Indonesia
Western Highlights: Greater Sundas and Dragons
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Trip Report

Bali Mynas by Nigel Redman

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Tour Summary

Indonesia is a huge and diverse country, rich in endemics and with some very special birds. It is impossible to see everything in a single visit, but this new tour suite aimed to give it a go, dividing the country into east and west. This Western Highlights tour proved to be a great success, visiting the Greater and Lesser Sundas. There were indeed many highlights, including Crested Fireback, Javan Hawk-Eagle, Javan Plover, Pink-headed Fruit Dove, three species of frogmouth – including Large, the rarely seen Bonaparte’s Nightjar, Javan Trogon, 12 species of kingfishers, 5 bee-eaters and 5 broadbills, Yellow-crested Cockatoo, Javan Banded and Elegant Pittas, Bare-throated Whistler, Flores Monarch, Russet-capped and Javan Tesias, Black-winged and Bali Mynas, Chestnut-backed and Sunda Thrushes, and a host of woodpeckers, bulbuls, and babblers. And who could forget the incomparable Komodo Dragons either?!

What better way is there to start a tour than a visit to some sewage ponds? The Nusa Dua lagoon on Bali is quite upmarket as far as sewage lagoons go. It is bordered by mangroves and dry woodland, and is really rather scenic (and not too stinky). We arrived there at first light to be greeted by some Wandering Whistling Ducks and several stunning Cerulean Kingfishers. Collared Kingfishers were also present, as were Blue-tailed Bee-eaters. Several Sunda Teals showed well, as did a wide variety of herons and other waterbirds. Both Little Pied and Little Black Cormorants sat side-by-side for comparison, and we enjoyed good looks at Pink-necked Green Pigeons in the treetops. A Plaintive Cuckoo responded to playback, and a couple of Freckle-breasted Woodpeckers showed well. Passerines were well represented too, and we had great looks at White-shouldered Triller, Malaysian Pied Fantail, Racket-tailed Treepie, Olive-backed Tailorbird, and Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker. As the morning warmed up, it was time to head to the airport for our flight to Flores. After a delay to the flight, it was mid-afternoon by the time we got there, and without delay we headed inland to Ruteng. On the way, we made a short stop at Puarlolo, in an area of lower montane forest. Unfortunately, the cloud was rolling in and the forest was very quiet. We heard both Flores Monarch and Elegant Pitta, but neither showed themselves. The undoubted highlight was Chestnut-backed Thrush. Several birds were rather active in the understorey, and gave some great views – a truly stunning thrush.

The following morning, we made an early start and headed to the forest for some pre-breakfast owling. The trees were still dripping from overnight rain, and there was little calling.
Eventually, a Flores Scops Owl responded, but it was too far away and we couldn’t find a way to get close to it, so we had to settle for a ‘heard only’. After this disappointing start, we had a lot of ground to make up. After breakfast, we drove to Golo Lusang, not far from Ruteng. The birding was slow at first, but some Rainbow Bee-eaters brightened things up, and then we got a few endemics: Wallacean Drongo, Russet-backed Jungle Flycatcher, Timor Leaf Warbler, and even a flyover Wallace’s Hanging Parrot. However, the stars of this first stop were undoubtedly a testosterone-charged Bare-throated Whistler that gave stunning views, and an unbelievably showy Russet-capped Tesia at eye-level. Moving higher up, to better forest, a Pygmy Wren-Babbler teased us much more than the tesia had. New birds became harder to see as the morning warmed up, but several glorious Little Minivets were much appreciated, as was a Crested Heleia. The only Flame-breasted Sunbird that we saw was a female, and the only Brush Cuckoo was an immature.

After lunch in Ruteng, it was time to head back to Labuan Bajo. Our return visit to Puarlolo could not have been more different from the previous afternoon. There was no mist this time, and after only a short wait we all managed to get incredible views of an Elegant Pitta. While we were waiting for it to appear, a Thick-billed Heleia showed itself in the canopy to some people. It took rather more searching to locate the Flores Monarch, despite it calling fairly frequently, but eventually we all managed really good views of this special endemic. A bonus for some was a pair of Glittering Kingfishers that perched in the open just above the track, but sadly they did not hang around. We finished the afternoon with good looks at Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker, Rusty-breasted Whistler, and brief looks at Black-naped Fruit Dove and Great-billed Parrot.

It was another early start for our day trip to Komodo. We boarded our own little boat, complete with seating area, sunbeds, and air-conditioned cabins, at 05:00 and headed out to sea shortly after. The temperature was very pleasant at this early hour, and soon we were seeing Great Crested Terns and Lesser Frigatebirds. Schools of Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins were seen twice, as were White-bellied Sea Eagles. A little group of Red-necked Phalaropes, newly arrived from the Arctic, flew across the bow, and as we reached Komodo we found Pacific Reef Herons on the beaches, as well as a single Great-billed Heron. As soon as we arrived on Komodo, a fairly modest-sized Komodo Dragon sauntered across the beach and posed on some rocks for us. Potentially more interesting was an adult Green Sandpiper, a rare bird in this part of the world and perhaps a first for the Lesser Sundas. The rest of the morning was spent walking the trails through Komodo’s dry forest. Green Junglefowl and Orange-footed Scrubfowl proved to be easy to see,
relatively tolerant of humans; although getting good photographs was a little harder. Several more Komodo Dragons were found, including a couple of really big ones. Our next big target was the Yellow-crested Cockatoo, and it did not take long to locate a small group. Eventually, we all had great views of this critically endangered species. The birding had already slowed down by this time, but some small feeding parties included Rusty-breasted Whistler, Arafura Fantail, White-shouldered Triller, Cinereous Tit, and Lemon-bellied White-eye. After a splendid lunch on the beach, cooked by our boat crew, we headed for a nearby beach for some snorkelling and swimming before embarking on our boat for the long but restful ride back to Labuan Bajo. Back on Flores, we headed for some forest not far from the town where several Moluccan Scops Owls were calling, and eventually we found an obliging individual to admire.

The following morning, it was time to pack up and leave Flores. Before that, there was just time for a quick look in the hotel garden, where we added Yellow-ringed White-eye and Black-fronted Flowerpecker to the list. Back on Bali, we watched a pair of Javan Mynias building their nest in the chandelier above the entrance to the restaurant while we were having lunch. In the afternoon, we encountered the horrendous traffic that is now all too common on this much-visited island, and our journey over the highlands to the west end of Bali took around five hours. We only had time to make a couple of short stops at Bali’s famous rice terraces, and Javan Kingfisher only put in a very brief appearance.

Our first excursion to Bali Barat NP started spectacularly, with many Bali Mynas giving superlative views in the coastal forest. Most were in pairs, and we witnessed some impressive courtship display. The supporting cast was good too, with Grey-cheeked and Pink-necked Green Pigeons, Grey-rumped Treeswift, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, Oriental Pied Hornbills flying overhead in slow motion, Lineated and Coppersmith Barbets, White-breasted Woodswallow, Javan Cuckoo-shrike, Long-tailed Shrike, and Racket-tailed Treepie. After a field breakfast, we headed out into Gilimanuk Bay in two small outriggers. A large flock of Greater Crested Terns resting on a sandbank contained a couple of Little Terns and five Black-naped Terns. We successfully scoured the edge of the mangroves for Lesser Adjutant and Beach Stone-curlew. While walking around one of the little islands, we found Sacred Kingfisher, Indonesian Honeyeater, and Lemon-bellied White-eye. Our final destination of the morning was some saltpans, where we had great views of several Javan Plovers. In the afternoon, we visited the dry forest that is so typical of Bali Barat,
where several Green Junglefowl methodically patrolled the forest floor. After a bit of a search, we eventually managed good views of several Javan Banded Pittas, surely one of the best-looking birds in the world! We finished the day at the tower platform, where we had eye-level views of many swiftlets, more Bali Mynas and, shortly before dusk, two Black-winged Starlings – a Javan and Balinese endemic that is probably easier to see in Bali Barat than anyway else.

Our second morning also began well, with a day-roosting Sunda Scops Owl in a private garden. Just a few metres away, in a patch of secondary forest at the edge of a cocoa and banana plantation, we were treated to even better views of Javan Banded Pitta than the day before – a pair gave repeated views in a relatively open part of the forest floor. A Horsfield’s Babbler also showed well after a bit of encouragement, but a pair of Crescent-chested Babblers was less obliging, giving multiple but rather brief views to all. We continued into the forest, as far as a rather feeble waterfall, adding a few extra species to the list. Both Plaintive and Drongo Cuckoos were seen, the latter only briefly, and also a pair of Hair-crested Drongos of the endemic Javan form. A pair of Asian Glossy Starlings were surprisingly secretive. Overhead, we saw Crested Serpent Eagle and Crested Goshawk. In the afternoon, we explored a shady stream in the dry forest where we had multiple close views of at least three Oriental Dwarf Kingfishers, and a single Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher. We ended the day at Gilimanuk, where several roosting Savanna Nightjars were found in broad daylight. There was also a flock of Small Minivets here, and at dusk many hundreds of roosting Scaly-breasted Munias.

Our return to Denpasar was punctuated by a short stop at Bedugul Botanical Gardens. Despite the crowds of noisy visitors in the gardens, we managed to find a few birds in a quieter area. A male Lesser Cuckoo-shrike showed briefly, but a Greater Racket-tailed Drongo was much easier to see. We also found our first Mees’s White-eye of the trip, but a Javan Owlet that called briefly could not be tracked down. A patient wait at a small ravine was rewarded with great views of a mobile Lesser Shortwing and a very obliging male Snowy-browed Flycatcher. After lunch, we made a short roadside stop for a pair of stunning Javan Kingfishers before continuing to Denpasar to catch a flight to Jakarta.

We arose early on our first morning on Java in order to beat Jakarta’s infamous traffic. On our way out of the city, we made a short stop at Muara Angke. This tiny area of wetland and mangroves has been protected from the encroaching development all around, but the boardwalk through it has been sadly
neglected, and is in urgent need of repair. We made our way carefully along it, disturbing several rather large Water Monitors on the way. A Cinnamon Bittern showed briefly, and several Oriental Darters flew over. We also managed good views of some Island Collared Doves and three Sunda Teals. It was not long before we heard our target bird, a Sunda Coucal. This little reserve was set up to protect this rare species. Then, a coucal flew into the tree right over our heads, but it did not stay long, and flew back into the grassland nearby, never to reappear. It was a frustratingly short view for most. We continued on our way, bypassing Bogor, and up over the Puncak pass. The traffic became even worse here, due to roadworks to repair the damage caused by a recent landslide. We stopped for lunch at a roadside restaurant, and then checked into our well-appointed accommodation close to Cibodas. In the afternoon, we headed to the famous Botanical Gardens at Cibodas for our first taste of Java’s montane birds. Despite somewhat dull conditions and low cloud, we found our first tiny Pygmy Bushtits in a mixed bird party, as well as Flame-fronted Barbet and some delightful Blue Nuthatches. A Mountain Tailorbird performed superbly, as did our first Pygmy Wren-Babbler. A flowering bush held several somewhat lethargic White-flanked Sunbirds, but the Blood-breasted Flowerpeckers were less obliging. As dusk was approaching, we optimistically checked out the forest edge and were rewarded with stunning views of a Sunda Thrush. This very special bird is normally incredibly shy, and we were really lucky to get such great views of it. As a bonus, we all saw a wonderful male Sunda Robin here as well. Buoyed with success, we stayed on in the gardens to do a little night birding. We heard a Salvadori’s Nightjar, but could not locate it. Near the trail entrance, we found three juvenile Sunda Scops Owls that showed very well and, after a bit of a search, a Javan Frogmouth perched for a long time right above us.

The next two days were spent exploring the main trail to Gunung Gede. We started early each day, and on our first morning we headed up slowly, reaching the hot springs by late morning. There were many distractions on the way. Mixed species flocks typically comprised Javan Fulvettas and Sunda Warblers, and sometimes a Pied Shrike-Babbler. We also spent time teasing out some of the shyer denizens of the undergrowth. Pygmy Wren-Babblers were surprisingly easy to see, as were the delightful Javan Tesias and Snowy-browed Flycatchers, but Eye-browed Wren-Babbler and White-bibbed Babbler proved much tougher to see well. At the breakfast stop, we found Rufous-tailed Fantail and Orange-spotted Bulbul, but a Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler only showed briefly to one person. As we climbed higher, we reached the ranges of some different species. Several Chestnut-bellied Partridges scampered away from the trail,
giving only the briefest of views to some people. Parties of Sunda Minivets were encountered from time to time, and eventually good views were had. High up in a fruiting tree, we saw several gorgeous Pink-headed Fruit Doves (including a juvenile) and Fire-tufted Barbets, the latter a recently established presumed introduction. A Brown-throated Barbet also showed well, once it was located. At the comparatively low altitude of 1,700m, a little flock of Mountain Serins was probably the biggest surprise of the day. This species is usually a lot higher up, and they showed well as they fed unobtrusively in some low bushes. Unfortunately, we only heard Spotted Crocias and Javan Cochoa, but we found Javan Trogons on no fewer than four occasions, surely one of the most attractive of all the trogons. But our luck with Gunung Gede’s night birds had run out. Although we heard three or four Javan Scops Owls at dusk, one of them very close indeed, we could not clap eyes on one, nor Salvadori’s Nightjar, which we heard several times. On our final afternoon, we left the mountain for a patch of steep forest adjacent to a tea plantation. This was the nesting site of the endangered Javan Hawk-Eagle. A Crested Serpent Eagle perched out for us to admire, and several Black Eagles soared over the ridge. Eventually, the distinctive cries of a Javan Hawk-Eagle were heard, and we had multiple views of a cream-crested juvenile bird, both perched and in flight. It was a fitting conclusion to our stay on Java.

It took most of the day to transfer from Gunung Gede on Java to Way Kambas on Sumatra; although the flight from Jakarta to Bandar Lampung was only 27 minutes. It was late afternoon when we reached our lodge on the outskirts of Way Kambas, just in time for our first night birding excursion. Savanna and Large-tailed Nightjars were very vocal and numerous, and we had some great views of the latter. A Sunda Scops Owl was also spotlighted in the forest, but a Sunda Frogmouth called only briefly and proved harder to see, giving only glimpses as it flew across the road.

Our first full day in Way Kambas was spectacularly successful, notable for a succession of high-quality birds throughout the day. We started in the dark, with two male Crested Firebacks roosting on some bare branches right over the road. This was followed by some great detective work by our guide, Hari, who heard an almost inaudible call from a Large Frogmouth and then managed to find two adults and a half-sized juvenile roosting on some small vines just a few metres above the ground. The three birds were huddled together, with the juvenile in the middle, looking incredibly like a clump of dead leaves. They peered down at us as we tried to find the best angle to photograph them, confident that their supreme camouflage would protect them in the forest interior. Back on the main track, we found a Brown Hawk-Owl just as...
it was getting light, and then a Green Broadbill – the first of four broadbill species for the day. First, we saw two Black-and-yellows at the breakfast stop, then a Dusky high in a tree, and finally a pair of mobile Banded Broadbills. A Bat Hawk flew low over the forest in broad daylight, and in a short space of time we had four species of malkohas, two species of trogons, two treeswifts, and two minivets. Barbets were challenging to see, as always, but eventually we managed great views of the spectacular Red-crowned, as well as Blue-eared and Sooty. Babblers and bulbuls were much the same, with a pair of Fluffy-backed Tit-Babblers performing particularly well. A Malaysian Blue Flycatcher showed well in the forest, and a pair of Black-naped Monarchs were putting the finishing touches to their delicate little nest right over the main trail. Woodpeckers were well represented too, with White-bellied, Banded and Checker-throated all showing well. A pair of Orange-backed, surely one of the finest of Asian woodpeckers, was very flighty, at first but we eventually managed good views of both birds. At the other end of the scale, a tiny Rufous Piculet also showed well. All the time, the sound of gibbons echoed through the forest, as rival groups of Agile Gibbons and Siamangs competed against each other. As always, it is often the showiest birds that attract the greatest admiration, and a pair of Red-bearded Bee-eaters did not disappoint. Our first morning was also memorable for the obliging female Banded Kingfisher, and in particular, the eye-level Rufous-collared Kingfisher that we eventually walked away from! The only failure of the first day was the Malayan Banded Pitta that called only briefly and distantly. At the end of the day, several Crested Firebacks crossed the main track, and as dusk fell, it was time to do some night birding. A Bonaparte’s Nightjar softly gave its extraordinary call, surely the weirdest vocalisation of any nightjar, or indeed any night bird. But we only glimpsed the bird as it disappeared. A pair of Sunda Frogmouths also played hard to get again, but Hari displayed his supreme bird finding skills by attracting and tracking down a delightful Reddish Scops Owl in the thick roadside vegetation.

Our second day in Way Kambas was always going to be tough after such a great first day. We began by teasing out an unobtrusive Grey-chested Jungle Flycatcher and a female Diard’s Trogon. We also found a few Rufous-winged Philentomas and several more bulbuls and babblers, including the striking Ferruginous Babbler. A Purple-naped Sunbird appeared for a short stay, and we had good looks at both Buff-rumped and Buff-necked Woodpeckers. A Banded Bay Cuckoo stayed for a long time in the top of a tall tree, giving great scope views, and shortly afterwards we bagged our fifth malkoha, Chestnut-bellied. Not everything showed well, and we had to make do with only a glimpse of a Black Magpie and a brief
flyover from a Storm’s Stork. On our final afternoon, we boarded a small powerboat for a lazy cruise along the still waters of the river at Way Kanan. As we drifted slowly downriver, we disturbed several massive Stork-billed Kingfishers and many diminutive Blue-eared Kingfishers, both species displaying the most wonderful shades of blue. A stunning Black-and-red Broadbill (our fifth broadbill for the park) showed well, close to its untidy nest hanging precariously over the river. At the water’s edge, we saw several Malaysian Blue Flycatchers and a White-chested Babbler, both riverine specialists. Overhead, gorgeous Blue-throated Bee-eaters wheeled around gracefully, and several tiny Black-thighed Falconets perched prominently on high snags. As the sun sank lower in the sky, a Red Junglefowl ventured out of the forest, as did a small troop of Southern Pig-tailed Macaques, including a very handsome alpha male. In the riverside trees, several small groups of Silvered Langurs tried to remain hidden from view, and a flock of Cinnamon-headed Green Pigeons flew over. As dusk fell, many Malaysian Eared Nightjars gave great views as they flew overhead calling vociferously, but best of all was a Bonaparte’s Nightjar that showed really well as it perched on a low stump at the river’s edge. On the way back, a Brown Hawk-Owl reacted spectacularly to sound playback, and a Buffy Fish Owl put in a brief appearance for half of the group.

It had been a wonderful taster of the many delights that the Greater and Lesser Sundas has to offer. For some, it was time to head back home; while for others there was another adventure in store, the Eastern Highlights tour, and a very different set of birds.
Annotated List of Species Recorded

**Birds (295 in total: 279 seen, 16 heard)**


**Status codes:** E = Endemic, NE = Near-endemic, I = Introduced, H = Heard

**IUCN codes:** CR = Critically endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, EW = Extinct in the Wild, NT = Near Threatened, DD = Data Deficient

**Ducks, Geese and Swans Anatidae**

**Dendrocygna arcuata**

Three in the mangroves at Nusa Dua, Bali.

**Anas gibberifrons**

About 10 at Nusa Dua, Bali and 3 more at Muara Angke, Jakarta.

**Megapodius reinwardt**

At least 4 on Komodo Island showed well.

**Phasianidae**

**Arborophila javanica**

Two noisy groups were found beside the trail near the hot springs in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP, but individuals were only glimpsed.

**Gallus gallus**

One male was at the edge of the river at Way Kanan, and another was heard in the forest in Way Kambas.

**Gallus varius**

Great sightings on Komodo Island and in Bali Barat NP.

**Lophura ignita**

Our first were two males roosting before dawn directly above the main trail in Way Kambas. These were followed by several more sightings along the trail in the late afternoon. Ten birds seen in total. The form on Sumatra is sometimes split off as a separate species, Malayan Crested Fireback L. rufa.

**Argusianus argus**

One distant male was heard several times in Way Kambas.

**Ciconiidae**

**Ciconia stormi**

One bird flew over the forest in Way Kambas.

**Leptoptilos javanicus**

Four birds were seen in Bali Barat NP.

**Ardeidae**

**Ixobrychus cinnamomeus**

One in flight at Muara Angke, Jakarta.

**Nycticorax nycticorax**

About 20 at Nusa Dua and 6 at Muara Angke, Jakarta.

**Butorides striata**

Small numbers at Nusa Dua, Bali Barat NP and Muara Angke.
**Javan Pond Heron** *Ardeola speciosa*
Frequent sightings on Bali, several at Muara Angke and a single on Sumatra.

**Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*
Commonly seen in paddyfields on journeys, especially on Bali and Sumatra.

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea*
A single at Nusa Dua on Bali was the only one seen.

**Great-billed Heron** *Ardea sumatrana*
A distant bird was seen from the boat as we arrived on Komodo Island.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*
Several at Nusa Dua, one at Muara Angke and a few more on the Way Kanan river on Sumatra.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba*
About 15 at Nusa Dua on Bali, but no further sightings.

*The form concerned is sometimes considered to be a separate species, Eastern Great Egret A. modesta.*

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*
Small numbers seen throughout on all major islands.

**Pacific Reef Heron** *Egretta sacra*
A single at Nusa Dua, 10 on Komodo Island and two more in Bali Barat NP.

**Frigatebirds** *Fregatidae*

**Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel*
Six birds were seen from the boat on the Labuan Bajo–Komodo crossing.

**Cormorants and Shags** *Phalacrocoracidae*

**Little Pied Cormorant** *Microcarbo melanoleucos*
About 20 at Nusa Dua on Bali.

**Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*
About 20 at Nusa Dua on Bali and two in flight at Muara Angke, Jakarta.

**Anhingas** *Anhingidae*

**Oriental Darter (NT)** *Anhinga melanogaster*
Four in flight at Muara Angke, Jakarta.

**Kites, Hawks and Eagles** *Accipitridae*

**Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus*
One was seen on the boat trip in Way Kambas.

**Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela*
Several were seen in Bali Barat NP and another at Telaga Saat on Java.

**Bat Hawk** *Macheiramphus alcinus*
Two great flyovers in Way Kambas.

**Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus*
One was seen in Way Kambas.

**Javan Hawk-Eagle (EN)** *Nisaetus bartelsi*
Great views of a vocal juvenile at Telaga Saat on Java, both perched and in flight.

**Rufous-bellied Eagle** *Lophotriorchis kienerii*
One was seen on Flores.

**Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malaiensis*
Three birds were seen at Telaga Saat while waiting for the Javan Hawk-Eagle to appear.
Crested Goshawk  
*Accipiter trivirgatus*
One was seen in Bali Barat NP.

**Brahminy Kite**  
*Haliastur indus*
Just three individuals were seen, at Nusa Dua (Bali), Komodo and Way Kambas.

**White-bellied Sea Eagle**  
*Haliaeetus leucogaster*
Four birds were seen during the Labuan Bajo–Komodo crossing.

**Grey-headed Fish Eagle**  
*Haliaeetus ichthyaeus*
Two singles were seen in Way Kambas.

### Rails, Crakes and Coots *Rallidae*

**White-breasted Waterhen**  
*Amaurornis phoenicurus*
Small numbers were seen at Nusa Dua, Muara Angke and Way Kambas.

### Thick-knees *Burhinidae*

**Beach Stone-curlew (NT)**  
*Esacus magnirostris*
After a bit of searching we found a pair in Bali Barat NP.

### Stilts and Avocets *Recurvirostridae*

**Pied Stilt**  
*Himantopus leucocephalus*
One at the saltworks near Bali Barat NP and another between Bandar Lampung and Way Kambas.
*Both IOC and the new field guide split this species, but it is sometimes lumped in Black-winged Stilt H. himantopus.*

**Javan Plover (NT)**  
*Charadrius javanicus*
Four at the saltworks near Bali Barat NP.

**Lesser Sand Plover**  
*Charadrius mongolus*
A single bird on a sandbank in Bali Barat NP.

### Plovers and Lapwings *Charadriidae*

**Whimbrel**  
*Numenius phaeopus*
A single at Nusa Dua and at least 12 in Bali Barat NP.

**Red-necked Phalarope**  
*Phalaropus lobatus*
A flock of five flew past our boat on the Labuan Bajo–Komodo crossing.

**Common Sandpiper**  
*Actitis hypoleucos*
Many at Nusa Dua and a couple more in Bali Barat NP.

**Green Sandpiper**  
*Tringa ochropus*
One bird on the beach on Komodo Island was a significant find. It is likely that this is the first record for the Lesser Sundas.

**Wood Sandpiper**  
*Tringa glareola*
At least four on Nusa Dua and a single in the paddyfields between Denpasar and Pemuteran.

### Sandpipers and allies *Scolopacidae*

**Greater Crested Tern**  
*Thalasseus bergii*
A few on the Labuan Bajo–Komodo crossing, but a flock of 100 at Bali Barat NP gave great views from our small boats.

**Little Tern**  
*Sternula albifrons*
A few at Nusa Dua and two in Bali Barat NP.
Black-naped Tern  
*Sterna sumatrana*

At least five showed well with the Greater Crested Terns in Bali Barat NP.

**Common Tern**  
*Sterna hirundo*

A single bird was seen at Nusa Dua on Bali.

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### Pigeons and Doves *Columbidae*

**Rock Dove (I)**  
*Columba livia var. domestica*

Frequent sightings throughout.

**Island Collared Dove**  
*Streptopelia bitorquata*

A few were seen briefly in Bali Barat NP but we finally got good views at Muara Angke.

**Spotted Dove**  
*Spilopelia chinensis*

Common throughout, but none seen in Sumatra.

**Barred Cuckoo-Dove**  
*Macropygia unchall*

One was seen at Golo Lusang on Flores.

**Common Emerald Dove**  
*Chalcophaps indica*

Three singles were seen in Way Kambas.

**Zebra Dove**  
*Geopelia striata*

Frequent sightings on Bali, mainly in Bali Barat NP.

**Barred Dove**  
*Geopelia maugeus*

About 10 were seen well on Komodo Island.

**Cinnamon-headed Green Pigeon (NT)**  
*Treron fulvicollis*

Two small flocks totalling about 15 birds were seen in Way Kambas.

**Pink-necked Green Pigeon**  
*Treron vernans*

About 20 at Nusa Dua, six at Bali Barat NP and two at Muara Angke.

**Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon**  
*Treron griseicauda*

About 10 were seen in Bali Barat NP.

**Pink-headed Fruit Dove**  
*Ptilinopus porphyreus*

At least 5 birds were seen in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP, but they were hard to see!

**Black-naped Fruit Dove**  
*Ptilinopus melanospilus*

One was seen briefly at Puarlolo on Flores but the species was heard on both visits to the forest.

**Green Imperial Pigeon**  
*Ducula aenea*

Four on Komodo Island and four more at Way Kambas.

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### Cuckoos *Cuculidae*

**Sunda Coucal (VU)**  
*Centropus nigrorufus*

One bird was seen briefly (but at close range) at Muara Angke, Jakarta.

**Greater Coucal**  
*Centropus sinensis*

Two were seen in Bali Barat NP.

**Raffles’s Malkoha**  
*Rhinortha chlorophaea*

At least four birds were seen at Way Kambas.

**Red-billed Malkoha**  
*Zanclostomus javanicus*

Two were seen at Way Kambas.

**Chestnut-breasted Malkoha**  
*Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

Two were seen at Way Kambas.

**Chestnut-bellied Malkoha (NT)**  
*Phaenicophaeus sumatranus*

Two were seen at Way Kambas.

**Black-bellied Malkoha (NT)**  
*Phaenicophaeus diardi*

Two at Way Kambas on each day there.
Asian Koel  
*Eudynamys scolopaceus*
One female was seen well on Komodo Island.

Violet Cuckoo  
*Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*
One was seen briefly at Way Kambas.

Banded Bay Cuckoo  
*Cacomantis sonneratii*
One bird was scoped for a long time at Way Kambas.

Plaintive Cuckoo  
*Cacomantis merulinus*
Seen and heard at Nusa Dua and at Bali Barat NP.

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo (Sunda Brush C)  
*Cacomantis sepulcralis*
One was seen well at Golo Lusang, Flores; also heard at Cibodas and Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo  
*Surniculus lugubris*
One at Bali Barat NP was heard by everyone, but only seen briefly.

Sunda Cuckoo (H)  
*Cuculus lepidus*
One was heard at Telaga Saat, Java.

**Owls Strigidae**

Reddish Scops Owl (NT)  
*Otus rufescens*
After a brilliant bit of tracking by Hari, we all saw one well at Way Kambas.

Flores Scops Owl (EN) (H)  
*Otus alfredi*
Two birds were heard at Golo Lusang, but we could not get close enough to them.

Javan Scops Owl (VU) (H)  
*Otus angeliniae*
Four birds were heard at dusk in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP but despite two of them being close we could not see them.

Sunda Scops Owl  
*Otus lempiji*
Our first was at its day roost in Bali Barat NP, followed by a family of three birds at night at Cibodas. At Way Kambas we saw two more and heard another.

Moluccan Scops Owl  
*Otus magicus*
At Potawangka Road, Flores we saw one well and heard two more.

Buffy Fish Owl  
*Ketupa ketupu*
One was seen by half the group on the way back from the boat trip at Way Kambas.

Javan Owlet (H)  
*Glaucidium castanopterum*
One was heard during the day at Bedugul Botanical Gardens.

Brown Hawk-Owl  
*Ninox scutulata*
After a brief sighting in the forest at Way Kambas, we all saw one well after dark on the boat trip.

**Frogmouths Podargidae**

Large Frogmouth (NT)  
*Batrachostomus auritus*
A family of three at their day roost in Way Kambas was surely one of the highlights of the trip.

Javan Frogmouth  
*Batrachostomus javensis*
Two were seen well after dark at Cibodas and another was heard in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

Sunda Frogmouth  
*Batrachostomus cornutus*
Several birds were heard at Way Kambas but we only managed brief sightings on both occasions.

**Nightjars and allies Caprimulgidae**

Malaysian Eared Nightjar  
*Lyncornis temminckii*
About 10 birds showed well at dusk over the Way Kanan river at Way Kambas.

Large-tailed Nightjar  
*Caprimulgus macrurus*
Great views of at least six birds at Way Kambas and others heard.
Savanna Nightjar  
_Caprimulgus affinis_
Five birds were seen well at roost in the late afternoon in Bali Barat NP; also heard at Way Kambas.

Bonaparte’s Nightjar (VU)  
_Caprimulgus concretus_
Only a very brief view at our first attempt in Way Kambas, but we all had spectacular views of one on the boat trip on the Way Kanan river.

Salvadori’s Nightjar (NT) (H)  
_Caprimulgus pulchellus_
Heard on several occasions at Cibodas, but sadly no sightings.

**Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae**

Grey-rumped Treeswift  
_Hemiprocnus longipennis_
Two pairs were seen in Bali Barat NP and a single bird at Way Kambas.

Whiskered Treeswift  
_Hemiprocnus comata_
A pair on our first day at Way Kambas and a single on the following day.

**Swifts Apodidae**

Tenggara Swiftlet  
_Collocalia sumbawae_
At least 20 at Golo Lusang, on Flores.  
*This species, endemic to the Lesser Sundas, was formerly lumped in Glossy Swiftlet C. esculenta. The latter is now restricted to the region from Sulawesi to New Guinea.*

Plume-toed Swiftlet  
_Collocalia affinis_
Commonly encountered at Way Kambas.  
*This common species, inhabiting the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra and Borneo, was formerly lumped in Glossy Swiftlet C. esculenta. The latter is now restricted to the region from Sulawesi to New Guinea.*

Cave Swiftlet  
_Collocalia linchi_
Common on Bali and Java, and seen every day on those islands.

Edible-nest Swiftlet  
_Aerodramus fuciphagus_
Seen on most days on Bali and lowland Java and Sumatra.

Brown-backed Needletail  
_Hirundapus giganteus_
A single at Bali Barat NP was the only record.

Asian Palm Swift  
_Cyptius balasiensis_
Four birds at Way Kambas, seen from the boat on the Way Kanan river.

House Swift  
_Apus nipalensis_
Just a couple of sightings at Bali Barat NP.

**Trogons Trogonidae**

Javan Trogon (EN)  
_Apalharpactes reinwardtii_
Three singles were seen and another was heard at Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

Diard’s Trogon (NT)  
_Harpactes diardi_
A pair and a single female at Way Kambas.

Scarlet-rumped Trogon (NT)  
_Harpactes duvaucelii_
Two singles were seen at Way Kambas.

**Rollers Coraciidae**

Oriental Dollarbird  
_Eurystomus orientalis_
One at Bali Barat NP and two at Way Kambas.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae**

Rufous-collared Kingfisher (NT)  
_Actenoides concretus_
Amazing walk-away views of one bird at Way Kambas – it stayed there for as long as we wanted.
Banded Kingfisher  
*Lacedo pulchella*
Great views of a female at Way Kambas.

Glittering Kingfisher  
*Caridonax fulgidus*
Two birds at Puarlolo on Flores showed well to some people.

Stork-billed Kingfisher  
*Pelargopsis capensis*
Multiple sightings of at least six birds on the boat trip at Way Kambas.

White-throated Kingfisher  
*Halcyon smyrnensis*
Two birds were seen briefly at Way Kambas.

Javan Kingfisher  
*Halcyon cyanoventris*
A pair was seen only in flight on our journey to Bali Barat, but on the return journey we found a pair that showed well in paddyfields. Another was seen by some from the hotel garden at Puncak on Java.

Collared Kingfisher  
*Todiramphus chloris*
Frequent sightings throughout, but most were on Bali and Komodo.

Sacred Kingfisher  
*Todiramphus sanctus*
Three pairs were seen in the mangroves in Bali Barat NP.

Cerulean Kingfisher  
*Alcedo coerulescens*
Amazing views of at least six birds at Nusa Dua on our first morning, and another in mangroves in Bali Barat NP.

Blue-eared Kingfisher  
*Alcedo meninting*
Great views of at least 15 birds on the Way Kanan river trip in Way Kambas.

Common Kingfisher  
*Alcedo atthis*
One was seen at Nusa Dua on Bali.

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher  
*Ceyx erithaca*
After a bit of searching, we had incredible views of three birds in the dry forest in Bali Barat NP. Another was seen in Way Kambas.

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**Bee-eaters Meropidae**

Red-bearded Bee-eater  
*Nyctyornis amictus*
A pair showed well in Way Kambas, followed by a single bird the next day.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater  
*Merops philippinus*
Several sightings of pairs or small groups on Bali, mainly at Nusa Dua and Bali Barat NP.

Rainbow Bee-eater  
*Merops ornatus*
A flock of five at Golo Lusang on Flores.

Blue-throated Bee-eater  
*Merops viridis viridis*
At least 15 in Way Kambas, mostly over the Way Kanan river.

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater  
*Merops leschenaulti*
Two pairs were seen in Bali Barat NP.

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**Hornbills Bucerotidae**

Oriental Pied Hornbill  
*Anthracoceros albirostris*
Two good sightings in Bali Barat NP, first a pair and then three birds.

Black Hornbill (NT)  
*Anthracoceros malayanus*
One was seen briefly by one person over the river at Way Kambas.

Wreathed Hornbill (H)  
*Rhyticeros undulatus*
One was heard in the rainforest in Bali Barat NP.
Asian Barbets *Megalaimidae*

**Fire-tufted Barbet** *Psilopogon pyrolophus*
At least 8 were seen in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP. The origin of this species here is unclear and it is likely that they were either deliberately introduced or escaped from captivity. Either way, they are now well established in the park.

**Lineated Barbet** *Psilopogon lineatus*
Several were seen and heard in Bali Barat NP.

**Brown-throated Barbet** *Psilopogon corvinus*
One bird was eventually tracked down in a tall tree in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Red-crowned Barbet (NT)** *Psilopogon rafflesii*
Commonly heard in Way Kambas and we managed several good sightings.

**Flame-fronted Barbet** *Psilopogon armillaris*
Commonly heard in Cibodas and Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP with several good sightings.

**Blue-eared Barbet** *Psilopogon duvauceli*
Several heard at Way Kambas and good views of one bird.

**Coppersmith Barbet** *Psilopogon haemacephalus*
Commonly seen and heard in Bali Barat NP.

**Sooty Barbet (NT)** *Caloramphus hayii*
Two birds were seen on our first day at Way Kambas and another the following day.

Woodpeckers *Picidae*

**Rufous Piculet** *Sasia abnormis*
One showed well at Way Kambas.

**Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker** *Yungipicus moluccensis*
Five birds were seen in Puarlolo forest on Flores.

**Freckle-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos analis*
A pair at Nusa Dua was followed by two more pairs in Bali Barat NP and another at Telaga Saat on Java.

**White-bellied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus javensis*
Great views of a single bird in Way Kambas.

**Banded Woodpecker** *Chrysophlegma miniaceum*
Two were seen in Way Kambas.

**Checker-throated Woodpecker (NT)** *Chrysophlegma mentale*
Three sightings in Way Kambas.

**Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense*
A single in the dry forest in Bali Barat NP was the only sighting.

**Orange-backed Woodpecker** *Reinwardtipicus validus*
Our persistence paid off with this one and we had great views of a pair at Way Kambas.

**Rufous Woodpecker** *Micropternus brachyurus*
Several sightings at Way Kambas.

**Buff-rumped Woodpecker (EN)** *Meiglyptes tristis*
Two birds were seen at Way Kambas.

**Buff-necked Woodpecker (NT)** *Meiglyptes tukki*
Two birds were seen at Way Kambas.

Falcans and Caracaras *Falconidae*

**Black-thighed Falconet** *Microhierax fringillarius*
Three birds showed well at Way Kambas, typically perched on the tops of dead trees.
Spotted Kestrel  
*Falco moluccensis*

Two singles were seen in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Cockatoos Cacatuidae**

Yellow-crested Cockatoo (CR)  
*Cacatua sulphurea*

At least 8 birds were seen well on Komodo Island, but this is a drastic reduction compared to the numbers that used to be seen there. Illegal trapping is driving this species towards extinction on Komodo.

**Old World Parrots Psittaculidae**

Blue-rumped Parrot (NT)  
*Psittinus cyanurus*

One flew over the forest at Way Kambas.

Great-billed Parrot  
*Tanygnathus megalorynchos*

Two noisy birds were only seen briefly at Puarlolo on Flores.

Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot  
*Loriculus galgulus*

Several at Way Kambas, but as usual only in flight.

Yellow-throated Hanging Parrot (NT) (H)  
*Loriculus pusillus*

One bird was heard at Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP as it flew over the forest.

Wallace’s Hanging Parrot (EN)  
*Loriculus flosculus*

One brief fly-over at Golo Lusang on Flores.

**Broadbills Eurylaimidae**

Green Broadbill (NT)  
*Calyptomena viridis*

Great views of a female at Way Kambas.

Black-and-red Broadbill  
*Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos*

Two birds were seen on the river trip at Way Kambas and others were heard. Several old nests were seen hanging over the river.

Banded Broadbill  
*Eurylaimus javanicus*

One was heard on two occasions in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP and two birds were seen well in Way Kambas.

Black-and-yellow Broadbill (NT)  
*Eurylaimus ochromalus*

Good views of a pair in Way Kambas and others heard.

Dusky Broadbill  
*Corydon sumatranus*

Two birds were seen in Way Kambas.

**Pittas Pittidae**

Javan Banded Pitta  
*Hydrornis guajanus*

We had some really great sightings of this species in Bali Barat NP. We saw three pairs and a single bird, and heard some others.

Malayan Banded Pitta (H)  
*Hydrornis irena*

In contrast to the previous species, with which it was formerly lumped, we only managed to hear a single bird in Way Kambas.

Elegant Pitta  
*Pitta elegans*

At least two birds were calling at Puarlolo on Flores, and on our second visit we managed to track one down, getting prolonged eye-level views as it called from the mid-canopy.

**Honeyeaters Meliphagidae**

Scaly-crowned Honeyeater  
*Lichmera lombokia*

Several were seen on Flores, at Golo Lusang and Puarlolo.
Indonesian Honeyeater  
*Lichmera limbata* 
A pair in the mangroves at Bali Barat NP were the only ones we saw.

Helmeted Friarbird  
*Philemon buceroides* 
Three were seen at Puarlolo on Flores and two more on Komodo Island.

**Australasian Warblers Acanthizidae**

Golden-bellied Gerygone  
*Gerygone sulphurea* 
Frequently heard on Bali, Flores and Java (Muara Angke), and a few were seen.

**Woodshrikes and allies Tephrodornithidae**

Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike  
*Hemipus hirundinaceus* 
Two in Cibodas Botanical Gardens and four more in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

Rufous-winged Philentoma  
*Philentoma pyrhoptera* 
Several were seen and heard in Way Kambas.

**Woodswallows, Butcherbirds and allies Artamidae**

White-breasted Woodswallow  
*Artamus leucorynchus* 
Small numbers were seen on several occasions, but only on Bali and Sumatra.

**Ioras Aegithinidae**

Common Iora  
*Aegithina tiphia* 
Common in Bali Barat NP, and also seen at Nusa Dua and Muara Angke.

Green Iora (NT)  
*Aegithina viridissima* 
Several sightings in Way Kambas.

**Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae**

Javan Cuckooshrike  
*Coracina javensis* 
Two birds were seen in Bali Barat NP.

Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike  
*Coracina striata* 
One bird was seen in Way Kambas.

Lesser Cuckooshrike  
*Coracina fimbriata* 
One male at Bedugul Botanical Gardens and two pairs in Way Kambas.

White-shouldered Triller  
*Lalage sueurii* 
Several sightings on Bali and Komodo.

Small Minivet  
*Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* 
Two small flocks were seen in Bali Barat NP.

Fiery Minivet (NT)  
*Pericrocotus igneus* 
Small flocks seen on two or three occasions in Way Kambas.

Little Minivet  
*Pericrocotus lansbergei* 
We had some great views of this restricted-range endemic in Golo Lusang on Flores.

Sunda Minivet  
*Pericrocotus miniatus* 
After only hearing this species on our first day in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP, we finally had great views of a flock the following day.

Scarlet Minivet  
*Pericrocotus speciosus* 
Small numbers were seen on both days in Way Kambas.
Whistlers and allies *Pachycephalidae*

**Mangrove Whistler** (*H*)

*Pachycephala cinerea*

Despite many efforts to track this species down in Bali Barat NP, we just heard a single bird.

**Rusty-breasted Whistler**

*Pachycephala fulvotincta*

Some great sightings of this attractive species, notably in Puarlolo forest on Flores, on Komodo Island, in the hotel garden at Labuan Bajo, and in Bedugul Botanical Gardens. *This species was formerly lumped in the extralimital Golden Whistler* *P. pectoralis.*

**Bare-throated Whistler**

*Pachycephala nudigula*

Amazing views of this very special endemic at Golo Lusang on Flores; we saw three or four and heard a few others.

Shrikes *Laniidae*

**Long-tailed Shrike**

*Lanius schach*

Two pairs were seen in Bali Barat NP.

*Vireos and Greenlets* *Vireonidae*

**Pied Shrike-Babbler**

*Pteruthius flaviscapus*

Several good sightings in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Trilling Shrike-Babbler**

*Pteruthius aenobarbus*

Two singles in Cibodas Botanical Gardens and in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

*Old World Orioles* *Oriolidae*

**Dark-throated Oriole** (NT)

*Oriolus xanthonotus*

Several sightings in Way Kambas.

**Black-naped Oriole**

*Oriolus chinensis*

Just a single bird on Komodo Island.

*Drongos* *Dicruridae*

**Black Drongo**

*Dicrurus macrocercus*

One bird was seen in Bali Barat NP.

**Ashy Drongo**

*Dicrurus leucophaeus*

Several sightings, in Bali Barat NP and Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Bronzed Drongo**

*Dicrurus aeneus*

Two pairs were seen in Way Kambas.

**Hair-crested Drongo**

*Dicrurus hottentottus*

A pair was seen in Bali Barat NP. *The form concerned is sometimes split as a separate species, Javan Spangled Drongo* *D. jentincki.*

**Wallacean Drongo**

*Dicrurus densus*

We had great views of this near-endemic at Puarlolo and Golo Lusang on Flores, and on Komodo Island. *The form concerned is sometimes split as a separate species, Flores Spangled Drongo* *D. bimaensis.*

**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**

*Dicrurus paradiseus*

Our first was a single bird at Bedugul Botanical Gardens, but it was common in Way Kambas.

*Fantails* *Rhipiduridae*

**Malaysian Pied Fantail**

*Rhipidura javanica*

Frequently encountered at Nusa Dua on Bali and in Bali Barat NP.

**Brown-capped Fantail**

*Rhipidura diluta*

Singles or pairs seen at Puarlolo and Golo Lusang, and another at Labuan Bajo, all on Flores.
Rufous-tailed Fantail  
*Rhipidura phoenicura*

Two birds were seen well in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

Arafura Fantail  
*Rhipidura dryas*

Two were seen on Komodo Island.

*The form concerned is sometimes split as a separate species, Supertramp Fantail R. semicollaris.*

Monarchs *Monarchidae*

Black-naped Monarch  
*Hypothymis azurea*

Scattered sightings on Flores, Komodo, Bali and Sumatra.

Flores Monarch  
*Symposiachrus sacerdotum*

After a fair bit of searching, we all managed great views of two birds at Puarlolo on Flores.

Crows, Jays and Magpies *Corvidae*

Black Magpie (NT)  
*Platysmurus leucopterus*

One was seen briefly in Way Kambas.

Racket-tailed Treepie  
*Crypsirina temia*

Single birds seen at Nusa Dua, Bali Barat NP and Muara Angke (twice).

Large-billed Crow  
*Corvus macrorhynchos*

Singles at Nusa Dua and Bali Barat, but about 10 on Komodo Island.

Fairy Flycatchers *Stenostiridae*

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher  
*Culicicapa ceylonensis*

Two birds were seen at Cibodas Botanical Gardens.

Tits, Chickadees *Paridae*

Cinereous Tit  
*Parus cinereus*

Singles were seen on Komodo Island, Bali Barat NP, Bedugul and Cibodas.

Bulbs *Pycnonotidae*

Black-headed Bulbul  
*Pycnonotus atriceps*

Two were seen in Way Kambas.

Sooty-headed Bulbul  
*Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Common in Bali Barat NP, and also a few seen on Java and Sumatra.

Puff-backed Bulbul (NT)  
*Pycnonotus eutilotus*

Just a single bird was seen in Way Kambas.

Orange-spotted Bulbul  
*Pycnonotus bimaculatus*

Several sightings in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP, mainly around the clearing.

Yellow-vented Bulbul  
*Pycnonotus goiavier*

Commonly encountered; most were seen on Bali, and none were recorded from Flores or Sumatra.

Olive-winged Bulbul  
*Pycnonotus plumosus*

A few were seen on the boat trip at Way Kambas.

Cream-vented Bulbul  
*Pycnonotus simplex*

Two birds were seen in Way Kambas.

Asian Red-eyed Bulbul  
*Pycnonotus brunneus*

At least one was seen in Way Kambas.

Yellow-bellied Bulbul  
*Alophoixus phaeocephalus*

A pair was seen in Way Kambas.

Hairy-backed Bulbul  
*Tricholestes criniger*

Recorded twice in Way Kambas.
Buff-vented Bulbul \(Iole\) cryp\ta\nOne bird was seen in Way Kambas.

**Swallows** \(Hirundinidae\)
Pacific Swallow \(Hirundo\) tahitica
Small numbers were seen on Bali only.

**Striated Swallow** \(Cecropis\) striolata
One was seen briefly in Bali Barat NP (leader only).

**Cupwings** \(Pnoepyga\) pusilla
Pygmy Wren-babbler
Frequently heard in the forest at Golo Lusang on Flores and in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP on Java. Our first sighting on Flores was brief, but we had some great views of several birds on Java.

**Cettia Bush Warblers and allies** \(Cettiidae\)
Mountain Tailorbird \(Phyllergates\) cucullatus
Like the previous species, more frequently heard than seen and recorded in the same localities. We had some great views of this bird, most notably in Cibodas Botanical Gardens.

**Russet-capped Tesia** \(Tesia\) everetti
Amazing views of a much-admired bird at Golo Lusang on Flores.

**Javan Tesia** \(Tesia\) superciliaris
Astonishing multiple views of this skulker at Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP, with up to 10 birds seen per day.

**Long-tailed Tits** \(Aegithalidae\)
Pygmy Bushtit \(Psaltria\) exilis
Our first birds in Cibodas showed poorly, but a flock of at least 12 in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP gave good views.

**Leaf warblers and allies** \(Phylloscopidae\)
Mountain Leaf Warbler \(Phylloscopus\) trivirgatus
Just two birds were seen in Cibodas Botanical Gardens.

**Timor Leaf Warbler** \(Phylloscopus\) presbytes
Several sightings at Puarlolo and Golo Lusang, on Flores.

**Sunda Warbler** \(Seicercus\) grammiceps
A regular component of mixed-species flocks in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Cisticolas and allies** \(Cisticolidae\)
Zitting Cisticola \(Cisticola\) juncidis
One on Komodo Island and two more in paddyfields on Bali.

**Bar-winged Prinia** \(Prinia\) familiaris
A single bird at Nusa Dua on Bali was the only one recorded.

**Dark-necked Tailorbird** \(Orthotomus\) atrogularis
Two or three sightings in the forest at Way Kambas.

**Ashy Tailorbird** \(Orthotomus\) ruficeps
Singles were seen a few times in Way Kambas, notably in the garden of our lodge.

**Olive-backed Tailorbird** \(Orthotomus\) sepium
Frequently recorded at Nusa Dua on Bali and in Bali Barat NP; also one at Muara Angke.
**Babblers Timaliidae**

**Chestnut-backed Scimitar Babbler**
*Pomatorhinus montanus*

A single bird at Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP was only seen by one person.

**Black-throated Babbler (NT) (H)**
*Stachyris nigricollis*

One was heard in Way Kambas.

**White-bibbed Babbler**
*Stachyris thoracica*

A small flock on two occasions at Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP proved very hard to see well.

**Chestnut-winged Babbler**
*Stachyris erythroptera*

Pairs were seen at least three times in Way Kambas.

**Crescent-chested Babbler**
*Stachyris melanothorax*

Another difficult babbler that was heard in Bali Barat NP and Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP. A pair was seen poorly in Bali Barat.

**Pin-striped Tit-Babbler (H)**
*Macronus gularis*

Frequently heard in Way Kambas but we were never close enough to tease one out.

**Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler**
*Macronus ptilosus*

A pair was seen well in Way Kambas.

**Fulvettas and Ground Babblers Pellorneidae**

**Javan Fulvetta**
*Alcippe pyrrhoptera*

The commonest component of mixed-species flocks in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler**
*Napothera epilepidota*

Two singles in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP but neither showed well.

**Horsfield’s Babbler**
*Malacocincla sepiaria*

Frequently seen and heard in small numbers in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP, but our best sighting was the first in Bali Barat NP.

**Sooty-capped Babbler (NT)**
*Malacopteron affine*

Frequently seen and heard in Way Kambas.

**Rufous-crowned Babbler (NT)**
*Malacopteron magnum*

A pair was seen in Way Kambas.

**White-chested Babbler (NT)**
*Trichastoma rostratum*

One bird was seen beside the river at Way Kanan in Way Kambas.

**Ferruginous Babbler**
*Trichastoma bicolor*

Two birds showed well in Way Kambas.

**Laughingthrushes Leiothrichidae**

**Spotted Crocias (NT) (H)**
*Crocias albonotatus*

Heard on at least three occasions in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP but we could never get close enough to see one.

**White-eyes Zosteropidae**

**Mees’s White-eye (Javan Heleia)**
*Lophozosterops javanicus*

After our first in Bedugul Botanical Gardens, we saw several more in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Crested White-eye (Crested Heleia)**
*Lophozosterops dohertyi*

One was seen well but briefly at Golo Lusang on Flores.

**Thick-billed Heleia**
*Heleia crassirostris*

Two were seen in the treetops at Puarlolo on Flores.
**Oriental White-eye**  
*Zosterops palpebrosus*  
Two were seen on Komodo Island and four more at Cibodas.  
*The forms concerned, yellow-bellied unicus on Komodo and grey-bellied buxtoni at Cibodas, are sometimes considered to be part of a separate species, Sunda White-eye Z. melanurus.*

**Mountain White-eye**  
*Zosterops montanus*  
At least four at Golo Lusang on Flores.

**Yellow-ringed White-eye (Wallace’s Heleia)**  
*Zosterops wallacei*  
Two were seen in the hotel garden at Labuan Bajo, Flores.

**Lemon-bellied White-eye**  
*Zosterops chloris*  
At least four on Komodo Island and three more in Bali Barat NP.

**Fairy-bluebirds Irenidae**  
*A single and a pair were seen in Way Kambas.*

**Nuthatches Sittidae**  
**Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**  
*Sitta frontalis*  
Three singles were seen in Way Kambas.

**Blue Nuthatch**  
*Sitta azurea*  
Several good sightings in Cibodas and Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP – a much-admired species.

**Starlings Sturnidae**  
**Asian Glossy Starling**  
*Aplonis panayensis*  
Two in Bali Barat NP were the only ones recorded.

**Common Hill Myna**  
*Gracula religiosa*  
One flew over the Way Kanan river in Way Kambas.

**Javan Myna**  
*Acridotheres javanicus*  
Frequent sightings of pairs on Bali and also at Muara Angke.

**Black-winged Starling**  
*Acridotheres melanopterus*  
After a long wait we had good views of two singles from the canopy tower in Bali Barat NP.

**Bali Myna (CR)**  
*Leucopsar rothschildi*  
One of the highlights of the trip. After some incredible views of several pairs at Cekik in the morning, we saw more in the Menjangan area in the afternoon. The birds were invariably in pairs and we saw at least 24 individuals.

**Thrushes and allies Turdidae**  
**Chestnut-backed Thrush**  
*Geokichla dohertyi*  
The highlight of our first visit to Puarlolo forest on Flores (for most people) was getting some great views of up to four Chestnut-backed Thrushes, but we only managed brief views on our return visit.

**Sunda Thrush**  
*Zoothera andromedae*  
A very obliging bird in Cibodas Botanical Gardens was a rare treat.

**Javan Cochoa (VU)**  
*Cochoa azurea*  
One bird was heard several times in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP but we could not track it down.

**Chats and Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**  
**Oriental Magpie-Robin**  
*Copsychus saularis*  
Just a few recorded in Bali Barat NP and Way Kambas.

**Malaysian Blue Flycatcher (NT)**  
*Cyornis turcosus*  
Five birds were seen in Way Kambas, mostly beside the Way Kanan river.
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*Hypographe hypogrammicum*

One was seen well in Way Kambas.

Olive-backed Sunbird  
*Cinnyris jugularis*

Frequent sightings on Bali, Komodo and Flores.

Flame-breasted Sunbird  
*Cinnyris soliarus*

A female was seen at Golo Lusang on Flores followed by a pair on Komodo Island and a male in the hotel garden at Labuan Bajo.

White-flanked Sunbird  
*Aethopyga eximia*

Several great sightings in Cibodas Botanical Gardens and Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

Little Spiderhunter (H)  
*Arachnothera longirostra*

Singles were heard in Bali Barat NP and Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

Old World Sparrows *Passeridae*

Eurasian Tree Sparrow  
*Passer montanus*

Common throughout and seen almost every day.

Waxbills, Munias and allies *Estrildidae*

Javan Munia  
*Lonchura leucogastroides*

A pair was building a nest in a chandelier outside the restaurant that we were having lunch in at Denpasar. The only other sighting was a small flock at Muara Angke.

Scaly-breasted Munia  
*Lonchura punctulata*

Scattered sightings on Bali, Flores and Java. Most notable were the flocks totalling at least 300 birds at Gilimanuk on Bali, gathering together prior to going to roost.

Wagtails and Pipits *Motacillidae*

Paddyfield Pipit  
*Anthus rufulus*

Two were seen on Komodo Island.

Finches *Fringillidae*

Mountain Serin  
*Chrysocorynthus estherae*

Great views of at least four birds at the low altitude of 1,700m in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP. The birds were feeding quietly in low understorey bushes. This species is normally found much higher up.

Mammals (19 species seen)

Treeshrews *Tupaiidae*

Lesser Treeshrew  
*Tupaia minor*

One was seen in Way Kambas.

Old World Monkeys *Cercopithecidae*

Crab-eating Macaque  
*Macaca fascicularis*

Very common on Bali, where it was frequently seen on the roadsides, and along the river in Way Kambas.

Southern Pig-tailed Macaque  
*Macaca nemestrina*

A group of at least four along the Way Kanan river in Way Kambas included a fine alpha-male.

Grizzled Langur  
*Presbytis comata*

A small group of at least six was seen near the hot springs in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.
**Sumatran Langur**  
*Presbytis melalophos*  
Four were seen in the forest at Way Kambas.  
*The form concerned is sometimes split as a separate species, Mitred Langur P. mitrata.*

**Javan Langur (Ebony Langur)**  
*Trachypithecus auratus*  
A group of five was seen in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Silvered Langur**  
*Trachypithecus cristatus*  
About 10 were present in riverside trees along the Way Kanan river in Way Kambas.

**Gibbons, Siamang**  
*Hylobatidae*  

**Agile Gibbon**  
*Hylobates agilis*  
Frequently heard in Way Kambas, but less common than Siamang. We managed to see one individual.

**Siamang**  
*Symphalangus syndactylus*  
Commonly heard in Way Kambas, and for lengthy periods. Several different groups were involved and we managed some good looks at several individuals.

**True Mice and Rats, Gerbils, Spiny Mice, Crested Rat**  
*Muridae*  

**Brown Rat**  
*Rattus norvegicus*  
One rather large individual was seen at night near our hotel in Jakarta.

**Squirrels**  
*Sciuridae*  

**Black-striped Squirrel**  
*Callosciurus nigrovittatus*  
Several sightings in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Plantain Squirrel**  
*Callosciurus notatus*  
Scattered sightings, mainly in Bali Barat and Way Kambas.

**Prevost’s Squirrel**  
*Callosciurus prevostii*  
One very smart individual in Way Kambas.

**Black-eared Squirrel**  
*Nannosciurus melanotis*  
One was seen in Way Kambas.

**Black Giant Squirrel**  
*Ratufa bicolor*  
Four were seen in Bali Barat NP and another at Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP.

**Pigs**  
*Suidae*  

**Wild Boar**  
*Sus scrofa*  
A group of 8 was seen at night at the base of the main trail in Gunung Gede-Pangrango NP, and a group of 6 was seen in Way Kambas.

**Oceanic Dolphins**  
*Delphinidae*  

**Indo-pacific Bottlenose Dolphin**  
*Tursiops aduncus*  
About 20 were seen in two groups on the Labuan Bajo–Komodo crossing.

**Deer**  
*Cervidae*  

**Southern Red Muntjac**  
*Muntiacus muntjak*  
One was seen in dry forest in Bali Barat NP and three more were seen in Way Kambas.

**Javan Rusa (I)**  
*Rusa timorensis*  
6 were seen on Komodo Island where they were originally introduced.
Reptiles (4 species seen)

**Agamas Agamidae**
*Draco volans*

**Common Flying Dragon**
Singles were seen in Bali Barat NP and Way Kambas.

**Monitor Lizards Varanidae**
*Varanus komodoensis*

**Komodo Dragon**
At least six were seen on Komodo Island including a couple of fully mature individuals.

**Water Monitor**
*Varanus salvator*
Scattered sightings at Nusa Dua, Bali Barat NP, Muara Angke and Way Kambas. The individuals at Muara Angke were particularly large.

**Crocodiles and relatives Crocodylidae**
*Crocodylus porosus*

**Saltwater Crocodile**
At least four were seen on the Way Kanan river at Way Kambas in the early evening.