Report of a Birding Trip to

Halmahera

Plus short visits to Java and Sulawesi

from 20th February to 2nd March 2015

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**Introduction**

After three successful trips between 2012 and 2014 we (already nicknamed the Virtual Birders by some) thought it would be nice to visit Halmahera, an island between Sulawesi and New Guinea. We were especially eager to see Moluccan Megapode, Invisible Rail, Standardwing and Ivory-breasted Pitta. We contacted the Weda Resort on Halmahera and after some mail exchange we decided to stay for 5 nights there plus an overnight stay at the Elisabeth Inn in Tobelo for the Megapode trip to Galela.

Some days after booking our tickets with Garuda, we heard from Garuda that our flight back from Jakarta to Amsterdam was cancelled and postponed to Monday morning. We decided to add the extra day at Tangkoko NP on Sulawesi. On Sulawesi we stayed for one night at the Tangkoko Lodge. The three other nights were spent in the plane.

**Itinerary**

**20 Feb**

Arjan took the train from Culemborg, I was brought by my family to Schiphol, Amsterdam. Checked in around 15:00 hours and departure at 17:05 hours with Garuda GA89 to Jakarta. The flight was nice and quiet. I watched several movies and even had some sleep.

**21 Feb**

Arrival at Jakarta at 12:00 hours. We were picked up by Khaleb Yordan (Jakarta Birder) and immediately we drove to Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary in the northern part of Jakarta. The sanctuary was very dirty due to the recent flooding and a lot of plastic garbage covered the forest floor. First we birded along the boardwalk and after an hour-and-a-half we started to bird from a small boat by riding to the river mouth. We managed to see quite a few good birds like Sunda Coucal, Christmas Island Frigatebird, Black-winged Starling, Yellow-rumped Flycatcher, Javan Munia, Black Bittern and Black-headed Bulbul plus the more common ones as Oriental Darter, Little Black Cormorant, Island Collared Dove, Little Blue and Collared Kingfisher, Sooty-headed Bulbul, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker, Bar-winged Prinia, Olive-backed Tailorbird, Small Minivet and Malayan Pied Fantail. Next we went to a football field west of the reserve, where occasionally Javan Plovers were seen. During our walk for one kilometer we found another Sunda Coucal. At the football field another Christmas Island Frigatebird flew by, but no Javan Plover was present. After dinner Khaleb brought us to the airport where we had to wait after midnight for our flight to Ternate.

**22 Feb**

At 1:40 hours we took the Garuda GA648 flight to Ternate. We arrived at the airport at 7:30 hours and we had our first birds, Pacific Swallow, Barn Swallow and Uniform Swiftlets. In Ternate we were picked up by somebody from Weda who put us in a large car and drove us without hesitation to the harbor. The boat ride to Halmahera was quite bumpy and took us c 45 minutes and we didn’t see any bird during the crossing. At the quay of Soffi, Halmahera, we were picked up by Bambang, our guide from the Weda Resort. At first we drove south, with several stops underway where we saw or heard interesting birds like Spotted Kestrel, Metallic and Moluccan Starling, Violet-necked Lory, Halmahera Swiftlets, Brush Cuckoo, Blue-and-white Kingfisher, Beach Kingfisher, Moluccan Hanging Parrot, White-bellied Cuckoo-shrike, Drab Whistler, White-streaked Friarbird, Moluccan Flycatcher and Cream-throated White-eye. We stopped at the Azure or Purple Dollarbird stake-out and without even looking for it, it was already sitting on a branch, albeit at quite a distance. Just as we turned to the dirt road to the Weda Resort, a beautiful Great Cuckoo-Dove passed in front of the car! At the Weda Resort we had a warm welcome by Rob and Linda Sinke, we were brought to our very comfortable bungalow, had a good lunch at 16:00 hours, but after the lunch we were too tired to do any birding – we had two consecutive nights in a plane - so we crashed already at 18:00 hours.
23 Feb
We woke up early for a visit to the Standardwing Lek, just 15 minutes northwest of the Weda Resort. Upon arrival we heard a Moluccan Scops Owl and after careful scanning we had one in the spotlight. The Standardwings were already calling and at dawn we saw them at the lek, which proved to be a great show! Other birds observed were Ivory-breasted Pitta, Dusky-bellied Pitta, Dusky Megapode, Chattering Lory, Cinnamon-bellied Imperial Pigeon and White Cockatoo. We put some effort in seeing Ivory-breasted Pitta and after careful scanning we found one high in the canopy of a tree. We had second breakfast at the entrance of the reserve where we had good looks of Chattering Lory and heard our first Scarlet-breasted Fruit-Dove. The rest of the morning we were birding the logging roads northwest of the Weda Resort and best birds were Moluccan Goshawk, Variable Goshawk, Long-billed Crow, Goliath Coucal, Blue-and-white Kingfishers, Northern Golden Bulbuls, Red-cheeked Parrots, Grey-headed Fruit Doves, Blue-capped Fruit Doves, Blyth’s Hornbills and numerous Violet-necked Lories. We had lunch at the resort and at 15:30 hours we started to bird the logging roads southwest of Weda. Best birds were Halmahera Flowerpeckers, Rufous-bellied Trillers, Black Sunbirds, Moluccan Monarch, Moluccan Hanging Parrots and just before dusk we finally saw our first White Cockatoos. We had some troubles getting a skulking Gray’s Grasshopper Warbler into view, but finally we had some fleeting views. Also seen was Large-tailed Nightjar. At dark we searched for Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar just west of the resort and we immediately had response of two birds. One bird showed itself very well and in the same tree a Moluccan Scops Owl came looking what all the fuzz was about. After a good dinner we went to sleep. At night Arjan had a close encounter with a rat in his bed.

24 Feb
In the early morning we visited two Invisible Rail locations southwest of Weda and heard a bird shortly on both locations. The rest of the morning we spent looking for Scarlet-breasted Fruit Dove, Paradise Crow and North Moluccan Pittas. Best birds were Eclectus Parrot, White Cockatoo, Common Paradise-Kingfisher (finally seen), Moluccan Monarch, Dusky-brown Oriole (finally good views for Arjan), North Moluccan Pitta (heard only), Black-chinned Whistler, Black Sunbird, Shiny and Moluccan Flycatchers, Gurney’s Eagle and Red-flanked Lorikeet. In the afternoon we searched again for Dusky Megapode at the Standardwing Lek, but we only heard two birds. Other birds were again a heard-only of Scarlet-breasted Fruit Dove and more Ivory-breasted Pittas. Dinner at the Weda Resort and early sleep.

25 Feb
We rose at 3:00 hours, had a quick breakfast and started driving north for a two-hour ride to what we called the Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession. This is a road owned by the Weda Bay Nickel Mine and it starts at sea level and reaches its highest point at 1034 meters. At every rise we were tailed Nightjar. At dark we searched for Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar just west of the resort and we immediately had response of two birds. One bird showed itself very well and in the same tree a Moluccan Scops Owl came looking what all the fuzz was about. After a good dinner we went to sleep. At night Arjan had a close encounter with a rat in his bed.

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In the early morning we went looking for Halmahera Boobook at the Standardwing Lek. We heard a Variable Kingfisher, but it was still too dark to get a glimpse. After sunrise we went to another spot for Invisible Rail and upon arrival we heard a bird calling at close range and we even heard the drumming in the call like the recording of Frank Lambert on Xeno-Canto. We waited for a long time silently at the border of the swamp, but nothing appeared. At noon we drove back to the Weda Resort, had lunch and did some snorkeling in the bay at the resort. The fish and coral were brilliant and it was a welcome break. At 15:30 hours we drove back to the Invisible Rail swamp and waited till 18:00 hours, but no rail. A Variable Goshawk was calling, Arjan saw a Shining Flycatcher and during our vigil a Blyth’s Hornbill was feeding between the mangrove roots on the ground, not aware of our presence. At sunset we went looking for the Halmahera Boobook again, but we only heard a Barking Owl calling at a distance. At 21:00 hours we gave up, had dinner and went to bed.

In the morning we reluctantly left Weda Resort and after saying goodbye to Rob, Linda and the staff of the Weda Resort we drove all day north to Tobelo with John and Bambang driving. It rained the rest of the morning and most of the afternoon. Best birds we saw were Goliath Coucal, Lesser Frigatebird, Common Sandpiper and Eastern Yellow Wagtail. We arrived at c 17:00 hours at Tobelo, where we checked in at the Elisabeth Inn and next we drove to Galela. In Galela we drove to the house of Gode, the owner/caretaker of the beach where our next target lived: the Moluccan Megapode. Gode and some members of his family took us to the beach by a wooden canoe and at 18:30 hours we arrived on the beach. At a distance we observed an erupting volcano and several terns and we could identify some Aleutian and Roseate Terns. A group of nine Spotted Whistling Ducks passed and after the sunset we waited for things to come. Already at 19:30 hours we had our first megapodes and at 19:45 hours we had one in the torch that stayed long enough to see it for several minutes! At 20:00 hours we left the area, thanked Gode for this beautiful experience and drove back to Tobelo. In Tobelo we had dinner (very spicy!) and went to sleep at c 22:00 hours.

We rose at 6:00 hours and after a quick breakfast delivered in our room we drove from Tobelo to Sofifi. We arrived at Sofifi at around 10:30 hours and after saying goodbye to Bambang and John we took the boat to Ternate. During this voyage we saw several Red-necked Phalaropes and one unidentified tern. At the quay in Ternate we were picked up and driven to the airport of Ternate, where we arrived at 12:00 hours, with plenty of time for the Garuda GA685 flight to Manado. At 14:30 hours our plane left for Manado on Sulawesi where we arrived at the same time, due to the crossing of another time zone. At the airport we were picked up by Bobby, the owner of the Tangkoko Lodge and after a two-hour drive we reached the Tangkoko Lodge just at the entrance of the Tangkoko Reserve. A Golden-mantled Rackettail and Great-billed Heron flew past and after dropping our bags in the room we went immediately for some last hours birding in the reserve. We quickly found a Vinous-breasted Goshawk, Lilac Kingfisher, Green Imperial Pigeons and an escaped Palm Cockatoo, but we were just too late for the Spectral Tarsiers who had left their roosting tree already. We saw Sulawesi Nightjar however and heard Sulawesi Scops Owl and Spectral Tarsiers and Green-backed Kingfishers. We had dinner at the lodge and finally the day ended with a horrendous encounter with the Goliath Bathroom Spider – the largest spider on earth – in the bathroom. The spider was removed by three men personnel, a chair and a broom after a chaotic chase in the bathroom with the local geckos glued forever in terror at the ceiling.

In the morning we went back to Tangkoko Reserve, had to pay another 200.000 Rupiah pp and started birding. Best birds were Yellow-billed Malkoha, Ruddy Kingfisher, Bay Coucal, Black-billed Koel, White-faced Cuckoo-Dove, Sulawesi Babbler, Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon, Silver-tipped
Imperial Pigeon, Green-backed and Lilac Kingfishers, Pale-blue Monarch and Black-naped fruit Dove. The highlight however was the sighting of two Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfishers! At noon we returned to the lodge, saw a pair of roosting Sulawesi Scops Owls, had a quick lunch and finally Bobby brought us to Manado. At Manado Airport we took the Garuda GA601 flight to Jakarta of 16:15 hours where we arrived at 18:30 hours. At the airport we drank coffee for a long time before going to the gate.

2 March

We departed at 1:30 hours with Garuda GA88. After a comfortable flight of 14 hours we arrived at 10:00 hours at Amsterdam. After picking up the luggage, Arjan was picked up by Jantine and drove back by car to Culemborg and I took the train from Schiphol to Alkmaar, where I was picked up by Marieke and brought home. Next year Dulit Frogmouth?
Species Accounts
Order and nomenclature follows www.worldbirdnames.org, version 6.3, with the exception of Northern Golden Bulbul. More species will probably be split in the near future, like for example Halmahera Leaf Warbler from Island Leaf Warbler or Moluccan Fantail from Rufous Fantail.

Recommended Literature & Sound Recordings
As a field guide we used the Birds of Wallacea by Bishop et al. This book is sold out for year, but fortunately I already bought a copy in 1998. Arjan photographed all the plates and stored these in his smartphone for direct use in the field.  
Several trip reports can be found at www.cloudbirders.com and www.birdtours.co.uk.  
To get the best sound recordings we used the well-known sites of Xeno-Canto, AVoCet and the Macaulay Library.

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Arian Brenkman, Culemborg March 2015,  
Jan van der Laan, Alkmaar March 2015.

Weda Resort as seen from the dining room, 25 February 2014; © Arjan Brenkman.
The Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary in the northern part of Jakarta, Java. We birded the boardwalk until we encountered a group of Long-tailed Macaques, so next we went birding by boat along the eastern part of the reserve.

Modern buildings east from the Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary in the northern part of Jakarta, Java. Note the Little Black Cormorants on the wooden poles, 21 February 2015, Jakarta, Java; © Jan van der Laan.
Locations around Weda Resort, Halmahera. Basically we birded around the roads northwest and southwest of Weda. Beware that the Standardwing is private property of Robert Sinke, the owner of Weda. Mt Tibego was a good vista point for pigeons, hornbills and parrots. Also Halmahera Flowerpecker was seen there. Not the eroded structure of ground, where a good number of gullies is found, all good for Invisible Rail.

Left: typical logging road with good forest on each side; middle & right: Invisible Rail habitat, swamp forest; © Jan van der Laan.
Road to the nickel mine of Weda Bay Nickel. We drove till 1035 meters and from there we descended on foot to 800 meter. From there we drove to 500 meters and walked again to c 400 meters. This road is off limits but Weda Resort is allowed to go there.

Left: Pitcher Plant at 1000 meters; right: typical forest at 1000 meters where Rufous Fantail, Halmahera Leaf Warbler, Moluccan King Parrot and Chattering Lory were found, 25 February 2014; © Jan van der Laan.
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Left: Black-winged Starling; right: Javan Pond Heron, 21 February 2015, Jakarta, Java; © Jan van der Laan.

Sunda Coucal, one of the rarest coucals in Asia, 21 February 2015, Jakarta, Java; © Jan van der Laan. Note the red eye and the black bill, the rufous wing coverts were difficult to see, but were present.

Left: Christmas Island Frigatebirds; right: Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker, 21 February 2015, Jakarta, Java; © Jan van der Laan.
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Left and right: Brush Cuckoo, 22 February 2015, south of Sofifi, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Azure Dollarbird, 22 February 2015, between Sofifi and Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Left and right: Moluccan Hanging Parrot, 22 February 2015, south of Sofifi, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.
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Violet-necked Lories, 22 February 2015, south of Sofifi, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Blue-capped Fruit Dove, right: Grey-headed Fruit Dove, 22 February 2015, south of Sofifi, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.


Left: Red-cheeked Parrot, right: Drab Whistler, 22 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.
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Standardwings in action, 23 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Top two and bottom left: juvenile Moluccan Goshawk; bottom right: adult Variable Goshawk (sometimes split as Grey-throated Goshawk), Weda, Halmahera, 23 February 2015; © Jan van der Laan.
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Left: Blyth’s Hornbill, right: Spectacled Imperial Pigeon, 23 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Males Blue-and-White Kingfisher, 22 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Females Blue-and-White Kingfisher, 22 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Rufous-bellied Trillers, right: Long-billed Crow, 23 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.
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Moluccan Owlet-Nightjar, 23 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Moluccan Scops Owl; right: Sombre Kingfisher, both at 23 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.


Gurney's Eagle, 24 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.
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Nicobar Pigeon, 24 February 2015, Weda, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

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Rufous or Moluccan Fantail, 25 February 2015, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.


ID-problems: most probably a first-year Lesser Frigatebird, 27 February 2015, south of Sofifi, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: immature Goliath Coucal, 27 February 2015 between northeast of Sofifi, Halmahera; right: Moluccan Megapode, 27 February 2015, Galela, Halmahera; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: roosting Lilac Kingfisher, 28 February 2015, Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi; right: Green-backed Kingfisher, 1 March 2015, Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi; © Jan van der Laan.

Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfishers. Left: adult; right: juvenile (with black bill), 1 March 2015, Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi, © Jan van der Laan.
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001. **Spotted Whistling Duck** - Dendrocygna guttata
27-02  9  flying over while waiting on the beach at Galela, Halmahera.

002. **Moluccan Megapode** - Eulipoa wallacei
27-02  3  on the beach at Galela, Halmahera; one bird seen well, others flushed.
One of the highlights of the trip. First birds were only seen in flight, but the third bird gave good views as it stayed fixed for several minutes. Best time is between January and July, so we were told.

003. **Philippine Megapode** - Megapodius cumingii
01-03  2  (only seen by Arjan) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

004. **Dusky Megapode** - Megapodius freycinet
23-03  3  (1 seen, others heard) Standardwing Lek, Weda, Halmahera.
24-02  2  (heard only) west of Weda, Halmahera.
25-02  2  (seen plus more heard) west of Weda, Halmahera.
26-02  3  (all seen) Invisible Rail location, west of Weda, Halmahera.

005. **Black Bittern** - Dupetor flavicollis
21-02  1  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

006. **Black-crowned Night Heron** - Nycticorax nycticorax
21-02  c 10  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

007. **Striated Heron** - Butorides striata
21-02  2-3  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

008. **Javan Pond Heron** - Ardeola speciosa
21-02  c 25  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

009. **Eastern Cattle Egret** - Bubulcus coromandus
Common on Java, Halmahera and Sulawesi.

010. **Grey Heron** - Ardea cinerea
21-02  3  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

011. **Great-billed Heron** - Ardea sumatranæ
28-02  1  flew over the Tangkoko Lodge, Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

012. **Intermediate Egret** - Egretta intermedia intermedia
21-02  1-2  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.
22-02  1  on our way to the Weda Resort, Weda, Halmahera.

013. **Little Egret** - Egretta garzetta
23-02  1  (flying south) Weda Resort, Weda, Halmahera.
28-02  2  at the beach of the Moluccan Megapode, Galela, Halmahera.

014. **Pacific Reef Heron** - Egretta sacra
22-02  1  along the sea shore, south of Sofifi, Halmahera.
015. **Christmas Frigatebird** - *Fregata andrewsi*
   
   21-02  5 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.
   
   An unexpected bonus: we had 4 flying over the river (1 male, 3 females) and another adult male just west of the sanctuary.

016. **Lesser Frigatebird** - *Fregata ariel*
   
   22-02  3 (with one adult male) Sofifi harbour, Halmahera
   
   1 south of Sofifi, Halmahera.

   23-02  1 (adult female) west of Weda, Halmahera.

   27-02  5 (immatures) just north of Sofifi harbour, Halmahera

017. **Little Black Cormorant** - *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*
   
   21-02  c 10 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

018. **Oriental Darter** - *Anhinga melanogaster*
   
   21-02  1 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

019. **Eastern Osprey** - *Pandion cristatus*
   
   22-02  1 south of Sofifi, Halmahera.

020. **Brahminy Kite** - *Haliastur indus*
   
   The most regular seen raptor with daily totals of up to 5 birds.

021. **Grey-throated (Variable) Goshawk** - *Accipiter (hiogaster) griseogularis*
   
   23-02  1 (adult) southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

   1 (heard only) northwest of Weda, Halmahera.

   25-02  1 (heard only) northwest of Weda, Halmahera.

   26-02  1 (heard only) southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

   Some authors split the *griseogularis* subspecies from Halmahera, Ternate, Tidore and Bacan into a separate species, Grey-throated Goshawk, with ssp mortyi from Morotai and obiensis from Obi Island.

022. **MOLUCCAN GOSHAWK** - *Accipiter henicogrammus*
   
   23-02  1 (juvenile) harassing Grey-throated Goshawk, SW of Weda, Halmahera.

   25-02  1 (heard only) Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.

023. **VINOUS-BREASTED SPARROWHAWK** - *Accipiter rhodogaster*
   
   28-02  1 (perched in a bush) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

024. **Gurney’s Eagle** - *Aquila gurneyi*
   
   24-02  2 (1 adult and one immature bird) southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

   We had very good looks of the adult bird. Identification was made by the blue-grey cere and legs.

025. **SULAWESI HAWK-EAGLE** - *Nisaetus lanceolatus*
   
   01-03  1 (calling loudly, but not seen) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

026. **Pale-vented Bush-hen** - *Amaurornis moluccana*
   
   22-02  2-3 (heard only at night) Weda Resort, Halmahera.

   26-02  2 (one seen) Weda Resort, Halmahera.
027. **White-breasted Waterhen** - Amaurornis phoenicurus
21-02 c 5 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

028. **INVISIBLE RAIL** - Habroptila wallacii
24-02 2 (heard only) on two different locations west of Weda, Halmahera.
25-02 1 (heard only) west of Weda, Halmahera.
The last bird was heard at close range and the drumming could be heard. To get it into view was very difficult and we spent hours and hours acting as mosquito bait hidden from view to get a glimpse of this elusive flightless bird.

029. **Common Sandpiper** - Actitis hypoleucos
21-02 2 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.
26-02 1 Weda Resort, Weda, Halmahera.
27-02 1 north of Sidangoli, Halmahera.
1 at the beach of the Moluccan Megapode, Galela, Halmahera.

030. **Red-necked Phalarope** - Phalaropus lobatus
28-02 4 between Halmahera and Ternate.

031. **Aleutian Tern** - Onychoprion aleuticus
23-02 1-2 Weda Resort, Halmahera.
26-02 1 (at least) Weda Resort, Halmahera.
27-02 2 (at least) at sea east of Galela.
We identified these birds by the greyish upperparts and dark secondaries on the underwing.

032. **Roseate Tern** - Sterna dougallii
23-02 1-2 Weda Resort, Halmahera.
26-02 3-4 Weda Resort, Halmahera.
27-02 3 at sea east of Galela.
Identified by the whitish plumage and primary pattern.

033. **Common Tern** - Sterna hirundo
23-02 c 20 Weda Resort, Halmahera.
26-02 c 10 Weda Resort, Halmahera.
27-02 c 30 at sea east of Galela.

034. **Island Collared Dove** - Streptopelia bitorquata
21-02 4 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

035. **Spotted Dove** - Spilopelia chinensis
Quite common on Java and Halmahera.

036. **Sultan's Cuckoo-Dove** - Macropygia doreya albiensis
Fairly common on Halmahera, with c 10 birds seen, but mostly heard, each day.
The Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove is recently split into several species (Ng et al. 2016).

037. **Great Cuckoo-Dove** - Reinwardtoena reinwardtii
22-02 1 flying-by, just west of the Weda Resort, Halmahera. Beautiful!
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038. **WHITE-FACED DOVE** - Turacoena manadensis
   01-03 1 Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

039. **Common Emerald Dove** - Chalcophaps indicia
   Heard at most days on Halmahera; one seen nesting on 26 February at Weda.

040. **Nictobar Pigeon** - Caloenas nictobarica
   23-02 1 northwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   24-02 3 (two seen well on the ground) northwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   25-02 4 northwest of Weda, Halmahera.

041. **Pink-necked Green Pigeon** - Treron vernans
   21-02 2-3 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

042. **Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon** - Treron griseicauda
   01-03 1 (female) near the Spectral Tarsier tree, Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

043. **SCARLET-BREASTED FRUIT DOVE** - Ptilinopus bernsteini bernsteini
   23-02 1 (heard only) northwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   24-02 1 (heard only) southwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   24-02 1 (heard only) northwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   25-02 2 (female seen, another bird heard only) at 457 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.
   25-02 1 (heard only) northwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   This proved to be the most elusive endemic pigeon on Halmahera and finally we saw a female well on the 25th perched in a tree. Trees are much lower at this height.

044. **BLUE-CAPPED FRUIT DOVE** - Ptilinopus monacha
   Fairly common on Halmahera with daily total of up to 4-5 birds.

045. **GREY-HEADED FRUIT DOVE** - Ptilinopus hyogastrus
   The most common pigeon on Halmahera with daily totals of up to 20 birds.

046. **Black-naped Fruit Dove** - Ptilinopus melanospilus
   01-03 1 (heard calling only by Arjan) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

047. **Green Imperial Pigeon** - Ducula aenea paulina
   28-02 c 5 Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.
   01-03 c 10 Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.
   These birds of the distinctive paulina race show a rufous nape patch which can be puffed out.

048. **Spectacled Imperial Pigeon** - Ducula perspicillata
   Quite common on Halmahera with daily total of up to 10-15 birds. Nice characteristic song.

049. **CINNAMON-BELLIED IMPERIAL PIGEON** - Ducula basilica basilica
   Between 23 February and 26 February recorded daily around Weda, with c 5-10 birds each day. Proved to be common at the highest levels of along the road to the Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, where we estimated to have seen and heard about 20 birds in total. The birds have a nice deep song.
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050. **Pied Imperial Pigeon** - Ducula bicolor
   
   22-02  1  c 10 km southwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   
   23-02  6  at Mount Tibego view point, southwest of Halmahera.
   
   25-02  2  Weda, Halmahera.
   
   28-02  1  en route between Tobelo and Sofifi, Halmahera.
   
   More were heard only every day along the logging roads northwest and southwest from Weda.

051. **SILVER-TIPPED IMPERIAL PIGEON** - Ducula luctuosa
   
   28-02  c 5  (heard only) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.
   
   01-03  c 8  (heard only, one seen by Jan) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

052. **BAY COUCAL** - Centropus celebensis
   
   01-03  3  Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

053. **SUNDA COUCAL** - Centropus nigrorufus
   
   21-02  2  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.
   
   One seen from the boat just before the river mouth, while the other was seen from the road south of the reserve while we were walking to the Javan Plover spot. There are less than ten birds present in the reserve nowadays. Last year one was killed when flying against a window pane.

054. **GOLIATH COUCAL** - Centropus goliath
   
   Heard daily on Halmahera, but seeing it was another thing. Only twice we could see this enormous bird in our binoculars, with one bird perched for a long time on 27 February on our way to Tobelo.

055. **Lesser Coucal** - Centropus bengalensis
   
   One flushed at the Weda Resort, Halmahera on 22 February and several heard at the scrubby clearing in Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi, both on 28 February and 1 March.

056. **YELLOW-BILLED MALKOHA** - Rhamphococcyx calyorhynchus calyorhynchus
   
   01-03  2  (seen well) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

057. **BLACK-BILLED KOEL** - Eudynamys melanorhynchus melanorhynchus
   
   01-03  3  Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

058. **Asian Koel** - Eudynamys scolopaceus mindanensis
   
   27-02  1  (heard calling) Moluccan Megapode beach at Galela, Halmahera.
   
   HBW treats this taxon as part of the Pacific Koel complex, with Black-billed Koel merged into this too.

059. **Channel-billed Cuckoo** - Scythrops novaehollandiae
   
   01-03  1  (heard only) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

060. **Brush Cuckoo** - Cacomantis variolosus
   
   Several heard only between 22 February and 27 February. One seen at quite close range on 22 February south of Sofifi, Halmahera. A cuckoo species was calling at 950 meters asl at the Weda Bay Nickel Mine concession, but it did not respond to our recording of Moluccan Cuckoo and it remained silent when the first sunlight appeared.
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074. **AZURE DOLLARBIRD** - *Eurystomus azureus*
   
   22-02 1 perched in a tree between Sofifi and Weda.
   
   On the 27th we visited the area again, but two men with chain saws were chopping the trees into tiny bits and pieces.

075. **GREEN-BACKED KINGFISHER** - *Actenoides monachus monachus*

   28-02 4 (heard only) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.
   
   01-03 3 Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

076. **Common Paradise Kingfisher** - *Tanysiptera galatea*

   23-02 1 (heard only) Standardwing Lek, Weda, Halmahera.
   
   24-02 2 (heard only) just west of Weda Village, Halmahera.
   
   26-02 2 (heard only) west of Weda, Halmahera.
   
   28-02 1 (heard only) Galela, Halmahera.

077. **LILAC KINGFISHER** - *Cittura cyanotis cyanotis*

   28-02 4 (2 seen, others heard only) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.
   
   01-03 2 Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

   Ever since I had a copy of Kingfishers, I longed to see this bird. And a stunner it is!

078. **Ruddy Kingfisher** - *Halcyon coromanda*

   01-02 1 (seen quite well) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

079. **BLUE-AND-WHITE KINGFISHER** - *Todiramphus diops*

   Quite common on Halmahera, more common than Sombre Kingfisher and most frequently perched on electricity wires.

080. **SOMBRE KINGFISHER** - *Todiramphus funebris*

   Quite common on all Halmahera, but most frequently heard. Also calling in the middle of the night.

081. **Collared Kingfisher** - *Todiramphus chloris*

   21-02 c 10 (one seen, others heard) during boat trip in the river of the Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

082. **Beach Kingfisher** - *Todiramphus saurophagus*

   22-02 3 between Weda and Sofifi, Halmahera.

   One bird seen at a distance, the other two were close, but stayed hidden in the undergrowth.

083. **SULAWESI DWARF KINGFISHER** - *Ceyx fallax fallax*

   01-03 2 (adult and juvenile) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

   An adult plus juvenile were found for walkaway views in slightly higher ground at Tangkoko NP. A real highlight. The juvenile could easily be recognized by the black bill with whitish tip.

084. **Moluccan Dwarf Kingfisher** - *Ceyx lepidus lepidus*

   26-02 1 (heard only) Standardwing Lek, Weda, Halmahera.

   We heard the high-pitched sound of a bird just before dawn in the dry streambed, a place where Bambang had seen it some days before. Unfortunately we could not get it into sight.
085. **Cerulean Kingfisher** - *Alcedo coerulescens*
   
   21-02  1  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

086. **KNOBBED HORNBILL** - *Aceros cassidix*
   
   On 1 March at Tangkoko NP wingbeats announced the presence of these birds but no views were obtained.

087. **Blyth's Hornbill** - *Rhyticeros plicatus*
   
   Common, seen daily with up to c 20 birds max a day. Most of the time we saw males, so we presume the females were breeding. During our wake for the Invisible Rail one bird came to the ground and was feeding between the roots of the mangrove trees, not aware of our presence!

088. **Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker** - *Dendrocopos moluccensis*
   
   21-02  c 6  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

089. **Freckle-breasted Woodpecker** - *Dendrocopos analis*
   
   21-02  1  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

090. **Spotted Kestrel** - *Falco moluccensis*
   
   Seen daily on Halmahera with up to 5 birds daily, always perched in the top of (mostly dead) trees.

091. **WHITE COCKATOO** - *Cacatua alba*
   
   The first day heard daily and only in the evening of the second day we saw our first birds. The next day (24th) we saw a group of eight and on subsequent days we encountered two or three birds daily.

092. **MOLUCCAN HANGING PARROT** - *Loriculus amabilis*

   22-02  2  at the Beach Kingfisher spot, south of Sofifi, Halmahera.

   23-02  1  just southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

093. **Violet-necked Lory** - *Eos squamata*

   Common on Halmahera, seen daily with max totals of up to 50 birds a day.

094. **CHATTERING LORY** - *Lorius garrulus*

   23-02  1  (heard only) northwest of Weda, Halmahera.

   3  (seen) northwest of Weda, Halmahera.

   25-02  2  (seen well) at 1030 meters asl, Weda Bay Nickel Concession, Halmahera.

095. **Red-flanked Lorikeet** - *Charmosyna placensis*

   24-02  c 10  southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

   This group showed itself very well in the canopy of a large tree.

096. **GOLDEN-MANTLED RACKET-TAIL** - *Prioniturus platurus*

   28-02  1  Tangkoko Resort, Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

097. **Great-billed Parrot** - *Tanygnathus megalorynchos*

   25-02  1  (heard only, shadow seen) northwest of Halmahera.

   Normally much more common as most reports show. We heard this bird while we were waiting for the Dusky Megapodes at the Standardwing Lek to appear.
098. **Blue-backed Parrot** - Tanygnathus sumatranus

01-03  2:3  (heard only) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

A group flew calling loudly above the canopy without getting into few.

099. **Eclectus Parrot** - Eclectus roratus

Seen daily on Halmahera with a total of c 10 birds. On Mt Tibego we saw a group of six birds, with five males and one female.

100. **Moluccan King Parrot** - Alisterus amboinensis hypophonius

26-02  2  at c 1030 meters asl, Weda Bay Nickel Concession, Halmahera.

26-02  2  at c 500 meters asl, Weda Bay Nickel Concession, Halmahera.

The first bird were seen flying by occasionally in a period of an hour at the highest point of the road; the other two were heard-only when looking for the Scarlet-breasted Fruit Dove.

101. **Red-breasted Parakeet** - Psittacula alexandri

21-02  2  (along the river) Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

102. **NORTH MOLUCCAN PITTA** - Erythropitta rufiventris rufiventris

24-02  1  (heard only) c 1,5 km southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

Unfortunately heard only. Perhaps both North Moluccan Pittas and Sulawesi Pitta are not very vocal in February. In the IOC version 6.3 the Red-bellied Pitta complex is split into 10 species, instead of the 17 species of Irestedt et al. 2013 or the 13 species following Collar et al. 2015.

103. **IVORY-BREASTED PITTA** - Pitta maxima maxima

Heard daily between 22 and 26 February on Halmahera, with c 10-15 birds every day and perhaps an incredible total of c 50 birds. Only seen once on the 23rd when we saw a bird calling high in a tree at the Standardwing Lek. There we heard one bird using a three-part call, as can be heard [here](#).

104. **WHITE-STREAKED FRIARBIRD** - Melitograis gilolensis

The first bird we saw was on 22 February [on our way to Weda](#), Halmahera. Subsequently we had one or two birds daily on Halmahera. On 25 February we had one at c 450 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera. Odd enough, there are no sound recordings available on the internet.

105. **Dusky Myzomela** - Myzomela obscura mortyana

25-02  c 20  at the higher part of the road between 1000 m asl and c 700 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.

106. **Golden-bellied Gerygone** - Gerygone sulphurea

21-02  2  Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

107. **White-breasted Woodswallow** - Artamus leucorynchus

Common, especially on electricity wires along the road. We had a maximum of c 25 birds near Tobelo.

108. **Moluccan Cuckooshrike** - Coracina atriceps magnirostris

Regularly seen or heard on Halmahera, with c 10 birds seen or heard daily.

109. **White-bellied Cuckooshrike** - Coracina papuensis

22-02  1  south of Sofifi, Halmahera.
110. **HALMAHERA CUCKOO SHRIKE** - Coracina parvula
   Regularly seen or heard on Halmahera, mostly in the vicinity of the Weda Resort, with c 10-20 birds seen or heard daily, more commonly observed than Moluccan Cuckoo Shrike.

111. **Common Cicadabird** - Coracina tenuirostris
   25-02 2 at c 1030 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.

112. **RUFOUS-BELLIED TRILLER** - Lalage aurea
   22-02 1 c 10 km southwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   23-02 4 c 1 km southwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   24-02 2 Mount Tibego, c 3 km southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

113. **Small Minivet** - Pericrocotus cinnamomeus
   21-02 1 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

114. **BLACK-CHINNED WHISTLER** - Pachycephala mentalis mentalis
   24-02 2 c 4 km southwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   25-02 1 at 1029 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.
   25-02 4 at 1032 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.
   25-02 1 at 457 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.

115. **Drab Whistler** - Pachycephala griseonota cinerascens
   22-02 1 (seen well) on our way to Weda, Halmahera.
   27-02 1 (heard only) somewhere between Weda and Sofifi, Halmahera.

116. **DUSKY-BROWN ORIOLE** - Oriolus phaeochromus
   23-02 1 Standardwing Lek, west of Weda, Halmahera.
   24-02 2 southwest of Weda, Halmahera.
   25-02 2 Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.
   26-02 1 west of Weda, Halmahera.

117. **Black-naped Oriole** - Oriolus chinensis
   01-03 1 Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

118. **Hair-crested Drongo** - Dicrurus hortentottus leucops
   28-02 c 5 Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.
   01-03 c 10 Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.
   All birds belonged to the white-eyed form leucops.

119. **Spangled Drongo** - Dicrurus bracteatus morotensis
   Fairly common on Halmahera, with daily totals of up to ten birds each day.

120. **Willie Wagtail** - Rhipidura leucophrys
   Common on Halmahera, especially in villages and often nesting on electricity lines.

121. **Malaysian Pied Fantail** - Rhipidura javanica
   21-02 c 5 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.
122. **Rufous Fantail** - Rhipidura rufifrons torrida  
25-02  c 5  at c 1000 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera. 
A very likely future split. The new name will surely be Moluccan Fantail.

123. **PALE-BLUE MONARCH** - Hypothymis puella  
01-03  3  (pair seen and 1 heard only) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

124. **MOLUCCAN MONARCH** - Symposiarchus bimaculatus bimaculatus  
23-02  1-2  c 1,5 km **southwest of the Weda Resort**, Halmahera.  
24-02  1  (heard only) c 2 km **southwest of the Weda Resort**, Halmahera.

125. **White-naped Monarch** - Carterornis pileatus  
25-02  2  **at c 500 m asl**, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.  
26-02  1  (heard only) **west of Weda**, Halmahera.  
As most other species, we only observed males, so we think we were in the middle of the breeding season with all females incubating.

126. **Moluccan Flycatcher** - Myiagra galeata galeata  
22-02  1  (male) **on our way to Weda**, Halmahera.  
24-02  2  (males) **southwest of Weda**, Halmahera.  
24-02  2  (male) **southwest of Weda**, Halmahera.  
26-02  1  (male) Invisible Rail spot, southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

127. **Shining Flycatcher** - Myiagra alecto  
24-02  1  (male) southwest of Weda, Halmahera.  
26-02  1  (male) Invisible Rail spot, southwest of Weda, Halmahera.

128. **Slender-billed Crow** – Corvus enca  
28-02  2  at the first clearing in the Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

129. **LONG-BILLED CROW** - Corvus validus  
Heard frequently on Halmahera and easily identified by their calls, but only c 5 birds were seen well and only once perched in a tree, the others were fly-bys.

130. **Torresian Crow** - Corvus orru  
Several individuals were seen daily on Halmahera.

131. **PARADISE-CROW** - Lycocorax pyrrhopterus pyrrhopterus  
An elusive bird on Halmahera, heard most frequently, but only a few birds seen and never long enough to take photographs. In the end we had a total of c 12 birds during our whole stay around Weda, with only 3-4 seen well.

132. **STANDARDWING** - Semioptera wallacii halmaherae  
23-02  c 10  (males) Standardwing Lek, northwest of Weda, Halmahera.  
25-02  2  (females) at 1030 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.  
26-02  3  (heard only) Standardwing Lek, northwest of Weda, Halmahera.

133. **Sooty-headed Bulbul** - Pycnonotus aurigaster aurigaster  
21-02  c 5  **Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary**, North Jakarta, Java.
134. **Black-headed Bulbul** - Pycnonotus atriceps
   21-02 1 **Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary**, North Jakarta, Java.
   An unexpected find as Khaleb had never seen this species here, so it could have been an escape.

135. **HALMAHERA GOLDEN BULBUL** - Thapsinillas (longirostris) chloris
   Seen daily in small numbers around Weda, Halmahera, with about 10 birds a day. Collar, Eaton and Hutchinson split Northern Golden Bulbul into Halmahera GB *T* chloris, Obi GB *T* lucasi, Seram GB *T* affinis, Buru GB *T* mysticus, Sula GB *T* longirostris, Togian GB *T* aurea and Sangihe GB *T* platenea.

136. **Barn Swallow** - Hirundo rustica
   Quite common on Java, Halmahera and Sulawesi, with up to 30 birds seen daily.

137. **Pacific Swallow** - Hirundo tahitica
   Quite common on Java and Halmahera with about 10 birds seen daily.

138. **HALMAHERA LEAF WARBLER** - Phylloscopus (maforensis) henrietta
   25-02 c 10 at c 1030 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.
   1 (heard only) c 500 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.
   This taxon will most probably be split soon and the English name would be Halmahera Leaf Warbler.

139. **Gray's Grasshopper Warbler** - Locustella fasciolata
   23-02 2-3 (one seen) west of the Weda Resort, Halmahera.
   25-02 2 (heard only) Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.

140. **Bar-winged Prinia** - Prinia familiaris
   21-02 c 5 **Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary**, North Jakarta, Java.

141. **Olive-backed Tailorbird** - Orthotomus sepium
   21-02 c 5 **Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary**, North Jakarta, Java.

142. **SULAWESI BABBLER** - Trichastoma celebense
   28-02 c 5 (heard only) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.
   01-03 c 10 (two seen well) Tangkoko NP, Sulawesi.

143. **MEES’S WHITE-EYE** - Lophozosterops javanicus
   21-02 1 **Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary**, North Jakarta, Java.
   A bird in mangrove forest instead of Gunung Gede was according to Khaleb an escape.

144. **CREAM-THROATED WHITE-EYE** - Zosterops atriceps fuscifrons
   22-02 1 **on our way** to Weda, Halmahera.
   25-02 8 **along the road** to the Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.

145. **Metallic Starling** - Aplonis metallica
   Seen daily on Halmahera in small numbers with a maximum of c 30 birds in one group on the 23rd.

146. **Moluccan Starling** - Aplonis mysolensis
   22-02 3 **on our way** to Weda, Halmahera.
   24-02 2 southwest of Weda, Halmahera.
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147. **Crested Myna** - Acridotheres cristatellus
   21-02 2 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.
   Two birds just south of the marsh were not the expected Javan Myna’s, but these were escapes. According to Khaleb this is not a frequent introduction as they are never found in bird markets. Several Myna’s along the highway to the airport could therefore be the genuine Javan Myna.

148. **Black-winged Starling** - Acridotheres melanopterus melanopterus
   21-02 3 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

149. **Blue Rock Thrush** - Monticola solitarius
   22-02 1 just south of Sofifi, Halmahera.

150. **Grey-streaked Flycatcher** - Muscicapa griseisticta
   Several seen daily on Halmahera and Sulawesi.

151. **Asian Brown Flycatcher** - Muscicapa daaurica
   21-02 1 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

152. **Yellow-rumped Flycatcher** - Ficedula zanthopygia
   21-02 1 (male) Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

153. **HALMAHERA FLOWERPECKER** - Dicaeum schistaceiceps
   23-02 1 (heard only) west of Weda, Halmahera.
   1 (male seen) Mount Tibego, west of Weda, Halmahera.
   25-02 1 at c 1000 m asl, Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession, Halmahera.
   26-02 1 (female at close range) west of Weda, Halmahera.
   The male at Mount Tibego showed itself very well, the heard-only birds were only heard by Arjan, as Jan is not able to hear bird sounds above 8 kHz anymore (too many punk concerts, house parties etc in his early years).

154. **Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker** - Dicaeum trochileum
   21-02 2 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

155. **Brown-throated Sunbird** - Anthreptes malacensis
   21-02 1 (heard only) Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

156. **Black Sunbird** - Leptocoma sericea
   Regularly seen on Halmahera between 22 and 28 February with daily totals of up to 4 birds.

157. **Olive-backed Sunbird** - Cinnyris jugularis
   Less common than Black Sunbird, with one or two birds seen daily.

158. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** - Passer montanus malaccensis
   A common bird in human settlements, in some abundant in others absent, on Java, Halmahera and Sulawesi.

159. **Javan Munia** - Lonchura leucogastroides
   21-02 c 5 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.
160. **Black-faced Munia** - Lonchura molucca
   Regularly seen on Halmahera between 22 and 28 February with daily totals of up to 10 birds, typically along **grassy roadsides**.

161. **Scaly-breasted Munia** - Lonchura punctulata
   21-02 1 Muara Angke Wildlife Sanctuary, North Jakarta, Java.

162. **Eastern Yellow Wagtail** - Motacilla tschutschensis
   27-02 1 south of Tobelo, North Halmahera.
   28-02 c 10 between Tobelo and Sidangoli, North Halmahera.

163. **Grey Wagtail** - Motacilla cinerea
   28-02 1 between Tobelo and Sidangoli, North Halmahera.

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Arjan (right) and Jan (left) looking at a Sunda Coucal in Jakarta from the middle of the road with traffic rushing along us, 21 February 2015; © Khaleb Yordan / Jakarta Birder.
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A tired Arjan at the harbour of Ternate, just before embarking to Halmahera, 22 February 2015; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: our vehicle at 1030 meters above sea level at the Weda Bay Nickel Mine Concession; right: our cottage at the Weda Bay Resort, 25 February 2014; © Jan van der Laan.

Lava sand beach at Galela. The holes in the foreground are made by megapodes the night before, 27 February; © Jan van der Laan.
Goliath Bathroom Spider (*Arachnospides sanitaiensis*) ready for the attack, 28 February 2015, Sulawesi. Note the fearsome fiery eyes; © Jan van der Laan.

Arjan looking for the Spectral Tarsier to come out. In vain, 1 March 2015; © Jan van der Laan.