler

1 Speckled Boobook

1 Isabelline Bush-hen

1 Cinnabar Hawk-Owl

1 Diabolical Nightjar