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Overview

VENT's first trip to Burma for fifteen years and what a trip! Thanks a million to: Jerry, Ethel, Henry, Mary and Holly for making it such a wonderful experience. I loved every minute of it.

Exploring Asia in the quest for birds and other natural wonders is my life-long passion and Burma fits the bill perfectly. From the extraordinary antiquities of Yangon and the Shwegadon Pagoda to the sumptuous forests of Mt Victoria, our days were filled with wonder at the marvelous birds of Burma. Furthermore, the people were fascinating – recall our encounter with the tribal hunter from the Chin hills; the food was surprisingly good as were the accommodations. This was a trip that really set my juices flowing. We saw so many little known or rarely encountered species and birded in places that virtually no birder has set foot before. I saw an amazing seven species I have never previously set eyes on before! It was wonderful, just wonderful. I cannot thank you all enough. I would also like to extend a special note of appreciation to Tony and all his crew for the outstanding work and charming service they all provided; not forgetting Kupang's gentle but incisive birding skills. I would also like to thank Lia for her good and often unappreciated work in making this trip happen and happen so well.

Highlights that come to mind include:

- Our morning in the dry scrub woodland amidst Bagan's remarkable ruins. Birds seemed to come thick and fast including intimate encounters with the very localized and oh so delicately marked White-bellied Minivet – surely a separate species from that which occurs in India; several of the very rarely seen Rain Quail and numerous encounters with two Burmese endemics, Burmese Lark and the charming White-throated Babbler.
- Day after glorious day in picture perfect weather wandering through the beautiful pine and semi-evergreen forests of Mt Victoria. Just to be there was heaven. And the birds well ...
 - Great looks at several Long-tailed Wren-Babblers and an unforgettable experience with a Scaly Wren-Babbler that sang virtually from the toe of David's boot.
 - Eventually magical views of the striking Spot-breasted Scimitar-Babbler.
 - Cosmic views of rarely seen laughingthrushes such as Brown-capped and the handsome Striped and for a lucky few Red-tailed!
 - A pair of White-browed Nuthatches, virtually endemic to Mt Victoria that just wouldn't leave us be.
- Exceptional views of the rare endemic Hooded Treepie.
- Our day in the semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw that was just non-stop birding action and included:
 - Possibly the first ever views, for a bird tour, of the little known Burmese Yuhina.
 - Huge mixed species flocks including exhilarating studies of 20 or so Grey-headed Parrotbills.
- Concluding this wonderful tour on Inle Lake among the leg-rowers and Jerdon's Bushchats.

Thank you

David Bishop

DIARY

12 February 2004 – Early morning flight from Bangkok, Thailand to Yangon. A short birding walk around the grounds of our lovely hotel before lunch. The afternoon was spent exploring Yangon, birding the waterfront and visiting the spectacular Schwegadon Pagoda. ON Kandawgyi Palace Hotel.

13 February – 05.30 departure, 06.30 arrival Hlawgaw Reserve. Spent the morning birding around a small lake within degraded scrubby, dry Dipterocarp woodland. Returned to our hotel for lunch and then drove north to the attractive Mouyingi Wetland Reserve. Remainder of the afternoon birding from the reserve centre. ON Reserve.

14 February – Entire morning exploring the Mouyingi Wetland Reserve by boat. PM drive back to Yangon.

15 February – Early am fly to Bagan; a delightful brunch at our equally lovely hotel whilst birding the banks of the Irawaddy River immediately below our hotel; afternoon birding from a boat on the Irawaddy River below Bagan. ON Bagan Thande Hotel.

16 February – All day birding within the spectacular Bagan archaeological site dominated by dry, thorny scrub, farmland and scattered *Acacia* spp woodlands. ON Bagan Thande Hotel.

17 February - All day birding in the mosaic of farmland and dry scrub with scattered trees between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma; also tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma. ON Bagan Thande Hotel.

18 February – Departed very early and birded all morning in the tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma and then on to the Saw Valley. Arrived at our lodge above Kanpetlet on the lower slopes of Mt Victoria during the late afternoon.

19 February - Departed 04.45 drove up to the summit of Mt Victoria (2710m elevation). Very cold! Entire morning birding the luxuriant and impressively tall upper montane forest; pm birded down through *Pinus kassiana*, *Quercus* and *Rhododendron* woodlands.

20 February - Departed early and drove up to ca 2300m elevation, location of the Ranger's Station. Entire day birding down hill through a mix of mixed semi-evergreen montane forest; *Pinus kassiana* woodland; bamboo thickets and grassland.

21 February – Departed at 06.00 to an elevation of 2250m at the interface of evergreen forest and pine woodland; descended to ca 2100m.

22 February – Departed 06.15 to an elevation of 2100m, birded an area of scrub, secondary and near-primary woods; at 11.00 hrs ascended to 2300m and then walked back down to 2200m.

23 February – 06.00 owling around the lodge; 06.30 birding in scrub and scrubby farmland below the lodge; ascended to 1800m and again ascended to the summit and concluded birding down from 2100m

24 February - Drove to ca 650m elevation, below Kanpetlet in farmland, scrub and remnant patches within small, steep gullies of semi-evergreen woodland; highly degraded dry Dipterocarp woodland down to the Saw Valley and then back to Bagan via Kazunma etc. ON Bagan Thande Hotel.

25 February – Early morning flight to Heho; drive to Kalaw stopping for lunch *en route*; birded briefly in secondary woods around the hotel; afternoon birding in an area of scrubby farmland. ON

26 February - All day birding within Semi-Evergreen Forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw. ON

27 February - Morning birding Kupang's garden and nearby scrub; drove to west side of Inle Lake; afternoon birded Inle Lake by boat.

28 February – Early morning flight to Yangon connecting with our onward international flight to Bangkok, Thailand.

Annotated List of Birds Recorded in MYANMAR (Burma) 2004

1. Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis* Hlawgaw Reserve – 10; Inle Lake – ca. 30

Also known as Red-throated Little Grebe

2. Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger* Common in and around Yangon: Kandawgyi Lake; Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; Irawaddy River; Inle Lake – 20.
3. Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo* Irawaddy River – singles in breeding plumage near Bagan and 10 below our hotel at Bagan on the east bank of the Irawaddy River.
4. Asian Darter *Anhinga melanogaster* One female on Lake Kandawgyi; 9 - Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; 1 *en route* to Yangon.
5. Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* Common and widespread in and around Yangon: Kandawgyi Lake; Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; Irawaddy River; Inle Lake;
6. Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* Mouywingi Wetland Reserve – 6 and 15; Inle Lake – 2.
7. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea* Mouywingi Wetland Reserve – ca 20.
8. Great Egret *Casmerodius albus* Common in the wetlands surrounding Yangon: Kandawgyi Lake; Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; Irawaddy River; Inle Lake - 4.

Placed by some authorities in *Egretta* or *Ardea*.

9. Intermediate Egret *Mesophoyx intermedia* Mouywingi Wetland Reserve – 2.

Placed by some authorities in *Egretta*.

10. Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis* Very common and widespread in the wetlands and fields surrounding Yangon: Kandawgyi Lake; Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; also in fields bordering the Irawaddy River below Bagan; Inle Lake - common.
11. Pond Heron *Ardeola* sp Common and widespread especially in the wetlands and fields surrounding Yangon: Kandawgyi Lake; Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; also in fields bordering the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
12. Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala* A flock of five seen nicely in flight during the afternoon over the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve and single seen distantly the next morning. **Globally threatened.**
13. Asian Open-billed Stork *Anastomus oscitans* Forty counted during the afternoon at Mouywingi Wetland Reserve and further 30 the following morning.

14. Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus* One adult seen on two days at Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
15. Lesser Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna javanica* 15 during the afternoon at Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; a flock of 40 over the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw and ca 4 - 5000 on Inle Lake.
16. Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea* Great looks a total of 100+ loafing with other waterbirds along the margins of the Irawaddy River, below Bagan and 20 just below our hotel, at Bagan on 24 March.
17. Cotton Pygmy-Goose *Nettapus coromandelianus* 40 during the morning at Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; 20 on Inle Lake.
18. Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha* Eight Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; 40+ with other waterbirds along the margins of the Irawaddy River, below Bagan and similar numbers below our hotel on the Irawaddy River near Bagan on 20th March; Inle Lake – 2.

NOTE: Increasingly Spot-billed Duck is split into two species and the birds we saw are referable to Burmese Spot-billed Duck *A. poecilorhyncha*.

19. Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata* - Four at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
20. Northern Pintail *Anas acuta* Several thousand on both days at Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; Inle Lake –2.
21. Garganey *Anas querquedula* Inle Lake – ca 500
22. Common Teal *Anas crecca* 10 and 12 on two days at Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.

NOTE: Some authorities treat New World taxa as a separate species Green-winged Teal *Anas carolinensis*.

23. Ferruginous Pochard *Aythya nyroca* ca 100 on Inle Lake. **Globally Threatened.**
24. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus* A single bird seen very nicely at Hlawgaw Reserve; singles seen on two days on Mt Victoria; a total of four seen in the dry scrubby woodland below Kazunma; Inle Lake – 2.
25. Black Kite *Milvus migrans* Moderately common in and around Yangon
26. Crested Serpent-Eagle *Spilornis cheela* A total of four and six (on two days) including several individuals displaying in flight over the forest on the slopes of Mt Victoria; one below Kazunma.
27. Western Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus* Notably common at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve with a total of 12+ seen; 2 along the Irrawaddy River below Bagan.

NOTE: There has been and probably will continue to be much dispute as to whether the ‘marsh harriers’ of Europe and Asia should be treated as one or two species. The evidence is inconclusive either way. Consequently we prefer to treat the two, generally clearly identifiable taxa, as good species so that more exact information is available for future studies of this group.

28. Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* Wonderfully evocative views of two adult males as they hunted during the late afternoon and morning over Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
29. Shikra *Accipiter badius* One adult male plus two more the following day within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; one displaying over Mt Victoria; two pairs

seen nicely in dry deciduous woodland below Kanpetlet; a total of five counted near Kalaw; one near Kupang's home.

30. Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* One on Mt Victoria; one in the Kalaw area.
31. White-eyed Buzzard *Butastur teesa* Great, lengthy 'scope study of an adult bird in degraded scrubby woodland ca 15 km west of the Irawaddy River bridge, below Bagan.
32. Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* Common on Mt Victoria with 3-5 seen daily; 1 over Kalaw forest; 2 near Kupang's home.
33. Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malayensis* Outstanding views of two individuals hunting in the forest canopy, Mt Victoria.
34. Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga* One adult at Mouywingi Wetland Reserve. **Globally Threatened.**
35. Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus* One seen well in flight within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
36. Mountain Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus nipalensis* One circling low over Mt Victoria.
37. Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* Common around Bagan with 4 and three seen on two days; 1 female below Kanpetlet; 2 in the Kalaw area.
38. Laggar Falcon *Falco jugger* One, possibly two, sitting on the banks of the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
39. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus peregrinator* Good 'scope views of a single bird at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; one adult on the banks of the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
40. Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus* Two seen well in dry scrub among the Bagan ruins.
41. Rain Quail *Coturnix coromandelica* A total of ten flushed and seen very nicely in flight within dry scrub among the Bagan ruins.
42. Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* Several heard Hlawgaw Reserve; four within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma and a fine looking male at the same site on the return drive.
43. Kalij Pheasant *Lophura leucomelanos* Two seen all too briefly within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
44. Yellow-legged Buttonquail *Turnix tanki* Exceptionally good looks at a single bird in the scrub surrounding Kupang's home, near Kalaw.
45. White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus* 1-3 Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; one below our hotel at Bagan on the banks of the Irawaddy River.
46. Purple Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio* One Inle Lake.
47. Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus* Very common with as many as 600+ Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; 2 Inle Lake.
48. Eurasian Coot *Fulica atra* Approximately 2000 on Inle Lake.

49. Pheasant-tailed Jacana *Hydrophasianus chirurgus* 20 in the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; >50 Inle Lake. All birds in non-breeding plumage.
50. Bronze-winged Jacana *Metopidius indicus* Two in the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
51. Black-winged Stilt *Himantopus himantopus* Six at Hlawgaw Reserve; 4 at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; ca 60 on Inle Lake.
52. Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum* Two and three seen on two days at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
53. Small Pratincole *Glareola lactea* A flock of 350+ provided a marvelous experience as they fed at dusk along the west bank of the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
54. Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* Approximately 200+ on both days at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
55. Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* Notably common at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve with ca 60 counted on our first afternoon; several seen along the banks of the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
56. Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* Just a single bird seen well on the banks of the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
57. River Lapwing *Vanellus duvaucelii* A total of eight counted along the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
58. Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus* Ten at the Hlawgaw Reserve; one below our hotel at Bagan on the banks of the Irawaddy River.
59. Eurasian Woodcock *Scolopax rusticola* One flushed from the edge of the semi-evergreen forest surrounding Yay Aye Kan Reservoir, near Kalaw.
60. Common Snipe *Gallinago gallinago* Excellent views of two at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
61. Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus* Two at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
62. Marsh Sandpiper *Tringa stagnatilis* 3 and 10 at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; several along the Irawaddy River just below our hotel at Bagan and further down river.
63. Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* Six at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; 2 along the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
64. Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola* Surprisingly uncommon; singles seen at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve and along the Irawaddy River; below our hotel at Bagan and at the margins of Inle Lake.
65. Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* Four at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; ten along the Irawaddy River below Bagan; one at Inle Lake.
66. Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii* Three along the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
67. Brown-headed Gull *Larus brunnicephalus* A large flock of ca 200 on the Yangon waterfront; ca 30 on Inle Lake.
68. Whiskered Tern *Chlidonias hybrida* Very common at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; one along the Irawaddy River below our hotel at Bagan; one on Inle Lake.

69. Ashy Wood-Pigeon *Columba pulchricollis* A total of six seen including moderate views of a couple of these frustratingly shy columbiformes, in the upper montane forests of Mt Victoria.
70. Pale-capped Pigeon *Columba punicea* Thanks to some really excellent spotting by Mary we all enjoyed good flight views of this increasingly rare species. **Globally Threatened.**
71. Oriental Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia orientalis* One in scrub below our lodge on Mt Victoria, 1714m.
72. Spotted Turtle-Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* Widespread and common, seen almost daily except in the heavily forested area of Mt Victoria.
73. Barred Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia unchall* A single adult male provided great 'scope views at ca 2000m, Mt Victoria.
74. Yellow-footed Green Pigeon *Treron phoenicoptera* A total of ca 35 within a mosaic of farmland, scattered tall trees and dry deciduous woodland.
75. Pin-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron apicauda* A single male in remnant, degraded semi-evergreen forest patch ca 650m between Kazunma and Saw.
76. Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon *Treron sphenura* One in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; superb 'scope views of a pair of birds attending a fruiting tree, ca 2000m Mt Victoria.
77. Mountain Imperial Pigeon *Ducula badia* One seen briefly on Mt Victoria.
78. Vernal Hanging Parrot *Loriculus vernalis* Two at Hlawgaw Reserve.
79. Alexandrine Parakeet *Psittacula eupatria* ca 50 within the mosaic of farmland, scrub with scattered trees and dry deciduous woodland between the Irawaddy Bridge and Kazunma.
80. Rose-ringed Parakeet *Psittacula krameri* Low numbers (<7) seen within the mosaic of farmland, scrub with scattered trees and dry deciduous woodland between the Irawaddy Bridge and Kazunma.
81. Grey-headed Parakeet *Psittacula finschii* One of the highlights of the entire trip! Notably common with as many as 60+ feeding at flowering ?*Bombax* trees within degraded dry deciduous woodland above Kazunma, ca 320m.
82. Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseata* A total of six seen within the mosaic of farmland, scrub with scattered trees and dry deciduous woodland between the Irawaddy Bridge and Kazunma.
83. Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri* At least ten seen within the mosaic of farmland, scrub with scattered trees and dry deciduous woodland between the Irawaddy Bridge and Kazunma.
84. Large Hawk Cuckoo *Hierococyx sparverioides* One adult within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; one seen well and several heard daily on Mt Victoria.
85. Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* Surprisingly common in the open habitat of the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve with at least 30 seen!
86. Asian Koel *Eudynamys scolopacea* One or two heard in and around Yangon.

87. Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis* Two in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
 88. Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* Heard at Hlawgaw Reserve and Mt Victoria; one seen near Saw and again at Inle Lake.
 89. Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis* One at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
 90. Barn Owl *Tyto alba* One seen in flight by KDB on the road crossing the north end of Inle Lake.
 91. Mountain Scops-Owl *Otus spilocephalus* Heard on Mt Victoria.
 92. Collared Scops-Owl *Otus lettia* Heard most nights around our lodgings on Mt Victoria.
 93. Collared Owlet *Glaucidium brodei* Surprisingly heard just once within the semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan Reservoir, Kalaw.
 94. Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides* One or more heard most days on Mt Victoria and one seen as it flew across the lead vehicle. One heard in the grounds of our hotel in Kalaw.
 95. Hodgson's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus hodgsoni* So close and yet so far. Two birds responded, one exceptional well and from very close by and then they went horribly silent on us, ca 1800m Mt Victoria.
 96. Grey Nightjar *Caprimulgus indicus* As many as seven flushed from the track up Mt Victoria.
 97. Large-tailed Nightjar *Caprimulgus macrurus* One heard near our lodge on Mt Victoria.
 98. Indian Nightjar *Caprimulgus asiaticus* Moderately common in the dry scrub among the Bagan ruins including as many as four seen on one day; one heard within the mosaic of farmland, scrub with scattered trees and dry deciduous woodland between the Irawaddy Bridge and Kazunma and one seen near our lodge on Mt Victoria.
 99. Himalayan Swiftlet *Aerodramus brevirostris* A flock of ca 20 over the forests surrounding Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
 100. Asian Palm-Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis* Widespread and common except on heavily forested Mt Victoria; ca 30 in the Saw Valley; several over Inle Lake.
 101. House Swift *Apus nipalensis* Common over Kandawgyi Lake; several over the Bagan ruins.
- NOTE:** We concur with Clements in treating Asian populations as separate from African populations, viz: Little Swift *A. affinis*.
102. Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata* Two on two days in dry Dipterocarp forest, ca 650m, above Kazunma.
 103. Common Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis* Common with as many as 16 counted at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; two along a stream within the mosaic of farmland, scrub with scattered trees and dry deciduous woodland between the Irawaddy bridge and Kazunma; four on Inle Lake.
 104. White-throated Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* Widespread in low numbers except in heavily forested areas of Mt Victoria and above Kazunma.

105. Black-capped Kingfisher *Halcyon pileata* Great looks at this very handsome kingfisher between the start of the Mandalay Road and Yangon.
106. Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* Great looks at two birds along the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
107. Blue-bearded Bee-eater *Nyctyornis athertoni* Singles seen nicely in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation between Kazunma and Saw.
108. Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis* Widespread and common, seen daily except in the heavily forested areas of Mt Victoria, above Kanpetlet and around Kalaw.
109. Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus* Notably common with as many as 200 hawking over Kandawgyi Lake providing superb views; >20 seen daily at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
110. Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti* Ten of these lovely birds seen well at Hlawgaw Reserve
111. Indian Roller *Coracias benghalensis* Widespread and moderately common in lightly wooded open country and farmland.
112. Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops* One or two seen daily in the dry scrub of the Bagan ruins and within the mosaic of farmland, dry scrub and degraded dry deciduous woodland between Bagan and Kazunma; one in dry scrub *en route* to Yay Aye Kan reservoir.
113. Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* One heard (and seen by Tony) in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
- NOTE:** Most authorities now treat the pied hornbills of southern Asia as one species *Anthracoceros albirostris* (including *convexus*) except for *A. coronatus* of southern India and Sri Lanka.
114. Great Barbet *Megalaima virens* Moderately common on Mt Victoria, occasionally in groups of as many as ten feeding a fruiting tree. Despite being rather shy we all eventually managed good looks at this imposing species; two in the forests surrounding Yay Aye Kan Reservoir, Kalaw.
115. Lineated Barbet *Megalaima lineata* Several heard and one seen very well in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; heard also just below Kanpetlet.
116. Golden-throated Barbet *Megalaima franklinii* Several heard most days on Mt Victoria and at least one seen very nicely.
117. Blue-throated Barbet *Megalaima asiatica* One or two heard most days on Mt Victoria and one seen poorly at a fruiting tree.
118. Coppersmith Barbet *Megalaima haemacephala* Six seen in the Hlawgaw Reserve; heard within the mosaic of farmland, dry scrub and degraded dry deciduous woodland between Bagan and Kazunma.
119. Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* Two seen very nicely foraging at the edge of a dry stream bed within the mosaic of farmland, dry scrub and degraded dry deciduous woodland below Kazuma, 266m elevation.
120. Speckled Piculet *Picumnus innominatus* Two heard in semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan Reservoir, Kalaw.
121. Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker *Dendrocopos canicapillus* One or two seen and 'scoped nicely on several days, Mt Victoria; 3 in degraded dry Dipterocarp woodland below Kanpetlet.

122. Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos macei* One seen in dry scrub with scattered trees among the Bagan ruins; one in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
123. Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* A truly gorgeous bird! We were treated to several excellent studies of this bird on Mt Victoria where as many as two pairs were seen on one day.
124. Darjeeling Woodpecker *Dendrocopos darjellensis* Fabulous 'scope looks at a handsome male in upper montane forest, Mt Victoria.
125. Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha* One male in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; one male on Mt Victoria.
126. Grey-headed Woodpecker *Picus canus* Good looks at a male as he fed on the ground and along a fallen tree at the edge of within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
127. Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes lucidus* 1-2 seen on both days in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; heard on both days in the Kalaw area.
128. Bay Woodpecker *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* Two males showed exceptionally well and posed for great 'scope views, ca 1800m, Mt Victoria; heard within the semi-evergreen forest surrounding Yay Aye Kan reservoir, Kalaw.
129. Long-tailed Broadbill *Psarisomus dalhousiae* Heard within the semi-evergreen forest surrounding Yay Aye Kan reservoir, Kalaw.
130. **Burmese Bushlark** *Mirafra microptera* Common in the dry scrub along the banks of the Irawaddy River below Bagan in the dry scrub among the Bagan ruins and within the mosaic of farmland, dry scrub and degraded dry deciduous woodland between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma.
131. Sand Lark *Calandrella raytal* At least 20 seen including some great views of this localized species on the banks of the Irawaddy River below Bagan.
132. Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula* Several seen and heard within the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
133. Plain Martin *Riparia paludicola* Common along the Irawaddy River, below Bagan, where breeding in the steep sandy banks.
134. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* Widespread and generally common in and around Yangon: Kandawgyi Lake; Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; Irawaddy River; one near Kalaw; common at Inle Lake.
135. Wire-tailed Swallow *Hirundo smithii* Three along the Irawaddy River, below Bagan; three at a small lagoon *en route* from Kalaw to Heho.
136. Asian House Martin *Delichon dasypus* Groups of 10 and >50 over Mt Victoria; ca 100 mixed Asian and Nepal house martins feeding together with large numbers of Asian Palm Swifts at 450m elevation, over small dry scrubby valley near Saw.
137. Nepal House Martin *Delichon nipalensis* ca 100 in a mixed flock (see above).

138. Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba* Widespread and generally common in and around Yangon: Kandawgyi Lake; Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; along the Irawaddy River below Bagan; common at Inle Lake.
139. Citrine Wagtail *Motacilla citreola* Three at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; 2 at Inle Lake.
140. Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava* Common at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; also recorded at Bagan and Inle Lake.
141. Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* One or two seen on two days on Mt Victoria.
142. Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus* One at the at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
143. Long-billed Pipit *Anthus similis* Thanks to some great spotting by Tony we all enjoyed excellent views of this relatively distinctive pipit within a mosaic of farmland and dry scrub between Kazunma and the Irawaddy River bridge.
144. Olive-backed Pipit *Anthus hodsoni* Widespread and common.
145. Red-throated Pipit *Anthus servinus* Exceptional looks at several of this species in near breeding plumage, at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
146. Black-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* Good looks at total of five birds at Hlawgaw Reserve.
147. Slender-billed Oriole *Oriolus tenuirostris* A maxima of four seen on Mt Victoria and two in Kupang's garden near Kalaw.
148. Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus* Great looks at two in dry mixed Dipterocarp woodland, Hlawgaw Reserve; 1-2 seen in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
149. Maroon Oriole *Oriolus traillii* 2-4 seen most days on Mt Victoria; 2 within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
150. Large Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina macei* Two seen on two days within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; 1-3 seen most days on Mt Victoria; 4 within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
151. Indochinese Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina polioptera* One seen Hlawgaw Reserve; 1-2 males seen in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; heard within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
152. Rosy Minivet *Pericrocotus roseus* A flock of 12 with scrubby woodland, Hlawgaw Reserve; 3 in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; one within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
153. White-bellied Minivet *Pericrocotus erythropygus* Sensational long, close views of this truly lovely species. A total of four fed around us for several minutes within dry, thorny scrub amidst the Bagan ruins.

NOTE: The geographically isolated and morphologically distinctive subspecies *albifrons* which is endemic to the semi-arid zone of central Burma is, increasingly, regarded as a separate species. We propose the common name Orange-banded Minivet.

154. Grey-chinned Minivet *Pericrocotus solaris* Four seen nicely on Mt Victoria.
155. Long-tailed Minivet *Pericrocotus ethologus* Fine views of a 1-2 males on a couple of days on Mt Victoria.
156. Short-billed Minivet *Pericrocotus brevirostris* 2-6 seen on several days on Mt Victoria.
157. Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus* Widespread and locally common: 6 in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; 2 seen on two days at lower elevations on Mt Victoria; 4 within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
158. Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike *Hemipus picatus* Six in dry Dipterocarp woodland, ca 650m, above Kazunma; 3 within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
159. Large Wood-shrike *Tephrodornis virgatus* Two within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
160. Crested Finchbill *Spizixos canifrons* Superb views of this distinctive and handsome bulbul including at least 30 on one day within a mosaic of secondary growth, scrub a remnant forest patches on the lower slopes of Mt Victoria.
161. Striated Bulbul *Pycnonotus striatus* Moderately common and seen or heard most days on Mt Victoria including several that gave everyone really fabulous views.
162. Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps* A total of six at Hlawgaw Reserve.
163. Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus melanicterus* Common Hlawgaw Reserve and within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; two seen at lower elevations on Mt Victoria.
164. Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus* Three Hlawgaw Reserve; common around Kalaw with ca 30 seen near Kupang's home.
165. Brown-breasted Bulbul *Pycnonotus xanthornus* A handsome and very localized bulbul. Six seen nicely near Kupang's home near Kalaw.
166. Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster* Very common between Heho airport and Kalaw and within a mosaic of farmland and scrub near Kalaw with as many as 200 being recorded on one day.
167. Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni* Ten at the Hlawgaw Reserve and several in the Bagan area.
168. Flavescent Bulbul *Pycnonotus flavescens* Moderately common in scrubby woodland on the lower slopes of Mt Victoria.
169. Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi* Two Hlawgaw Reserve; common within the dry scrubby woodland among the Bagan ruins.
170. Olive Bulbul *Iole virescens* Excellent, definitive views of this little known and rather localized species in a small patch of ?semi-evergreen forest within dry Dipterocarp woodland, ca 600m, above Saw.
171. Mountain Bulbul *Hypsipetes mccllellandii* One seen by KDB only on Mt Victoria and a total of six seen well by everyone within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
172. Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* At least ten seen within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.

173. Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* Four in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; one below Kanpetlet.
174. Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons* Four in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; one below Kanpetlet.
175. Orange-bellied Leafbird *Chloropsis hardwickii* One male with a mixed species flock within semi-evergreen forests surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
176. Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia* Four at the Hlawgaw Reserve; 2-6 daily in and around our hotel at Bagan.
177. Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush *Monticola rufiventris* Superb studies of males singing together with females in the canopy of tall pine trees on Mt Victoria.
178. Blue Rock Thrush *Monticola solitarius* One female in dry scrub below Kanpetlet; one male near Kalaw.
179. Blue Whistling Thrush *Myophonus caeruleus* 2-4 seen most days on Mt Victoria.
180. Long-tailed Thrush *Zoothera dixonii* One seen rather briefly on Mt Victoria.
181. Scaly Thrush *Zoothera dauma* Four seen eventually rather well in upper montane forest, and another single bird at ca 1900m seen very nicely, on Mt Victoria.
182. Black-breasted Thrush *Turdus dissimilis* 4-5 seen well around Kupang's home.
183. Grey-winged Blackbird *Turdus bouboul* A single male seen well by some of the group in upper montane forest, Mt Victoria.
184. Grey-sided Thrush *Turdus feae* Notably common with 8-10 seen daily at ca 2000m, Mt Victoria feeding persistently at fruiting trees together with smaller numbers of Eye-browed Thrushes. Actual numbers likely total 100+.
185. Eye-browed Thrush *Turdus obscurus* Common common with 8-10 seen daily at ca 2000m, Mt Victoria feeding persistently at fruiting trees together with larger numbers of Grey-sided Thrushes. Actual numbers likely total 80+.
186. Dusky Thrush *Turdus naumanni naumanni* A single individual male of the nominate subspecies seen very well within a mosaic of secondary growth, scrub a remnant forest patches on the lower slopes of Mt Victoria.
187. Siberian Rubythroat *Luscinia calliope* One seen by Mary and a second male seen by most of the group within a mosaic of farmland and scrub with scattered tall trees between Kazunma and the Irawaddy River bridge.
188. Orange-flanked Bush-Robin *Tarsiger cyanurus* Impressively common and confiding with 6-20 seen most days along the track through beautiful forest on Mt Victoria.
189. Oriental Magpie Robin *Copsychus saularis* Two at the Shwegadon Pagoda; 1-2 in farmland and dry scrub below Kazunma; 2-3 seen daily around Kalaw.
190. White-rumped Shama *Copsychus malabaricus* Heard at Hlawgaw Reserve; one in dry Dipterocarp woodland above Kazunma.

191. Daurian Redstart *Phoenicurus aureus* 1-2 seen at the edge of forest in scrubby farmland on the lower slopes of Mt Victoria; 2 below Kanpetlet; 2 males in scrubby farmland near Kalaw.
192. Blue-fronted Redstart *Phoenicurus frontalis* 1-2 seen most days on Mt Victoria.
193. White-tailed Robin *Cinclidium leucura* One male seen in semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
194. White-crowned Forktail *Enicurus leschenaulti* Great looks at two pairs of this handsome species in semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
195. Siberian Stonechat *Saxicola maura* Notably common at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; four in scrubby farmland near Kalaw; several at Inle Lake.
- NOTE:** Eastern populations have now been split from Common Stonechat *Saxicola torquata*.
196. White-tailed Stonechat *Saxicola leucura* One pair seen superbly well along the banks of the Irawaddy River, below Bagan; several seen well in the marshy edges of Inle Lake.
197. Pied Bush-Chat *Saxicola caprata* Widespread and moderately common along the Irawaddy River below Bagan; in the dry scrub amongst the Bagan ruins and between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma; common throughout the Heho Kalaw, Inle Lake area.
198. Jerdon's Bush-Chat *Saxicola jerdoni* We saw a total of 16 of these handsome chats singing in the tall marsh-grasses on the western side of Inle Lake. **Globally threatened.**
199. Grey Bushchat *Saxicola ferrea* Common and seen daily on Mt Victoria and around Heho and Kalaw.
200. Chestnut-headed Tesia *Tesia castaneocoronata* Heard daily on Mt Victoria and at a least two seen very nicely.
201. Grey-bellied Tesia *Tesia cyaniventer* 'Undecided' is an apt description for this species which we all watched enraptured as it hopped from side-to-side. This genus is well named, however, some persistent work with the tape eventually lured this sprite in for a memorable performance with the semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, Kalaw.
202. Brownish-flanked Bush-Warbler *Cettia fortipes* Several heard and one seen very well on Mt Victoria.
203. Aberrant Bush Warbler *Cettia flavolivacea* Exceptional views of this inveterate skulker on Mt Victoria.
204. Russet Bush Warbler *Bradypterus seebohmi* One heard all too briefly on Mt Victoria.
205. Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella certhiola* Great looks at a single bird in rank grass within the marshes of Mouywingi Wetland Reserve Mouywingi Wetland Reserve.
206. Black-browed Reed-Warbler *Acrocephalus bistrigiceps* Six seen well in Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; one on Inle Lake.
207. Oriental Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon* Three within the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve and at least six at Inle Lake.
208. Thick-billed Warbler *Acrocephalus aedon* One seen very well as it foraged around our cabins at Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; six at Inle Lake.

209. Mountain Tailorbird *Orthotomus cucullatus* One seen and 1-2 heard, Mt Victoria.
210. Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* Widespread and moderately common in and around Yangon: Kandawgyi Lake; Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; grounds of our hotel at Bagan on the banks of the Irawaddy River ; below Kaazunma.
211. Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* Single bird seen at Hlawgaw and two in dry Dipterocarp woodland above Kazunma.
212. Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus* Several good looks at this moderately skulking species in the grounds of our hotel at Bagan.
213. Tickell's Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus affinis* Common in the grounds of our hotel and in the scattered trees within the dry scrub surrounding the Bagan ruins.
214. Buff-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus subaffinis* Good looks at two in tall scrub on the lower slopes of Mt Victoria.
215. Yellow-streaked Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus armandi* One in the grounds of our hotel, Yangon.
216. Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* One within a mosaic of farmland, dry scrub and scattered trees between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma; in scrubby farmland near Kalaw.
217. Buff-barred Warbler *Phylloscopus pulcher* Impressively common on Mt Victoria with as many as 200+ recorded on one day.
218. Ashy-throated Warbler *Phylloscopus maculipennis* A total of six seen well on just one day on Mt Victoria.
219. Yellow-browed Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus inornatus* One seen well at the Hlawgaw Reserve; one in the grounds of our hotel at Bagan; two on Mt Victoria.
220. Hume's Leaf Warbler *Phylloscopus humei* Moderately common on Mt Victoria and very common in the Kalaw area.
221. Greenish Warbler *Phylloscopus trochiloides* Common in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation between Kazunma and Saw.
222. Blyth's Leaf-Warbler *Phylloscopus reguloides* Two in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; low numbers observed on several days on Mt Victoria.
223. White-spectacled Warbler *Seicercus affinis* Three seen well within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw. This record extends the range of this species in Burma from N Burma to S Burma.
224. Golden-spectacled Warbler *Seicercus burkii* A total of eight seen at ca 2000m on Mt Victoria and one within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.

NOTE: The recent paper in the journal Ibis (1999) 141: pp 545 - 568 by Per Alstrom and his colleagues reviews the Golden-spectacled Warbler complex which they consider to comprise a species group of not one but five species. This taxonomy presents one of the major challenges in Oriental birding. I have, however, my reservations about the reality of this sort of phylogenetic taxonomy. If pushed as to what taxon we saw my best guess would be Grey-crowned Warbler *Seicercus tephrocephalus* Grey-crowned Warbler.

225. Grey-hooded Warbler *Seicercus xanthoschistos* Two single birds seen on two days, Mt Victoria.
226. Chestnut-crowned Warbler *Seicercus castaniceps* Two seen on Mt Victoria.
227. Broad-billed Warbler *Tickelia hodgsoni* One seen in dense bamboo, Mt Victoria. **Globally Threatened.**
228. Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* A total of six in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
229. Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris* One at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; one at Inle Lake.
230. Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* Common at the Mouywingi Wetland Reserve; two at Inle Lake.
231. Brown Prinia *Prinia polychroa* One on Inle Lake.
232. Hill Prinia *Prinia atrogularis* One in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; one in scrubby farmland near Kanpetlet, Mt Victoria; 2 in scrubby farmland near Kalaw.
233. Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens* Three within a mosaic of farmland, dry scrub and scattered trees, between Kazunma and the Irawaddy River bridge.
234. Grey-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii* At least ten in the dry scrub surrounding the Bagan ruins.
235. Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata* Four in the dry scrub surrounding the Bagan ruins and two below Kazunma.
236. Slaty-backed Flycatcher *Ficedula hodgsonii* Four on Mt Victoria.
237. Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula strophliata* Totals of ten and four seen on two days on Mt Victoria.
238. Red-throated Flycatcher *Ficedula parva* Widespread usually in low numbers with 2-4 seen almost daily (except in forest on Mt Victoria and at Kalaw) and ten seen within a mosaic of farmland, dry scrub, scattered trees and dry Dipterocarp woodland.
239. White-gorgeted Flycatcher *Ficedula monileger* Two singing but very skulking within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
240. Little Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula westermanni* A total of five on one day and a single male on another, Mt Victoria.
241. Slaty-blue Flycatcher *Ficedula tricolor* 1-2 females on three days at the forest edge, Mt Victoria.
242. Verditer Flycatcher *Eumyias thalassina* Two on Mt Victoria; one in semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
243. Large Niltava *Niltava grandis* Good looks at a single male on one day and two pairs on another, Mt Victoria.
244. Rufous-bellied Niltava *Niltava sundara* Sensational looks at several glorious males on Mt Victoria.
245. Vivid Niltava *Niltava vivida* One on Mt Victoria.
246. Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor* A single male and female studied at length in the 'scope, perched on a fisherman's line along the banks of the Irawaddy River alongside our hotel near Bagan represents a very unusual record.

247. Blue-throated Flycatcher *Cyornis rubeculoides* Wonderful looks at four males of this handsome flycatcher within a remnant patch of ?semi-evergreen forest, below Kanpetlet, ca 650m; two males within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
248. Hill Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis banyumas* One male seen very nicely in secondary woodland surrounding our hotel at Kalaw.
249. Grey-headed Flycatcher *Culicacapa ceylonensis* Two in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; heard and one seen on Mt Victoria; six in semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
- NOTE:** Recent taxonomic studies including DNA - DNA hybridisation work strongly indicates this species should be placed with the Australo-Papuan Robins (Eopsaltridae).
250. Yellow-bellied Fantail *Rhipidura hypoxantha* A flock of ten in upper montane forest and 2-4 seen most days on Mt Victoria.
251. White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* 2-3 seen on several days on Mt Victoria; several seen most days around Kalaw.
252. White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola*
253. Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* Two at the Hlawgaw Reserve; 2-4 in dry Dipterocarp woodland above Kazunma; one male seen well within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
254. Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps* One heard in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
255. Spot-breasted Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythocnemis* After a titanic struggle we all got to enjoy spectacular views of a pair of these birds and a total of five in all, Mt Victoria.
256. Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus erythrogeus* A total of six seen including superb views of a pair in dry, scrubby woodland and farmland near Kalaw.
257. White-browed Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus schisticeps* Two came nicely to our tape within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; 3 seen in semi-evergreen forest surrounding Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
258. Streak-breasted Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus ruficollis* Heard almost daily and a group of five seen very well on Mt Victoria.
259. Coral-billed Scimitar-Babbler *Pomatorhinus ferruginosus* Two heard on Mt Victoria.
260. Scaly-breasted Wren-Babbler *Pnoepyga albiventer* An incredible experience as one bird crawled in to the tips of our toes and sang his heart out in upper montane forest, Mt Victoria.
261. Spotted Wren-Babbler *Spelaornis formosus* Two heard in scrubby secondary woodland on our first afternoon on Mt Victoria.
262. Long-tailed Wren-Babbler *Spelaornis chocolatinus* Notably common on Mt Victoria with several birds seen and heard most days.

263. Golden Babbler *Stachyris chrysaea* Fine looks at this dapper little babbler 4 and 2 on two days on Mt Victoria and a total of ten within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
264. Grey-throated Babbler *Stachyris nigriceps* 1-2 seen on two days, Mt Victoria.
265. Striped Tit-Babbler *Macronus gularis* Heard at the Hlawgaw Reserve; ten seen in dry Dipterocarp woodland above Kazunma.
266. Yellow-eyed Babbler *Chrysomma sinense* A total of eight of these handsome birds seen very nicely in scrubby woodland among the Bagan ruins.
267. **White-throated Babbler** *Turdoides gularis* Notably common in and around Bagan, regularly feeding among the dining tables at our hotel; common also in the mosaic of farmland, scrub and scattered trees between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma.
268. Chinese Babax *Babax lanceolatus* Thanks to Tony's intimate knowledge of the area we all enjoyed lengthy studies of two of these striking babblers, Mt Victoria.
269. Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argenteauris* Impressively common although somewhat shy, with 30 – 50 seen on two days on Mt Victoria.
270. Cutia *Cutia nipalensis* A wonderful group of six put on an amazing show in response to our tape, Mt Victoria.
271. Black-headed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius rufiventer* Thanks to Kupang we all enjoyed exceptional views of a very confiding individual male that sang within beautiful forest on Mt Victoria.
272. White-browed Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis* Two or more seen and heard on several days on Mt Victoria.
273. Green Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius xanthochlorus* 10, 4, 1 seen on three days on Mt Victoria.
274. Black-eared Shrike-Babbler *Pteruthius melanotis* One seen with a mixed species flock on Mt Victoria.
275. Rusty-fronted Barwing *Actinodura egertoni* 2-10 seen on several days on Mt Victoria.
276. Spectacled Barwing *Actinodura ramsayi* Two seen in farmland and scrub near Kalaw.
277. Streak-throated Barwing *Actinodura waldeni* One of the highlights of the entire tour. Two pairs of these very localized and handsome birds put on an amazing show on two days on Mt Victoria.
278. Blue-winged Minla *Minla cyanouroptera* Just four seen on one day on Mt Victoria.
279. Chestnut-tailed Minla *Minla strigula* Moderately common and several seen on three days on Mt Victoria.
280. Red-tailed Minla *Minla ignotincta* Superb views of this very handsome species on Mt Victoria.
281. Rufous-winged Fulvetta *Alcippe castaneiceps* Two seen on two days on Mt Victoria.
282. White-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe vinipectus* Notably common on Mt Victoria especially in the upper montane forest.

283. Rusty-capped Fulvetta *Alcippe dubia* A total of six seen on one day including one bird that put on a great show as he sang and sang and ..., Mt Victoria.
284. Brown-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe poioicephala* A flock of six seen well in scrubby, dry Dipterocarp woodland, above Kazunma.
285. Grey-cheeked Fulvetta *Alcippe morrisonia* A total of >40 seen and heard throughout the day within the semi-evergreen forest surrounding Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
286. Nepal Fulvetta *Alcippe nipalensis* Notably common with 20+ encountered almost daily on Mt Victoria.
287. Grey Sibia *Heterophasia gracilis* One of the most common and vociferous babblers on Mt Victoria with 10-20 seen daily.
288. Dark-backed Sibia *Heterophasia melanoleuca* A total of ten seen very well in scrubby woodland and semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
289. Whiskered Yuhina *Yuhina flavicollis* 6 and 3 seen on two days with mixed species flocks on Mt Victoria.
290. Burmese Yuhina *Yuhina humilis* We were all treated to prolonged views of this rarely seen and very localized babbler within the semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw. This almost certainly the first bird tour to ever seen this species in the field.
291. Stripe-throated Yuhina *Yuhina gularis* Moderately common on Mt Victoria.
292. Grey-headed Parrotbill *Paradoxornis gularis* Three with a mixed species flock in scrubby farmland near Kalaw and a total of 40 including one fantastic flock of 20 feeding with a mixed species flock within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
293. Spot-breasted Parrotbill *Paradoxornis guttaticollis* Eventually good views of one or two birds in dense bamboo on Mt Victoria.
294. White-crested Laughingthrush *Garrulax leucolophus* Two flocks heard in the Hlawgaw Reserve and 8 seen beautifully as they foraged at the edge and then within dry Dipterocarp woodland above Kazunma.
295. Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax pectoralis* Great looks at a group of four in dense within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
296. White-browed Laughingthrush *Garrulax sannio* Eventually everyone had excellent views of this surprisingly attractive species within scrubby farmland near Kalaw.
297. Striped Laughingthrush *Garrulax virgatus* Fabulous looks at this very local species in scrubby farmland on the lower slopes of Mt Victoria.
298. Brown-capped Laughingthrush *Garrulax austeni* Six of these very poorly known birds seen very nicely in upper montane forest on Mt Victoria.
299. Blue-winged Laughingthrush *Garrulax squamatus* Two birds heard very close by within dense bamboo on Mt Victoria.
300. Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush *Garrulax erythrocephalus* Common and seen or heard daily on Mt Victoria.

301. Red-tailed Laughingthrush *Garrulax milnei* One individual with a mixed species flock sat out all too briefly in upper montane forest, Mt Victoria.
302. Red-faced Liocichla *Liocichla phoenicea* A sensational and very responsive pair eventually revealed themselves within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
303. Black-bibbed Tit *Parus hypermelaena* A total of six seen on one day on Mt Victoria.
304. Great Tit *Parus major* One in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
305. Green-backed Tit *Parus monticolus* Moderately common with 2-10 seen most days on Mt Victoria.
306. Yellow-cheeked Tit *Parus spilonotus* One seen very briefly in semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
307. Yellow-browed Tit *Sylviparus modestus* Common and 2-10 seen on three days on Mt Victoria.
308. Black-throated Tit *Aegithalos concinnus* Locally common on Mt Victoria with a maxima of 16 recorded on one day.
309. Black-browed Tit *Aegithalos bonvaloti* This delightful species was also common on Mt Victoria.
310. Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch *Sitta castanea* Fabulous views of a pair this handsome species within dry Dipterocarp woodland above Kazunma.
311. Chestnut-vented Nuthatch *Sitta nagaensis* Common and seen daily on Mt Victoria; one pair nest building at 2250m.
312. **White-browed Nuthatch** *Sitta victoriae* Three birds seen beautifully as they came down from the canopy to investigate the interuder, Mt Victoria. One of the species with the smallest global range in all of Asia, White-browed Nuthatch is virtually endemic to Mt Victoria.
313. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* Three with a mixed species flock in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma; 2 within semi-evergreen forest surrounding Yay Aye Kan reservoir near Kalaw.
314. Bar-tailed Treecreeper *Certhia himalayana* Two seen very nicely in pine woodland near the summit of Mt Victoria.
315. Brown-throated Treecreeper *Certhia discolor* Several heard and seen on three days, maxima 8, on Mt Victoria.
316. Rusty-fanked Treecreeper *Certhia nipalensis* Two seen in upper montane forest, Mt Victoria.
317. Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Anthreptes singalensis* An amazing total of ten of these lovel birds, several feeding at flowering mistletoe, Hlawgaw Reserve.
318. Olive-backed Sunbird *Nectarinia jugularis* Four in Hlawgaw Reserve; several in dry scrub between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma.
319. Purple Sunbird *Nectarinia asiatica* Ten in the mosaic of farmland, dry scrub and scattered trees between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma.

320. Mrs. Gould's Sunbird *Aethopyga gouldiae* Cosmic views of this exquisite species on Mt Victoria.
321. Green-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga nipalensis* Common, several seen daily on Mt Victoria.
322. Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* A total of six including several males seen beautifully, within semi-evergreen forest surrounding Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
323. Fire-tailed Sunbird *Aethopyga ignicauda* Recorded on three days on Mt Victoria, including ten in upper montane forest.
324. Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* One with a mixed species flock within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
325. Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum melanoxanthum* One female seen all too briefly with a mixed species flock on Mt Victoria.
326. Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus* Surprisingly uncommon on Mt Victoria with only a single female and two striking males seen; six within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
327. Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum* Three in the Hlawgaw Reserve; six within a mosaic of farmland, dry scrub and scattered trees between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma.
328. Chestnut-flanked White-eye *Zosterops erythropleura* 1-2 on three days on Mt Victoria.
329. Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosa* 1-2 near Kalaw.
330. Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus* Several seen in open country near Yangon; at the Hlawgaw Reserve; Mouyingi Wetland Reserve; Bagan area and Kalaw area.
331. Burmese Shrike *Lanius colluriooides* Notably common within the mosaic of farmland and dry scrub with scattered trees among the ruins at Bagan and between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma and between Heho and Kalaw.
332. Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach* One or two seen beautifully between Heho and Kalaw and in the Kalaw area.
333. Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus* Widespread and common in the area around Yangon with hundreds in the Mouyingi Wetland Reserve; also between Kazunma and Irawaddy River bridge and at Inle lake.
334. Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* Widespread and common, seen daily except around the Mouyingi Wetland Reserve and the Bagan area.
335. Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* A maximum of eight seen in within tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
336. Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus remifer* One heard within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
337. Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentotus* Two in the Hlawgaw Reserve; six in dry Dipterocarp woodland above Kazunma; three within semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.

338. Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus* Four in the Hlawgaw Reserve and one in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
339. Eurasian Jay *Garrulus glandarius* Two seen nicely on Mt Victoria and four seen on two days around Kalaw.
340. Gold-billed Magpie *Urocissa flavirostris* Three seen in flight as they flew across the lead vehicle near the summit of Mt Victoria.
341. Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* A truly sensational bird. Heard on Mt Victoria and one seen superbly at our lodge on the lower slopes; two in scrubby farmland adjacent to the semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw; two near Kupang's home, near Kalaw.
342. Common Green Magpie *Cissa chinensis* Three of these beautiful birds in semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
343. Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda* Two in tall dry mixed semi-deciduous woodland up to ca 650m elevation above Kazunma.
344. Grey Treepie *Dendrocitta formosae* Several heard on Mt Victoria and finally seen when a group of three put on a fine show at the edge of semi-evergreen forest surrounding the Yay Aye Kan reservoir, near Kalaw.
345. Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia* One seen very well in the Hlawgaw Reserve.
346. **Hooded Treepie** *Crypsirina cucullata* Great looks at this handsome but rather elusive endemic within dense, tall scrub along a shallow, dry watercourse within a mosaic of farmland and dry scrub with scattered trees between Kazunma and the Irawaddy River bridge.
347. Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrorhynchus* Widespread and common except in the heavily forested Mt Victoria.
348. Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnus malabaricus* Four in the Hlawgaw Reserve; 30 below Kanpetlet.
349. Black-collared Starling *Sturnus nigricollis* A total of five in scrubby farmland near Kalaw; 4 on Inle Lake.
350. Vinous-breasted Starling *Sturnus burmanicus* Locally common; ca 30 in our hotel grounds at Bagan; 40 within the mosaic of farmland and dry scrub and scattered trees between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma; 40 in the Saw Valley; 40 in scrubby farmland near Kalaw; 3 near Kupang's home.
351. Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* Widespread and common in open country north to the Bagan area.
352. Jungle Myna *Acridotheres fuscus* Ten along the Irawaddy River below Bagan; 10 near Kupang's home near Kalaw.
353. White-vented Myna *Acridotheres grandis* 15 in the Saw Valley; 6 at Heho airport; 15 between Kalaw and Inle Lake; common on and around Inle Lake.
354. Collared Myna *Acridotheres albocinctus* Good looks at two of these rather localized birds on Inle Lake on our last afternoon.
355. Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* Heard by Ethel at Hlawgaw Reserve.

356. House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* Common and widespread except in the heavy forest on Mt Victoria.
357. Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus* Delightfully common within the mosaic of farmland and dry scrub with scattered trees surrounding the Bagan ruins and between the Irawaddy River bridge and Kazunma.
358. Streaked Weaver *Ploceus manyar* Three at the Yangon waterfront.
359. Baya Weaver *Ploceus philippinus* One at the Yangon waterfront.
360. Asian Golden Weaver *Ploceus hypoxanthus* One seen briefly in the marshes of the Mouyingi Wetland Reserve. **Globally Threatened.**
361. Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* Twenty in the Hlawgaw Reserve.
362. Common Rosefinch *Carpodacus erythrinus* One plus a group of four put on a good show on Mt Victoria; one male in scrubby farmland near Kalaw; 50+ near Kupang's home near Kalaw.
363. Spot-winged Grosbeak *Mycerobas melanozanthos* Six of these handsome birds responded brilliantly to our tape thanks to Tony's local knowledge, Mt Victoria.
364. Black-headed Greenfinch *Carduelis ambigua* A group of four calling from the tops of trees in secondary woodland near our hotel in Kalaw.
365. Crested Bunting *Melophus lathami* Twenty in scrubby farmland near Kalaw.
366. Little Bunting *Emberiza fucata* Very common on Mt Victoria with 20-40 seen daily; 10 in scrubby farmland near Kalaw.
367. Chestnut Bunting *Emberiza rutila* One superb male seen briefly but well in dry scrubby woodland along a dry watercourse below Kazunma.

MAMMALS

1. Rhesus Macaque *Maccaca mulutta*
2. Giant Pied Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*
3. Variable Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysoni*
4. Indochinese Striped Squirrel *Tamiops macclellandii*
5. Red-bellied Squirrel
6. Little dark squirrel
7. Mary's shrew
8. Burmese Hare *Lepus peguensis* Two, KY.
9. Northern House Gecko
10. Green Snake