
Cambodia birding report April-May 2017

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Photo below: Male **White-rumped Pygmy-falcon**, endemic to Indochina



While on a holiday in Cambodia with my wife Pia, I was able to make exclusively birding trips with guide and facilities provided by the Sam Veasna Center (SVC) in the North in Preah Vihear Province and in the South-East in Mondul Kiri Province, as well as on my own in the South in the Kep Province. I also birded in the gardens of the capital city Phnom Penh. SVC based in Siem Reap is Cambodia's oldest and perhaps also the most competent birding company having obtained much praise from WWF, UN, GEF, BirdLife and other organizations. They have been successful in establishing community-based lodges and camps with local services, contributing to local conservation consciousness, in particular for some of the most endangered birds and animals of the planet. SVC excels in training their guides who are very knowledgeable about birds, work well with local communities, and are efficient and polite with their clients. SVC has also been able to avoid conflicts with national authorities.

Cambodia is a good target for birding trips as it has a large number of endemics and many critically endangered species, also animals such as the Dolphin, and large primates in the Seima forest. I managed to get 45 lifers, almost all of them from my wish-list which was not very long, given that I had birded earlier in South-Asia, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia. My overall list of species on this trip surpassed 200 species in about five days of intensive birding. I am using the nomenclature and order of species as in *Handbook of the Birds of the World* (Lynx Edicions and BirdLife 2014, 2016). I have uploaded over 60 pictures in Internet Bird Collection website.

April is often said to be the most difficult month to visit Cambodia due to excessive heat, close to 40°C. We did encounter that kind of temperatures, but also because the first months of 2017 had brought exceptional rains, these brought relief. All my birding days were practically without rain, which often only started in late afternoon. Some bird species were quite active, but a few species I had expected to see were in total hiding, perhaps due to their reproductive cycle. I am most



(Photos above: Red-headed Trogon, Indochinese Roller, Orange-breasted Trogon)

grateful to my superb and well-equipped guides, Ms. Kunthea Chhoun in the North, and Mr. Pech Mogn in the South-East. Without their expertise and dedication I would have been miserable. My accommodation at the Tmatboey Community Lodge in the Preah Vihear Province near the Thai border was very comfortable and the snake (probably harmless **Indochinese Rat Snake**) coiled at my doorstep kindly withdrew without hassle not to be seen again. They even had laundry service, most welcome. The local community guide Mr. Rathi Ry was just amazingly knowledgeable.

The tented Jahoo Gibbon Camp at the Seima Protected Forest was also quite comfortable. I spent a few nights in Sen Mondulkiri town at Phanyro Motel which was clean and functional. My wife and I spent three days in Siem Reap visiting the Angkor Wat temple complex, several days at our friends' home in Phnom Penh, and several days in Kep Province in the South. Our friends Ventzislav and Anita Ivanov were very generous and helpful, and excellent company while in Siem Reap, Phnom Penh and Kep. I contracted private transport from Vuthy Transport for the drive from Phnom Penh first to Kratié to see the **Irawaddy Dolphins** and then to Seima Forest, and back from Sen Monorum to Phnom Penh. My driver Mr. Kha was fluent in English and pleasant company.

I took malaria pills only for my stay in the Seima forest, even though malaria is not a big problem there. Leeches were present only in Seima but did not bother me much. Not once did I have digestive problems. Served and packed meals prepared by the communities were very good. We were impressed by the smiles and friendliness of the Cambodian people.

Bengal Florican grasslands, Siem Reap Province

Leaving Siem Reap early in the morning on 24 April with Kunthea we first drove south less than an hour to the Prolay-Wat grasslands which are efficiently managed by the local community as the preferential ecosystem for the critically endangered **Bengal Florican**, of which we saw 12 displaying males and one female. (Photo of second summer male in flight r).



Our first important observation, however, was of two **Oriental Plovers** (picture l) on their return journey from Australia back to Mongolia – often sought by birders here but seldom seen. I was truly lucky to see them, thanks to the surveying by local community guides who led us to the location with their motorcycles. They found for me one **White-browed** (Manchurian) **Reed-Warbler**, and near that I also saw **Ruddy-breasted Crake** and **Asian Blue Quail**. This was the only location where I had many observations

of **Horsfield's** (Australasian) **Bushlark**, **Striated Grassbird** and **Common Buttonquail** (photo of chick r). We saw four **Sarus Cranes** fly by – they have a wintering site in Kep Province near the Vietnamese border. The most common birds were **Oriental Pratincole** (picture of adult b), **Asian Palm Swift**, **Asian Green Bee-eater**, **Blue-tailed Bee-eater**, **Oriental Skylark**, **Paddyfield Pipit**, **Eastern Spotted** and **Red Turtle-dove**, and **Pied Bushchat**. In lesser numbers, there were **White-breasted Waterhen**, **Pacific Golden Plover**, **Red-wattled Lapwing**, **Little**



Ringed Plover, **Chinese Pond-heron**, **Bluethroat**, **Black-shouldered Kite**, **Green Sandpiper**, **Common Greenshank**, **Zitting Cisticola**, **White-browed Fantail**, **Asian Pied Starling**, and one female **African Comb Duck** with a flock of **Indian Spot-billed Ducks**.

We stopped near Koh Ker to observe a female **White-rumped Pygmy-falcon** at the nest. No male was seen. There were also **Indochinese Rollers**, **Sooty-headed Bulbuls**, **Crested Serpent-eagle** and **Indochinese Bushlark**.

Tmatboey, Preah Vihear Province

We arrived at the Tmatboey Community Lodge about 3 p.m. and with some dark clouds in the sky, decided to go for the critically endangered **Giant Ibis** almost right away (picture of perched adult after sunset r).

I managed to get nice pictures of **Rufous-winged Buzzard** perched in a tree right next to the lodge during the break (picture b). We observed a chick of Giant Ibis at the nest, two months old.



An adult flew into the nest right over our heads blackening the sky and continued to a tree near-by calling alarms. Another adult bird appeared. We left around sunset and saw one adult on its regular roosting branch. One lady of a near-by community who found the nest received from SVC a financial award and is paid a daily fee for monitoring and protecting the site. The locals are committed to protecting the Giant Ibis and its numbers are stable.

On the way to the Ibis nest a lot of good birds were seen or heard, such as **Western Koel**, **Black-headed Woodpecker** (picture of male r), **Blossom-headed** and **Red-breasted Parakeets**, **Green-billed Malkoha**, **Rufescent Prinia**, **Plain Prinia**, **Golden-fronted Leafbird**, **Crested Treeswift**, **Purple Sunbird**, **White-browed Fantail**, **Common Woodshrike**, **Ashy Drongo**, **Large Cuckooshrike**, **Greater Yellownape**, **Red-billed Blue Magpie** and **Lineated Barbet**.



The morning of 25 April we left the lodge at 5 a.m. and tried calling for **Brown Boobook**, but it was too far away for me to hear. On the way to the riverside forest we saw **Green Imperial-pigeons**, **Chinese Francolins**, **Black-headed Woodpeckers**, several **Rufous-winged Buzzards**, one **Grey-**

headed Fish-eagle, female **Plaintive Cuckoo**, **Ashy** and **Black Drongos**, one **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Black-throated Starlings**, **Red-billed Blue Magpies**, **Green-billed Malkohas**, **White-throated Kingfishers**, **Shikra**. **Stripe-throated Woodpecker** was heard.



At the forest edge we could hear **Blue-winged Pitta** calling on the other side of the river. **Common** and **Dark-necked Tailorbirds** (picture 1) were vocal and visible, **Oriental White-eyes** were foraging, **Streak-eared** and **Black-crested Bulbuls** were numerous, a flock of **Pin-striped Tit-babblers** appeared, one **Stork-billed Kingfisher** was perched by the river. A **Violet Cuckoo** flew over and I missed it – would have been a lifer. **Hainan Blue Flycatcher** and **White-rumped Shama** gave their beautiful songs from the

forest and were seen. When walking back to the car we saw **Laced Woodpecker**, **Black-naped Monarch** and **Dark-necked Prinia**, heard **Abbot's Babbler**. Driving out we saw **Rufous Tree-pie**.

During the day, we also walked around in forests and fields, and managed to see **Brown Wood-owl** (three individuals stay in the area), two **Brown Fish-owls** when they left their roost, one **Lesser Adjutant**, **Crested Serpent-eagle**, **Greater** and **Common Flameback**, **Greater Yellowname** was heard, one **Asian Woollyneck** (Stork), **Brown** and **Dark-necked Prinia**, **Pied Bushchat**, flocks of **Small Minivet** (picture of male r), **Black-naped** and **Black-hooded Oriole**, **Red-rumped Swallow** and **Brown Shrike**, and heard **Indian Cuckoo**.

Possible sighting of **Pale-capped Pigeon** could not be confirmed. My two guides saw one **White-shouldered Ibis** in a field quite near to the lodge, but I could not see it.

As I was not successful in seeing **White-shouldered Ibis**, we left the lodge at 4 a.m. on 26 April and drove along a very bad country trail to an opening where

we could see 14 of those birds roosting in a tree, and a 15th flew over. They became active soon after 5 a.m. when light appeared. Walking back from there we saw **Rufous Woodpecker**, **Orange-**

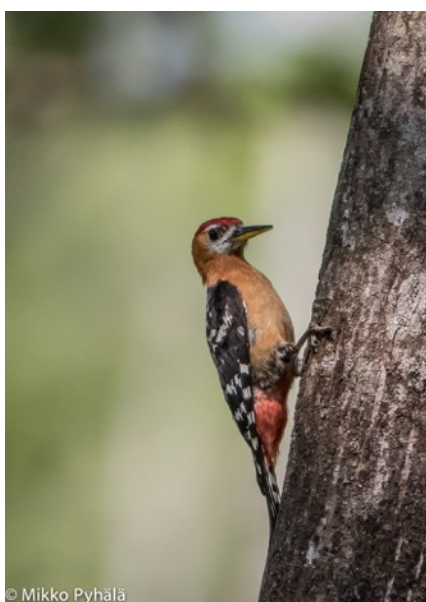


breasted and **Yellow-footed Green-pigeons**, and driving back we saw one **Oriental Pied Hornbill** and many **Greater Coucals** by the roadside.

After the morning outing we went across the main road into open forest to look for **White-rumped Pygmy-falcon**, and finally managed to get an excellent view of a perched male, not particularly shy (picture on the front page). Other bonuses were three **Great Slaty Woodpeckers** in courtship rituals, two **Vernal Hanging-parrots** flying over, **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** (photo b). **Small Minivet** was abundant.



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We continued towards the lodge and found immediately **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker** (picture of male I), but not the two Nuthatches we also expected.

Kratié

On 4 May I travelled from Phnom Penh first to Kratié, more specifically to Hampi 15 kms to the North from there, and had very good views of the Irawaddy Dolphins. Because it was noontime heat, **Mekong Wagtails** were resting in the forest and I could not get this as a lifer. **Blue-throated Bee-eaters** were

numerous. About eight **Oriental Darters** were present, as well as **Little** and **Indian Cormorants**, and **White-throated Kingfishers**. I saw two **Wedge-tailed Green-pigeons** fly over.

Seima Protected Forest, Mondulkiri Province

When I reached the Seima forest, I asked my driver to stop and had a good look at a flock of **Thick-billed Green-pigeons**, and soon also a pair of **Vinous-breasted Mynas**. Upon arrival at the Jahoo Gibbon Camp we soon saw a pair of **Great Hornbills** resting in a tree.

At sunrise, 5 a.m. on 5 May the camp supervisor, Mr. Soknai of the local indigenous people Bunong (they are the majority ethnicity in Mondulkiri Province) took me for a primate walk with his young assistant and surveyor Mr. Long, and we heard very well and saw a male **Crested Gibbon** singing in a tree top as if he'd been at the La Scala Opera. Amazing, marvelous music which I had experienced before in Vietnam. Another Gibbon was singing perhaps a kilometer away. In a half-an-hour the concert ended and we met no more. Instead, we followed one or more troops of **Black-shanked Douc-langoors** in the forest, often being quite close to them. We wore bright yellow vests – a sign to these sympathetic animals that we were friends, not enemies. During the primate walk Bulbuls were noisy, as well as **Hainan Blue Flycatchers**, and a few **Orange-breasted Trogons** were heard and seen as shadows. I had a good look in a bamboo ticket of a singing **Yellow-breasted Warbler**. I figured that before sunrise I had heard **Scaly-capped Babblers** vocalizing near my tent, and was told that they are indeed present.

Back at the camp, I observed **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo**, **Brown-breasted Sunbird**, **Ochraceous** and **Black-crested Bulbuls**. During an afternoon walk, we heard **Bar-bellied Pitta**, had great views



of **Green-eared Barbet** (picture l), **Blue-eared Barbet** (picture b), **Coppersmith Barbet**, **Asian Paradise-flycatcher**, **Asian Fairy Bluebird**, both **Tailorbirds**, **Common Iora**, **Great and Oriental Pied Hornbill**. We had an obscure view of **Germain's Peacock-pheasant** perched in shadow on a low branch next to a feeding site – one of the places where it is often seen. Also **Puff-throated Bulbul** came by.

But no **Pittas** seen. **Lesser**

Necklaced Laughingthrushes sounded a riot just behind our backs, but we did not see them.

I returned to the Jahoo Gibbon Camp with Pech Mogn the following day for lunch and to see birds, and indeed we did. Very good views of **Orange-breasted Trogon**,



and the Oriental Scops Owl play-back convened lots of agitated small birds, including **White-bellied Erpornis**, **Purple-naped Spiderhunter**, **Plain** and **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker**, **Blue-winged Leafbird** and others.

I spent the night in Sen Monorum town and on 6 April was picked up at 5:30 by Pech Mogn who took me to a beautiful fields and forests area near the Vietnamese border called Dak Dam. Along the road we had fine views of **Gray-capped Woodpecker**, **Vinous Myna**, **Chestnut-tailed Starling** (picture of male r), **Burmese Shrike**, **Black** and **Ashy**, perhaps also **Hair-crested**



Drongo, **Orange-breasted Pigeon** (picture of male l), **Red-breasted Parakeet**, **Asian Fairy Bluebird**, **White-breasted Kingfisher** and **Scarlet Minivet**. On the wires there were large numbers of **Barn Swallows** and **Ashy Woodswallows**.

We stopped at forest edges and walked along sandy roads, seeing **Common Hoopoe**, and with play-back managed to get out into view **Germain's Peacock-pheasant** – often extremely difficult to see. We heard three different males calling actively. Another absolutely

lucky strike was to see fly-by of a pair of **Pale-capped Pigeons** – one of the most sought-after species for birders coming to Cambodia. Later Pech saw one more. A large flock of **White-cheeked Laughingthrushes** crossed the road right in front of us. **Red Junglefowl** was heard.

Playing the proper bird song we heard but could not see **Maroon Oriole**, and had very good views of **Red-whiskered** and **Black Bulbuls**, **Black-chinned Yuhina**, and the beauty, **Silver-eared Mesia** (picture next page). Playing the call of Oriental Scops-owl we got to see **Plain**, **Fire-breasted** and **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker**, **Crimson**, **Purple**, **Ruby-throated** and **Black-throated Sunbird**, **White-browed Shrike-babbler** (this was a lifer for my guide Pech! picture r), and **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike**. We looked at a nest hanging over the road, and who was peeking out: **Silver-breasted Broadbill**! We had good looks at **Black Eagle** and **Crested Serpent-eagle**, and observed many **Chinese Francolins**.



Towards the sunset Pech took me to a riverine forest belonging to the Sen Monorum town electricity company where one could walk along a cemented road. About the first bird encountered was little known **Black-browed Fulvetta**, singing briskly in the foliage. New species for this trip were flocks of **Pin-tailed Green-pigeon** and **Mountain Imperial-pigeon**, several **Annam Barbets**, two **Violet-fronted Nuthatches**, **Hair-crested Drongo** with juvenile, male **Red-headed Trogon**, **Barred Cuckoo-doves** and, surprise, a **Collared Scops-owl**

which came up to see what we were doing. Lots of noisy **Puff-throated Bulbuls**, a couple of **Black-headed, Ashy** and **Red-whiskered Bulbuls**, several **Green Imperial Pigeons**.



On the road

Driving out from Sen Monorum before 6 a.m. on 7 April still in the Seima forest I saw **Lesser Coucal** on the road, likewise a group of three **White-shouldered Starlings** which are passage migrants, and a couple of **Oriental Pied Hornbills** flying over the road. Later in a village I saw **Racket-tailed Treepie**. In the Mekong river wetlands approaching Phnom Penh I saw **Large-billed Crows** and my only **Green-backed Heron**.

Another day, driving out of Phnom Penh towards Siem Reap, I had seen in Sampong Chey village **Plain-backed Sparrows**, and **House Sparrows** near Siem Reap. Feral **Rock Pigeons** were frequent in most towns. Occasional **Little Egrets** were seen in farming areas. **Common Myna** was omnipresent.

Near Siem Reap in the Angkor Wat temple area, my best observation was a pair of **Brown-backed Needletails** at Ta Phrom temple. Several Shikras I saw, male and female; and **Blue Rock-Thrush**, **Little Cormorant** plus **Great Myna** at the Angkor Wat ruins.

Phnom Penh town

In Phnom Penh, at the large green area attached to the residence of the Ivanovs, I observed **Sunda Pied Fantail**, a lifer (picture r). Other species present were **Eurasian Tree Sparrow**, **White-throated Fantail**, **Brown-breasted** and **Olive-backed Sunbird**, **Collared Kingfisher**, **Oriental Magpie-robin**, **Yellow-vented** and **Stripe-eared Bulbul**,



Common Tailorbird, surprisingly one **Ochraceous Bulbul**, feral **Zebra Dove** and **Eastern Spotted Dove**, and in a tall telecommunications tower one **Black Baza** and a singing **Plaintive Cuckoo**. In the sky, **House Swifts** and occasional **Red-rumped Swallows**. By the Tonle Sap River, I saw from the Foreign Correspondents' Club restaurant one juvenile **Gray-headed Fish-eagle**!

Kep Province

Three days and three nights (31.4.-3.5.) in Kep town, Kep Province, in the South by the sea and very close to the Vietnamese border I made morning and evening walks to the Kep National Park. At the lush Mea Lea Resort there was a resident pair of **Common Hill Mynas** with whom I could carry a whistling contest. A pair of **Collared Kingfishers** along the coastal road. The forests held **White-rumped Shama** (picture r); **Greater and Lesser Coucal**;

Common Tailorbird; **Black-crested, Sooty-headed, Streak-eared** (picture l), and **Stripe-throated Bulbuls**; **Red-billed Blue Magpie**; as well as **Coppersmith** and **Lineated Barbets**. In the National

Park I saw **Plain-throated Sunbird**, and repeatedly **Puff-throated Babblers** which did not seem to mind my presence at all. A **Shama** nest was just a meter from the trail. One morning a **Blue-winged Pitta** flew almost between my legs. Large flocks of **Pin-striped Tit-babblers** were noisy in low bushes, and near-by I saw one **Buff-throated Babbler**. There was a **Thick-billed Green-pigeon** perched with a chick.



A trip to the Rabbit Island, only a 20 minutes boat ride away, brought in the flowering coconut palms **Maroon-breasted** (Van Hasselt's, picture of male r), **Olive-backed, Purple and Brown-breasted Sunbirds**



(picture of male l); **Oriental White-eyes**; and **Common loras**.

Yellow-vented Bulbul was common. In the forest I saw female **Scaly-bellied Munia**, and in the garden area **Radde's Warbler**, **Oriental Magpie-robin** and one **Weaverbird**, could not see which species. The beach was gorgeous and local seafood very tasty and fresh.

Omissions

Because of somewhat limited time, I decided to leave out a number of interesting endemic species. Prek Toal wetland adjacent to Tonle Sap lake in Siem Reap Province would have provided **Milky Stork**, and one separate location **White-winged Duck**. While being in the right region, I

failed to see **Black-and-buff Woodpeckers**, **Brown-rumped Minivet**, **Golden-crowned Myna**, **Chestnut-headed Partridge** and **Asian Golden Weaver** which were on my wish-list. I fell very short on my wishes for Pittas. I did not plan to go to the higher elevations at all which could have offered several lifers like the endemic **Cambodian Laughingthrush**. For lack of guidance, I did not go to look for the newly described endemic **Cambodian Tailorbird** near Phnom Penh.

I can recommend warmly birding in Cambodia. It was extremely rewarding to observe three critically endangered, four vulnerable and seven near-threatened species. Investing a little bit

more time a visitor could easily observe additional Cambodian or Indochinese endemics. The country is quite safe.



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Animals

I was pleased to observe **Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon**, albeit briefly, and for a full morning **Black-shanked Douc-langoors** (picture I). **Long-tailed Macaques** were common in the Angkor Wat area and in the Kep National Park. **Variable** (red-tailed) **Squirrels** were common in Preah Vihar, and **Giant Black Squirrels** could be seen in the Seima Forest. I saw **Gray-bellied Squirrel** near Sen Monorum, and **Indochinese Ground-Squirrel** (?with four white gloves!) in the Kep National Park. Spending one hour with the **Irawaddy Dolphins** near Kratié was a superb experience. **Indochinese Flying Lizard** was seen in Dak Dam. Also many unidentified lizards, and probable **Indochinese Rat Snake** in Preah Vihar.

List of species seen and/or heard

Lifers in bold also if previously only heard, now seen

Germain's Peacock-pheasant *Polyplectron germaini* **NEAR THREATENED** 3 calling at Dak Dam, also camp

Asian Blue (breasted) **Quail** *Synoicus chinensis* one male flushed at Bengal Florican grasslands

Chinese Francolin *Francolinus pintadeanus* common in Tmatboey and Dak Dam

Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus* heard in Tmatboey and Dak Dam

African Comb Duck *Sarkidiornis melanotos* one female at Bengal Florican grasslands

Indian Spot-billed Duck *Anas poecilorhyncha* small flocks at the Bengal Florican grasslands

Rock Dove (Feral) *Columba livia* common in larger towns

Pale-capped Pigeon *Columba punicea* **VULNERABLE** one pair in Dak Dam

Red (Collared) Turtle-dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica* Bengal Florican grasslands and Tmatboey

Eastern Spotted Dove *Streptopelia chinensis* common in most places, town and country

Barred Cuckoo-dove *Macropygia unchali* pairs flying near Sen Monorum town

Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata* Feral in larger towns like Phnom Penh, Siem Reap

Orange-breasted Green-pigeon *Treron bicinctus* several in Tmatboey, also Dak Dam

Thick-billed Green-pigeon *Treron curvirostra* one flock in Seima Forest, also Kep National Park, Rabbit Island

Yellow-footed Green-pigeon *Treron phoenicopterus* small flock in Tmatboey

Pin-tailed Green-pigeon *Treron apicauda* one flock near Sen Monorum

Wedge-tailed Green-pigeon *Treron sphenurus* one pair near Kratié

Green Imperial-pigeon *Ducula aenea* small groups in Tmatboey and near Sen Monorum

Mountain Imperial-pigeon *Ducula badia* small flock near Sen Monorum

Crested Treeswift *Hemiprocne coronata* small numbers in Tmatboey

Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus* one pair in Siem Reap temple region

Asian Palm Swift *Cypsiurus balasiensis* common in Bengal Florican grasslands, Angkor Wat area

House Swift *Apus nipalensis* common in towns, big and small

Greater Coucal *Centropus sinensis* common in Tmatboey, Mondulkiri and Kep Provinces

Lesser Coucal *Centropus bengalensis* in Seima Forest and Kep Province

Green-billed Malkoha *Phaenicophaeus tristis* Tmatboey, Seima, Dak Dam

Western (Asian) Koel *Eudynamus scolopaceus* Tmatboey, Angkor Wat, Kep Province

(Violet Cuckoo *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus* only seen by my guide Kunthea)

Plaintive Cuckoo *Cacomantis merulinus* female in Tmatboey, singing male in Phnom Penh

Indian Cuckoo *Cuculus micropterus* vocalising males in Tmatboey

Ruddy-breasted Crake *Porzana fusca* one flushed at Bengal Florican grasslands

White-breasted Waterhen *Amaurornis phoenicurus* Bengal Florican grasslands, Tmatboey

Sarus Crane *Grus antigone* **VULNERABLE** group of 4 flying at Bengal Florican grasslands

Bengal Florican *Houbaropsis bengalensis* **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED** at glasslands 12 males, one female

Lesser Adjutant *Leptotilos javanicus* **VULNERABLE** one subadult in Tmatboey

Asian Woollyneck (Stork) *Ciconia episcopus* one in Tmatboey feeding in cultivation

White-shouldered Ibis *Pseudibis davisoni* **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED** 14 birds in roosting tree, Tmatboey

Giant Ibis *Pseudibis gigantea* **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED** two adults, one chick at nest in Tmatboey

Green-backed (Striated) Heron *Butorides striata* one in marshland near Phnom Penh

Chinese Pond-heron *Ardeola bacchus* individuals seen near water in many places

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea* one at Bengal Florican grasslands

Little Egret *Egretta garzetta* individuals seen in farming areas

Little Cormorant *Phalacrocorax niger* flock at Angkor Wat, several in Kratié

Indian Cormorant *Phalacrocorax fuscicollis* several in Kratié

Oriental Darter *Anhinga melanogaster* **NEAR THREATENED** about 8 in Kratié

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* one in breeding plumage at Bengal Florican grasslands

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* one at Bengal Florican grasslands

Oriental Plover *Charadrius veredus* two in breeding plumage at Bengal Florican grasslands

Red-wattled Lapwing *Vanellus indicus* one pair at Bengal Florican grasslands

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* one heard at Bengal Florican grasslands

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia* one at Bengal Florican grasslands

Common Buttonquail *Turnix sylvaticus* common at Bengal Florican grasslands, also chicks

Oriental Pratincole *Glareola maldivarum* common at Bengal Florican grasslands, also chicks

(Brown Boobook *Ninox scutullata* my guides heard it, I did not)

(Asian Barred Owlet *Glaucidium cuculoides* Pech Mogn heard it in Dak Dam)

Collared Scops-owl *Otus lettia* one seen near Sen Monorum town

Brown Wood-owl *Strix leptogrammica* Tmatboey, presence of 3

Brown Fish-owl *Ketupa zeylonensis* two flew off from roosting tree

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* one flying at Bengal Florican grasslands

Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* one male perched in telecom tower in Phnom Penh

Crested Serpent-eagle *Spilornis cheela* seen near Kor Ker, Tmatboey, Dak Dam

Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis* one flying near Dam Dam

Shikra *Accipiter badius* several seen in Angkor Wat area, Tmatboey

Grey-headed Fish-eagle *Ichthyophaga ichtyaetus* **NEAR THREATENED** adult in Tmatboey, juv. Phnom Penh

Rufous-winged Buzzard *Butastur liventer* common in Tmatboey

Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios* common in Seima Forest

Red-headed Trogon *Harpactes erythrocephalus* one male near Sen Monorum

Great Hornbill *Buceros bicornis* **NEAR THREATENED** frequently seen and heard near Gibbon camp, Seima

Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris* one in Tmatboey, several in Seima forest

Common Hoopoe *Upupa epops* Kep Province and Dak Dam

Asian Green Bee-eater *Merops orientalis* numerous at Bengal Florican Grasslands, Tmatboey

Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti* singles in Tmatboey

Blue-throated Bee-eater *Merops viridis* common by the Mekong river in Kratié

Blue-tailed Bee-eater *Merops philippinus* common at Bengal Florican grasslands and Tmatboey

Indochinese Roller *Coracias affinis* frequent along roads and in open forest

Pied Kingfisher *Ceryle rudis* one fishing at Bengal Florican grasslands

Stork-billed Kingfisher *Pelargopsis capensis* one by the river in Tmatboey

White-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon smyrnensis* frequent along roads in Tmatboey, Dak Dam

Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* Kep town, Phnom Penh gardens

Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus* common in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Tmatboey, Dak Dam

Blue-eared Barbet *Psilopogon duvaucelli* frequent in Tmatboey, also Dak Dam

Green-eared Barbet *Psilopogon faiostriatus* common in Tmatboey

Lineated Barbet *Psilopogon lineatus* most common in Siem Reap

Annam Barbet *Psilopogon annamensis* individuals near Sen Monorum

Greater Flameback *Chrysocolaptes guttacristatus* one in Tmatboey

Common Flameback *Dinopium javanense* several in Tmatboey

Rufous Woodpecker *Micropternus brachyurus* 2 males in Tmatboey

Greater Yellownape *Picus flavinucha* heard in Tmatboey

Streak-throated Woodpecker *Picus xanthopygaeus* heard in Tmatboey

Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus* female seen in Tmatboey

Black-headed Woodpecker *Picus erythropygius* common around Tmatboey

Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus* **VULNERABLE** 3 seen and several heard, Tmatboey

Grey-capped Piculet *Dendrocopos canicapillus* several seen in Dak Dam

Rufous-bellied Woodpecker *Dendrocopos hyperythrus* near Tmatboey village

White-rumped Pygmy-falcon *Polihierax insignis* **NEAR THREATENED** female near Koh Ker, male in Tmatboey

Vernal Hanging-parrot *Loriculus vernalis* pairs flew over in Tmatboey and Dak Dam

Blossom-headed Parakeet *Psittacula roseata* **NEAR THREATENED** heard in Tmatboey

Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri* **NEAR THREATENED** common in Tmatboey, Dak Dam

Bar-bellied Pitta *Hydrornis elliotii* heard at Jahoo Gibbon Camp, Seima

Blue-winged Pitta *Pitta moluccensis* heard in Tmatboey, seen in Kep National Park

Silver-breasted Broadbill *Serilophus lunatus* at nest in Dak Dam

Maroon Oriole *Oriolus trillitii* heard at length in Dak Dam, not seen

Black-hooded Oriole *Oriolus xanthornus* several at Angkor Wat, Tmatboey

Back-naped Oriole *Oriolus chinensis* a few in Tmatboey, Phnom Penh town

White-browed Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius aeralatus* one in Dak Dam (first record there?)

White-bellied Erpornis *Erpornis zantholeuca* one in Seima forest near Jahoo Gibbon Camp

Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus* common in Tmatboey

Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus speciosus* one flock in Dak Dam

Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina macei* common in Tmatboey

Ashy Woodswallow *Artamus fuscus* large flocks near Dak Dam

Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus picatus* one pair in Dak Dam

Common Woodshrike *Tephrodornis virgatus* common in Tmatboey

Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia* singles in Tmatboey, Angkor Wat

Great Iora *Aegithina lafresnayei* Tmatboey

Sunda Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica* one in a garden in Phnom Penh

White-browed Fantail *Rhipidura aureola* heard at Bengal Florican grasslands, seen Tmatboey

White-throated Fantail *Rhipidura albicollis* several in Phnom Penh town

Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus* Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Tmatboey, Dak Dam

Ashy Drongo *Dicrurus leucophaeus* common in Tmatboey, Dak Dam

Bronzed Drongo *Dicrurus aeneus* on seen on roadside near Siem Reap

Hair-crested Drongo *Dicrurus hottentottus* adult with juvenile near Sen Monorum, possibly Dak Dam

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo *Dicrurus paradiseus*, individuals seen in Tmatboey, Seima, Dak Dam

Black-naped Monarch *Hypothymis azurea* singing male in Tmatboey

Oriental (Blyth's) Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis* male in Tmatboey

Brown Shrike *Lanius cristatus* individuals in Tmatboey

Burmese Shrike *Lanius colluroides* along roadsides, Dak Dam

Racket-tailed Treepie *Crypsina ternia* one seen in a village near Kampong Cham

Rufous Treepie *Dendrocitta vagabunda* one in Tmatboey

Red-billed Blue Magpie *Urocissa erythrorhyncha* small flocks in Tmatboey

Large-billed Crow *Corvus macrohynchos* marshland near Phnom Penh

Horsfield's (Australasian) Bushlark *Mirafra javanica* common at Bengal Florican grasslands

Indochinese Bushlark *Mirafra erythrocephala* frequent in Tmatboey

Oriental Skylark *Alauda gulgula* common at Bengal Florican grasslands

Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis* several at Bengal Florican grasslands

Brown Prinia *Prinia polychroa* several in Tmatboey

Rufescent Prinia *Prinia rufescens* common in Tmatboey

Gray-breasted Prinia *Prinia hodgsonii* several in Tmatboey

Plain Prinia *Prinia inornata* one in Tmatboey

Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius* common in towns and country

Dark-necked Tailorbird *Orthotomus atrogularis* common in Tmatboey, Seima

White-browed (Manchurian) **Reed-warbler** *Acrocephalus tangorum* **VULNERABLE** one at BF grasslands

Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris* several singing at Bengal Florican grasslands

Red-rumped Swallow *Cecropis daurica* individuals flying in Siem Reap, Phnom Penh

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* common all over

Puff-throated Bulbul *Alophoixus pallidus* individuals and pairs in Kep National Park

Ochraceous Bulbul *Alophoixus ochraceus* one in Phnom Penh town, several in Seima

Ashy Bulbul *Hemixos flavala* a few in Dak Dam and Sen Monorum

Black Bulbul *Hypsipetes leucocephalus* several in Dak Dam, Sen Monorum

Black-crested Bulbul *Pycnonotus flaviventris* common in Tmatboey, Kep Province, Seima, Dak Dam

Red-whiskered Bulbul *Pycnonotus jocosus* small numbers in Dak Dam, Sen Monorum

Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster* Kep and Kampot Provinces, Koh Ker area, Tmatboey, Dak Dam

Stripe-throated Bulbul *Pycnonotus finlaysoni* common in Tmatboey, Kep Province, Mondulkiri Province

Streak-eared Bulbul *Pycnonotus blanfordi* Siem Reap and Phnom Penh towns, Tmatboey, Kep Province

Yellow-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus golavier* Siem Ream, Phnom Penh, Kompong Thom, Kep, Tmatboey

Black-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus atriceps* small numbers in Dak Dam, Sen Monorum

Radde's Warbler *Phylloscopus schwarzi* one on Rabbit Island

Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris* one in bamboo thicket in Seima, Jahoo Gibbon Camp

Black-chinned Yuhina *Yuhina nigrimenta* one singing male in Dak Dam

Oriental White-eye *Zosterops palpebrosus* individuals in Rabbit Island, Sen Monorum, flock in Tmatboey

Pin-striped Tit-babbler *Mixornis gularis* Tmatboey, common in Kep National Park

Scaly-crowned Babbler *Malacopteron cinereum* heard before sunrise at Seima, Jahoo Gibbon Camp

Puff-throated Babbler *Pellorneum ruficeps* pair and individuals in Kep National Park

Buff-breasted Babbler *Pellorneum tickelli* one seen in Kep National Park

Abbott's Babbler *Malacocincla abbotti* one male heard singing in Tmatboey

Black-browed Fulvetta *Alcippe grotei* one singing male near Sen Monorum

Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush *Garrulax monileger* large flock in Seima near camp, not seen

White-cheeked Laughingthrush *Lanthocincla vassali* large flock crossed the road in Dak Dam

Silver-eared Mesia *Leiothrix argentea* one singing male in Dak Dam

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis* heard in Tmatboey, one pair seen near Sen Monorum

Asian Pied Starling *Gracupica contra* one seen at Bengal Florican grassland

Black-collared Starling *Gracupica nigricollis* usually pairs in BF grasslands, Tmatboey, Kampot, Dak Dam

White-shouldered Starling *Sturnia sinensis* group of 3 on main road in Seima

Chestnut-tailed Starling *Sturnia malabarica* several pairs in open areas in Dak Dam

Common Myna *Acridotheres tristis* common everywhere

Vinous-breasted Myna *Acridotheres leucocephalus* one pair at Jahoo Gibbon Camp, more in Dak Dam

Great Myna *Acridotheres grandis* one pair at Angkor Wat ruins

Common Hill Myna *Gracula religiosa* one resident pair in Kep

Oriental Magpie-robin *Copsychus saularis* individuals in Tmatboey, Dak Dam, Phnom Penh, Rabbit Island

White-rumped Shama *Kittacincla malabarica* common in Tmatboey, Kep Province

Pale Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis unicolor* one heard in Dak Dam

Hainan Blue Flycatcher *Cyornis hainanus* several singing in Tmatboey, Seima Forest

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica* two at Bengal Florican grasslands

Blue Rock-thrush *Monticola solitarius* one in Angkor Wat ruins

Pied Bushchat *Saxicola caprata* common in most areas

Asian Fairy Bluebird *Irena puella* common in open areas next to Seima forest

Blue-winged Leafbird *Chloropsis cochinchinensis* a few near Jahoo Gibbon Camp and Sen Monorum

Golden-fronted Leafbird *Chloropsis aurifrons* one in Tmatboey

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker *Dicaeum chrysorrheum* one near Jahoo Gibbon Camp

Plain Flowerpecker *Dicaeum minullum* Dak Dam several, also Jahoo Gibbon Camp

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum cruentatum* one in Dak Dam

Fire-breasted Flowerpecker *Dicaeum ignipectus* one in Dak Dam

Purple-naped Spiderhunter (Sunbird) *Arachnothera hypogrammica* one pair near Jahoo Gibbon Camp

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis* several in Dak Dam

Brown-(Plain) throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis* common in Phnom Penh, Kep Province, Dak Dam

Maroon-bellied (Van Hasselt's) **Sunbird** *Leptocoma brasiliana* one male in Rabbit Island

Purple Sunbird *Cinnyris asiaticus* common in Tmatboey, Seima and Dak Dam

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis* Phnom Penh, Seima forest

Black-throated Sunbird *Aethopyga saturata* one male in Dak Dam

Crimson Sunbird *Aethopyga siparaja* one pair in Dak Dam

Weaver *Ploceus* sp. one male in Rabbit Island, not identified

Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata* female on Rabbit Island, male in Siem Reap town

Plain-backed Sparrow *Passer flaveolus* seems resident in Sampong Chey village of Kampong Thom Province

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus* common in Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Kampot, Kep, BF grasslands

Paddyfield Pipit *Anthus rufulus* common at Bengal Florican Grasslands, also Tmatboey