

**The Birds and Mammals recorded on  
the VENT Burma 2009 Tour**



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## Burma 2009

Burma is something of an enigma. This country with its political problems is one of the most peaceful and serene in Asia - daily life continues as it has for centuries. Our birding tour of this fascinating country takes us to many areas well off the beaten track allowing us to experience a way of life that is all but gone from most parts of Asia. And the birding is fabulous, of course! This year the weather was unusually dry but we recorded almost all the specialities as well as many more very exciting Asian birds. Although the authoritarian Myanmar government attracts sanctions from the U.S., the government seems to take a *laissez-faire* approach allowing people to just get on with their lives, albeit in poverty. We never encountered any military and only rarely the police who were remarkably polite and helpful. Without exception the Burmese people were helpful, polite and overwhelmingly happy to receive visitors. We use a ground operator with no connections to the government who deals directly with the local people and small businesses.

We started off in Yangon with a visit to the beautiful Shweddagon Pagoda, which is one of the most important Buddhist monuments in Burma. Apart from scores of Black Drongoes adorning the golden spires of the temple complex, our birding was not to commence until the following morning when we made our way to Hlawga Park on the outskirts of the city. This area of dry dipterocarp forest is rich in birdlife and gave us a great start to our Burmese birding, although some very heavy and persistent morning fog curtailed our birding for most of the morning. From Hlawga we proceeded north to the delightful forest reserve of Phokyar (pronounced *po-char*) where we spent the next couple of days birding the dry woodlands. We found this area to be particularly rich and we enjoyed some great sightings of typical woodland birds of this region such as Pompadour Green Pigeon, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Lineated Barbet, Golden-fronted Leafbird, White-browed Fantail, White-browed Scimitar Babbler, and Brown-cheeked Fulvetta. Asian Barred Owlets were common and confiding around our cabins.

Our next destination was the picturesque Moeyungyi Reservoir where we stayed in strange boat-shaped chalets built over the water giving us uninterrupted views of the expansive wetlands. Despite another bout of morning fog that prevented our departure for a few hours, we had an excellent longboat outing on the lake with plenty of good sightings. The grassy edges of the marsh harboured a nice range of skulking warblers and we recorded Black-browed Reed Warbler, Blunt-winged Warbler, Dusky Warbler, and plentiful Oriental Reed Warblers and Striated Grassbirds. Bitterns, egrets, herons and swamphens were abundant.

Heading north to Bagan, we stopped a few times for birding breaks in the dry woodlands on the west banks of the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River and picked up our first endemics in the form of Hooded Treepie and White-throated Babbler amongst other goodies. Both birds put on a great show with the babbler in particular uncharacteristically perching up for a good five minutes! On reaching Bagan we settled into our comfortable hotel on the banks of the legendary Ayeyarwady River before commencing our explorations of this ancient capital with its 4000 or so temples and pagodas. It's a delight to enjoy excellent birding amongst such edifying and aesthetic surroundings! In the surrounds of the Sabsinagyi Pagoda we tracked down endemic Jerdon's Minivets and Burmese Bushlarks, as

well as Eurasian Wrynecks, Burmese Shrikes and Common Hoopoes, while a Peregrine Falcon patrolled the area from its spire-side perch. Our search for the elusive Chinese Francolin was rewarded with unsurpassed views. As we chugged down the Ayeyarwady we spotted many stints, plovers and wagtails. A short stop on a large sandbank island turned up numerous White-tailed Stonechats as well as Small Pratincoles, Pied Harriers and Sand Larks. Scores of Ruddy Shelduck and Spot-billed Duck fed serenely on the river.

Next to Mount Victoria, where we spent a full five days, birding from our base at our charming lodge in the village of Kampetlet. Despite a few days of gale force winds we enjoyed some excellent birding in wonderful forest on this isolated mountain range near the border with Bangladesh. Highlights were many but undoubtedly the charming endemic White-browed Nuthatch was a big hit! This year we had a number of excellent encounters in the pine woodlands on the summit. We birded a wide altitudinal range from our lodge at 1800 m to the summit at 3000 m with a correspondingly diverse avifauna. The babblers, laughingthrushes and warblers performed admirably this year and we picked up a number of difficult species including the restricted-range Brown-capped, Assam and Striped Laughingthrushes, Streak-throated Barwing, Chin Hills Wren-Babbler, Mount Victoria Babax, and many others. One day an epiphyte-covered tree full of Grey Sibilias and, more excitingly, Cutias provided great entertainment as we lunched on the roadside. Numerous mixed flocks held an array of babblers, flycatchers and warblers especially in the evergreen forest areas on the middle slopes.

Our last destination was over in the east as we headed to the town of Heho and from there to the immense Inlay Lake, with its legendary leg-rowers, and up to the old hill station town of Kalaw near the border with Thailand. Amongst the rafts of wildfowl on Inlay we found a pair of gorgeous Red-crested Pochards and many, many Garganey and Northern Pintail in breeding plumage. The Jerdon's Bushchats showed amazingly well as did Little Grebes, Pheasant-tailed Jacanas and Yellow-bellied Prinias. En route to Kalaw a congregation of Wire-tailed Swallow provided some distraction. On arrival we birded in nearby degraded woodland and soon found Oriental Turtle-Dove, White-browed Laughingthrush, Slaty-blue Flycatcher, Black-headed Greenfinch and Russet Sparrow. A longish walk to the Yayayekan Reservoir paid off with much anticipated Slender-billed Orioles, scope views of Blue-throated Barbet, Himalayan Swiftlet, Little Pied Flycatchers, a shy White-crowned Forktail, Blyth's and White-tailed Leaf Warblers, Bianchi's Warbler and Spectacled Barwing, Silver-eared Mesia, Dark-backed Sibia and Black-throated Sunbird.

My thanks to you all for your great company – I hope you enjoyed the trip as much as I did. I would especially like to thank my good friend Thiri, without whom this trip would not have been nearly as successful or as much fun! Her organisational and birding skills are outstanding. Our drivers and the staff at our lodge at Mount Victoria were a delight, as always.

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## BIRDS

**BOLD** = endemic

NE = near endemic

## NON-PASSERINES

1. Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*  
Two or three on Inlay Lake.
2. Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*  
Common on Inlay Lake and at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
3. Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*  
A few seen on the Ayeyarwady and at Inlay Lake.
4. Oriental Darter **T** *Anhinga melanogaster*  
A total of eight seen Hlawga.
5. Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*  
Hlawga, Moeyungyi Reservoir, Ayeyarwady River, Inlay Lake.
6. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*  
Not uncommon at Moeyungyi Reservoir and Inlay Lake.
7. Great Egret *Casmerodius albus*  
Hlawga, Moeyungyi Reservoir, Ayeyarwady River, Inlay Lake.
8. Intermediate Egret *Mesophoyx intermedia*  
A few seen at Moeyungyi Reservoir and on the Ayeyarwady.
9. Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*  
Quite common throughout.
10. Indian Pond Heron *Ardeola grayii*  
Probably the most common pond heron in the south but only a couple seen going into breeding plumage.
11. Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*  
One or two on Inlay Lake.
12. Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*  
A colony at Hlawga.
13. Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*  
Two seen very well at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
14. Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*  
Huge numbers at Hlawga.
15. Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*  
One seen in flight at Hlawga.
16. Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*  
A few seen flying around just before dusk at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
17. Lesser Whistling-duck *Dendrocygna javanica*  
Very large flocks at Inlay Lake.

18. Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*  
Many on the Ayeyarwady.
19. Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*  
One spotted by Don in amongst all the other wildfowl on the Ayeyarwady.
20. Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha*  
Common at Moeyungyi Reservoir, on the Ayeyarwady and at Inlay Lake.
21. Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*  
Two on the Ayeyarwady, two at Inlay Lake.
22. Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*  
Quite a few on the Ayeyarwady, and then some more at Inlay Lake.
23. Garganey *Anas querquedula*  
Great looks at many in breeding plumage on the Moeyungyi Reservoir.
24. Red-crested Pochard *Rhodonessa rufina*  
A pair of this gorgeous duck seen well from the lookout tower on Inlay Lake.
25. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*  
One at Hlawga, one at Inlay Lake.
26. Oriental Honey-Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*  
Probably the most common raptor for us this trip, seen in a number of locations.
27. Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*  
One between Pyay and Bagan; a few at Inlay Lake.
28. Black Kite *Milvus migrans*  
One between Pyay and Bagan.
29. Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*  
Two of this handsome raptor at Hlawga, one at Kalaw.
30. Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*  
I think that at least one of the harriers we saw at Inlay Lake was this species.
31. Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus*  
A few at Moeyungyi Reservoir and Inlay Lake.
32. Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*  
Great views of two beautiful male birds quartering the grasslands on the banks of the Ayeyarwady.
33. Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*  
One seen en route to Mount Victoria.
34. Shikra *Accipiter badius*  
Seen a number of times between Yangon and Bagan.
35. Besra *Accipiter virgatus*  
One seen briefly at Hlawga.
36. Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*  
Good flight views of one at Kalaw.
37. White-eyed Buzzard *Butastur teesa*  
Fabulous scope views of a single perched bird in dry dipterocarp forest en route to Mount Victoria.

38. Himalayan Buzzard *Buteo burmanicus*  
Quite common throughout.
39. Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis*  
A couple seen on Mount Victoria.
40. Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*  
Great albeit brief views of a perched bird between Moeyungyi Reservoir and Pyay.
41. Changeable Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*  
Excellent, long scope view of a single perched bird en route to Mount Victoria.
42. Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*  
One on the Ayeyarwady River, one at Mount Victoria, two at Inlay Lake.
43. Laggar Falcon *Falco jugger*  
probably this species seen very poorly with distant views on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River.
44. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*  
One seen flying around Shwedagon Pagoda was quite dramatic; also one at Bagan and another at Mount Victoria.
45. Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus*  
Central Burma must be one of the best places in the world to see this usually rather elusive species. We enjoyed great scope views of about five birds foraging in stubble in Bagan.
46. Rain Quail *Coturnix coromandelica*  
Probably this species flushed from grassland in Bagan (during our minivet adventure).
47. Hill Partridge *Arborophila torqueola*  
Brief views for some of this very shy species in the evergreen forest on Mount Victoria.
48. Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*  
One at Hlawga, a few seen in dry dipterocarp forest near Mount Victoria.
49. Green Peafowl  
Seen and heard at Hlawga, the status of the species here is unclear but it's almost certainly introduced.
50. Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*  
A few seen on Moeyungyi Reservoir and Inlay Lake.
51. Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*  
A few at Hlawga and Inlay Lake.
52. Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra*  
Hundreds, a thousand or more, on Inlay Lake.
53. Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*  
Many at Moeyungyi Reservoir and on Inlay Lake, most in non-breeding plumage.
54. Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus*  
Far less common than the previous species, a few seen at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
55. Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus*  
A few seen on Moeyungyi Reservoir.
56. Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum*  
Brilliant close flight views of quite a few hawking for insects over Moeyungyi Reservoir.

57. Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*  
Quite a few on the Ayeyarwady River.
58. Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva*  
A couple of large flocks at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
59. Long-billed Plover *Charadrius placidus*  
One seen on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River.
60. Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*  
A few individuals seen in the south and on the banks of the Ayeyarwady at Bagan.
61. Grey-headed Lapwing *Vanellus cinereus*  
Quite a few at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
62. Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*  
One at Hlawga.
63. Pintail Snipe *Gallinago stenura*  
Probably this species at Moeyungyi Reservoir but difficult to discount Swinhoe's Snipe *Gallinago megala*.
64. Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago*  
One seen close up along the banks of the channel at Inlay Lake.
65. Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*  
Moeyungyi Reservoir, Ayeyarwady River.
66. Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*  
Moeyungyi Reservoir, Inlay Lake.
67. Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*  
A total of four seen on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River.
68. Little Stint *Calidris minuta*  
Ayeyarwady River.
69. Temminck's Stint *Calidris temmincki*  
Ayeyarwady River.
70. Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta*  
A couple seen at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
71. Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*  
Very common on Inlay Lake.
72. White-winged Black Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus*  
One seen very well at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
73. Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*  
Common at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
74. Pale-capped Pigeon *Columba punicea*  
Very brief flight view of one for Thiri and myself only at Hlawga.
75. Oriental Turtle Dove *Streptopelia orientalis*  
A couple seen at Kalaw.
76. Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*  
Common almost throughout.

77. Red Collared-Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*  
A few seen en route to Bagan.
78. Eurasian Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*  
One scoped at Phokyar.
79. Pompadour Green Pigeon *Treron pompadora*  
Very common at Phokyar.
80. Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron phoenicoptera*  
Quite a large flock seen flying and perched in dry dipterocarp forest in the lower reaches of Mount Victoria.
81. Green Imperial Pigeon *Ducula aenea*  
A few seen daily at Phokyar.
82. Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia*  
Notably scarce this year with only one sighting on Mount Victoria.
83. Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*  
A number of fly over views at Hlawga and Phokyar.
84. Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria*  
A few seen very well in dry dipterocarp forest en route to Mount Victoria.
85. Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*  
Just a couple seen in the same area.
86. Grey-headed Parakeet *Psittacula finschii*  
The most common of the parakeets we encountered en route to Mount Victoria, with a number of excellent sightings.
87. Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseate*  
A seen in the same area.
88. Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*  
Also quite common in the same area.
89. Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparverioides*  
One was hanging around our lodge on Mount Victoria throughout our stay.
90. Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*  
Common at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
91. Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea*  
Heard at Kazumna and Yangon.
92. Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*  
Great looks at this rather spectacular species at Phokyar and on Mount Victoria, just above Kanpetlet.
93. Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*  
Seen at Phokyar and near Mount Victoria.
94. Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis*  
Moeyungyi Reservoir, Bagan, Inlay Lake.
95. Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica*  
This was possibly the single mystery call we heard one morning during our fruitless frogmouth foray.
96. Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodei*  
Heard a number of times on Mount Victoria.

97. Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*  
Heard at all lowland sites, at least three were active in the garden outside our lodge at Phokyar at dusk.
98. Spotted Owlet *Athene brama*  
One rather shy bird seen at Sibsanagyi Temple, Bagan.
99. Brown Hawk-Owl *Ninox scutulata*  
Heard at Phokyar.
100. Great Eared Nightjar *Eurostopodus macrotis*  
Heard at Bagan.
101. Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus indicus*  
Excellent flight and perched views of this species along the road on Mount Victoria.
102. Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus*  
Heard at Bagan.
103. Himalayan Swiftlet *Collocalia brevirostris*  
Mount Victoria, Kalaw.
104. Germain's Swiftlet *Collocalia germani*  
Hlawga, Ayeyarwady River.
105. Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*  
Just one seen zooming overhead on Mount Victoria.
106. Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*  
Common at most lowland site.
107. Fork-tailed Swift *Apus pacificus*  
A few seen at Inlay Lake.
108. House Swift *Apus affinis*  
A few around Bagan.
109. Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata*  
Just a couple en route to Mount Victoria.
110. Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus*  
Heard and glimpsed at Phokyar.
111. Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*  
One or two seen at Moeyungyi Reservoir, the Ayeyarwady and at Inlay.
112. White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
Quite common at Hlawga, Phokyar, Bagan and Inlay.
113. Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*  
Great views of quite a few birds perched and hunting on the Ayeyarwady River.
114. Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*  
Heard at Phokyar.
115. Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis*  
Common around Bagan and Inlay Lake .
116. Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*  
Up to 12 seen at Phokyar.

117. Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*  
Twenty seen at Hlawga.
118. Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*  
Common in the lowland areas.
119. Dollarbird *Eurystomous orientalis*  
A total of three seen at Phokyar.
120. Hoopoe *Upupa epops*  
A number were seen around Bagan.
121. Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*  
Up to 20 seen daily at Phokyar, where we saw them going in to and out of the roost.
122. Great Barbet *Megalaima virens*  
Heard daily and one seen on Mount Victoria.
123. Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*  
Very common in the dry dipterocarp forest throughout.
124. Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii*  
Definitely heard frequently and a few seen well on Mount Victoria.
125. Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica*  
Great scope looks at one very cooperative bird at Yayakan, Kalaw.
126. Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*  
Scoped at Phokyar.
127. Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*  
Seen and heard at Phokyar, Bagan and Kalaw.
128. Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla*  
This wonderful bird was seen a few times at Moeyungyi Reservoir and Bagan.
129. Grey-capped Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*  
Heard on Mount Victoria.
130. Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei*  
Possibly this species seen in very poor light at Phokyar.
131. Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus*  
We enjoyed multiple looks at this striking woodpecker on Mount Victoria.
132. Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis*  
A great encounter with a pair on Mount Victoria.
133. White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*  
This huge woodpecker was seen well in flight in the dry dipterocarp forest at the base of Mount Victoria.
134. Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*  
One or two on the lower slopes of Mount Victoria
135. Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*  
Superb scope views of this normally elusive woodpecker on Mount Victoria.

## PASSERINES

136. **Burmese Bushlark** *Mirafra microptera*  
Great looks of this locally common bird at the Sibsanagyi Temple at Bagan.
137. Sand Lark *Calandrella raytal*  
A few seen on the banks of the Ayeyarwady River.
138. Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*  
Just one on the banks of the Ayeyarwady.
139. Sand Martin (Bank Swallow) *Riparia riparia*  
Ayeyarwady River.
140. Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola*  
Less common than the above species on the Ayeyarwady, also at Kalaw.
141. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*  
Common throughout.
142. Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii*  
A congregation of a few around a small dam near Kalaw.
143. Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*  
A few at Moeyungyi Reservoir and Inlay Lake.
144. Striated Swallow *Hirundo striolata*  
A couple at least, with dark hind-collars, were seen near Mount Victoria.
145. Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus*  
A flock noted on Mount Victoria.
146. Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*  
One seen briefly at Hlawga.
147. Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba*  
A few noted throughout but especially common on the banks of the Ayeyarwady, where hundreds were seen feeding on the abundant insect life.
148. Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola*  
Up to three seen on the banks of the Ayeyarwady.
149. Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*  
A few in the Bagan area.
150. Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*  
One seen near the Ayeyarwady.
151. Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis*  
Excellent looks at this scarce species en route to Mount Victoria.
152. Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodsoni*  
Very common on Mount Victoria.
153. Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*  
A few seen in thick fog at Moeyungyi Reservoir.
154. Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*  
One at Hlawga.

155. Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris*  
Very common by voice and a couple seen well in pine forest en route to Yayayekan Reservoir.
156. Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*  
Quite common at Hlawga, Phokyar and Mount Victoria.
157. Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii*  
Excellent looks at this handsome bird in the evergreen forest on Mount Victoria and Yayayekan Reservoir.
158. Large Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina macei*  
A total of three recorded from Mount Victoria.
159. Indochinese Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina poilioptera*  
Recorded at Hlawga and Phokyar.
160. Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina melaschistos*  
Two seen well at Hlawga.
161. Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*  
Common at Hlawga.
162. **Jerdon's Minivet** *Pericrocotus albifrons*  
After a frenzied search we tracked down this increasingly scarce bird in dry woodland around Sibsanagyi Temple at Bagan.
163. Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris*  
Quite common on Mount Victoria.
164. Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus*  
Seen daily on Mount Victoria.
165. Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris*  
Just a few seen on Mount Victoria.
166. Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*  
Four seen in the dry dipterocarp forest on the lower slopes of Mount Victoria.
167. Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*  
Two recorded at Phokyar.
168. Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*  
Phokyar.
169. Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons*  
Common on the lower slopes of Mount Victoria.
170. Striated Bulbul *Pycnonotus striatus*  
A few seen daily on Mount Victoria.
171. Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*  
A few seen at Phokyar.
172. Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus*  
Seen daily at Hlawga and Phokyar.
173. Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus*  
Recorded at Moeyungyi Reservoir and Inlay Lake.
174. Brown-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus xanthornus*  
Heard only at Kalaw.

175. Red-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus cafer*  
Everyone's favourite – seen everywhere! Possibly the most common bird in Burma.
176. Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster*  
Just a few near Kalaw.
177. Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens*  
Recorded at Mount Victoria and Kalaw.
178. Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi*  
Very common in the Bagan area.
179. Mountain Bulbul *Hypsipetes mcclllandii*  
Uncommon on Mount Victoria and at Kalaw.
180. Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*  
Just a couple seen at Phokyar and Mount Victoria.
181. Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*  
Probably this species seen flying over at Mount Victoria.
182. Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*  
Great views at Phokyar and in the foothills of Mount Victoria.
183. Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*  
Seen daily at Hlawga and Phokyar.
184. Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush *Monticola rufiventris*  
A total of three recorded from Mount Victoria.
185. Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*  
One male seen perched on a rock at Kalaw.
186. Eyebrowed Thrush *Turdus obscurus*  
A few seen foraging on the roadside on Mount Victoria.
187. Orange-flanked Bush Robin *Tarsiger cyanurus*  
Common and cooperative on Mount Victoria.
188. Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis*  
Bagan and Kalaw.
189. White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*  
Seen well at Hlawga, heard at Phokyar.
190. Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis*  
Seen regularly on Mount Victoria.
191. White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti*  
Heard and glimpsed at Yayayekan Reservoir.
192. Spotted Forktail *Enicurus maculatus*  
Heard near the summit of Mount Victoria.
193. Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquate*  
Common at Phokyar and Kalaw.
194. White-tailed Stonechat *Saxicola leucura*  
Great looks at this restricted range species in tall grasses on the banks of the Ayeyarwady.

195. Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*  
Seen daily on Mount Victoria and at Inlay Lake.
196. Jerdon's Bushchat *Saxicola jerdoni*  
A total of at least 14 individuals were seen on Inlay Lake, now possibly the only place where one can hope to see this species so easily.
197. Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea*  
Seen daily on Mount Victoria and at Kalaw.
198. Chestnut-headed Tesia *Tesia castaneocoronata*  
Many were heard on Mount Victoria but none cooperated this year.
199. Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler *Cettia fortipes*  
Heard frequently and one seen well on Mount Victoria.
200. Aberrant Bush Warbler *Cettia flavolivacea*  
Heard at Mount Victoria.
201. Brown Bush Warbler *Bradypterus luteoventris*  
One seen in thick undergrowth at Mount Victoria.
202. Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*  
Good looks at a couple in thick grasses on the banks of Moeyungyi Reservoir.
203. Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*  
Common, conspicuous and unusually confiding at Moeyungyi Reservoir and Inlay Lake .
204. Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*  
Recorded from Phokyar, Inlay Lake and Kalaw.
205. Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*  
Heard at Phokyar.
206. Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*  
Heard at Phokyar.
207. Tickell's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis*  
One seen at Sibsanagyi.
208. Buff-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus subaffinis*  
A few on Mount Victoria.
209. Yellow-streaked Warbler *Phylloscopus armandii*  
One from Mount Victoria.
210. Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*  
Many seen on Mount Victoria.
211. Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher*  
Very common on Mount Victoria.
212. Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis*  
A total of four recorded from Mount Victoria.
213. Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*  
Seen and heard at Hlawga and Phokyar.
214. Hume's Warbler *Phylloscopus humei*  
A few at Kalaw.

215. Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*  
A few seen near our lodge at Mount Victoria.
216. Blyth's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides*  
Recorded on Mount Victoria.
217. White-tailed Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus davisoni*  
One or two daily on Mount Victoria.
218. Grey-crowned Warbler *Seicercus tephrocephalus*  
Just one near the summit on Mount Victoria.
219. Whistler's Warbler *Seicercus whistleri*  
Excellent looks at a few birds on Mount Victoria.
220. Bianchi's Warbler  
Two recorded at Kalaw.
221. Grey-hooded Warbler *Seicercus xanthoschistos*  
One or two on the lower slopes of Mount Victoria.
222. Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps*  
A few in mixed feeding flocks on Mount Victoria.
223. Broad-billed Warbler *Tickellia hodgsoni*  
One seen briefly in a mixed flock on Mount Victoria.
224. Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*  
A few seen perched up and singing on Inlay Lake.
225. Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*  
Recorded at Moeyungyi Reservoir and the Ayeyarwady.
226. Black-throated (Hill) Prinia *Prinia atrogularis*  
Two or three on Mount Victoria.
227. Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii*  
Common around Bagan.
228. Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*  
Common by voice on Inlay Lake.
229. Slaty-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula hodgsonii*  
One seen on Mount Victoria.
230. Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophitata*  
This attractive flycatcher was not common but seen regularly on Mount Victoria.
231. Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*  
Recorded at Hlawga, Phokyar, Mount Victoria and Kalaw.
232. Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni*  
Recorded regularly on Mount Victoria.
233. Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor*  
Seen poorly on Mount Victoria but we then had excellent looks at a single bird at Kalaw.
234. Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina*  
One or two at Mount Victoria and Yayayekan Reservoir.

235. Large Niltava *Niltava grandis*  
Great looks at 3-4 on Mount Victoria.
236. Grey-headed Flycatcher *Culicacapa ceylonensis*  
One seen at Phokyar, heard at Hlawga, Mount Victoria and Yayayekan Reservoir.
237. Yellow-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hypoxantha*  
This cute bird was seen frequently on Mount Victoria, made conspicuous by its foraging behaviour.
238. White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis*  
One or two on a few days on Mount Victoria.
239. White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola*  
Up to three at Phokyar.
240. Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*  
Seen and heard daily at Hlawga and Phokyar.
241. Asian Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*  
Thiri and I had one that flew into the window of our cabin at Phokyar, fortunately it recovered and flew off.
242. Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*  
Heard on a number of occasions at Phokyar.
243. Spot-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis*  
Very vocal but more easily heard than seen, we eventually enticed one bird out and had a great view at Mount Victoria.
244. Rusty-cheeked Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrocnemis*  
Two seen briefly at Kalaw.
245. White-browed Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*  
Up to three seen very well in dry dipterocarp forest at Phokyar.
246. Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis*  
A few seen well on Mount Victoria.
247. Scaly-breasted Wren Babbler *Pnoepyga albiventer*  
One seen near the summit of Mount Victoria.
248. Spotted Wren Babbler *Spelaeornis formosus*  
Heard briefly on Mount Victoria.
249. Chin Hills (Long-tailed) Wren Babbler *Spelaeornis oatesi* NE  
After initially struggling to see this little dumpling on legs on Mount Victoria, we found a very responsive bird in a small gully that showed off admirably.
- Note: Rasmussen & Anderton treat this as a species distinct from the other Long-tailed Wren Babbler taxa *reptatus* and *chocolatinus*. Its range is restricted to W Myanmar and adjacent Mizoram.
250. Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyris rufifrons*  
Seen and heard at Phokyar.
251. Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea*  
Heard on Mount Victoria, seen well at Yayayekan Reservoir.
252. Striped Tit Babbler *Macronus gularis*  
Seen daily at Phokyar.

253. Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense*  
A couple of large congregations seen cavorting in the brush in the Bagan area.
254. **White-throated Babbler** *Turdoides gularis*  
After some initial tension we eventually found this bird to be very common and confiding, especially in the gardens of our hotel in Bagan!
255. Mount Victoria (Chinese) Babax *Babax [lanceolatus] woodi*  
They put up a bit of a fight this year but we found a group in thick bamboo on Mount Victoria that gave us a great show.

Note: Rasmussen & Anderton split this from Chinese Babax, although Collar disagreed.

256. Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argenteauris*  
This colourful babbler seen well at Yayayekan Reservoir.
257. Cutia *Cutia nipalensis*  
Definitely a trip highlight – it's not often you get to have a long lunch under a tree adorned with foraging Cutias!
258. White-browed Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapris*  
Heard and seen a few times on Mount Victoria.
259. Green Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius xanthochlorus*  
A number of sightings of this rather inconspicuous bird in mixed flocks on Mount Victoria.
260. Black-eared Shrike Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis*  
Also seen in mixed flocks on Mount Victoria.
261. Rusty-fronted Barwing *Actinodura egertoni*  
A brief encounter with a small group in scrub at lower altitude on Mount Victoria.
262. Spectacled Barwing *Actinodura ramsayi*  
Although rather elusive at first we managed excellent views in the end as we walked into Yayayekan Reservoir at Kalaw.
263. Streak-throated Barwing *Actinodura waldeni* NE  
Great looks at this rather scarce bird on Mount Victoria.
264. Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera*  
Not uncommon on Mount Victoria.
265. Chestnut-tailed Minla *Minla strigula*  
Quite common in mixed feeding flocks on Mount Victoria.
266. Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta*  
A few sightings of this striking species on Mount Victoria.
267. Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps*  
One seen briefly on Mount Victoria.
268. White-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe vinipectus*  
Quite common in scrubby vegetation on Mount Victoria.
269. Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poioicephala*  
One of the more common birds at Phokyar.
270. Nepal Fulvetta *Alcippe nipalensis*  
Seen briefly in a mixed feeding flock on Mount Victoria.

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271. Grey Sibia *Heterophasia gracilis*  
Delightfully common at higher altitudes on Mount Victoria.
272. Dark-backed Sibia *Heterophasia melanoleuca*  
Many heard and seen at Yayayekan Reservoir.
273. Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis*  
Up to six seen daily on Mount Victoria.
274. Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis*  
A rather spectacular babbler seen in mixed feeding flocks on a few occasions on Mount Victoria.
275. White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*  
Heard daily at Phokyar but rather elusive.
276. Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax pectoralis*  
Brief but excellent looks at a typically raucous group in the foothills of Mount Victoria.
277. White-browed Laughingthrush *Garrulax sannio*  
Brief looks at a rather elusive group in a garden at Kalaw.
278. Striped Laughingthrush *Garrulax virgatus* NE  
Great views of this restricted range bird in the open woodland near our lodge at Mount Victoria.
279. Brown-capped laughinthrush *Garrulax austeni* NE  
This usually skulking and elusive bird showed exceptionally well on Mount Victoria; another babbler with a very restricted range, confined to restricted to western Burma and adjacent parts of India.
280. Blue-winged Laughingthrush *Garrulax squamatus*  
This laugher really is a super skulker and we only managed brief glimpses on Mount Victoria.
281. Assam Laughingthrush *Garrulax chrysopterus* NE  
Common and seen well on Mount Victoria.

Note: This is split from Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *G. erythrocephalus* by Rasmussen & Anderton.

282. Silver-eared Laughingthrush *Garrulax melanostigma*  
Very elusive and only heard at Yayayekan Reservoir.

Note: This split follows a paper by Collar N.J., "A partial revision of the Asian Babblers: Forktail 22" where *all* the forms of Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush are treated, this taxon shows a black face and silver cheeks, with a chestnut cap and obvious black primary coverts. The range is E & SE Myanmar, N Thailand, N & C Laos, NW Vietnam and SE Yunnan.

283. Red-faced Liocichla *Liocichla phoenicea*  
Good albeit it brief views of a couple on Mount Victoria.
284. Black-bibbed Tit *Parus hypermelaena*  
This near endemic proved a little tricky, with a couple of brief encounters on Mount Victoria.
285. Great Tit *Parus major*  
Up to three seen at Kalaw.
286. Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus*  
Regularly seen on Mount Victoria.
287. **Burmese Tit** *Aegithalos sharpei*  
This is a recent split and now treated as an endemic, seen well on Mount Victoria.

288. Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus*  
A few seen in mixed feeding flocks on Mount Victoria.
289. Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis*  
A few seen daily on Mount Victoria and at Kalaw.
290. **White-browed Nuthatch** *Sitta victoriae*  
This highly sought-after and handsome species was seen very well and relatively easily this year at the summit of Mount Victoria.
291. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*  
Two seen in dry dipterocarp forest at Phokyar.
292. Bar-tailed Treecreeper *Certhia himalayana*  
One or two on most days on Mount Victoria.
293. Manipur Treecreeper *Certhia manipurensis*  
Also seen on most days on Mount Victoria.

Note: This is a recently split taxon found in South-east Asia and South-western China, separated from Brown-throated Treecreeper *C. discolor* that occurs in the Himalayas.

294. Purple Sunbird *Nectarinia asiatica*  
Two or three daily at Phokyar, Bagan and Kalaw.
295. Mrs Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae*  
A few seen at Mount Victoria.
296. Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis*  
A total of three seen on the lower slopes of Mount Victoria.
297. Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata*  
Two at Yayayekan Reservoir.
298. Eastern Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja*  
One seen well at Phokyar.
299. Fire-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga ignicauda*  
Common in the higher areas of Mount Victoria.
300. Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra*  
Two at Phokyar.
301. Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna*  
One fly over in the dry forest on the lower slopes of Mount Victoria.
302. Thick-billed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum agile*  
Common at Phokyar.
303. Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus*  
A few seen on Mount Victoria.
304. Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*  
Seen at Hlawga, Phokyar and Bagan.
305. Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleura*  
A single large flock seen well at Mount Victoria.

306. Japanese White-eye *Zosterops japonica*  
Just heard at Kalaw.
307. Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosa*  
Seen at Hlawga.
308. Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*  
Common around Bagan and Kalaw.
309. Burmese Shrike *Lanius colluriooides*  
This very handsome bird was seen well at Mount Victoria and Kalaw.
310. Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*  
Up to three seen at Kalaw.
311. Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*  
Common in open areas throughout.
312. Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*  
Common in forest at Phokyar, Mount Victoria and Kalaw.
313. Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*  
A few seen at Phokyar and Kalaw.
314. Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentotus*  
Common at a number of sites but a congregation of over 50 in the Phokyar forest was notable.
315. Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*  
Up to four seen daily at Phokyar and Hlawga.
316. Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*  
Seen at Hlawga and Bagan.
317. Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius*  
Just one very responsive bird at Yayayekan Reservoir.
318. Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhuncha*  
This charismatic species seen very well on a number of occasions at Phokyar, Mount Victoria and Kalaw.
319. Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda*  
Seen in small numbers at Phokyar, Bagan and Kalaw.
320. Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae*  
A total of five seen on Mount Victoria.
321. **Hooded Treepie *Crypsirina cucullata***  
Thanks to some good work by Thiri, we enjoyed excellent long views of this handsome endemic en route to Bagan; we then found another in dry forest near the Sibsanagyi temple in Bagan.
322. House Crow *Corvus splendens*  
Ubiquitous.
323. Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchus*  
A few at Phokyar and Kalaw.
324. Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus*  
One or two seen near Pyay, en route to Bagan.
325. Asian Pied Starling *Sturnus contra*  
Two at Moeyungyi Reservoir.

326. Black-collared Starling *Sturnus nigricollis*  
Many seen flying to and from the roost at our hotel in Kalaw.
327. Vinous-breasted Starling *Sturnus burmannicus*  
Common in the Mount Victoria area.
328. Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*  
Common in the lowland areas throughout.
329. White-vented Myna *Acridotheres grandis*  
A few around Yangon and Bagan.
330. Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*  
Common and conspicuous at Phokyar.
331. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*
332. Russet Sparrow *Passer rutilans*  
Just a couple seen at Kalaw.
333. Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*
334. Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus*  
Common around Bagan.
335. Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*  
Over 100 seen in the Bagan area.
336. Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*  
Quite common in the Kalaw area.
337. Yellow-breasted Greenfinch *Carduelis spinoides*  
Great looks at this rather scarce species on a couple of occasions on Mount Victoria.
338. Black-headed Greenfinch *Carduelis ambigua*  
Generally seen in stands of pines at Kalaw.
339. Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus*  
A few seen on Mount Victoria.
340. Crested Bunting *Melophus lathami*  
Excellent scope views of a single bird at Yayayekan Reservoir.
341. Little Bunting *Emberiza pusilla*  
Quite common on Mount Victoria.

## MAMMALS

Burmese (Black-tailed) Hare *Lepus peguensis*  
One seen at the Sabsanagyi Pagoda, Bagan.

Irrawaddy Squirrel *Callosciurus pygerythrus*  
Common in the lowland areas.

Variable Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysoni*  
A few seen here and there.

Burmese Three-striped Squirrel *Tamiops mccllellandii*  
Quite common on Mount Victoria.

Orange-bellied Squirrel *Dremomys lokriah*  
One or two seen on Mount Victoria.

Sambar Deer *Rusa unicolor*  
Common at Hlawga Park.

Hog Deer *Axis porcinus*  
On size alone I've discounted Eld's Deer, and this is almost certainly the small deer that we saw at Hlawga. I suspect this population is introduced here, though.

Rhesus Macaque *Macaca mulatta*  
Many at Hlawga.



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