

Field Guides Tour Report

Thailand I 2014: Peninsular Thailand & Nicobar Pigeon Extension

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Going from northwestern Thailand on the main tour to southern peninsular Thailand was a pretty major change of gears for those who joined the extension this year! The relatively cool and dry north was replaced by the warm and humid south, with a big shift in the avifauna as well, evident on our first afternoon of birding at Krung Ching. Our first afternoon and evening there yielded prizes like a day-roosting Javan (Blyth's) Frogmouth, Red-throated Barbet, Scaly-breasted Bulbul, Brown-streaked Flycatcher, Yellow-eared and Spectacled spiderhunters, and even a remarkable Slow Loris crossing the road in front of our vans!

Our remaining days there and in the Krabi/Khao Nor Chuchi area were full of surprises, with the best sightings including the daytime sightings of Barred Eagle-Owl, Oriental Bay-Owl, Great Eared-Nightjar, and Gould's Frogmouth, a gaudy Whiskered Treeswift, a stunning Scarlet-rumped Trogon, the local Brownwinged Kingfisher, a tiny Rufous-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher, an elusive Rufous-collared Kingfisher, fantastic Red-bearded Bee-eater, both Gold-whiskered & Brown barbets, fancy Banded, Buff-rumped, and Gray-and-buff woodpeckers, the tiny Black-thighed Falconet, stunning Malayan Banded-Pitta, responsive Mangrove Whistlers, a fine collection of fancy babblers (Fluffy-backed Tit-, Chestnut-winged, Chestnut-rumped, Black-throated, Black-capped, Short-tailed, and Gray-



Malayan Banded-Pitta, one of our highlights ... wow! (Photo by participant George Sims)

headed, among others), and both Greater and Lesser green leafbirds, to name a few.

Our final two days were birdy as well but tested our resiliency. All worked out fabulously in the end, seeing all of the birds that we needed to see on the island (including the remarkable Nicobar Pigeon!) and also allowing our discovery of a productive new birding site previously unexplored by Uthai or me. A couple of hours birding at Khao Lak/Lamru NP got us looks at our first Dusky Broadbills and Gray-rumped Treeswift, plus the first group view of the incredible Green Broadbill! We finished up the birding with scope views of the handsome River Lapwing nearby before we headed off to the Krabi airport and our flight back to Bangkok. All in all, we added 80-plus birds to our already bulging triplists on this six-day extension, making it well worth our while.

Thanks again to Wat and his full crew who joined us for this add-on to an already remarkable Thailand experience, making life much easier for all of us along the way. We certainly couldn't have done it without them! Thanks also to Uthai for again joining us and for sharing his unparalleled knowledge of southern Thailand. And many thanks to Yotin and Nok, who added some juicy lifers to our lists at KNC through their hard work and intimate knowledge of the area! And, again, thanks to all of you for joining us on this birdy extension to the south. Uthai and I both hope to see you again on another birding adventure in the future!

--Dave

KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: * = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

BIRDS

Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)

GREAT ARGUS (Argusianus argus) - Pretty close, but out of reach at Krung Ching. [*]

<u>Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)</u> LITTLE CORMORANT (Phalacrocorax niger)

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Ardeidae (Herons, Egrets, and Bitterns)

PURPLE HERON (Ardea purpurea) – A colony persists at the Nakhon Si Thammarat airport.

GREAT EGRET (Ardea alba) [b]

INTERMEDIATE EGRET (Mesophoyx intermedia) [b]

LITTLE EGRET (Egretta garzetta) [b]

PACIFIC REEF-HERON (Egretta sacra) - A couple of dark morph birds at the coral beach on our final morning.

CATTLE EGRET (ASIAN) (Bubulcus ibis coromandus) [b]

CHINESE POND-HERON (Ardeola bacchus) [b]

STRIATED HERON (Butorides striata)

Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

ORIENTAL HONEY-BUZZARD (Pernis ptilorhynchus) – These had us faked out at Krung Ching, looking quite like Blyth's Hawk-Eagle when we saw them interacting.

BLACK BAZA (Aviceda leuphotes) – An amazing migrant flock of 38 birds delighted the group at our birding stop at Tonchongfa Waterfall on our final morning. [b]

CRESTED SERPENT-EAGLE (Spilornis cheela)

BRAHMINY KITE (Haliastur indus)

WHITE-BELLIED SEA-EAGLE (Haliaeetus leucogaster) – An immature bird seen by most at the Phang Nga mangroves at lunch, then a couple of adults at the island.

<u>Rallidae (Rails. Gallinules, and Coots)</u> WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN (Amaurornis phoenicurus)

Charadriidae (Plovers and Lapwings)

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER (Pluvialis squatarola) [b]

RIVER LAPWING (Vanellus duvaucelii) - A nice surprise for us on our final morning of birding before lunch.

GRAY-HEADED LAPWING (Vanellus cinereus) – These don't usually winter this far south, so it was a surprise to find a couple of birds on the sandbars with the River Lapwings. [b]

LESSER SAND-PLOVER (Charadrius mongolus) – We had a mix of this one and the next at the coral beach on the final morning. [b] **GREATER SAND-PLOVER** (Charadrius leschenaultii) [b]

Scolopacidae (Sandpipers and Allies)

TEREK SANDPIPER (Xenus cinereus) – Several of these unique shorebirds were spotted at the coral beach on the last morning. [b] COMMON SANDPIPER (Actitis hypoleucos) [b] WOOD SANDPIPER (Tringa glareola) [b] WHIMBREL (SIBERIAN) (Numenius phaeopus variegatus) [b] RUDDY TURNSTONE (Arenaria interpres) [b] RED-NECKED STINT (Calidris ruficollis) [b]

Laridae (Gulls, Terns, and Skimmers)

COMMON TERN (Sterna hirundo) - Several of these wintering birds were seen in the open waters between the mainland and the Similans. [b]

Columbidae (Pigeons and Doves)

ROCK PIGEON (Columba livia) [I]

SPOTTED DOVE (Streptopelia chinensis)

EMERALD DOVE (Chalcophaps indica)

ZEBRA DOVE (Geopelia striata)

NICOBAR PIGEON (Caloenas nicobarica) – Our first was spotted as were were putting our shoes back on just above the beach! In our short time on the island, we counted no fewer than three of these striking island pigeons walking around the main compound among the buildings there.

PINK-NECKED PIGEON (Treron vernans) - A nice surprise in the parking lot of our hotel on the mainland on our final morning.

THICK-BILLED PIGEON (Treron curvirostra) – That close male in the parking lot at Krung Ching was a stunning sight!

GREEN IMPERIAL-PIGEON (Ducula aenea) - These pigeons were outnumbered by the next on the island.

PIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON (Ducula bicolor) – These beautiful birds were preparing to nest on the island, with lots of courting and interacting going on. That yellow blush to the plumage was an indication of how fresh their plumage was at this season.

<u>Cuculidae (Cuckoos)</u>

MOUSTACHED HAWK-CUCKOO (Hierococcyx vagans) [*]

INDIAN CUCKOO (Cuculus micropterus) [*]

BANDED BAY CUCKOO (Cacomantis sonneratii) [*]

PLAINTIVE CUCKOO (Cacomantis merulinus) [*]

VIOLET CUCKOO (Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus) - On our final morning along the entrance road to Krung Ching Waterfall.

SQUARE-TAILED DRONGO-CUCKOO (Surniculus lugubris) – Most of the birds that we looked at at Krung Ching appeared to be this newly-split species, judging from the tail shape alone. I haven't looked at sonograms of the voices of these two birds, but they sure sound the same to my ear!

FORK-TAILED DRONGO-CUCKOO (Surniculus dicruroides) – At least one bird appeared to have a very prominent fork in the tail, which would indicate this newly-split species.

ASIAN KOEL (Eudynamys scolopaceus)

RAFFLES'S MALKOHA (Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus) - Fantastic looks at this beauty at Krung Ching!

RED-BILLED MALKOHA (Phaenicophaeus javanicus) – Luddy was quick with his camera and got a photo of this one before it disappeared on the final morning of birding.

CHESTNUT-BREASTED MALKOHA (Phaenicophaeus curvirostris) – We had a few fine views of this big malkoha, especially on the final morning of the extension.

GREATER COUCAL (Centropus sinensis)

Tytonidae (Barn-Owls)

ORIENTAL BAY-OWL (Phodilus badius) – WOWW!!! Checking the ground below the nest hole of this one yielded an amazing fledgling, still with a lot of down on the plumage!

<u>Strigidae (Owls)</u>

COLLARED SCOPS-OWL (Otus lettia) [*]

BARRED EAGLE-OWL (Bubo sumatranus) – Yotin knew where to look for this one, and his efforts yielded looks of both an adult and a recently fledged juvenile. A couple of us brought home some mud, just to enhance the memory!

BROWN WOOD-OWL (Strix leptogrammica) [*]

BROWN BOOBOOK (Ninox scutulata) [*]

Podargidae (Frogmouths)

GOULD'S FROGMOUTH (Batrachostomus stellatus) – A thorough search of a small patch of woods brought us a late afternoon look at this seldomseen species. FANTASTIC!!

JAVAN FROGMOUTH (BLYTH'S) (Batrachostomus javensis continentalis) – A female on a day roost was a wonderful sight to behold at Krung Ching!

Caprimulgidae (Nightjars and Allies)

GREAT EARED-NIGHTJAR (Lyncornis macrotis) – A lucky scan by your guide of the mangrove roots in Krabi produced this one, giving all fabulous scope looks!

GRAY NIGHTJAR (Caprimulgus indicus) – A flyby at KNC (Khao Nor Chuchi) was our only sighting of the trip.

<u>Apodidae (Swifts)</u>

SILVER-RUMPED NEEDLETAIL (Rhaphidura leucopygialis) – Late afternoon was the time to see this one coursing through the trees at the main compound at Krung Ching.

GERMAIN'S SWIFTLET (Aerodramus germani) – An unknown number of these seen, especially some that looked larger and did more gliding than I usually see Germain's do, were possibly the very similar Black-nest Swiftlet.

PACIFIC SWIFT (Apus pacificus) – Quite a few behind the ridge where we saw the Black Baza flock. [b]

HOUSE SWIFT (Apus nipalensis)

ASIAN PALM-SWIFT (Cypsiurus balasiensis)

<u>Hemiprocnidae (Treeswifts)</u>

GRAY-RUMPED TREESWIFT (Hemiprocne longipennis) – A single bird flying above the close ridge on our final morning of birding at Tonchongfa Waterfall was the only one that we saw on the entire tour.

WHISKERED TREESWIFT (Hemiprocne comata) - Excellent views on the wires along the road above our first lodge.

Trogonidae (Trogons)

DIARD'S TROGON (Harpactes diardii) – Some got a glimpse of this one before it disappeared back into the forest at Krung Ching.

SCARLET-RUMPED TROGON (Harpactes duvaucelii) - An incredible male next to the trail at Krung Ching gave us all great views.

<u>Alcedinidae (Kingfishers)</u>

COMMON KINGFISHER (Alcedo atthis) [b]

RUFOUS-BACKED DWARF-KINGFISHER (Ceyx rufidorsa) – This one was a bit of a surprise on the little creek across from the ticket booth. This and the Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher used to be lumped as one species, the Oriental Dwarf-Kingfisher.

BANDED KINGFISHER (Lacedo pulchella) - On our final morning at Krung Ching.

BROWN-WINGED KINGFISHER (Pelargopsis amauroptera) – We saw several of these huge kingfishers very well near Krabi. A close relative of the Stork-billed Kingfisher, this one is confined to the shores of the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea.

RUDDY KINGFISHER (Halcyon coromanda) - We all eventually got great views of this shy species in the mangroves near Phang Nga.

WHITE-THROATED KINGFISHER (Halcyon smyrnensis)

BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER (Halcyon pileata) – In the Krabi mangroves. [b]

COLLARED KINGFISHER (Todiramphus chloris)

RUFOUS-COLLARED KINGFISHER (Actenoides concretus) – We had to work for a look at this one, but we all came away with great views in the scope of a female at Krung Ching.

Meropidae (Bee-eaters)

RED-BEARDED BEE-EATER (Nyctyornis amictus) – Another bird that we had to work hard for, given their love of the canopy! This was a nice bird to pick up since we only heard it on the main tour.

CHESTNUT-HEADED BEE-EATER (Merops leschenaulti)

Coraciidae (Rollers)

INDIAN ROLLER (Coracias benghalensis)

DOLLARBIRD (Eurystomus orientalis) - Our best looks were on the island.

Bucerotidae (Hornbills)

WREATHED HORNBILL (Aceros undulatus) - A couple of flybys only at Krung Ching.

<u>Megalaimidae (Asian Barbets)</u>

BROWN BARBET (Calorhamphus fuliginosus) - We saw this aberrant barbet very well at Krung Ching.

GOLD-WHISKERED BARBET (Megalaima chrysopogon) – Nice views of this big barbet on the final morning at Krung Ching.

RED-THROATED BARBET (Megalaima mystacophanos) – Another species that we only heard on the main tour, we had a few good looks at this one on the extension. Much longer billed relative to the other barbets.

BLUE-EARED BARBET (Megalaima australis) [*]

COPPERSMITH BARBET (Megalaima haemacephala)

Indicatoridae (Honeyguides)

MALAYSIAN HONEYGUIDE (Indicator archipelagicus) – We had a very quick encounter with this scarce species along the roadside at Krung Ching on the final morning - very near where we saw it last year.

Picidae (Woodpeckers)

RUFOUS PICULET (Sasia abnormis) - This tiny woodpecker really gave us the runaround along the Krung Ching trail!

GRAY-CAPPED WOODPECKER (Dendrocopos canicapillus) [N]

RUFOUS WOODPECKER (Celeus brachyurus) [*]

BANDED WOODPECKER (Picus miniaceus) - A nice surprise near the entrance of the park on the final morning there.

COMMON FLAMEBACK (Dinopium javanense) - During our picnic breakfast on the final morning of the extension.

BAMBOO WOODPECKER (Gecinulus viridis) [*]

MAROON WOODPECKER (Blythipicus rubiginosus) [*]

BUFF-RUMPED WOODPECKER (Meiglyptes tristis) – We had great views of this one and the next – in the same tree – at the start of our hike in Krung Ching.

GRAY-AND-BUFF WOODPECKER (Hemicircus concretus) - Certainly one of the strangest of all of the SE Asian woodpeckers.

Falconidae (Falcons and Caracaras)

BLACK-THIGHED FALCONET (Microhierax fringillarius) – Luddy spotted a couple of these from the parking lot. Another catch-up bird from the main tour!

PEREGRINE FALCON (Falco peregrinus)

Psittacidae (Parrots)

VERNAL HANGING-PARROT (Loriculus vernalis)

Calyptomenidae (African and Green Broadbills)

GREEN BROADBILL (Calyptomena viridis) – This brilliant bird came through for us on our last morning at the forest trail near Khao Lak. A catch-up bird for nearly everyone!

Eurylaimidae (Asian and Grauer's Broadbills)

BANDED BROADBILL (Eurylaimus javanicus) [*]

BLACK-AND-YELLOW BROADBILL (Eurylaimus ochromalus) - Seemingly a common bird at Krung Ching.

DUSKY BROADBILL (Corydon sumatranus) – Another great pick-up along the trail on our final morning! Not as fancy as the other broadbills, but a very interesting bird nonetheless.

<u>Pittidae (Pittas)</u>

MALAYAN BANDED-PITTA (Pitta irena) – Thanks to Yotin and Nok, we all enjoyed super views of this beauty from the blind at KNC. The Banded Pitta was recently split into 3, with this one being the only form found on the mainland.

MANGROVE PITTA (Pitta megarhyncha) – Jan spotted this one for us in the mangroves near Phang Nga, giving all fabulous looks at this very specialized pitta.

<u>Acanthizidae (Thornbills and Allies)</u>

GOLDEN-BELLIED GERYGONE (Gerygone sulphurea) [*]

Vangidae (Vangas, Helmetshrikes, and Allies)

BAR-WINGED FLYCATCHER-SHRIKE (Hemipus picatus)

RUFOUS-WINGED PHILENTOMA (Philentoma pyrhoptera) - Most folks got a look at this one along our hike at Krung Ching.

MAROON-BREASTED PHILENTOMA (Philentoma velata) - But fewer of us got a glimpse of this one, which is much less common species.

<u>Aegithinidae (Ioras)</u>

COMMON IORA (Aegithina tiphia) GREEN IORA (Aegithina viridissima) – A common bird in the canopy at Krung Ching. GREAT IORA (Aegithina lafresnayei)

Campephagidae (Cuckooshrikes)

SCARLET MINIVET (Pericrocotus speciosus)
ASHY MINIVET (Pericrocotus divaricatus) [b]
BROWN-RUMPED MINIVET (Pericrocotus cantonensis) [b]
LESSER CUCKOOSHRIKE (Lalage fimbriata) – A male on our final morning at Krung Ching.

Pachycephalidae (Whistlers and Allies) MANGROVE WHISTLER (Pachycephala cinerea) – We all enjoyed an excellent study of this mangrove specialist near Krabi.

Laniidae (Shrikes) BROWN SHRIKE (Lanius cristatus) [b]

<u>Vireonidae (Vireos)</u> WHITE-BELLIED ERPORNIS (Erpornis zantholeuca) [*]

Oriolidae (Old World Orioles) DARK-THROATED ORIOLE (Oriolus xanthonotus) – A very common voice at Krung Ching, but we didn't see our first until our final morning there. BLACK-NAPED ORIOLE (Oriolus chinensis) [b]

<u>Dicruridae (Drongos)</u>
 BLACK DRONGO (Dicrurus macrocercus) [b]
 CROW-BILLED DRONGO (Dicrurus annectans) – Very shy for a drongo. [b*]
 BRONZED DRONGO (Dicrurus aeneus)
 GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO (Dicrurus paradiseus) – The race we saw on this extension (D.p. hypoballus) has a much shorter crest than the birds we saw on the main tour.

<u>Rhipiduridae (Fantails)</u> MALAYSIAN PIED-FANTAIL (Rhipidura javanica)

<u>Monarchidae (Monarch Flycatchers)</u> BLACK-NAPED MONARCH (Hypothymis azurea) [*] ASIAN PARADISE-FLYCATCHER (Terpsiphone paradisi) – At Krung Ching on our final morning there.

<u>Corvidae (Crows, Jays, and Magpies)</u> LARGE-BILLED CROW (LARGE-BILLED) (Corvus macrorhynchos macrorhynchos)

<u>Hirundinidae (Swallows)</u>
 DUSKY CRAG-MARTIN (Ptyonoprogne concolor) – A couple of these were seen flying around one of the big limestone outcrops in the mangroves near Krabi.
 BARN SWALLOW (Hirundo rustica) [b]

PACIFIC SWALLOW (Hirundo tahitica javanica) – Very common in all of the coastal locales on this extension.
 RED-RUMPED SWALLOW (Cecropis daurica) [b]
 RUFOUS-BELLIED SWALLOW (Cecropis badia) – Recently split from Striated Swallow, this distinctive species is endemic to the Malay Peninsula.

<u>Stenostiridae (Fairy Flycatchers)</u> GRAY-HEADED CANARY-FLYCATCHER (Culicicapa ceylonensis)

<u>Paridae (Chickadees and Tits)</u> SULTAN TIT (Melanochlora sultanea) [*]

Pycnonotidae (Bulbuls) **BLACK-HEADED BULBUL** (Pycnonotus atriceps) BLACK-CRESTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus flaviventris) SCALY-BREASTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus squamatus) – Krung Ching is turning out to be a very reliable spot for this scarce and beautiful bulbul. STRIPE-THROATED BULBUL (Pycnonotus finlaysoni) YELLOW-VENTED BULBUL (Pycnonotus goiavier) OLIVE-WINGED BULBUL (Pycnonotus plumosus) – A pair of these was seen by most at the Phang Nga mangroves on our way to the coast. STREAK-EARED BULBUL (Pycnonotus blanfordi) RED-EYED BULBUL (Pycnonotus brunneus) – This and the next species were very common at Krung Ching. **SPECTACLED BULBUL** (Pycnonotus erythropthalmos) HAIRY-BACKED BULBUL (Tricholestes criniger) – This one is unlike any other bulbul, so it's no wonder that it's in a monotypic genus. **OCHRACEOUS BULBUL** (Alophoixus ochraceus) GRAY-CHEEKED BULBUL (Alophoixus bres) [*] YELLOW-BELLIED BULBUL (Alophoixus phaeocephalus) [*] **BUFF-VENTED BULBUL** (Iole olivacea) STREAKED BULBUL (Ixos malaccensis) - A few at Krung Ching. Phylloscopidae (Leaf-Warblers)

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER (Phylloscopus inornatus) [b] ARCTIC WARBLER (Phylloscopus borealis) [b*]

PALE-LEGGED LEAF-WARBLER (Phylloscopus tenellipes) – Seen by some at the Phang Nga mangroves. [b]

EASTERN CROWNED LEAF-WARBLER (Phylloscopus coronatus) – This one winters pretty commonly in the forest habitats of the peninsula, but it's not very conspicuous, unless it sings. [b]

Cisticolidae (Cisticolas and Allies)

COMMON TAILORBIRD (Orthotomus sutorius)

DARK-NECKED TAILORBIRD (Orthotomus atrogularis)

ASHY TAILORBIRD (Orthotomus ruficeps) - Nicely in the Krabi mangroves before we headed to the west side of the peninsula.

RUFOUS-TAILED TAILORBIRD (Orthotomus sericeus) [*]

Timaliidae (Tree-Babblers, Scimitar-Babblers, and Allies)

PIN-STRIPED TIT-BABBLER (Mixornis gularis) [*]

FLUFFY-BACKED TIT-BABBLER (Macronus ptilosus) – Frustratingly difficult to see for some along the trail at Krung Ching.

CHESTNUT-WINGED BABBLER (Cyanoderma erythropterum) – Among the new babblers on the extension, this one was the most common and widespread.

BLACK-THROATED BABBLER (Stachyris nigricollis) - Excellent views of a pair of these handsome birds at KNC.

CHESTNUT-RUMPED BABBLER (Stachyris maculata) – Our walk in to the pitta territory at KNC was delayed by this and the Rufous-crowned Babbler, both of which we saw well.

GRAY-HEADED BABBLER (Stachyris poliocephala) - Another new babbler that was frustratingly difficult to see for some at Krung Ching.

Pellorneidae (Ground Babblers and Allies)

MOUSTACHED BABBLER (Malacopteron magnirostre) - Excellent, close studies of a small group of these next to the trail at KNC.

RUFOUS-CROWNED BABBLER (Malacopteron magnum)

PUFF-THROATED BABBLER (Pellorneum ruficeps) [*]

BLACK-CAPPED BABBLER (Pellorneum capistratum) – Fantastic views of this beauty at the Krung Ching entrance on our final morning there. **SHORT-TAILED BABBLER** (Pellorneum malaccense) – Seen well by some, but they were pretty elusive on the Krung Ching trail. **ABBOTT'S BABBLER** (Turdinus abbotti) [*]

<u>Irenidae (Fairy-bluebirds)</u>

ASIAN FAIRY-BLUEBIRD (Irena puella)

<u>Muscicapidae (Old World Flycatchers)</u>

DARK-SIDED FLYCATCHER (Muscicapa sibirica) [b]

ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER (Muscicapa latirostris) [b]

BROWN-STREAKED FLYCATCHER (Muscicapa williamsoni) - A few nice looks at this poorly-known species.

ORIENTAL MAGPIE-ROBIN (Copsychus saularis)

WHITE-RUMPED SHAMA (Copsychus malabaricus) [*]

FULVOUS-CHESTED JUNGLE-FLYCATCHER (Cyornis olivaceus) – A couple of males were competing for territory along the start of the Krung Ching trail. Formerly in the genus Rhinomyias, this and a few others in the genus were moved to the genus Cyornis, where they belong.

SIBERIAN BLUE ROBIN (Larvivora cyane) - At the Malayan Banded-Pitta spot at KNC. [b]

BLUE WHISTLING-THRUSH (Myophonus caeruleus) [*]

CHESTNUT-NAPED FORKTAIL (Enicurus ruficapillus) [*]

Turdidae (Thrushes and Allies)

ORANGE-HEADED THRUSH (Geokichla citrina) – From the pitta blind at KNC. [b]

<u>Sturnidae (Starlings)</u>

ASIAN GLOSSY STARLING (Aplonis panayensis) - Our best looks were on the grounds of our Krabi hotel.

COMMON HILL MYNA (Gracula religiosa) - Only on the Similans on this extension.

GREAT MYNA (Acridotheres grandis)

COMMON MYNA (Acridotheres tristis)

Chloropseidae (Leafbirds)

GREATER GREEN LEAFBIRD (Chloropsis sonnerati) – We all had several good studies of this one at Krung Ching and at Khao Lak on the last morning.

LESSER GREEN LEAFBIRD (Chloropsis cyanopogon) - A common bird (at least by voice) at Krung Ching.

BLUE-WINGED LEAFBIRD (Chloropsis cochinchinensis)

Dicaeidae (Flowerpeckers)

YELLOW-BREASTED FLOWERPECKER (Prionochilus maculatus) – I don't think that the group ever really nailed this one at Krung Ching, but a few folks got a look.

CRIMSON-BREASTED FLOWERPECKER (Prionochilus percussus) – We saw a male in the fruiting fig in the parking lot of Krung Ching well on our first afternoon there.

THICK-BILLED FLOWERPECKER (Dicaeum agile) - At Krung Ching for most folks.

ORANGE-BELLIED FLOWERPECKER (Dicaeum trigonostigma) – The most common and widespread of the flowerpeckers on the extension. **SCARLET-BACKED FLOWERPECKER** (Dicaeum cruentatum) Nectariniidae (Sunbirds and Spiderhunters)

RUBY-CHEEKED SUNBIRD (Chalcoparia singalensis)

PLAIN SUNBIRD (Anthreptes simplex) - One of these showed pretty well along the entrance road at Krung Ching on our last morning there.

PLAIN-THROATED SUNBIRD (Anthreptes malacensis)

RED-THROATED SUNBIRD (Anthreptes rhodolaemus) – Some had fleeting looks at this mostly forest-based species at Krung Ching on the first afternoon there. Very similar to the above species, which is much more common.

OLIVE-BACKED SUNBIRD (Cinnyris jugularis)

CRIMSON SUNBIRD (Aethopyga siparaja)

THICK-BILLED SPIDERHUNTER (Arachnothera crassirostris) - One along the roadside at Krung Ching on our final morning there.

LITTLE SPIDERHUNTER (Arachnothera longirostra)

PURPLE-NAPED SPIDERHUNTER (Arachnothera hypogrammicum) [*]

YELLOW-EARED SPIDERHUNTER (Arachnothera chrysogenys) – We had good comparisons between this one and the next, which is very similar, in the same flowering tree at Krung Ching.

SPECTACLED SPIDERHUNTER (Arachnothera flavigaster) GRAY-BREASTED SPIDERHUNTER (Arachnothera modesta) [*]

<u>Motacillidae (Wagtails and Pipits)</u> GRAY WAGTAIL (Motacilla cinerea) [b]

Passeridae (Old World Sparrows) EURASIAN TREE SPARROW (Passer montanus)

Estrildidae (Waxbills and Allies) NUTMEG MANNIKIN (Lonchura punctulata) – AKA Scaly-breasted Munia.

MAMMALS

VARIABLE FLYING FOX (Pteropus hypomelanus) - Quite a few of these were just hanging around on the island.

SLOW LORIS (Nycticebus cougang) – I'd never seen this critter, a primitive primate, on the ground before that night at Krung Ching! I'm glad it got into the roadside brush before another car came.

CRAB-EATING MACAQUE (Macaca fascigularis) - AKA Long-tailed Macaque.

WHITE-HANDED GIBBON (Hylobates lar) [*]

BLACK GIANT SQUIRREL (Ratufa bicolor) - At Krung Ching for some.

GRAY-BELLIED SQUIRREL (Callosciurus caniceps)

LOWE'S SQUIRREL (Sundasciurus lowii) - This was the small, all-brown squirrel that some saw at KNC.

HIMALAYAN STRIPED SQUIRREL (Tamiops macclellandi) [*]

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Totals for the tour: 209 bird taxa and 8 mammal taxa