Report of a Birding Trip to

Southern Thailand

from 8th July to 26th July 2013

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Barred Eagle Owl, Krabi Province, 13 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

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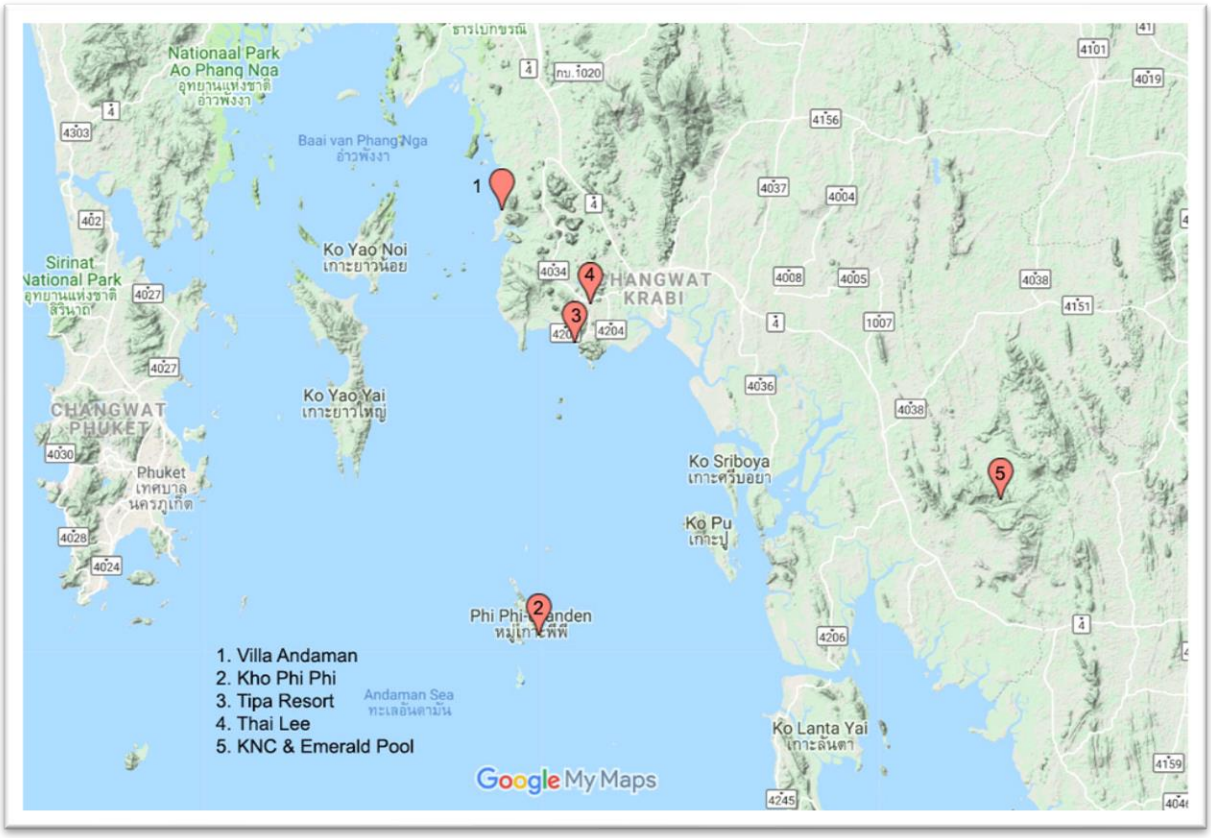
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Introduction

Between 8th and 26th July 2013 I had a family holiday in southern Thailand with my girlfriend Marieke, our daughter Joop and son Bob.

We booked our tickets with Emirates.com and AirAsia.com. We found out it was cheaper to fly from Düsseldorf, Germany than from Amsterdam, Netherlands. Costs for us four to Kuala Lumpur were € 2302 and the costs for Kuala Lumpur to Krabi were € 472.88.

We stayed at Ao Nang near Krabi, a couple of days at Kho Phi Phi Islands and back to Ao Nang. I did some occasional birding and I did a full day birding at KNC with Yotin Meekaeo to look for the Gurney's Pitta again, a bird I heard only in March 2012 and I was desperate to see this species again before it was too late.

Itinerary

8 July We took the flight EK058 of Emirates from Düsseldorf Airport at 21:20 hours to Dubai. Good service aboard and the seats had lots of space for my long legs.

9 July Arrival at Dubai at 5:50 hours. We had to wait for 4+ hours for our connecting flight to Kuala Lumpur. Dubai is a large airport and we saw at least 10 Airbus 380. Next we boarded the EK342 flight at 10:30 hour to Kuala Lumpur. The plane was only for 60% occupied, so everybody had an extra seat next to him/her. We arrived at 21:45 hours at Kuala Lumpur. It took some time to find the right exit and the right taxi, but in the end we arrived at the Empress Hotel (c 20 minutes from the airport) for one night.

10 July After breakfast and a short swim in the swimming pool of the hotel (House Swifts close by and drinking in the pool), we took the shuttle taxi to **Kuala Lumpur airport** to take the Air Asia flight AK1968 to **Krabi** at 13:15 hours. We arrived an hour later and were picked up by Fah from www.krabivilla.co.th and were transported to Villa Andaman just west of **Ao Nang**. First birds were White-bellied Sea-Eagles, Germain's Swiftlets, Pacific Swallow, Great White Egret, Pacific Reef Heron, Collared Kingfisher, Striated Heron, Zebra Dove, Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker, Common Tailorbird, Common Myna and Greater Coucal. A large group of Blue-throated Bee-eaters came to rest every evening at 18:40 hours. In the evening we had a nice dinner at a small restaurant at the sea.

11 July We woke up quite late, since the days before we had barely any sleep. We stayed in and around the house while relaxing. In the evening we had dinner at a restaurant next to the mangroves. Birds seen were Great White Egret, Striated Heron, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Common Myna, Slender-billed Crow, Pied Fantail, Pacific Swallow, Tree Sparrow, Greater Coucal, Red-rumped Swallow, Plume-toed and Germain's Swiftlets and an unidentified Flameback.

12 July Today we decided to play the occasional tourist by booking a tour to the hot springs near **Khlong Thom, Emerald Pool** and a ride on an elephant just south of Krabi. Along the main trail to the Emerald Pool I thought I heard a Large Wren-Babbler calling, but I could not get it into view. The elephant ride was short but quite an experience. Birds seen or heard during the day were Red-throated Barbet, Abbott's Babbler, Brown-backed Needletail, Collared Kingfisher, Tree Sparrow, Red-rumped and Pacific Swallow, Pacific Reef Heron, Striated Heron and White-bellied Sea-Eagle. We had dinner at our villa, which was brought by us after calling a nearby restaurant.

13 July At 5:00 I was picked up by Yotin Meekaeo who would guide me a full day at **Kao Nor Chu Chi**. Tension was raised as he told me he had seen the mixed pair of the male Malayan Banded and the female Gurney's Pitta the past Monday. On arrival at KNC we saw a Blue-winged Pitta feeding on the parking lot. We entered the reserve at 6:20 and after a short while we heard a Banded Pitta and a Gurney's Pitta calling to each other. Yotin told me to freeze and not to make any movement. He would try to walk behind the calling pittas and set up the blind. At 7:35 I noticed some movement and after some seconds or minutes or hours I noticed a bird hopping into view. I saw a black mask, golden brown

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crown and grey-brown upperparts: the female Gurney's Pitta! The bird disappeared to the left and was calling for a while when Yotin came back. He hadn't seen anything, but we found the scraping marks on the place where I saw the bird at first. The next hour I waited in the hide, but nothing appeared. The rest of the morning we birded the B and C-trails, but it was very quiet in the forest. We spent some time finding Large Wren-babbler and Banded Kingfisher, but nothing showed up. Birds seen or heard this morning were Orange-breasted Trogon, Malayan Banded Pitta, Gurney's Pitta, Blue-winged Pitta, Coppersmith Barbet, Abbott's Babbler, Asian Paradise Flycatcher, Red-throated Barbet, Banded Broadbill, Greater Coucal, Asian Fairy Bluebird, Dark-necked Tailorbird, Yellow-vented Bulbul, Grey-cheeked Bulbul, Red-eyed Bulbul, Cream-vented Bulbul, Great Iora, Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker, Brown-throated Sunbird, Grey-breasted Spiderhunter and Germain's Swiftlet.

At noon I had lunch at the **Morakot Resort** and at 14:00 hours we started birding again. We tried to see Blue-eared Kingfisher and Oriental Dwarf (Rufous-backed) Kingfisher from a hide, but both didn't show up. We visited a pair of Black-and-red Broadbills who showed themselves very while with a recently fledged young and a pair of Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpeckers was also new for me. Finally we visited an Oriental Bay Owl and a Barred Eagle-Owl at their daytime roosts. Especially the Eagle-Owl made Yotin very happy, since he had not had the opportunity to photograph an adult so well. At 17:30 we quit birding and Yotin brought me back to **Ao Nang**. We arrived there at 19:00 hours. Marieke, Joop and Bob had a good day at the beach in **Ao Nang** and had seen a White-breasted Waterhen. After a good dinner (the same restaurant that brought the food at our villa) and some beers we went to sleep early.

14 July In the early morning together we went to **Krabi** to take the boat to **Kho Phi Phi**. Nadia of Krabi Villas was so kind to drop us to the quay were the boat departed. The trip lasted two hours. On our way we saw a few Bridled terns and on arrival Pacific Reef Herons and a White-bellied Sea Eagle. From the main harbour a longboat finally brought us to the **Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort** (http://www.relaxbeachresort.com/) where we would stay for four nights. The resort was very pleasant with nice wooden cabins on the beach, the sea was crystal clear and a nice restaurant was nearby.

15 July Second day on **Kho Phi Phi**. Did some swimming, snorkelling and relaxing. Birds seen were Olive-backed Sunbird, Scarlet-rumped Flowerpecker, Dollarbird, Pied Imperial Pigeon, Pacific Swallow and Pacific Reef Heron. The large group of swiftlets seen every evening above the ridge were supposedly Black-nest Swiftlet.

16 July Third day on **Kho Phi Phi**. We did again some swimming, snorkelling and relaxing. Birds seen were Olive-backed Sunbird, Scarlet-rumped Flowerpecker, Dollarbird, more Pied Imperial Pigeons, Common Myna and Brahminy Kite. In the morning and evening I probably heard a Hooded Pitta, but it did not fit exactly.

17 July Fourth and last full day on **Kho Phi Phi**. Birds seen as the days before, but a group of Black-naped Terns passed by and in the evening only a Lesser Frigatebird was seen.

18 July We took the 8:00 hours boat to the main harbour of **Kho Phi Phi**, where we arrived at 9:00. On our way we saw four Black-naped Terns. In the main harbour we had to wait for a while for the boat to the mainland. The boat departed at 10:30 hours and arrived two hours later. During the boat trip we encountered several Bridled Terns in winter plumage. One bird was even sitting on a piece of driftwood. In **Krabi** we took a taxi to **Ao Nang** where we checked-in the **Tipa resort** (http://www.krabi-tiparesort.com/), a nice inexpensive resort with a lush garden an near the main street and beaches of Ao Nang. Birds seen at **Tipa Resort** were Cream-vented Bulbul, Red-throated Barbet, Common Tailorbird, Red-rumped Swallow and Pacific Swallow. Dinner in a rather posh but nice restaurant in the main street of **Ao Nang**.

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19 July Relaxing and swimming in and around the **Tipa Resort**. The pool and restaurant was occupied by a large family group from Brazil, apparently evangelists. Birds seen were Red-throated Barbet (calling, not seen), Coppersmith Barbet (nesting), Oriental Magpie-Robin, Cream-vented Bulbul, Blue Rock Thrush, White-bellied Sea-Eagle and Pacific and Red-rumped Swallows. Dinner at a very nice fish restaurant from a Belgian owner.

20 July **Ao Nang**. Did some sunbathing and swimming on the beach. Not much birds seen, White-bellied Sea-Eagle, Brahminy Kite, Common Tailorbird, Tree Sparrow, Scaly-breasted Munia, Brown-throated Sunbird and Pacific and Red-rumped Swallows. Dinner at a nice and small inexpensive restaurant at the beach.

21 July **Tipa Resort, Ao Nang,** relaxing and swimming (when the Brazilians were not around). Birds seen were the same as the previous days, with an unidentified malkoha and a Blue Rock Thrush close by. Dinner in a rather touristic restaurant opposite the resort.

22 July Checked-out at 12:00 at the Tipa Resort. The people from Villa Thai Lee picked us up and brought us from Ao Nang to **Villa Thai Lee** (http://www.krabivillasltd.com/#/thai-lee/4568301947) (north of Ao Nang). Nice small Villa with a lot of Swiftlets gathering in the evening. Birds see were Spotted Dove, Peaceful Dove, Grey-rumped Treeswift, Common Tailorbird and Oriental Magpie-Robin. Dinner at some Italian restaurant in **Ao Nang**.

23 July In the morning we took the **Four Island trip**. Very beautiful, but full of tourists. We skipped one island, because it was full of boats and the white beach was speckled with people, most from China. Not much birds seen, but Pacific Reef Heron quite common. In the afternoon birds seen around the villa were Coppersmith Barbet, Oriental Magpie Robin, Red-rumped Swallows and lots of Swiftlets in the evening, apparently on the run for an upcoming thunderstorm. Dinner in Ao **Nang** in a restaurant owned by a Swede.

24 July **Villa Thai Lee**. We heard a calling Blue-winged Pitta in trees behind the villa. We had a lazy day around the swimming pool. Best birds were White-breasted Kingfisher, Greater Coucal, Blue-eared Barbet and Common Tailorbird. In the evening we had dinner in **Ao Nang** at a good restaurant, called **Carnivore**.

25 July Villa Thai Lee - **Krabi**. There we took the Air Asia Flight AK1969 at 14:25 hours to **Kuala Lumpur**. Arrival at 16:50 (one hour time difference). Took a shuttle to hotel **Concorde Inn**. Nice hotel, but food not that good compared to Thai standards.

26 July In the morning a shuttle bus brought us to **Kuala Lumpur International Airport** (KLIA). There we took the Emirates flight EK409 from Kuala Lumpur to **Dubai**, departing at 10:10 hours. After a 6-hours flight we landed at **Dubai**, where we took the EK057 to **Düsseldorf**, departing at 14:50 hours and arriving at 19:40 hours. After quite a long wait at the luggage belt, we finally picked up our car and drove back to Alkmaar, Netherlands. Arrived at 23:59 hours at our house in **Alkmaar**.

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Species Accounts

Order and nomenclature follows www.worldbirdnames.org, version 9.2, with Plume-toed Swiftlet being the latest addition.

Recommended Literature

I used one field guide, A Field Guide to the Birds of Thailand by Craig Robson (2005), a very useful guide.
Useful internet sites are http://www.thaibirding.com/ which has very useful maps and checklists and for the latest news is http://www.norththailandbirding.com/pages/planning/latest_sightings.html very useful.
Trip reports can be found at www.cloudbirders.com, www.surfbirds.com and www.birdtours.co.uk

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Jan van der Laan, Alkmaar August 2013.

The last female Gurney's Pitta of KNC, ringed with black and yellow on the right leg. This was the very bird I saw on 13 July 2013; photographed by Yotin Meekaeo on 13 April 2016. Sadly, Yotin passed away on 7 august 2018. I was very lucky and privileged to be his customer on 18 and 19 march 2012 and on 13 July 2013.

Flight action of Germain's Swiftlets seen from Villa Andaman, Ao Nang, 11 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

Khao Nor Chuchi. Area where I saw the Gurney's Pitta on 13 July 2013; I spotted some movement on the right and picked-up the bird in the Y-forked tree in the middle hopping to the left, leaving me in disbelief; © Jan van der Laan.

Pied Imperial Pigeons on Kho Phi Phi. The bird on the left tries to land on a twig; on the right, the twig breaks, forcing the bird to fly again! 16 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

Blue-winged Pitta on the parking lot at the entrance of Khao Nor Chuchi, 13 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

Oriental Bay Owl in a palm oil plantation near Khao Nor Chuchi, 13 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

Black-and-Red Broadbills (adults left, juvenile right) near Khao Nor Chuchi; the hand and arm are of Yotin, 13 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

01. **Grey-rumped Treeswift** - Hemiprocne longipennis
Two birds were seen daily at Villa Thai Lee between 22 and 25 July.

02. **Plume-toed Swiftlet** - Collocalia affinis
Formerly known as Glossy Swiftlet. Only identified with certainty on 11 and 13 July at Villa Andaman, when a lot of swiftlets were passing by at close range during rain.

03. **Black-nest Swiftlet** - Aerodramus maximus
The swiftlets seen daily between 14 and 18 July on Kho Phi Phi Island were presumed to be this species, as this is the breeding species on the islands.

04. **Germain's Swiftlet** - Aerodramus germani
The most common swiftlet, seen in hundreds every day between 10 and 14 July and 18 and 26 July. Also seen near Kuala Lumpur during our stay on 25 and 26 July.

05. **Brown-backed Needletail** - Hirundapus giganteus

13 July	c 5	during the elephant trip near Krabi.

06. **House Swift** - Apus nipalensis

10 July	2	seen from the Empress Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

07. **Greater Coucal** - Centropus sinensis
Small number were heard daily at Villa Andaman, Khao Nor Chuchi and Villa Thai Lee. Two birds were seen and photographed on 24 July at Villa Thai Lee.

08. Malkoha sp - Rhinortha sp

21 July	1	roosting in a tree before our hotel room at Tipa Resort at Ao Nang.

I could only see its tail for a long time, but it disappeared, making identification impossible.

09. **Asian Koel** - Eudynamys scolopaceus
A few individuals where heard almost daily on the mainland.

10. **Rock Dove** - Columba livia
Seen daily in good numbers, especially in towns and villages.

11. **Spotted Dove** - Spilopelia chinensis

13 July	c 5	Khao Nor Chuchi.

Between 22 and 25 July several seen daily around Villa Thai Lee, northeast of Ao Nang.

12. **Zebra Dove** - Geopelia striata
Seen daily with up to 10 birds a day. Not seen or heard on Kho Phi Phi Island.

13. **Pied Imperial Pigeon** - Ducula bicolor

15 July	5	Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort, Kho Phi Phi Island.
16 July	c 10	Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort, Kho Phi Phi Island.
17 July	4	Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort, Kho Phi Phi Island.
18 July	4	between our hotel and the main harbour, Kho Phi Phi Island.

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14. **White-breasted Waterhen** - Amaurornis phoenicurus

13 July	1	(seen by Marieke and Joop) between Villa Andaman and Ao Nang.

15. **Bridled Tern** - Onychoprion anaethetus

14 July	2	at sea between Krabi and Kho Phi Phi Island.
18 July	c 30	between Kho Phi Phi Island and Krabi.

One bird was seen resting on a piece of driftwood. All birds were in basic plumage.

16. **Black-naped Tern** - Sterna sumatrana

17 July	c 10	Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort, Kho Phi Phi Island.
18 July	4	between our hotel and the main harbour, Kho Phi Phi Island.

17. **Lesser Frigatebird** - Fregata ariel

17 July	1	Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort, Kho Phi Phi Island.

18. **Striated Heron** - Butorides striata

28-04	1	Villa Andaman.
03-05	2	at the mangroves south of Villa Andaman.

19. **Eastern Cattle Egret -** Bubulcus coromandus

Several birds seen along roadsides on 10 July and 13 July and on 23 July, plus several seen around Kuala Lumpur Airport, Malaysia.

20. **Great Egret** - Ardea alba

Several birds (1-3 birds) seen flying between 10 July and 13 July flying from or to sleeping roost, seen from Villa Andaman.

21. **Pacific Reef Heron** - Egretta sacra

Seen daily from our Villa Andaman between 10 and 14 July with up to 4 birds a day; between 14 July and 18 July several birds seen at Kho Phi Phi, with one bird seen daily fishing before our beach cabin and about 10 birds seen during the Four Island Trip on 23 July .

22. **Brahminy Kite** - Haliastur indus

17 July	2	Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort, Kho Phi Phi Island.
18 July	1	between our hotel and the main harbour, Kho Phi Phi Island.
20 July	1	Ao Nang; also one on 21 July.
23 July	2	during the Four Island Trip, Ao Nang.

23. **White-bellied Sea Eagle** - Haliaeetus leucogaster

Two birds seen daily from our Villa Andaman between 10 and 14 July; On 14 July and 18 July one bird seen at the harbour of Kho Phi Phi, one bird seen daily on 20 and 23 July at Ao Nang and two birds seen during the Four Island Trip on 23 July.

24. **Oriental Bay Owl** - Phodilus badius

13 July	1	well seen during daytime roost near Khao Nor Chuchi.

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25. **Barred Eagle-Owl** - Bubo sumatranus

13 July	1	also well seen during daytime roost near Khao Nor Chuchi.

26. **Orange-breasted Trogon** - Harpactes oreskios

13 July	1	(heard only) Khao Nor Chuchi.

27. **Oriental Dollarbird** - Eurystomus orientalis

16 July	3	Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort, Kho Phi Phi Island.
17 July	1	Phi Phi Relax Beach Resort, Kho Phi Phi Island.

28. **White-throated Kingfisher** - Halcyon smyrnensis

24 July	1	Villa Thai Lee, northeast of Ao Nang.

29. **Collared Kingfisher** - Todiramphus chloris

Between 10 July and 14 July c 5-10 birds seen feeding before Villa Andaman, Ao Nang.

30. **Blue-throated Bee-eater** - Merops viridis

Between 10 July and 14 July c 30-50 birds came to roost every evening at around 18:35 hours in a tree before Villa Andaman, Ao Nang.

24 July	2	(presumed to be this species) Villa Thai Lee, northeast of Ao Nang.

31. **Red-throated Barbet** - Psilopogon mystacophanos

12 July	1	(heard only) A-trail area, Khao Nor Chuchi.
13 July	3	(heard only) Khao Nor Chuchi.

Between 18 and 22 July one or two birds heard daily behind our hotel room at Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.

32. **Blue-eared Barbet** - Psilopogon duvaucelii

24 July	1	Villa Thai Lee, northeast of Ao Nang.

33. **Coppersmith Barbet** - Psilopogon haemacephalus

13 July	3	(heard only) Khao Nor Chuchi.
19 July	1	in a nesting tree, Tipa Resort, Ao Nang; same bird on 20 July.
24 July	1	Villa Thai Lee, northeast of Ao Nang.

34. **Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker** - Dendrocopos canicapillus

13 July	2	(pair) Khao Nor Chuchi area.

35. Flameback sp - Chrysocolaptes sp

11 July	1	Villa Andaman.

36. **Black-and-red Broadbill** - Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos

13 July	3	(one pair with a recently fledged juvenile) Khao Nor Chuchi area.

37. **Banded Broadbill** - Eurylaimus javanicus

13 July	1	(heard-only) Khao Nor Chuchi area.

38. **Malayan Banded Pitta** - Hydrornis irena

13 July	1	(male, heard only), Khao Nor Chuchi.

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39. **GURNEY'S PITTA** - Hydrornis gurneyi

13 July 1 (female) Khao Nor Chuchi.

In the morning Yotin and I entered the area where Yotin and observed the mixed pair on 8 July. At 6:50 hours we heard both birds calling. We waited for half an hour and during this half hour the birds were constantly calling to each other. Yotin decided to put up the hide and disappeared. Around 7:35 I spotted some movement on my right and suddenly I saw a pitta hopping from right to left. I immediately saw a black face mask, the golden brown crown and the brown upperparts during the few seconds of observation time! The bird disappeared in the bushes and called for some minutes. Then Yotin came back and he hadn't seen the bird. Yotin could not remember an occasion he had not seen the bird, while one of his clients had! On 20 July Yotin discovered his favourite male again, paired with his daughter. In 2013 there were about 3-5 birds present at Khao Nor Chuchi.

40. **Blue-winged Pitta** - Pitta moluccensis

13 July 12 (3 seen very well) Khao Nor Chuchi.
22 July 1 (heard only) Villa Thai Lee, northeast of Ao Nang.
24 July 1 (heard only) Villa Thai Lee, northeast of Ao Nang.

41. **Great Iora** - Aegithina lafresnayei

13 July 1 (heard only) Khao Nor Chuchi.

42. **Malaysian Pied Fantail** - Rhipidura javanica

11 July 2 Villa Andaman.

43. **Blyth's or Oriental Paradise Flycatcher** - Terpsiphone affinis

13 July 1 Khao Nor Chuchi area.

44. **Slender-billed Crow** - Corvus enca

11 July 1 Villa Andaman.

45. **Grey-cheeked Bulbul** - Alophoixus bres

13 July c 5 Khao Nor Chuchi.

46. **Cream-vented Bulbul** - Pycnonotus simplex

13 July c 5 Khao Nor Chuchi.

Between 18 and 22 July a family group was observed daily at the Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.

47. **Asian Red-eyed Bulbul** - Pycnonotus brunneus

13 July 1 (heard only) Khao Nor Chuchi.

48. **Yellow-vented Bulbul** - Pycnonotus goiavier

13 July c 5 Khao Nor Chuchi.

49. **Pacific Swallow** - Hirundo tahitica

Common, seen daily, with numbers up to 50 birds.

50. **Red-rumped/Red-bellied Swallow** - Cecropis badia/daurica

Seen daily with numbers up to 20 birds daily. Not seen on Kho Phi Phi Island.

I have not made any notice if these birds were Red-bellied Swallows *C. badia*.

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51. **Common Tailorbird** - Orthotomus sutorius
Between 10 and 13 July 2-4 birds where seen daily at Villa Andaman. Between 18 July and 22 July c 5 birds were seen feeding young at the Tipa Resort, Ao Nang and also 2-3 birds where seen in the garden of Villa Thai Lee between 22 and 25 July.

52. **Dark-necked Tailorbird** - Orthotomus atrogularis

13 July	1	(heard only) Khao Nor Chuchi.

53. **Abbott's Babbler** - Malacocincla abbotti

12 July	1	(singing) A-trail, Khao Nor Chuchi.

54. **Ferruginous Babbler** - Trichastoma bicolor

13 July	2	(seen while waiting for Blue-eared Kingfisher) Khao Nor Chuchi area.

55. **Philippine Fairy-bluebird** - Irena cyanogastra

13 July	1	(heard only) Khao Nor Chuchi.

56. **Asian Glossy Starling** - Aplonis panayensis

13 July	c 5	between Krabi and Khlong Tom.

57. **Jungle Myna** - Acridotheres fuscus

26 July	c 20	along the road on our way to KLIA, Malaysia.

58. **Common Myna** - Acridotheres tristis
Common and widespread, seen daily, with numbers of up to 50 birds.

59. **Oriental Magpie-Robin** - Copsychus saularis

19 July	2	Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.
21 July	2	Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.

Between 23 July and 25 July a pair with two young was seen daily in the garden of Villa Thai Lee.

60. **Blue Rock Thrush** - Monticola solitarius

19 July	1	(juvenile) Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.
21 July	1	(juvenile) Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.

61. **Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker** - Prionochilus maculatus

13 July	c 10	Khao Nor Chuchi.
14 July	1	Villa Andaman.

62. **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** - Dicaeum cruentatum
Flowerpeckers observed between 10 and 14 July at Villa Andaman were presumed to be this species. On Kho Phi Phi seen with certainty daily with 1-4 birds seen daily. Also present between 18 and 22 July at the Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.

63. **Brown-throated Sunbird** - Anthreptes malacensis
Up to 4 bird seen between 10 and 14 July at Villa Andaman, 2-3 at Kao Nor Chuchi on 13 July. On Kho Phi Phi seen daily with 3-4 birds seen daily. Also present between 18 and 22 July at the Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.

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64. **Grey-breasted Spiderhunter** - Arachnothera modesta

13 July	3	(one seen, two singing) parking lot of Khao Nor Chuchi.

65. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** - Passer montanus

Common near human settlements, like House Sparrow in the good old days in Europe.

66. **Scaly-breasted Munia** - Lonchura punctulata

13 July	c 5	between Krabi and Khlong Tom.
20 July	2	Tipa Resort, Ao Nang.

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Left: Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker at KNC; right: Grey-breasted Spiderhunter also at KNC, both on 13 July; © Jan van der Laan.

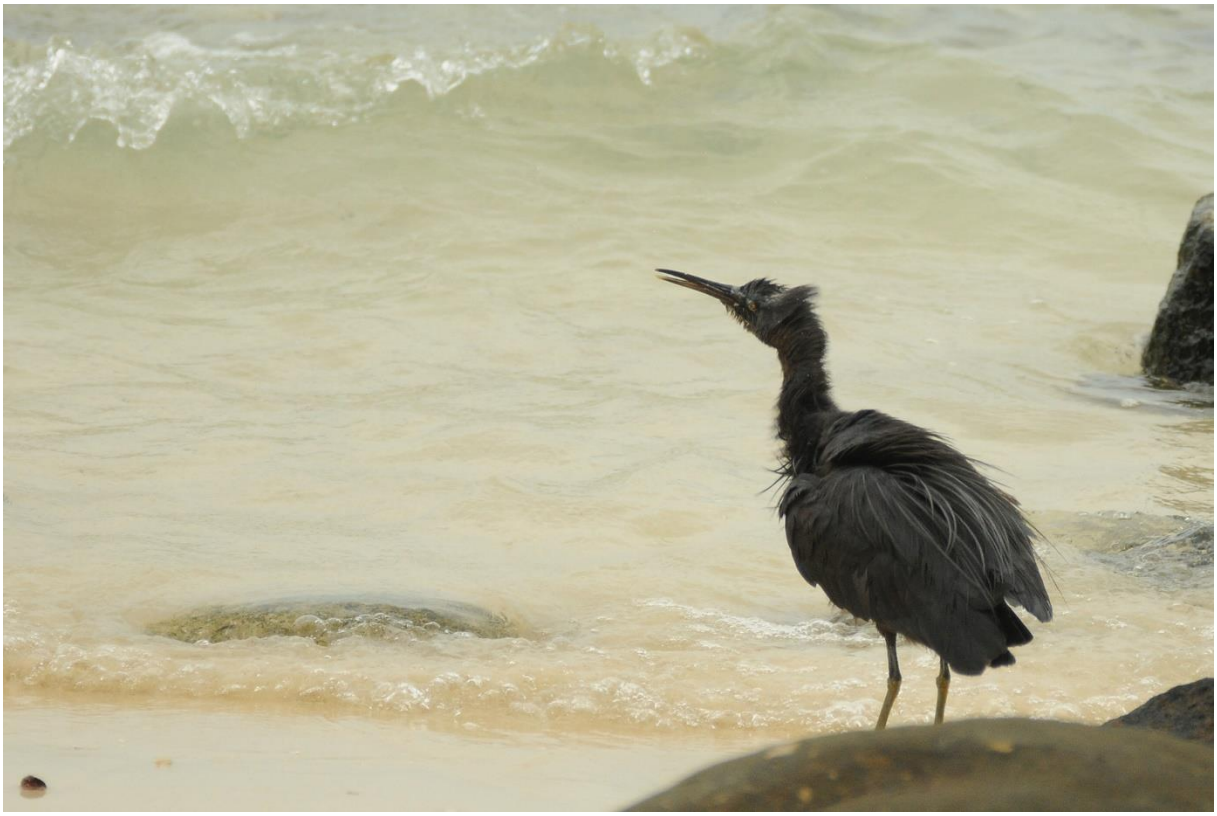
View from Yotin's shelter, with no Gurney's Pitta coming to the termites, KNC 13 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Butterflies were plentiful, but identification was another thing. Right: dragonflies were also easy to see. Both were taken at KNC on 13 July 2013. Suggestions for ID are welcome; © Jan van der Laan.

View from Villa Andaman, with daily Pacific Reef Herons, Collared Kingfishers, White-bellied Sea Eagles flying past; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: our house on Kho Phi Phi between 14 July and 18 July; right: the tree where Blue-throated Bee-eaters came to roost every evening at 18:40 hours, Villa Andaman, Ao Nang; © Jan van der Laan.

Pied Imperial Pigeon, Kho Phi Phi, 16 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.



Pacific Reef Heron, shaking its feathers, Kho Phi Phi, 16 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

Me with my son Bob (right) riding an Asian Elephant, Krabi 12 July 2012; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Greater Coucal at Villa Thai Lee on 24 July 2013; right: Blue Rock Thrush at Ao Nang on 21 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Butterfly at Villa Thai Lee on 24 July 2013; right: Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker at KNC on 13 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.

My daughter Joop on 12 July near Krabi, most probably thinking *'…don't you dare playing the sound of Giant Pitta again in front of all these people!'*; © Jan van der Laan.

Fish in the main harbour of Kho Phi Phi Island on 14 July 2013; © Jan van der Laan.