

SULAWESI & HALMAHERA

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Diabolical Nightjar © Susan Myers

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We enjoyed some excellent birding in this wonderful and little-known part of the world, despite some difficult conditions, most likely due to this year's La Nina event. According to the U.S. National Weather Service, during October "convection remained enhanced over Indonesia." Since our visit, a number of Indonesian publications have been commenting on the unseasonably early onset of the rainy season due to the effects of La Nina. On top of this, 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 further 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 point-blank views of the newly split Olive-flanked Whistler, now in a monotypic family—so much anticipated by a few. We also scored well with amazing looks at the sensational Purple-bearded Bee-eater, followed by a Diabolical Nightjar at arm's-length. Super looks at Red-eared Fruit-Doves, a hunting Small Sparrowhawk, Rusty-bellied Fantails, and Blue-fronted Flycatchers topped off an excellent day.

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. 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. Along the road, the groups of Malias proved frustrating; although we saw many, it was hard to get good looks at the flighty birds, especially in the overcast conditions. Raptors also occasionally put in appearances and we had some great looks at Barred Honey-buzzards, Rufous-bellied Eagle, and Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle. 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, Halmahera Cuckoo-shrike, Halmahera Oriole, and Cream-throated White-eyes, while Gurney's Eagles soared overhead. A tough hike took us to a Wallace's Standardwing lek where we watched them 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 Paradise Crow, White-streaked Friarbird, Gray-headed Fruit-Dove, Sombre Kingfisher, 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 we observed six species including four endemics—Green-backed, Sulawesi Dwarf, Lilac-cheeked, and Great-billed (at nearby Manado). Another standout bird was the stunning Red-backed Thrush, which showed beautifully along the main entrance road. The magnificent Knobbed Hornbill showed well for us, as did Tabon Scrubfowl, White-faced Cuckoo-Dove (Sulawesi Black Pigeon), Gray-headed Imperial-Pigeon, the appropriately-named Ornate Lorikeet, and many more. At the lookout we had such good views of the racquet-tails that we were even able to see their racquets! The icing on the cake was a pair of fabulous Sulawesi Masked Owls in the cliffside cave seen on our boating adventure.

We finished our trip with a visit to the improbably named Bogani Nani Wartabone National Park. The highlight here was undoubtedly our visit to Toraut where we were able to see that largest of the megapodes, the Maleo. We watched a single bird through the scope for some time, showing off his beautiful pinkish plumage! We had more great looks at a number of raptors including Spotted Harrier, which has such 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 put on a great show.

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Annotated Bird List

(E) = endemic

NON-PASSERINES

Ducks, Geese & Swans: Anatidae

Sunda Teal *Anas gibberifrons* (6) on a small pond en route to Kota Mobagu.

Megapodes: Megapodidae

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

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

Tabon Scrubfowl *Megapodius cumingii* (3) at Tangkoko.

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

Boobies & Gannets Sulidae

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* (2) seen as we travelled to and from Ternate.

Frigatebirds Fregatidae

Great Frigatebird *Fregata minor* (1) offshore from Ternate.

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel* (>80) many offshore at Tangkoko.

Hérons, Egrets & Bitterns Ardeidae

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* many en route to and around 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 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* (1) near Palu, (1) Tangkoko.

Hawks, Eagles & Kites Accipitridae

Pacific Baza *Aviceda subcristata rufa* (1) one seen by some en route to Tobelo.

Barred Honey-buzzard *Pernis celebensis* (2) Lore Lindu, (4) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (3) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus* very common throughout on Halmahera.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (6) Tangkoko.

Sulawesi Serpent-Eagle (E) *Spilornis rufipectus* (2) at Toraut.

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis* (1) over rice paddies near Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Chinese Goshawk *Accipiter soloensis* (1) Tangkoko.

Moluccan Goshawk (E) *Accipiter henicogrammus* (1) hunting over the canopy at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Small Sparrowhawk (E) *Accipiter nanus* (3) possibly the same bird seen twice near the lake at Lore Lindu NP, another seen well on the Anaso Trail, Lore Lindu NP.

Vinous-breasted Sparrowhawk (E) *Accipiter rhodogaster* (1) confusingly similar to the previous species but the tail pattern would indicate that this is the species we saw at Tangkoko.

Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* (1) seen by some en route to Sidangoli.

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis* (1) similar in appearance to Gurney's Eagle, but it was this species flying over our accommodation at Wuasa near Lore Lindu NP.

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

Rufous-bellied Eagle *Lophotrioichis kienerii* (1) at Danau Tambin, Lore Lindu NP.

Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle (E) *Nisaetus lanceolatus* (1) in flight at Lore Lindu NP, (1) perched at the ridge lookout at Tangkoko.

Falcons & Caracaras Falconidae

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

Rails, Gallinules & Coots Rallidae

Barred Rail *Gallirallus torquatus* (4) Tangkoko, (3) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Isabelline Bush-hen (E) *Amaurornis isabellina* (2) on the roadside at Tangkoko.

Plovers & Lapwings Charadriidae

Greater Sand-Plover *Charadrius leschenaultii* (4) at the pier at the Santika, Manado.

Sandpipers & Allies Scolopacidae

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* (1) at the pier at the Santika, Manado.

Gray-tailed Tattler *Tringa brevipes* (1) at the pier at the Santika, Manado.

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* (2) at the Santika, Manado.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres* (1) at the pier at the Santika, Manado.

Buttonquails Turnicidae

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator rufilata* (1) probably this species flushed at Tangkoko, when looking for nightjars.

Gulls Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Bridled Tern *Onychoprion anaethetus* many en route to Sidangoli from Ternate.

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons* (2) around the pier at Ternate.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* (1) Tobelo; many en route to Kota Mobagu.

Black-naped Tern *Sterna sumatrana* very common around Tangkoko.

Great Crested Tern *Thalasseus bergii* (1) en route to Galela, 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 (Brown) Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia amboinensis albicapilla* (S) *M. a. batchianensis* (H) very common in forested areas on Sulawesi.

White-faced Cuckoo-Dove (Sulawesi Black Pigeon) (E) *Turacoena manadensis* (6) sensational looks at this impressive bird on a number of occasions at Tangkoko.

Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica* 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 en route to Lore Lindu NP.

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata* a few seen in urban areas around Palu and Manado.

Gray-cheeked Green Pigeon *Treron griseicauda* (2) Tangkoko, (4) a few more at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Red-eared Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus fischeri centralis* (3) spectacular scope looks of some birds feeding in a fruiting tree on the Anaso Trail, Lore Lindu NP.

Maroon-chinned Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus subularis* (H) on the Molibagu Road, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Superb Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus superbus temmincki* (2) Lore Lindu NP, (1) Tangkoko.

Blue-capped Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus monacha* (1) brief looks at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Gray-headed Fruit-Dove (E) *Ptilinopus hyogastrus* very common on Halmahera.

Black-naped Fruit-Dove *Ptilinopus melanospilus* (7) one or two seen daily at Tangkoko and Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

White-bellied Imperial-Pigeon (E) *Ducula forsteni* (2) very brief flyover looks at near Manado; heard at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Gray-headed Imperial-Pigeon (E) *Ducula radiata* (1) Tangkoko, (1) Molibagu Road, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Green Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula aenea paulina* many seen daily at Tangkoko, also recorded from Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

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

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

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

Cockatoos Cacatuidae

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

White Cockatoo (E) *Cacatua alba* (1) great scope looks at Daru, Halmahera.

Parrots, Macaws & Allies Psittacidae

Violet-necked Lory *Eos squamata ricineata* (2) in flight en route to Tobelo.

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

Yellow-and-green Lorikeet (E) *Trichoglossus flavoviridis meyeri* (3) frustratingly flighty at Danau Tambin, Lore Lindu NP.

Chattering Lory (E) *Lorius garrulus garrulus* (H) at Tobelo.

Red-flanked Lorikeet *Charmosyna placentis* 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* (50) Tangkoko.

Golden-mantled Racquet-tail (E) *Prioniturus platurus* (2) with the above species at Tangkoko.

Great-billed Parrot *Tanygnathus megalorhynchus* (1) Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

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

Eclectus Parrot *Eclectus roratus vosmaeri* (3) Halmahera.

Large Sulawesi Hanging-Parrot (E) *Loriculus stigmatus* (1) Lore Lindu NP in flight over Danau Tambing; many at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Moluccan Hanging-Parrot (E) *Loriculus amabilis* (4) 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 Bogani Nani Wartabone NP. (recently Oriental Cuckoo has been split three ways – the bird that migrates to this region is now known as Himalayan.)

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

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo *Cacomantis sepulcralis virescens* (1) Lore Lindu NP.

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

Yellow-billed Malkoha (E) *Phaenicophaeus calyrorhynchus* (3) Lore Lindu NP, (2) Tangkoko, (6) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP. A really spectacular species!

Bay Coucal (E) *Centropus celebensis* (2) around the Santika, Manado; (2) Toraut, Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Goliath Coucal (E) *Centropus goliath* (2) great looks at this impressive species en route to Tobelo, Halmahera.

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis* (1) near Makassar, (3) Tangkoko.

Barn-Owls Tytonidae

Sulawesi Masked Owl (E) *Tyto rosenbergii rosenbergii* (2) a pair showed really well in the cliffside cave at Tangkoko.

Owls Strigidae

Moluccan Scops-Owl (E) *Otus magicus leucospilus* (H) heard nightly on Halmahera but remained very secretive – and rain and strong winds did not help our chances...

Sulawesi Scops-Owl (E) *Otus manadensis* (1) excellent looks at Tangkoko.

Moluccan Hawk-Owl (E) *Ninox squamipila* (H) heard at Kali Batu Putih.

Speckled Hawk-Owl (E) *Ninox punctulata* (1) super looks at a flighty bird in a cacao plantation at Lore Lindu NP.

Cinnabar Hawk-Owl (E) *Ninox ios* (1) great success at Lore Lindu NP!

Nighthjars & Allies Caprimulgidae

Diabolical Nighthjar (E) *Eurostopodus diabolicus* (1) point blank looks at Lore Lindu NP on the Anaso Trail.

Great Eared-Nighthjar *Eurostopodus macrotis macropterus* (1) Wuasa, Lore Lindu NP.

Large-tailed Nighthjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* (H) Halmahera.

Sulawesi Nighthjar (E) *Caprimulgus celebensis* (2) in the chigger paddock at Tangkoko.

Savanna Nighthjar *Caprimulgus affinis* (8) great looks in scrub en route to Lore Lindu NP.

Swifts Apodidae

Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta* seen 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.

Asian Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis* seen en route to Lore Lindu NP.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Gray-rumped Treeswift *Hemiproctus longipennis* quite common around Lore Lindu NP and Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* (1) at the Santika, Manado.

Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher (E) *Ceyx fallax* (1) fabulous looks at Tangkoko.

Lilac-cheeked Kingfisher (E) *Cittura cyanotis cyanotis* (1) a birthday present for Sharon at Tangkoko!

Black-billed (Great-billed) Kingfisher (E) *Pelargopsis melanorhyncha* (1) great find at the Santika, Manado!

Ruddy Kingfisher *Halcyon coromanda* (2) yet another stunning kingfisher at Tangkoko.

Blue-and-white Kingfisher (E) *Todiramphus diops* (2) a pair studied at length at Kali Batu Putih, 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.

Beach Kingfisher *Todiramphus saurophagus* (1) lucky to get great looks at this scarce bird.

Sacred Kingfisher *Todiramphus sanctus* one seen at Manado by some.

Green-backed Kingfisher (E) *Actenoides monachus monachus* (4) great close looks at Tangkoko.

Common Paradise-Kingfisher *Tanysiptera galatea browningi* (H) so close!

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Purple-bearded Bee-eater (E) *Meropogon forsteni* (4) a real crowd pleaser on the Anaso Trail, Lore Lindu NP.

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

Rollers Coraciidae

Purple-winged Roller (E) *Coracias temminckii* (3) Lore Lindu NP, (1) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Sulawesi Dwarf Hornbill (E) *Penelopides exarhatus exarhatus* (2) good albeit distant views at Tangkoko.

Knobbed Hornbill (E) *Aceros cassidix* (2) distant looks at Lore Lindu NP, (5) much better, in fact, amazing looks at Tangkoko.

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

Woodpeckers & Allies Picidae

Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker (E) *Dendrocopos temminckii* (2) Lore Lindu NP, (2) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Ashy Woodpecker (E) *Mulleripicus fulvus fulvus* (3) Tangkoko, (2) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

PASSERINES

Pittas Pittidae

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

Red-bellied Pitta *Pitta erythrogaster celebensis* (2) excellent looks at Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Honeyeaters Meliphagidae

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

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

White-streaked Friarbird (E) *Melitograis gilolensis* (3) some cooperative birds at Tobelo.

Dark-eared (Lesser Sulawesi) Honeyeater (E) *Myza celebensis* (2) Lore Lindu NP.

Greater Streaked (Greater Sulawesi) Honeyeater (E) *Myza sarasinorum* a few at Lore Lindu NP and (1) showed very well on Gunung Ambang.

Thornbills Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea flaveola* (2) seen or heard daily in Lore Lindu NP.

Woodswallows Artamidae

White-backed (Ivory-backed) Woodswallow (E) *Artamus monachus* (1) amazingly we only saw one on the Molibagu road.

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

Cuckoo-Shrikes Campephagidae

Pied Cuckoo-shrike (E) *Coracina bicolor* (2) excellent looks at two deep in the forest at Tangkoko.

Cerulean Cuckoo-shrike (E) *Coracina temminckii* (5) Lore Lindu NP, (3) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

White-rumped Cuckoo-shrike (E) *Coracina leucopygia* (3) Karaenta, (7) Tangkoko.

White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina papuensis* (6) Tobelo, Halmahera.

Halmahera Cuckoo-shrike (E) *Coracina parvula* (1) Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Common Cicadabird *Coracina tenuirostris grayi* (1) Lore Lindu NP.

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

White-rumped (Sulawesi) Triller (E) *Lalage leucopygialis* (4) Tangkoko.

Rufous-bellied Triller (E) *Lalage aurea* (3) a few good sightings on Halmahera.

Whistlers Pachycephalidae

Sulphur-bellied (Yellow-vented) Whistler (E) *Pachycephala sulfuriventer* common at Lore Lindu NP, (1) Gunung Ambang.

Golden Whistler *Pachycephala pectoralis mentalis* (1) heard often but quite tricky to track down on Halmahera.

Drab Whistler (E) *Pachycephala griseonota cinerascens* (H) at Tobelo, Halmahera.

Old World Orioles Oriolidae

Halmahera Oriole (E) *Oriolus phaeochromus* (2) good looks 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* common 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* (11) this appealing species was seen regularly at Lore Lindu NP.

Monarch Flycatchers Monarchidae

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea puella* (3) Tangkoko, (1) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

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

Shining Flycatcher *Myiagra alecto alecto* (2) Tobelo, Halmahera.

Crows, Jays & Magpies Corvidae

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

Piping Crow (E) *Corvus typicus* (5) brilliant looks at this interesting bird at Danau Taming, Lore Lindu NP.

Long-billed Crow (E) *Corvus validus* (1) a brief but good look at Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Birds-of-Paradise Paradisaeidae

Paradise-crow (E) *Lycocorax pyrrhopterus* (2) Kali Batu Putih, (2) Tobelo, Halmahera.

Wallace's Standardwing (E) *Semioptera wallacii* (4) at the lek at Kali Batu Putih.

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* (3) Lore Lindu NP, (4) Gunung Ambang.

Bush-Warblers & Allies Cettidae

Mountain Tailorbird *Phyllergates cuculatus stentor* (7) 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 daily on Halmahera.

Leaf Warblers Phylloscopidae

Sulawesi Leaf-Warbler (E) *Phylloscopus sarasinorum* (1) Lore Lindu NP, (2) Gunung Ambang.

Grassbirds & Allies Megaluridae

Chestnut-backed Bush-Warbler (E) *Bradypterus castaneus castaneus* (3) Lore Lindu NP.

Gray's Warbler *Locustella fasciolata* (1) probably this species flushed from low brush at Tobelo.

Cisticolas & Allies Cisticolidae

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* (1) in rice paddies at Wuasa, Lore Lindu NP.

Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

Gray-streaked Flycatcher *Muscicapa griseisticta* (3) Lore Lindu NP, (3) Halmahera, (2) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* (2) Lore Lindu NP.

Island Flycatcher *Eumyias panayensis* (8) Lore Lindu NP.

Blue-fronted Flycatcher (E) *Cyornis hoevelli* (5) excellent close looks at Lore Lindu NP, both at the lake and on the Anaso trail.

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata* (1) en route to Gunung Ambang.

Thrushes & Allies Turdidae

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

Rusty-backed Thrush (E) *Zoothera erythronota* (2) one of the best birds of the trip, seen incredibly well at Tangkoko.

Great Shortwing (E) *Heinrichia calligyna calligyna* (2) brief looks at this very difficult bird at Lore Lindu NP.

Babblers Timalidae

Malia (E) *Malia grata* heard and seen daily at Lore Lindu NP, but difficult to get good looks; (H) Gunung Ambang.

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

Mountain White-eye *Zosterops montanus montanus* seen daily at Lore Lindu NP.

Lemon-bellied White-eye *Zosterops chloris mentorius* 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* (2) Lore Lindu NP, (10) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Cream-throated White-eye (E) *Zosterops atriceps* (3) Kali Batu Putih, Halmahera.

Streak-headed White-eye (E) *Lophozosterops squamiceps* (2) 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* (20+) at Tobelo, Halmahera.

Short-tailed Starling *Aplonis minor* a few at Lore Lindu NP.

White-necked Myna (E) *Streptocitta albicollis albicollis* (8) Tangkoko 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, (4) Molibagu Road.

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

Gray-sided Flowerpecker (E) *Dicaeum celebicum* (1) Lore Lindu NP, (3) Tangkoko, (3) Bogani Nani Wartabone NP.

Sunbirds & Spiderhunters Nectarinidae

Plain-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis celebensis* (1) Tangkoko.

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* (5) Molibagu Road.

Wagtails & Pipits Motacillidae

Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* a large congregation seen in fields at Gunung Ambang.

Gray Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* (3) Lore Lindu NP.

Hylocitrea Hylocitreidae

Olive-flanked (Yellow-flanked) Whistler (E) *Hylocitrea bonensis* (3) Lore Lindu NP, one on the main road, two on the Anaso Trail.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

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

Waxbills & Allies Estrildidae

Black-faced Munia *Lonchura molucca* (2) Tangkoko.

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* (4) in scrub en route to Lore Lindu NP.

MAMMALS

Sulawesi Pygmy Squirrel *Prosciurillus murinus*

Montane Long-nosed Squirrel *Hyosciurus heinrichi*

Lowland Long-nosed Squirrel *Hyosciurus ileile*

Pale Tree Squirrel *Prosciurillus leucomus*

Masked Fruit Bat *Pteropus personatus*

Spectral Tarsier *Tarsius spectrum*

HERPS & others

Green Whipsnake *Ahaetulla prasina*

Draco sp.