

Report of a Birding Trip to

# Peninsular Malaysia

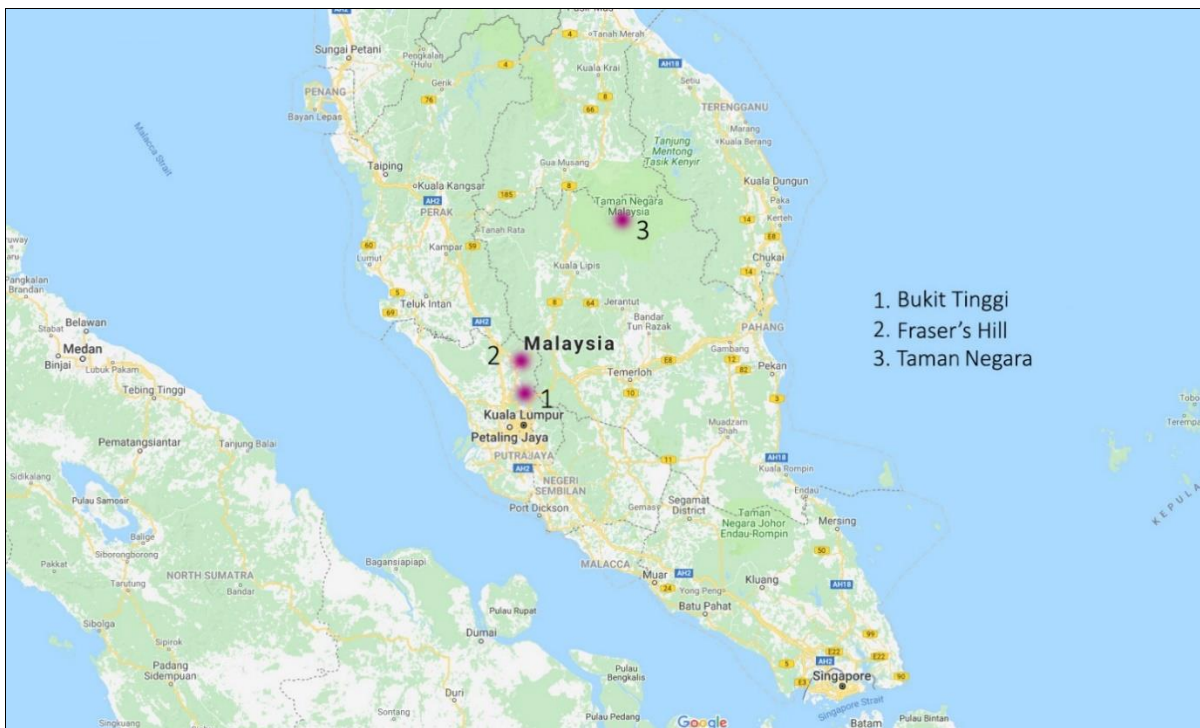
From 25<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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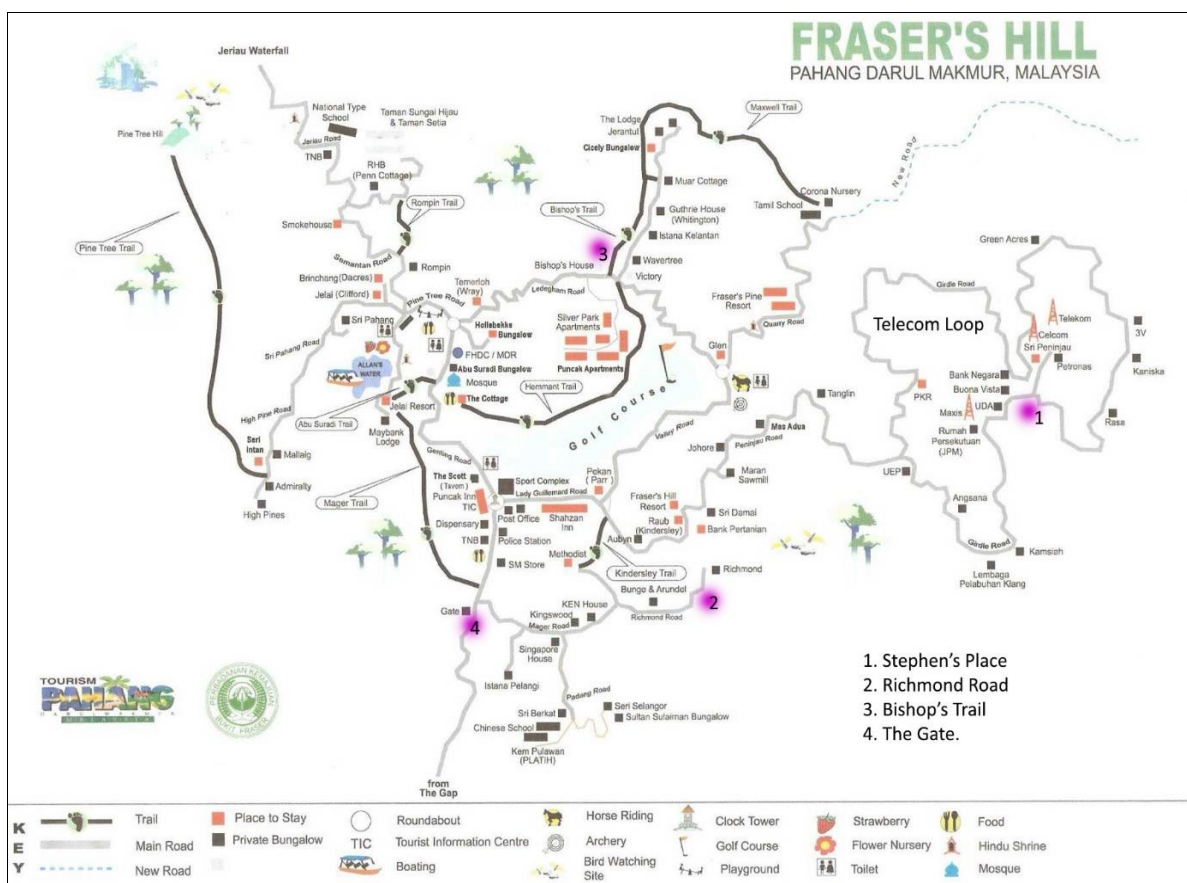


Malayan Partridge, 26 February 2018, Fraser's Hill, Malaysia; © Jan van der Laan.



1. Bukit Tinggi
2. Fraser's Hill
3. Taman Negara

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1. Stephen's Place
2. Richmond Road
3. Bishop's Trail
4. The Gate.

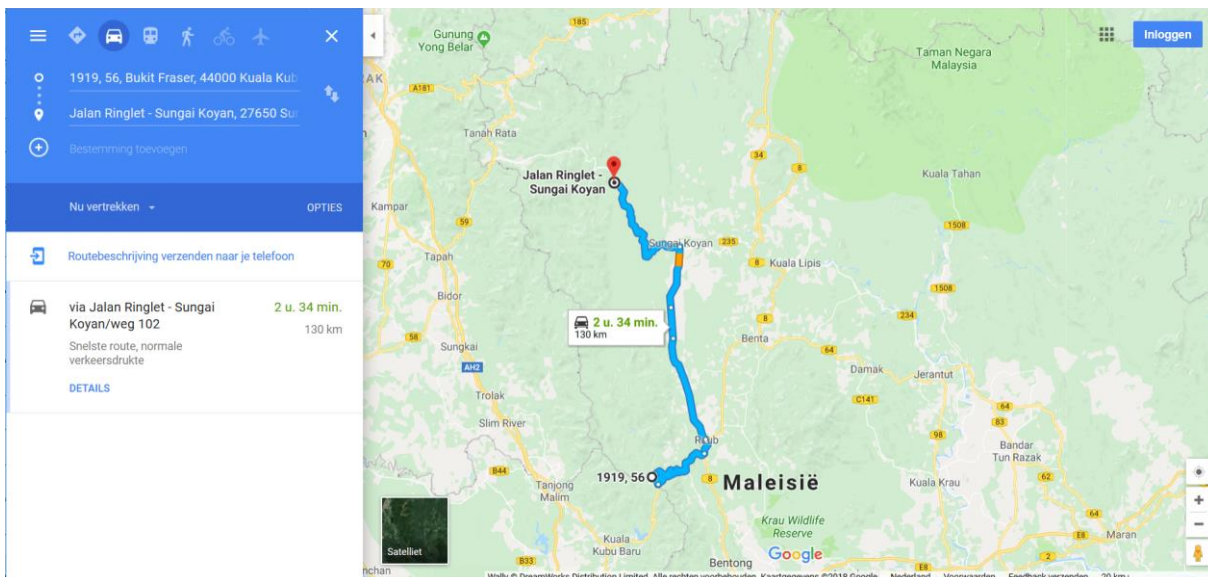
<b>K</b>	Trail	Place to Stay	Roundabout	Horse Riding	Clock Tower	Strawberry	Food
<b>E</b>	Main Road	Private Bungalow	Tourist Information Centre	Archery	Golf Course	Flower Nursery	Hindu Shrine
<b>Y</b>	New Road	Boating	Boating	Bird Watching Site	Playground	Toilet	Mosque

Map Fraser's Hill; © [https://www.journeymalaysia.com/MH\\_fraser.htm](https://www.journeymalaysia.com/MH_fraser.htm)

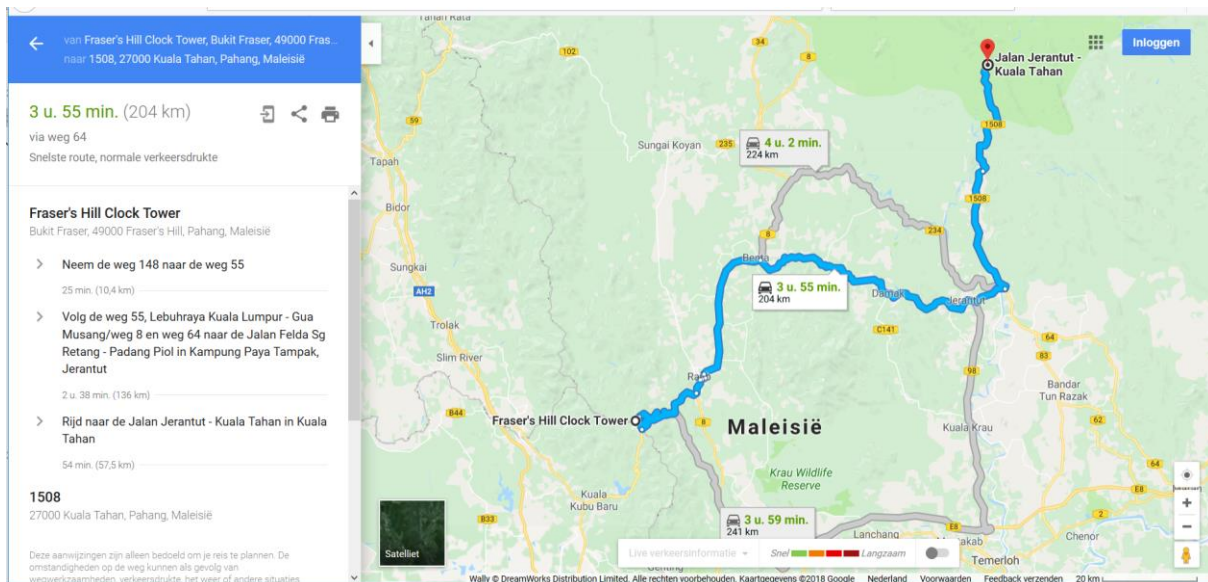








Navigation error: the latitude was correct, the longitude was incorrectly put in the navigation system.



This is what it should have been. We found out this error just an hour we arrived before Sungai Koyan; it took us 1:45 minutes extra.

## Introduction

It was only ten months ago since our successful trip to Taiwan in 2017 and this time we decided to go to Peninsular Malaysia to see Garnet and Rusty-naped Pitta plus the Mountain Peacock-Pheasant as quickly as possible. It was also a good opportunity to look for some missing Sundae species. We would focus on three areas, the Genting Highlands (for the Mountain Peacock-Pheasant), Fraser's Hill (Malayan Partridge, Malayan Whistling-Thrush, Black-Laughingthrush and Rusty-naped Pitta) and Taman Negara (lowland species like Garnet Pitta, Malayan Banded Pitta, Short-toed Coucal, Black-throated Babbler, White-necked Babbler, Large Wren-Babbler and Rail-Babbler). First we had a day birding in Dubai, which is covered in [this report](#).

## Itinerary

- 24 Febr** We left Dubai at 21:35 with Emirates flight EK344. We were both very tired after a day birding in Dubai, so we slept the whole 7 hours.
- 25 Febr** Arrival at **Kuala Lumpur** at 8:30 hours. It took some time to get the plane in position and the docking failed three times. After an hour or so we could leave the plane, but we had to wait for another two hours to get our luggage. The car rental (Hawk) was quickly found however and at c 12:00 hours we could leave the airport and we headed straight to **Bukit Tinggi**. Our navigation system worked fine and soon we were driving north. The toll roads were a surprise to us, but after instructions from one of the ladies in the toll houses we bought a Touch-and-go card at a gas station, put c 30 ringgits on it and the problem was solved. At c 13:15 we arrived at the **Colmar Tropicale** and met James Eaton. We had lunch first in this strange village and next James showed us the very spot of the Mountain Peacock-Pheasant. First birds were Plume-toed Swiftlet, Red-bellied Swallow, Asian Brown and Dark-sided Flycatcher and a calling Helmeted Hornbill. Suddenly we heard the call of a Rail-Babbler, we followed the source and after some exchange of sounds, the bird appeared a few meters in front of us! Next we went to the house of Adrian Lim, the person who discovered the Pheasants in 2013. We drank a beer on his porch of his beautiful house. He organized to have the gate to the Pheasant being opened before 7:00 hours and also he provided us with meal worms and corn. After saying goodbye to Adrian and James (who went to Canada next morning) we checked in in the Colmar Tropicale. In the last hours of daylight we birded at a clearing and to our surprise we had 3 Pin-tailed Parrotfinches! After sunset we had a good dinner and crashed at c 21:00 hours.
- 26 Febr** In the morning we left the hotel at c 5:45 hours in darkness. We heard a Sunda Scops Owl and saw several Grey Nightjars. At 7:00 hours we positioned ourselves behind a large camouflage net and waited. Around 7:15 three birders arrived, having no clue where they were and were toddling around on the very place where we would expect the pheasants. We gave them directions and soon everyone was in position. At 7:38 the first Mountain Peacock-Pheasant arrived and we could observe them till 9:00. There were two males, a female and two younger birds which followed the female the whole time. The Ferruginous Partridge arrived only at 9:00 am, but gave excellent views. Other birds were White-rumped Shama, Orange-headed Thrush, and Siberian Blue Robin. Almost the whole time the Rail-babbler was whistling constantly. We left the area at 10:00 am. On our way to the car we found three Siamangs in a fruiting tree together with several Golden-whiskered and Sooty Barbets. We were in time for breakfast at the hotel and after that we checked out and at 12:00 we drove to Fraser's Hill. We arrived at the **Gate of Fraser's Hill** at around 14:45 and checked the area in daylight to find out what the best position was to wait for the Malayan Whistling Thrush. We flushed a Large Niltava from the stream and in the trees above us the first Chestnut-capped Laughingthrushes and Long-tailed Sibia's appeared. Next we tried to find **Stephen's Place** at the start of the Telecom Loop. We dropped our bags at Stephen's Place – with Black-throated Sunbird

and Mountain Bulbul in the garden - and Stephen Hogg explained us where the Malayan Partridges came to feed. We arrived at the place at the **Jalan Richmond** at 15:30 hours and almost the first birds were two Malayan Laughingthrushes. Ten minutes later a Malayan Partridge arrived and started to feed on the corn we had put there. This lone bird was chased away by four other Malayan Partridges. We left the place at 16:00 hours and went straight to the famous Bishop's Trail. We walked the trail from north to south. Best birds were Mountain Fulvetta, Golden Babbler, White-throated Fantail, Lesser Shortwing, Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, Red-headed Trogon, Long-tailed Broadbill and Black-browed Barbets. While walking back to the car, we came upon a feeding flock which hold two Sultan Tits, a wonderful male Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, Lesser Yellownappe, Orange-bellied Leafbird, Bronzed Drongo, Streaked Spiderhunter and Everett's White-eye. We had dinner at Stephen's Place at 18:00, a little bit early for us as it was still daylight, so after dinner we walked the **Telecom Loop** to look for Siberian Thrush, but none showed up. Later in the garden of Stephen's Place a Brown Wood Owl and a Grey Nightjar made an appearance. Around 22:00 hours we went to sleep.

### 27 Febr

We had breakfast at 5:45 and left the hotel at 6:00. At 6:15 we positioned ourselves at the **Gate** for our vigil for the Malayan Whistling Thrush. We waited for an hour but nothing happened. We continued birding along the **Bishop's Trail** to search for Rusty-naped Pitta, one of our targets. Best birds this morning were Green Magpie, Large Scimitar Babbler (heard only), Lesser Shortwing, White-tailed Robin, Black-browed Barbet, Orange-headed Thrush, Bronzed Drongo, Sultan Tit, Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, Orange-bellied Leafbird and Rufous-browed Flycatcher. Next on the program was the 8 km long road between the **Gap** and Fraser's Hill to find Black Laughingthrush. It took us only 2 km walking uphill until we found a pair. Other birds were Crimson-winged and Banded Woodpeckers, Grey Wagtail, Blyth's Hawk Eagle, Green-billed and Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Mountain Fulvetta, Golden Babbler, Pin-striped Babbler, Scaly-crowned Babbler and Grey-throated Babbler. In the afternoon we walked the whole **Telecom Loop** with best bird a female Siberian Thrush and just before **Stephen's Place** we finally had our first Silver-eared Mesia and Blue-winged Minla. There we met a Birdtour Asia group with Jeff Peters, Neil Broekhuizen and their guide Wilbur Goh who showed us two Blue Nuthatches, the only ones of our trip. We had a good dinner and exchanged bird sightings with Jeff, Neil – "we tell you how you should pronounce your surname" – and Wilbur. In the evening the Brown Wood Owl returned. The Birdtour Asia group went out for night birding, Arjan and I went to sleep.

### 28 Febr

In the early morning (6:20) before dawn we waited at the **Gate** for the Malayan Whistling-Thrush to appear, but the bird did not show up. A male Large Niltava that walked the road caused some excitement, but at 7:20 we gave up. Neil, Jeff and Wilbur would see the species two days later, so it is still there. After this defeat we went first to the **Hemmant Trail** for Rusty-naped Pitta that was heard there a fortnight ago, but only an Orange-headed Thrush showed itself. Next we went to the **Bishop's Trail** again and there we had a long duel with a Rusty-naped Pitta that called from a deep gully with a large fallen tree in it which the Pitta obviously used to its advantage! After an hour or two we gave up. Other birds seen or heard where Lesser Shortwing, Large Scimitar Babbler, Silver-eared Mesia, Green Magpie, Black-eared Shrike Babbler, a female Mugimaki Flycatcher, Rufous-browed Flycatcher at close range, Buff-breasted Babbler, Mountain Fulvetta and Ochraceous Bulbul. At 11:00 we checked out at Stephen's Place, said goodbye and after a short birding at the **Telecom Loop** we went to Taman Negara. After almost two hours uneventful driving – with only White-throated Kingfishers seen - we realized that I had put the wrong east coordinate in the navigation system and that we were heading straight into oblivion, or the palm-oil deserts. It took us 1:45 minutes extra driving time, but we reached **Kuala Tahan** at around 17:00 hours. We took the ferry to the **Mutiara Taman Negara Resort**. We checked in and were given cabin 47. We ended birding the **Swamp Loop** and the **Tahang Hide**. Best birds were two Greater Slaty Woodpeckers,

an invisible Sunda Scops Owl and four calling Hooded Pittas. After a nice dinner with a Tiger beer we tried the **Swamp Loop** again, but the Sunda Scops Owl made itself not visible and after searching in vain for Reddish Scops Owl we went to bed at 22:30 hours.

### 1 March

We started at 6:00 at the **Swamp Loop** to look for the Sunda Scops Owl again, but it stayed out of sight. Far away a Gould's Frogmouth called and a Hooded Pitta called nearby, but still in darkness. We had a quick breakfast and checked the fruiting tree at the HQ. Best birds were Little Green Pigeon, Streaked & Black-crested Bulbul and Asian Fairy-bluebird. We continued to walk the **River Trail to Lubok Simpon** with Blue-eared Kingfisher and Straw-headed Bulbul and next the **Jenut Muda Trail**. There is now an almost continuous boardwalk to the highest point, making birdwatching not easy as we could not prevent to make some noise. At the highest point we heard Great Argus, but it did not come into view. Best birds were Chestnut-rumped Babbler, Scaly-crowned and Rufous-fronted Babbler, Sooty-capped & Chestnut-winged Babbler, Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Streaked Bulbul, Banded Woodpecker, Pint-tailed Tit-Babbler, Rhinoceros Hornbill, Germain's Swiftlets, Grey-rumped Treeswift and Banded Broadbill. We ended again at the **Swamp Loop** where a pair of Crested Firebacks was quickly found and a Banded Kingfisher was heard. We had a quick lunch and went back to the **River Trail** to walk as deep into the forest as possible, far away from the boardwalks. Straw-headed Bulbul were quite common and finally we found three Black-throated Babbler in a group of Scaly-crowned and Chestnut-winged Babbler. Another good bird was an Amur Paradise Flycatcher which we could compare with a nearby Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher. Also seen were Checker-throated Woodpecker, Black-and Yellow Broadbill, Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo, Dark-throated Oriole, Greater Green Leafbird, Spectacled & Ochraceous Bulbul, Blue-throated Bee-eater, White-bellied, Crimson-winged and Maroon Woodpeckers, Purple-naped Sunbird, Rufous-winged Philentoma and a hawk-cuckoo species that vanished all too quickly. Now we began being a little desperate since we had not heard a single Garnet or Malayan Banded Pitta, so on our way back we made the plan for tomorrow to go to the Blau Hide at the opposite side of the river. After a good dinner we did a short search around the cabins, but nothing was calling and we went to bed at 22:00 hours.

### 2 March

A pre-dawn walk at the **Swamp Loop** did not result in anything special, so we took breakfast and waited for the boat to arrive. The boat came as late as 8:00 and brought us to the **Gua jetty**. During the crossing we saw a pair of Black-and-red Broadbill, a lone Striated Heron, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha and Large Green Pigeons. We had plan to walk to the famous **Blau Hide**. The first stretch of good forest immediately resulted in good sightings of a pair of Large Wren Babbler, Short-tailed Babbler, Black-throated Babbler and Chestnut-winged Babbler. We also heard a Malayan Black Magpie that did not come into view. While continuing we found at the first bridge steaming dung and footprints of an elephant that were obviously not older than a few hours. Moreover we found several small trees ripped down and – too weird - a flipped-over wheelbarrow. A Malayan Banded Pitta called from opposite of the small stream, but we decided to return to the jetty, since we would not take any risk when a lone elephant was in the vicinity. We phoned the boats man who came immediately and at 10:00 hours we were back at the resort. Later on we learned that indeed a few weeks back tourists had been chased out of that patch of forest. We drank some coffee and judged our options. We decided to walk the **Jenut Muda Trail** via **Bukit Teresek** and then take the **River Trail** again. Along the Jenut Muda we saw or heard Banded Bay Cuckoo, Hairy-backed, Grey-cheeked and Grey-bellied Bulbul, Eastern Crowned and Arctic Warblers, Banded Woodpecker, Banded Kingfisher, Moustached and Sooty-capped Babbler and again Great Argus. Along the **River trail** we had Moustached Babbler, White-bellied Erpornis, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Little Spiderhunter, Blue-winged Leafbird, Scarlet-rumped and Red-naped Trogon, Green and Banded Broadbill and Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo. We met a German birder who had seen a Malayan Banded Pitta at the start of the River Trail that very morning, so we knew what we had to do the



next morning. We checked the place beforehand, but no pitta yet. After a good dinner we went to bed, feeling desperate of the prospect not seeing any pitta this holiday.

### 3 March

We rose early and walked to the **camping grounds** to look for Gould's Frogmouth. We heard no less than four birds but we could not get a single view of it, despite getting really close! Another Sunda Scops Owl refused to come closer. We waited also for the Malayan Banded Pitta to arrive, but we heard it only. We quickly went to the resort to fill our water bottles and ate as much as possible. We planned to walk the **River Trail** the whole day in a last desperate attempt to find Banded and Garnet Pitta. The first part we had Abbott's and Malayan Black-capped Babbler, Crested Jay (better to call it Jay Shrike), Spectacled Spiderhunter, Indian Cuckoo, Rufous-tailed Tailorbird, Banded Kingfisher, Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, Rufous Piculet, Black-throated, Ferruginous and Chestnut-rumped Babbler, Black Magpie (again heard-only) and Buff-necked Woodpecker. Just before the road forks to the Tabing Hide, Arjan heard a Malayan Banded Pitta and we dove into cover and waited. We played its call once and the bird responded immediately. After waiting several minutes the bird, a male, came into view and showed itself very well! Happy with this result we walked towards the Tabing Hide. The short distance between the river and the hide produced Large Wren-Babbler, Green Broadbill, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Rufous-winged Philentoma, Indochinese Blue Flycatcher, Checker-throated Woodpecker, Rufous-crowned Babbler and Grey Wagtail. We checked the **Tabing Hide** and had planned to stay there for a short time, but we realized what a good place it was. Birds were plenty and seen at close range: Spotted Fantail, Black-and-red and Black-and-yellow Broadbills, Pin-striped Tit-Babblers, Brown Fulvetta, Eastern Crowned Warbler, White-bellied Erpornis, Black-naped Monarch and a perched Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo. A Puff-backed Bulbul was calling next to the hide and Arjan played the sound to get it back into view. The bulbul came close, but we were confused to hear the whistling of a Garnet Pitta. Was it on the [sound recording](#) of Peter Boesman or was there really a pitta whistling? It turned out that on the sound recording from Borneo a Black-headed Pitta was whistling in the background. But now, as the recording had stopped, a pitta was still whistling! We wanted to leave the hide immediately, but two Smooth-coated Otters appeared in the stream before the hide. Quickly we took some photos, but the pitta had priority, so we had to disturb the otters and went off trail into the bush. The Garnet Pitta was quickly found sitting on a large fallen log and it showed itself for some exciting minutes to both of us. At last we had him! We stayed another half hour in the hide again, while the pitta was whistling continuously. At 15:00 hours we slowly walked back along the River Trail adding Green Broadbill, Rufous-winged Philentoma, Greater Iora, Raffle's Malkoha, Rhinoceros Hornbill, Purple-naped Sunbird (Spiderhunter), Orange-backed and Buff-necked Woodpeckers, Blue-throated Bee-eater, Plaintive Cuckoo, Greater Coucal, Great Argus and Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker to our day list. A Malayan Peacock-Pheasant was calling beneath the river bank, but did not come into view. Back at the resort we had Asian Koel and Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrots. We birded the **Tahang hide** and the **Swamp Loop** till dusk. There we met Jeff, Neil and Wilbur again. Best birds there were Hill Myna, Large Green Pigeon, Little Green Pigeon, Brown-backed Needletail, Greater Slay Woodpecker, Javan Mynah, Fairy-bluebird and two Malayan Peacock-Pheasants (heard only). We had a good dinner again and after dinner we joined the Birdtour Asia group and exchanged information and addresses. Rain – the first serious rain we encountered - prevented a final search for frogmouths and owls, so at 22:30 we went to sleep.

### 4 March

The last morning we did a pre-dawn attempt for frogmouths and owls again at the Swamp Loop, but perhaps due to the rain nothing was responding. After breakfast we decided to stay as long as possible at the fruiting trees at the resort. Best birds were Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike, Large Green Pigeon, Thick-billed Green Pigeon, Black-thighed Falconet, Oriental Dollarbird, Stork-billed Kingfisher, Blue-winged Leafbird, Spectacled, Buff-vented, Cream-vented, Black-crested, Yellow-vented and Red-eyed Buleuls, Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Fairy-bluebird, Germain's Swiftlet, House Swift



and Brown-backed Needletails. From 9:30 till 10:30 we looked for Rufous-collared Kingfisher at the Swamp Loop, but in vain. We managed to find Crested Partridge and a fine Hooded Pitta (with brown cap). A little bit disappointing was the sight of Malayan Peacock-Pheasant that was wearing a metal ring, proving that it was one of the captive-raised birds. Finally we had to pack our bags, checked out and crossed the river for the final time. Our car was still in good health at the parking lot and after reorganizing the interior and double-checking the coordinates in the navigation system for our final destination – Kuala Lumpur, we drove south. Nothing special was seen, but in Kuala Lumpur we had some time left to visit the Lake Gardens, also known as Titiwangsa Park, a very crowded park, but our main quarry - Daurian Starling - was quickly found. Near the airport we checked a marsh for Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler, but only a Barred Buttonquail was flushed and seen by Arjan only. At around 19:30 hours we arrived at **Kuala Lumpur International Airport**, handed over the undamaged car to Hawk Car Rental, had a cheap but good dinner in the airport, checked in and waited for our plane to leave after midnight.

### 5 March

The Emirates flight EK343 to **Dubai** left on time at 1:10 and arrived at 4:30 in Dubai where we took the connecting flight EK147 at 8:10 hours. Both flights were with the huge and comfortable Airbus 380. We arrived on time at 12:40 at **Schiphol Airport Amsterdam**. We had to wait quite a long time for our bags, and yes of course, my bag was the very last one that came from the belt. So this was the end of our 7<sup>th</sup> trip. Arjan took the train to **Culemborg**, I took the train to **Alkmaar** and was home at 15:00 hours. Next year Manus Island, PNG?



Fresh Elephant tracks near Blau Hide, Taman Negara on 2 March 2018. We took this very seriously and had to return to the Jetty.

## Species Accounts

Nomenclature and follows [www.worldbirdnames.org](http://www.worldbirdnames.org), version 14.1 (2024). Birds endemic for the Malayan Peninsula are in capitals.

## Recommended Literature

As a field guide we used the A Field Guide to the Birds of South-east Asia by Craig Robson (2000) and the A Field Guide to the Birds of Thailand by Craig Robson (2005). The Thailand guide has distribution maps that proved to be very useful. Several trip reports can be found at [www.cloudbirders.com](http://www.cloudbirders.com) and [www.birdtours.co.uk](http://www.birdtours.co.uk). Our favorites are mentioned in the acknowledgements section.

## Sound Recordings

To get the best sound recordings we used Jelle Scharringa's Birds of Tropical Asia 4 and several sound recordings from the well-known sites of [Xeno-Canto](#), [AVoCet](#) and the [Macaulay Library](#).

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[Arjan Brenkman](#), Culemborg, April 2018,

[Jan van der Laan](#), Alkmaar, April 2018.

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Left: Dark-sided Flycatcher, right: Red-bellied Swallow, both on 25 February 2018, Bukit Tinggi; Jan van der Laan.



Left: Orange-headed Thrush; right: White-rumped Shama, both on 26 February 2018, Bukit Tinggi; © Jan van der Laan.



Mountain Peacock-Pheasant, 26 February 2018, Bukit Tinggi; © Jan van der Laan.



Ferruginous Partridge, 26 February 2018, Bukit Tinggi; © Jan van der Laan.





Left: Golden-whiskered Barbet; right: Sooty Barbets, both on 26 February 2018, Bukit Tinggi; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Malayan Laughingthrush; right: Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush, both on 26 February 2018, Fraser's Hill; © Jan van der Laan.

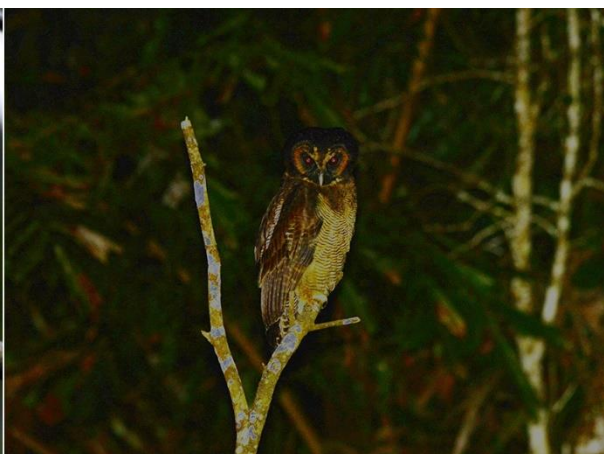


Malayan Partridges, 26 February 2018, Fraser's Hill; the bird on the left was chased away by the group on the right; © Jan van der Laan.



Sultan Tits (left male, middle female and right male), Jalan Lady Maxwell, near the Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill, 26 February 2018; © Jan van der Laan (left one) & Arjan Brenkman (right two).





Left: Mountain Bulbul; right: Brown Wood Owl, Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill, 26 February 2018; © Arjan Brenkman & Jan van der Laan.



Left: Orange-bellied Leafbird; right: Black Laughingthrush, 27 February 2018, road between Gap and Fraser's Hill; © Jan van der Laan.

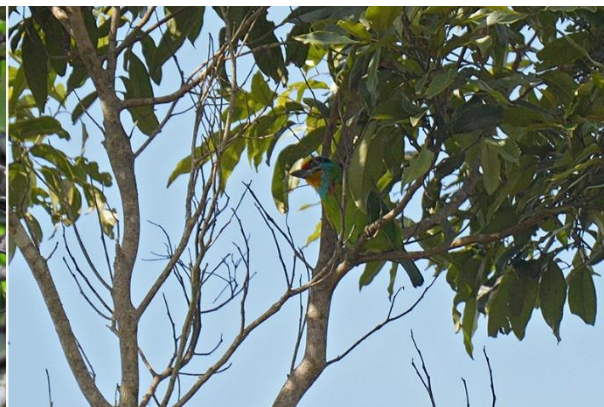


Left: Greater Yellow-nape; right: Fire-tufted Barbet, both on 27 February 2018, Fraser's Hill; © Jan van der Laan.



Rufous-browed Flycatcher, 28 February 2018, at the entrance of the Hemmant trail, Fraser's Hill; © Jan van der Laan.

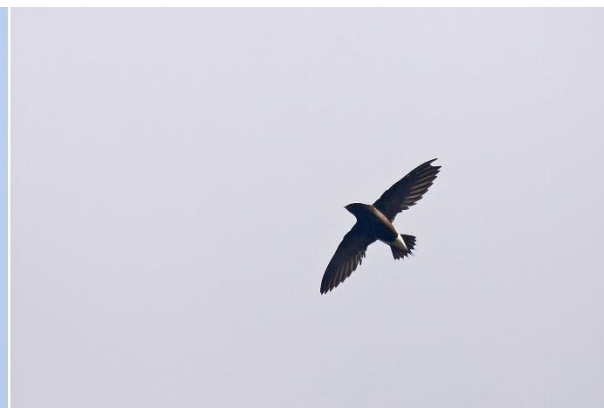




Left: Mugimaki Flycatcher; 27 February 2018, Fraser's Hill; © Arjan Brenkman. Right: Black-browed Barbet, commonly heard, hard to see, 27 February 2018, Fraser's Hill; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Little Green Pigeon; right: Oriental Magpie-Robin, both on 1 March 2018 at Taman Negara; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Germain's Swiftlet, 1 March 2018; right: Brown-throated Needletail, 4 March 2018, both at Taman Negara; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Malayan Crested Fireback; right: Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo, both on 1 March 2018 at Taman Negara; © Jan van der Laan.





Left: Straw-headed Bulbul, 2 March 2018; right: Buff-necked Woodpecker, 3 March 2018; both at Taman Negara; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Checker-throated Woodpecker; right: Orange-backed Woodpecker, both on 3 March 2018 in Taman Negara; © Jan van der Laan.



Hodsgon's Hawk-Cuckoo, 3 March 2018, Tabing Hide, Taman Negara NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Black-and-red Broadbill; right: Scaly-crowned Babbler, both on 3 March 2018 at Taman Negara NP; © Jan van der Laan.





Left: One of the three Malayan Peacock-Pheasants with a metal ring; right: Brown-capped race of Hooded Pitta, both on 4 March at the Swamp Loop, Taman Negara NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Stork-billed Kingfisher; right: Asian Fairy-bluebird, both on 4 March 2018 at Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Left: Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike; right: Spotted Dove, both on 4 March 2018 at Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara NP; © Jan van der Laan.



Daurian Starlings in Kuala Lumpur city, 4 March 2018, Titiwangsa Park, Kuala Lumpur; © Jan van der Laan.

001. **Ferruginous Partridge** - *Caloperdix oculus*  
26-02 1 (well seen at close range) Bukit Tinggi.
002. **Crested Partridge** - *Rollulus rouloul*  
04-03 1 (male) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.
003. **MALAYAN PARTRIDGE** - *Arborophila cambelli*  
26-02 5 (well seen) just before Richmond, Fraser's Hill.  
28-02 1 (heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
004. **Malayan Crested Fireback** - *Lophura rufa*  
01-03 2 (male & female) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.
005. **Great Argus** - *Argusianus argus*  
01-03 3 (heard only) Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
02-03 2 (heard only) Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
03-03 1 (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
006. **MALAYAN PEACOCK-PHEASANT** - *Polyplectron malacense*  
03-03 1 (heard only) [River Trail](#), Taman Negara.  
A [bird seen on 4 March](#) at the Swamp Loop was wearing a metal ring and was one of the three captive-bred and released birds (James Eaton pers. comm.). We considered two calling birds at the Tahang Hide on 3<sup>rd</sup> March as one of these three.
007. **MOUNTAIN PEACOCK-PHEASANT** - *Polyplectron inopinatum*  
26-02 5 (2 males, 1 female, two young) Bukit Tinggi.
008. **Red Junglefowl** - *Gallus gallus*  
04-03 1 (male) Mutiara Taman Negara Resort, Taman Negara.  
We heard several birds in the vicinity of the resort, but could not find out if these were domestic birds.
009. **Grey Nightjar** - *Caprimulgus jotaka*  
26-02 3+ Bukit Tinggi.  
27-02 1 Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.
010. **Gould's Frogmouth** - *Batrachostomus stellatus*  
01-03 1 (heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.  
02-03 1 (heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.  
03-03 4 (heard only) start of the River Trail, Taman Negara.
011. **Grey-rumped Treeswift** - *Hemiprocne longipennis*  
26-02 6 Bukit Tinggi.  
27-02 1-2 Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.  
01-03 c 5 River Trail, Taman Negara.
012. **Plume-toed Swiftlet (Glossy Swiftlet)** - *Collocalia affinis*  
25-02 c 25 Bukit Tinggi.  
26-02 c 10 Bukit Tinggi.



013. **Germain's Swiftlet** - *Aerodramus germani*  
 28-02 c 5 (or Black-nest Swiftlet) Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.  
 02-03 c 5 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
 04-03 c 15 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
014. **Silver-rumped Spinetail** - *Rhaphidura leucopygialis*  
 28-02 1 Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.  
 02-03 c 5 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.
015. **Brown-backed Needletail** - *Hirundapus giganteus*  
 25-02 3 clearing north of Colmar Tropicale, Bukit Tinggi.  
 02-03 3 Gua Jetty, Taman Negara.  
 03-03 2 Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.  
 04-03 8 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
016. **Cook's Swift** - *Apus cooki*  
 25-02 1 Japanese Tea House, Bukit Tinggi.  
 10-20 clearing north of Colmar Tropicale, Bukit Tinggi.  
 The first bird could very well be Pacific Swift *A pacificus* due to its larger white rump.
017. **House Swift** - *Apus nipalensis*  
 04-03 c 20 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
018. **Greater Coucal** - *Centropus sinensis*  
 Heard daily in Taman Negara. Seen only once, on 3 March along the River Trail.
019. **Raffles's Malkoha** - *Rhinortha chlorophaea*  
 Common in Taman Negara with daily numbers of 10+ birds.
020. **Chestnut-breasted Malkoha** - *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*  
 27-02 1 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
 02-03 1 between the river and the Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
021. **Green-billed Malkoha** - *Phaenicophaeus tristis*  
 26-02 1 next to the garden of Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02 1 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.
022. **Asian Koel** - *Eudynamis scolopaceus*  
 One or two birds heard daily at the Mutiara Resort between 1 March and 4 March, Taman Negara.
023. **Banded Bay Cuckoo** - *Cacomantis sonneratii*  
 02-03 1 (heard only) Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.
024. **Plaintive Cuckoo** - *Cacomantis merulinus*  
 03-03 1 (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
025. **Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo** - *Surniculus lugubris*  
 01-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.

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| 02-03 | 1 | (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.           |
| 03-03 | 2 | (1 seen, 1 heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara. |
|       | 1 | (heard only) Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.            |
026. **Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo** - *Hierococcyx nasicolor*
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| 03-03 | 1 | Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.                                 |
|       | 1 | (a <i>hierococcyx</i> species), River Trail, Taman Negara. |
027. **Indian Cuckoo** - *Cuculus micropterus*  
Daily and almost continuously heard in Taman Negara with daily totals of 5+ birds.
028. **Spotted Dove** - *Spilopelia chinensis*  
Fairly common on roadsides and at the Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
029. **Barred Cuckoo-Dove** - *Macropygia unchall*
- |       |   |  |
|-------|---|--|
| 04-03 | 1 | (very probably this species) Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara. |
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030. **Little Cuckoo-Dove** - *Macropygia ruficeps*
- |       |   |               |
|-------|---|---------------|
| 25-02 | 6 | Bukit Tinggi. |
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031. **Common Emerald Dove** - *Chalcophaps indica*
- |       |   |                            |
|-------|---|----------------------------|
| 01-03 | 1 | River Trail, Taman Negara. |
| 02-03 | 2 | River Trail, Taman Negara. |
032. **Zebra Dove** – *Geopelia striata*
- |       |     |                                 |
|-------|-----|---------------------------------|
| 26-03 | 2-3 | Colmar Tropicale, Bukit Tinggi. |
|-------|-----|---------------------------------|
033. **Little Green Pigeon** - *Treron olax*
- |       |   |                                      |
|-------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 01-03 | 2 | (pair) Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara. |
| 03-03 | 1 | Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.            |
034. **Pink-necked Green Pigeon** - *Treron vernans*
- |      |   |                                |
|------|---|--------------------------------|
| 4-03 | 2 | Titiwangsa Park, Kuala Lumpur. |
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035. **Thick-billed Green Pigeon** - *Treron curvirostra*
- |       |   |                               |
|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| 04-03 | 6 | Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara. |
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036. **Large Green Pigeon** - *Treron capellei*
- |       |   |   |
|-------|---|---|
| 02-03 | 2 | along the river between Mutiara Resort and the Gua Jetty, Taman Negara. |
| 03-03 | 1 | Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.   |
| 04-03 | 2 | Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.   |
- All these birds were seen by Arjan only, as Jan seemed incidentally looking at the other direction when any bird passed by.
037. **Green Imperial Pigeon** – *Ducula aenea*
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|-------|---|---|
| 01-03 | 1 | (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara. |
| 02-03 | 2 | River Trail, Taman Negara.              |

038. **Mountain Imperial Pigeon** - *Ducula badia*  
 26-02 1 Bukit Tinggi.  
 28-02 1 Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
039. **Barred Buttonquail** - *Turnix suscitator*  
 04-03 1 (seen by Arjan) c 10 km northwest of Kuala Lumpur International Airport.
040. **Striated Heron** - *Butorides striata*  
 02-03 1 Tembeling River, Taman Negara.
041. **Eastern Cattle Egret** - *Bubulcus coromandus*  
 Quite common in cultivated areas, with larger groups seen in Kuala Lumpur on 5 March.
042. **Grey Heron** - *Ardea cinerea*  
 04-03 1 c 10 km northwest of Kuala Lumpur International Airport.
043. **Purple Heron** - *Ardea purpurea*  
 04-03 1 along [road 1508](#), Kampung Batu Garang.
044. **Little Egret** - *Egretta garzetta*  
 04-03 c 10 Kuala Lumpur.
045. **Crested Honey Buzzard** - *Pernis ptilorhynchus*  
 27-02 1 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.
046. **Crested Serpent Eagle** - *Spilornis cheela malayensis*  
 Several birds (2-3 birds) were seen or heard daily at Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara.
047. **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** - *Nisaetus cirrhatus limnaeetus*  
 04-03 1 along [road 1508](#), south of Kuala Tahan.
048. **Blyth's Hawk-Eagle** - *Nisaetus alboniger*  
 27-02 1 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.
049. **Brahminy Kite** - *Haliastur indus*  
 04-03 2 Kuala Lumpur.
050. **Collared Owlet** - *Taeniopteryx brodiei*  
 26-02 1 (heard only) between Gap and Fraser's Hill.
051. **Sunda Scops Owl** - *Otus lempiji*  
 26-02 1 (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
 28-02 1 (seen briefly by Arjan only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.  
 01-03 2 (heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara. Again on 2-03.  
 03-03 1 (heard only) start of the River Trail, Taman Negara.
052. **Brown Wood Owl** - *Strix leptogrammica*  
 27-02 1 [Stephen's Place](#), Fraser's Hill.



- 28-02 1 Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.
053. **Red-naped Trogon** - *Harpactes kasumba*  
02-03 1 (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
054. **Scarlet-rumped Trogon** - *Harpactes duvaucelii*  
01-03 1 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
02-03 1 (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
055. **Orange-breasted Trogon** - *Harpactes oreskios*  
26-02 1 (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.
056. **Red-headed Trogon** - *Harpactes erythrocephalus*  
26-02 1 (male) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
057. **Rhinoceros Hornbill** - *Buceros rhinoceros*  
25-02 1 (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
01-03 3-4 (heard only) River Trail and Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
03-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.
058. **Helmeted Hornbill** - *Rhinoplax vigil*  
25-02 2 (heard only) at two different locations, Bukit Tinggi.  
26-02 1 (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.
059. **Wreathed Hornbill** - *Rhyticeros undulatus*  
25-02 3 Bukit Tinggi.  
02-03 4 Gua Jetty, Taman Negara.
060. **Oriental Dollarbird** - *Eurystomus orientalis*  
28-02 2 Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.  
04-03 2 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
061. **Banded Kingfisher** - *Lacedo pulchella*  
01-03 1 (heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.  
02-03 1 (heard only) Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
03-03 2 (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
062. **Stork-billed Kingfisher** - *Pelargopsis capensis*  
02-03 1 Lubok Simpon, Taman Negara.  
04-03 1 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
063. **White-throated Kingfisher** - *Halcyon smyrnensis*  
28-02 6 along the road between Sungai Ratang and Kuala Tahang.  
04-03 3 along the road between Kuala Tahang and Sungai Ratang.
064. **Blue-eared Kingfisher** - *Alcedo meninting*  
01-03 1 Lubok Simpon, Taman Negara.

065. **Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher** - *Ceyx erithaca*  
03-03                    2    (one seen, other heard) River Trail, Taman Negara.
066. **Blue-throated Bee-eater** - *Merops viridis*  
01-03                    1    River Trail, Taman Negara.  
03-03                    1    River Trail, Taman Negara.
067. **Fire-tufted Barbet** - *Psilopogon pyrolophus*  
27-02                    1    The Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
                              c 5    Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.  
28-02                    2-3    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
068. **Golden-whiskered Barbet** - *Psilopogon chrysopogon*  
25-02                    2-5    Bukit Tinggi.  
26-02                    2    Bukit Tinggi.
069. **Red-throated Barbet** - *Psilopogon mystacophanos*  
Between 28 February and 4 March heard daily in Taman Negara with up to 5 birds heard only.
070. **Black-browed Barbet** - *Psilopogon oorti*  
25-02                    2    (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
26-02                    1    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
27-02                    c 10    (heard only) Fraser's Hill.
071. **Yellow-crowned Barbet** - *Psilopogon henricii*  
25-02                    1    (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
Between 28 February and 4 March heard daily in Taman Negara with up to 10 birds heard only.
072. **Black-eared Barbet** - *Psilopogon duvaucelii*  
25-02                    3    Bukit Tinggi.  
26-02                    2    Bukit Tinggi.
073. **Sooty Barbet** - *Caloramphus hayi*  
25-02                    c 5    (3 seen, others heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
26-02                    3    Bukit Tinggi.
074. **Rufous Piculet** - *Sasia abnormis*  
03-03                    1    (seen well) River Trail, Taman Negara.
075. **White-bellied Woodpecker** - *Dryocopus javensis*  
01-03                    1    River Trail, Taman Negara.
076. **Banded Woodpecker** - *Chrysophlegma miniaceum*  
27-02                    1    (seen by Arjan, heard only by Jan) road between the Gap and Fraser's Hill.  
01-03                    1    (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.  
02-03                    1    (heard only) Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.
077. **Checker-throated Woodpecker** - *Picus mentalis*  
01-03                    1    River Trail, Taman Negara.

- 03-03                                      2    River Trail, Taman Negara.
078. **Greater Yellownape** - *Chrysophlegma flavinucha*  
 27-02                                      2    (pair) Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.
079. **Lesser Yellownape** - *Picus chlorolophus*  
 26-02                                      1    Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.  
     1    Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.
080. **Crimson-winged Woodpecker** - *Picus puniceus*  
 01-03                                      1    (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
081. **Maroon Woodpecker** - *Blythipicus rubiginosus*  
 27-02                                      1    Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.  
 01-03                                      2    River Trail, Taman Negara.
082. **Buff-necked Woodpecker** - *Meiglyptes tukki*  
 03-03                                      2    (one at the start, one near the hide) River Trail, Taman Negara.  
     1    (on our way back from the Tabing Hide) River Trail, Taman Negara.
083. **Orange-backed Woodpecker** - *Reinwardtipicus validus*  
 03-03                                      2    River Trail, Taman Negara.
084. **Great Slaty Woodpecker** - *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*  
 28-02                                      2    Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.  
 03-04                                      1    Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.
085. **Black-thighed Falconet** - *Microhierax fringillarius*  
 25-02                                      1    clearing north of Colmar Tropicale, Bukit Tinggi.  
 04-03                                      1    Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
086. **Blue-rumped Parrot** - *Psittinus cyanurus*  
 02-03                                      3    (seen by Arjan only) Gua Jetty, Taman Negara.
087. **Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot** - *Loriculus galgulus*  
 Seen or heard round the Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara with up 5+ birds daily.
088. **Long-tailed Broadbill** - *Psarisomus dalhousiae*  
 25-02                                      1    Bukit Tinggi.  
 26-02                                      1    Bukit Tinggi.  
     2    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
089. **Black-and-red Broadbill** - *Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos*  
 02-03                                      2    along the river between Mutiara Resort and the Gua Jetty, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                                      5    (total) at Tabing Hide (2) and along the River Trail (3), Taman Negara.
090. **Banded Broadbill** - *Eurylaimus javanicus*  
 01-03                                      2    (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.

- 02-03 1 (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
091. **Black-and-yellow Broadbill** - *Eurylaimus ochromalus*
- 01-03 2-3 (one seen, others heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
- 03-03 1 Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
092. **Green Broadbill** - *Calyptomena viridis*
- 02-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.
- 03-03 1 (heard only) start of the River Trail, Taman Negara.
- 1 (well seen) River Trail near the Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
093. **Rusty-naped Pitta** - *Hydrornis oatesi* deborah
- 28-02 1 (heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
- The bird was in a too deep and overgrown gully to give us a reasonable chance.
094. **Malayan Banded Pitta** - *Hydrornis irena*
- 02-03 1 (heard only) between the Gua Jetty and Blau Hide, Taman Negara.
- 03-03 1 (heard only) start of the River Trail, Taman Negara.
- 1 (male, very well seen) River Trail, Taman Negara.
- The male was seen at close range and was a new bird for Arjan.
095. **Garnet Pitta** - *Erythropitta granatina coccinea*
- 03-03 1 Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
- Thanks to a Puff-backed Bulbul we were able to find this beautiful and most wanted bird. We tried to lure the bulbul closer with the sound recording of Peter Boesman and it turned out to be that on that very recording from Borneo a Black-headed Pitta is calling in the background. The Garnet Pitta responded and after a short intermezzo with two Smooth-coated Otters in front of the hide we approached the bird in a straight line and finally we saw it on a fallen log. Pitta no 21 for Jan and no 25 for Arjan.
096. **Western Hooded Pitta** - *Pitta sordida cucullata*
- 28-02 4 (heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.
- 01-03 1 (heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.
- 03-04 1 (heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.
- 04-03 2 ([one seen well](#), other heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.
- The only bird we saw was the brown hooded cucullata form.
097. **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** - *Hemipus picatus*
- 25-02 1 Bukit Tinggi.
098. **Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike** - *Hemipus hirundinaceus*
- 04-03 1 ([one seen well](#)) Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
099. **Rufous-winged Philentoma** - *Philentoma pyrhoptera*
- 01-03 1 (male) River Trail, Taman Negara.
- 03-03 5+ (in total over the whole day) River Trail, Taman Negara.
100. **Great Iora** - *Aegithina lafresnayei*.
- 03-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.



101. **Grey-chinned Minivet** - *Pericrocotus solaris*  
 26-02 2 Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02 3 Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.
102. **Scarlet Minivet** - *Pericrocotus speciosus*  
 27-02 1 (male) Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.
103. **Ashy Minivet** - *Pericrocotus divaricatus*  
 04-03 1 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
104. **Bar-bellied Cuckooshrike** - *Coracina striata sumatrensis*  
 01-03 1 (Jan only, very probably this species) Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
105. **Large Cuckooshrike** - *Coracina macei luratensis*  
 26-02 3 Fraser's Hill.
106. **Black-eared Shrike-babbler** - *Pteruthius melanotis*  
 26-02 1 (1 male seen very well) Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02 1 (heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 4 Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.  
 28-02 5+ (one female seen, others heard), Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
107. **Blyth's Shrike-babbler** - *Pteruthius aeralatus*  
 26-02 1 (female) Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02 1 (male) Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.
108. **White-bellied Erpornis** - *Erpornis zantholeuca*  
 02-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 03-03 1 Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
109. **Black-and-crimson Oriole** - *Oriolus consanguineus*  
 27-02 3 Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.
110. **Dark-throated Oriole** - *Oriolus xanthonotus*  
 01-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.
111. **Black-naped Oriole** - *Oriolus chinensis*  
 04-03 1 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.  
 20+ Titiwangsa Park, Kuala Lumpur.
112. **Bronzed Drongo** - *Dicrurus aeneus*  
 26-02 1 Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02 2 Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
113. **Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo** - *Dicrurus remifer*  
 26-02 1 The Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
 2 Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02 4-5 Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 28-02 2 Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.

114. **Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** - *Dicrurus paradiseus*  
 01-03                                    2    River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                                    2    River Trail, Taman Negara.
115. **White-throated Fantail** - *Rhipidura albicollis*  
 26-02                                    2    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
116. **Spotted Fantail** - *Rhipidura perlata*  
 03-03                                    1    Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
117. **Black-naped Monarch** - *Hypothymis azurea*  
 01-03                                    3    (male) River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                                    1    (male) Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
118. **Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher** - *Terpsiphone affinis*  
 01-03                                    1    (male) River Trail, Taman Negara; also there the next day on 2-03.
119. **Amur Paradise Flycatcher** - *Terpsiphone incei*  
 01-03                                    1    ([male in first-year](#)) River Trail, Taman Negara.
120. **Crested Jayshrike** - *Platylophus galericulatus*  
 03-03                                    1    (seen well) [River Trail](#), Taman Negara.  
 Genetic research pointed out this is actually not a jay but a shrike. Jay Shrike is the suggested new name.
121. **Brown Shrike** - *Lanius cristatus*  
 26-02                                    1    Bukit Tinggi.
122. **Malayan Black Magpie** - *Platysmurus leucopterus*  
 02-03                                    1    (heard only) just above the Gua Jetty, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                                    1    (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.
123. **Common Green Magpie** - *Cissa chinensis*  
 27-02                                    1    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 28-02                                    1    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
124. **Large-billed Crow** - *Corvus macrorhynchos*  
 26-02                                    1    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 04-03                                    c 30    Kuala Lumpur.
125. **Rail-babbler** - *Eupetes macrocerus*  
 25-02                                    1    (well seen) Bukit Tinggi.  
 26-02                                    1    (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
 One of the best birds of the holiday and a lucky shot, since no birds were found at Taman Negara!
126. **Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher** - *Culicicapa ceylonensis*  
 27-02                                    2    (pair) road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.

127. **Sultan Tit** - *Melanochlora sultanea*  
 25-02                                2    (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
 26-02                                2    Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02                                1-2   (heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
128. **Hairy-backed Bulbul** - *Tricholestes criniger*  
 02-03                                4    Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.
129. **Yellow-bellied Bulbul** - *Alophoixus phaeocephalus*  
 01-03                                1    River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                                2    River Trail, Taman Negara.
130. **Grey-cheeked Bulbul** - *Alophoixus bres*  
 02-03                                1    Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.
131. **Ochraceous Bulbul** - *Alophoixus ochraceus*  
 25-02                                1    Bukit Tinggi.  
 26-02                                1    Between Gap and Fraser's Hill.  
 28-02                                3    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 01-03                                1    River Trail, Taman Negara.
132. **Buff-vented Bulbul** - *Iole crypta*  
 04-03                                1    Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
133. **Streaked Bulbul** - *Ixos malaccensis*  
 01-03                                1    Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.  
    2    River Trail, Taman Negara.
134. **Mountain Bulbul** - *Ixos mccllellandii*  
 26-02                                2    Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.
135. **Puff-backed Bulbul** - *Euptilotus eutilotus*  
 03-03                                1    Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
136. **Black-headed Bulbul** - *Brachypodius melanocephalus*  
 01-03                                3    Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.  
 04-03                                c 5   Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.  
 Formerly known as *Pycnonotus atriceps*.
137. **Spectacled Bulbul** - *Ixodia erythrophthalmos*  
 01-03                                2    (bathing) River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 04-03                                2    Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
138. **Grey-bellied Bulbul** - *Ixodia cyaniventris*  
 01-03                                1    Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.
139. **Black-crested Bulbul** - *Rubigula flaviventris*  
 25-02                                1    Bukit Tinggi.  
 25-02                                2-3   Bukit Tinggi.



140. **Cream-vented Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus simplex*  
04-03 1 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
141. **Asian Red-eyed Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus brunneus*  
26-02 1 Bukit Tinggi.  
27-02 1 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
04-03 3 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
142. **Straw-headed Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus zeylanicus*  
01-03 c 10 (every 500 meters a pair), River Trail, Taman Negara.  
02-03 5-6 River Trail, Taman Negara.  
03-03 4 River Trail, Taman Negara.
143. **Stripe-throated Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus finlaysoni*  
26-02 2 Bukit Tinggi.  
01-03 3 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.  
04-03 c 5 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
144. **Yellow-vented Bulbul** - *Pycnonotus goiavier*  
28-02 3+ in a palm grove during a short stop between Raub and Sungai Koyan.  
04-03 2 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
145. **Pacific Swallow** - *Hirundo tahitica*  
25-02 c 10 Bukit Tinggi.  
26-02 5-10 Bukit Tinggi.
146. **Barn Swallow** - *Hirundo rustica*  
Fairly common in the country side in villages and along roads.
147. **Rufous-bellied Swallow** - *Cecropis badia*  
25-02 2 Parking place of the Japanese Tea Garden, Bukit Tinggi.
148. **Yellow-bellied Warbler** - *Abroscopus superciliaris*  
25-02 1 Bukit Tinggi.
149. **Yellow-browed Warbler** - *Phylloscopus inornatus*  
25-02 1 (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
26-02 2 (heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
27-02 1 Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.  
1 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.
150. **Eastern Crowned Warbler** - *Phylloscopus coronatus*  
27-02 3 (seen well) road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
02-03 3 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
03-03 1 (singing!) River Trail, Taman Negara.
151. **Arctic Warbler** - *Phylloscopus borealis*  
25-02 1 Bukit Tinggi.  
02-03 1 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.

152. **Dark-necked Tailorbird** - *Orthotomus atrogularis*  
 26-02                            2    (pair) Bukit Tinggi.
153. **Rufous-tailed Tailorbird** - *Orthotomus sericeus*  
 03-03                            2    (one seen, one heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.  
    1    (heard only) Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.  
 04-03                            1    (heard only) Swamp Loop, Taman Negara.
154. **Everett's White-eye** - *Zosterops everetti*  
 26-02                            c 5    (heard only) Bukit Tinggi.  
    1    (heard only) Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.
155. **Pin-striped Tit-Babbler** - *Mixornis gularis*  
 26-02                            2    Bukit Tinggi.  
 27-02                            c 5    road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
 01-03                            1    River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                            1    Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.  
    2    River Trail, Taman Negara.
156. **Golden Babbler** - *Cyanoderma chrysaeum*  
 26-02                            1    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02                            1    road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.
157. **Chestnut-winged Babbler** - *Cyanoderma erythropterum*  
 01-03                            2    Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
    3    River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 02-03                            1    between the Gua Jetty and Blau Hide, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                            c 5    River Trail, Taman Negara.
158. **Black Laughingthrush** - *Melanocichla lugubris*  
 27-02                            4    (2 pairs) road between the Gap and the old gate, Fraser's Hill.  
 It took some time, but finally we had good views of this noisy Laughingthrush we had missed in 2014.
159. **Large Scimitar Babbler** - *Erythrogonys hypoleucos*  
 27-02                            2    (heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 28-02                            1    (heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 Arjan was desperate to see this one, but the birds stayed well hidden in the undergrowth.
160. **Black-throated Babbler** - *Stachyris nigricollis*  
 01-03                            3    (seen well) River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 02-03                            2    (seen well) between the Gua Jetty and Blau Hide, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                            1    (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 One of our favorites and for both us the first sightings, after heard-only's in Thailand.
161. **Chestnut-rumped Babbler** - *Stachyris maculata*  
 01-03                            1    Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                            2    River Trail, Taman Negara.

162. **Grey-throated Babbler** - *Stachyris nigriceps*  
27-02 1 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.
163. **Large Wren-Babbler** - *Turdinus macrodactylus*  
02-03 2 (seen well) between the Gua Jetty and Blau Hide, Taman Negara.  
03-03 1 (heard only) between River Trail and Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.  
One of the birds we were really after and we had nice close-by views. No extra effort was put in finding Marbled Wren-Babbler (seen on Sumatra in 2014) as we gave priority to Black Laughingthrush.
164. **Sooty-capped Babbler** - *Malacopteron affine*  
01-03 1 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
02-03 1 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.
165. **Scaly-crowned Babbler** - *Malacopteron cinereum*  
27-02 2 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
01-03 2-3 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
2 River Trail, Taman Negara.
166. **Rufous-crowned Babbler** - *Malacopteron magnum*  
01-03 2 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
1 River Trail, Taman Negara.  
03-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.  
2 Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
167. **Moustached Babbler** - *Malacopteron magnirostre*  
02-03 1 Jenut Muda Trail, Taman Negara.  
3 River Trail, Taman Negara.
168. **Malayan Black-capped Babbler** - *Pellorneum nigrocapitatum*  
01-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.  
03-03 2 River Trail, Taman Negara.  
This species is split from Javan Black-capped Babbler *P. capistratum* based on genome-wide data and bioacoustics ([Puan et al. 2020](#); [Eaton et al. 2021](#)).
169. **Mourning Babbler** - *Pellorneum malaccense*  
02-03 1 between the Gua Jetty and Blau Hide, Taman Negara.  
Mourning Babbler is split from Short-tailed Babbler in IOC 14.1.
170. **Buff-breasted Babbler** - *Pellorneum tickelli*  
28-02 2 (one seen, one heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
171. **Ferruginous Babbler** - *Pellorneum bicolor*  
03-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.
172. **Abbott's Babbler** - *Malacocincla abbotti*  
01-03 1 (heard only) camping place at the Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.  
03-03 1 (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara.



173. **Brown Fulvetta** - *Alcippe brunneicauda*  
 03-03                    1    Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.  
                               2    River Trail, Taman Negara.
174. **Mountain Fulvetta** - *Alcippe peracensis*  
 26-02                    4    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02                    3-4   road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
 28-02                    5+   Bishop's Trail, Taman Negara.
175. **MALAYAN LAUGHINGTHRUSH** - *Trochalopteron peninsulae*  
 26-02                    2    (pair) just before Richmond, Fraser's Hill.
176. **Long-tailed Sibia** - *Heterophasia picaoides*  
 26-02                    c 6   the Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02                    3    Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.
177. **Blue-winged Minla** - *Actinodura cyanouroptera*  
 27-02                    5    c 2 km before Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.
178. **Silver-eared Mesia** - *Leiothrix argenteauris*  
 26-02                    2    Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02                    2    c 2 km before Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.  
 28-02                    3-4   Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
179. **Chestnut-capped Laughingthrush** - *Pterorhinus mitratus*  
 Common at Fraser's Hill, with up to 20 birds a day between 26 and 28 February.
180. **Asian Fairy-bluebird** - *Irena puella*  
 01-03                    1    Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.  
 03-03                    1    (male) Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.  
 04-03                    1    [Mutiara Resort](#), Taman Negara.
181. **Blue Nuthatch** - *Sitta azurea*  
 27-02                    2    c 2 km before Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill. Awesome birds!
182. **Asian Glossy Starling** - *Aplonis panayensis*  
 25-02                    5+   Bukit Tinggi.  
 04-03                    3    Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
183. **Common Hill Myna** - *Gracula religiosa*  
 03-03                    5    Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.
184. **Javan Myna** - *Acridotheres javanicus*  
 03-03                    2    Tahan Hide, Taman Negara.  
 Several birds along the Kuala Lumpur Airport were considered to be this species.
185. **Common Myna** - *Acridotheres tristis*  
 Seen along road sides when travelling between all sites.

186. **Daurian Starling** - *Agropsar sturninus*  
4-03                            8    [Titiwangsa Park](#), Kuala Lumpur.
187. **Siberian Thrush** - *Geokichla sibirica*  
27-02                           1    (female) Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.  
Siberian Thrushes were quite scarce this year, compared to the previous year 2017.
188. **Orange-headed Thrush** - *Geokichla citrina*  
26-02                           2    Bukit Tinggi.  
   1    (only seen by Arjan) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
27-02                           1    (only seen by Arjan) Hemmant Trail, Fraser's Hill.
189. **Oriental Magpie-Robin** - *Copsychus saularis*  
Fairly common at Bukit Tinggi, Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara.
190. **White-rumped Shama** - *Copsychus malabaricus*  
Regular at Bukit Tinggi (where a pair was seen at close range), Fraser's Hill and Taman Negara. Except at Bukit Tinggi all where heard-only's.
191. **Dark-sided Flycatcher** - *Muscicapa sibirica*  
25-02                           1    Bukit Tinggi.
192. **Asian Brown Flycatcher** - *Muscicapa dauurica*  
25-02                           2    Bukit Tinggi.  
27-02                           1    road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.
193. **Large Niltava** - *Niltava grandis*  
26-02                           1    (female) Old Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
28-02                           1    (male) in the early morning at the Old Gate, Fraser's Hill.
194. **Rufous-browed Flycatcher** - *Anthipes solitaris*  
27-02                           3    Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.  
   1    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
28-02                           2    at the start of the Hemmant Trail, Fraser's Hill.
195. **Indochinese Blue Flycatcher** - *Cyornis sumatrensis*  
03-03                           1    (male) River Trail, Taman Negara.
196. **White-tailed Robin** - *Myiomela leucura*  
27-02                           1    (heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
197. **Lesser Shortwing** - *Brachypteryx leucophrys*  
26-02                           2    Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
27-02                           3    (1 seen, others heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
28-02                           4+ (1 seen, others heard only) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
   1    (male) at the entrance of the Hemmant Trail, Fraser's Hill.
198. **Siberian Blue Robin** - *Larvivora cyane*  
26-02                           1    (first-winter male) Bukit Tinggi.



199. **Mugimaki Flycatcher** - *Ficedula mugimaki*  
 27-02 1 Telecom Loop, Fraser's Hill.  
 28-02 1 (first winter male) Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.
200. **Greater Green Leafbird** - *Chloropsis sonneratii*  
 25-02 2 (pair) Bukit Tinggi.  
 01-03 1 (female) River Trail, Taman Negara.
201. **Blue-winged Leafbird** - *Chloropsis moluccensis*  
 26-02 1 (male) Bukit Tinggi.  
 27-02 2 (pair) road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
 02-03 3 (2 males, 1 female) River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 04-03 3 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
202. **Orange-bellied Leafbird** - *Chloropsis hardwickii*  
 26-02 1 (male) Bukit Tinggi.  
 2 (pair) Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02 1 Bishop's Trail, Fraser's Hill.  
 3-4 road between the Gap and the Gate, Fraser's Hill.
203. **Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** - *Prionochilus maculatus*  
 03-03 2 River Trail, Taman Negara.
204. **Orange-bellied Flowerpecker** - *Dicaeum trigonostigma*  
 25-02 1 Bukit Tinggi.
205. **Brown-throated Sunbird** - *Anthreptes malacensis*  
 01-03 2 (pair) Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.  
 03-03 1-2 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
206. **Black-throated Sunbird** - *Aethopyga saturata*  
 26-02 1 The Gate, Fraser's Hill.  
 1 (male) Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.  
 27-02 3 Village center, Fraser's Hill.
207. **Purple-naped Spiderhunter** - *Kurochkinogramma hypogrammicum*  
 01-03 2 River Trail, Taman Negara.  
 03-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.
208. **Little Spiderhunter** - *Arachnothera longirostra*  
 26-02 1 Bukit Tinggi.  
 02-03 1 River Trail, Taman Negara.
209. **Long-billed Spiderhunter** - *Arachnothera robusta*  
 04-03 1 Mutiara Resort, Taman Negara.
210. **Spectacled Spiderhunter** - *Arachnothera flavigaster*  
 26-02 1 Bukit Tinggi.



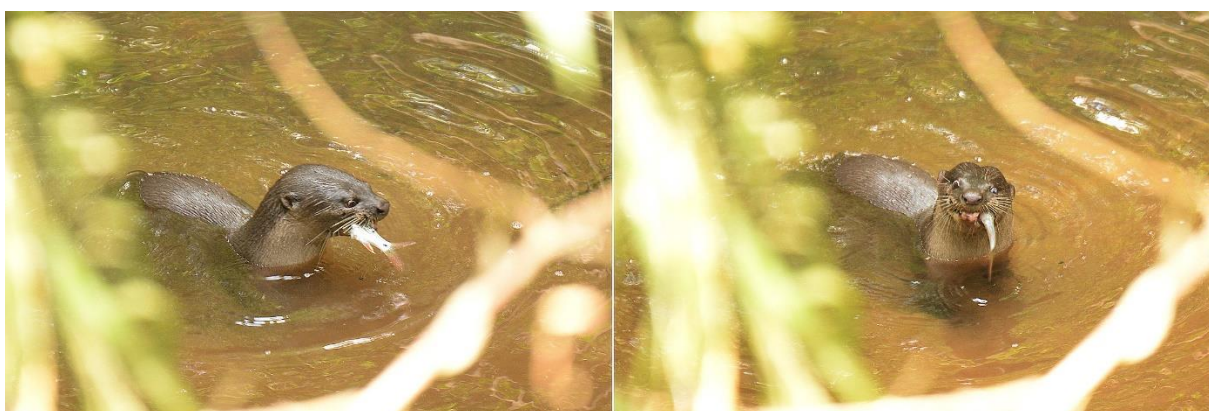
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| 02-03 | 2 | (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara. |
| 03-03 | 1 | (heard only) River Trail, Taman Negara. |
211. **Streaked Spiderhunter** - *Arachnothera magna*
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| 26-02 | 1 | Jalan Lady Maxwell, Fraser's Hill. |
|       | 1 | Stephen's Place, Fraser's Hill.    |
| 27-02 | 2 | Village center, Fraser's Hill.     |
212. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** - *Passer montanus*  
Common throughout the whole country. In Taman Negara feeding between the tables of the restaurant.
213. **White-rumped Munia** - *Lonchura striata*
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| 26-02 | 2 | Bukit Tinggi. |
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214. **Pin-tailed Parrotfinch** - *Erythrura prasina*
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| 25-02 | 3 | flying by at the clearing N of Colmar Tropicale, Bukit Tinggi. |
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- Always put your binoculars on fly-by birds, you will always see more than when you don't!
215. **Grey Wagtail** - *Motacilla cinerea*
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| 27-02 | c 5 | along the road between Gap and the Old Gate, Fraser's Hill. |
| 03-03 | 2   | River Trail, Taman Negara.                                  |
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## List of mammals

1. **Common Treeshrew** - *Tupaia glis longipes*  
1 at Bukit Tingii
2. **Lesser Treeshrew** - *Tupaia minor minor*
3. **Dusky Langur** - *Presbytis obscurus*  
Several troops at Bukit Tingii and Fraser's Hill.
4. **Long-tailed Macaque** - *Macaca fascicularis*  
Common at Taman Negara, several elsewhere.
5. **White-handed Gibbon** - *Hylobates lar*  
Heard only at Taman Negara
6. **Siamang** - *Symphalangus syndactylus*  
Three, including a male at Bukit Tinggi and a male at Fraser's Hill.
7. **Smooth-coated Otter** - *Lutrogale perspicillata*  
Two individuals started fishing at noon in front of the Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.
8. **Asian Elephant** - *Elephas maximus*  
Fresh dung and footsteps all over at Gua Telinga, Taman Negara were all the more reason to leave the area. Several tourists were chased there apparently by a bull a few weeks before.
9. **Eurasian Wild Pig** - *Sus scrofa*  
Heard only along the river trail, Taman Negara.
10. **Cream-coloured Giant Squirrel** - *Ratufa affinis*  
This big squirrel was seen once along the river trail.
11. **Western Striped Squirrel** - *Tamiops mccllellandii*  
Several at Bukit Tingii and Fraser's Hill. Several other species of squirrel (and lots of bats!) were recorded throughout.



Siamangs, 26 February 2018, Bukit Tinggi; © Jan van der Laan (left) & Arjan Brenkman (right).



Smooth-coated Otter enjoying a *Puntius spec* (fish) and listening to the song of Garnet Pitta, 3 March 2018 Tabing Hide, Taman Negara.