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**The Birds, Mammals, Reptiles and Butterflies recorded  
on  
the 2005 VENT Malay Peninsula Tour**



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# MALAY PENINSULA 2005

It is always a joy to return to Malaysia, a place I have seriously considered living in and still would if time permitted! Seeing the VENT group revel in the sophistication of the country and in particular the beauty of places such as its international airport; the modern highway infrastructure and the extraordinary, futuristic and very attractive architecture of the capital Kuala Lumpur was refreshing. And a hopeful sign that more people will come to realise what a wonderful safe and delightfully developed place this is. Then there was the food – quite simply it was delicious as were the birds, mammals and all those fabulous butterflies that Susan identified for us.

Thank you one and all for sharing with us the tropical nature of this country we love so much. To Bart, Caroline, Furry (Bill), Jerry and Nancy it was a pleasure travelling with you.

The following is a summary of our daily activities, including some of the trip's highlights together with a list of what we heard and saw. Nevertheless it only conveys part of the story and can never really express the wonderful sights and sounds of this vibrant, fascinating land, its forests, wildlife and its people.

Thank you

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## ITINERARY:

**6<sup>th</sup> August:** Batteries fully recharged we headed off early to the coastal swamps and mangroves of Kuala Selangor where a whole host of new birds and mammals awaited us including a very obliging group of Dusky Leaf-Monkeys in addition to fine looks at several species of woodpecker.

During the afternoon we repaired to the mid-slopes of the Ulu Gombak among magnificent Dipterocarp Hill forest and two pairs of the incomparable Helmeted Hornbills and some great 'scope studies of the lovely Scaly-breasted Bulbul.

**7<sup>th</sup> August:** After a brief but rather quiet couple of hours at the Ulu Gombak we continued on to that most magnificent of reserves, Taman Negara. The three hour river trip up the Tembling River was as beautiful as ever (despite that the river was unusually low) with forest accompanying us for most of the journey. Perhaps THE highlight was a good look at two immature Changeable Hawk-Eagles.

**8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August:** Four wonderful days in this gigantic national park (Taman Negara = Park National) which encompasses 4300+ sq km including Peninsula Malaysia's highest mountain, Gunung Tahan. Whilst the mountain requires an arduous ten day (or more) trek we concentrated on the rich, bio-diverse lowlands, exploring different trails each day and experiencing exciting new birds daily. Needless to say we were treated to some wonderful wildlife experiences especially drifting back along the oh so incredibly beautiful Tahan Creek. Highlights that spring to mind include: a very obliging Great Argus that walked around us not once, not twice but three

times! Superb looks at a male Crested Fireback – the sun glowing off his iridescent lower back; fabulous looks at a pair of breeding Blue-winged Pittas feeding young – they shouldn't be in Taman Negara at this time of the year; an immature Slaty-legged Crake; good looks, for some, at that most elusive of species – Malaysian Rail-babbler; a very rare Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo and whole host of nifty pigeons, Blue-rumped Parrots, Trogons and of course 'Real Birds' (Babblers for the uninitiated!). And then we had to leave ....

**12<sup>th</sup> August:** I hate leaving Taman Negara there just always seems to be too much to find and our time there is never enough. We headed back down river to Kuala Tembeling and then after lunch we made the lovely drive up to Frazer's Hill through gorgeous hill forests.

**13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August:** Birding the forests around Frazer's Hill is always a pleasure. The climate is ideal, there are lots of birds, some neat mammals and wonderful vistas over the surrounding forested main range. Undoubted highlights included a pair of Great Hornbills in flight and perching in the canopy of glorious hill forest; fabulous mixed flocks including several Silver-eared Mesias; an incredibly confiding male Siamang; numerous sightings of the characterful Sultan Tit – amazing to think it was once considered a rarity! A very confiding Lesser Shortwing; and if all that wasn't enough a fabulous group of Black Laughingthrushes and Large Scimitar-babblers whooping and hollering perhaps only outdone by a sumptuous family collection of Long-tailed Broadbills.

**15<sup>th</sup> August:** Taking our leave of this little piece of paradise we gradually worked our way down past The Gap seemingly with non-stop birds until it was time to whisk ourselves off to KLIA – Malaysia's state of the art international airport.

**We just cannot wait to go back!**

## KEY

Species with only the Latin name in bold are endemic to the Malay Peninsula

Species entirely in bold are of special interest

**T** = Listed as globally threatened by Birdlife International

**#** = Heard only

## Non-Passerines

1. Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* - 15: KS.
2. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* - 6: KS.
3. Great Egret *Casmerodius alba* - 1: KS.

**NOTE:** Also placed by some authorities in *Egretta* or *Ardea*.

4. Cattle Egret *Bulbulcus ibis* - Several in farmland.
5. Little Heron *Butorides striatus* 3: KS.

Also known as Mangrove, Striated or Green-backed Heron.

**NOTE:** The A.O.U. has recently separated North American populations of this widespread species from all other populations. Thus, birds in North America become *B. virescens* Green or Green-backed Heron. Observers would be advised to note wherever they see this species in their travels worldwide as this species is likely to be further divided into a number of allospecies.

6. Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus* - 1: KS.
7. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* - Notably common with 15+ seen at Kuala Selangor.
8. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* - One adult seen briefly, Kuala Selangor.
9. Lesser Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis* - Almost certainly this species flushed along the Sungai Tahan on afternoon. **T**
10. Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* - One along the Sungei Tembeling; one heard in flight over TN; one seen nicely in flight on the 'new road' at Frazer's Hill.
11. Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus limneetus* - Great looks at an adult perched in a tree along the Sungei Tembeling.

**NOTE:** Long treated as conspecific with *S. cirrhatus* but consistent morphological differences – especially the crest – argue for specific distinctness, as do some vocal differences. (Rasmussen & Anderton 2005)

12. Blyth's Hawk Eagle *Spizaetus alboniger* - Outstanding views of an adult soaring over hill forest on the Ula Gombak; two adults flushed from just below the canopy of hill forest along the 'New Road' at Frazer's Hill. Truly a magnificent bird.
13. Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius* - An exceptional trip for this species: One perched in a dead tree along the Sungei Tembeling; One in flight over Kuala Tahan; superb views of one perched and attacking bulbuls attending a fruiting tree with a clearing in front of the Tahan Hide; and finally a spectacular group of six congregating at dusk in a dead tree along the 'New Road' at Frazer's Hill.
14. **Malayan Partridge *Arborophila campbelli* - Thanks to some great work by Susan we all got to see this rarely observed montane endemic.**

**NOTE:** The taxonomy of the 'Bar-backed' Partridges is very complex and in need of a thorough revision. We follow Robson (2000) in treating the montane Malay Peninsula population as a separate species from Grey-breasted Partridge.
15. Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* - Several heard at Kuala Selangor and Taman Negara.
16. Crested Fireback *Lophura ignita* - Great looks at an adult male on the Jenet Muda Trail, Taman Negara and heard near the Tabin Hide.
17. Malayan Peacock-pheasant *Polyplectron malacense* - **Globally threatened: Vulnerable.** One male heard near the Yong Hide and one male heard along the Swamp Loop Trail, Taman Negara. #
18. **Great Argus *Argusianus argus* - Arguably THE highlight of the entire tour. Superb close views of a male and much to everyone's delight he walked slowly across the trail, several times permitting everyone to enjoy wonderful close views of this elusive creature;Taman Negara.**
19. **Slaty-legged Crake *Rallina eurizonoides* - Undoubtedly one of the real surprises of the tour and a new bird for KDB: a single immature seen well several times quietly feeding under dense rattan thicket along the swamp loop trail; Taman Negara.**
20. Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus* - Unusually common along the Sungei Tembeling with totals of >6 seen on both journeys along the river.
21. Feral Pigeon *Columba livia* - Widespread and common in cities and towns of the Malay Peninsula.
22. Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* - Widespread and common in open country especially at the margins of agriculture and as a commensal of man.
23. Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall* - Heard occasionally and singles seen all too briefly in flight from Frazer's Hill down to the Gap.
24. Little Cuckoo-dove *Macropygia ruficeps* - Common in montane forest above The Gap up to Frazer's Hill.
25. Peaceful Dove *Geopelia striata* - Kuala Selangor.

**NOTE:** Sundaic populations are treated by some authorities as a separate species viz. Zebra Dove *Geopelia placida*.
26. Emerald Ground-Dove *Chalcophaps indica* - Seen and heard commonly, Taman Negara.

27. Little Green Pigeon *Treron olax* - Superb views of 10+ attending a fruiting fig tree, Taman Negara.
28. Thick-billed Pigeon *Treron curvirostra* - Superb views of 6+ attending a fruiting fig tree; and a flock of ca. 60 in flight over the Sungei Tahan; Taman Negara.
29. **Large Green Pigeon *Treron capellei* - Globally threatened: Vulnerable. Fairly common this year. A total of 12 in and around Kuala Tahan; a flock of 4 perched, during the late afternoon, in an almost leafless tree along Sungei Tahan and 2-4 seen most days thereafter; Taman Negara.**
30. Yellow-vented Green Pigeon *Treron seimundi* - Two, seen all too briefly by Bart, in flight near The Gap.
31. Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia* - Common in the montane forests between The Gap and Frazer's Hill with a daily maxima of ca. 10.
32. **Blue-rumped Parrot *Psittinus cyanurus* - Notably common this year. Seen or heard daily including a flock of seven in flight during the late afternoon, Taman Negara.**
33. Blue-crowned Hanging-parrot *Loriculus galgulus* - Seen and heard commonly, Taman Negara.
34. Long-tailed Parakeet *Psittacula longicauda* - Heard along the Sungei Tembeling and over Taman Negara near Kuala Tahan.
35. Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx sparveroides* - One, presumably a resident, seen superbly perched at length along the waterfall road, Frazer's Hill.

**NOTE:** Previously placed in *Cuculus*.

36. Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo *Hierococcyx fugax* - Heard just once at Taman Negara.

**NOTE:** Previously placed in *Cuculus*. Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo has recently been split into four species: Northern Hawk-Cuckoo *H. hyperythrus*; Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo *H. pectoralis*; Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo *H. niscolor* and Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo *H. fugax*. For more details see (King 2002 – Bull. B. O. C. 122 (1)).

37. **Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus vegans* - One of the best records of the trip. A new bird for Susan (and it would have been for David if he had gotten his eyes on the bird). This is a very rarely encountered species so the tape-recording made of this species was especially pleasing; Tabin Hide area, Taman Negara.**
  38. Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii* - Heard Kuala Selangor and Taman Negara.
  39. Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* - Single immature seen from Yong and Tahan hides, Taman Negara.
  40. Little Bronze Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx minutillus* - Notably common and vocal with as many six seen well, Kuala Selangor.
- NOTE:** The taxonomy of closely related *Chrysococcyx spp* taxa requires considerably more work before species limits are understood. For the time being we follow Smythies and Davidson (1999 Birds of Borneo) in treating Little and Gould's bronze-cuckoos *C. russatus* as separate species.
41. Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* - Heard most days and one individual seen in flight over the Sungei Tahan, Taman Negara.
  42. Drongo Cuckoo *Surniculus lugubris* - One adult seen along the Sungei Tahan and one immature near our cabins, Taman Negara.

43. Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea* - Heard at Kuala Selangor.
- NOTE:** Lumped by some authorities with populations in New Guinea and Australia.
44. Black-bellied Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus diardi* - 1: Taman Negara.
45. Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis* - Several seen rather briefly along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.
46. Raffle's Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus* - Several seen and heard daily, Taman Negara.
47. Red-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus javanicus* - One along the Sungei Tahan, TN.
48. Chestnut-breasted Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* - Superb looks at a group of three, TN.
49. Short-toed Coucal *Centropus rectunguis* - Heard only Taman Negara. #
50. Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* - One on the road to Taman Negara; and one at the edge of Sungei Tahan, Taman Negara.
51. Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis* - One along the road to Taman Negara. #
52. Mountain Scops-Owl *Otus spilocephalus* - Heard Frazer's Hill. #
53. **Buffy Fish-Owl *Ketupa ketupu* - Simply stunning! One gorgeous bird spotlighted near our cabins at Kuala Tahan.**
54. **Brown Wood Owl *Strix leptogrammica* - Excellent views of this infrequently seen species being mobbed by Whiskered Treeswifts as it flew over our cabins during the late afternoon, Taman Negara.**
55. **Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodiei* - Heard daily in and around Frazer's Hill and then a superb pair finally seen – what a Tiger!**
56. Glossy Swiftlet *Collocalia esculenta* - Widespread and common, seen daily except Taman Negara where seemingly absent. Also known as White-bellied Swiftlet.
- NOTE:** Some birds on Borneo were formerly assigned to Linchi Swiftlet *Collocalia linchii*, however, the latter has now been shown (see Smythies and Davison 1999) to be only, at best, a subspecies of Glossy Swiftlet.
57. Black-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus maximus* / Germain's Swiftlet *Aerodramus germaini* Several individuals seen daily.

**NOTE:** Robson (2000 - FG to Birds of SE Asia) splits Germain's Swiftlet including *A. g. germani* and *A. g. amechana* of S Myanmar, C, S Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore, E Tonkin, C, S Annam, Cochinchina, N, C Laos and possibly elsewhere, from White-nest (Edible-nest) Swiftlet. The latter's global range is thus restricted to Andaman and Nicobar Is., small islands off S Myanmar, Sundas (We are unsure what Robson means by this term???) and Tanahjampea (Flores Sea Is., Indonesia). The status of birds in N Borneo and the southern Philippines is ambiguous and for the time being we retain populations at the latter two sites in White-nest Swiftlet (see Smythies & Davison 1999).

The taxonomy of swiftlets represents one of the most complex taxonomic problems in the Oriental region. For a helpful and up to date discussion of the situation see Smythies and Davison (1999 Birds of Borneo).

58. Silver-rumped Swift *Rhaphidura leucopygialis* - Common and seen daily, Taman Negara.
59. Brown Needletail *Hirundapus gigantea* - Notably common with 3-10 seen daily, Taman Negara.
60. Little Swift *Apus affinis* - Several seen almost daily including low flying feeding flocks of >50 at Kuala Tahan, TN.

Also known as House Swift.

**NOTE:** Considered by some authorities to be a separate species *Apus nipalensis*, however, Rasmussen & Anderton (2005) note that there is currently not sufficient evidence for allowing this split.

61. Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis* - Notably widespread and common, seen daily including a group ca. 40 that erupted out of tree near Kuala Tahan apparently in response to a day-flying Brown Wood-Owl, Taman Negara; also Kuala Selangor and Ula Gombak.
62. Whiskered Treeswift *Hemiprocne comata* - Widespread and common, this handsome species was seen daily at Ula, Gombak and Taman Negara.
63. Red-naped Trogon *Harpactes kasumba* - Fabulous looks at this gorgeous but shy bird, Taman Negara.
64. Diard's Trogon *Harpactes diardii* - Several heard and one female seen with a mixed species flock, Taman Negara.
65. **Cinnamon-rumped Trogon *Harpactes orrhophaeus* - Good looks at an adult male, Taman Negara.**
66. Scarlet-rumped Trogon *Harpactes duvaucelii* - Heard, Taman Negara. #
67. Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting* - One seen by Bart along the Sungei Tahan, Taman Negara.
68. Blue-banded Kingfisher *Alcedo euryzonia* - Two seen in flight along the Sungei Tahan, Taman Negara.
69. Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella* - One seen briefly and several heard, Taman Negara.
70. Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis* - One Kuala Selangor; as many as four seen and heard daily, Taman Negara.

**NOTE:** Previously placed in *Pelargopsis*.

71. Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* - Kuala Selangor.

**NOTE:** Previously placed in *Halcyon*.

72. White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* - Common along back roads through farmland.

73. **Rufous-collared Kingfisher *Actenoides concretus* - Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the tour! Arguably one of the most difficult of all kingfishers to find, Susan did a great job of tracking this wonderful bird down and then getting everyone on to it, in the depths of the Jenet Muda Trail, Taman Negara.**

74. Red-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis amictus* - Fabulous views of an adult male along the 'New Road' at Frazer's Hill; several heard at Taman Negara.
75. Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis* - Several along the Sungei Tembeling *en route* to Taman Negara; several seen, including many immatures, Taman Negara; one at Frazer's Hill.
76. Common Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis* - Kuala Selangor; Taman Negara.
77. Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* - Four feeding in a flowering Guava Tree alongside the Sungei Tembeling; 2-3 seen most days at Taman Negara.
78. Black Hornbill *Anthracoceros malayanus* - A group of six along the Sungei Tahan and several others seen and heard, Taman Negara.
79. Rhinoceros Hornbill *Buceros rhinoceros* - Without doubt one of the great spectacles of tour. Several heard and seen briefly most days at Taman Negara we finally obtained really good views of a single male at dusk along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.
80. **Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* - Exceptional studies of a pair of birds flying and perching in the canopy of the magnificent forests below the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.**
81. **Helmeted Hornbill *Rhinoplax vigil* - A great start to our tour with two pairs flying in and perching over our heads along the Ula Gombak thereafter heard daily at Taman Negara.**
- NOTE:** Placed by some authorities in *Buceros*.
82. Bushy-crested Hornbill *Anorrhinus galeritus* - A group of four seen on the Tabin Hide trail, Taman Negara.
83. Wrinkled Hornbill *Aceros corrugatus* - Superb views of a male in flight in front of the Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.
84. Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus* - One male in flight along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.
85. Fire-tufted Barbet *Psilopogon pyrolophus* - Heard and seen daily; including several birds that provided us sensational views of this spectacular species, Frazer's Hill.
86. Gold-whiskered Barbet *Megalaima chrysopogon* - Widespread and generally common; heard and seen daily.
87. Red-throated Barbet *Megalaima mystacophanos* - Heard daily.
88. Black-browed Barbet *Megalaima oorti* - Notably common and conspicuous with as many as 10+ congregating in bare trees along the 'New Road' late in the afternoon, Frazer's Hill.
89. Yellow-crowned Barbet *Megalaima henricii* - Heard daily and at least 1 seen well, Taman Negara.
90. Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis* - Heard commonly and daily, one or two seen well, Taman Negara.
91. Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala* - Heard at Kuala Selangor; one seen on two days, Taman Negara.
92. Brown Barbet *Calorhamphus fuliginosus* - Heard almost daily and three seen feeding along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.

93. Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnormis* - One along the Ula Gombak.
94. Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos moluccensis* - A total of six seen very well at the edge of mangroves, Kuala Selangor.
- Also known as Brown-capped Woodpecker.
95. Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus* - One along the Sungei Tahan, Tama Negara.
96. Rufous Woodpecker *Celeus brachyurus* - Heard commonly, daily; one pair seen regularly foraging in the midstory, Taman Negara.
97. White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis* - A group of four seen late in the afternoon from the Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.
98. Lesser Yellownappe *Picus chlorophus* - Singles seen or heard daily, Frazer's Hill.
99. Crimson-winged Woodpecker *Picus puniceus* - Great looks at an adult male of this striking species, Taman Negara.
100. Greater Yellownappe *Picus flavinucha* - Several seen or heard daily, Frazer's Hill.
101. Checker-throated Woodpecker *Picus mentalis* - Fine looks at this handsome species, Taman Negara.
102. Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus* - A good year for this often elusive species with a total of six seen well, Kuala Selangor.
103. Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense* - Outstanding studies of a total of eight, Kuala Selangor.
104. Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* - Great looks at a pair within mangroves, Kuala Selangor.
105. Maroon Woodpecker *Blythipicus rubiginosus* - Singles seen with mixed species flocks at Taman Negara and below the Gap.
106. Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* - Heard, Frazer's Hill. #
107. Orange-backed Woodpecker *Reinwardtipicus validus* - Great looks at a group of three of this infrequently seen species, Taman Negara.
108. Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis* - One pair seen very nicely along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.
109. Buff-necked Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tukki* - Notably common with 2-4 seen and heard daily at Taman Negara.

## Passerines

110. Garnet Pitta *Pitta granatina* - Heard daily, Taman Negara.
111. **Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta moluccensis* - A great surprise – a pair of these attractive birds were observed at length feeding two young near our chalets, Taman Negara. Until now this species has been regarded solely as a migrant to Peninsula Malaysia.**

112. Dusky Broadbill *Corydon sumatranus* - Heard on two occasions, Taman Negara.
113. Black-and-red Broadbill *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchus* - Common, seen and heard daily along the Sungei Tembeling River and Sungei Tahan, Taman Negara.
114. Banded Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus* - Heard, Taman Negara.
115. Black-and-Yellow Broadbill *Eurylaimus ochromalus* - Heard and seen daily, Taman Negara.
116. Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* - Wonderful views of a group of 2 adults and 2 immatures along the 'New Road' Frazer's Hill.
117. Green Broadbill *Calyptomena viridis* - Heard daily; superb views of a male, Taman Negara.
118. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* - One seen by Bart, Taman Negara.
119. Pacific Swallow *Hirundo tahitica* - Common and widespread. Observed daily at all localities.
120. Striated Swallow *Hirundo striolata* - A group of four flying over a new cutting near the Genteng Highlands.
121. Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* - One at Taman Negara; several daily at The Gap and Frazer's Hill.
122. Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulusi* - Two at the Frazer's Hill rubbish dump.
123. Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* - Four, Kuala Selangor.
124. Black-and-crimson Oriole *Oriolus cruentus* - Several daily, Frazer's Hill.
125. Javan Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina javensis* - Several daily, Frazer's Hill.
126. Pied Triller *Lalage nigra* - One, Kuala Selangor.
127. Fiery Minivet *Pericrocotus igneus* - One female, Taman Negara.
128. Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* - Moderately common, Frazer's Hill including a spectacular flock of eight.
129. Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus* - A total of ten along the Ula Gombak.
130. Bar-winged Flycatcher Shrike *Hemipus picatus* - Several along the Ula Gombak.
131. Rufous-winged Philentoma *Philentoma pyrhopterum* - Singles on two days, Taman Negara.
132. Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis* - A total of six along the Ula Gombak.

**NOTE:** Sibley & Ahlquist (1990) have shown that the Wood-Shrikes belong in the predominantly African group Malaconotiidae along with the Bush-Shrikes.

133. Straw-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* - **Globaly threatened: Vulnerable.** A total of twenty or more, invariably in pairs, on one afternoon (9 Aug.), along Sungei Tahan; four along the Sungei Tembeling and several others heard and seen on other days, Taman Negara.

134. Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps* - 1-2 seen at the Ula Gombak; six at a fruiting tree, Taman Negara.
135. Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris* - Common at the Ula Gombak and from The Gap up to Frazer's Hill.
- NOTE:** The Black-crested Bulbul group is better treated as a superspecies consisting probably of five allopatric species: *P. melanicteris* – Sri Lanka; *P. gularis* Western Ghats, South India; *P. flaviventris* – Himalayas and Central India eastwards to Vietnam and south to Peninsula Malaysia; *P. dispar* – Sumatra; and *P. montis* – Borneo. (Rasmussen & Anderton 2005).
136. Scaly-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus squamatus* - A total of eight along at the Ula Gombak; excellent scope studies of two along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill. The latter appears to represent a new locality record.
137. Puff-backed Bulbul *Pycnonotus eutilotus* - One, Taman Negara.
138. Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni* - Several of this attractive species, daily, Taman Negara.
139. Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier* - Widespread and common, seen daily in open country in the lowland and foothills, also seen at the edge of Taman Negara.
140. Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus* - Several, Kuala Selangor; Ula Gombak; Taman Negara.
141. Red-eyed Bulbul *Pycnonotus brunneus* - Common, Ula Gombak and Taman Negara.
142. Spectacled Bulbul *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmus* - Seen well once, Taman Negara.
143. Finsch's Bulbul *Alophoixus finschii* - Once with a small mixed flock, Taman Negara.
144. Ochraceous Bulbul *Criniger ochraceus* - Common from The Gap up to Frazer's Hill.
145. Grey-cheeked Bulbul *Criniger bres* - Seen commonly, daily, Taman Negara.
146. Hairy-backed Bulbul *Hypsipetes criniger* - Two seen very well, Taman Negara.
- NOTE:** Previously placed in *Hypsipetes*.
147. Buff-vented Bulbul *Hypsipetes charlottae* - One, Taman Negara.
- NOTE:** Previously placed in *Hypsipetes*.
148. Mountain Bulbul *Hypsipetes mcclllandii* - Common in montane forest, Frazer's Hill.
149. Asian Fairy Bluebird *Irena puella* - Seen and heard daily in modest numbers daily, Ula Gombak; Taman Negara and from the Gap up to Frazer's Hill.
150. Lesser Green Leafbird *Chloropsis cyanopogon* - One female, Taman Negara.
151. Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* - Superb views of three including a fabulous male in a mixed species flock, Taman Negara.
152. Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii* - Good looks at several males and females, Frazer's Hill.

153. Common lora *Aegithina tiphia* - Kuala Selangor.
154. Green lora *Aegithina viridissima* - One male, Taman Negara.
155. Great lora *Aegithina lafresnaye* - One, Taman Negara.
156. Lesser Shortwing *Brachypteryx leucophrys* - One unusually responsive individual put on a great show giving everyone amazingly good looks, otherwise heard commonly, Frazer's Hill.
157. Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis* - Widespread and common, seen daily in moderate numbers.
158. White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* - Heard commonly and 1-2 seen, daily Ula Gombak and Taman Negara.
159. White-tailed Robin *Myiomela leucura* - Heard, Frazer's Hill.
160. Slaty-backed Forktail *Enicurus schistaceus* - One very confiding bird watched at length along the Gap Road and two others as they flirted at the roadside *en route* to the waterfall, Frazer's Hill.
161. Flyeater *Gerygone sulphurea* - Several songsters, Kuala Selangor; Ula Gombak; Taman Negara and Frazer's Hill.
162. Mountain Tailorbird *Orthotomus cuculatus* - One with a mixed flock, Frazer's Hill.
163. Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* - Seen regularly in low numbers, Ula Gombak and Taman Negara.
164. Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* - Good looks along the Ula Gombak.
165. Ashy Tailorbird *Orthotomus ruficeps* - Common, Kuala Selangor and two on one day at Taman Negara..
166. Mountain Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus trivirgatus* - Two, Frazer's Hill.
167. Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps* - Excellent close views of this attractive warbler with a small mixed flock during our last morning, Frazer's Hill.
168. Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* - Notably vocal at this time and several seen daily, especially in bamboo, between The Gap and Frazer's Hill.
169. Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris* - Several seen singing, Kuala Selangor.
  
170. Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens* - Two along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.
171. Rufous-browed Flycatcher *Ficedula solitarius* - Several heard and one seen briefly, Frazer's Hill.
172. Rufous-chested Flycatcher *Ficedula dumetoria* - Heard once, Taman Negara. #
173. Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* - Several males with mixed flocks, Frazer's Hill.
174. Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina* - Moderately common at Ula Gombak and from The Gap up to Frazer's Hill.

175. Large Niltava *Niltava grandis* - Heard, Frazer's Hill. #
176. Pale-blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor* - Superb views of a male with a mixed flock, below the Gap.
177. Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas* - Several heard and at least two males seen well and one female seen feeding a nearly fledged bird, along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.
178. Malaysian Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis turcosa* - Single males seen on two days, Taman Negara.
179. Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae* - One immature male, Taman Negara
180. Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher *Culicacapa ceylonensis* - Several at the Ula Gombak; several at Frazer's Hill.
181. White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* - Common, Frazer's Hill.
182. Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica* - Kuala Selangor.
183. Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* - Singles seen on two days, Taman Negara.
184. Asian Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi* - Heard Taman Negara. #
185. White-chested Babbler *Trichastoma rostratum* - 1-2 seen and heard on several days, foraging along the Sungei Tahan.
186. Ferruginous Babbler *Trichastoma bicolor* - Heard, Taman Negara. #
187. Abbott's Babbler *Trichastoma abbotti* - Several, Kuala Selangor; several heard and seen daily, Taman Negara.
188. Horsfield's Babbler *Malacocincla sepiarium* - Good looks at a pair, Taman Negara.
189. Short-tailed Babbler *Trichastoma malaccense* - Heard and seen, Taman Negara.
190. Buff-breasted Babbler *Trichastoma tickelli* - Heard, Frazer's Hill. #
191. Black-capped babbler *Pellorneum capistratum* - Great looks at a pair from the Tabin Hide, Taman Negara also heard most days.
192. Sooty-capped Babbler *Malacopteron affinis* - 1-2 seen or heard daily, Taman Negara.
193. Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum* - Two, Taman Negara.
194. Rufous-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron magnum* - Good looks at a single bird, Taman Negara.
195. **Large Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos* - Superb looks at a pair of this very skulking species which was singing together with Black Laughingthrush in dense undergrowth, along the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.**
196. **Large Wren-Babbler *Napothera macrodactyla* - Wonderful looks at a very confiding individual of this normally very difficult to see species, Taman Negara.**
197. Streaked Wren-Babbler *Napothera brevicaudata* - Several heard, Frazer's Hill. #

198. Pygmy Wren-Babbler *Pneopyga pusilla* - Absolutely superb views of pair singing at us from less than a few inches from our toes! Heard commonly, Frazer's Hill.
199. Rufous-fronted Babbler *Stachyris rufifrons* - One on the Ulu Gombak; heard, Taman Negara.
200. Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea* - Common; seen nicely on a number of occasions, usually in mixed flocks, Frazer's Hill.
201. Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps* - 1-2 seen on a couple of days with mixed flocks, Frazer's Hill.
202. **Black-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigricollis* - Stunning views of a wonderfully confiding / territorial pair of this normally very difficult to observe species, Taman Negara.**
203. Chestnut-rumped Babbler *Stachyris maculata* - Two with a mixed flock, Taman Negara.
204. Chestnut-winged Babbler *Stachyris erythroptera* - Common, Taman Negara.
205. Striped Tit-babbler *Macronous gularis* - Seen and heard daily except at Frazer's Hill.
206. Fluffy-backed Tit-babbler *Macronous ptilosus* - Good looks at a pair of these attractive birds, Taman Negara.
207. Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentaurus* - One of the most spectacular of the babblers, Frazer's Hill. A taste of what's to come in the Himalayas!
208. White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis* - One male, Frazer's Hill.
209. Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotus* - Fabulous looks at this very handsome babbler, usually in mixed flocks, Frazer's Hill.
210. Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanoptera* - Several seen on two days, Frazer's Hill. A notably drab race compared to those in the Himalayas.
211. Mountain Fulvetta *Alcippe peracensis* - Very common and easy to see, Frazer's Hill.
212. Long-tailed Sibia *Heterophasia picaoides* - One of the commonest species of the montane forest edge, Frazer's Hill.
213. White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca* - Two with a mixed flock below The Gap.
214. Black Laughingthrush *Garrulax lugubris* - Great looks at a flock of six as they responded superbly to tape play back on the 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.
215. Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush *Garrulax mitratus* - Common, Frazer's Hill.
216. Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus* - Two seen on our first morning, Frazer's Hill.
217. Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea* - A total of six seen very well, Kuala Selangor.
218. **Malaysian Rail-Babbler *Eupetes macrocerus* - Notably vocal this year with 3-4 birds heard and at least one seen, Taman Negara.**

219. Great Tit *Parus major* - Two, Kuala Selangor.
220. **Sultan Tit *Melanochlora sultanea* - Superb study of a very territorial group of four right outside our hotel. and during the following two days many others seen heard, between The Gap and Frazer's Hill. This is a truly sensational species.**
221. **Blue Nuthatch *Sitta azurea* - One of THE highlights of the tour – a pair in a huge mixed species flock put on a great show and foraged incredibly close to us and another group was seen very nicely right outside our hotel, Frazer's Hill. Truly a gorgeous bird!**
222. Red-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes rhodolaema* - One female, Taman Negara.
223. Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Anthreptes singalensis* - Great looks at a striking male displaying to his reflection in a window, Kuala Selangor.
224. Purple-naped Sunbird *Hypogramma hypogrammicum* - Several seen well, Taman Negara.
225. Olive-backed Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis* - Kuala Selangor.
226. Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* - Common especially in mixed flocks, Frazer's Hill.
227. Little Spiderhunter *Arachnothera longirostra* - Several: Ula Gombak, Taman Negara and Frazer's Hill.
228. Thick-billed Spiderhunter *Arachnothera crassirostris* - Singles on two days, Taman Negara.
229. Grey-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera modesta* - One, Taman Negara.
230. Streaked Spiderhunter *Arachnothera magna* - Multiple views of this very striking species Frazer's Hill. Those orange legs!
231. Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trignostigma* - Common Ula Gombak and Taman Negara.
232. Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus* - Common, Frazer's Hill.
233. Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum* - One male near the Gap.
234. Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosa* - Common, Kuala Lumpur; Kuala Selangor.
235. Everett's White-eye *Zosterops everetti* - Common along the new road up from The Gap to Frazer's Hill and on the waterfall trail.
236. Crow-billed Drongo *Dicrurus annectans* - One with a mixed flock, Taman Negara.
237. Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* - Three, Taman Negara; moderately common between The Gap and Frazer's Hill.
238. Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer* - Common between The Gap and Frazer's Hill.
239. Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* - Widespread but in low numbers at all lowland forest localities.
240. Black Magpie *Platysmurus leucopterus* - Good looks at this weird and wonderful sounding bird, Taman Negara.

241. House Crow *Corvus splendens* - **Introduced.** Kuala Lumpur; Kuala Selangor.
242. Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca* - Recorded daily in low numbers,
243. Large-billed Crow *Corvus japonensis* - Uncommon; Kuala Selangor; Frazer's Hill to Kuala Lumpur.
244. Asian Glossy Starling *Aplonis panayensis* - Common around cities, towns and villages, also Kuala Tahan, Taman Negara.
245. Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* - **Introduced.** Kuala Lumpur; Kuala Selangor; Taman Negara.
246. Crested Myna *Acridotheres cristatellus* - **Introduced.** Kuala Selangor.
247. Javan Myna *Acridotheres javanicus* - **Introduced.** Kuala Selangor.
248. Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* - Two, Taman Negara.
249. Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* - Widespread and common in open country especially around cities, towns and villages.
250. White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata* - Notably common (total ca. 100) along the 'New Road' apparently feeding on seed heads of roadside grasses, Frazer's Hill
251. Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* - A pair with six young, Taman Negara.

## MAMMALS

1. Common Tree-shrew *Tupaia glis* - Ula Gombak.
2. Lesser Treeshrew *Tupaia minor* - Taman Negara; Frazer's Hill.
3. Slow Loris *Nycticebus coucang* - Superb views, Taman Negara.
4. Banded Leaf Monkey *Presbytis melalophus* - Frazer's Hill.
5. Dusky Leaf-Monkey *Presbytis obscurus* - Kuala Selangor.
6. Long-tailed (Crab-eating) Macaque *Macaca fascicularis* - Kuala Selngor; Ula Gombak; Taman Negara.
7. White-handed Gibbon *Hylobates agilis* - Heard daily, Taman Negara.
8. Siamang *Hylobates syndactylus* - Incredibly close views of an adult male, Frazer's Hill and a female nursing young and one male below the 'New Road'.
9. Giant Squirrel *Ratuffa sp* - Heard daily, Taman Negara.
10. Prevost's Squirrel *Callosciurus prevostii* - A very handsome subspecies, Taman Negara.
11. Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus* - Kuala Selangor.
12. Black-banded Squirrel *Callosciurus nigrovittatus* - Taman Negara, Frazer's Hill.

13. Grey-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps* - Taman Negara.
14. Horse-tailed Squirrel *Sundasciurus hippurus* - Taman Negara.
15. Three-striped Ground-Squirrel *Lariscus insignis* - Taman Negara.
16. Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandi* - Common, Frazer's Hill.
17. Red Giant Flying Squirrel *Petaurista petaurista* - Sensational view of one gliding for some distance during the late afternoon, Taman Negara.
18. Eurasian Wild Pig *Sus scrofa* - Taman Negara.
19. Sun Bear *Helarctos malayanus* - Heard, Taman Negara. #  
[Common Leopard *Panthera pardus* - Fresh scat, 'New Road', Frazer's Hill.]
20. Lesser Mouse-Deer *Tragulus javanicus* / Greater Mouse-Deer sp *Tragulus napu* - Taman Negara.

## REPTILES

1. Common Fence Lizard *Calotes sp.* - Taman Negara
2. Flying Lizard *Draco sp.* - Taman Negara
3. Northern House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus* - Widespread.
4. Forest Gecko - Taman Negara. #
5. Water Monitor *Varanus salvator* - Kuala Selangor; Taman Negara.
6. Golden Skink

## BUTTERFLIES

1. Archduke *Lexias pardalis*
2. Blue Admiral *Kaniska canace*
3. Blue Glassy Tiger *Ideopsis vulgaris*
4. Branded Darkie *Allotinus leogoron*
5. Brown Awl *Badamia exclamationis*
6. Chocolate Pansy *Junonia iphita*
7. Chocolate Tiger *Parantica melaneus*
8. Clipper *Parthenos sylvia*
9. Common Birdwing *Troides helena*
10. Common Bush Brown *Mycalesis janardana*
11. Common Four-ring *Ypthima ceylonica*
12. Common Palmfly *Elymnias hypermnestra*

13. Common Posy *Drupadia ravindra*
14. Common Sailor *Neptis hylas*
15. Common Three-ring *Ypthima pandocus*
16. Cruiser *Vindula dejone*
17. Cycad Blue *Chilades pandava*
18. Forest Nymph *Idea stollii*
19. Great Egg Fly *Hypolimnas bolina*
20. Great Mormon *Papilio memnon*
21. Great Orangetip *Hebomoia glaucippe*
22. Harlequin *Taxila haquinus*
23. Intricate Jester *Symbrenthia hypatia*
24. Koh-I-Noor *Amathuxidia amythaon*
25. Lemon Emigrant *Catopsilia pomona*
26. Lesser Harlequin *Laxita thuisto*
27. Swallow-tailed Moth *Lyssa zampa*
28. Magpie Crow *Euploea diocletianus*
29. Malay Barron *Euthalia monina*
30. Malay Red Harlequin *Paralaxita damajanti*
31. Malayan Bush Brown *Mycalesis fusca*
32. Marbled White Moth *Nyctemera baulus*
33. Palm King *Amathusia phidippus*
34. Punchinello *Zemeros flegyas*
35. Purple Bush Brown *Mycalesis orseis*
36. Rajah Brooke's Birdwing *Trogonoptera brookiana*
37. Six-line Blue *Nacaduba beroe*
38. Small Orange Mapwing *Chersonesia intermedia*
39. Straight Pierrot *Caleta roxus*
40. Striped Blue Crow *Euploea mulciber*
41. Tailed Jay *Graphium agamemnon*
42. Yellow-banded Awl *Hasora schoenherr*