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**The Birds and Mammals recorded on
the THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS 2006 Tour**

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Thailand has long been known as a great destination for first-time birders in Asia, and it unfailingly lives up to high expectations! First-time visitors and experienced Asian birders alike enjoy Thailand for its great national parks and superb birding opportunities, along with its fine cuisine, friendly people, and fascinating culture and history. In a nutshell, a birding trip to Thailand is a win-win situation. Our shorter Thailand Highlights tour this year was typically exciting with stays in four of the country's, in fact the region's, premier nature reserves: Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, Doi Ang Khang, and Doi Inthanon.

Our first day was spent at Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia, south of Bangkok, in search of migratory waders. We met with limited success at Khok Kam; the much hoped for Spoonbill Sandpiper was nowhere to be found, despite our best efforts. But plenty of other good sightings of Nordmann's Greenshanks and Terek Sandpipers, amongst others, made up for our disappointment. Undaunted, we moved further down the coast to Lam Pak Bia where we soon found three fabulous spoonies that we were able to study at length. What a treat!

Kaeng Krachan is unarguably one of the most exciting nature reserves in Southeast Asia. This huge area of evergreen forest on the southern Burmese border simply abounds with all sorts of exciting wildlife. The mixture of birds from the Sundaic region (Malaysia and Indonesia) and the Orient is one of the most exciting aspects of this superb reserve. There were too many sensational highlights to mention them all, but a fruiting tree full of Brown Hornbills would have to rate very highly! Incredibly close views over lunch of the highly unusual Ratchet-tailed Treepie were among many thrilling encounters.

As always at Khao Yai, we had some wonderful experiences, particularly a night of spotlighting which turned up an incredible list of mammals and birds—porcupines, civets, fish-owls, and jackals. Khao Yai is well-known for its abundance and diversity of birdlife; it holds a fabulous representation of the Indochinese avifauna, and we sampled an array of small mixed-flock species, as well as many elusive ground-dwellers, not to mention raptors, hornbills, and nightbirds.

We concentrated on two very important birding sites in the north: Thailand's highest mountain, Doi Inthanon, and the picturesque Doi Ang Khang, right on the Burmese border. On an early morning visit to Hua Kong Khai, one of the Queen's projects just north of Chiang Mai, we were rewarded with stunning Green Peafowls in the morning mist on the lakeside. Up in the far northwest at Doi Ang Khang, the birding is always super exciting! This year we found flowering trees just full of birds feeding on the nectar and insects; White-headed Bulbul, Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Silver-eared Mesia, and Streaked Spiderhunter were all in evidence this year. Small areas of grassland at the higher altitudes were especially productive with some very exciting birds seen exceptionally well—Chestnut-capped Babbler, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Rufous-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, and White-browed Laughingthrush, to name but a few. Another undoubted highlight must be mentioned—those incredible Red-faced Liocichlas that put on such a wonderful show for us this year. We don't always see this elusive species so well!

The drive between Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon is not only scenically captivating, but often produces many good sightings. This year we took a detour to Doi Chiang Doi where we spent a

morning birding along the roadside through wonderful forests full of birds! Notably, we spotted two incredible Asian Emerald Cuckoos and a somewhat uncooperative, but rather cute White-browed Piculet. Later, as we traveled to Doi Inthanon, we had super looks at the increasingly scarce Rufous-winged Buzzard, as well as eye level Fork-tailed Swifts.

One of the most exciting aspects of Doi Inthanon National Park is that the central road provides us with a transect through the lowland dry dipterocarp forests to moist evergreen forests and, ultimately, to montane cloud forests. This allows us to sample a wonderful variety of the wildlife of northern Southeast Asia. Essentially we started at the top and worked our way down over three days. On the boardwalk on the Doi Inthanon summit, affectionately known as The Bog, we soon encountered two incredibly cryptic Eurasian Woodcocks and a foraging Dark-sided Thrush. As the sun moved over us, the remarkable mixed flocks took advantage of the warming rays and we thrilled in the nonstop activity of Chestnut-tailed Minlas, Mrs. Gould's Sunbirds, Rufous-winged Fulvettas, Yellow-bellied Fantails, Blyth's Leaf-Warblers, and Dark-backed Sibias. A group of Chestnut Thrushes was a very special treat this year. Moving down the mountain we found barbets, forktails, babblers, bulbuls, and plenty more. One evening we ventured out the back of our lodge down below the park border and came up trumps with large congregations of Chestnut-tailed and Black-collared starlings, Plain-backed Sparrows, many simply gorgeous Blossom-headed Parakeets and, best of all, a stunning pair of Grey-headed Parakeets feeding in a flowering tree.

As I said earlier, in Thailand you can't go wrong!

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Diary

Daily Itinerary

- 14 February** After all meeting up for breakfast, we travelled out of Bangkok to Khok Kam on the coast just south of Bangkok. Here we met Mr. Tee and had a great morning observing waders. Drove further south west to Lam Pak Biaand on to Kaeng Krachan.
- 15 February** A full day in Kaeng Krachan. The morning was spent birding in the lower dry dipterocarp forest and around the streams in the lowland evergreen forest. Then continued up to the summit.
- 16 February** Another full day in Kaeng Krachan. Birded around the streams in the lowland evergreen forest and the dry forest before meeting at the streams.
- 17 February** A long drive to Khao Yai National Park with some good birding at our lodge on arrival.
- 18 February** A full day in Khao Yai where we birded at the headquarters, on the Khao Khieo summit road and on the roads to the waterfall. In the afternoon we visited the Wildlife Tower and the Lookout.
- 19 February** Birded along same roads as the previous day.
- 20 February** Started the morning on the Khao Kieo road, before heading back to Bangkok for our flight to Chiang Mai.
- 21 February** Very early departure for Hua Kong Khai, a Queen's project reserve north of Chiang Mai. After seeing Green Peafowls, amongst others, drove further west to Doi Ang Khang on the border with Burma.
- 22 February** Excellent day's birding along trails and roads in the Doi Ang Khang area. Another wonderful lunch prepared in the field by Sarkhol.
- 23 February** Birding along the Fang Road and the Chiang Dao Road.
- 24 February** Morning birding along the Muang Khang road through the Doi Chiang Dao Wildlife Reserve. Afternoon drive to Doi Inthanon and birding at the Wachirathan Waterfall in the national park.
- 25 February** Full day birding in Doi Inthanon starting at the summit and the Ang Kha bog. Later at the Jeep Trail and Mae Phang waterfall where we lunched, before visiting the Wachirathan waterfall in the afternoon.
- 26 February** Morning at the Jeep Trail. Afternoon at Mae Phang waterfall.
- 27 February** A full morning in the dry lowland forest at Km 13 in Doi Inthanon. Later in the afternoon returned to Chiang Mai for our flight to Bangkok and the end of the tour.

NON-PASSERINES

- 1) **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*
a few here and there in the south.
- 2) **Little Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax niger*
a few here and there in the south.
- 3) **Great Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax carbo*
a rare bird in Thailand, we saw one at Khok Kam.
- 4) **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
- 5) **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
just one at Khok Kam.
- 6) **Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
- 7) **Cattle Egret** *Ardea ibis*
- 8) **Chinese Pond-Heron** *Ardeola bacchus*
- 9) **Javan Pond-Heron** *Ardeola speciosa*

NOTE: The situation with *Ardeola* pond-herons in Thailand can be very confusing at this time of year as the birds are indistinguishable in non-breeding plumage. When the birds are seen in breeding plumage it appears that Javan Pond-Heron is restricted mainly to the area around Bangkok. It would seem reasonable to assume that most of the birds we saw at Khok Kam were Javan, whilst those seen elsewhere in the country were Chinese. That said, it is hard to know what the birds' movements might be outside the breeding season.

- 10) **Striated Heron** *Butorides striata*
quite a few at Khok Kam; one at the lodge at Kaeng Krachan.
- 11) **Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*
three Khok Kam.
- 12) **Cinnamon Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*
one en route to Kaeng Krachan.
- 13) **Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans*
very common north of Bangkok, we saw many en route to Khao Yai.
- 14) **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*
one at Khok Kam.
- 15) **Oriental Honey-Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*
up to four at Khao Yai.
- 16) **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus*
three were seen at Lam Pak Bia.
- 17) **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*
only seen around Khok Kam.
- 18) **Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus*
ten at Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia.
- 19) **Short-toed Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus*
an unusual sighting of this distinctive species as it flew over the Jeep Trail on Doi Inthanon.
- 20) **Crested Serpent-Eagle** *Spilornis cheela*
one of the most common birds of prey in Thailand, we saw or heard this attractive bird at a number of sites on the tour.

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- 21) **Eastern Marsh-Harrier** *Circus spilonotus*
just one at Khao Yai.
 - 22) **Pied Harrier** *Circus melanoleucos*
one bird at the Wat Khao Takrow road en route to Kaeng Krachan.
 - 23) **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus*
a few seen at Kaeng Krachan.
 - 24) **Shikra** *Accipiter badius*
Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, and Doi Inthanon.
 - 25) **Besra** *Accipiter virgatus*
a brief view of one at Kaeng Krachan and one at Doi Inthanon.
 - 26) **Rufous-winged Buzzard** *Butastur liventer*
great views of two birds in flight over the road as we drove to Doi Inthanon and then another on our last day in Doi Inthanon.
 - 27) **Eurasian Buzzard** *Buteo buteo*
a number of sightings in the Doi Ang Khang area.
 - 28) **Greater Spotted Eagle** *Aquila clanga*
one very distant bird seen en route to Kaeng Krachan.
 - 29) **Bonelli's Eagle** *Hieraaetus fasciatus*
excellent looks at this scarce raptor at Kaeng Krachan.
 - 30) **Rufous-bellied Eagle** *Hieraaetus kienerii*
seen once at Kaeng Krachan.
 - 31) **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus cirrhatus*
one at Doi Inthanon.
 - 32) **Mountain Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus nipalensis*
one was seen at Kaeng Krachan where we saw it in flight.
 - 33) **Collared Falconet** *Microhierax caerulescens*
the smallest bird of prey in the world at 30-50 grams – the size of a sparrow! We saw two birds at Kaeng Krachan which we were able to study at length. We then saw a further four birds in the dry forest at Doi Inthanon.
 - 34) **Black-thighed Falconet** *Microhierax fringillarius*
two birds were seen in the dry forest at Kaeng Krachan as they perched on a large dead tree.
 - 35) **Eurasian Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus*
two seen at Doi Inthanon.
 - 36) **Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrinus*
one at Khao Yai.
 - 37) **Rufous-throated Partridge** *Arborophila rufogularis*
heard along the Ang Kha nature trail.
 - 38) **Scaly-breasted Partridge** *Arborophila chloropus*
frequently heard at Kaeng Krachan.
 - 39) **Mountain Bamboo Partridge** *Bambusicola fytchii*
heard at Doi Ang Khang.
 - 40) **Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus*
this underrated bird is really quite spectacular; quite common at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai, and Doi Inthanon.
 - 41) **Silver Pheasant** *Lophura nycthemera*
a pair seen on the Jeep Trail at Doi Inthanon were unfortunately captive-released birds.

- 42) **Grey Peacock-Pheasant** *Polyplectron bicalcaratum*
clearly very common at Kaeng Krachan as it is heard so frequently. Seeing the bird is an entirely different matter however!
- 43) **Green Peafowl** *Pavo muticus*
a fantastic show of 5 females and 2 males roosting, flying and foraging at Hua Kong Khai. This highly charismatic and glamorous species is declining throughout its range and can now only realistically be seen by birders at a site in Vietnam, Java and here.
- 44) **White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus*
one of the most common of the Rallids in Thailand.
- 45) **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*
common at Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia and in rice paddies north of Bangkok.
- 46) **Eurasian Thick-knee** *Burhinus oedicephalus*
heard frequently at our accommodation near Kaeng Krachan.
- 47) **Oriental Pratincole** *Glareola lactea*
seen in flight over Khok Kam.
- 48) **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*
quite common at Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia.
- 49) **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*
one at Khok Kam.
- 50) **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*
just one at Khok Kam.
- 51) **Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*
ten at Khok Kam.
- 52) **Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*
many seen at Khok Kam.
- 53) **Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii*
many seen at Khok Kam.
- 54) **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus*
very common around Bangkok and at Kaeng Krachan – seen daily in the south.
- 55) **Eurasian Woodcock** *Scolopax rusticola*
two amazing birds found and studied at length in the bog on the Ang Ka trail at Doi Inthanon.
- 56) **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*
a few at Khok Kam.
- 57) **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*
two Khok Kam.
- 58) **Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata*
one seen at Khok Kam.
- 59) **Spotted Redshank** *Tringa erythropus*
six at Lam Pak Bia.
- 60) **Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*
Khok Kam; Lam Pak Bia.
- 61) **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*
Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia.
- 62) **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
Khok Kam; Lam Pak Bia.

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- 63) **Nordmann's Greenshank** *Tringa guttifer*
 fabulous studies of up to 11 birds on the backroad at Khok Kam. This is a a endangered bird and a great prize! Especially as it is thought the species only has a population of no more than a few hundred individuals.
- 64) **Green Sandpiper** *Tringa ochropus*
 one at Lam Pak Bia.
- 65) **Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*
 three at Khok Kam.
- 66) **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*
- 67) **Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*
 one was seen on mudflats at Khok Kam.
- 68) **Asian Dowitcher** *Limnodromus semipalmatus*
 brief flight views of 5-6 birds on the back road at Khok Kam – another great attraction at this site!
- 69) **Sanderling** *Calidris alba*
 one at Khok Kam.
- 70) **Rufous-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*
 Khok Kam.
- 71) **Temminck's Stint** *Calidris temminckii*
 two at Lam Pak Bia.
- 72) **Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*
 super views of this very nice wader at Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia where it was not uncommon.
- 73) **Curlew Sandpiper** *Calidris ferruginea*
 very common at Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia.
- 74) **Spoonbill Sandpiper** *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*
 fantastic views of three birds foraging in mud fields at Lam Pak Bia, this species often seems to be moving incessantly but on this occasion the birds were very quiet and still.
- 75) **Broad-billed Sandpiper** *Limicola falcinellus*
 we saw three at Lam Pak Bia in a single congregation of birds on one of the salt pans.
- 76) **Brown-headed Gull** *Larus brunnicephalus*
 Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia.
- 77) **Pallas's Gull** *Larus ichthyæetus*
 one amongst a group of Brown-headed Gulls at Lam Pak Bia was an unusual record for this area.
- 78) **Brown-headed Gull** *Larus brunnicephalus*
 Khok Kam; Lam Pak Bia.
- 79) **Gull-billed Tern** *Sterna nilotica*
 not uncommon at Khok Kam.
- 80) **Caspian Tern** *Sterna caspia*
 Khok Kam.
- 81) **Great Crested Tern** *Sterna bergii*
 Khok Kam and Lam Pak Bia.
- 82) **Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*
 more than 200 birds recorded at Lam Pak Bia.
- 83) **Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons*
 quite common at Khok Kam.
- 84) **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybridus*
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- 85) **Rock Dove** *Columba livia*
- 86) **Ashy Wood Pigeon** *Columba pulchricollis*
one (possibly the same bird?) was seen on consecutive days at Doi Ang Khang; three more in flight at Doi Inthanon.
- 87) **Spotted Turtle-Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis*
- 88) **Red Collared-Dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*
on the Wat Khao Takrow road en route to Kaeng Krachan.
- 89) **Barred Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia unchall*
Two at Kaeng Krachan; two seen briefly at Khao Yai.
- 90) **Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*
one or two seen almost daily in the southern forested sites but as is typical for this bird always flying through like a bullet!
- 91) **Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata*
on the Wat Khao Takrow road en route to Kaeng Krachan.
- 92) **Thick-billed Pigeon** *Treron curvirostra*
seen in small numbers in Khao Yai and Kaeng Krachan.
- 93) **Wedge-tailed Pigeon** *Treron sphenura*
one seen in flight at Doi Inthanon.
- 94) **Mountain Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula badia*
seen mostly in flight at Khao Yai, and Kaeng Krachan. Seen feeding in a fruiting tree at the lookout at Kaeng Krachan.
- 95) **Vernal Hanging-Parrot** *Loriculus vernalis*
Yes, the infernal parrot! A bullet with wings. We did eventually obtain a few nice looks at this little gem. Mostly seen in the south this year.
- 96) **Grey-headed Parakeet** *Psittacula finschii*
a magnificent male and female were watched at length feeding in a flowering tree in the dry dipterocarp forest at the base of Doi Inthanon.
- 97) **Blossom-headed Parakeet** *Psittacula roseate*
more than 30 of these gorgeous birds were seen flying into flowering trees at dusk with the above species.
- 98) **Red-breasted Parakeet** *Psittacula alexandri*
although the numbers have been greatly reduced in recent years it was wonderful to have such fine looks at this beautiful bird from our hotel garden at Khao Yai.
- 99) **Large Hawk-Cuckoo** *Cuculus sparveroides*
infuriatingly flighty, seen briefly en route to Kaeng Krachan and at Doi Ang Khang. Heard much more frequently than seen.
- 100) **Indian Cuckoo** *Cuculus micropterus*
heard at Doi Ang Khang.
- 101) **Banded Bay Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sonneratii*
heard almost everywhere but much harder to actually observe.
- 102) **Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus*
heard around Doi Inthanon.
- 103) **Asian Emerald Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx maculates*
three fabulous birds were seen well albeit too briefly at Doi Chiang Doi.
- 104) **Asian Drongo-Cuckoo** *Surniculus lugubris*
one excellent bird was seen high up at Chiang Dao.

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- 105) **Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopacea*
this infuriating bird was heard almost daily throughout the tour but only seen once at Doi Inthanon!
- 106) **Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis*
seen in low numbers at a number of sites.
- 107) **Raffles's Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus*
one seen at Kaeng Krachan – a very handsome bird.
- 108) **Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo** *Carpococcyx renauldi*
heard at Khao Yai.
- 109) **Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis*
recorded almost daily.
- 110) **Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis*
just one seen very well in grassland at Khao Yai.
- 111) **Collared Scops Owl** *Otus lempji*
heard at Kaeng Krachan.
- 112) **Buffy Fish Owl** *Ketupa ketupu*
after examining a number of photos and reading up on the very subtle differences between the congeneric Brown and Buffy fish owls, we've come to the conclusion that the bird we saw so well on our spotlighting evening was a Buffy Fish Owl. A great bird!
- 113) **Collared Owlet** *Glaucidium brodiei*
heard at most forested site and one was seen on Doi Inthanon.
- 114) **Asian Barred Owlet** *Glaucidium cuculoides*
very common especially in the north; excellent looks at this attractive bird at our lodge at Khao Yai.
- 115) **Spotted Owlet** *Athene brama*
one resident bird at our accommodation at Doi Inthanon was eventually tracked down and seen quite well albeit briefly.
- 116) **Brown Hawk-Owl** *Ninox scutulata*
brief views of this very handsome owl at Khao Yai.
- 117) **Great Eared Nightjar** *Eurostopodus macrotis*
heard at Kaeng Krachan; seen on a couple of occasions at Khao Yai.
- 118) **Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus*
amazing close looks at this bird on the road in to Kaeng Krachan.
- 119) **Himalayan Swiftlet** *Aerodramus brevirostris*
- 120) **Indochinese Swiftlet** *Aerodramus rogersi*
- 121) **Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus*
some fantastic close looks at Kaeng Krachan, as they sped past us sometimes below eye level.
- 122) **Asian Palm-Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*
seen almost daily.
- 123) **Fork-tailed Swift** *Apus pacificus*
seen best en route to Doi Ang Khang.
- 124) **Crested Treeswift** *Hemiprocne coronata*
two were seen in the lower reaches of Doi Inthanon.
- 125) **Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis*
one seen from the lookout at Kaeng Krachan.
- 126) **Orange-breasted Trogon** *Harpactes oreskios*
a number of excellent looks at this very attractive species at kaeng Krachan where it appears to be relatively common.
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- 127) **Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus*
a couple of males and females were seen in Khao Yai.
- 128) **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*
scattered recorded throughout.
- 129) **Banded Kingfisher** *Lacedo pulchella*
we were unlucky with this shy forest dweller, while it was heard many times in the evergreen forest along the road at Kaeng Krachan we never managed to see one.
- 130) **White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis*
just a few sightings in the south and two records from the north.
- 131) **Black-capped Kingfisher** *Halcyon pileata*
this is a migratory species that was quite common this year around Khok Kam where we recorded a total of 12 birds.
- 132) **Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris*
common in mangrove vegetation around Khok Kam.
- 133) **Blue-bearded Bee-eater** *Nyctornis athertoni*
this fantastic bird was seen a number of times at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 134) **Green Bee-eater** *Merops orientalis*
common in open areas in the south.
- 135) **Blue-throated Bee-eater** *Merops viridis*
two at Kaeng Krachan.
- 136) **Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus*
just two at Doi Inthanon.
- 137) **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenaulti*
scarce this year with a few records from Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 138) **Indian Roller** *Coracias benghalensis*
seen almost daily in the south and maybe every second day in the north!
- 139) **Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*
quite a few seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 140) **Oriental Pied-Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris*
the most common of the hornbills, we saw this species in good numbers at Kaeng Krachan and especially at Khao Yai, where it seems to occur in high numbers.
- 141) **Great Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis*
this is one of the great birds of Asia! We saw a handful in both Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 142) **Brown Hornbill** *Anorrhinus tickelli*
we got really lucky this year with this scarce and shy species with a large flock seen on two days along the entrance road at Kaeng Krachan, they were feeding in a large fruiting *Ficus* tree.
- 143) **Wreathed Hornbill** *Aceros undulatus*
seen in low numbers in both Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai, where we had good views of this strangely beautiful bird.
- 144) **Common Hoopoe** *Upupa epops*
this winter migrant was seen at Khok Kam, Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon.
- 145) **Great Barbet** *Megalaima virens*
while this bird was heard at many sites, it is much harder to track it down! We did eventually get fabulous looks at one bird that very cooperatively sat out on a dead stag at the lookout at Kaeng Krachan. We also scoped one at Doi Ang Khang.
- 146) **Lineated Barbet** *Megalaima lineata*
This bird has lots of character! We only saw the bird a couple of times, at Khao Yai and Doi Inthanon.

- 147) **Green-eared Barbet** *Megalaima faiostricta*
heard at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 148) **Red-throated Barbet** *Megalaima mystacophanos*
heard at Kaeng Krachan.
- 149) **Golden-throated Barbet** *Megalaima franklinii*
heard frequently in the north, we had some excellent looks at this species on Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon. It tends to be found at higher altitudes.
- 150) **Blue-throated Barbet** *Megalaima asiatica*
Probably the most common and confiding of the barbets, especially in the north. Seen and scoped at Kaeng Krachan, Doi Ang Khang and Doi Chiang Dao.
- 151) **Moustached Barbet** *Megalaima incognita*
very common in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP, where we had some great looks.
- 152) **Blue-eared Barbet** *Megalaima australis*
heard daily in Kaeng Krachan, seen and scoped a couple of times.
- 153) **Coppersmith Barbet** *Megalaima haemacephala*
this is the barbet of open areas and gardens, and we saw and heard it many times at Kaeng Krachan and our hotel near Khao Yai.
- 154) **White-browed Piculet** *Sasia ochracea*
one seen briefly at Doi Chiang Dao.
- 155) **Grey-capped Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus*
up to six were seen on the Khao Khieo road in Khao Yai.
- 156) **Stripe-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos atratus*
a total of six were seen well in pine forest on Doi Ang Khang.
- 157) **Greater Yellownape** *Picus flavinucha*
a few seen in Kaeng Krachan; one in Khao Yai.
- 158) **Laced Woodpecker** *Picus vittatus*
in drier forest in Kaeng Krachan; one at Khao Yai.
- 159) **Streak-throated Woodpecker** *Picus xanthopygaeus*
one in dry forest along the entrance road to Kaeng Krachan.
- 160) **Black-headed Woodpecker** *Picus erythropygius*
this fabulous bird is very scarce and shy at Doi Inthanon, found only in the dry dipterocarp forest in the lower reaches of the park. This year we only heard it.
- 161) **Common Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*
good views of a total of three birds in the evergreen forest of Kaeng Krachan.
- 162) **Greater Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*
this spectacular woodpecker was encountered a couple of times at Kaeng Krachan.
- 163) **Bay Woodpecker** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*
heard at Khao Yai and Doi Chiang Dao.
- 164) **Heart-spotted Woodpecker** *Hemicircus canente*
one seen at Kaeng Krachan.
- 165) **Great Slaty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*
heard at Kaeng Krachan.

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- 166) **Blue Pitta** *Pitta cyanea*
although heard frequently at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai, seeing this secretive beauty is another matter!
We did eventually track down and had a good if rather brief views near the lookout at Khao Yai.
- 167) **Dusky Broadbill** *Corydon sumatranus*
amazing scope looks at this remarkable bird on the Khao Khieo road at Khao Yai.
- 168) **Banded Broadbill** *Eurylaimus javanicus*
one was seen at Kaeng Krachan.
- 169) **Silver-breasted Broadbill** *Serilophus lunatus*
a great sighting of two of this gorgeous bird in the evergreen forest around the streams at Kaeng Krachan.
- 170) **Long-tailed Broadbill** *Psarisomus dalhousiae*
some good looks at this beautiful bird were had as they responded well to playback in Khao Yai.
- 171) **Indochinese Bushlark** *Mirafra assamica*
excellent looks at a singing bird at Huay Tung Tao en route to Doi Ang Khang.
- 172) **Sand Martin** *Riparia riparia*
- 173) **Dusky crag Martin** *Hirundo concolor*
Doi Inthanon.
- 174) **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*
recorded daily throughout.
- 175) **Red-rumped Swallow** *Hirundo daurica*
Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 176) **Striated Swallow** *Hirundo striolata*
Doi Inthanon.
- 177) **Asian House Martin** *Delichon dasypus*
only seen at Doi Inthanon.
- 178) **Pied Wagtail** *Motacilla alba*
- 179) **Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla flava*
just one at Khok Kam.
- 180) **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*
a number of records at various sites.
- 181) **Richard's Pipit** *Anthus richardi*
Khao Yai.
- 182) **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*
this migratory species was only seen in the Royal Gardens at Doi Ang Khang this year.
- 183) **Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*
quite common and seen daily at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 184) **Slender-billed Oriole** *Oriolus tenuirostris*
three birds seen at Doi Inthanon.
- 185) **Black-hooded Oriole** *Oriolus xanthornus*
commonly heard but harder to see in the dry dipterocarp forest on the Km 13 Trail in Doi Inthanon.
- 186) **Maroon Oriole** *Oriolus traillii*
heard frequently on Doi Inthanon, four birds were seen there.
- 187) **Indochinese Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina polioptera*
one at Khao Yai; four on Doi Ang Khang.

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- 188) **Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina melaschistos*
Kaeng Krachan; Khao Yai; Doi Ang Khang; Doi Chiang Dao.
- 189) **Brown-rumped (Swinhoe's) Minivet** *Pericrocotus cantonensis*
another winter migrant, seen very well at Kaeng Krachan.
- 190) **Ashy Minivet** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*
many birds were seen in Khao Yai.
- 191) **Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris*
up to four seen on the summit on Doi Inthanon.
- 192) **Long-tailed Minivet** *Pericrocotus ethologus*
common on Doi Ang Khang where we enjoyed some great views of this very attractive bird.
- 193) **Short-billed Minivet** *Pericrocotus brevirostris*
a total of four birds were recorded on Doi Inthanon.
- 194) **Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus*
found at lower altitudes than the above species; seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai, where quite common.
- 195) **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus picatus*
widespread, though nowhere very common.
- 196) **Large Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis gularis*
two were seen at Kaeng Krachan; one at Khao Yai.
- 197) **Common Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*
one on Doi Inthanon.
- 198) **Crested Finchbill** *Spizixos canifrons*
this bird is rarely seen on tours of Thailand so we were in the right place at the right time to see a group of four of this fancy bulbul along the road at Doi Ang Khang.
- 199) **Striated Bulbul** *Pycnonotus striatus*
a rather scarce and attractive bulbul seen at higher altitudes on Doi Ang Khang.
- 200) **Black-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus atriceps*
Kaeng Krachan; Khao Yai.
- 201) **Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus*
common and seen almost daily at forested sites.
- 202) **Red-whiskered Bulbul** *Pycnonotus jocosus*
a few seen daily at Khao Yai; very common in the north where seen daily.
- 203) **Brown-breasted Bulbul** *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous*
this bird is restricted to the far north west corner of Thailand but we found it to be very common on Doi Ang Khang this year.
- 204) **Sooty-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus aurigaster*
very common and seen daily in the north.
- 205) **Stripe-throated Bulbul** *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*
Kaeng Krachan; Khao Yai.
- 206) **Flavescent Bulbul** *Pycnonotus flavescens*
this is a high altitude species and seen on all the mountain summits of the north and south.
- 207) **Streak-eared Bulbul** *Pycnonotus blanfordi*
generally a common bird of gardens and rural areas in the south.
- 208) **Puff-throated Bulbul** *Alophoixus pallidus*
common in Khao Yai NP.

- 209) **Ochraceous Bulbul** *Alophoixus ochraceus*
very common, vocal and pugnacious in Kaeng Krachan NP.
- 210) **Buff-vented Bulbul** *Iole olivacea*
Kaeng Krachan; Khao Yai.
- 211) **Ashy Bulbul** *Hemixos flavala*
this handsome bulbul was seen in low numbers in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai and Doi Ang Khang.
- 212) **Mountain Bulbul** *Hypsipetes mccllellandii*
quite common on Doi Ang Khang and in lower numbers on Doi Inthanon.
- 213) **Black Bulbul** *Hypsipetes leucocephalus*
Doi Ang Khang; Doi Chiang Dao.
- 214) **White-headed Bulbul** *Hypsipetes thompsoni*
this uncommon species was another trip highlight, we had great views of two birds feeding in a flowering tree on the Fang road at Doi Ang Khang.
- 215) **Asian Fairy-bluebird** *Irena puella*
many were seen daily in the southern reserves we visited.
- 216) **Greater Green Leafbird** *Chloropsis sonnerati*
a few seen in Kaeng Krachan.
- 217) **Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*
seen a number of times in Khao Yai.
- 218) **Golden-fronted Leafbird** *Chloropsis aurifrons*
common in the dry dipterocarp forest of Doi Inthanon.
- 219) **Orange-bellied Leafbird** *Chloropsis hardwickii*
fabulous scope looks at this very fancy bird on Doi Ang Khang.
- 220) **Common lora** *Aegithina tiphia*
a garden bird seen at various locations.
- 221) **Great lora** *Aegithina lafresnayeii*
a few were seen in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 222) **Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrush** *Monticola rufiventris*
a total of five birds recorded on Doi Ang Khang.
- 223) **Blue Rock Thrush** *Monticola solitarius*
a common winter visitor to Thailand, we saw many in Khao Yai NP (but only one that appeared to want anything to do with a rock!) and just two on Doi Ang Khang.
- 224) **Blue Whistling Thrush** *Myiophonus caeruleus*
very common in Doi Inthanon NP; less so on Doi Ang Khang.
- 225) **Orange-headed Thrush** *Zosterops citrina*
a total of five birds were seen in Khao Yai.
- 226) **Dark-sided Thrush** *Zosterops marginata*
a fabulous bird watched at length as it foraged in mud at the bog, Doi Inthanon.
- 227) **Eurasian Blackbird** *Turdus merula*
one on Doi Ang Khang.
- 228) **Chestnut Thrush** *Turdus rubrocanus*
super views of four birds on the Ang Ka trail at Doi Inthanon. This bird is a scarce migrant to Thailand.
- 229) **Eye-browed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus*
recorded at Kaeng Krachan and Doi Ang Khang.
- 230) **Lesser Shortwing** *Brachypteryx leucophrys*
heard at Kaeng Krachan.

- 231) **White-browed Shortwing** *Brachypteryx montana*
one female bird hanging around offstage at the Doi Inthanon bog never really showed well enough to be seen by more than a couple of people.
- 232) **Orange-flanked Bush-Robin** *Tarsiger cyanurus*
one was seen by David only at the bog on Doi Inthanon.
- 233) **Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis*
- 234) **White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus*
seen or heard daily at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai, with particularly nice looks of one singing bird along the road at Kaeng Krachan.
- 235) **White-capped Redstart** *Chaimarrionis leucocephalus*
what a gorgeous bird! We watched this one at the Wachirathan Waterfall at length while it foraged around the edges of the water. Great stuff!
- 236) **Plumbeous Water Redstart** *Rhyacornis fuliginosus*
one seen very briefly above Wachirathan Waterfall, Doi Inthanon.
- 237) **Slaty-backed Forktail** *Enicurus schistaceus*
brilliant, prolonged scope studies for us all as we watched two upstream from the waterfall at Doi Inthanon.
- 238) **Siberian Stonechat** *Saxicola maura*
many sightings at various sites throughout, a bird of open fields and grasslands.
- 239) **Pied Bushchat** *Saxicola caprata*
as for the above species/
- 240) **Grey Bushchat** *Saxicola ferrea*
very common on Doi Ang Khang.
- 241) **Slaty-bellied Tesia** *Tesia olivea*
heard on Doi Inthanon.
- 242) **Lanceolated Warbler** *Locustella lanceolata*
one at Khok Kam.
- 243) **Oriental Reed-Warbler** *Acrocephalus orientalis*
on the Wat Khao Takrow road en route to Kaeng Krachan.
- 244) **Mountain Tailorbird** *Orthotomus cuculatus*
heard frequently on Doi Ang Khang; a couple of sneaky birds were seen fleetingly on Doi Inthanon.
- 245) **Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius*
a common garden bird.
- 246) **Dark-necked Tailorbird** *Orthotomus atrogularis*
very common in forested areas in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 247) **Buff-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus subaffinis*
two on Doi Ang Khang.
- 248) **Dusky Warbler** *Phylloscopus fuscatus*
Wat Khao Takrow; Kaeng Krachan.
- 249) **Buff-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus subaffinis*
two at Doi Inthanon.
- 250) **Radde's Warbler** *Phylloscopus schwarzi*
one at Khao Yai.
- 251) **Buff-barred Warbler** *Phylloscopus pulcher*
two on Doi Inthanon.
- 252) **Ashy-throated Warbler** *Phylloscopus maculipennis*
two on Doi Inthanon.

- 253) **Yellow-browed Warbler** *Phylloscopus inornatus*
very common throughout.
- 254) **Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis*
two at Doi Ang Khang.
- 255) **Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus tenellipes*
Kaeng Krachan; Doi Ang Khang.
- 256) **Blyth's Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus reguloides*
heard or seen almost daily in the north.
- 257) **White-tailed Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus davisoni*
four were seen at Doi Inthanon at the summit.
- 258) **Grey-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus tephrocephalus*
Golden-spectacled Warbler has been split every which way! We saw this one on Doi Ang Khang.
- 259) **Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus castaniceps*
one seen well on Doi Inthanon.
- 260) **Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*
many in grasslands around the Salt Lick Hide at Khao Yai.
- 261) **Bright-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis*
- 262) **Hill Prinia** *Prinia atrogularis*
this attractive songster was seen and heard on Doi Ang Khang this year.
- 263) **Rufescent Prinia** *Prinia rufescens*
Doi Ang Khang.
- 264) **Grey-breasted Prinia** *Prinia hodgsonii*
two seen in fields in the lower part of Doi Chiang Dao.
- 265) **Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris*
great looks at a close bird in the Khok Kam area.
- 266) **Dark-sided (Siberian) Flycatcher** *Muscicapa sibirica*
a winter migrant that was all seen a number of times in Kaeng Krachan.
- 267) **Asian Brown Flycatcher** *Muscicapa dauurica*
one or two at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 268) **Mugimaki Flycatcher** *Ficedula mugimaki*
one bird was in Khao Yai.
- 269) **Taiga Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla*
it has been proposed that the eastern population of *F. (parva) albicilla* be elevated to specific status on the basis of differences in vocalisations and plumage. Either way, all the "Red-throated" Flycatchers we saw were of the *albicilla* race. We found it to be common and widespread throughout our visit but especially so in Kaeng Krachan.
- 270) **White-gorgeted Flycatcher** *Ficedula monileger*
one elusive bird was seen all too briefly as it responded to playback at the end of the Jeep Trail on Doi Inthanon.
- 271) **Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra*
just one bird was seen by some along the Ang Kha trail on the Doi Inthanon summit.
- 272) **Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni*
this really cute bird seen on Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon.
- 273) **Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassina*
widespread.

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- 274) **Large Niltava** *Niltava grandis*
marvellous looks at a beautiful male and female along the Jeep Trail at Doi Inthanon. Although frequently heard, getting a nice look at this shade-loving beauty is a different matter!
- 275) **Hainan Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis hainanus*
one seen briefly in Khao Yai.
- 276) **Pale Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis unicolor*
a number of birds were seen this year at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and on Doi Ang Khang.
- 277) **Hill Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis banyumas*
best views were had at Khao Yai this year but also heard and seen on Doi Ang Khang.
- 278) **Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis tickelliae*
one seen at Kaeng Krachan; one seen in Khao Yai.
- 279) **Grey-headed Canary-Flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*
common at all forested sites.
- 280) **Yellow-bellied Fantail** *Rhipidura hypoxantha*
one of the components of mixed flocks at high altitudes, we found a couple at the bog where they become more active as the sun climbs higher (just like us!).
- 281) **White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis*
not uncommon on Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon.
- 282) **Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*
Kaeng Krachan; Khao Yai; Doi Chiang Doi.
- 283) **Asian Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi*
a total of three were recorded at Khao Yai.
- 284) **Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti*
quite commonly heard in Khao Yai.
- 285) **Spot-throated Babbler** *Pellornum albiventre*
one of this very elusive skulker was seen on Doi Ang Khang.
- 286) **Puff-throated Babbler** *Pellorneum ruficeps*
great close looks at up to four birds at Kaeng Krachan; also heard many times in Khao Yai.
- 287) **Scaly-crowned Babbler** *Malacopteron cinereum*
heard infrequently in Khao Yai.
- 288) **Large Scimitar-Babbler** *Pomatorhinus hypoleucos*
heard at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai, but only one was seen in Khao Yai.
- 289) **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler** *Pomatorhinus erythrogeus*
super looks at this charismatic bird in grasslands on Doi Ang Khang, at total of 12 birds were recorded over two days.
- 290) **White-browed Scimitar-Babbler** *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*
heard at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Doi Ang Khang, where up to six were seen well.
- 291) **Pygmy Wren-Babbler** *Pnoepyga pusilla*
this amazing little gem sat wandered right under our feet on The Bog boardwalk at Doi Inthanon.
- 292) **Rufous-fronted Babbler** *Stachyris rufifrons*
commonly heard but less often seen, we had some good views of birds in Kaeng Krachan and heard them frequently on Doi Ang Khang.
- 293) **Golden Babbler** *Stachyris chrysaea*
up to six in a mixed flock on Doi Inthanon.
- 294) **Grey-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps*
heard on the Muang Khang road at Chiang Dao; one was seen on Doi Inthanon.
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- 295) **Spot-necked Babbler** *Stachyris striolata*
two of this very scarce bird was seen very well in bamboo near the streams in Kaeng Krachan.
- 296) **Striped Tit-Babbler** *Macronous gularis*
common at all forested sites in the lowlands.
- 297) **Chestnut-capped Babbler** *Timalia pileata*
one of the best birds of the trip, this grassland skulker was seen exceptionally well on Doi Ang Khang this year.
- 298) **Silver-eared Mesia** *Leiothrix argenteauris*
we found this wonderful bird was quite common on Doi Ang Khang and less so on Doi Inthanon.
- 299) **White-browed Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius flaviscapis*
yet another fantastic babbler! This is a montane species that we saw or heard at Kaeng Krachan, Doi Ang Khang, Doi Chiang Dao and Doi Inthanon.
- 300) **Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius aenobarbus*
up to three were seen in a mixed flocks on Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon.
- 301) **White-hooded Babbler** *Gampsorhynchus rufulus*
one seen on Doi Inthanon.
- 302) **Spectacled Barwing** *Actinodura ramsayi*
this very fancy bird was seen well on Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon this year.
- 303) **Blue-winged Minla** *Minla cyanouroptera*
seen on Doi Ang Khang and Doi Chiang Dao.
- 304) **Chestnut-tailed Minla** *Minla strigula*
one of the most common birds at the Ang Kha bog on Doi Inthanon. We enjoyed some outstanding close-up views, too!
- 305) **Rufous-winged Fulvetta** *Alcippe castaneiceps*
also found in mixed flocks at high altitudes. Usually quite common at Doi Inthanon we saw up to 25 at the Ang Kha bog.
- 306) **Brown-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe poioicephala*
common on the Jeep Trail, Doi Inthanon.
- 307) **Grey-cheeked Fulvetta** *Alcippe morrisonia*
very common on the Jeep Trail, Doi Inthanon.
- 308) **Rufous-backed Sibia** *Heterophasia annectens*
this is rather scarce species and also unusual for a sibia, it behaves more like a nuthatch. We saw one foraging in a tree near the Jeep Trail head, Doi Inthanon.
- 309) **Dark-backed Sibia** *Heterophasia melanoleuca*
very common on the mountains in the north.
- 310) **White-bellied Yuhina** *Yuhina zantholeuca*
common in Khao Yai; also two seen on Doi Inthanon.
- 311) **Spot-breasted Parrotbill** *Paradoxornis guttaticollis*
two seen in grasslands on Doi Ang Khang.
- 312) **White-crested Laughingthrush** *Garrulax leucolophus*
simply amazing views of many of this very charismatic species in Kaeng Krachan; also heard at Kaeng Krachan.
- 313) **Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush** *Garrulax monileger*
quite elusive but seen well in the end at Kaeng Krachan.
- 314) **Black-throated Laughingthrush** *Garrulax chinensis*
a total of 10 birds were seen in Khao Yai, with especially fine looks on the summit.

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- 315) **White-browed Laughingthrush** *Garrulax sannio*
we all enjoyed great views of this grassland specialist on the Doi Ang Khang summit.
- 316) **Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush** *Garrulax erythrocephalus*
quite common and confiding on the summit at Doi Inthanon; a smaller number were also seen on the Fang Road at Doi Ang Khang.
- 317) **Red-faced Liocichla** *Liocichla phoenicea*
incredible, long looks at this fine laughingthrush along the top end of the Fang Road at Doi Ang Khang.
- 318) **Golden-bellied Gerygone (Flyeater)** *Gerygone sulphurea*
heard near the bridge at Khok Kam.
- 319) **Great Tit** *Parus major*
Doi Ang Khang, Doi Chiang Dao.
- 320) **Yellow-cheeked Tit** *Parus spilonotus*
quite common and confiding near the summit on Doi Inthanon, generally in more open areas.
- 321) **Yellow-browed Tit** *Sylviparus modestus*
up to eight on Doi Chiang Dao.
- 322) **Sultan Tit** *Melanochlora sultanea*
this striking bird was seen near the streams in Kaeng Krachan and also on Doi Inthanon.
- 323) **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** *Sitta nagaensis*
three were seen on Doi Ang Khang; two on Doi Inthanon.
- 324) **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis*
seen in Kaeng Krachan NP, Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon.
- 325) **Brown-throated Treecreeper** *Certhia discolor*
great views of a pair of responsive birds along the Jeep Trail, Doi Inthanon.
- 326) **Brown-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis*
common in Kaeng Krachan.
- 327) **Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** *Anthreptes singalensis*
common in Kaeng Krachan; four seen in Khao Yai.
- 328) **Purple-throated Sunbird** *Nectarinia sperata*
two seen in Kaeng Krachan.
- 329) **Olive-backed Sunbird** *Nectarinia jugularis*
Kaeng Krachan; Khao Yai.
- 330) **Purple Sunbird** *Nectarinia asiatica*
one in the hotel gardens at Doi Inthanon.
- 331) **Mrs. Gould's Sunbird** *Aethopyga gouldiae*
very common at the summit on Doi Inthanon.
- 332) **Green-tailed Sunbird** *Aethopyga nipalensis*
common at the summit on Doi Ang Khang.
- 333) **Black-throated Sunbird** *Aethopyga saturata*
two or three at Khao Yai, Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon.
- 334) **Crimson Sunbird** *Aethopyga siparaja*
one at Kaeng Krachan; two on Doi Ang Khang; common in the foothills of Doi Inthanon.
- 335) **Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra*
one at Kaeng Krachan; one at Khao Yai.
- 336) **Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna*
this appealing bird was seen at the lookout at Kaeng Krachanas well as on Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon.
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- 337) **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*
one seen at Khao Yai.
- 338) **Plain Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum concolor*
Kaeng Krachan; two seen en route to Doi Ang Khang.
- 339) **Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum ignipectus*
one seen in the gardens of our hotel at Doi Inthanon.
- 340) **Buff-bellied Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum cambodianum*
this race, considered by many to be a discrete taxon, was seen well at Khao Yai and Doi Ang Khang. It is sometimes lumped with the above but is quite vocally and morphologically distinct, lacking the red breast-marking.
- 341) **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum cruentatum*
Kaeng Krachan; Khao Yai.
- 342) **Oriental White-eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus*
many at Khao Yai and Doi Ang Khang.
- 343) **Japanese White-eye** *Zosterops japonicus*
Doi Inthanon.
- 344) **Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*
one seen at Khok Kam; common on Doi Ang Khang.
- 345) **Burmese Shrike** *Lanius collurio*
remarkably common this year on Doi Ang Khang, we enjoyed some wonderful looks at this very handsome bird.
- 346) **Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach*
common in the north between Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon; we also saw one at the beginning of our trip en route to Kaeng Krachan.
- 347) **Black Drongo** *Dicrurus macrocercus*
only seen in open country around Khok Kam and Lampak Priya, and in grasslands in Khao Yai.
- 348) **Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus*
more common in forested areas throughout, the pale *leucogenis* race was seen on a couple of occasions.
- 349) **Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus*
mostly in low numbers in evergreen forest, many more were seen in the north than the south this year.
- 350) **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer*
some great looks at this handsome bird generally at higher elevations in the north.
- 351) **Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*
very common in Kaeng Krachan in particular, where we saw some remarkably large congregations.
- 352) **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus*
seen regularly at lower elevations in a variety of habitats.
- 353) **Ashy Woodswallow** *Artamus fuscus*
seen almost daily.
- 354) **Crested Jay** *Platylophus galericulatus*
just one of this highly enigmatic bird was seen briefly near the streams at Kaeng Krachan.
- 355) **Eurasian Jay** *Garrulus glandarius*
a total of three birds were seen in the north.
- 356) **Green Magpie** *Cissa chinensis*
two seen near the streams in Kaeng Krachan; singles on a couple of days at Khao Yai.

- 357) **Rufous Treepie** *Dendrocitta vagabunda*
one was seen on our first day en route to Kaeng Krachan; up to four were seen in Doi Inthanon National Park.
- 358) **Grey Treepie** *Dendrocitta formosae*
one was seen on Doi Ang Khang.
- 359) **Ratchet-tailed Treepie** *Temnurus temnurus*
a fabulous six birds were seen at our lunch spot at Kaeng Krachan – this species has a very unusual distribution being otherwise found much further eastwards in north Vietnam and south east China and was only recently discovered in Kaeng Krachan.
- 360) **Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos*
common.
- 361) **Chestnut-tailed Starling** *Sturnia malabarica*
while one was seen briefly en route to Doi Ang Khang, we enjoyed much better looks at over 20 birds in dry woodlands behind our accommodation at Doi Inthanon.
- 362) **Black-collared Starling** *Sturnus nigricollis*
more than 20 birds also in dry woodlands behind our accommodation at Doi Inthanon.
- 363) **Asian Pied Starling** *Sturnus contra*
many en route to Kaeng Krachan on the first day.
- 364) **Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis*
- 365) **White-vented Myna** *Acridotheres grandis*
- 366) **Golden-crested Myna** *Ampeliceps coronatus*
great views of a few at Khao Yai.
- 367) **Common Hill Myna** *Gracula religiosa*
common at Khao Yai.
- 368) **Plain-backed Sparrow** *Passer flaveolus*
up to 50 in dry woodlands behind our accommodation at Doi Inthanon.
- 369) **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*
- 370) **Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus*
some large flocks near Wat Khao Takrow en route to Kaeng Krachan.
- 371) **White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata*
- 372) **Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata*
- 373) **Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*
in good numbers on Doi Ang Khang and Doi Inthanon.
- 374) **Chestnut Bunting** *Emberiza rutila*
many at Doi Ang Khang.

MAMMALS

- 1) **Northern Treeshrew** *Tupaia belangeri*
one seen at Kaeng Krachan; brilliant views of two feeding on Rhododendron nectar at the bog on Doi Inthanon summit.
- 2) **Wrinkle-lipped Bat** *Tadarida plicata*
oh, just a million or so exiting the bat cave in Khao Yai at dusk.
- 3) **Pig-tailed Macaque** *Macaca nemestrina*
many at Khao Yai.

- 4) **Dusky Leaf Monkey** *Semnopithecus obscurus*
a very common primate in the Kaeng Krachan forests.
- 5) **White-handed Gibbon** *Hylobates lar*
many were heard at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai but only one was seen (Khao Yai).
- 6) **Black Giant Squirrel** *Ratufa bicolor*
this spectacular creature was seen very well at Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 7) **Pallas's Squirrel** *Callosciurus erythraeus*
scattered sightings in the north.
- 8) **Variable Squirrel** *Callosciurus finlaysoni*
notably common at Khao Yai.
- 9) **Grey-bellied Squirrel** *Callosciurus caniceps*
many sightings in Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai.
- 10) **Burmese Striped Squirrel** *Tamiops macclellandi*
many sightings in the western reserves.
- 11) **Cambodian Striped Squirrel** *Tamiops rudolphi*
quite common in Khao Yai.
- 12) **Indochinese Ground Squirrel** *Menetes berdmorei*
one or two records from Kaeng Krachan and Doi Ang Khang.
- 13) **East Asian Porcupine** *Hystrix brachyura*
we saw up to five in Khao Yai.
- 14) **Golden Jackal** *Canis aureus*
a remarkable pair were watched at length at a salt lick in Khao Yai.
- 15) **Asian Dhole** *Cuon alpinus*
a wonderful treat to see two magnificent animals lope across the road, then stop to watch us, in the early morning at Khao Yai.
- 16) **Small Indian Civet** *Viverricula indica*
spotlit in Khao Yai.
- 17) **Large Indian Civet** *Viverra zibetha*
two spotlit in Khao Yai.
- 18) **Common Palm Civet** *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*
spotlit in Khao Yai.
- 19) **Three-striped Palm Civet** *Arctogalidia trivirgata*
spotlit in Khao Yai.
- 20) **Masked Palm Civet** *Paguma larvata*
great views of one spotlit at Khao Yai.
- 21) **Asian Elephant** *Elaphus maximus*
lots of signs! And one very large bull seen on leaving the park after spotlighting at Khao Yai.
- 22) **Lesser Mouse Deer** *Tragulus javanicus*
two seen whilst spotlighting in Khao Yai.
- 23) **Common Barking Deer** *Muntiacus muntjak*
common in Khao Yai.
- 24) **Fea's Barking Deer** *Muntiacus feae*
we saw one on the road at Kaeng Krachan. Notably darker than the previous species.
- 25) **Sambar** *Cervus unicolor*
common in Khao Yai.

26) Long-tailed Mouse

BUTTERFLIES

The butterflies of Thailand are truly spectacular and provide one of the highlights of any tour to this wonderful country. In particular we saw great shows in Kaeng Krachan, especially at one of the stream crossings, and at the Mae Phang waterfall in Doi Inthanon. Here are just some of the butterflies we were able to identify:

Common Birdwing *Troides helena*

Golden Birdwing *Troides aeacus*

Great Windmill *Parides dasarada*

Common Rose *Pachilocta aristochiae*

Common Mime *Chilasa clytia*

Red Helen *Papilio helenus*

Great Mormon *Papilio memnon*

Common Mormon *Papilio polytes*

Paris Peacock *Papilio paris*

Chain Swordtail *Graphium aristeus*

Fivebar Swordtail *Graphium antiphates*

Common Bluebottle *Graphium sarpedon*

Common Jay *Graphium doson*

Tailed Jay *Graphium agamemnon*

Red-spot Jezebel *Delias descombesi*

Orange Albatross *Appias nero*

Yellow Orange Tip *Ixias pyrene*

Great Orange Tip *Hebomoia glaucippe*

Lemon Emigrant *Catopsilia Pomona*

Common Grass Yellow *Eurema hecabe*

Dark Blue Tiger *Tirumala septentrionis*

Glassy Blue Tiger

Blue King Crow *Euploea camaralzeman*

Common Indian Crow *Euploea core*

Common Evening Brown *Melanitis leda*

Common Cruiser *Vindula erota*

Common Castor *Ariadne merione*

Common Maplet *Chersonesia risa*

Marbled Map *Cyretis cocles*

Commander *Moduza procris*

Clipper *Parthenos Sylvia*

Common Nawab *Polyura athamas*

Straight Pierrot *Caleta roxus*

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