

# BOCA - PEREGRINE BIRD TOURS

## PENINSULAR MALAYSIA and BORNEO

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### TOUR REPORT

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Peninsular Malaysia and Borneo proved to be every bit as exciting, as we all hoped it would be. With a tally in excess of 320 species of birds and a staggering 40 species of mammals, a good time was had by all.

After a good nights sleep in a very comfortable hotel in Kuala Lumpur, we set off just before dawn for a days birding in the Gombak Valley, a steep-sided mountain valley, a little to the north of Kuala Lumpur. The pre-dawn excitement amongst the group at the prospect of our first day of birding, was somewhat dampened by the torrential rain falling as we set off on the 40 minute drive to the valley. Right on queue, the rain stopped just as we pulled up at our first birding stop in the valley. We birded at different altitudes in the valley from a winding bitumen road. This was the day of the large and the small; we saw Malaysia's smallest species of falcon, its largest species of hornbill and its largest species of Gibbon. It was meant to be a gentle introduction to the birds of Malaysia, but in reality, it turned out to be a super days birding. We saw 43 species of birds, including a staggering 9 species of bulbuls. Highlights included several Black-thighed Falconets, Malaysia's smallest species of falcon, our only sighting of Great Hornbill, Malaysia's largest species of hornbill and super looks at a Siamang, Malaysia's largest species of gibbon. We also saw several species of birds which we did not see again on the tour, these included Common Kingfisher, Maroon Woodpecker, the very attractive Scaly-breasted Bulbul, Grey-bellied Bulbul and Rufescent Prinia. Other mammals seen here included Plantain and Slender Squirrels and Sunda Pig-tailed and Long-tailed Macaques. In the middle of the afternoon we drove to the Taman Rimba Ampang Forest Reserve, on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur. The main target species we were looking for here was the very uncommon Blue-banded Kingfisher. Unfortunately, when we arrived at the reserve, it was literally crawling with local people, it was a public holiday. Almost everyone that lived in Kuala Lumpur seemed to be in the reserve. A small river meandered through the reserve, unfortunately, there were literally dozens of people paddling around or sitting in the river, as it was a very hot day. The chances of seeing the kingfisher were not looking good. We were just about to give up, when the kingfisher flew down the river and passed us by, calling loudly as it did so. Just as suddenly, it flew back up the river towards us and disappeared up a very tiny tributary and disappeared into the rainforest. Then the

words 'I've got it' rang out, amazingly Kathy had spotted the bird sitting on a small branch, above the tiny stream. We all managed to enjoy great looks at this very uncommon species, which rounded the day off perfectly.

As a contrast to the jungle birdwatching that predominated for most of the tour, we spent the morning at Kuala Selangor Nature Park. Birding in the coastal woodland, at numerous large lakes and along the edge of the mangroves, proved very rewarding. Three species of mangrove specialities occur within the park and they were to be the main target species here. In no time at all, we had the diminutive Golden-bellied Gerygone in the bag, followed shortly afterwards by the rather plain Mangrove Whistler and along a boardwalk through the mangroves, we enjoyed good looks at a pair of Mangrove Blue-Flycatchers. All three mangrove specialities had been seen well, the rest of the birds seen here, were the icing on the cake. Surprisingly, we saw three species of woodpeckers in the mangroves! The large and showy Common Flameback, the unobtrusive Laced Woodpecker, both of which we never saw again during the tour, and the third species was the diminutive Grey-capped Woodpecker. We saw several other species here that we did not see again on the tour; they were Grey Heron, the often secretive Chestnut-bellied Malkoha, Pied Triller, Great Tit, Oriental White-eye, Large-billed Crow and White-rumped Munia. We also enjoyed watching a troop of Silvered Leaf Monkeys, who were obviously used to people and allowed us to approach, within several metres.

While waiting for our lunch to be prepared at a very pleasant restaurant in Kuala Selangor, we added Spotted Dove, Asian Koel and Coppersmith Barbet. After lunch, we set off for the Central Highlands. On the way we stopped at a small swamp which had three species of herons nesting in rather large numbers; these were Purple Heron, Little Egret and Black-crowned Night-Heron. We also stopped at an area of grassland which had managed to survive the tide of housing developments springing up in this part of the country. Here we found several Blue-breasted Quail, a pair of Red-wattled Lapwings, the uncommon Lesser Coucal, super looks at a female Savanna Nightjar, Oriental Pipit, Zitting Cisticola, Baya Weaver and Scaly-breasted and Chestnut Munias. A quick stop at a small hotel known as The Gap, a little below Fraser's Hill produced the only Black Eagle of the trip, Little Cuckoo-Dove and Bronzed Drongo. On our arrival at Fraser's Hill we were greeted by a very pleasant temperature and a pair of uncommon Long-tailed Broadbills.

Fraser's Hill, situated at 1,300 metres above sea level, is a cool mountain retreat that has changed little since the days when the British established a hill station there in the early 1900s. We spent the next two days birding amongst the rainforest-clad hills, which were alive with birds; many of them were in mixed species feeding flocks, which passed through the forest in a constantly moving wave. Fire-tufted Barbets were easy to see, along with Javan Cuckoo-shrikes, Ochraceous Bulbuls, Chestnut-capped Laughing-thrushes and beautiful Green Magpies. Just some of the species in the many mixed species feeding flocks included Black-browed Barbet, Grey-chinned Minivet, Greater Green Leafbird, Little Pied Flycatcher, Black Laughingthrush, Mountain Fulvetta, Long-tailed Sibia and Lesser Rocket-tailed Drongo. On an afternoon walk through the forest

we saw three difficult to see skulking species, Lesser Shortwing, Pygmy Blue-Flycatcher, and Streaked Wren-Babbler. We watched shy Red Junglefowls, stunning Blue Nuthatches and very showy Sultan Tits. We eventually had good looks at Slaty-backed Forktail, along the roadside, which was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the tour. Other highlights in the Fraser's Hill area were a few sultry Red-headed Trogons, Lesser Yellow-nape, Bamboo Woodpecker, Orange-bellied Leafbird, the stunning Rufous-browed Flycatcher, the skulking Buff-breasted Babbler, Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler, Black-throated Sunbird and Streaked Spiderhunter. One evening we made an excursion to the local army camp, where the soldier on the gate pointed out a magnificent Brown Wood-Owl, who just sat in the spotlight and stared back at us. Mammals at Fraser's Hill included Grey-bellied, Pallas' and Himalayan Striped Squirrels and great looks at a troop of Banded Leaf Monkeys.

Leaving the hills behind, we headed for Kuala Tembeling, via Jerantut, where we enjoyed great looks at a soaring dark morph Oriental Honey-Buzzard. Just before boarding our boat at Kuala Tembeling, we found a flowering tree, which was alive with Yellow-vented Flowerpeckers. We then took the three hour boat journey to Taman Negara National Park. During the journey we saw a perched Changeable Hawk-Eagle and a Greater Coucal on the riverbank. That afternoon we visited one of the bird hides in the park and were rewarded with a large flock of uncommon Large Green-Pigeons, great scope views of a Black-bellied Malkoha, a huge Wreathed Hornbill, Grey-rumped Treeswifts were flying overhead and best of all, great scope views of a superb Black-and-red Broadbill.

We spent the next three and half days, walking and birding some of the many trails in Taman Negara National Park, Malaysia's largest national park and the largest single area of lowland tropical rainforest in the whole of mainland Southeast Asia. The extensive mountain forests contained a dazzling variety of birds and butterflies. We saw a large selection of birds, some of the more memorable ones included stunning Crested Partridges, incredibly tame Crested Firebacks, nesting Buff-necked Woodpeckers, regular sightings of noisy flocks of Blue-rumped Parrots flying overhead, good sightings of Raffles and Chestnut-breasted Malkohas, good close looks at the incredibly beautiful Rufous-backed Kingfisher, stunning Black-and-Yellow and Banded Broadbills, a superb Red-naped Trogon, a noisy group of Great Slaty Woodpeckers, the largest species of woodpecker in the world, a fluorescent Banded Pitta, stunning adult male Asian Paradise-Flycatchers, with incredibly long white tails, Black-naped Monarch, brilliantly plumaged White-rumped Shama, large numbers of stunning Asian Fairy Bluebirds, the uncommon Rufous-winged Philentoma and Greater Racket-tailed Drongo. Other more cryptic species, skulking around on the forest floor included White-chested, Abbott's, Short-tailed, Moustached, Rufous-crowned, Scaly-crowned, Black-throated and Chestnut-winged Babblers. Mammals seen in the park included Black-striped, Horse-tailed and Low's Squirrels, Three-striped Ground Squirrel, Eurasian Wild Boar, Lesser Mouse-Deer and Indian Muntjac. A little after dinner spotlighting produced a Red Giant Flying Squirrel and best of all, Tony saw a pair of Masked Palm Civets, as he was walking back to his bungalow, late one evening, after having watched one of the World Cup Soccer matches!

Reluctantly leaving Taman Negara, we drove back to Kuala Lumpur and the following morning took a Malaysian Airlines flight to Kota Kinabalu, the very modern capital of Sabah, in Malaysian Borneo. We made a birding stop on the outskirts of the city at the Likas Wetlands; where we enjoyed close flight views of a superb Cinnamon Bittern, there was also a supporting cast of Wandering Whistling-Duck, White-breasted Waterhen, Purple Swamphen, Common Moorhen, Littler Tern and a Striated Grassbird walking around on the top of hedgerow, in the middle of a roundabout, surrounded by dozens of noisy trucks and cars. We then drove up to Mount Kinabalu National Park, where we would spend the next four days. After settling into our bungalows, we did a little birding along the only sealed road in the park and saw a few birds including Cave Swiftlet, Black-sided Flowerpecker and Bornean Treepie.

As is often the case at Mount Kinabalu, the following day was a very rain interrupted day. There were brief periods when we ventured outdoors to do a little birding along the road, before being forced to retreat back to our bungalows, because of heavy rain. However, we did see some nice birds, highlights included Oriental Cuckoo, Bornean Whistling-Thrush, Mountain Leaf-Warbler, Yellow-breasted Warbler, Snowy-browed and Indigo Flycatchers, Bornean Whistler, Sunda Laughingthrush, Chestnut-crested Yuhina, Temminck's Sunbird, Black-capped White-eye, Hair-crested Drongo and Short-tailed Magpie. Mammals seen in the park included Bornean Black-banded and Jentink's Squirrels and a large, hairy, noisy House Rat, in Chris' bungalow!

The following day had been set aside to climb, or at least partly climb, Mount Kinabalu. Unfortunately, it rained very heavily for most of the morning, turning the track up the mountain into a torrent of very muddy water. It did not take long for most of us to find out that our waterproof jackets were in fact, not waterproof at all! Most members of the group opted to bird around the bungalows, leaving Chris and Tony to conquer the mountain! The climb up the mountain was not a total disaster, for Chris and Tony as a very bedraggled Red-breasted Partridge did scramble across the track, followed later in the day by a pair of Crimson-headed Partridges; we also enjoyed very close encounters with Sunda Bush-Warbler, Mountain Tailorbird and Mountain Leaf-Warbler. We then watched a family party of Mountain Wren-Babblers foraging together on the forest floor. We also saw a Common Long-tailed Giant Rat, which ran down the track in the pouring rain, before disappearing into the bush. We also had great looks at a Tufted Pygmy Squirrel and several of the group saw Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel. The deluge of water flowing down the track up the mountain had forced a lot of very large earthworms, many of which were up to 2 feet in length, out of their holes and onto the track. We then noticed that a Giant Red Kinabalu Leach, the largest species of leach in the world and endemic to Mount Kinabalu, was chasing one of the earthworms. The leach was bright red in colour, approximately a foot long in length; it was very flat and approximately 1 inch thick. It is also carnivorous; the front end of the leach had small tentacles which it could spread open revealing, what must have been its mouth. It caught up to a hapless earthworm and started to bite 2 inch chunks off it. It was like watching a horror movie. Meanwhile, back at base camp, members of the tour party added Golden-naped Barbet, White-crowned Forktail and Mountain Black-eye to our ever growing list.

The following day, we spent a very pleasant morning at Poring Hot Springs, which is at a lower altitude than Mount Kinabalu and has a slightly different mix of birds there. We enjoyed a very nice breakfast, even adding a new species to our list during breakfast. The Little Spiderhunter was attracted to the ornamental flowers in the gardens, where we were having breakfast. We decided to walk the canopy walkway, before the hordes of tourists arrived. On the walk up to the canopy we saw the very uncommon Waterfall Swift, followed by great looks at our first Black-and-yellow Broadbill, a truly stunning bird. The canopy walkway was very quiet, with few birds around. The only new bird for the tour was a family party of Plain Sunbirds. However, we enjoyed very good looks at a Pale Giant Squirrel, which really is a giant and we also saw the very attractive jet black Prevost's Squirrel. A short walk to a small waterfall produced great looks at the beautifully plumaged White-crowned Shama. We then decided to do some birding at the campground. Here we stumbled across a huge mixed species feeding flock, which kept us busy for an hour or so. There were up to 20 species in the flock and we added several new birds which we had not seen previously on the tour. These included, the very beautiful and all too uncommon Red-bearded Bee-eater, a family party of Black-winged Flycatcher-shrikes, a very flighty pair of Flavescent Bulbuls, a very obliging Green Iora and best of all the very uncommon and endemic Streaky-breasted Spiderhunter, which we saw very well. Following lunch we drove back to Mount Kinabalu to do some birding, but as usual, rain stopped play!

A little birding around the lodge prior to breakfast produced the usual suspects and after most of the group had gone to breakfast Kathy and Chris were very fortunate to have good views of the very uncommon and endemic Pygmy White-eye. Following breakfast, we loaded up and drove down to the coast at Kota Kinabalu, where we were to look for the Blue-naped Parrot. Here we saw our only Intermediate Egret of the tour, in a small area of wetland. A short walk produced good looks at a couple of Blue-naped Parrots, before it was time to drive to the airport for our flight to Tawau, on the east coast of Borneo. On our arrival there, there was a great deal of confusion, as our driver did not have the correct names on his voucher. However, it all got sorted out in the end and we then endured a very boring drive, through pouring rain, to Semporna, driving through kilometre after kilometre of oil palm plantations. On our arrival at Semporna we took a very fast motor boat out to Mabul Island, which was to be our jumping off point for our trip to Sipadan Island, the following morning. The rain had now stopped, the dive resort we were staying at was very comfortable and we enjoyed some pleasant birding around the island. New birds for the trip included a couple of Lesser Frigatebirds and a few Rufous Night-Herons and there were also large numbers of Variable Flying Foxes.

With much anticipation, we dutifully ate our breakfast and then boarded the boat which was to take us to Sipadan Island. It was a very pleasant boat trip and as we arrived at the island there was a flock of approximately two dozen frigatebirds flying overhead. Once ashore on the small island, careful examination of the frigatebirds revealed a few Great Frigatebirds amongst the far more numerous Lesser Frigatebirds. There was also a couple of Brown Boobies flying with the frigatebirds and there was a few Pacific Reef-Egrets dotted around the beach. Very recent changes to the status of Sipadan Island, now only allowed access to a tiny portion of the island. A permit was required to walk around

the island, which unfortunately we did not have. So we were restricted to a small part of the island, but even so we managed to find most of our target species. The first of our target species that we saw was the 'small island specialist' Grey Imperial-Pigeon, which we thought was a very smart looking bird. However, this bird paled into insignificance, compared to our next target species the very beautiful Pied Imperial-Pigeon, which we enjoyed excellent looks at. Great spotting by Tony produced a solitary Metallic Pigeon; it was great to see this uncommon bird so well. We then watched a magnificent adult White-bellied Sea-Eagle fly out to sea, before shortly returning to the island. More great spotting by Tony allowed us to watch another of the 'small island specialities' a female Black-naped Fruit-Dove. We had an uneventful crossing back to Mabul Island, before taking the boat back to the mainland at Semporna. Here we were met by our driver and his 40 seater coach! We then drove through endless oil palm plantations, to Lahad Datu, where we spent the night. During the drive we did glimpse two new species for the tour, Black-shouldered Kite and Emerald Dove.

Leaving Lahad Datu after breakfast, we drove through logged forest to the famous Danum Valley Conservation Area. After a long and uneventful drive we arrived at Borneo Rainforest Lodge, which was to be our very pleasant home for the next four nights. The Borneo Rainforest Lodge is without doubt one of the best tropical forest birding venues in the world. Following lunch we walked back along the access road, to the canopy walkway. Along the way we enjoyed super looks at a small flock of Bushy-crested Hornbills, a stunning Black-headed Pitta, great looks at the attractive Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker and one or two Dark-throated Orioles. The walkway was very quiet but we did have a Wallace's Hawk-Eagle fly overhead. Birding around the lodge, which is situated on the edge of a large river, produced great looks at Stork-billed Kingfisher and some of the party had a good look at the very uncommon Great-billed Heron. A large, fruiting fig tree, very close to the lodge had good numbers of birds feeding in it, but even more impressive was a family party of Bornean Orangutans, mum, dad and two young ones. To see the 'Man of the Forest', which is the literal translation of Orangutan, in its forest kingdom was a thrilling site and was without doubt one of the great highlights of the tour. Other mammals seen around the lodge included Least Pygmy Squirrel and a very tame and confiding Bearded Pig. Following dinner, we did a night drive, in a large, open truck. We added two species of mammals to our now very large list of mammals we had seen on the tour. We were very fortunate to spotlight a Sunda Slow Loris, a small, nocturnal primate, as the name would suggest, it didn't move much and we were able to get a good look at it in the spotlight. A little later in the evening we enjoyed really close looks at a family party of Sambar, the largest species of deer in Southeast Asia.

Following an early breakfast we walked back down the access road, which is always a good birding area. At the start of the walk there was a small pond and sitting above the pond was a superb Blue-eared Kingfisher, which we were able to see really well. Shortly afterwards a brightly coloured Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker popped up in front of us and we were pleased to add another species of Flowerpecker to our list. We then heard the whistled call of the Chestnut-necklaced Partridge, a shy inhabitant of lowland rainforest. Peering inside the forest, one or two of us saw the bird standing motionless as it called

loudly. Unfortunately, it moved off and not everyone got to see it. On reaching the canopy walkway; we walked along it with much anticipation, but unfortunately, once again, it was very quiet. However, we enjoyed excellent looks at a pair of Jerdon's Bazaes, which showed very well. We also enjoyed good prolonged looks at a rather drab female Pale-blue Flycatcher, an uncommon bird which only occurs high in the canopy of un-logged forest. As we were walking back to the lodge a beautiful male Crimson Sunbird was seen well along the roadside, followed shortly afterwards by a pair of Rufous Piculets, a diminutive species of woodpecker, who were foraging around in dense undergrowth just a metre above the ground. As we neared the lodge we were delighted to find a small troop of Red-leaf Monkeys, a particularly attractive species of monkey. We then came across a pair of Muller's Bornean Gibbons, which rounded the morning off perfectly. While enjoying lunch, we watched a male Red-throated Sunbird, feeding in a flowering shrub, just a few metres away. After lunch and a short siesta we went back to the small pond and there was a different species of kingfisher sitting there; the tiny but very attractive Black-backed Kingfisher, a shy bird of small forest streams. It was then time to hit the trails and we went inside the forest looking for some of its more skulking inhabitants. New birds on the afternoon walk included Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Orange-backed Woodpecker, Sooty-capped and Grey-headed Babblers and the very attractive and uncommon Black Magpie. Then the calls of Bornean Bristleheads were heard and after a few very tense minutes, there they were, directly overhead and just several metres away. It was a small family party who performed very well for us; it was undoubtedly the birding highlight of the whole tour, as this single family species, was voted bird of the trip. Shortly prior to dinner, some group members witnessed a Malayan Flying Lemur glide from one tree to another, right next to the dining room and then amazingly, it glided right across the river, before disappearing into the forest.

The following day we hit the trails after breakfast and enjoyed an excellent morning's birding starting with a smart male Bornean Blue-Flycatcher, a stunning male Diard's Trogon and a superb female Blue-headed Pitta rounded off the morning. In the afternoon, persistence paid off along the trails with good looks at Green Imperial-Pigeon, Helmeted Hornbill, Spotted Fantail and best of all a Striped Wren-Babbler. After dinner we did a short night walk and were rewarded with splendid views in the spotlight of a couple of Buffy Fish-Owls. Later in the evening we spotlighted the little known Binturong, a nocturnal species of civet, which lives in the canopy of the forest. The local naturalist guide, who worked at the lodge, had been leading these night walks, two nights a week, for over 12 years and this was the first Binturong he had ever seen!

Next day, we worked the access road, driving to the gate of the lodge and slowly working our way back to the lodge. As we slowly potted our way along the road we were soon enjoying great scope views of a pair of White-fronted Falconets. The only other bird of note was an uncommon Black-and-white Bulbul, which flew across the road in front of us. Unfortunately, we were unable to go birding in the afternoon as a large tropical storm triggered a huge downpour of rain, which persisted all afternoon. However, Kathy continued to bird from her verandah which overlooked the river and thanks to her effort we all managed to enjoy good scope views of Oriental Darter and the endangered Lesser Fish-Eagle.

Pre-breakfast birding the following morning from the canopy walkway, produced a small flock of Fiery Minivets and deep in the forest, we enjoyed good looks at a Black-throated Wren-Babbler, which our local native guide called in by imitating the birds call.

Following breakfast Ruth spotted a small bat hanging from a leaf, careful examination of the bat, proved it to be a Lesser Woolly Horseshoe Bat. Much of the rest of the day was taken up by the long bumpy drive back to Lahad Datu, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch, followed by an equally long and bumpy drive to Sukau Rainforest Lodge.

However, we did break the drive with a quick visit to Gomatong Cave, where we found four species of swiftlets on the nest and were amazed at the lengths people will go to put a bowl of bird spit on the table! At Sukau, just before reaching the river, we enjoyed good looks at a Lesser Adjutant soaring overhead. After settling in at the lodge, we went for a short boat trip along a quiet backwater where we enjoyed good looks at Black Hornbill and a stunning Green Broadbill, our sixth species of broadbill for the tour! We also watched a large troop of Proboscis Monkeys, a large male, several females and a lot of babies. It was a marvelous end to the day and a real reminder of wild Borneo.

On our final morning we had time for a short pre-breakfast boat trip, where we added two new species to our now very large bird list. We enjoyed good looks at a perched Grey-headed Fish-Eagle, followed by a pair of Wrinkled Hornbills who flew directly overhead, this very uncommon species of hornbill is a true lowland forest specialist. We then packed up and took a long boat trip to Sandakan and onward flights to our various destinations. During the flights we could all sit back and reflect on a marvelous tour with many great birds and mammals, in a truly fantastic setting.

## SYSTAMATIC LIST

### SULIDAE

**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster* A pair of birds observed well off Sipadan Island.

## ANHINGIDAE

**Oriental Darter** *Anhinga melanogaster* Several good sightings in Borneo.

## FREGATIDAE

**Great Frigatebird** *Fregata minor* At least four individuals amongst a much larger flock of Lesser Frigatebirds, just off Sipadan Island.

**Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel* Small numbers around Mabul Island, followed by a large flock of approximately two dozen birds off Sipadan Island.

## ARDEIDAE

**Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea* A few birds seen well at Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

**Great-billed Heron** *Ardea sumatrana* This very uncommon species was observed by some members of the group, along the river, at the Borneo Rainforest Lodge.

**Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea* A few good sightings throughout the tour.

**Great Egret** *Ardea alba* We enjoyed several good sightings of this common species.

**Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia* A solitary bird was observed at Kota Kinabalu.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta* Good numbers in swampland in peninsular Malaysia.

**Pacific Reef-Egret** *Egretta sacra* Both light and dark morph birds present at Mabul and Sipadan Islands.

**Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis* A few birds observed, mainly around Kota Kinabalu.

**Striated Heron** *Butorides striatus* Great looks at Kuala Selangor Nature Park, followed by a single sighting at Kota Kinabalu.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax* Large numbers nesting at a small swamp near Rawang, in peninsular Malaysia.

**Rufous Night-Heron** *Nycticorax caledonicus* Small numbers on Mabul and Sipadan Islands, these birds were at the extreme northern edge of their range.

**Cinnamon Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus* One seen well at Likas Wetlands and a second bird seen along the roadside, not far from Semporna.

## CICONIIDAE

**Lesser Adjutant** *Leptoptilos javanicus* Seen well at Sukau and along the Kinbatangan River. This species is listed as vulnerable in 'Threatened Birds of the World'.

## ANATIDAE

**Wandering Whistling-Duck** *Dendrocygna arcuata* A small flock was present at the Likas Wetlands, over the past ten years this species has been spreading slowly northwards from southern Borneo.

## ACCIPIDTRIDAE

**Jerdon's Baza** *Aviceda jerdoni* This uncommon species was seen well on a couple of occasions in the Danum Valley Conservation Area.

**Oriental Honey-buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus* One bird seen very well flying overhead, close to the township of Jeruntut, in peninsular Malaysia.

**Black-shouldered Kite** *Elanus caeruleus* Seen along the roadside, close to the township of Kunak, in northeastern Borneo.

- Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus* Several good sightings.
- White-bellied Sea-Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster* One at Sipadan Island, four birds together over the bay at Lahad Datu and a single bird along the Kinabatangan River.
- Lesser Fish-Eagle** *Ichthyophaga humilis* Thanks to Kathy's great spotting we enjoyed wonderful scope views of a perched bird at the Borneo Rainforest Lodge.
- Grey-headed Fish-Eagle** *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* One seen in flight and then perched,  
along the Kinabatangan River.
- Crested Serpent-Eagle** *Spilornis cheela* Seen in flight in the Gombak Valley, one seen well perched in mangroves in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park and one seen on the drive from Lahad Datu to the Danum Valley Conservation Area.
- Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malayensis* A solitary bird was seen briefly at The Gap.
- Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus cirrhatus* Seen perched along the Tembeling River and seen once again in Taman Negara National Park.
- Blyth's Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus alboniger* A female seen briefly at Fraser's Hill, followed by a much better sighting during the drive from Taman Negara National Park to Kuala Lumpur.
- Wallace's Hawk-Eagle** *Spizaetus nanus* Seen well on a few occasions in the Danum Valley. This species is listed as vulnerable in 'Threatened Birds of the World'.

#### FALCONIDAE

- Black-thighed Falconet** *Microhierax fringillarius* Several good sightings in peninsular Malaysia.
- White-fronted Falconet** *Microhierax latifrons* Seen well at Danum Valley and again along the Kinabatangan River. This diminutive species of falcon is endemic to Borneo.

#### PHASIANIDAE

- Blue-breasted Quail** *Coturnix chinensis* A small covey of half a dozen or so birds was observed in a small area of grassland, close to Rawang, in peninsular Malaysia.
- Red-breasted Partridge** *Arborophila hyperythra* A solitary bird was seen briefly as the start of the track up to Mt. Kinabalu. This bird is rarely observed and is endemic to Borneo.
- Chestnut-necklaced Partridge** *Arborophila charltonii* Seen briefly in dense cover at Danum Valley, by one or two members of the group.
- Crimson-headed Partridge** *Haematortyx sanguiniceps* Chris and Tony saw a pair run across a walking track in Mt. Kinabalu National Park. This is another species that is rarely seen, it is also endemic to Borneo.
- Crested Partridge** *Rollulus rouloul* A family party observed on the dimly lit forest floor in Taman Negara National Park.
- Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus* Great spotting by Judy, enabled us to watch a couple of cock junglefowls at the rubbish tip at Fraser's Hill.
- Crested Fireback** *Lophura ignita* Very tame individuals of the race *rufa* observed around our cottages in Taman Negara National Park and equally tame individuals of the race *mabilis* observed around our cottages in Danum Valley.

## RALLIDAE

**White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus* Seen briefly along the roadside on the drive to Kuala Tembeling, followed by much better views at Likas Wetlands, in Kota Kinabalu.

**Purple Swamphen** *Porphyrio porphyrio* An uncommon species in Borneo, we saw it well at the Likas Wetlands. The Purple Swamphen of Australia, is now split off from this species and is now known as the Australian Purple Swamphen.

**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus* Many birds present at the Likas Wetlands.

## CHARADRIIDAE

**Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus* Seen well at a small area of grassland, close to Rawang and there were good numbers present along the Tembeling River, during the boat trip to Taman Negara National Park.

## STERNIDAE

**Little Tern** *Sterna albifrons* An uncommon non-breeding visitor to the coast of Borneo, probably from breeding colonies off the coast of peninsular Malaysia. We enjoyed good close looks at several birds flying around the bay at Kota Kinabalu.

## COLUMBIDAE

**Feral Pigeon** *Columba livia* Commonly observed around towns and villages.

**Metallic Pigeon** *Columba vitiensis* A highly localised species, great spotting by Tony enabled the group to enjoy good looks at a solitary individual on Sipadan Island.

**Spotted Dove** *Streptopelia chinensis* Plenty on roadside wires, throughout the whole tour.

**Little Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia ruficeps* Small numbers present at Fraser's Hill and on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica* This species is much more shy in Malaysia than in Australia and it is normally only observed in flight, this was the case with both our sightings; firstly, on the drive from Semporna to Lahad Datu and secondly, on the drive from Danum Valley to Lahad Datu.

**Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata* A few around Kuala Lumpur and also small numbers around Kota Kinabalu.

**Little Green-Pigeon** *Treron olax* Small numbers observed in Taman Negara National Park.

**Pink-necked Green-Pigeon** *Treron vernans* Several seen in flight in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park and a pair seen very well perched in a tree at the Likas Wetlands at Kota Kinabalu.

**Large Green-Pigeon** *Treron capellei* We recorded a large flock of this uncommon species from one of the hides in Taman Negara National Park, followed by a second sighting of a few birds feeding in the same national park. This species is listed as vulnerable in 'Threatened Birds of the World'.

**Black-naped Fruit-Dove** *Ptilinopus melanospila* Once again, thanks to good spotting by Tony, we enjoyed good looks at a female bird on Sipadan Island. This uncommon bird is very much a small-island specialist.

- Green Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula aenea* A few birds observed at Danum Valley, followed by a few birds flying over the Kinabatangan River.
- Grey Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula pickeringii* Great, very close sightings of this highly localised small-island specialist, on Sipadan Island. This species is listed as vulnerable in 'Threatened Birds of the World'.
- Mountain Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula badia* First seen in flight in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park; followed by further sightings, again of birds in flight, on Mt. Kinabalu.
- Pied Imperial-Pigeon** *Ducula bicolor* Another small-island specialist, it proved to be fairly common on Sipadan Island.

#### PSITTACIDAE

- Blue-rumped Parrot** *Psittinus cyanurus* Good numbers flying overhead in Taman Negara National Park; with smaller numbers present in Danum Valley.
- Blue-naped Parrot** *Tanygnathus lucionensis* Seen well in Kota Kinabalu; this species used to occur along the coast of Sabah and on small offshore islands, unfortunately, these birds became extirpated, mainly due to trapping for the pet trade industry. The present birds are thought to originate from captive stock.
- Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot** *Loriculus galgulus* Many sightings, mainly of birds in flight. However, we did enjoy good looks at perched birds on the first day of the tour, in the Gombak Valley.

#### CUCULIDAE

- Oriental Cuckoo** *Cuculus saturatus* Great spotting by Kathy, enabled the group to enjoy super looks at this uncommon species in Mt. Kinabalu National Park.
- Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus* Seen by some members of the group, at our cottages in Danum Valley.
- Little Bronze-Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx minutillus* A very uncommon bird of the lowlands of Malaysia; we saw a solitary bird in Kuala Selangor Nature Park, in peninsular Malaysia, followed by a second individual along the Kinabatangan River, in Borneo.
- Asian Koel** *Eudynamis scolopacea* This uncommon resident, was only observed on one occasion; a solitary bird flew past the group in the gardens of the restaurant where we had lunch at Kuala Selangor.
- Black-bellied Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus diardi* Seen well in Taman Negara National Park and Danum Valley.
- Chestnut-bellied Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus* An uncommon species, which we saw very well in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park.
- Green-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus tristis* Confined to the higher mountains of Malaysia, we saw it well on one occasion at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill.
- Raffles' Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus chlorophaeus* Good sightings in Taman Negara National Park and in Danum Valley.
- Red-billed Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus javanicus* This uncommon species was seen very well on one occasion at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill.
- Chestnut-breasted Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris* This particularly attractive

species of malkoha, was seen well in Taman Negara National Park and again in Danum Valley.

**Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis* Several sightings throughout the tour.

**Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis* This far less common species of coucal was observed in a small area of grassland, close to Rawang, in peninsular Malaysia.

#### STRIGIDAE

**Buffy Fish-Owl** *Ketupa ketupu* A couple of birds seen well in the spotlight at Danum Valley.

**Brown Wood-Owl** *Strix leptogrammica* Seen very well at the army camp at Fraser's Hill and in the spotlight on two occasions in Danum Valley.

#### CAPRIMULGIDAE

**Malaysian Eared Nightjar** *Eurostopodus temminckii* Several seen by Chris one evening while walking to the dining room at Taman Negara National Park.

**Savanna Nightjar** *Caprimulgus affinis* Super looks in the daytime of a female in a small area of grassland, close to Rawang, in peninsular Malaysia.

#### APODIDAE

**Waterfall Swift** *Hydrochous gigas* A solitary bird was observed on one occasion flying above Poring Hot Springs. This very uncommon species is confined to the mountains of Peninsular Malaysia, Borneo, Sumatra and Java.

**Glossy Swiftlet** *Aerodramus esculenta* Commonly observed throughout much of the tour, with the exception of Mt. Kinabalu National Park, where it is replaced by the following species.

**Cave Swiftlet** *Aerodramus linchi* A recent split from Glossy Swiftlet, all the birds at Mt.

Kinabalu, where of this species.

**Mossy-nest Swiftlet** *Aerodramus salangana* A few seen on their neat vegetable nests at Gomatong Cave.

**Black-nest Swiftlet** *Aerodramus maximus* Seen on their distinctive black-and-white nests, deep inside Gomatong Cave.

**German's Swiftlet** *Aerodramus germani* Good numbers present at Fraser's Hill.

**Silver-rumped Needletail** *Rhaphidura leucopygialis* Commonly observed throughout the whole tour.

**Brown-backed Needletail** *Hirundapus giganteus* Seen by Chris at Taman Negara National Park while walking to the dining room one evening and observed by some tour participants in Danum Valley.

**House Swift** *Apus nipalensis* Commonly observed around Fraser's Hill, in peninsular Malaysia, it was actually nesting under the eaves of our hotel there and large numbers were nesting at Lahad Datu.

#### HEMIPROCNIDAE

**Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis* Common at Taman Negara National

Park and at Danum Valley.

**Whiskered Treeswift** *Hemiprocne comata* Excellent views of perched birds in the Gombak Valley and at Danum Valley.

#### TROGONIDAE

**Red-naped Trogon** *Harpactes kasumba* Super looks at Taman Negara National Park and again in Danum Valley.

**Diard's Trogon** *Harpactes diardii* Good looks at a nice male in Danum Valley.

**Scarlet-rumped Trogon** *Harpactes duvaucelii* We enjoyed a good sighting in Taman Negara National Park, followed by a second sighting in Danum Valley.

**Red-headed Trogon** *Harpactes erythrocephalus* We very much enjoyed a couple of good sightings at this stunning species of trogon, during our time at Fraser's Hill.

#### ALCEDINIDAE

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis* Seen briefly on the first day of the tour in the Gombak Valley.

**Blue-eared Kingfisher** *Alcedo meninting* Great views in Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River.

**Blue-banded Kingfisher** *Alcedo euryzona* Great spotting by Kathy, enabled the group to enjoy super scope views of this very uncommon species of forest kingfisher in the Taman Rimba Ampang Forest Reserve, close to Kuala Lumpur. This species is listed as vulnerable in 'Threatened Birds of the World'.

**Black-backed Kingfisher** *Ceyx erithacus* One bird seen very well above the pond at the Borneo Rainforest Lodge, in the Danum Valley.

**Rufous-backed Kingfisher** *Ceyx rufidorsa* Brilliant looks at this little gem, perched above a small stream in Taman Negara National Park.

**Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis* Good sightings in Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River.

**White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis* Many roadside sightings throughout peninsular Malaysia.

**Collared Kingfisher** *Todirhamphus chloris* Many roadside sightings throughout the tour.

#### MEROPIDAE

**Red-bearded Bee-eater** *Nyctyornis amictus* This uncommon forest inhabiting bee-eater was observed amongst the large mixed species feeding flock at Poring Hot Springs.

**Blue-throated Bee-eater** *Merops viridis* It was commonly encountered along all the larger rivers, where it nests in the riverbanks. I

#### CORACIIDAE

**Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis* Seen well in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park and along the Tembeling and Kinabatangan Rivers.

#### BUCEROTIDAE

**Oriental Pied-Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris* Several good sightings throughout

the tour.

**Black Hornbill** *Anthracosceros malayanus* Seen on only one occasion, during one of our boat trips along the Kinabatangan River.

**Rhinoceros Hornbill** *Buceros rhinoceros* Seen on one occasion at Fraser's Hill and it was a frequent visitor to the large fruiting fig tree at the Borneo Rainforest Lodge.

**Great Hornbill** *Buceros bicornis* We were very fortunate to observe a couple of these uncommon and very large hornbills. It happened quite by accident; Mano had spotted a Siamang as he was driving in the Gombak Valley, he stopped the vehicle and we walked back to observe it and we found a pair of Great Hornbills feeding in a neighboring tree.

**Helmeted Hornbill** *Buceros vigil* Often difficult to see, this large species of hornbill was seen well in the Danum Valley and again along the Kinabatangan River. This species is shy because for generations it has been hunted for its casque, which is solid and can be carved like ivory.

**Bushy-crested Hornbill** *Anorrhinus galeritus* Individuals seen at Danum Valley, followed by the unforgettable sighting of a whole group, huddled together roosting on a single branch, also at Danum Valley..

**Wrinkled Hornbill** *Aceros corrugatus* A pair flew directly above us during one of our boat trips along the Kinabatangan River, near Sukau.

**Wreathed Hornbill** *Aceros undulates* A few good sightings throughout the tour.

#### CAPITONIDAE

**Fire-tufted Barbet** *Psilopogon pyrolophus* Surely Asia's most attractive species of barbet, we saw it well on several occasions at Fraser's Hill.

**Gold-whiskered Barbet** *Megalaima chrysopogon* Seen well in the Gombak Valley, followed by even better sightings in the fruiting tree at our cottages, in Taman Negara National Park.

**Red-throated Barbet** *Megalaima mystacophanos* The fruiting fig tree also proved popular with this species.

**Black-browed Barbet** *Megalaima oorti* Proved to be common at Fraser's Hill.

**Yellow-crowned Barbet** *Megalaima henricii* Only observed in the fruiting tree at Taman Negara.

**Golden-naped Barbet** *Megalaima pulcherrima* Seen well on a couple of occasions on Mt. Kinabalu, this species is endemic to Borneo.

**Coppersmith Barbet** *Megalaima haemacephala* Seen in the grounds of the restaurant at Kuala Selangor and again in Taman Negara National Park.

**Brown Barbet** *Calorhamphus fuliginosus* Good sightings enjoyed in the Gombak Valley, followed by observations of the red throated race, at Danum Valley.

#### PICIDAE

**Rufous Piculet** *Sasia abnormis* A few really good looks at this stunning diminutive species of woodpecker in the Danum Valley.

**Grey-capped Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos canicapillus* A good sighting in the mangroves at Kuala Selangor Nature Park, followed by a second sighting in the

Danum Valley.

**Rufous Woodpecker** *Celeus brachyurus* Seen well in the grounds of our lodge at Taman Negara National Park, followed by a second sighting in the Danum Valley.

**Banded Woodpecker** *Picus mineaceus* This uncommon species was observed at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill and again in Taman Negara National Park.

**Lesser Yellownape** *Picus chlorolophus* Seen well in a mixed species feeding flock at Fraser's Hill.

**Checker-throated Woodpecker** *Picus mentalis* Seen by Chris in Mt. Kinabalu National Park.

**Laced Woodpecker** *Picus vittatus* Seen well on one occasion in mangroves at Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

**Olive-backed Woodpecker** *Dinopium rafflesii* Seen by some members of the group in the Danum Valley.

**Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense* Seen on only one occasion, in Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

**Bamboo Woodpecker** *Gecinulus viridis* Seen by Chris at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill.

**Maroon Woodpecker** *Blythipicus rubiginosus* Seen briefly on one occasion in the Gombak Valley.

**Bay Woodpecker** *Blythipicus pyrrhotis* This uncommon species was seen well on one occasion amongst a mixed species feeding flock at Fraser's Hill.

**Orange-backed Woodpecker** *Reinwardtipicus validus* This very large species of woodpecker was observed on a couple of occasions at Danum Valley.

**Buff-necked Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes tukki* Michael found a pair nesting close to his cottage in Taman Negara National Park, which we all saw very well and we also enjoyed a further sighting in the Danum Valley.

**Great Slaty Woodpecker** *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* This uncommon species, is the world's largest species of woodpecker; we saw a small family party in Taman Negara National Park and Ruth has the scars to prove it!

#### EURYLAIMIDAE

**Black-and-red Broadbill** *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos* This stunning bird proved common in Taman Negara National Park and in the Danum Valley.

**Banded Broadbill** *Eurylaimus javanicus* Several scattered sightings.

**Black-and-yellow Broadbill** *Eurylaimus ochromalus* Once again, we enjoyed several sightings of this little stunner.

**Long-tailed Broadbill** *Psarisomus dalhousiae* We were very fortunate to see this very uncommon species of broadbill close to our hotel at Fraser's Hill.

**Green Broadbill** *Calyptomena viridis* This uncommon species was observed on only one occasion, during the first boat trip along the Kinabatangan River.

**Whitehead's Broadbill** *Calyptomena whiteheadi* This very uncommon species was observed by Chris on Mt. Kinabalu National Park. This species is endemic to the mountains of northern Borneo.

#### PITTIDAE

**Banded Pitta** *Pitta guajana* Great looks on three separate occasions of birds responding well to tape playback in Taman Negara National Park.

**Blue-headed Pitta** *Pitta baudii* This uncommon species was observed very well in the Danum Valley. This species is endemic to Borneo and is listed as vulnerable in 'Threatened Birds of the World'.

**Black-headed Pitta** *Pitta ussheri* Split off from Garnet Pitta of peninsular Malaysia, we will never forget the bird sat on top of the fallen log, in the forest at Danum Valley.

#### HIRUNDINIDAE

**Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica* Seen on almost every day of the tour.

**Striated Swallow** *Hirundo striolata* A pair was seen very well on one occasion at Fraser's Hill.

#### MOTACILLIDAE

**Oriental Pipit** *Anthus rufulus* A few good sightings in areas of grassland, throughout the tour.

#### CAMPEPHAGIDAE

**Javan Cuckoo-shrike** *Coracina javensis* Proved to be common at Fraser's Hill.

**Pied Triller** *Lalage nigra* Good numbers present in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

**Fiery Minivet** *Pericrocotus igneus* A family party observed by Chris from the canopy walkway in Danum Valley.

**Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus* First observed amongst a mixed species feeding flock at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill, followed by a second sighting of a pair also amongst a mixed species feeding flock at Poring Hot Springs.

**Grey-chinned Minivet** *Pericrocotus solaris* A species which only occurs in montane forest, small flocks were commonplace at Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu National Park.

**Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus picatus* Another species of montane forest, which was in the mixed species feeding flocks at Fraser's Hill and The Gap.

**Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike** *Hemipus hirundinaceus* This species replaces the above species at lower altitude. It was found amongst mixed species feeding flocks at Poring Hot Springs and the Danum Valley.

#### PCNONOTIDAE

**Black-and-white Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanoleucus* This uncommon species of bulbul was seen on two separate occasions along the access road at Danum Valley.

**Black-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus atriceps* Common in peninsular Malaysia, there was also much smaller numbers at Danum Valley.

**Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus melanicterus* Commonly observed in the Gombak Valley and at Fraser's Hill.

**Scaly-breasted Bulbul** *Pycnonotus squamatus* We were fortunate to observe this uncommon species extremely well, on the first day of the tour, in the Gombak Valley.

**Grey-bellied Bulbul** *Pycnonotus cyaniventris* This uncommon species was only

observed on the first day of the tour, in the Gombak Valley.

**Puff-backed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus eutilotus* This uncommon species was only observed on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park.

**Stripe-throated Bulbul** *Pycnonotus finlaysoni* Many good sightings throughout peninsular Malaysia.

**Flavescent Bulbul** *Pycnonotus flavescens* This species is restricted to montane forest, we saw it on only one occasion, a pair of birds were in the mixed species feeding flock at Poring Hot Springs.

**Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goiavier* The common bulbul in disturbed habitat, seen on almost every day of the tour.

**Olive-winged Bulbul** *Pycnonotus plumosus* Seen well on a number of occasions in both peninsular Malaysia and Borneo.

**Cream-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus simplex* We enjoyed a few good sightings of this uncommon species in Taman Negara, Poring Hot Springs and Danum Valley.

**Red-eyed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus brunneus* This very plain species of bulbul was observed on many days throughout the tour.

**Spectacled Bulbul** *Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos* Good sightings in Taman Negara National Park and all throughout Borneo.

**Finsch's Bulbul** *Criniger finschii* We were fortunate to enjoy good looks at this scarce bird in Taman Negara National Park.

**Ochraceous Bulbul** *Alophoixus ochraceus* A bird of montane forest, we saw it very well at Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu National Park.

**Grey-cheeked Bulbul** *Alophoixus bres* Proved to be fairly common in Taman Negara National Park and at Danum Valley.

**Yellow-bellied Bulbul** *Alophoixus phaeocephalus* Good sightings at Taman Negara National Park, Poring Hot Springs and Danum Valley.

**Hairy-backed Bulbul** *Tricholestes criniger* An uncommon species of bulbul; we saw a few in Taman Negara National Park and one or two in the Danum Valley.

**Buff-vented Bulbul** *Iole olivacea* A common bird throughout forested areas of peninsular Malaysia.

**Streaked Bulbul** *Ixos malaccensis* Fairly common in Taman Negara National Park and at Danum Valley.

**Mountain Bulbul** *Ixos mccllellandii* A montane forest specialist, we saw it very well on one occasion at Fraser's Hill.

**Ashy Bulbul** *Hemixos flavala* A few good sightings in peninsular Malaysia.

#### CHLOROPSEIDAE

**Greater Green Leafbird** *Chloropsis sonnerati* Seen at Fraser's Hill, The Gap and in the Danum Valley.

**Lesser Green Leafbird** *Chloropsis cyanopogon* Scattered sightings throughout the tour.

**Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* Small numbers present at Fraser's Hill and The Gap.

**Orange-bellied Leafbird** *Chloropsis hardwickii* Another montane forest specialist, which we saw well at Fraser's Hill.

## AEGITHINIDAE

**Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia* Seen well in the Gombak Valley, Fraser's Hill and at Kota Kinabalu.

**Green Iora** *Aegithina viridissima* Much less common than the above species; we recorded it at Taman Negara National Park, Poring Hot Springs and in Danum Valley.

## TURDIDAE

**Bornean Whistling-Thrush** *Myophonus glaucinus* Seen well in Mt. Kinabalu National Park, this striking species is endemic to the mountains of northern Borneo.

**Lesser Shortwing** *Brachypteryx leucophrys* A very skulking inhabitant of dense ground cover in broadleaved evergreen forest. We were very fortunate that a solitary bird responded well to tape playback at Fraser's Hill, allowing unusually good looks.

## CISTICOLIDAE

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis* Seen on a couple of occasions in peninsular Malaysia, by far the best observations were at a small area of grassland, close to Rawang.

**Rufescent Prinia** *Prinia rufescens* Only seen on the first day of the tour in the Gombak Valley, where it was seen very well on numerous occasions. It was actually the first bird we saw on the tour.

**Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris* Regular sightings throughout the tour.

## SYLVIIDAE

**Sunda Bush-Warbler** *Cettia vulcania* This species is very tame in Mt. Kinabalu National Park.

**Mountain Tailorbird** *Orthotomus cuculatus* As the name would suggest this species is a montane forest specialist. We saw it well at Fraser's Hill and on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius* A common bird throughout peninsular Malaysia.

**Dark-necked Tailorbird** *Orthotomus atrogularis* Many good sightings throughout the tour.

**Rufous-tailed Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sericeus* Frequent sightings throughout the tour.

**Ashy Tailorbird** *Orthotomus ruficeps* Good sightings in both peninsular Malaysia and Borneo.

**Mountain Leaf-Warbler** *Phylloscopus trivirgatus* Only observed on Mt. Kinabalu, this montane forest specialist is very common there.

**Chestnut-crowned Warbler** *Seicercus castaniceps* Formed part of the mixed species feeding flocks at Fraser's Hill.

**Yellow-breasted Warbler** *Seicercus montis* Another montane speciality; this attractive species was very common on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Yellow-bellied Warbler** *Abroscopus superciliaris* This species was observed in the mixed species feeding flocks at Fraser's Hill and The Gap.

**Striated Grassbird** *Megalurus palustris* One bird seen very well at the Likas Wetlands, in Kota Kinabalu.

## MUSCICAPIDAE

- Grey-chested Jungle-Flycatcher** *Rhinomyias umbratilis* Seen by Chris on one occasion at Danum Valley.
- Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra* A common bird of montane forests, we saw it on a couple of occasions on Mt. Kinabalu.
- Rufous-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula solitaria* This very uncommon species was observed on a couple of occasions at Fraser's Hill.
- Rufous-chested Flycatcher** *Ficedula dumetaria* Seen by Kathy in Taman Negara National Park.
- Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni* Yet another montane forest speciality, which proved to be not uncommon at Fraser's Hill and Mt. Kinabalu.
- Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassina* A few good sightings of this attractive species in the Gombak Valley and at Fraser's Hill.
- Indigo Flycatcher** *Eumyias indigo* Another montane forest speciality, we only saw it on Mt. Kinabalu, where it was very common.
- Large Niltava** *Niltava grandis* This uncommon species was observed on a couple of occasions at Fraser's Hill.
- Pale Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis unicolor* An uncommon bird of primary lowland rainforest, which always stays high in the canopy, making it very difficult to see well. This is where canopy walkways prove their worth, we watched a female at eye level for quite some time, from the canopy walkway at Danum Valley.
- Malaysian Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis turcosus* This scarce resident was seen well in Taman Negara National Park and at Danum Valley.
- Bornean Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis superbus* This uncommon species is endemic to Borneo; we saw it well on one occasion in the Danum Valley.
- Tickell's Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis tickelliae* A solitary bird responded well to tape playback in Taman Negara National Park.
- Mangrove Blue-Flycatcher** *Cyornis rufigastra* This uncommon resident is a mangrove specialist, which we saw very well in Kuala Selangor Nature Park.
- Pygmy Blue-Flycatcher** *Muscicapella hodgsoni* This very uncommon species of flycatcher was observed fairly well on one occasion at Fraser's Hill.
- Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis* Seen well on a couple of occasions at Fraser's Hill.
- Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis* Very common throughout peninsular Malaysia, nowhere near as common in Borneo.
- White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus* Proved to be common in Taman Negara National Park.
- White-crowned Shama** *Copsychus stricklandii* Endemic to northeastern Borneo, where this very attractive species proved to be common.
- Slaty-backed Forktail** *Enicurus schistaceus* A super bird which we played hide-and-seek with at Fraser's Hill.
- White-crowned Forktail** *Enicurus leschenaulti* Seen briefly in Mt. Kinabalu National Park.

## RHIPIDURIDAE

**White-throated Fantail** *Rhipidura albicollis* Seen on many occasions throughout the tour.

**Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica* Also proved to be fairly common throughout the tour.

**Spotted Fantail** *Rhipidura perlata* Far less common than the above two species, we only saw this species on one occasion, in Danum Valley.

## MONARCHIDEA

**Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea* Commonly encountered throughout the tour.

**Asian Paradise-Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi* Super looks at this very attractive species in Taman Negara National Park and in Danum Valley.

## PACHYCEPHALIDAE

**Mangrove Whistler** *Pachycephala grisola* As the name would suggest, this species is a mangrove speciality, which we saw very well in Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

**Bornean Whistler** *Pachycephala hypoxantha* Endemic to the higher mountains of northern Borneo, we enjoyed many good looks at this species in Mt. Kinabalu National Park.

## TIMALIIDAE

**Sunda Laughingthrush** *Garrulax palliatus* Endemic to mountain forests of Sumatra and northern Borneo, it could always be found in the mixed species feeding flocks on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Black Laughingthrush** *Garrulax lugubris* An uncommon and shy member of the mixed species feeding flocks at Fraser's Hill and The Gap.

**Bare-headed Laughingthrush** *Garrulax calvus* This uncommon species is endemic to the mountains of northern Borneo, where its numbers continue to decline. It was seen by Chris on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush** *Garrulax mitratus* Another montane speciality which proved to be common at Fraser's Hill and on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush** *Garrulax erythrocephalus* Seen well on one occasion at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill.

**White-chested Babbler** *Trichastoma rostratum* Recorded at Taman Negara National Park, Danum Valley and along the Kinabatangan River.

**Ferruginous Babbler** *Trichastoma bicolor* We saw this uncommon and attractive species, on a couple of occasions in Taman Negara National Park.

**Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti* Common and tame in Taman Negara National Park.

**Short-tailed Babbler** *Malacocincla malaccensis* First observed in Taman Negara National Park, followed by much better sightings in the Danum Valley.

**Buff-breasted Babbler** *Pellorneum tickelli* This ultra skulker was glimpsed on a couple of occasions at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill.

**Black-capped Babbler** *Pellorneum capistratum* Another elusive species, however, we managed to get good looks in Taman Negara National Park and in the Danum Valley.

**Moustached Babbler** *Malacopteron magnirostre* Seen well on a couple of occasions in Taman Negara National Park.

**Sooty-capped Babbler** *Malacopteron affine* Showed well on a few occasions in Danum Valley.

**Scaly-crowned Babbler** *Malacopteron cinereum* A common bird of lowland rainforest which we saw well in Taman Negara National Park and in Danum Valley.

**Rufous-crowned Babbler** *Malacopteron magnum* Similar in many respects to the above species, we also saw it well in Taman Negara National Park and in Danum Valley.

**Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler** *Pomatorhinus montanus* This uncommon resident was observed on a couple of occasions, in mixed species feeding flocks at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill.

**Striped Wren-Babbler** *Kenopia striata* This uncommon bird of lowland rainforest, was observed well on one occasion in the Danum Valley.

**Black-throated Wren-Babbler** *Napothera atrigularis* A rare inhabitant of lowland and hill forests, this attractive species is endemic to Borneo. Amazingly, our native guide at Danum Valley, called this species in, by imitating its call. We were able to enjoy great looks at this super bird.

**Streaked Wren-Babbler** *Napothera brevicaudata* A solitary bird responded well to tape playback at Fraser's Hill, providing us with good looks, as it foraged on the dimly lit forest floor.

**Mountain Wren-Babbler** *Napothera crassa* This uncommon species is endemic to the mountains of northern Borneo. Chris and Tony watched a family party foraging together on the forest floor, on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Golden Babbler** *Stachyris chrysaea* A rather skulking species, which we saw surprisingly well on a couple of occasions at Fraser's Hill.

**Grey-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps* Another montane speciality, we enjoyed a few good sightings at Fraser's Hill and on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Grey-headed Babbler** *Stachyris poliocephala* This uncommon species was seen well on one occasion in the Danum Valley.

**Black-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigricollis* Another uncommon species which we saw well on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park.

**Chestnut-winged Babbler** *Stachyris erythroptera* Commonly encountered in Taman Negara National Park and again in the Danum Valley.

**Striped Tit-Babbler** *Macronous gularis* A common bird throughout peninsular Malaysia and Borneo.

**Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler** *Macronous ptilosus* Seen well by Kathy in the Danum Valley.

**Silver-eared Mesia** *Leiothrix argentauris* We enjoyed super looks at this stunning species on a number of occasions at Fraser's Hill.

**White-browed Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius flaviscapis* Another attractive species which we again saw well at Fraser's Hill and on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Black-eared Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius melanotis* This uncommon montane speciality was seen on one occasion at Fraser's Hill, amongst a mixed species feeding flock.

**Blue-winged Minla** *Minla cyanouroptera* Another montane speciality, it was always

- present in the mixed species feeding flocks at Fraser's Hill.
- Brown Fulvetta** *Alcippe brunneicauda* This uncommon species was seen well on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park.
- Mountain Fulvetta** *Alcippe peracensis* As the name would suggest, this is another montane speciality, which proved common amongst the mixed species feeding flocks at Fraser's Hill.
- Long-tailed Sibia** *Heterophasia picaoides* This is a common species at Fraser's Hill, but it is the only place in the world, where it is common.
- Chestnut-crested Yuhina** *Yuhina everetti* Endemic to the mountains of northern Borneo, this attractive species was common on Mt. Kinabalu.
- White-bellied Yuhina** *Yuhina zantholeuca* Seen well at Fraser's Hill and in the Danum Valley.

#### ACANTHIZIDAE

- Golden-bellied Gerygone** *Gerygone sulphurea* Seen at Kuala Selangor Nature Park, Taman Negara National Park and on Sipadan Island.

#### PARIDAE

- Great Tit** *Parus major* An uncommon species in Malaysia, we saw a pair very well in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park.
- Sultan Tit** *Melanochlora sultanea* This uncommon and very attractive species was seen at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill and in Taman Negara National Park.

#### SITTIDAE

- Velvet-fronted Nuthatch** *Sitta frontalis* Observed on one occasion in a mixed species feeding flock at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill. It proved to be common on Mt. Kinabalu.
- Blue Nuthatch** *Sitta azurea* This uncommon and delightful species was observed on one occasion amongst a mixed species feeding flock at Fraser's Hill.

#### NECTARINIIDAE

- Ruby-cheeked Sunbird** *Chalcoparia singalensis* Commonly encountered in peninsular Malaysia.
- Plain Sunbird** *Anthreptes simplex* This uncommon species was seen well at Poring Hot Springs, where it was seen particularly well from the canopy walkway. Exactly the same situation occurred in the Danum Valley, where it was seen particularly well from the canopy walkway.
- Plain-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis* A number of good sightings throughout the tour.
- Red-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes rhodolaema* An uncommon species which we saw well on a few occasions in the Danum Valley.
- Purple-naped Sunbird** *Hypogramma hypogrammicum* Scattered sightings throughout the tour.
- Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis* Seen well on several occasions.
- Black-throated Sunbird** *Aethopyga saturata* An uncommon species which we saw well on a couple of occasions at Fraser's Hill.

**Crimson Sunbird** *Aethopyga siparaja* Seen well on one occasion in the Danum Valley.

**Temminck's Sunbird** *Aethopyga temminckii* Proved to be common on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Spectacled Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera flavigaster* Seen on numerous occasions throughout the tour.

**Long-billed Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera robusta* Seen well on the first day of the tour in the Gombak Valley and proved to be fairly plentiful in the Danum Valley.

**Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra* Proved to be common throughout Borneo.

**Yellow-eared Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera chrysogenys* Seen on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park and commonly encountered in Borneo.

**Grey-breasted Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera modesta* Observed on one occasion in the Gombak Valley, followed by several good sightings in Borneo.

**Streaky-breasted Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera affinis* Sometimes referred to as Bornean Spiderhunter, this uncommon species is endemic to Mt. Kinabalu and surrounding areas. We were very fortunate to enjoy good looks at a solitary bird amongst a mixed species feeding flock at Poring Hot Springs.

**Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna* Commonly encountered at Fraser's Hill.

#### DICAEIDAE

**Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus maculatus* Commonly encountered in Danum Valley.

**Yellow-rumped Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus xanthopygius* This attractive species was only observed on one occasion, in the Danum Valley. This species is endemic to Borneo.

**Yellow-vented Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* This uncommon species was only recorded at Kuala Tembeling, shortly before boarding the boat to Taman Negara National Park.

**Orange-bellied Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum trigonostigma* Commonly encountered throughout the tour.

**Fire-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum ignipectus* This montane forest specialist, was seen well on a couple of occasions at Fraser's Hill.

**Black-sided Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum monticulum* This attractive species is endemic to the higher mountains of northern Borneo. It was common in Mt. Kinabalu National Park.

#### ZOSTEROPIDAE

**Oriental White-eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus* Surprisingly, this common species was only recorded in Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

**Black-capped White-eye** *Zosterops atricapillus* Yet another montane speciality, it proved common in Mt. Kinabalu National Park.

**Everett's White-eye** *Zosterops everetti* Another montane speciality, which we saw well at The Gap, near Fraser's Hill and on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Pygmy White-eye** *Oculocincta squamifrons* This uncommon and elusive species, is seldom seen. Chris and Kathy enjoyed good looks at a pair of birds on Mt. Kinabalu. This species is endemic to the mountains of northern Borneo.

**Mountain Black-eye** *Chlorocharis emiliae* This species is also endemic to the higher

mountains of northern Borneo. We saw it well on one occasion on Mt. Kinabalu.

#### ORIOLIDAE

**Dark-throated Oriole** *Oriolus xanthonotus* We saw this uncommon species well on a few occasions in the Danum Valley.

**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis* This very attractive species proved to be common in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park, with smaller numbers present in Taman Negara National Park.

**Black-and-crimson Oriole** *Oriolus cruentus* Another attractive montane speciality which we saw well at Fraser's Hill and on Mt. Kinabalu.

#### IRENIDAE

**Asian Fairy-bluebird** *Irena puella* This stunning species was seen on most days of the tour.

#### PRIONOPIDAE

**Large Woodshrike** *Tephrodornis gularis* Fairly common throughout peninsular Malaysia.

**Rufous-winged Philentoma** *Philentoma pyrropterum* Many good sightings throughout the tour.

#### DICRURIDAE

**Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus* Many good sightings throughout the tour.

**Bronzed Drongo** *Dicrurus aeneus* Commonly encountered throughout the whole tour.

**Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus remifer* Found amongst the mixed species feeding flocks at Fraser's Hill and The Gap.

**Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus* Good sightings of this species at Mt. Kinabalu and Poring Hot Springs.

**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus* Commonly encountered in Taman Negara National Park and on one occasion at Poring Hot Springs.

#### ARTAMIDAE

**White-breasted Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorhynchus* A common inhabitant of open areas throughout Borneo.

#### PITYRIASEIDAE

**Bornean Bristlehead** *Pityriasis gymnocephala* Brilliant views of a family party in the Danum Valley. This attractive species is in a family all on its own and is endemic to Borneo. It was voted 'bird of the trip' by tour participants.



**Bornean Bristlehead**

## CORVIDAE

**Black Magpie** *Platysmurus leucopterus* This uncommon species was only seen on one occasion, in the Danum Valley, in the same area where the bristleheads were.

**Green Magpie** *Cissa chinensis* This attractive species proved fairly common at Fraser's Hill.

**Short-tiled Magpie** *Cissa thalassina* Seen well on a couple of occasions on Mt. Kinabalu.

**Bornean Treepie** *Dendrocitta cinerascens* Endemic to the mountains of northern and central Borneo, we enjoyed many good sightings on Mt. Kinabalu.

**House Crow** *Corvus splendens* Introduced to some coastal areas of Malaysia, it was fairly common in Kuala Lumpur.

**Slender-billed Crow** *Corvus enca* Commonly encountered throughout the whole tour.

**Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos* Surprisingly, we only observed this species in Kuala Selangor Nature Park.

## STURNIDAE

**Asian Glossy Starling** *Aplonis panayensis* Commonly encountered throughout the whole of the tour.

**Common Hill Myna** *Gracula religiosa* A few good sightings in both peninsular Malaysia and Borneo.

**Crested Myna** *Acridotheres cristatellus* Introduced to Kota Kinabalu, where we saw it well.

**Javan Myna** *Acridotheres javanicus* Introduced to Kuala Lumpur, where it proved to be common.

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis* Common in towns and villages of peninsula Malaysia.

## PASSERIDAE

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus* Commonly encountered throughout the whole tour.

## PLOCEIDAE

**Baya Weaver** *Ploceus philippinus* A solitary bird was observed briefly in a small area of grassland near Rawang, not far from Kuala Lumpur.

## ESTRILDIDAE

**White-rumped Munia** *Lonchura striata* Only observed on one occasion, in Kuala Selangor Nature Park, where we saw it well.

**Dusky Munia** *Lonchura fuscans* Endemic to Borneo, we observed this common species on many occasions.

**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata* Only observed on one occasion, in a small area of grassland, close to Rawang, near Kuala Lumpur.

**Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla* Commonly encountered throughout the tour.

## MAMMALS

- Pale Giant Squirrel** *Ratufa affinis* Great looks at this huge species of squirrel, from the canopy walkway at Poring Hot Springs.
- Bornean Mountain Ground Squirrel** *Dremomys evertti* Endemic to the mountains of northwestern Borneo, we saw this species well on a couple of occasions on Mt. Kinabalu.
- Grey-bellied Squirrel** *Callosciurus caniceps* Commonly encountered throughout the rainforests of peninsular Malaysia.
- Pallas' Squirrel** *Callosciurus erythraeus* Also known as Red-bellied Squirrel, we saw this species on a couple of occasions at Fraser's Hill.
- Black-striped Squirrel** *Callosciurus nigrovittatus* Seen well on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park.
- Plantain Squirrel** *Callosciurus notatus* The common squirrel of peninsular Malaysia.
- Bornean Black-banded Squirrel** *Callosciurus orestes* The common squirrel of Mt. Kinabalu.
- Prevost's Squirrel** *Callosciurus prevostii* This large black squirrel was first observed from the canopy walkway at Poring Hot Springs. It also proved common in the Danum Valley.
- Himalayan Striped Squirrel** *Tamiops macclellandi* Proved to be fairly common at Fraser's Hill.
- Three-striped Ground Squirrel** *Lariscus insignis* This uncommon species was seen well on one occasion, in Taman Negara National Park.
- Least Pygmy Squirrel** *Exilisciurus exilis* Endemic to Borneo, we saw it frequently in the Danum Valley.
- Tufted Pygmy Squirrel** *Exilisciurus whiteheadi* Endemic to the mountains of Borneo, Chris and Tony saw it very well, while climbing Mt. Kinabalu.
- Horse-tailed Squirrel** *Sundasciurus hippurus* Seen well on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park.
- Jentink's Squirrel** *Sundasciurus jentinki* Endemic to the mountains of northern Borneo,  
it proved to be fairly common on Mt. Kinabalu.
- Low's Squirrel** *Sundasciurus lowii* Seen well on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park.
- Slender Squirrel** *Sundasciurus tenuis* Proved common in the forests of peninsular Malaysia.
- Red Giant Flying Squirrel** *Petaurista petaurista* Super looks at this large species of flying squirrel, while spotlighting one evening, in Taman Negara National Park.
- House Rat** *Rattus rattus* Watched the world cup soccer matches with Chris and Ruth on Mt. Kinabalu!
- Common Long-tailed Giant Rat** *Leopoldamys sabanus* Seen very well by Chris and Tony during their ascent of Mt. Kinabalu!
- Masked Palm Civet** *Paguma larvata* Seen by Tony in the grounds of our lodge at Taman Negara, very late one evening, while returning to his cottage after watching a world cup soccer match!

**Binturong** *Arctictis binturong* This rarely seen nocturnal species of civet, was observed very well in the spotlight, one evening after dinner, at Danum Valley.

**Variable Flying Fox** *Pteropus hypomelanus* Large numbers of this species were present on Mabul Island.

**Lesser Woolly Horseshoe Bat** *Rhinolophus sedulous* Ruth found one of these bats, roosting in the leaves of a tree, in Danum Valley. We all enjoyed a good close look at it.

**Wrinkle-lipped Free-tailed Bat** *Chaerephon plicata* Thousands were roosting in Gomatong Cave.

**Malayan Flying Lemur** *Cynocephalus variegatus* Seen by Judy and Tony at our lodge at Danum Valley.

**Sunda Slow Loris** *Nycticebus coucang* This uncommon species was seen very well whilst spotlighting one evening, in the Danum Valley.

**Banded Leaf Monkey** *Presbytis femoralis* Super looks at this attractive species at Fraser's Hill.

**Red Leaf Monkey** *Presbytis rubicunda* Endemic to Borneo, this attractive species of monkey was observed very well in Danum Valley.

**Silvered Leaf Monkey** *Trachypithecus cristatus* A small troop was seen very well in the Kuala Selangor Nature Park and we enjoyed a second sighting, close to the Sakau Rainforest Lodge, on the Kinabatangan River.

**Proboscis Monkey** *Nasalis larvatus* Great looks at a number of troops, along the Kinabatangan River.

**Sunda Pig-tailed Macaque** *Macaca nemistrina* Many sightings throughout the tour.

**Long-tailed Macaque** *Macaca fascicularis* The common monkey of peninsular Malaysia and Borneo.

**Bornean Orangutan** *Pongo pygmaeus* Endemic to Borneo, this critically endangered species was seen well in the Danum Valley, at Gomatong Cave and along the Kinabatangan River. These sightings were undoubtedly amongst the great highlights of the trip.

**Muller's Bornean Gibbon** *Hylobates muelleri* Endemic to Borneo, we enjoyed a few good close sightings in the Danum Valley.

**Siamang** *Hylobates syndactylus* Endemic to the highlands of peninsular Malaysia and the Barisan Mountains of western Sumatra. We enjoyed great looks at this the largest species of gibbon, in the Gombak Valley and at Fraser's Hill.

**Bearded Pig** *Sus barbatus* One particularly tame individual around the lodge at Danum Valley.

**Eurasian Wild Boar** *Sus scrofa* Proved to be common in Taman Negara National Park.

**Lesser Mouse-Deer** *Tragulus javanicus* This very shy species of diminutive deer, was glimpsed on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park and on a couple of occasions in the Danum Valley.

**Indian Muntjac** *Muntiacus muntjak* Seen briefly on one occasion in Taman Negara National Park.

**Sambar** *Cervus unicolor* A family party was observed very well while spotlighting one evening, in the Danum Valley.