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White-bellied Woodpecker at Beng Mealea ©Bob Kowalczyk

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Our 2009 Cambodia tour was very successful, recording 247 species of birds and 11 species of mammals, including several critically endangered taxa. We began with a full day exploring Angkor Wat and nearby jungle temples of Tha Prom and Preah Khan. The exquisite Bayon relief carvings depicting battle scenes and epic tales of the Hindu religion more than captivated us as we strolled through temples similar in design to those of the Mayan empire, but with otherworldly decoration. Between the cultural aspects we explored the forest perimeter and managed to sight some interesting birds with Forest Wagtail, Black Baza, Alexandrine Parakeet, Asian Barred Owlet, and Hainan Blue-Flycatcher getting us off to a solid start.

The following day we headed to Ang Trapeang Thmor (also known as ATT), a water storage reservoir built during the brutal Pol Pot regime, no doubt at the cost of many lives. The extensive monsoon this year thwarted our chance for the Sarus Crane, but ATT came through with many special sightings. Most unexpected was the stunning male Bengal Florican we flushed twice while searching for larks and buttonquail. Other good birds included Comb Duck, Watercock, Black-capped Kingfisher, White-shouldered Starling, and Plain-backed Sparrow.

We departed our wonderfully comfortable hotel in Siem Reap for the remote village of Tmatboey. On the way we visited the jungle temple of Beng Maelea, a great location where in quick succession we located Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Great Slaty and White-bellied woodpeckers, and the scarce White-throated Rock-Thrush. We arrived at Tmatboey in good time to get settled in to the comfortable but basic accommodation that has been built. A male Violet Cuckoo and some shy Eastern Barn Owls finished up the day.

Our search for the Giant Ibis got off to a promising start with eerie crane-like trumpeting piercing the pre-dawn gloom, but developed into a frustrating episode until I managed to locate and scope a perched bird. This dinosaur-like member of Cambodia's bird megafauna, long feared extinct, was rediscovered by camera trap in 2000. So we had the Ivory-billed Woodpecker equivalent of the Oriental realm crisply focused in the scope. We were lucky enough to see another three birds the next day. With the Giant Ibis under our belt, it was time to concentrate on its equally rare relative, the White-shouldered Ibis; in the afternoon we studied four birds at a respectful distance as they foraged in some marshy forest edge pools.

Over the next few days we recorded more than 100 species at Tmatboey. Amongst the many standouts were Lesser Adjutant, Woolly-necked Stork, White-rumped Falcon, Chinese Francolin, Barred Buttonquail, Pale-capped Pigeon, Black-headed Woodpecker,

Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher, and Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush. While searching for nocturnal birds we had a great view of the delicate Phayre's flying squirrel, not known in Cambodia.

We returned to Siem Reap and spent a wonderful cool yet sunny day exploring the Prek Toal waterbird sanctuary on the giant lake called Tonle Sap. Many thousands of birds were seen with plenty of highlights ranging from Spot-billed Pelican, Indian Cormorant, Oriental Darter, Asian Openbill and Painted Storks, a couple of critically endangered Greater Adjutants thermalling, Black-headed Ibis, Gray-headed Fish-Eagle nesting, Brown-headed Gull, Whiskered Tern, Green-billed Malkoha, Black-browed Reed-Warbler, Dark-necked Tailorbird, and Racket-tailed Treepie. Perhaps the most unexpected was a bright rufous Savile's bandicoot rat that swam past, reminiscent of the musk rat.

The next day was spent exploring native grasslands with small wetlands. Walking in formation, we flushed an interesting array of scarce migrants and resident grassland birds. These included Pin-tailed Snipe, mouse-like Lanceolated Warbler, Bluethroat, Red-throated Pipit, Yellow-breasted Bunting, and an exceptionally good flight view of the scarce Small Buttonquail. Scouring the wetlands, we nearly caught a Slaty-breasted Rail while several Cinnamon and Yellow bitterns lifted up and a Great Spotted Eagle flew over. A Manchurian Reed Warbler gave us a great view at a stakeout from our local guide.

Our final birding destination on the Mekong River in the northeast close to Vietnam enabled us to make quite a remarkable discovery of a limestone forest patch. This forest area was so good we visited three times. Much to my complete amazement we found a thriving population of the Douc langur, spectacular and endangered Indochinese forest monkeys. We were able to scope several of these shy animals and take some digital images. Again, contrary to the mammal guide, all showed peachy-red faces, not blue like the book indicated for the Cambodian population (another thread of research to explore). We found some great birds here, such as Blue-rumped Pitta, Heart-spotted and Black-and-buff Woodpeckers, Black-browed Fulvetta, and Orange-breasted Trogon.

Our boating trip on the Mekong added the final icing to our cake. Irrawaddy dolphins cavorted around our boat as we silently drifted. The recently discovered Mekong Wagtail gave us great views while wintering Osprey plucked fish from the river close to our boat. A walk on the sand flats turned up numerous beautiful Small Pratincoles amongst a host of shorebirds. The next day we drove to Phnom Penh and took our leave of this most remarkable Southeast Asian country.

I would like to thank participants Bob and Joanne Kowalczyk, Diane Lundgren, and Grace Nutting for making this tour so delightful.

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ITINERARY

- 8 JAN 09:** Arrive Siem Reap
9 JAN 09: Visit Angkor Wat in the morning and Tha Prom and Preah Khan in afternoon.
10 JAN 09: Full day at Ang Trapeang Thmor (ATT)
11 JAN 09: Drive from Siem Reap to Beng Mealea before continuing on to Tmatboey.
12 JAN 09: Full day Tmatboey (T)
13 JAN 09: Full day Tmatboey
14 JAN 09: Half day Tmatboey then visit Koh Ker before returning to Siem Reap.
15 JAN 09: Full day Prek Toal (PT) conservation area in Tonle Sap
16 JAN 09: AM Birding grasslands at Stong PM Birding grasslands at Krahm.
17 JAN 09: Drive from Kampong Thom to Kratie having lunch at Sneul. Birding in limestone forest patch 54 km S Kratie at Phnom Prich (PP).
18 JAN 09: Kratie (K) boat trip on Mekong River. PM Phnom Prich.
19 JAN 09: AM Phnom Prich (26.2 km N Sneul) before driving through Phnom Penh.
20 JAN 09: Tour ends-fly home.

BIRDS

Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*: (20) at ATT

Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*: (200) ATT and (30) PT

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*: (300) PT

Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*: (100) PT

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger*: (10) PT and (1) K

Darter *Anhinga melanogaster*: (100) PT

Gray Heron *Ardea cinerea*: (1-20) seen on 5 days.

Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*: (1-20) seen on 4 days

Great Egret *Ardea alba*: (1-30) seen on 6 days

Intermediate Egret *Egretta intermedia*: (5) at ATT and (5) PT.

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*: (1-200) seen on 6 days.

Chinese Pond Heron *Ardeola bacchus*: (1-50) seen on 10 days all in non-breeding plumage.

Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*: (30-200) seen on 8 days.

Striated Heron *Butorides striata*: (2) PT

Yellow Bittern *Ixobrychus sinensis*: (1) ATT, (2) PT and (2) Krahm.

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*: (1) ATT, (3) Krahm and (1) en route to Kratie on 17 Jan.

Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*: (200) at ATT, (50) PT and (20) Krahm.

Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans*: (500) PT

Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*: (2-6) daily at T with (4) Stong.

Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*: (1-10) seen on 7 days with highest count at PT.

Greater Adjutant *Leptoptilos dubius*: (2) seen in scope thermalling at PT.

Black-headed Ibis *Threskiornis melanocephalus*: (10) PT

White-shouldered Ibis *Pseudibis davisoni*: (4) on 12 Jan at T gave great views.

Giant Ibis *Pseudibis gigantea*: (2) on 12 Jan and (3) on 13 Jan were seen perched and in flight plus heard calling eerily in the predawn gloom.

Lesser Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna javanica*: (500) at ATT

Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos*: (20) at ATT

Cotton Pygmy-Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus*: (8) AW and (100) ATT.

Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha*: (4) ATT, (10) PT, (10) Krahm and (2) K. The east Asian population is now generally split from the Indian population.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*: (3) at K

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes*: (2) AW, (4) BM, (1) on 17 Jan and (1) PP.

Black-shouldered Kite *Elanus caeruleus*: (3) ATT and (5) Krahm-Stong.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*: (1) ATT

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*: (10) PT

Gray-headed Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*: (4) at PT including an adult on a nest with a small chick.

Crested Serpent- Eagle *Spilornis cheela*: (1-4) seen on 6 days including daily at T.

Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus*: (4) ATT, (1) PT and (5) Krahm.

Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos*: (3) Stong-Krahm

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*: (1) in the hotel grounds at SR on 8 Jan was a juvenile bird.

Shikra *Accipiter badius*: (1-6) seen on 6 days

Rufous-winged Buzzard *Butastur liventer* : (2-10) seen on 5 days including daily at T.

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga*: (1) Krahm

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*: (2) T on 12 Jan gave a great perched view.

White-rumped Falcon *Polihierax insignis*: (2) gave a good perched view at T on 12 Jan.

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*: (3) at ATT included a good perched view and (2) hunting over the wetlands.

Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus*: (1) seen on 3 days at T including one crossing the highway.

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*: (1) rooster was well spotted by Bob at T on 14 Jan; heard on two other days here but as usual very shy.

Small Button-quail *Turnix sylvaticus*: (1) flushed in the grasslands at Stong gave a good view of the pure white flanks and buffy wing stripes.

Barred Button-quail *Turnix suscitator*: (3) flushed in dry rice paddy near our lodge at T on 11 Jan.

Slaty-breasted Rail *Gallirallus striatus*: (1) gave a great view at Krahm and was well spotted by Joanne. It was a lifer for our Cambodian bird guide Nawan.

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus*: (1) at AW was our only sighting on 9 Jan.

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca*: Heard at both ATT and PT, one was seen briefly by Dion at Krahm on 16 Jan.

White-browed Crake *Porzana cinerea*: (2) at ATT allowed excellent views.

Watercock *Gallicrex cinerea*: (2) at ATT and (1) at Krahm were all in no-breeding plumage and typically shy although some good brief views were obtained.

Purple Swampphen *Porphyrio porphyrio*: (50) ATT

Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*: (5) at ATT and (2) Krahm.

Bengal Florican *Houbaropsis bengalensis*: (1) a stunning male flushed twice at ATT where it is very rarely recorded and (1) male seen in flight at Stong on 16 Jan.

Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus*: (50) at ATT and (5) Krahm were all in non-breeding plumage.

Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopodius indicus*: (20) at ATT and (3) Krahm included a juvenile plumaged individual.

Eurasian Thick-knee *Burhinus oedicephalus*: Heard at night at T on 14 Jan.

Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea*: (100) on sand flats at Mekong River at K.

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus*: (1-2) daily at T

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*: (20) Mekong River at K.

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus*: (40) Mekong River at K.

Pin-tailed Snipe *Gallinago stenura*: (2) flushed by harriers near ATT and (3) at Stong-Krahm.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*: (3) at Mekong River at K.

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus*: (10) ATT

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*: (1) ATT, heard at Krahm and (1) Mekong River at K.

Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus*: (30) on Tonle Sap en route to PT.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia*: (4) Mekong River at K.

Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida*: (100) PT

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*: (10) seen on 5 days mostly in towns.

Pale-capped Pigeon *Columba punicea*: The park guides at T found two perched birds in the early morning on 13 Jan that flew right overhead when disturbed. In the afternoon, Dion had a good flyover view of this global rarity nearby.

Red Collared-Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*: (4-100) seen on 6 days.

Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis*: (1-30) seen on 10 days; a common bird.

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*: (1-5) seen on 4 days plus heard on one more.

Green Pigeon *Treron sp.*: A male of either Pompador or Thick-billed was seen in flight at Tmatboey on 13 Jan.

Green Imperial-Pigeon *Ducula aenea*: (1-2) seen on 4 days with best view at BM.

Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria*: (5) AW at Tha Prom with (2-6) on 3 days at T.

Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseata*: (2-200) on 3 days at T.

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*: (50) at Tha Prom at AW with (2-5) daily at T and a fly over flock of (30) at PP.

Vernal Hanging-Parrot *Loriculus vernalis*: Recorded on 6 days with (1-4) seen on 4 days with best view of a perched pair at PP that looked to be hollow prospecting.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo *Cuculus sparverioides*: (1) seen at PP on 18 Jan.

Oriental Cuckoo *Cuculus optatus*: (1) seen well by Bob and Joanne at T on 12 Jan.

Banded Bay Cuckoo *Cacomantis sonneratii*: (1) scoped at PP on 18 Jan and heard here the following morning.

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus*: (5) at ATT and (3) PT.

Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*: (1) male at T on 11 Jan.

Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea*: (1) male at ATT and heard at T at night on 12 Jan.

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis*: (1-4) seen on 6 days with several excellent views of this typically secretive species.

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis*: Recorded on 6 days with (1-4) seen on 4 days with best views at PT.

Eastern Barn Owl *Tyto javanica*: (2) shy birds seen in flight in response to playback at T on the night of the 11 Jan. Heard again the next evening. A recent genetic assessment recommends splitting this form.

Collared Scops Owl *Otus lettia*: Heard on both 12-13 Jan at T.

Spotted Wood Owl *Strix seloputo*: Heard calling at dawn on 12 Jan at T.

Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides*: (1) at AW and (1) at T. Heard on 3 other days.

Brown Hawk Owl *Ninox scutulata*: Heard at T on 2 nights but not responsive in the cold conditions.

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*: (1-2) seen on 3 days allowing some good views of this giant swift.

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis*: (5-100) seen on 11 days; ubiquitous and common in the plains wherever a Sugar Palm is growing.

House Swift *Apus nipalensis*: (1) at PT was the only sighting.

Crested Tree Swift *Hemiprocne coronata*: (2-10) seen over the 4 days in the T area.

Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*: (4) AAT, (2) PT and (2) Krahm.

White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis*: (1-2) on 2 days at T with (1) at Mekong River at K.

Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata*: (1) at AAT gave a great repeat view.

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis*: (2) AAT, (2) PT and (2) Mekong River at K.

Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni*: (1) gave a great scope view at BM. Heard at PP.

Green Bee-eater *Merops viridis*: (1-30) seen on 6 days.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus*: (10) AAT, (20) PT and (1) Krahm.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaultii*: (2) Koh Ker and (1-2) on 2 visits to PP.

Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis*: (2-10) seen on 9 days; a common bird.

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios*: (2) at PP on 17 Jan and (1) here on morning of 19 Jan.

Eurasian Hoopoe *Upupa epops*: (1-3) seen on 5 days; daily at T.

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*: (2-6) seen on 6 days and heard on 1 other. Records at BM, T and PP.

Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata*: (2-4) seen on 4 days and heard on 2 others.

Green-eared Barbet *Megalaima faiostriata*: (1) at PP on 17 Jan and heard here on 2 more days.

Blue-eared Barbet *Megalaima australis*: Heard only near our lunch stop close to Koh Ker on 11 Jan and at PP on every visit.

Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala*: (4) at AW and (2) BM.

Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus*: (2) on 11-13 Jan at T.

Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei*: (1) on 12 Jan at T.

Yellow-crowned Woodpecker *Dendrocopos mahrattensis*: (2) on 13 Jan at T.

White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*: (2) gave a superb view at a suspected nesting tree at BM.

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha*: (1) on 14 Jan at T and (1) on 17 Jan at PP.

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus*: (1) female on 13 Jan at T and (1) male at PP on 19 Jan.

Black-headed Woodpecker *Picus erythropygius*: (6) on 12 Jan at T; also heard the following day.

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense*: (2-4) daily at T on 11-14 Jan with (1) PP on 17 Jan.

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*: (1-4) seen on 4 days and heard on 1 other.

Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis*: Heard only at PP on the afternoon of 18 Jan.

Black and Buff Woodpecker *Meiglyptes jugularis*: A great view of a male at PP on the morning of 19 Jan was a good record.

Heart-spotted Woodpecker *Hemicircus canente*: Grace's most wanted bird was faithful to a large Fig tree at PP where we saw the same bird, a female, on all three visits.

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*: (1) female at BM gave a great scope view with a noisy flock of (6) at T on 13 Jan. Heard here the next morning.

Blue-rumped Pitta *Pitta soror*: (1) at PP on 17 Jan was a good record.

Australasian Bushlark *Mirafra javanica*: (4) ATT

Indochinese Bushlark *Mirafra erythrocephala marionae*: Split in Robson; (1-2) seen on 3 days at T.

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula*: (1) ATT and (2) Stong-Krahm.

Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola*: (10) Mekong River at K attending burrows in the river bank.

Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*: (10) ATT and (50) Stong-Krahm.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*: (10-1000) recorded on 8 days with the highest count at Krahm.

Red-rumped Swallow *Hirundo daurica*: (5-100) recorded on 7 days.

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus*: (1-5) recorded on 3 days.

Richard's Pipit *Anthus richardi*: (3) Stong

Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodgsoni*: (20) on both 12-13 Jan at T.

Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus*: (1) ATT and (5) Stong-Krahm.

Forest Wagtail *Dendronanthus indicus*: (3) at AW quietly foraging in the jungle.

Mekong Wagtail *Motacilla samveasnae*: (5) on the Mekong River at K gave great close up views of this often shy bird.

White Wagtail *Motacilla alba*: (1) ATT and (3) Mekong River at K.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*: (1-2) recorded on 3 days including ATT and Krahm.

Indochinese Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina polioptera*: (2) seen on 2 days at T generally associated with mixed foraging flocks.

Large Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina macei*: (1-3) seen on 4 days at T.

Black-winged Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina melaschistos*: (1) gave a great view in a mixed flock at PP on 19 Jan.

Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*: (1) male gave a great view at PP on 19 Jan.

Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*: (5-20) recorded on 5 days including daily at T.

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*: (4-5) daily at T.

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus*: (2-4) daily at T with (1-4) on 2 visits to PP.

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps*: (2) AW and (2) BM.

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus*: (2) BM and (4-5) on 3 days at PP.

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster*: (2-10) recorded on 5 days including daily at T.

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*: (3) BM and (2-4) on 3 days at PP.

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus goiavier*: (4) near ATT and (5) near the Tonle Sap main boat departure fishing village.

Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi*: (3-5) recorded on 5 days.

Puff-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus pallidus*: (1-4) seen on 3 days at PP.

Gray-eyed Bulbul *Iole propinqua*: (1) T on 14 Jan and (2-4) on 2 days at PP.

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis*: (1) male at T on 14 Jan with (1) female at PP on 17 Jan and (4) here on 19 Jan.

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons*: (2-3) on 13-14 Jan at T.

Common Iora *Aegithinia tiphia*: (2-4) on 3 days at T with (2) PP on 19 Jan.

Great Iora *Aegithinia lafresnayeri*: (2) in a mixed flock at PP on 19 Jan.

White-throated Rock Thrush *Monticola gularis*: Diane found this rarity, a good looking male at BM where it was a lifer for our local guide Nawan.

Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius*: (1) at our hotel in SR with (10) at AW where they revel in temple rock work.

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*: (1-10) seen on 2 days with high count in grassland at Stong.

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens*: (2) at T on 14 Jan.

Gray-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsoni*: (2-6) at T on 2 days.

Yellow-bellied Prinia *Prinia flaviventris*: (1) at Krahm on 16 Jan.

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata*: (1) at ATT and (2) Krahm.

Lanceolated Warbler *Locustella lanceolata*: (10) Stong

Pallas' Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella certhiola*: (1) Stong

Black-browed Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps*: (5) PT and (5) Krahm.

Manchurian Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus tangorum*: (1) at Krahm was foraging with a BBRW and allowed an excellent comparison.

Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus orientalis*: (1) ATT, (2) PT and (5) Krahm.

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*: Seen or heard on 5 days.

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis*: (2) seen well at PT.

Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*: Heard at ATT, (3) seen well at PT and (2) seen well at Krahm.

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi*: (1) seen on 3 days at T.

Yellow-browed Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus*: (1-2) seen or heard on 10 days.

Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides*: (1-2) seen on 6 days.

Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus tenellipes*: Heard at AW and T everyone managed a good view at PP where (1-2) were seen on our 3 visits here.

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*: (2-5) seen on 2 days with high count at Stong-Krahm.

Asian Brown Flycatcher *Muscicapa daurica*: (1-5) seen on 10 days.

Taiga Flycatcher *Ficedula albicilla*: (1-2) seen on 3 days; all in non-breeding plumage.

Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassinus*: (2) at T on 13 Jan.

Tickell's Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis tickelliae*: (1-2) seen on 2 days at T with (4) at PP on 19 Jan.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus*: (3) at AW.

Gray-headed Canary Flycatcher *Culicicapa ceylonensis*: (1-2) seen or heard on 4 days at T and PP.

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*: (1) at Stong and (3) at Krahm gave great views.

Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis*: (1-2) daily at T.

White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus*: (1-2) seen on 2 days at T with (2) seen or heard on 3 visits to PP.

Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maurus*: (1-10) recorded on 6 days.

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata*: (2-5) recorded on 5 days.

White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola*: (2-3) recorded on 3 days at T in mixed foraging flocks.

Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*: (3) ATT and (1) Mekong River at K.

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea*: (2-4) seen on 6 days and heard on one other.

Asian Paradise Flycatcher *Terpsiphone paradisi*: (1) male on 17 Jan and (1) female on 19 Jan at PP.

White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus*: (6) seen on 14 Jan at T. Heard here the previous 2 days.

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger*: (1) mixed in with the White-crested Laughingthrush on 14 Jan at T.

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps*: (1) scoped in response to playback at T on 14 Jan with singles seen fleetingly plus also heard at PP on 17-19 Jan.

Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronous gularis*: (2-5) seen or heard on 5 days at T and PP.

Chestnut-capped Babbler *Timalia pileata*: (2) near K on 18 Jan responded to playback.

Black-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe grotei*: (4) on 19 Jan at PP in a mixed foraging flock.

Split by Robson this bird is sometimes considered a subspecies of Mountain Fulvetta *Alcippe peracensis*.

White-bellied Yuhina *Erpornis zantholeuca*: (2) seen on the three visits to PP.

Great Tit *Parus major*: (1) at T on both 11 and 14 Jan.

Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta castanea*: (2) on both 13-14 Jan at T.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*: (2) on 12-14 Jan at T.

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*: (2) on 12 Jan and (1) on 14 Jan at T.

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus*: (20) on 13 Jan and (2) on 14 Jan at T, the high count attracted to a flowering Bombax tree event.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*: (1-2) seen on 9 days.

Purple-throated Sunbird *Nectarinia sperata*: (2) found by Diane at PP on morning of 19 Jan was our last bird for the tour.

Eastern Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja*: (1) male at PP on 19 Jan gave a good view.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum*: (1-2) seen on 3 days with some great close up views of the spectacular male.

Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis*: (2-10) seen on 4 days.

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus*: (1-6) seen on 5 days.

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus*: (1-10) seen on 8 days.

Burmese Shrike *Lanius collurioides*: (1) at ATT and (2-3) on 2 days at T.

Large Woodshrike *Tephrodornis gularis*: (2) on 13 Jan at T.

Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis pondicerianus*: (10-20) daily at T

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*: (1-200) seen on 10 days. A very common bird.

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus*: (1-10) seen on 9 days.

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus*: (1-2) at T on 13-14 Jan with (2) seen on 3 visits to PP.

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentotus*: (2) BM and (1) T on 13 Jan.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*: (2-6) seen on 8 days.

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus*: (1) seen by Grace on 17 Jan on drive to K from Kampong Thom.

Eurasian Jay *Garrulax glandarius*: (1) of the strikingly white-faced subspecies *leucotis* was seen in woodland near Koh Ker on 11 Jan.

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhynchus*: (1-5) seen daily at T with (4) at PP on 19 Jan.

Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda*: (2) ATT, (3-4) on 2 days at T with (1) on 17 Jan.

Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirinia temia*: (1) at PT

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchus*: (1) on 13 Jan at T, (20) at PT with (4) AT Krahm.

Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa*: (4) at Tha Prom, AW; (20) BM, (6) Koh Ker and (2-4) at PP on all three visits.

White-vented Myna *Acridotheres grandis*: (6-30) seen on 5 days.

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis*: (2-200) seen on 9 days.

Vinous-breasted Starling *Acridotheres burmanicus*: (2) ATT, (4-30) at T on 2 days.

Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis*: (10) birds seen on 5 days and heard on 1 other.

White-shouldered Starling *Sturnia sinensis*: (2) ATT and (4) Mekong River at K.

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnia malabarica*: (4) at T on 13 Jan.

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*: (2-4) near our hotel at Kampong Thom on 16-17 Jan.

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus*: (2) at ATT was surprisingly our only sighting.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*: (5-100) seen on 7 days.

Streaked Weaver *Ploceus manyar*: (2) winter plumaged birds possibly more mixed in with a large flock of the following species between Siem Reap and Tonle Sap on 15 Jan.

Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus*: (100) in a reed bed between Siem Reap and Tonle Sap when we were returning from PT.

Red Avadavat *Amandava amandava*: (5) ATT and (10) at Stong-Krahm including a couple of brilliant males.

White-rumped Munia *Lonchura striata*: (5) at T on 13 Jan.

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*: (5) birds seen on 3 days.

Yellow-breasted Bunting *Emberiza aureola*: (10) at Krahm included several males developing breeding plumage. It is always good to see this rapidly declining species.

MAMMALS

Northern Slender-tailed Treeshrew *Dendrogale murina*: (1) at PP on 17 Jan showed the striped face diagnostic for this species.

Lyle's Flying Fox *Pteropus lylei*: (100) at SR and (100) at Kampong Thom on 17 Jan.

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*: (20) at AW

Gray-shanked Douc Langur *Pygathrix cinerea*: (1-10) seen on 3 visits to PP. Although it is supposed to be the Black-shanked Douc in Cambodia all the ones we saw and photographed had pinkish orange faces as opposed to blue. This was one of the many good records from this tour.

Irrawaddy Dolphin *Orcaella brevirostris*: (10) on the Mekong River at K.

Variable Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysoni*: (1) AW and (1-2) T. Always shows the bright white tail base in the areas we visit on this tour.

Pallas's Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus*: (2-4) seen on the three visits to PP.

Cambodian Striped Squirrel *Tamiops rodolphii*: (1-2) seen on 3 days at T with (1) seen on all three visits to PP.

Phayre's Flying Squirrel *Hylopetes phayrei*: (1) seen poorly at T on 11 Jan at night with a fantastic view at head height on the 12 Jan of one eating a woody fruit when spotlighting. On this second individual you could see the constricted tail base, whitish face and uniformly dark grey back and tail plus the small size. The local guides told me

that two species of flying squirrel occur here the other presumably being the Indian Giant Flying Squirrel. This was a very good record.

Savile's Bandicoot Rat *Bandicota savilei*: (1) seen swimming in the day at PT. A very large rich reddish chestnut rodent.

Greater Bandicoot Rat *Bandicota indica*: A large rat seen leaving its burrow in an embankment wall at Krahm on dusk may have been this species.



Small Pratincole on the Mekong River at Kratie

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