

Report of a Birding Trip to

Thailand

from 10th March to 20th March 2012

Participants:

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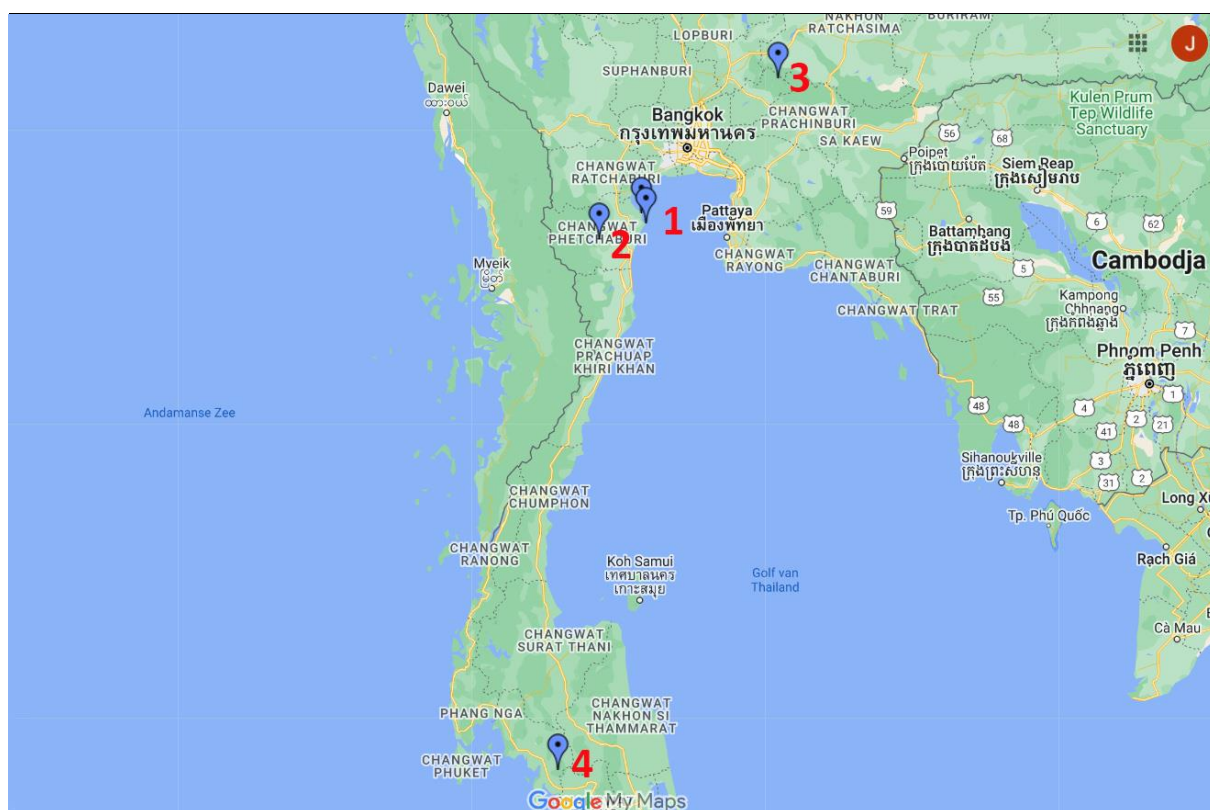
Spoonbill Sandpipers (top and right), Pak Tale, Thailand, 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Introduction

Between 10 and 20th March 2012 we, Arjan Brenkman and Jan van der Laan, made a trip to Thailand. Our main objective was to see the Spoon-billed Sandpiper and thereafter to see as many local specialties as possible. This idea was born in October 2011 on the isle of Vlieland, when we met by accident in the main street of Vlieland. It became quickly clear we shared a mutual interest in the Spoonbill Sandpiper and Pittas, so we had to be in Thailand as soon as possible! Now, the most difficult part was to convince our dear wives, but they both understood that great birds do not appear in your living room. We opted for a short trip, even so short that Arjan returned home on 17th March, while Jan went south to Khao Nor Chuchi to try his luck for Gurney's Pitta, a bird Arjan had already seen.

At first, we thought to do it ourselves, but after Karel Hoogteyling and friends visited Thailand a few weeks before us and tipped us off for a good guide, we decided to use the services of Tony Eagle Eye (see [link here](#)) for the 6 days between 11th and 16th March. This proved to be a very good choice, as Tony was an extremely good guide, a good companion with good sense of humor and he never gave up, while Aoyja is a good and save driver! In short: highly recommendable!



1. Pak Tale & Laem Phak Bia
2. Kaeng Krachan NP
3. Khao Yai NP
4. Khao Pra-Bang Khram (Khao Nor Chuchi)

Itinerary

- 10 March** We took the flight CI0066 of China Airlines at 14:00 hours to Bangkok. Quiet flight with the ins-and-outs of the video system only discovered on the way back.
- 11 March** Arrival at Bangkok at 6:45. Picked-up by Thanaphat Kinglek aka Tony and Mathika Puengthet aka Aoyja (pronounced as Oi) from [Thai Birding](#). Drove to Pak Tale. On our way several accidents (no fatalities) were seen caused by the sudden rains. On arrival at **Pak Tale**, it was cloudy, so the circumstances for birding were at its best. We went to the salt pans that were most frequently visited by the Spoonbill Sandpipers and indeed after less than half an hour we found one bird! We observed this bird for almost an hour. After that we went to **Laem Phak Bia** to search for White-faced Plover. First, we had lunch and after lunch we took the boat through the mangroves to the famous sand spit. There we saw good numbers of Broad-billed Sandpipers, Red-necked Stints, Greater and Lesser Sandpipers, three Chinese Egrets and several Malaysian Plovers. The White-faced Plover could not be found and information from the restaurants logbook revealed the last sighting was on 6 March. Later that afternoon we drove back to **Pak Tale** and in one of the salt pans between Laem Phak Bia and Pak Tale, we found a group of 57 Nordmann's Greenshanks! In the salt pans at **Pak Tale** we returned to the Spoonbill Sandpiper and at the same location we found four Spoonbill Sandpipers together. We could see the birds very well till dusk and we were now more satisfied with seeing our main objective. We drove in the direction of **Kaeng Krachan** and on our way Tony knew a good place to see Indian Nightjar. Indeed, the nightjar was quickly found and after a nice dinner at a nice restaurant overlooking **the large lake west of Kaeng Krachan NP** we went to our hotel at **Baanmaka Resort**.
- 12 March** We did rise early to get as early as possible in **Kaeng Krachan NP** in order to find owls and hopefully frogmouths. We heard and saw several Brown Boobooks, but no frogmouths. Later that day we found day-time resting Asian Barred Owlet and Collared Owlet along with White-faced Scops-Owl and Brown Hawk-Owls (now called Boobooks). We concentrated in the area between the **1st and the 3rd stream** crossing. This produced a lot of birds like Green-legged Partridge, Red Junglefowl, Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Crested Serpent Eagle, Vernal Hanging Parrot, Orange-breasted Trogon, Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Tickell's Brown Hornbill, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Streak-breasted Woodpecker, Greater Flameback, Buff-rumped Woodpecker, Great Slaty Woodpecker, Swinhoe's Minivet, Black Drongo, Ashy Drongo, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Black-naped Monarch, Common Green Magpie, Sultan Tit, Black-crested Bulbul, Ochraceous Bulbul, Yellow-browed Warbler, Sulphur-breasted Warbler, Common Tailorbird, Rufous-fronted Babbler, Spot-necked Babbler, Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Sulphur-breasted Leaf-Warbler, Common Hill Myna, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Blue-winged Leafbird and Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker. Near **stream 1** we suddenly heard a calling Blue Pitta and after a duel of almost an hour, the bird came into sight and even through Tony's telescope, we could see this extremely beautiful bird calling! Next, we went to the White-faced Scops-Owl roost, but an elephant had trembled through its favorite bush, so it was no longer present. While Arjan and I were thinking what the best strategy could be, Tony suddenly appeared from the bushes with the announcement he had found the bird again. What was much better, there were two birds! At noon we birded around the **campground** where we observed Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Crested Serpent Eagle, Vernal Hanging Parrot, Violet Cuckoo, Himalayan Swiftlet, Asian Palm Swift, Cook's Swift, Green-eared Barbet, Coppersmith Barbet and Taiga Flycatcher. After lunch we returned to the **streams** where we finally had good looks of Bamboo Woodpecker at stream 3 and Ferruginous Partridge near **stream 2**. Just before dark we left the area, had lunch at the same place as yesterday and after a successful search for Collared Scops-Owl we went to bed.

- 13 March** Today we concentrated on the higher elevations of **Kaeng Krachan**. First stop at **Km 24** produced Red-bearded Bee-eater, Grey Peacock-pheasant (finally all had good looks!), Golden Babbler, Raffles's Malkoha, Rusty-naped Pitta (heard only), Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Large Woodshrike, Great Iora, Rufous Treepie and Black-winged Cuckooshrike amongst others. We continued our way to the **Panoeng Tong Campsite**, Kaeng Krachan NP, where we saw three Tenasserim Langours, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Blue Rock-Thrush, Oriental Honey-Buzzard, Crested Goshawk, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Himalayan Swiftlet, Cook's Swift, Wreathed Hornbill, Radde's Warbler, Flavescent Bulbul and Ochraceous Bulbul. After lunch we went in the direction of the **Tor Tip waterfall**, where we saw Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, Plain Sunbird, Crimson Sunbird, Little Spiderhunter and Streaked Spiderhunter. After that we walked down from the Panoeng Tong Campsite to the vista point at **Km 24**. We were particularly looking for Pin-tailed Parrotfinch, which we heard one time just a kilometer down from the campground, but could not get it into view. Later we learned that Hans Matheve had seen about four birds at that general location! Best birds we saw were Brown-throated Sunbird, Olive-backed Sunbird, Black-throated Sunbird, Long-tailed Broadbill, Greater Flameback and Crow-billed Drongo. Last hours of daylight was spent birding at the **streams 2 and 3** where we tried again to see Ferruginous Partridge. While leaving the National Park a Kalij Pheasant crossed the road and an Indian Elephant made its way on the asphalt too. Happily, this was one of the peaceful brands, which was fine for Arjan. We had dinner at the same restaurant at the lake and finally we went to sleep.
- 14 March** In the early morning we visited the blind at **Baan Nong Sok**, a lovely small resort near the large lake east of **Kaeng Krachan**, where we had good and close sightings of Green-legged Partridge, Bar-backed Partridge, Red Junglefowl, Greater and Lesser Necklaced Laughing-Thrushes, Pale-legged Leaf Warbler, Abbott's Babbler, White-rumped Shama, Siberian Blue Robin, Taiga Flycatcher, Black-naped Monarch, Indochinese Blue Flycatcher, White-rumped Munia, Sooty-headed Bulbul and Golden-fronted Leafbird. After breakfast we drove in the direction of Bangkok, but after c 40 minutes, just before highway 4, Aoyja received a phone call with the message that her wallet has been found at Baan Song Nok! So, we had to return. After collecting the wallet, we drove in the direction of **Highway 4** and during a stop we encountered a large flock of Grey-faced Buzzards, one Spotted Eagle (new tick for Tony), Baya Weaver, Siberian Rubythroat, Oriental Pratincole, Javan Pond Heron, White-breasted Kingfisher and a probable Japanese Sparrowhawk. After lunch at a KFC (my first ever and now I can say, my last), we passed **Bangkok** and just before dark, we reached our hotel near the entrance of **Khao Yai NP**. From the balcony we discovered a group of exactly 10 Plain-backed Sparrows sitting on the antenna of a house opposite the hotel! After some last birding in the dusk, with Golden-headed Cisticola, Asian Koel and Brown Shrike as best birds, we had dinner and after that we went to sleep.
- 15 March** We started at the **Pa Gluay Mai Campsite** in **Khao Yai** to wait for Coral-billed Ground Cuckoo. We only heard the cuckoo, but saw Blue-eared Kingfisher, Siberian Blue Robin, Plain-tailed Warbler and Puff-throated Babbler. On the parking lot we saw Two-barred Greenish Warbler, Green-eared Barbet, Moustached Barbet, Blue-eared Barbet and Swinhoe's & Scarlet Minivets. The next stop was at the **military camp** where a good vista point is. At this vista point we saw Black Eagle, Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle, Asian House Martin, Radde's Warbler, Ashy Bulbul, Puff-throated Bulbul and Ashy Drongo. After lunch we went to the **Haew Suwat Restaurant** to look for Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo. On arrival we heard at least three birds and with one bird we had a duel for about two hours. We managed to see only fleeting glimpses, but exciting this duel was anyway. On our way back, we had an encounter with an enormous scorpion, which tried to cross the road. We had dinner near our hotel and went to sleep early. We could not visit the so-called b-trail at km 31, as there were making a movie there. Indeed, we repeatedly stuck upon a motor driver followed by a large film-crew. We guess the title of the movie must be something of Return of... The Sequel.

- 16 March** In the early morning together with Isara Sukkhum (aka Mr. Isara), we tried **the trail between the main entrance and HQ** for Eared Pitta, but we 'only' could find Large Scimitar-Babbler, Blue Pitta (heard only), Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo (again heard only), Puff-throated Babbler and Abbott's Babbler. Next, we visited a fruiting tree along **the road near-by**, where we saw Thick-billed Green Pigeon, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Brown-backed Needletail and Ruby-cheeked Sunbird. Suddenly Tony began to shout for the telescope as he was walking a few hundred-meter south. There we heard the call of an Eared Pitta. In no time we found the bird, sitting on a fallen log. It moved and was free for a few seconds, revealing all its plumage characters! One of the highlights and another good find of Tony! Next, we went again to the **Haew Suwat Restaurant** to try again for the Ground Cuckoo, but we only heard one distant bird. We finally did some birding on **trail 5** (formerly known as trail 6), but this was closed, but we were allowed to walk to the biggest tree with a nest of Austen's Brown Hornbill, but this didn't show up. After lunch we drove back to **Bangkok International Airport** where we arrived at 15:00 hours. We said goodbye to Tony and Aoyja and promised to come back for birding in North Thailand in the near future. On the airport Arjan and I said goodbye to each other, as for Arjan it was time to take the plane back to Holland. I took the plane to **Krabi** with Thai Airways at 16:50 hours. The flight departed on time and at Krabi I was picked up by a taxi driver from Southern Taxi who brought me in less than 45 minutes to the **Morakot Resort** near the **Khao Nor Chuchi Reserve**. After a good dinner, I went to sleep early as the next days I would look for the rarest Pitta of Asia, the Gurney's.
- 17 March** At 6:00 hours breakfast and at 6:30 Yotin Meekaew arrived and we immediately went to the **U-trail** area to look for a pair of Gurney's which could be around as they were seen two days before. Due to the prolonged rains since December, the forest was not dry enough. Normally the driest period is between January and April and it is then when the Gurney's Pitta find food in the last remaining wet parts, the gullies. Now the pittas could be anywhere and worse, they were not calling. First, we went to a particular gully, where we sat in a blind and waited for almost two hours. Nothing happened, so we went to another place. There more nothing happened, so around noon we returned to the **Morakot Resort**, had lunch and went birding again in the **U-trail area** in the afternoon. Around 15:00 hours it started to rain and it only stopped at midnight. Best birds were Gould's Frogmouth, Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher, Red-crowned Barbet, Forest Wagtail, and a heard-only Banded Pitta. We tried several locations for Bay Owl, but it rained too much. I had dinner in the **Morakot** and was joined by Peter, a birder from the USA, who had a knee surgery in Thailand and was slowly recovering. Also present where Hans Matheve and Jasmin Lauwaert, who gave me a beer to thank me for the information on Ferruginous Partridge (which Hans saw and I did not!).
- 18 March** Full day birding in **Khao Nor Chuchi**. First, we visited a hide near the **A-trail** where two beautiful Malayan Banded Pittas were seen feeding in a gully. Till noon we birded **B-trail** in search for Gurney's Pitta. Best birds were Large Wren-babbler (heard only), Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo, Banded Kingfisher (with large spider in its bill), Green Broadbill and several bulbuls and babblers. It was very humid and hot and birding was slow, but every time I had the feeling something good would show up. But no Gurney's. In the afternoon we birded just north of the resort, Khlong Tom and later in the afternoon the **U-trail area** again. I returned just in time for dinner and at the Morakot resort Hans told me he had seen a male Gurney's at the exact place where we had seen Banded Kingfisher and Green Broadbill. I decided to go to the B-trail first thing in the morning.
- 19 March** In the morning I did a final attempt with Hans to find Gurney's Pitta along **trail B**. After sitting near a gully for half an hour I went to the place where Hans had seen the bird the day before. I heard loud and clear the *tsilit*-call of a Gurney's Pitta, but I first I had to exclude if Hans was not playing a tape. Nobody was around at the place where I heard the Pitta, but the undergrowth was just too thick to find the bird. After more long waits at several gullies, I had to give up and returned to the Morakot Resort. After lunch a taxi brought me to the **Krabi Mangrove Boardwalk** where I did some

birding the rest of the afternoon. Mangrove Pitta was quickly found and after a lost duel with a Ruddy Kingfisher and two Brown-winged Kingfishers, I gave up birding. The same taxi brought me to the airport where I took the 19:00 hour flight to Bangkok. At **Bangkok international Airport** I had to wait a few hours before check-in, but time went fast as a parade of 100s of very weird people passed-by (mostly Europeans, the hippies won't come back, you say?). After checking-in I found a large couch, where I rest for a few hours before departure.

20 March The plane to Amsterdam left on time at around 2:30 hours. After a long uneventful flight, I landed just before 9:00 hours at Schiphol, Amsterdam.

Species Accounts

Order and nomenclature follows www.worldbirdnames.org, version 12.2. Where names differed from the usual fieldguides, the alternative name is sometimes, but not always, given. The photographs are generally in chronological order. In the 14.1 version, Olive-backed Sunbird was split into eight species, with Ornate Sunbird as the new Olive-backed Sunbird split and Cambodian Flowerpecker was split from Fire-breasted Flowerpecker.

Recommended Literature

We used the two well-known field guides, *A guide to the Birds of Thailand* by Boonsong Lekagul and Philip D. Round (1991) and *A Guide to the Birds of Southeast Asia: Thailand, Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia* by Craig Robson (2000), both very useful. Round & Lekagul has the advantage of having distribution maps.

Useful internet sites are <http://www.thaibirding.com/> which as very useful maps and checklists and for the latest news is http://www.norththailandbirding.com/pages/planning/latest_sightings.html very useful.

Trip reports can be found at www.cloudbirders.com, www.surfbirds.com and www.birdtours.co.uk.

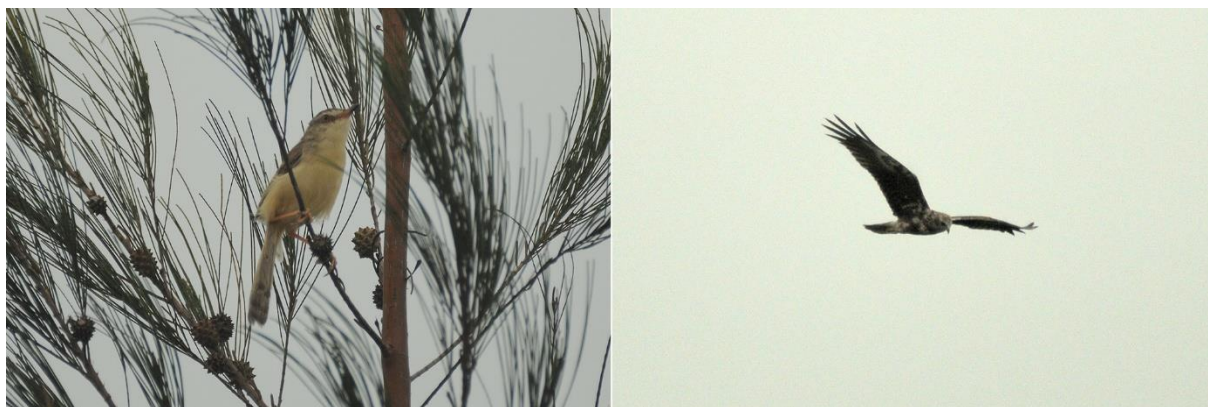
Culture

The large Buddha, as mentioned in Vincent van der Spek's brilliant report was probably seen from the car just north of Bangkok. Vincent gave no detailed directions, so there is a chance we have found another!

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Left: Plain Prinia; right: Easter Marsh Harrier, both at Pak Tale on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Brown Shrike at Pak Tale; left: Chinese Pond Heron at Laem Phak Bia, both on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Brown-hooded Gull; right: Malaysian Pied Fantail, both at Laem Phak Bia on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Broad-billed Sandpiper; right: Great Knots, both at Laem Phak Bia on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Hunting technique of Chinese Egret, Laem Phak Bia, 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Swift Terns, Common Terns and a single Lesser Crested Tern plus Brown-hooded Gull, Laem Phak Bia, 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Pacific Reef Heron; right: Malaysian Plover, both at Laem Phak Bia on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Brown-hooded Gull; right: Little Cormorant, both at Laem Phak Bia on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Great Egret, right: Chinese Pond Heron, both at Laem Phak Bia on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Kentish Plover; right: Chinese Egret, both at Laem Phak Bia on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Striated Heron; right: Oriental Magpie-Robin, both at Laem Phak Bia on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



10 out of 57 Nordmann's Greenshanks at Pak Tale, 11 March 2012; © Thanaphat Kinglek (Tony Eagle Eye).



Left (three birds): Red-necked Stints; right (two birds): Spoonbill Sandpipers, at Pak Tale, 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Spoonbill Sandpiper at Pak Tale, 11 March 2012; the bird is already acquiring summer plumage feathers on scapulars, crown and breast-sides; © Thanaphat Kinglek (Tony Eagle Eye).



Left: Lesser Sand (Tibetan) Plover with Spoonbill Sandpiper; right: another Spoonbill Sandpiper (same bird as Tony's photograph), both at Pak Tale on 11 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Blue Pitta, seen after a hard duel; © Thanaphat Kinglek (Tony Eagle Eye); right: Silver-breasted Broadbill; © Jan van der Laan. Both at Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 March 2012.



Left: two White-fronted Scops Owls; © Thanaphat Kinglek (Tony Eagle Eye); right: Taiga Flycatcher, showing its diagnostic black uppertail coverts, but it refused to show its bill; © Jan van der Laan. Both at Kaeng Krachan NP, 12 March 2012.



Left: female Violet Cuckoo; right: Black-crested Bulbul, both at Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Flavescent Bulbul; right: Large Woodshrike, both at the higher part of Kaeng Krachan NP on 13 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Blue Rock Thrush; right: Crested Honey Buzzard, both at Kaeng Krachan NP on 13 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Greater Flameback; right: Red Junglefowl (photographed through the front window of the car, causing lack of sharpness), both at Kaeng Krachan NP on 13 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Bar-backed Partridge; right: Green-legged Partridge, both seen at Baan Song Nok on 14 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Greater Necklaced Laughing-Thrush; right: Lesser Necklaced Laughing-Thrush; identification is straightforward when seeing the eye color and the presence or absence of a moustachial stripe, 14 March 2012 at Baan Song Nok; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: male Indochinese Blue Flycatcher showing diagnostic throat-pattern and strong demarcation between orange breast and white belly; right: female Indochinese Blue Flycatcher, both at Baan Song Nok on 14 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Puff-throated Babbler; right: Siberian Blue Robin, both on 14 March 2012 at Baan Song Nok; © Jan van der Laan.



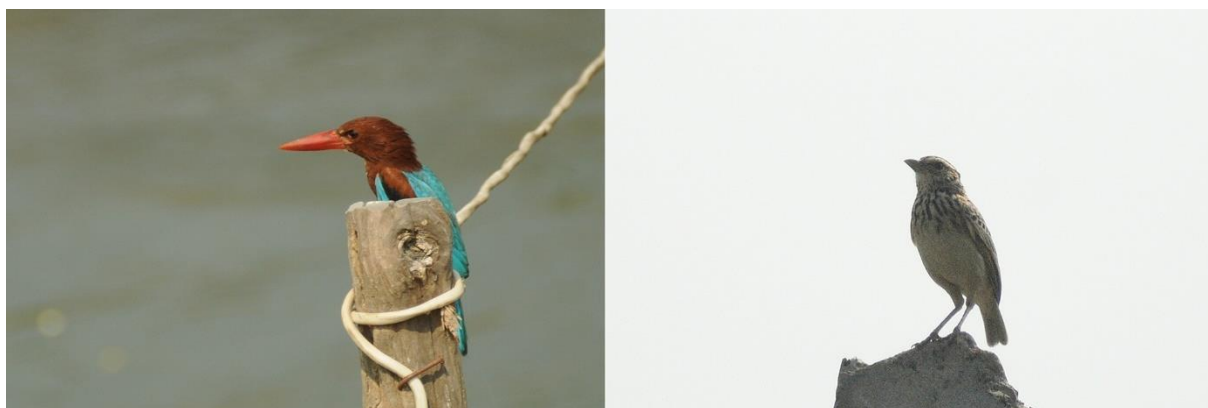
Left: White-browed Scimitar-Babbler; right: Banded Bay Cuckoo, both on 14 March 2012 at Baan Song Nok; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Abbott's Babbler; right: Pale-legged Leaf Warbler, both on 14 March 2012 at Baan Song Nok; © Jan van der Laan.



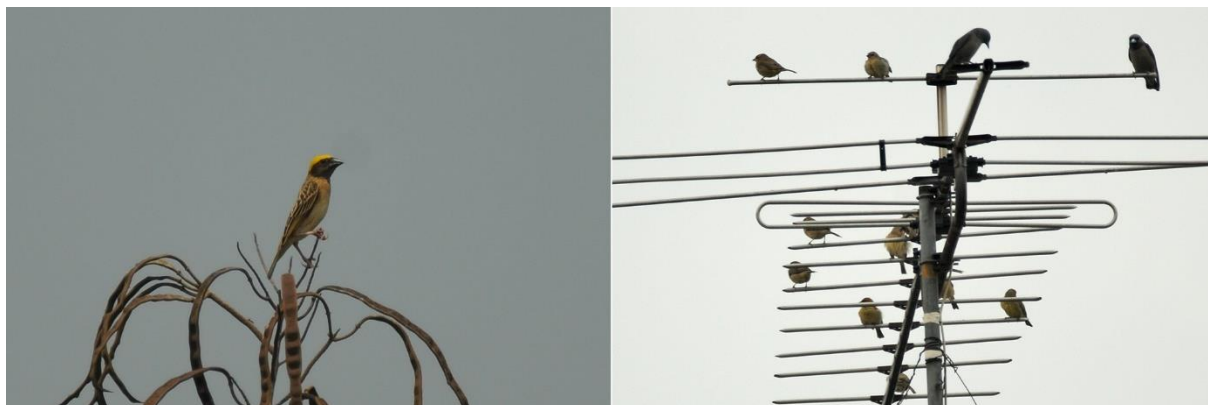
Left: Golden-fronted Leafbird; right: Streak-eared Bulbul, both at the entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP on 14 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: White-throated Kingfisher; right: Indochinese Bush Lark, between Kaeng Krachan and Highway 4, 14 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



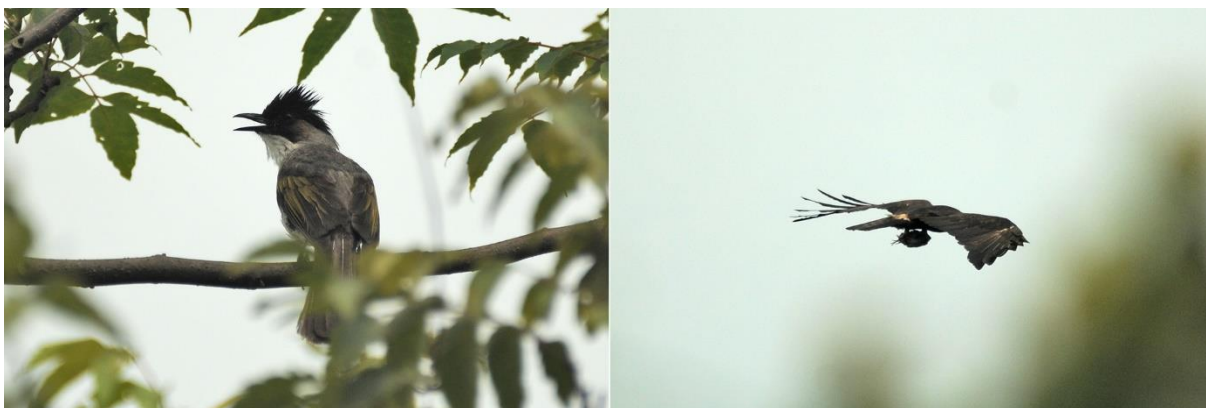
Left: Javan Pond Heron; right: Greater Spotted Eagle, halfway between Kaeng Krachan and Highway 4, 14 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Baya Weaver, halfway between Kaeng Krachan and Highway 4; right: Plain-backed Sparrows (with Ashy Woodswallows) at the Phaiboon Appartments hotel, just outside Khao Yai NP, both on 14 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



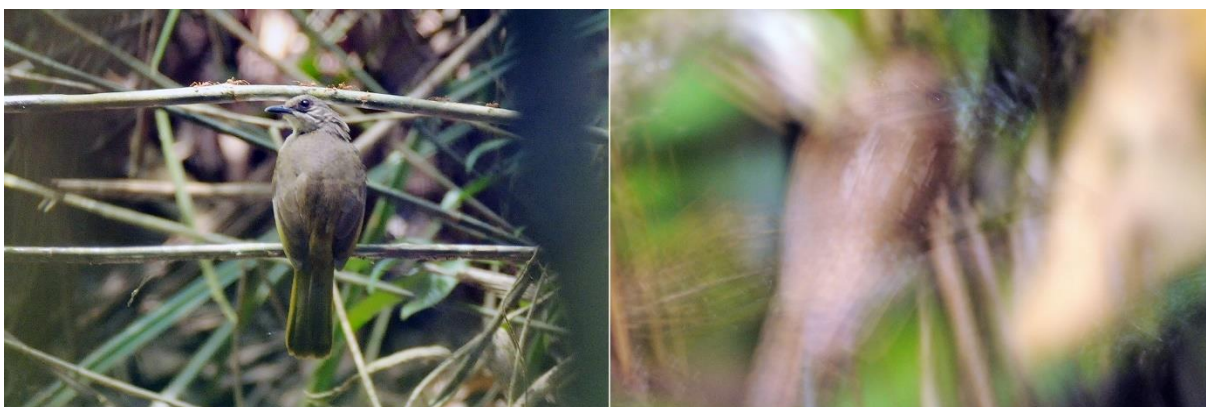
Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagles at Khao Yai on 15 March 2012, with left adult and right 1st year bird; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Ashy Bulbul; right: Black Eagle (with prey), both at Khao Yai on 15 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Banded Broadbill, Khao Yai, 16 March 2012; right: Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher, Khao Nor Chuchi, 17 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Olive-winged Bulbul; right: Gould's Frogmouth, both at Khao Nor Chuchi on 17 March 2012. The frogmouth was photographed during heavy rain and in the last hours of daylight, hence the total lack of sharpness; © Jan van der Laan.



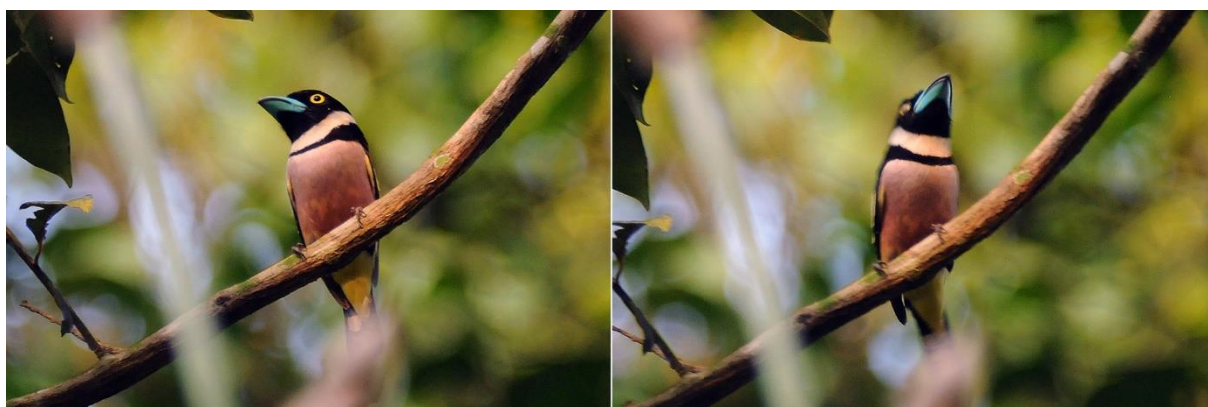
Pair of Malayan Banded Pitta's (male left, female right), both at Khao Nor Chuchi on 18 March 2012. Pictures taken in the early morning at dawn during bad light. Note however the [Ford-Capri-Orange/Volkswagen-Yellow](#) supercilium!; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: male Orange-bellied Flowerpecker; right: female, Morakot Resort, Khao Nor Chuchi on 18 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Jungle Myna; right: male Chinese Blue Flycatcher, both at Khao Nor Chuchi on 18 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Black-and-yellow Broadbill showing its broad bill, Khao Nor Chuchi on 18 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



001. Lesser Whistling Duck - *Dendrocygna javanica*

11 March c 30 Pak Tale.

002. FERRUGINOUS PARTRIDGE - *Caloperdix oculeus*

12 March 3 (1 bird seen well by Arjan) between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

13 March 3 (obviously the same group) between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

003. Bar-backed Partridge - *Arborophila brunneopectus*

14 March 2 (pair) at the hide near Kaeng Krachan NP, allowing unsurpassed views.

004. Kalij Pheasant - *Lophura leucomelanos crawfurdii*

13 March 1 (male) between Ban Krang campground and the main entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.

Which pheasant is present in KK – either Silver or Kalij – is a total mystery for us. We follow IOC-systematics, who place the taxon *crawfurdii* in Kalij Pheasant.

005. Green-legged Partridge - *Tropicoperdix chloropus*

Commonly heard along the main trail in Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 March. Two were seen moving away into the forest after we startled them at the White-fronted Scops Owl roost site. Another pair came in for a drink at the Baan Song Nok hide on 14 March, allowing brilliant views in the open. On 16 March a flock was heard at the start of trail 33 at Khao Yai NP. Also known as Scaly-breasted Partridge.

006. GREY PEACOCK-PHEASANT - *Polyplectron bicalcaratum*

12 March c 5 birds heard in Kaeng Krachan NP and 1 seen at the Ban Krang campground.

13 March c 8 birds heard in Kaeng Krachan NP and 1 seen well at Km 24.

007. Red Junglefowl - *Gallus gallus*

Commonly heard at both Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP. About 10 seen on the road in Kaeng Krachan NP and two females with chicks came in for a drink at the Baan Song Nok hide. Also, a pair was feeding in recently burned grassland at Khao Yai NP.

008. Great Eared Nightjar - *Lyncornis macrotis*

12 March 1 (seen in the headlights) just before entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.

009. Large-tailed Nightjar - *Caprimulgus macrurus*

Several individuals heard daily around our hotel room in Baanmaka and in Kaeng Krachan NP in the early morning. In the evening of 12 March, we had splendid observations of a bird feeding on insects and sitting on a wire at the same location where we observed Collared Scops-owl.

010. Indian Nightjar - *Caprimulgus asiaticus*

12 March 1 (tape-lured and eventually seen) near Pak Tale.

011. Gould's Frogmouth - *Batrachostomus stellatus*

17 March 1 (well seen at roosting site) in the old plantation area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

012. Grey-rumped Treeswift - *Hemiprocne longipennis*

18 March 3 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

013. Himalayan Swiftlet - *Aerodramus brevirostris*

12 March c 10 (ssp *rogersii*) lower part of Kaeng Krachan NP.
 15 March c 20 (ssp *brevirostris*) Khao Yao NP; also on 16 March.

014. Germain's Swiftlet - *Aerodramus germani*

Regularly seen at roadsides at Pak Tale, Bangkok, Khao Yai NP and Khao Nor Chuchi.

015. Silver-rumped Spinetail - *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*

17 March c 5 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi; also on 18 March.

016. Brown-backed Needletail - *Hirundapus giganteus*

Twice a flock of 3 birds at Khao Yai NP on 16 March.

017. Asian Palm Swift - *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Regularly seen along roadsides in the whole country.

018. Cook's Swift - *Apus cookii*

11 March c 5 Laem Phak Bia (could have been migrants from another race).
 12 March c 5 between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 13 March c 5 Panong Tung Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

019. House Swift - *Apus nipalensis*

11 March c 5 (seen from the car) highway around Bangkok.

020. Greater Coucal - *Centropus sinensis*

Small numbers were heard daily in almost every habitat and some individuals seen.

021. CORAL-BILLED GROUND CUCKOO - *Carpococcyx renauldi*

15 March 1 (heard only) Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
 3 (one seen, two more heard) Haew Suwat Restaurant, Khao Yai NP.
 16 March 1 road between main entrance and HQ, Khao Yai NP.
 1 (heard only) Haew Suwat Restaurant, Khao Yai NP.

A Khao Yai specialty. Most birds scavenge behind the restaurants, but are still very elusive.

022. Raffles's Malkoha - *Rhinortha chlorophaea*

13 March 2 (pair) at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.

023. Chestnut-breasted Malkoha - *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

18 March 1 B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

024. Chestnut-bellied Malkoha - *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus*

19 March 2 Krabi Mangrove Boardwalk.

025. Asian Koel - *Eudynamys scolopaceus*

Common, heard daily in almost every habitat and sometimes – when we did try- seen.

026. Violet Cuckoo - *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

12 March 1 (female) Ban Krang campground, Kaeng Krachan NP. First identified as a Little Bronze Cuckoo *C. minutillus*, but photos showed it was a female Violet.

027. Banded Bay Cuckoo - *Cacomantis sonneratii*

Several heard at Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March and in Khao Yai NP on 15 and 16 March. One came to drink at the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort on 14 March and was seen at very close range.

028. Plaintive Cuckoo - *Cacomantis merulinus*

18 March 1 A-trail, Khao Nor Chuchi.

029. Fork-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo - *Surniculus dicruroides*

Several heard at Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March and in Khao Yai NP on 15 and 16 March.

030. Moustached Hawk-Cuckoo - *Hierococcyx vagans*

18 March 1 (very well seen) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

031. Indian Cuckoo - *Cuculus micropterus*

Several heard only in Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March and Kao Nor Chuchi on 18 and 19 March.

032. Oriental Cuckoo - *Cuculus optatus*

11 March 1 in the mangroves at Laem Phak Bia.

13 March 1 between Ban Krang campground and the main entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.

033. Rock Dove - *Columba livia*

Seen daily in good numbers, especially in towns and villages.

Note that the English name has changed from Red Turtle Dove to Red Collared Dove.

034. Red Collared Dove - *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

A common roadside bird.

035. Spotted Dove - *Spilopelia chinensis*

Common, seen daily, especially around human settlements, but also in rainforest habitat.

036. Common Emerald Dove - *Chalcophaps indica*

Seen and heard daily at Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Khao Nor Chuchi.

037. Zebra Dove - *Geopelia striata*

Common in urban areas and along roadsides.

038. Thick-billed Green Pigeon - *Treron curvirostra*

16 March 3 (in a fruiting tree) between the main entrance and the HQ of Khao Yai.

039. Mountain Imperial Pigeon - *Ducula badia*

13 March c 10 (1 seen at close range) at Panong Tung Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

16 March 1 (in a fruiting tree) between main entrance and the HQ of Khao Yai NP.

040. Little Grebe – *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

11 March 1 in the saltpans just southeast of Pak Tale.

041. Black-winged Stilt - *Himantopus himantopus*

Common at Pak Tale and Laem Phak Bia and during our ride from Kaeng Krachan NP and Bangkok.

042. **Red-wattled Lapwing** - *Vanellus indicus*

Common on most inland water bodies. Not seen at the coast. Sometimes split as White-eared Lapwing.

043. **Pacific Golden Plover** - *Pluvialis fulva*

11 March c 4 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

044. **Grey Plover** - *Pluvialis squatarola*

11 March c 50 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

045. **Kentish Plover** - *Charadrius alexandrinus*

11 March c 100 in the saltpans at Pak Tale and the mudflats & sand spit at Laem Phak Bia.

046. **Malaysian Plover** - *Charadrius peronii*

11 March c 15 at the Laem Phak Bia sand spit.

047. **Lesser Sand Plover** - *Charadrius mongolus*

11 March c 50 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

c 100 mudflats at the river mouth of Laem Phak Bia.

All birds belonged to the western 'Tibetan Plover'-group, due to the lack of spots on the lower flanks.

048. **Greater Sand Plover** - *Charadrius leschenaultii*

11 March c 20 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

c 20 Laem Phak Bia.

049. **Eurasian Curlew** - *Numenius arquata orientalis*

11 March c 250 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

The bills are much longer than their European cousins.

050. **Bar-tailed Godwit** - *Limosa lapponica*

11 March c 300 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

051. **Black-tailed Godwit** - *Limosa limosa*

11 March c 100 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

052. **Great Knot** - *Calidris tenuirostris*

11 March c 20 in the saltpans just southeast of Pak Tale.

c 100 in the saltpans just south of Pak Tale.

c 10 Laem Phak Bia.

053. **Broad-billed Sandpiper** - *Calidris falcinellus*

11 March c 10 Pak Tale.

c 20 Laem Phak Bia.

054. **Curlew Sandpiper** - *Calidris ferruginea*

11 March c 20 in the saltpans just southeast of Pak Tale.

c 10 seen well foraging in the saltpans just south of Pak Tale.

c 10 Laem Phak Bia.

055. **Long-toed Stint** - *Calidris subminuta*

11 March 8 widespread over the saltpans at Pak Tale.

056. **SPOON-BILLED SANDPIPER** - *Calidris pygmaea*

11 March 4 in the saltpans just south of Pak Tale.

THE bird of the trip and THE reason for the trip! We succeeded with a single bird on the Pak Tale saltpans within 5 hours after disembarking Bangkok airport. We returned late afternoon for some more views when we found four birds at essentially the same saltpan. All were in full winter plumage, except one showed some streaks on the breast and few summer feathers on the mantle. Feeding behaviour is very distinctive.

057. **Red-necked Stint** - *Calidris ruficollis*

11 March c 20 in the saltpans just southeast of Pak Tale.

c 50 in the saltpans just south of Pak Tale.

c 50 Laem Phak Bia.

Several birds were almost in full breeding plumage.

058. **Sanderling** - *Calidris alba*

11 March c 10 in the saltpans just southeast of Pak Tale.

c 10 Laem Phak Bia.

059. **Dunlin** - *Calidris alpina*

11 March 1 in the saltpans just southeast of Pak Tale.

A rare bird in Thailand; we saw one feeding close to the Spoon-billed Sandpiper which turned into breeding plumage on the belly. The bird belongs to the long-billed *sakhalina* ssp.

060. **Terek Sandpiper** - *Xenus cinereus*

11 March 9 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

061. **Red-necked Phalarope** - *Phalaropus lobatus*

11 March 16 (winter plumage) foraging in the saltpans just south of Pak Tale.

A rare bird in Thailand; this flock was close to the Spoon-billed Sandpiper.

062. **Common Sandpiper** - *Actitis hypoleucos*

11 March c 5 (total) in the saltpans at Pak Tale and the mudflats at Laem Phak Bia.

063. **Green Sandpiper** - *Tringa ochropus*

11 March 1 at the sand spit of Laem Phak Bia when looking for White-faced Plover.

064. **Common Redshank** - *Tringa tetanus*

11 March c 50 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

065. **Marsh Sandpiper** - *Tringa stagnatilis*

11 March c 100 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

c 25 Laem Phak Bia.

066. **Spotted Redshank** - *Tringa erythropus*

11 March c 20 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.

067. **Common Greenshank** - *Tringa nebularia*
 11 March c 50 in the saltpans at Pak Tale.
 c 50 Laem Phak Bia.
068. **NORDMANN'S GREENSHANK** - *Tringa guttifer*
 11 March 57 (in one flock) in the saltpans at Pak Tale.
069. **Oriental Pratincole** - *Glareola maldivarum*
 11 March c 10 Pak Tale.
 14 March c 20 between Kaeng Krachan NP and Highway 4 to Bangkok.
070. **Brown-headed Gull** - *Chroicocephalus brunnicephalus*
 11 March c 50 in the Pak Tale saltpans and on the Laem Phak Bia sand spit.
071. **Gull-billed Tern** - *Gelochelidon nilotica*
 11 March c 10 saltpans at Pak Tale. and c 15 at Laem Phak Bia.
 c 15 Laem Phak Bia.
072. **Caspian Tern** - *Hydroprogne caspia*
 11 March 5 Laem Phak Bia sand spit.
073. **Greater Crested Tern** - *Thalasseus bergii*
 11 March c 40 Laem Phak Bia sand spit.
074. **Lesser Crested Tern** - *Thalasseus bengalensis*
 11 March 3 Laem Phak Bia sand spit.
075. **Little Tern** - *Sternula albifrons*
 11 March c 100 in the Pak Tale saltpans and on the Laem Phak Bia sand spit.
076. **Common Tern** - *Sterna hirundo tibetana/longipennis*
 11 March c 200 (winter plumage) in the Pak Tale saltpans and on the Laem Phak Bia sand spit.
077. **Whiskered Tern** - *Chlidonias hybrida*
 11 March c 100 Pak Tale.
078. **Asian Openbill** - *Anastomus oscitans*
 Several birds seen along the road on 11 March, 14 March and 16 March.
079. **Little Cormorant** - *Microcarbo niger*
 11 March c 10 Pak Tale.
 c 30 Laem Phak Bia.
080. **Indian Cormorant** - *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis*
 11 March 4 Pak Tale.
081. **Black-crowned Night Heron** - *Nycticorax nycticorax*
 11 March c 10 during our short search for Indian Nightjar, Pak Tale.

082. Striated Heron - *Butorides striata*

11 March 2 during boat trip to the Laem Phak Bia sand spit.

083. Chinese Pond Heron - *Ardeola bacchus*

The commonest pond-heron, with several birds in full breeding regale at Pak Tale, Laem Phak Bia and during our ride between Kaeng Krachan and Bangkok.

084. Javan Pond Heron - *Ardeola speciosa*

Several in breeding plumage mixed in with Chinese Pond Herons at Pak Tale, Laem Phak Bia and during our ride between Kaeng Krachan and Bangkok.

085. Eastern Cattle Egret - *Bubulcus coromandus*

Several birds seen along the road on 11 March, 14 March and 16 March.

086. Grey Heron - *Ardea cinerea*

11 March c 20 Pak Tale.

087. Great Egret - *Ardea alba*

11 March c 100 Pak Tale.
 c 30 Laem Phak Bia.

088. Intermediate Egret - *Ardea intermedia*

11 March c 30 Pak Tale.
 c 10 Laem Phak Bia.

089. Little Egret - *Egretta garzetta*

11 March c 150 Pak Tale.
 c 50 Laem Phak Bia.
12 March c 10 in the large lake east of Kaeng Krachan NP.
13 March c 5 in the large lake east of Kaeng Krachan NP.
14 March c 30 between Kaeng Krachan and Khao Yai NP.
16 March c 25 between Khao Yai NP and Bangkok.
19 March c 10 between Khao Nor Chuchi and Krabi.

090. Pacific Reef Heron - *Egretta sacra*

11 March 2 (dark phase) Laem Phak Bia sand spit.

091. CHINESE EGRET - *Egretta eulophotes*

11 March 3 river mouth at the Laem Phak Bia sand spit.

The jizz is pretty striking and the birds are easily picked out by their fishing behaviour which resembles a greenshank running after its prey.

092. Crested Honey Buzzard - *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

Several seen at Kaeng Krachan on 12 to 14 March, including a male with dark underwing coverts.

093. Crested Serpent Eagle - *Spilornis cheela*

Several seen in Kaeng Krachan NP and in Khao Yai NP.

094. **Rufous-bellied Eagle** - *Lophotriorchis kienerii*

15 March 2 (adult and imm.) viewpoint at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.

Based on the moult the juvenile was judged older than a year and given its larger size than the adult it is probably a female. The juvenile has a very different plumage than the adult.

095. **Black Eagle** - *Ictinaetus malaiensis*

15 March 1 (with prey) flying at the viewpoint at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.

096. **GREATER SPOTTED EAGLE** - *Clanga clanga*

14 March 1 (adult) migrating north, halfway between Kaeng Krachan and Highway 4.

This proved to be a new bird for our guide Tony!

097. **Crested Goshawk** – *Accipiter trivirgatus*

13 March 1 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

098. **Japanese Sparrowhawk** - *Accipiter gularis*

14 March 1 (most probably this species) halfway between Kaeng Krachan and Highway 4.

099. **Eastern Marsh Harrier** - *Circus spilonotus*

11 March 1 Pak Tale.

100. **Black Kite** - *Milvus migrans*

11 March 1 Pak Tale.

101. **Brahminy Kite** - *Haliastur Indus*

11 March 2-3 (causing a lot of panic within the shorebird community) Pak Tale.

102. **Grey-faced Buzzard** - *Butastur indicus*

14 March c 300 (in one flock) between Kaeng Krachan NP and Highway 4 to Bangkok.

103. **Brown Boobook** - *Ninox scutulata*

12 March 5 (two seen together, 3 heard) between stream 1 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.

104. **Collared Owlet** - *Taenioptynx brodiei*

12 March 2 (1 heard and 1 at day-time roost) between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

The latter bird decided it had enough of a nearby Asian Barred Owlet and went after him. However, this opportunistic challenge soon fired back at him and the Collared Owlet had to fly for its life

105. **Asian Barred Owlet** - *Glaucidium cuculoides*

12 March c 6 (3 seen at day-time roost) between stream 1 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.

13 March c 3 (heard only) between stream 1 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.

106. **WHITE-FRONTED SCOPS OWL** - *Otus sagittatus*

11 March 2 (pair resting) between Bran Krang and Panong Tung campsites.

The holy grail of KK. Our guide Tony found a roost of a pair in bamboo along the main trail at KK, which gave brilliant views! The normal spot was deserted, as an elephant had passed right through the trees the bird was resting. Tony however, managed to find it back some few 100 meters further away. Also, we learned a pair was hold territory at the Ban Krang campsite. Do not travel in darkness at the location mentioned [here](#)

unless you have a vehicle. There are elephants at night in the area and some could be lethal in the very near future if birders decide their world-list is more important than their health!

107. **Collared Scops Owl** - *Otus lettia*

12 March 1 well seen in the street lights near the main entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.

108. **Spotted Wood Owl** - *Strix seloputo*

18 March 1 (heard only) U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

109. **Orange-breasted Trogon** - *Harpactes oreskios*

12 March 2 between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

110. **Red-headed Trogon** - *Harpactes erythrocephalus*

13 March 1 between Panong Tung Campsite and Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.

16 March 1 (heard only) Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.

111. **Great Hornbill** - *Buceros bicornis*

12 March 2 (heard only) between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

13 March 1 (heard only) between Panoeng Tong Campsite and Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.

112. **Oriental Pied Hornbill** - *Anthracoceros albirostris*

12 March 2 between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

13 March 2 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

15 March 2 Viewpoint at km 31, Khao Yai NP.

16 March 2 (fruiting tree) along the road between main entrance and HQ, Khao Yai NP.

113. **TICKELL'S BROWN HORNBILL** - *Anorrhinus tickelli*

12 March 6 between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

13 March 2 between stream 1 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.

114. **Wreathed Hornbill** - *Rhyticeros undulates*

13 March 1 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

115. **Indochinese Roller** - *Coracias affinis*

12 March 1 (sitting on a wire) between Ban Krang campground and the main entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP; also on 13 March.

116. **Oriental Dollarbird** - *Eurystomus orientalis*

12 March 2 between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

117. **Banded Kingfisher** - *Lacedo pulchella*

18 March 1 (female killing a large spider!) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

118. **Brown-winged Kingfisher** - *Pelargopsis amauroptera*

19 March 2 (frustratingly close but still heard only) Krabi Mangrove Boardwalk.

119. **Ruddy Kingfisher** - *Halcyon coromanda*

19 March 1 (heard only) Krabi Mangrove Boardwalk.

120. White-throated Kingfisher - *Halcyon smyrnensis*

A common bird of open landscapes; seen almost daily, also in the south.

121. Collared Kingfisher - *Todiramphus chloris*

11 March c 20 Pak Tale plus c 10 at Laem Phak Bia.

122. Blue-eared Kingfisher - *Alcedo meninting*

15 March 1 (seen from hide) campground, Khao Yai NP.

123. Common Kingfisher - *Alcedo atthis*

11 March 2-3 in the salt pans just southeast of Pak Tale.

124. Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher - *Ceyx erithaca*

12 March 2 (pair black-backed form) between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

18 March 1 or 2 (heard only) C-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

125. Red-bearded Bee-eater - *Nyctyornis amictus*

13 March 1 vista point at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.

17 March 1 (heard only) U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

126. Blue-bearded Bee-eater - *Nyctyornis athertoni*

12 March 2 (plus several heard) between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

16 March 1 (seen well) Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.

127. Blue-tailed Bee-eater - *Merops philippinus*

Several migrating birds over Kaeng Krachan on 12 and 13 March and a few in paddies just outside Kaeng Krachan NP on 14 March.

128. Great Barbet - *Psilopogon virens*

Commonly heard at the Panoeng Tong Campsite on 13 March in Kaeng Krachan. Several fly-bys seen until we had one in the scope a few km down from the top.

129. Green-eared Barbet - *Psilopogon faiostrictus*

12 March 2-3 Ban Krang campground, Kaeng Krachan NP.

130. Red-crowned Barbet - *Psilopogon rafflesii*

18 March 2-3 (1 seen well, others heard only) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

131. Red-throated Barbet - *Psilopogon mystacophanos*

13 March 1 (heard only) Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

17 March 3-4 (heard only) U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

18 March 2-3 (heard only) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

19 March 2-3 (heard only) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

132. Blue-throated Barbet - *Psilopogon asiaticus davisoni*

13 March c 10 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

133. **Moustached Barbet** - *Psilopogon incognitus*
 15 March c 5 (1 seen, others heard only) Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
134. **Blue-eared Barbet** - *Psilopogon cyanotis*
 13 March c 6 (pair nesting) and several heard at Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 15 March c 5 (1 seen, others heard) Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
 Blue-eared Barbet is split from Yellow-eared [Blue-eared] Barbet *P. australis* (den Tex & Leonard 2013) and additionally Black-eared Barbet *P. duvaucelii* was split from Blue-eared Barbet (IOC 14.1, 2024).
135. **Coppersmith Barbet** - *Psilopogon haemacephalus*
 12 March 2-3 Ban Krang campground, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 18 March 1-2 Sport Facility just north of Khao Nor Chuchi village.
136. **Speckled Piculet** - *Picumnus innominatus*
 13 March 3 (a pair and a single birds) between Panoeng Tong Campsite and start of the trail to the Tortip Waterfall, Kaeng Krachan NP.
137. **Rufous Piculet** - *Sasia abnormis*
 17 March 1 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
138. **STREAK-BREASTED WOODPECKER** - *Picus viridanus*
 12 March 1 (male) fleeting glimpses between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 13 March 1 Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
139. **Greater Flameback** - *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus*
 12 March 1 between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 1 at Ban Krang Campground, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 13 March 1 halfway between Panoeng Tong Campsite and km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
140. **BAMBOO WOODPECKER** - *Gecinulus viridis*
 A bird we were really after. A pair was found between streams 1 and 2 which gave only flight views of one bird on 12 March in Kaeng Krachan. However, we had brilliant scope views of a pair at stream 3 crossing in the late afternoon of 13 March.
141. **Buff-rumped Woodpecker** - *Meiglyptes tristis*
 12 March 1 Trail between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
142. **Great Slaty Woodpecker** - *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*
 12 March 3 (flying west) between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
143. **Vernal Hanging Parrot** - *Loriculus vernalis*
 12 March 1 between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 1 at Ban Krang Campground, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 13 March 2 Panong Tung Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 15 March 1 Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
144. **Long-tailed Broadbill** - *Psarisomus dalhousiae*
 13 March 2 (1 at nest) halfway between Panoeng Tong Campsite and km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP. Bizarre bird! Any broadbill is a real treat.

145. Silver-breasted Broadbill - *Serilophus lunatus*

12 March	4	Trail between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
16 March	1	Khao Yai NP.

146. Banded Broadbill - *Eurylaimus javanicus*

16 March	1	seen well, Khao Yai NP.
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147. Black-and-yellow Broadbill - *Eurylaimus ochromalus*

12 March	4	Trail between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
19 March	2-3	U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

148. Green Broadbill - *Calyptomena viridis*

18 March	3-4	(1 male well seen) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
19 March	2-3	(heard only) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

149. EARED PITTA - *Hydrornis phayrei*

16 March	1	(male) beautifully seen singing and walking on a fallen log, Khao Yai NP.
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A quick stop in Khao Yai along the main road where Mister Isara found a fruiting tree the day before gave a major surprise. An Eared Pitta responded to Tony's speculative taping. After some nerve-wrecking minutes we managed both to see this difficult pitta. Second best bird of the trip, with Spoonbill Sandpiper no 1!

150. Rusty-naped Pitta - *Hydrornis oatesi*

13 March	1	(heard only) Vista point at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
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Unfortunately, we could not descend to this place, but apparently, Rusty-naped Pitta is not that rare as previously thought in Kaeng Krachan NP. Mae Wong NP is the place to be nowadays.

151. MALAYAN BANDED PITTA - *Hydrornis irena*

17 March	1	(heard only), U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
18 March	2	(pair) well seen for c 1 hour feeding from a blind, A-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
19 March	1	(heard only) near the Pole-bridge, Khao Nor Chuchi.

152. BLUE PITTA - *Hydrornis cyanea*

12 March	1	(male) beautifully seen singing, stream 1, Kaeng Krachan NP.
16 March	1	(heard only) Khao Yai NP.

We could lure into view after a tape battle of about an hour. Brilliant bird, even scope views!

153. GURNEY'S PITTA - *Hydrornis gurneyi*

19 March	1	(heard only) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
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I heard a bird 2 times, each time uttering 3-4 times the *tsilit*-call. At first, I thought it was a tape from Hans or David, but upon arrival they were not at that place and after 15 minutes, they came back walking from further away and assured me they had not played the tape (which is not allowed by the way). Gurney's Pitta was very difficult this year, as the dry season had never arrived. In normal years it was drier and the birds are more confined to their favourite gullies.

154. MANGROVE PITTA - *Pitta megarhyncha*

19 March	4	(2 seen very well) Krabi Mangrove Boardwalk.
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One bird kept calling for more than half-an-hour, while another flew *under* me at the second bridge. It landed behind a tree trunk, only showing its tail. Next it flew into the canopy, invisible again. Mangrove Pittas were exceptionally easy this year, due to the prolonged rains in this time of year.

155. **Golden-bellied Gerygone** - *Gerygone sulphurea*
 11 March 2 (1 at the restaurant and 1 during boat trip) Laem Phak Bia.
156. **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** - *Hemipus picatus*
 13 March 2 seen at the vista point at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
157. **Large Woodshrike** - *Tephrodornis virgatus*
 13 March 1 seen at the vista point at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
158. **Rufous-winged Philentoma** - *Philentoma pyrhoptra*
 18 March 2 (pair) A-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
159. **Ashy Woodswallow** - *Artamus fuscus*
 Seen daily, also in human settlements.
160. **Common Iora** - *Aegithina tiphia*
 18 March 1-2 Sport Facility just north of Khao Nor Chuchi village.
161. **Great Iora** - *Aegithina lafresnayei*
 12 March 2-3 Trail between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
162. **Scarlet Minivet** - *Pericrocotus speciosus*
 Several males in Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March and Khao Yao NP on 15 and 16 March.
163. **Swinhoe's Minivet** - *Pericrocotus cantonensis*
 Several small flocks in Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March and Khao Yao NP on 15 and 16 March.
164. **Black-winged Cuckooshrike** - *Lalage melaschistos*
 13 March 2 seen at the vista point at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 15 March 1 Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
 Genus name is moved from *Coracina* to *Lalage* following [Jønsson et al. \(2010\)](#).
165. **Brown Shrike** - *Lanius cristatus*
 11 March 1 Pak Tale.
 14 March 1 behind the Phaiboon Appartments hotel, just outside Khao Yai NP.
166. **Grey-backed Shrike** - *Lanius tephronotus**
 15 March 1 (hidden in a bush, seen by Arjan only) Viewpoint at km 31, Khao Yai NP.
167. **White-bellied Erpornis** - *Erpornis zantholeuca*
 15 March c 5 Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
168. **Black-naped Oriole** - *Oriolus chinensis*
 12 March 1 Trail between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 18 March 1 Sport Facility just north of Khao Nor Chuchi village.
169. **Bronzed Drongo** - *Dicrurus aeneus*
 13 March 2 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

170. Crow-billed Drongo - *Dicrurus annectans*

12 March 2 Trail between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 17 March 2-3 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

171. Greater Racket-tailed Drongo - *Dicrurus paradiseus*

Commonly heard and several seen at Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March. On 18 March several birds were seen in the evening in the U-trail area in Khao Nor Chuchi.

172. Ashy Drongo - *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

All birds in Kaeng Krachan seemed to belong to the wintering light-grey races which show a white patch behind the eye. The one we saw in Khao Yai was probably a resident bird and was dark ash-grey.

173. Black Drongo - *Dicrurus macrocerus*

A common roadside bird.

174. Malaysian Pied Fantail - *Rhipidura javanica*

11 March 2 in the salt pans at Pak Tale.
 c 10 In the mangroves along the river at Laem Phak Bia.

175. Black-naped Monarch - *Hypothymis azurea*

12 March 1 (female) Trail between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 14 March 2-3 (one beautiful male) at the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort.
 17 March 1 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

176. Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher - *Terpsiphone affinis*

Several pairs seen and heard daily on all trails in Khao Nor Chuchi between 17 and 19 March. One male was even breeding a meter from the hide, while waiting in vain for Gurney's Pitta.

177. Common Green Magpie - *Cissa chinensis*

Several birds seen in Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March and in Khao Yai NP on 15 and 16 March.

178. Rufous Treepie - *Dendrocitta vagabundae**

13 March 1 (Arjan only) between Km 24 Ban Krang campground, Kaeng Krachan NP.

179. Grey Treepie - *Dendrocitta formosae*

13 March 1-2 between Km 24 and Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

180. RATCHET-TAILED TREEPIE - *Temnurus temnurus*

13 March c 5 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

181. Large-billed Crow - *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Several birds seen on 15 and 16 March in Khao Yai NP (none in Kaeng Krachan NP).

182. Sultan Tit - *Melanochlora sultanea*

12 March 2 between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.

183. Indochinese Bush Lark - *Mirafra erythrocephala*

14 March 1 singing on a pole, halfway between Kaeng Krachan and Highway 4.

184. **Hairy-backed Bulbul** - *Tricholestes criniger*
18 March 2 B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
185. **Yellow-bellied Bulbul** - *Alophoixus phaeocephalus*
18 March 2 just north of Khao Nor Chuchi village.
186. **Grey-cheeked Bulbul** - *Alophoixus tephrogenys*
Fairly common at Khao Nor Chuchi between 17 and 19 March.
187. **Ochraceous Bulbul** - *Alophoixus ochraceus*
Common in Kaeng Krachan on 12 and 13 March and Khao Nor Chuchi between 17 and 19 March.
188. **Puff-throated Bulbul** - *Alophoixus pallidus*
15 March 2 (pair) Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
189. **Olive Bulbul** - *Iole viridescens lekhakuni*
Fairly common at Kaeng Krachan NP. Previously we thought these were Buff-vented Bulbuls, but the subspecies *lekhakuni* is reassigned from Grey-eyed Bulbul *I. propinqua* to *I. viridescens* based on genetic data (Manawatthana et al. 2017).
190. **Grey-eyed Bulbul** - *Iole propinqua*
Fairly common at Khao Yai NP on 15 and 16 March, easily found by its mewing call.
191. **Ashy Bulbul** - *Hemixos flavala*
15 March 1 at the viewpoint at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.
192. **Black-headed Bulbul** - *Brachypodius melanocephalos*
16 March 4 behind the Headquarters of Khao Yai NP.
193. **Black-crested Bulbul** - *Rubigula flaviventris*
Common at Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP. Interestingly, birds at Khao Yai have a red throat and chin (ssp *johnsoni*), whereas at Kaeng Krachan, the throat is black like the rest of the head.
194. **Cream-vented Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus simplex*
18 March 2-3 B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi; also on 19 March.
195. **Olive-winged Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus plumosus*
17 March 2 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
196. **Streak-eared Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus conradi*
11 March c 10 Pak Thala and Laem Phak Bia.
13 March 1 at the hide near the entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.
197. **Stripe-throated Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*
15 March 1 near one of the restaurants (forgot which one!), Khao Yai NP.
198. **Flavescent Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus flavescent*
13 March c 10 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.

199. **Red-whiskered Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus jocosus**
 16 March 1 (Arjan only) in the grassy area south of HQ, Khao Yai NP.
200. **Yellow-vented Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus goiavier*
 18 March c 5 Khao Nor Chuchi.
201. **Sooty-headed Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus aurigaster*
 14 March 1 at the hide near the entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.
202. **Barn Swallow** - *Hirundo rustica*
 Common throughout, especially along the coast.
203. **Asian House Martin** - *Delichon dasypus*
 15 March 3-5 at the viewpoint at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.
204. **Red-rumped Swallow** - *Cecropis daurica*
 15 March c 5-10 at the viewpoint at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.
205. **Mountain Tailorbird** - *Phyllergates cucullatus**
 13 March c 5 (heard only by Arjan) Panoeng Tong Campsite area, Kaeng Krachan NP.
206. **Yellow-browed Warbler** - *Phylloscopus inornatus*
 Common in every location. For us Europeans easy to identify after years and years of experience.
207. **Radde's Warbler** - *Phylloscopus schwarzi*
 13 March 1 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 15 March 1 at the viewpoint at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.
208. **Eastern-crowned Warbler** - *Phylloscopus coronatus*
 Several birds seen between 17 and 19 March at Khao Nor Chuchi.
209. **Alström's Warbler** - *Phylloscopus soror*
 15 March 1 (seen from our one-man blinds) Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
210. **Two-barred Warbler** - *Phylloscopus plumbeitarsus*
 15 March 2-3 at the parking lot of Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
211. **Pale-legged Leaf Warbler** - *Phylloscopus tenellipes*
 14 March 1 seen from the blind near entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.
212. **Arctic Warbler** - *Phylloscopus borealis*
 13 March 1 Vista point at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 19 March 1 Krabi Mangrove Boardwalk, Krabi.
213. **Sulphur-breasted Warbler** - *Phylloscopus ricketti*
 12 March 1 between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.

214. **Golden-headed Cisticola** - *Cisticola exilis*
 14 March 1 behind the Phaiboon Apartments hotel, just outside Khao Yai NP.
215. **Plain Prinia** - *Prinia inornata*
 11 March 2-3 just southeast of Pak Tale.
216. **Common Tailorbird** - *Orthotomus sutorius*
 Common, seen and heard almost daily at every visited site.
217. **Dark-necked Tailorbird** - *Orthotomus atrogularis*
 13 March 2 (males) between Panoeng Tong Campsite and start of the trail to the Tortip Waterfall, Kaeng Krachan NP. More heard during the walk down to Km 24.
 19 March 2 Krabi Mangrove Boardwalk, Krabi.
218. **Pin-striped Tit-Babbler** - *Mixornis gularis*
 Common throughout Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March and Khao Yai NP on 15 and 16 March and Khao Nor Chuchi on 18 March; these birds are shown in addition to the distinctive striped breast pattern markedly yellow underparts in contrast to Bold-striped Tit-babblers. Formerly called Striped Tit-Babbler.
219. **Golden Babbler** - *Cyanoderma chrysaeum*
 13 March 2-3 just before the parking lay-by at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
220. **Chestnut-winged Babbler** - *Cyanoderma erythropterum*
 17 March 1-2 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
221. **Rufous-fronted Babbler** - *Cyanoderma rufifrons*
 12 March c 5 between stream 1 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP; also on 13 March.
222. **White-browed Scimitar Babbler** - *Pomatorhinus schisticeps*
 14 March 2 seen from the blind near entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.
223. **Large Scimitar Babbler** - *Erythrogonys hypoleucos*
 12 March 2-3 (heard only by Arjan) near stream 1, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 16 March 2 (only seen by Jan) Khao Yai NP.
224. **Black-throated Babbler** - *Stachyris nigricollis*
 17 March 2-3 (heard only) U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
 18 March 2-3 (heard only) A-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
225. **Chestnut-rumped Babbler** - *Stachyris maculata*
 18 March 2-3 (heard only) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
226. **Spot-necked Babbler** - *Stachyris striolata*
 12 March 2-3 near stream 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
227. **LARGE WREN-BABBLER** - *Turdinus macrodactylus*
 18 March 1 (heard only) C-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
 19 March 1 (heard only, although very close) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

228. **Scaly-crowned Babbler** - *Malacopteron cinereum*
17 March 1-2 (heard only) U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
229. **Rufous-crowned Babbler** - *Malacopteron magnum*
18 March 1-2 B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
230. **Moustached Babbler** - *Malacopteron magnirostre*
17 March 1-2 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
231. **Puff-throated Babbler** - *Pellorneum ruficeps*
Common at Kaeng Krachan NP, Khao Yai NP and Khao Nor Chuchi, often feeding in pairs.
232. **Malayan Black-capped Babbler** - *Pellorneum nigrocapitatum*
Two times we encountered a duetting pair, in the A-trail area and the B-trail area in Khao Nor Chuchi on 18 March, but they kept well outside our vision.
233. **Ferruginous Babbler** - *Pellorneum bicolor*
18 March c 5 (heard-only) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
234. **Abbott's Babbler** - *Malacocincla abbotti*
14 March 2 seen from the blind near entrance of Kaeng Krachan NP.
16 March 2 Khao Yai NP.
235. **Brown-cheeked Fulvetta** - *Alcippe poioicephala*
Several high up at Kaeng Krachan NP on 13 March, at its uppermost altitude range and one came in to drink at the Baan Song Nok hide on 14 March. These birds differ considerably from the birds Arjan previously observed in Goa, India, as they looked more like dark Grey-cheeked Fulvetta *A. morrisonia* without any green tones. Birds at Kaeng Krachan also show only a weak black brow.
236. **Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush** - *Garrulax monileger*
14 March 4 seen from the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort.
237. **White-crested Laughingthrush** - *Garrulax leucolophus*
16 March 3 Trail 6, Khao Yai NP.
Trail 6 was off limits at the time of our visit. We saw these birds at the start of the trail.
238. **Black-throated Laughingthrush** - *Pterorhinus chinensis*
13 March 2 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.
239. **Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush** - *Pterorhinus pectoralis*
12 March 4 between stream 1 and 2, Kaeng Krachan NP.
14 March c 15 seen from the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort.
240. **Asian Fairy-bluebird** - *Irena puella*
Commonly observed on 12 and 13 March in Kaeng Krachan NP and on 15 and 16 March in Khao Yai NP.
241. **Asian Glossy Starling** - *Aplonis panayensis*
18 March c 5 Khlong Tom.

242. Common Hill Myna - *Gracula religiosa*

12 March 4 (not by Jan) between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 18 March 2 (heard only) U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

243. Javan Myna - *Acridotheres javanicus*

Small numbers were seen at Pak Tale, between Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai NP and between Khao Yai NP and Bangkok.

244. Jungle Myna - *Acridotheres fuscus*

18 March 1 (sitting on a cow) Khlong Tom.

245. Common Myna - *Acridotheres tristis*

Common, seen daily.

246. Siamese Pied Myna (Asian Pied Starling) - *Gracupica floweri*

Fairly common bird of open country.

247. Oriental Magpie-Robin - *Copsychus saularis*

11 March 4 at the Restaurant in Laem Bak Thale.
 14 March c 5 seen from the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort.
 18 March 2-3 just north of the village, Khao Nor Chuchi.

248. White-rumped Shama - *Copsychus malabaricus*

Regularly seen at Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March. Close views of a pair at the blind at Baan Song Nok on 14 March and several birds at Khao Yai NP on 15 and 16 March.

249. Dark-sided Flycatcher - *Muscicapa sibirica*

13 March 1 at the vista point at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.

250. Asian Brown Flycatcher - *Muscicapa dauurica*

12 March 1-2 between stream 2 and 3, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 18 March 1 just north of the village, Khao Nor Chuchi.

251. Hainan Blue Flycatcher - *Cyornis hainanus*

15 March 1 (male) seen from the blind at Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.

252. Hill Blue Flycatcher - *Cyornis whitei*

13 March c 5 Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.
 15 March 3-4 at the view point at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.
 Note transfer of established English name Hill Blue Flycatcher from *C. banyumas* to *C. whitei*.

253. Indochinese Blue Flycatcher - *Cyornis sumatrensis*

14 March 2 (pair) seen from the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort.

254. Chinese (Tickell's) Blue Flycatcher - *Cyornis glaucicomans*

18 March 1 (male) U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

255. Verditer Flycatcher - *Eumyias thalassinus*

13 March 1 at the vista point at Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.

256. Siberian Blue Robin - *Larivora cyane*

14 March	1	(male) seen from the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort.
15 March	1	(male) seen from the blind at Pa Gluay Mai Campsite, Khao Yai NP.
	1	(female) at the view point at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.
18 March	1	(male in 1 st winter) B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
19 March	1	(female 1 st winter) Just before the Pole Bridge, Khao Nor Chuchi.

257. Siberian Rubythroat - *Calliope calliope*

14 March	1	(female, Jan only) between Kaeng Krachan NP and Highway 4 to Bangkok.
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258. Taiga Flycatcher - *Ficedula albicilla*

Regularly seen at Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 and 13 March. Close views of a 2nd cy male at the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort on 14 March and several birds at Khao Yai NP on 15 and 16 March.

259. Blue Rock Thrush - *Monticola solitarius*

A female in winter plumage of the *pandoo* ssp was seen at the summit restaurant of the Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP on 13 March. The plumage of the female is very different in comparison to the European nominate. It is light blue-grey above with heavy scaling (not barring) on the mantle and breast in contrast to the all brown, unmarked upperparts and barred underparts of European Blue Rock-thrushes.

260. Amur Stonechat - *Saxicola stejnegeri*

16 March	1	(male) open area south of HQ, Khao Yai NP.
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According to Ebird, Siberian Stonechat does not winter in Khao Yai, but only in Northern Thailand.

261. Blue-winged Leafbird - *Chloropsis moluccensis*

Commonly observed at Kaeng Krachan on 12 and 13 March and at Khao Yai NP on 15 and 16 March.

262. Golden-fronted Leafbird - *Chloropsis aurifrons*

14 March	1	(feeding on bananas) at the Baan Song Nok resort.
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263. Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker - *Prionochilus maculatus*

17 March	1	U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
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264. Orange-bellied Flowerpecker - *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

A pair was daily observed just before my chalet in the Morakot Resort, Khao Nor Chuchi between 17 and 19 March, giving very close observations.

265. Cambodian Flowerpecker - *Dicaeum cambodianum*

15 March	c 5	viewpoint at the military checkpoint, Khao Yai NP.
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Fire-breasted Flowerpecker is split into three species, with Cambodian and Sumatran as new additions.

266. Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker - *Dicaeum cruentatum*

12 March	c 5	at Ban Krang Campground, Kaeng Krachan NP.
17 March	3	Plantation area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
18 March	2	B-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

267. Ruby-cheeked Sunbird - *Chalcoparia singalensis*

14 March	1	(male) parking lot of the Tor Tip waterfall, Kaeng Krachan NP.
16 March	1	(female) along the road between main entrance and HQ, Khao Yai NP.

268. **Plain Sunbird** - *Anthreptes simplex*
14 March 1 (female) at the start of the trail to the Tor Tip waterfall, Kaeng Krachan NP.
269. **Brown-throated Sunbird** - *Anthreptes malacensis*
11 March 4 at the Restaurant in Laem Bak Thale.
270. **Van Hasselt's Sunbird** - *Leptocoma brasiliana*
18 March c 5 Sport Facility just north of Khao Nor Chuchi village.
Formerly known as Purple-throated Sunbird, now split into two species, with Purple-throated Sunbird being another endemic sunbird for the Philippines.
271. **Ornate Sunbird** - *Cinnyris ornatus*
13 March 1-2 halfway between Panoeng Tong Campsite and Km 24, Kaeng Krachan NP.
18 March c 5 Sport Facility just north of Khao Nor Chuchi village.
272. **Black-throated Sunbird** - *Aethopyga saturata*
14 March 1 (female) in the forest along the trail to the summit of Kaeng Krachan NP.
273. **Crimson Sunbird** - *Aethopyga siparaja*
14 March 2 (males) at the start of the trail to the Tor Tip waterfall, Kaeng Krachan NP.
274. **Little Spiderhunter** - *Arachnothera longirostra*
The most common spiderhunter, observed daily in Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai and Khao Nor Chuchi.
275. **Thick-billed Spiderhunter** - *Arachnothera crassirostris*
17 March 3 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
276. **Grey-breasted Spiderhunter** - *Arachnothera modesta*
18 March 1-2 (heard only) A-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
277. **Streaked Spiderhunter** - *Arachnothera magna*
13 March c 10 area around the Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.
278. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** - *Passer montanus*
Common near human settlements, like House Sparrow in the good old days in Europe.
279. **PLAIN-BACKED SPARROW** - *Passer flaveolus*
14 March 10 behind the Phaiboon Appartments hotel, just outside Khao Yai NP.
280. **Baya Weaver** - *Ploceus philippinus*
14 March c 10 between Kaeng Krachan NP and Highway 4 to Bangkok.
281. **Scaly-breasted Munia** - *Lonchura punctulata*
14 March 1 seen from the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort.
18 March 6 Khlong Tom.
282. **White-rumped Munia** - *Lonchura striata*
14 March 2 seen from the blind at the Baan Song Nok resort.

283. PIN-TAILED PARROT-FINCH - *Erythrura prasina**

13 March 1-4 (heard only) 1 km below the Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP.
Unfortunately, a heard-only by Arjan and Tony. We heard several birds in a large dead bamboo patch near the Kaeng Krachan summit only to be seen later on by Hans Matheve, the Belgian birder.

284. Forest Wagtail - *Dendronanthus indicus*

17 March 4 U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.

285. Eastern Yellow Wagtail - *Motacilla tschutschensis*

11 March 2 in the saltpans of Pak Tale.

286. Grey Wagtail - *Motacilla cinerea*

12 March 1 Ban Krang campground, Kaeng Krachan NP; same bird on 13 March.

List of Mammals

Northern Treeshrew

One visiting the feeder at the Baan Song Nok hide.

White-handed Gibbon

Commonly heard at Kaeng Krachan NP and Khao Yai but unfortunately no views.

Dusky Langur

Common at Kaeng Krachan NP, including a female with an all-orange baby.

Tenasserim Langur

A very rare primate restricted to a tiny area in W-Thailand and Myanmar. We found two at the summit of Kaeng Krachan NP and later on a group of about 5 a km or so from the summit.

Pig-tailed Macaque

Several groups at KK and common at Khao Yai NP.

Long-tailed Macaque

Less common than the previous species and only seen at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Crab-eating Macaque

Jan encountered a group (or vice versa) in the Mangroves at Krabi.

Asian Elephant

Arjan's favourite animal in SE Asia was observed once when it crossed the road in Kaeng Krachan NP on 13 March.

Lesser Mousedeer

Arjan had prolonged views of one at the start of km 33 trail of Khao Yai NP.

Sambar

Common at Khao Yai NP.

Red Muntjac

One around the HQ at Khao Yai NP.

Small Asian Mongoose

One crossed the road on the drive out from Kaeng Krachan NP.

Black Giant Squirrel

This huge animal was found on several occasions at Kaeng Krachan NP and once at Khao Yai NP.

Variable Squirrel *ssp folletti*

Common at Khao Yai NP looking all grey and white below.

Pallas' Squirrel

Several at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Indochinese Squirrel

Several at Kaeng Krachan NP.

Western Striped Squirrel

This well-patterned squirrel was found at the feeders around the Baan Song Nok hides.



Mudskippers at Laem Phak Bia, 11 March 2022; © Jan van der Laan.



Tony and Arjan looking at Blue Pitta-habitat at stream 1. The Pitta was seen through the telescope left (not in that position, though) in the top leftmost corner, 12 March 2012, Kaeng Krachan NP; © Jan van der Laan.



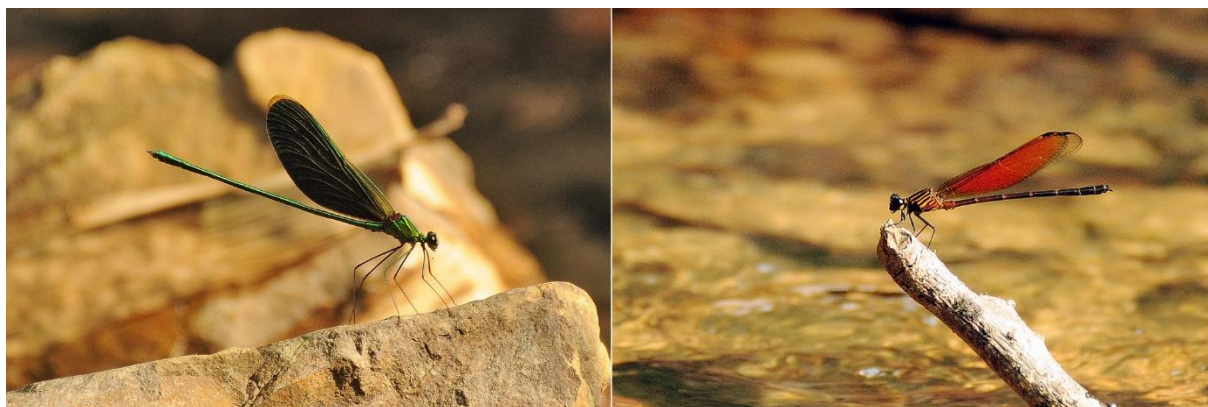
Left: butterflies at Stream 2; right: barbus species in Stream 2, Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Sea of butterflies at stream 2 in Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Tony and Arjan crossing stream 2, 12 March 2012, Kaeng Krachan NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Damselflies, most probably some *Calopteryx* species, Stream 3, Kaeng Krachan NP on 12 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Vista point at Km 24 (well, we *think* this is Km 24), 13 March 2012, Kaeng Krachan NP. Red-bearded Bee-eater was perched on the tree right of the center and Rusty-naped Pitta was calling right beneath the large tree on the left; © Jan van der Laan.



The very rare and endemic primate Tenasserim Langur *Trachypithecus barbei*, 13 March 2012 at Panoeng Tong Campsite, Kaeng Krachan NP; identified by its black coat and tail, white eye-rings and white around the nose. [Here](#) for more photographs to compare; © Jan van der Laan.



Danger lurks everywhere part 1: Indian Elephant in a fashionable saltpan-grey, 13 March 2012, Kaeng Krachan NP; left: © Jan van der Laan; right: © Thanaphat Kinglek (Tony Eagle Eye).



Left: Northern Treeshrew; right: squirrel species, both on 14 March 2012 at Baan Song Nok; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Indochinese Squirrel; right: Western Striped Squirrel, both on 14 March 2012 at Baan Song Nok; © Jan van der Laan.



Danger lurks everywhere part 2: Giant Gardenchair-green Scorpion, 15 March 2012, Khao Yai NP; left: © Jan van der Laan; right: © Thanaphat Kinglek (Tony Eagle Eye).



Arjan inspecting a Siamese Pornbus in Khao Yai NP on 16 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Seen from the hide: gully in U-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi, where the Gurney's Pitta once lived; 17 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: B-trail at the place where I heard a Gurney's Pitta calling; right: me, admitting defeat; 19 March 2012; © Jan van der Laan.



Arjan (front) and Jan (back) looking for Spoonbill Sandpipers at Pak Tale on 11 March 2012; © Thanaphat Kinglek (Tony Eagle Eye).