Report of a Birding Trip to

Southern Vietnam

26th March to 4th April 2022

Participants:
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Birds observed in Southern Vietnam from 26 March to 4 April 2022.

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Waiting for boarding time for flight VJ364 to Đà Lạt, 26 March 2022, Domestic Airport, Ho Chi Minh City; © Jan van der Laan.
Introduction

Between 27th March and 4th April 2022 I travelled to Vietnam in order to find three species of Pitta plus seeing as many Indochinese endemics as possible, with special emphasis on Laughingthrushes. Initially, I had planned to travel with Arjan Brenkman to Sri Lanka a month earlier, but I was diagnosed to have covid-19 a few days before departure. We only could postpone this trip to January 2023, because Arjan had no spare time left the rest of the year. I decided to go on my own to Vietnam, as Arjan had travelled here before and because I wanted to see Bar-bellied and Blue-rumped Pitta as soon as possible.

I contacted Dinh Thinh (Tim) from Annam Birding whom I knew from Facebook and who was willing to guide me to southern Vietnam doing the Đà Lạt plateau first, followed by the Deo Nui San pass and finally to Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, a good stretch of lowland rain forest and a good alternative for Cat Tien.

Vietnam had re-opened its borders on 15 March 2022 after a two-year lockdown. At first it seems a one-day quarantine was mandatory, but in the end only a negative test (either PCR or Antigen rapid test) was required. A visa was obtained via this site. I booked my international flight ticket from Amsterdam to Ho Chi Minh City via Singapore Airlines. The domestic ticket to Đà Lạt was booked by Tim via VietJet Air.

Itinerary

25 Mar I took flight SQ329 from Singapore Airlines from Amsterdam to Singapore at 10:25 hours. When checking in the people from Singapore Airlines already felt sorry for me because of my length and put me on the emergency-exit row, although I had Premium Economy ticket with enough leg space! The flight departed on time and I watched several movies, but there was not a great deal of choice.

26 Mar We arrived at 6:00 hours at Changi Airport in Singapore. My next flight was SQ178 to Ho Chi Minh City at 9:50 hours. The airport was almost deserted. The plane departed and arrived on time at Tân Sơn Nhất Airport in Ho Chi Minh City at 11:00 hours. This airport was even more deserted, but due to highly efficient bar-code scanning my health declaration and visa were quickly registered and in a few minutes I found out my suit case had arrived too, so I walked to the domestic airport to take my flight to Đà Lạt. The domestic terminal is a few 100 meters from the International terminal. I checked in my suit case and went to terminal for the departure of flight VJ364 to Đà Lạt at 15:45 hours. After a long wait the plane departed at 16:00 hours and around 17:00 hours I arrived at San Bay Cam Ly Airport, Đà Lạt. A very happy Tim was already waiting for me and he introduced me to Len, our faithful driver for the coming ten days. We drove to Đà Lạt, had a quick dinner at a small restaurant along the road and finally I checked in at the River Prince Hotel in Đà Lạt, where I would stay for four nights. I went to sleep as early as 20:00 hours.

27 Mar In the morning we drove north to a part of the Bidoup Núi Bà National Park along road 722. First birds were Spotted Dove, Dalat Shrike-babbler (the first endemic!), Kloss’s Leaf Warbler, Indian Cuckoo, Mountain Bulbul, Necklaced Barbet, Short-tailed Scimitar Babbler, Green-backed Tit and Black-throated Bushtit. We heard a Blue Pitta and Collared Laughingthrush and had bad views of a Black-headed Parrotbill. We arrived at the hide just before nine, so I became a little bit nervous. The hide was rich of birds: Mountain Fulvetta, Lesser Shortwing, Large Niltava and White-tailed Robin were present almost all the time. At 9:40 a large blob appeared in the background: a female Rusty-naped Pitta! I never expected it to see it here in Vietnam. The bird fed on the mealworms and disappeared again. Not long after the male also made an appearance. Also here was a Dark-sided Thrush and one or two Rufous-throated Partridges, both giving excellent views. After an hour or so we returned to the road again and looked for some time along an old logging road for Green Cochoa, but we only heard a Vietnamese Cutia and Hume’s Treecreeper and saw White-throated Fantail. At noon we took a short break for lunch and around 13:00 hours we went to another hide supposed to be good for Orange-
breasted Laughingthrush and Short-tailed Scimitar-Babblers, but the Orange-breasted did not show itself. However, we manged to see White-cheeked Laughingthrush, Verditer Flycatcher, Siberian and Orange-headed Thrush, Rufous-browed Flycatcher, Black-headed Sibia and finally a family of four Short-tailed Scimitar-Babblers! Unfortunately it was very dark due to some passing clouds, so my photographs were not very good. We left the place at 14:30 hours and spent the rest of the day roadside birding along the road 722. Best birds were Green-backed Tit, Rufous-capped Babbler, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Annam (Long-tailed) Minivet and Plain (Blue-winged) Minla. We had dinner in Đa Lạt and again I went to bed early, not before I took the liberty having a bath in my hotel room.

28 Mar

This morning we went back to Bidoup Núi Bà National Park along road 722 and we would bird the old logging road that runs from road 722 to the southwest. On our way to this spot we saw our first House Swifts, several Green-backed Tits and the best bird, a pair of Vietnamese Cutia’s! I learned the best trick is to play the sound of Collared Scops Owl to get them into viewing distance. Also here were Chestnut-sided Nuthatch, White-faced Jay, Chinese Francolin (heard-only), Short-tailed Scimitar Babbler (heard-only) and White-browed Scimitar Babbler (also heard-only), Annam (Gould’s) Sunbird, Flavescent Bulbul and Rufous-capped Babbler. We started birding the trail at around 8:00 hours and traced birds like Pygmy Cupwing, Red-headed Trogon, Little Spiderhunter, Maroon Oriole (common), White-bellied Erpornis and White-browed Piculet. A Scaly Thrush and a Grey Wagtail were flushed from the side of the trail and soon we found a flock with Yellow-cheeked Tits and Yellow-billed Nuthatch in it. Suddenly a thrush-like bird came flying in and sat before us on a branch. With the Sumatran Cochoa from 2014 still in my mind I quickly identified it as a male Green Cochoa! According to Tim there are four birds present in this general area. We continued birding and a Black-crowned Fulvetta made a close appearance, followed by Pale Blue Flycatcher, Spotted Forktail (nice!), Hume’s Treecreeper (well seen) and finally the call of Collared Laughingthrush was heard. Tim whistled back and immediately a pair of Collared Laughingthrushes came out the undergrowth. What a bird! Further along the trail we had cursory views of a Yellow-crowned Green Magpie and Black-headed Parrotbill. Today was a hot day, so we decided to drive back to Đa Lạt and try Grey-crowned Crocias in the afternoon. So after a short lunch break, we found ourselves at 15:00 hours at southwest of Đa Lạt in some secondary growth habitat which was also supposed to be good for Dalat Bush Warbler. We found several House Swifts, White-cheeked Laughingthrush, Brown-backed (Ashy) Bulbul (the subspecies remotus, very nice and a possible future split), Plain Minla, Clicking Shrike-babblers, Indochinese Barbet and our main quarry, the Grey-crowned Crocias (nice close-by)! The other target, the Dalat Bush Warbler was not cooperative, so we decided to check another spot further along the road. There it was noisy, because of people on scooters were returning home. The best birds were Chinese Pond Heron, Black-collared Starling, Hume’s White-eye and a distant group of Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush (heard only). We drove back at 17:00 hours to Đa Lạt and saw our first Brown Shrike. In Đa Lạt we had dinner in a pizza restaurant opposite the hotel. At 20:00 hours I went to bed.

29 Mar

Again we went to the old logging road in the Bidoup Núi Bà National Park along road 722. On our way we had a group of five Vietnamese Cutia’s, a single Vietnamese Greenfinch, two Large Cuckoo-shrikes, several Green-backed Tits and Black-headed Bushshits, White-faced Jays, two Scaly Thrushes, Black Bulbuls, Rufous-throated Partridge (calling from a distance), a male Mugimaki Flycatcher and a Blue Pitta calling at close range, but it came not into view. At the start of the logging road a lone Vietnamese Greenfinch showed itself quite well (finally) and a male Long-tailed Minivet. Along the logging road we observed Red-headed Trogon (heard-only), Grey-throated Babbler, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike, Little Pied Flycatcher, White-browed Scimitar Babbler (heard-only), White-spectacled Warbler, Necklaced Barbet, Collared Laughingthrush (same pair as yesterday), Black-headed Sibia, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, White-crowned Forktail, Greater Yellownape and finally, good views of the Yellow-crowned Green Magpie. It was a pair with two recently fledged juveniles. We returned to Đa Lạt for a short break and in the afternoon we went back to the Dalat Bush Warbler site.
southwest of Đà Lạt. A Burmese Shrike and Grey Bush Chat were even new species for me. House Swifts were passing over our heads and suddenly a Dalat Warbler responded to my playing! For half an hour we tried to get views, but in the end we had seen every body part, but never simultaneously. Tim managed to get a good picture. Next we drove to the southwestern part of Tuyen Lake for Vietnamese Crossbill and Slender-billed Oriole. Best birds were Vinous-breasted Myna, Slender-billed Oriole, Ashy Woodswallow, Vietnamese Greenfinch, Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker, Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo (heard-only), Chinese Pond Heron, Little Grebe, Black-winged Cuckooshrike, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, Scarlet Minivet and Burmese Shrike. Unfortunately, no Vietnamese Crossbill came to drink. When the sun set, we returned to Đà Lạt where we had dinner at the same restaurant as the first evening. Around 20:00 hours Tim and Len dropped me at the hotel and I went to sleep at 21:30 hours.

30 Mar

In the morning we went again to the southwestern part of Tuyen Lake to try again for Vietnamese Crossbill. Again no crossbills turned up, so we went to another track that runs to Tuyen Lake and where is good mixed forest. In the past birders had seen Dalat Sibia here plus Eye-browed Wren-Babbler here. My most wanted bird here, however, was Black-hooded Laughingthrush. We went off trail into the darker part of the forest and we managed to find a pair of Black-hooded Laughingthrushes and an elusive Eye-browed Wren-Babbler. After this success we continued looking for Dalat Sibia. No Sibia's were found, but we found Red-ventred Barbet, Indochinese Green Magpie, White-tailed Robin, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Grey-crowned Crocias (heard-only), Annam Sunbird and close views of Plain Minla. At 10:00 we gave up on the Vietnamese Crossbill and the Dalat Sibia. We drove back to the hotel, checked out and went south, but quickly we had to drive back for my passport to collect at the hotel. Tim knew a good spot for Langbian Sunbird at Thác Datanla (Datanla Waterfall), but we found Blue-whistling Thrush, Rufous-capped babbler and Vietnamese Cutia instead. Next we drove to Di Linh, our base for the next days. We checked-in at the Bao Phu Hotel, where we had a basic room with very hard matrasses. After a quick lunch we drove in the direction of the Deo Nui San pass. On our way to the pass we looked for Annam Prinia on the local rubbish dump. No Prinia, but Asian Koel, Germain’s Swiftlet, Dusky Warbler, a sparrowhawk species, Lineated and Indochinese Barbet. We continued to the pass and the first birds there were Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Great Iora, Ashy Drongo (white-faced form), Black-headed Parrotbill and finally a male Langbian Sunbird (the only one we had the entire trip). We put a considerable effort trying to find Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, but in vain. We had dinner at the small roadside café and waiting till the night fell. When it was dark enough, we started to look for Hodgson’s Frogmouth, but no success. We heard Oriental Bay Owl, Collared Scops Owl and Mountain Scops Owl, but none of these came into view. After an hour or two we went back to the hotel in Di Linh and went to sleep quickly, although the matrass did hurt quite a lot.

31 Mar

Early morning we returned to the rubbish dump south between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass. In Di Linh we picked up two Vietnamese birders. At the rubbish dump we had a coffee and suddenly the Annam Prinia responded and sat in top of a bush in front of us! Other birds seen or heard were Asian Koel, Racket-tailed Treepie, Ashy Drongo, Vinous-breasted Starling, Zebra Dove Sooty-headed Bulbul, Plaintive Cuckoo and Flavescent Bulbul. At 7:45 we began our vigil in the hide at the Deo Nui San pass. First bird was a Mugimaki Flycatcher followed by two Blue-rumped Pitta’s! I could not believe my eyes as I only expect them to be a lowland species. The birds showed themselves very well and the second new pitta species for me was in the bag. Other birds here were White-throated Rock Thrush, Long-tailed Broadbill, Siberian Blue Robin, Bay Woodpecker, Asian Fairy-bluebird, Blue-Pitta (heard-only), Hainan Blue Flycatcher and very good views of a pair Indochinese Green Magpies. We took a short break at a roadside restaurant overlooking the valley and saw Blue-winged Leafbird, Streak-breasted Spiderhunter and Olive-backed Sunbird. The rest of the afternoon we birded along road 28 in the vicinity of the Deo Nui San pass. Birds observed were Ashy and Bronzed Drongo, Indochinese Cuckooshrike, Pin-tailed Green Pigeon, Dark-necked Tailorbird, White-rumped Munia, Large
Woodshrike, Chestnut-headed Bee-eater and Vernal Hanging Parrot. We spent actually all our time trying to find Orange-breasted Laughingthrush and Annam Streaked Wren-Babbler, but we could not find any trace of both. Just before dark we returned to the roadside restaurant to pick up the other two Vietnamese birders. I managed to see a Black Eagle soaring over. We returned to Di Linh where we had dinner with all of us and drank a few beers to celebrate the Blue-rumped Pitta at restaurant Nhà Hang Tam Chau, which proved to be very nice. At around 21:00 we returned to the hotel and went to sleep.

1 Apr

We rose very early (4:00) to get to the Deo Nui San pass to look for Hodgson’s Frogmouth. We heard Brown Wood Owl and Collared Scops Owl, but no Frogmouth. When sun rose, we had some coffee and listened for Orange-breasted Laughingthrush on at least four locations. We only managed to see Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Mountain Imperial Pigeon, Yellow-vented Green Pigeon, Barred Cuckoo-Dove, Indochinese Barbet, Long-tailed Broadbill, Green-billed Malkoha, Scarlet Minivet, Ashy Bulbul, Flavescent Bulbul, Red-headed Trogon, Yellow-bellied Warbler and a Jerdon’s Baza. Again no trace of Orange-breasted Laughingthrush or Annam Streaked Wren-Babbler. We returned to Di Linh at around noon, packed our stuff and checked out of the hotel at 11:00 hours and drove first Bảo Lộc to have a short lunch and eventually to Tân Phú where we checked in at c 14:30 hours in motel Nhà nghỉ Xuân Trang (no internet site) in Đồng Quang, where we would stay for three nights. After we dropped our luggage, we went to the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, the home patch of Tim. We drove to the favourite spot for Bar-bellied Pitta and we waited for several hours. First birds were White-throated Kingfisher, Grey-eyed, Strip-throated and Ochraceous Bulbuls, Pale-legged Leaf Warbler, Blyth’s Paradise Flycatcher, Abbott’s Babbler, Narcissus Flycatcher, Scaly-crowned Babbler, Green-eared Barbet and finally a calling Bar-bellied Pitta (heard-only). At around 18:00 we were back at the hotel again. I was too tired for any dinner and definitely not hungry, so I said some bananas were OK for me, so at around 20:30 hours I was asleep already.

2 Apr

Today we birded the whole day in the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise. First we went to a hide that was supposedly the best for Bar-bellied Pitta. First birds were Indochinese Blue Flycatcher, Ochraceous Bulbul, Puff-throated Babbler, Abbott’s Babbler, Grey-faced Tit-Babbler, Narcissus Flycatcher, Siberian Blue Robin and White-throated Rock Thrush. At 7:30 a pair of Bar-bellied Pitta’s made an appearance. Especially the female gave a good show, the male was a little bit suspicious. After a short lunch break we went to another hide where Dat (Tim’s brother) had seen a Siamese Fireback at 9:00 hours in the morning. Birds observed here were Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Greater Coucal and Common Emerald Dove. Suddenly, behind the hide I heard some scratching and when I turned my head I saw it was a partridge one meter behind the hide. Unfortunately, the bird noticed me and ran away, but it suddenly appeared before the hide and I could identify it as an Orange-necked Partridge! The rest of the afternoon we spent on road birding with a few side trails looking for Heart-spotted Woodpecker. This search produced Bay Woodpecker, Heart-spotted Woodpecker, Common Flameback and a pair of Large Scimitar Babbler. When we returned at the hotel, I found the lock of my hotel room to be broken. A group of repair men managed to fix it after an hours work, resulting in a brand new lock. Later, we had dinner at a nice restaurant (Com Nieu Cay Bang) and at 20:30 hours we were back at the hotel. At c 22:00 hours I went to sleep.

3 Apr

This morning we went again to the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise and tried for the Siamese Fireback first. The fireback did not show itself, but we observed Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, Scaly-crowned Babbler, Laced Woodpecker, Greater Coucal, Red-headed Trogon, Blue-winged Pitta (heard), another Orange-necked Partridge, Banded Kingfisher, Great Iora, Heart-spotted Woodpecker and Crested Serpent Eagle. Next, we went to another place, supposedly best for Orange-necked Partridge. This was a piece of forest dominated by bamboo (an inflexible, long and sharp thorns). We waited not that long when a beautiful Orange-necked Partridge appeared and showed itself for quite some time. A Blue-winged...
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Pitta was also present, giving good photographic opportunities. We heard an Asian Barred, Red-headed Trogon and Red Junglefowl. It was a hot day and around noon we took a break at a nearby restaurant, were we had cold drinks, a hammock and rice with eggs. The remainder of the afternoon we birded at the hide we had visited on the morning of 2 April. No new birds, but good sightings of Grey-faced Tit-Babbler and Abbott’s and Buff-breasted Babblers. It started to rain very hard so we returned to the hotel and had dinner again at Com Nieu Cay Bang. At 19:00 hours we were back at the hotel again, with rain pouring even harder, so no owling tonight. As we had to leave the next day, I already packed and sorted my stuff and went to sleep at 22:00 hours.

4 Apr

The last morning at the Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise we first checked the hide of the Siamese Fireback. The Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher was already present. Grey-faced Tit-Babblers were calling around the hide and a small group showed itself for a short period. A Blue-winged Pitta called as were Blue-eared Barbet, Blue-bearded Bee-eater and Asian Emerald Cuckoo. Greater Coucal and Greater Racket-tailed Drongo showed themselves at close range. At 7:16 hours a male Siamese Fireback made a short appearance and disappeared instantly. We decided to go to the first hide as Bar-bellied Pitta’s were calling there. Indeed a pair gave a good show, with another pair calling nearby. Again an Orange-necked Partridge crossed the patch before the hide! Best bird was a Green-backed Flycatcher, however, a rare bird in this region. Then Dat came back with the message he had a calling Germain’s Peacock-pheasant at the Orange-necked Partridge site of yesterday. We ran into the forest and looked and listened for an hour or so, but in vain. When walking back to the car we saw Banded Broadbill, Black-naped Monarch and Crested Goshawk. At 10:30 we had to leave the forest and drove back to the hotel. I packed my things, had a quick shower, changed clothes and prepared for the long trip to home. At 11:30 we left the hotel and had lunch at the same restaurant Com Nieu Cay Bang. At 12:15 it was time to say goodbye to Tim as he was not joining Len and me back to Ho Chi Minh City. The ride to Ho Chi Minh City was smooth with no problems and at 14:50 we arrived at the airport Tần Sơn Nhất. I said goodbye to Len and thanked him for his faithful and safe driving during the whole trip. At the airport I had to wait till 16:40 hours before I could check in. In the meantime I had a nice conversation with a Dutch girl, who worked in Vietnam as a teacher and was now visiting her parents in the Netherlands again. She had not been in the Netherlands for two years due to the lockdown. As I upgraded my ticket to Singapore to business class, I could sit in the business class lounge, making the three-hours wait very comfortable. I also met a Dutch birder Marc Stoop who lived in Singapore and exchanged information about Plain-pouched Hornbills in Malaysia. At 21:20 we started to board and at 22:00 hours flight SQ185 to Singapore departed. At 23:00 we arrived at Terminal 1, so we had to transfer to Terminal 3. There boarding went without delay and I had no passenger sitting next to me. At 0:20 hours flight SQ324 departed to Amsterdam.

5 Apr

After an uneventful flight with hardly any turbulence I landed at 7:50 hours at Schiphol Airport. After a little more than half-an-hour waiting for my suit case, I was able to catch a train in time and I arrived in Alkmaar at 9:35 hours.

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Species Accounts

Order and nomenclature follows www.worldbirdnames.org, version 12.1. Species important to me are in capitals. In some cases I preferred to use the names used in the Birds of Vietnam. The photographs are in chronological order.

Recommended Literature

I used Birds of Vietnam by Richard Craik and Lê Quỳnh Minh (2018, Lynx Edicions), an excellent field guide with a very progressive taxonomy.
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 April 2022.
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Left: Kloss’s Leaf Warbler; right: Necklaced Barbet, both on 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Southern Mountain Bulbul; right: Grey-crowned Bushtit, both on 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: White-tailed Robin; right: Mountain Fulvetta, both on 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left and right: Large Niltavas (male & female), 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.
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Lesser Shortwings, male (left) and female (right), both on 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Dark-sided Thrush, 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Rufous-throated Partridge, 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.
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Male Rusty-naped Pitta (ssp bolovenensis), 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Female Rusty-naped Pitta (ssp bolovenensis), 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.
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Left: White-cheeked Laughingthrush; right: Verditer Flycatcher, both on 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: female Siberian Thrush; right: Orange-headed Thrush, both on 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Family of Short-tailed Scimitar Babblers or Indochinese Wren-babblers, 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

It was very dark due to overcast weather and therefore there is much noise in this series of photographs.
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Two endemic subspecies, both good candidates for a future split: left: White-spectacled or Black-headed Sibia ssp robinsoni; right: female Annam or Long-tailed Minivet ssp annamensis, both on 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

One of the nicest and most wanted Indochinese endemics: Vietnamese Cutia, male (left) and female (right), 28 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Maroon Oriole; right: White-browed Piculet, both on 28 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Dalat Shrike-babbler; right: Spotted Forktail, both on 28 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP; © Jan van der Laan.
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Male Green Cochoa, 28 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Another Đà Lạt Plateau endemic: Black-crowned Fulvetta, 28 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP; © Jan van der Laan.
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The most beautiful bird of Vietnam? Collared Laughingthrushes, 28 March 2022 Bidoup Núi Bà NP; © Jan van der Laan.

Same pair of Collared Laughingthrushes, now in the sun, 28 March 2022 Bidoup Núi Bà NP; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Pale Blue Flycatcher (female); right: Hume’s Treecreeper, both on 28 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.
Another endemic, the Grey-crowned Crocias, 28 March 2022, southwest of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Mugimaki Flycatcher; right: Little Pied Flycatcher, both on 29 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP; © Jan van der Laan.

Recently fledged Yellow-crowned Green Magpie (ssp margaritae), 29 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP; © Jan van der Laan. The feathers on the belly are still fledgling feathers, the breast feathers are already green like an adult. A yellow feather on the crown is just visible (inset).
Another local species one must see: Yellow-billed Nuthatch, 29 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Vinaceous Starling or Myna, 29 March 2022, Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan; right: the endemic and always skulking Dalat Bush Warbler, seen after a lot of effort, 29 March 2022, Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Tim Dinh.

Left: Scarlet Minivet ssp semiruber; right: Sooty-headed Bulbul ssp germani, both on 29 March 2022, Hô Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.
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Vietnamese Greenfinches, 29 March 2022, Hò Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Slender-billed Oriole; right: Ashy Woodswallow, both 30 March 2022, Hò Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Annam Sunbirds, male (left) and female (right), both on 30 March 2022, Hò Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Plain Minla, 30 March 2022, Hò Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan. Note the light eye and plain appearance plus the lack of blue margins on the wings.
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Left: Red-vented Barbet; right: Indochinese Barbet, both on 30 March 2022, Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Singing Mountain Imperial Pigeon showing three steps: inflating, bowing and hooting; 30 March 2022, Deo Nui San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Black-headed Parrotbill; right: Langbian Sunbird, both on 30 March 2022, Deo Nui San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Racket-tailed Treepie; right: Annam Prinia, both on 31 March 2022 south of Di Linh, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.
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Male Blue-rumped Pitta, 31 March 2022, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Female Blue-rumped Pitta, 31 March 2022, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan. Note the bird has a fly on the lower eye lid.
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Left: male White-throated Rock Thrush; right: Indochinese Green Magpie, both on 31 March 2022, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Hainan Blue Flycatcher, male (left) and female (right), 31 March 2022, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Streaked Spiderhunter; right: Chestnut-headed Bee-eater, both on 31 March 2022, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Blue-bearded Bee-eater; right: Jerdon’s Baza, both on 1 April 2022, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.
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Left: Common Emerald Dove; right: Stripe-throated Bulbul, both on 1 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Grey-eyed Bulbul; right: Siberian Blue Robin, both on 1 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Ochraceous Bulbul; right: Narcissus Flycatcher, both on 1 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Narcissus Flycatcher; right: Puff-throated Babbler, both on 2 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.
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Left and right: female Bar-bellied Pitta, 2 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

The same female Bar-bellied Pitta, 2 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

A pair of Indochinese Blue Flycatchers, both on 2 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.
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Left: female White-throated Rock Thrush; right: Pin-striped Tit-Babbler, both on 2 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Abbott’s Babbler; right: male Bar-bellied Pitta, both on 2 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Streak-eared Bulbul; right: Buff-breasted Babbler, both on 2 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Great Racquet-tailed Drongo, on 2 April 2022; right: Laced Woodpecker on 3 April 2022, both at the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.
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Left: Greater Coucal; right: female Narcissus Flycatcher, both on 3 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Scaly-crowned Babbler; right: Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, both on 3 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Blue-winged Pitta, 3 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.
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Orange-necked Partridge digging for food, 3 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Orange-necked Partridge, 3 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (black-backed form); right: another Orange-necked Partridge, both on 4 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.
Male Bar-bellied Pitta, calling to another male, 4 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: male Bar-bellied Pitta in a more natural setting; right: female Bar-bellied Pitta, both on 4 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.
Second-calendar year female-type Green-backed Flycatcher, a rare bird in Đồng Nai province; note the greenish upperside coverts (more brownish green in Narcissus Flycatcher) and the yellowish wash on the underparts, stout bill and yellowish eye-ring; 4 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Crested Goshawk; right: Banded Broadbill, both on 4 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.
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001. **Rufous-throated Partridge** - Arborophila rufogularis annamensis
   27-03  1 (heard only) **along road 722**, c 30 km north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  1 (heard only) **along road 722**, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

002. **Bar-backed Partridge** - Arborophila brunneopectus
   31-03  1 (heard only) **along road QL28**, c 20 km south of Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.

003. **ORANGE-NECKED PARTRIDGE** - Arborophila davidi
   02-04  1 (seen) 3rd hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   03-04  1 (heard only) 3rd hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   1-2   1 (heard and 1 - same? - seen well) 4th hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   04-04  1 (seen well) 1st hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

004. **Siamese Fireback** - Lophura diardi
   04-04  1 (male) 3rd hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

005. **Red Junglefowl** - Gallus gallus
   04-04  1 (male heard calling) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

006. **Chinese Francolin** - Francolinus pintadeanus
   28-03  1 (heard calling) along road 722, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

007. **Germain’s Swiftlet** - Aerodramus germani
   30-03  3 rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
   04-04  4 Tân Sơn Nhất Airport, Ho Chi Minh City.

008. **House Swift** - Apus nipalensis
   28-03  2 Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  5 **c 15 Km southwest of Đà Lạt**, Lâm Đồng.
   30-03  3 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

009. **Greater Coucal** - Centropus sinensis
   03-04  2 3rd hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   04-04  1 3rd hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

010. **Green-billed Malkoha** - Phaenicophaeus tristis
   01-04  2 **Deo Nui San pass**, Lâm Đồng.

011. **Asian Koel** - Eudynamys scolopaceus
   30-03  1 (heard-only) rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03  1 (heard-only) rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
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024. **Yellow-vented Green Pigeon** - Treron seimundi modestus
   
   01-04  2-3  **Deo Nui San pass**, Lâm Đồng.

025. **Mountain Imperial Pigeon** - Ducula badia
   
   27-03  3  Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  2  landslide along road 722, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   
   Between 30-03 and 1-04 5 to 8 birds seen or heard daily at the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

026. **Little Grebe** - Tachybaptus ruficollis
   
   30-03  1  (Tim only) Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

027. **Chinese Pond Heron** - Ardeola bacchus
   
   28-03  2  southwest of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  1  Hồ Tuyền Lâm, southwest of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   30-03  2  Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
       1  along road 20, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
       1  rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03  1  rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

028. **Eastern Cattle Egret** - Bubulcus coromandus
   
   27-03  6  along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03  8  rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

029. **Intermediate Egret** - Ardea intermedia
   
   04-04  1  seen from the car, near lake Duc Long Gon, along road 20, Đồ Ng Nai.

030. **Little Egret** - Egretta garzetta
   
   30-03  2  south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
       1  centre of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03  1  south of Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.

031. **Jerdon's Baza** - Aviceda jerdoni
   
   01-04  1  **Deo Nui San pass**, Lâm Đồng.

032. **Crested Serpent Eagle** - Spilornis cheela
   
   Heard daily at Bidoup Núi Bà National Park on 27-03 and 28-03 and seen on 28-03. At the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise heard daily between 1-04 and 4-04.

033. **Black Eagle** - Ictinaetus malayensis
   
   31-03  1  between Deo Nui San pass and Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.

034. **Crested Goshawk** - Accipiter trivirgatus
   
   30-03  1  (with prey) rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
   04-04  1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồ Ng Nai.
035. **Oriental Bay Owl** - Phodilus badius  
30-03 1  *heard calling* Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

036. **Asian Barred Owlet** - Glaucidium cuculoides  
03-04 1  *heard calling* Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

037. **Mountain Scops Owl** - Otus spilocephalus  
30-03 1  *heard calling* Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

038. **Collared Scops Owl** - Otus lettia  
From 28-03 to 1-04 heard daily on the Đà Lạt Plateau and the Deo Nui San pass, totalling 12 birds and with a maximum of 5 birds on 1-04. One bird was seen on 28-03 in Bidoup Núi Bà National Park. The call attracts a lot of songbirds, especially the Vietnamese Cutia is very intolerant to the presence of this little owl.

039. **Brown Wood Owl** - Strix leptogrammica  
01-04 1  *heard calling* Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

040. **Red-headed Trogon** - Harpactes erythrocephalus  
28-03 1  *seen* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
29-03 1  *heard only* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
30-03 1  *heard only* Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.  
1 (heard only) Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.  
01-04 2  *heard only* Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.  
04-04 2  *heard only* Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

041. **Eurasian Hoopoe** - Upupa epops  
30-03 1  *Huến Dúc Trong*, Lâm Đồng.

042. **Indochinese Roller** - Coracias affinis  
02-04 1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

043. **Banded Kingfisher** - Lacedo pulchella  
03-04- 1  *heard calling* Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

044. **White-throated Kingfisher** - Halcyon smyrnensis  
02-04 1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

045. **Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher** - Ceyx erithaca  
On 2-04, 3-04 and 4-04 1 bird seen at close range in the 3rd hide at the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

046. **Blue-bearded Bee-eater** - Nyctyornis athertoni  
28-03 1  Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
01-04 1  *Deo Nui San pass*, Lâm Đồng.  
02-04 1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.  
04-04 2  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
### 047. Chestnut-headed Bee-eater - *Merops leschenaulti*

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### 048. RED-VENTED BARBET - *Psilopogon lagrandieri*

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### 049. Lineated Barbet - *Psilopogon lineatus*

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### 050. Green-eared Barbet - *Psilopogon faiostrictus*

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### 051. NECKLACED BARBET - *Psilopogon auricularis*

- Common on the Đà Lạt Plateau and Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng, with daily totals of up to five birds.

### 052. INDOCHINESE BARBET - *Psilopogon annamensis*

- Fairly common on the Đà Lạt Plateau and Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng, with daily totals of up to four birds.

### 053. Blue-eared Barbet - *Psilopogon duvaucelii*

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### 054. Coppersmith Barbet - *Psilopogon haemacephalus*

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### 055. White-browed Piculet - *Sasia ochracea*

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### 056. Heart-spotted Woodpecker - *Hemicircus canente*

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### 057. Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker - *Yungipicus canicapillus*

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### 058. Greater Yellownape - *Chrysophlegma flavinucha flavinucha*

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### 059. Laced Woodpecker - *Picus vittatus*

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### 060. Common Flameback - *Dinopium javanense*

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061. Bay Woodpecker - Blythipicus pyrrhotis annamensis
   31-03  2  Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
   02-04  1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

062. Vernal Hanging Parrot - Loriculus vernalis
   31-03  1  Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

063. Long-tailed Broadbill - Psarisomus dalhousiae
   31-03  2  Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
   01-04  3  (two seen) Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

064. Silver-breasted Broadbill - Serilophus lunatus
   27-03  1  (heard only) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

065. Banded Broadbill - Eurylaimus javanicus
   04-04  1  along the road, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

066. RUSTY-NAPED PITTA - Hydrornis oatesi bolovenensis
   27-03  2  (a pair seen very well) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   My most wanted bird this holiday. When negotiating with Tim before the trip a month earlier about the
   Pitta’s, he initially said it was not the best time for this species, but after a week he proposed to do the trip
   with a start in Đà Lạt instead of ending there, as end of March could be still OK for Rusty-naped Pitta. Indeed
   this was a very good choice. The pair is present here for several years and raised three young in 2019.

067. BLUE-RUMPED PITTA - Hydrornis soror soror
   31-03  2  (a pair seen very well) Deo Nui San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.
   My third most wanted bird this holiday. I did not expect to see them at this height and I did not expect this
   bird to be so beautiful. In the books the colours are not well appreciated, but in real the male especially has
   all kind of soft colour tones. Something you very well see from a hide and almost never when seeing one in
   the gloom of the forest hopping away from the trail.

068. Blue Pitta - Hydrornis cyanea willoughbyi
   27-03  1  (heard only) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  1  (heard only at close range) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03  1  (heard only behind the hide) Deo Nui San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.
   The last two birds I could have seen with a little more effort. With five Pitta species this holiday it would
   have been a nice addition when seen (or photographed).

069. BAR-BELLIED PITTA - Hydrornis elliotii
   01-04  2  (heard only) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   02-04  3  (one heard only and a pair well seen) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   04-04  4  (a pair well seen, two others heard close-by) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   My second most wanted bird this holiday. This pitta is not rare in Vietnam and it resulted in multiple
   sightings. The male is one of the most beautiful pitta’s in the world.
Birds observed in Southern Vietnam from 26 March to 4 April 2022.

070. **Blue-winged Pitta** - Pitta moluccensis

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071. **Bar-winged Flycatcher-shrike** - Hemipus picatus

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<td>2 Thác Datanla (Datanla Waterfall), south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.</td>
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072. **Large Woodshrike** - Tephrodornis virgatus

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073. **Ashy Woodswallow** - Artamus fuscus

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074. **Great Iora** - Aegithina lafresnayei

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075. **ANNA (Long-tailed) MINIVET** - Pericrocotus ethologus annamensis

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<td>7 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.</td>
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<td>1 (male) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.</td>
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076. **Scarlet Minivet** - Pericrocotus speciosus

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<td>2 (pair) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.</td>
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077. **Large Cuckooshrike** - Coracina macei

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<td>4 (2 pairs) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.</td>
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078. **Black-winged Cuckooshrike** - Lalage melaschistos

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079. **Indochinese Cuckooshrike** - Lalage polioptera

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080. **Brown Shrike** - Lanius cristatus

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<td>1 southwestern part of Đà Lạt.</td>
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The bird at Đà Lạt looked very much like the nominate cristatus, the second bird more like lucionensis.
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<td>Burmese Shrike - Lanius collurioides</td>
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<td>29-03</td>
<td>(male) at the Grey-crowned Crocias spot, west of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.</td>
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<td>DALAT SHRIKE-BABBLER - Pteruthius annamensis</td>
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<td>085</td>
<td>Maroon Oriole - Oriolus traillii</td>
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<td>Common in Bidoup Núi Bà National Park and at the Deo Nui San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng, with a maximum of c 6 birds each day.</td>
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<td>Slender-billed Oriole - Oriolus tenuirostris</td>
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<td>Bronzed Drongo - Dicrurus aeneus</td>
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<td>089</td>
<td>Greater Racket-tailed Drongo - Dicrurus paradiseus</td>
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<td>Between 2-04 and 4-04 several birds observed and one bird photographed at close range in the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.</td>
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<td>Ashy Drongo - Dicrurus leucophaeus</td>
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091. **White-throated Fantail** - Rhipidura albicollis celsa
   - 30-03 1 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 27-03 2 **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.

092. **Black-naped Monarch** - Hypothymis azurea
   - 04-04 1 (female on nest) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

093. **Blyth’s Paradise Flycatcher** - Terpsiphone affinis
   - 01-04 1 (female) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

094. **White-faced Jay** - Garrulus glandarius leucotis
   - 28-03 1 Hô Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 29-03 1 along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 30-03 1 rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

095. **YELLOW-CROWNED GREEN MAGPIE** - Cissa chinensis margaritae
   - 28-03 1 **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.
   - 29-03 4 (pair with recently fledged young) **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.
   - 31-03 One of the highlights of the holiday!

096. **Indochinese Green Magpie** - Cissa hypoleuca
   - 30-03 1 (heard and a cursory view) Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 31-03 2 (pair, very well seen) Deo Nui San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.

097. **Racket-tailed Treepie** - Crypsirina temia
   - 31-03 3 rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

098. **Eastern Jungle Crow** - Corvus levaillantii
   - 28-03 1 along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 29-03 2 (when looking for Dalat Bush Warbler) southern part of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 30-03 1 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

099. **Green-backed Tit** - Parus monticolus legendrei
   - 27-03 1 (when driving north) along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 28-03 2 (when driving back to Đà Lạt) along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 29-03 3 (when driving north) along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - 4 (when driving north) along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   - This subspecies is called Langbian Tit in the Birds of Vietnam. The black on the underside is very broad.

100. **Yellow-cheeked Tit** - Machlolophus spilonotus
   - 28-03 2 (high in the canopy in a mixed flock) **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.
101. **Ochraceous Bulbul** - Alophoixus ochraceus

   Seen daily in the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai, usually a dominant pair at several hides.

102. **Grey-eyed Bulbul** - Iole propinqua

   01-04  1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

103. **Ashy Bulbul** - Hemixos flavala remotus

   28-03  2  southwest of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   01-04  2  Đo Dần San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.

   This interesting subspecies is called Brown-backed Bulbul in the Birds of Vietnam, a possible future split.

104. **Mountain Bulbul** - Ixos mcclellandii griseiventer

   27-03  1  (seen well) along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   28-03  2  Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

   The *tickelli* group of Mountain Bulbul is called Southern Mountain Bulbul in the Birds of Vietnam and the subspecies *griseiventer* is endemic to the Đà Lạt Plateau.

105. **Black Bulbul** - Hypsipetes leucocephalus

   Widespread and seen daily on the Đà Lạt Plateau from 27-03 to 31-03, for example, this observation.

106. **Black-headed Bulbul** - Brachypodius melanocephalos

   30-03  1  rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

107. **Black-crested Bulbul** - Rubigula flaviventris johnsoni

   31-03  5  Đo Dần San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.

108. **Streak-eared Bulbul** - Pycnonotus conradi

   02-04  1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

109. **Stripe-throated Bulbul** - Pycnonotus finlaysoni

   01-04  1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   02-04  1  Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

110. **Flavescent Bulbul** - Pycnonotus flavescens sordidus

   28-03  1  along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03  3  Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
   01-04  2  Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

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

   29-04  4  southwest of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

112. **Sooty-headed Bulbul** - Pycnonotus aurigaster

   29-03  2  H horrors L, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03  3  rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
113. **Asian House Martin** - Delichon dasypus  
28-03  2 (when driving north, seen by Tim only) along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

114. **Pygmy Cupwing** - Pnoepyga pusilla  
28-03  1 (heard only) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

115. **Yellow-bellied Warbler** - Abросopus superciliaris  
01-04  1 [Deo Nui San pass](#), Lâm Đồng.

116. **Mountain Tailorbird** - Phyllergates cucullatus  
28-03  1 (seen well) Douo National Park, Lâm Đồng.

117. **Grey-bellied Tesia** - Tesia cyaniventer  
27-03  1-2 (heard only) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

118. **GREY-CROWNED BUSHTIT** - Aegithalos concinnus annamensis  
27-03  12 [along road 722](#), north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.  
29-03  5 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
30-03  2 Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

119. **Yellow-browed Warbler** - Phylloscopus inornatus  
27-03  2 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
28-03  1-2 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
29-03  2 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

120. **Dusky Warbler** - Phylloscopus fuscatus  
30-03  1 (heard calling) rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

121. **White-spectacled Warbler** - Phylloscopus intermedius  
27-03  1 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
28-03  3 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
29-03  3 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

122. **Grey-cheeked Warbler** - Phylloscopus poliogenys  
28-03  2 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

123. **Pale-legged Leaf Warbler** - Phylloscopus tenellipes  
01-04  1 [Tân Phú Forest Enterprise](#), Đồng Nai.

124. **Chestnut-crowned Warbler** - Phylloscopus castaniceps  
28-03  2 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

125. **Kloss's Leaf Warbler** - Phylloscopus ogilviegranti  
The most common phylloscopus on the Đà Lạt Plateau with daily totals of up to 6 birds. Nice bird!
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126. **DALAT BUSH WARBLER** - Locustella idonea  
   29-03 1 **southwest of Đà Lạt**, Lâm Đồng.  
   Formerly a subspecies of the Russet-Warbler-complex that was at that time also a *Bradypterus*. A very skulking bird which responds well to its song, but is a master in hiding. It took us at least an hour to see all of its body parts which we never saw at the same time. Also seen running on the ground like a mouse.

127. **ANNAM PRINIA** - Prinia rocki  
   31-03 1 **rubbish dump** between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.  
   Formerly a subspecies of Brown Prinia. Endemic to the Đà Lạt Plateau as well. It took us an afternoon and an early morning to finally find this bird in a habitat not everybody’s favourite.

128. **Hill Prinia** - Prinia superciliaris  
   28-03 2 southwest of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.  
   29-03 1 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

129. **Dark-necked Tailorbird** - Orthotomus atrogularis  
   31-03 2 **pair nesting** Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng. Same birds again on 1-04 next day.

130. **BLACK-HEADED PARROTBILL** - Psittiparus margaritae  
   27-03 1 (heard only along road 722) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
   28-03 3 (seen high in the canopy) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
   30-03 2 **seen at close range** Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

131. **Black-chinned Yuhina** - Yuhina nigrimenta  
   30-03 1 (Tim only) Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

132. **Swinhoe’s White-eye** - Zosterops simplex  
   28-03 1 southwest of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

133. **GREY-FACED TIT-BABBLER** - Mixornis kelleyi  
   Between 2-04 and 4-04 c 10 birds recorded in the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise. The song is very barbet-like but softer and ventriloquist and very difficult to locate. On 2-04 and 3-04 I saw some birds at close range.

134. **Pin-striped Tit-Babbler** - Mixornis gularis  
   31-03 1 Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.  
   02-04 1 Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.  
   03-04 1 **seen at close range** Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

135. **Rufous-capped Babbler** - Cyanoderma ruficeps  
   27-03 1 **along road 722**, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng. Also there on 28-03.  
   30-03 1 Đătani Waterfall, Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

136. **Red-billed Scimitar Babbler** - Pomatorhinus ochraceiceps alius  
   27-03 1 (heard only) along road 722, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.  
   30-03 1 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
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137. **White-browed Scimitar Babbler** - Pomatorhinus schisticeps annamensis
   28-03  1 (heard only) along road 722, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  3 (heard only) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

138. **Large Scimitar Babbler** - Erythrogenys hypoleucos
   02-04  2 (heard only) Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đống Nai.

139. **Grey-throated Babbler** - Stachyris nigriceps rileyi
   28-03  4 (pair with young) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  2 (same birds) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

140. **Scaly-crowned Babbler** - Malacopteron cinereum
   Between 1-04 and 4-04 seen daily in the Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đống Nai. Most observations were birds coming to bath and feed before one of the hides. Tim and Dat maintain at least four bird hides in the forest.

141. **BLACK-CROWNED FULVETTA** - Schoeniparus klossi
   28-03  2 (with one seen very well) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

142. **Puff-throated Babbler** - Pellorneum ruficeps
   Between 1-04 and 4-04 seen daily in the Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đống Nai. The most common and regular bird species coming to bath and feed before one of the hides. On 2-04 one bird entered the hide, feeding 50 cm next to me.

143. **Buff-breasted Babbler** - Pellorneum tickelli
   02-04  3 3rd hide, Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đống Nai.
   03-04  1 4th hide, Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đống Nai.
   1        1 2nd hide, Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đống Nai.

144. **Abbott's Babbler** - Malacocincla abbotti
   01-04  1 Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   02-04  2 Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   03-04  2 Tấn Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

145. **Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler** - Napothera epilepidota davisoni
   30-03  1 (heard and finally some fleeting glimpses) Hồ Tuyên Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

146. **INDOCHINESE WREN-BABBLER or SHORT-TAILED SCIMITAR BABBLER** - Napothera danjoui
   27-03  1 (heard only) along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   4 (family seen from hide) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   28-03  1 (heard only) along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

147. **Mountain Fulvetta** - Alcippe peracensis
   27-03  6-8 (seen from 1st hide) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   6 (seen from 2nd hide) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
148. **VIETNAMESE CUTIA** - *Cutia legalleni legalleni*

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149. **GREY-CROWNED CROCIAS** - *Laniellus langbianis*

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150. **COLLARED LAUGHINGTHRUSH** - *Trochalopteron yersini*

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151. **WHITE-SPECTACLED SIBIA** - *Heterophasia desgodinsi robinsoni*

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152. **PLAIN MINLA** - *Actinodura cyanouroptera orientalis*

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153. **Lesser Necklacled Laughingthrush** - *Garrulax monileger*

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154. **White-crested Laughingthrush** - *Garrulax leucolophus*

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155. **BLACK-HOOODED LAUGHINGTHRUSH** - *Garrulax milleti milleti*

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<td>(seen quite well) Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng. 4</td>
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156. **WHITE-CHEEKED LAUGHINGTHRUSH** - *Pterorhinus vassali*

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157. **Asian Fairy-bluebird** - *Irena puella*

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158. **YELLOW-BILLED NUTHATCH** - *Sitta solangiae* fortior
   28-03  2 Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  2 *(seen well)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

159. **Chestnut-vented Nuthatch** - *Sitta nagaensis*
   28-03  1 *along road 722*, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  1 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

160. **Hume's Treecreeper** - *Certhia manipurensis meridionalis*
   27-03  1 *(heard only)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   28-03  1 *(seen well)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

161. **Common Myna** - *Acridotheres tristis*
   04-04  3 Tân Sơn Nhất Airport, Hồ Chí Minh City.

162. **Vinous-breasted Myna** - *Acridotheres burmannicus*
   29-03  2 *south of Đà Lạt*, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03  3 rubbish dump between Di Linh and the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

163. **Black-collared Starling** - *Gracupica nigricollis*
   28-03  2 *in morning along road 722*, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   28-03  2 *south of Đà Lạt*, Lâm Đồng.
   29-03  2 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
   30-03  1 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

164. **GREEN COCHOA** - *Cochoa viridis*
   28-03  1 *(male well seen)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   Another highlight. The bird came in flying and sat silently for a while. Then it started to feed on fruits in the canopy of the tree. According to Tim there are about four birds in this general area.

165. **Dark-sided Thrush** - *Zoothera marginata*
   27-03  1 *(seen very well)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

166. **Scaly Thrush** - *Zoothera dauma*
   28-03  1 *(flushed from the trail)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   28-03  2 *in morning along road 722*, north of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

167. **Siberian Thrush** - *Geokichla sibirica*
   27-03  1 *(female well seen)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

168. **Orange-headed Thrush** - *Geokichla citrina aurimacula*
   27-03  1 *(well seen)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   This bird had a vertical stripe on its cheek and therefore belongs to the *aurimacula* group or Buff-throated group. Birds with a plain orange head belong to the *citrina* or Orange-headed group.
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169. **White-rumped Shama** - Copsychus malabaricus
02-04 1 (heard only) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

170. **Rufous-browed Flycatcher** - Anthipess solitarius
27-03 1 *Bidoup Núi Bà National Park*, Lâm Đồng.

171. **Hainan Blue Flycatcher** - Cyornis hainanus klossi
31-03 2 *(pair well seen)* Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

172. **Pale Blue Flycatcher** - Cyornis unicolor
28-03 1 *(female bathing)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

173. **Indochinese Blue Flycatcher** - Cyornis sumatrensis
02-04 2 *(pair)* Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

174. **Large Niltava** - Niltava grandis decorata
27-03 2 *(pair)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
29-03 1 *(male)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
30-03 1 *(female)* Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

175. **Verditer Flycatcher** - Eumyias thalassinus
27-03 1 *(male)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

176. **Lesser Shortwing** - Brachypteryx leucophrys langbianensis
From 27-03 to 29-03 c 10 birds heard daily and at least *two birds seen* on 27-03 at the Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng and on 30-03 one bird heard at Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng. The birds belonged to the subspecies *langbianensis*, a distinctive race and a good candidate for a future split.

177. **Siberian Blue Robin** - Larvivora cyane
First birds seen at the hide near the Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng on 31-03. Seen daily at all hides between 1-04 and 4-04 in the Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai, with 10 birds in total.

178. **White-tailed Robin** - Myiomela leucura
27-03 2 *(males)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
30-03 1 Hồ Tuyền Lâm, south of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

179. **White-crowned Forktail** - Enicurus leschenaulti indicus
29-03 1 *(short sighting)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

180. **Spotted Forktail** - Enicurus maculatus robinsoni
28-03 1 *(well seen)* Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

181. **Blue Whistling Thrush** - Myophonus caeruleus eugenei
30-03 1 *(heard only)* Datanla Waterfall, Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.
01-04 1 *(seen)* boulders behind the restaurant, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
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182. **Green-backed Flycatcher** - Ficedula elisae
   
   04-04 1 (female-type), 1st hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

   Most probably this species. A rare visitor to this part of Vietnam. It winters in the northern half of Vietnam.

183. **Narcissus Flycatcher** - Ficedula narcissina
   
   01-04 1 (immature male), 1st hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   02-04 1 (adult male), 2nd hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   03-04 1 (female) 3rd hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   04-04 1 (adult male), 1st hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

184. **Mugimaki Flycatcher** - Ficedula mugimaki
   
   29-03 1 (male) along road 722, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.
   31-03 1 (male) Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

185. **Little Pied Flycatcher** - Ficedula westermanni langbianis
   
   29-03 2 (pair) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

186. **Snowy-browed Flycatcher** - Ficedula hyperythra
   
   27-03 1 (male) Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Lâm Đồng.

187. **White-throated Rock Thrush** - Monticola gularis
   
   31-03 2 (males) Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.
   02-04 1 (female) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.
   04-04 1 (male) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

188. **Grey Bush Chat** - Saxicola ferreus
   
   29-03 2 Dalat Bush Warbler spot, southwest of Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.

189. **Blue-winged Leafbird** - Chloropsis moluccensis
   
   31-03 2 at tea house on poles, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

190. **Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker** - Dicaeum cruentatum
   
   04-04 1 (female) Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.

191. **Olive-backed Sunbird** - Cinnnyris jugularis andamanicus
   
   31-03 1 (female) at tea house on poles, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

192. **ANNAM (Mrs. Gould's) SUNBIRD** - Aethopyga gouldiae annamensis
   
   Between 27-03 and 30-03 seen daily on the Đà Lạt Plateau, with about 5-6 birds seen daily. Only two females were observed, both on 30-03. The birds differ from Gould’s Sunbird in lacking a yellow rump.

193. **LANGBIAN (Black-throated) SUNBIRD** - Aethopyga saturata johnsi
   
   31-03 1 (male) Deo Nui San pass, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.

   The only bird we could find. This race endemic to the Đà Lạt Plateau differs considerably from the nominate.
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194. **Purple-naped Sunbird** - Kurochkinegramma hypogrammicum  
   02-04 | 1  *(heard calling)*  2nd hide, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai.  
   Purple-naped is actually a spiderhunter and not a sunbird.

195. **Little Spiderhunter** - Arachnothera longirostra  
   28-03 | 1  **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.

196. **Streaked Spiderhunter** - Arachnothera magna  
   30-03 | 1  **Parking lot** of the Datanla Waterfall, Đà Lạt, Lâm Đồng.  
   | 1  **Deo Nui San pass**, Lâm Đồng.  
   31-03 | 1  **at tea house on poles**, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.  
   01-04 | 2  **restaurant with the boulders**, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

197. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** - Passer montanus  
   Common in cities and villages, like House Sparrows used to be in Europa.

198. **White-rumped Munia** - Lonchura striata  
   30-03 | 2  Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.  
   31-03 | 5  Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.  
   | 1  **at tea house on poles**, Deo Nui San pass, Lâm Đồng.

199. **Grey Wagtail** - Motacilla cinerea  
   28-03 | 1  **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.  
   29-03 | 1  **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.

200. **VIETNAMESE GREENFINCH** - Chloris monguilloti  
   29-03 | 1  *(heard only)*  along road 722, north of Đà Lạt, **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.  
   | 1  **Bidoup Núi Bà National Park**, Lâm Đồng.  
   01-04 | 1  **Deo Nui San pass**, Di Linh, Lâm Đồng.
Unknown squirrels; left: 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; right: 3 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: male Blue Agama (Calotes baxteri); right: female?, both on 3 April 2022, Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, Đồng Nai; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: unknown dragonfly; right: unknown damselfly, both on 28 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.

Unknown butterflies; left: 27 March 2022, Bidoup Núi Bà NP, Lâm Đồng; right: 30 March 2022, Hồ Tuyền Lâm, Lâm Đồng; © Jan van der Laan.
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Habitat of Yellow-billed Nuthatch and Green Cochoa in the Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Dam Long, 28 March 2022; © Jan van der Laan.

Habitat of Collared Laughingthrush, Black-crowned Fulvetta and Yellow-crowned Green Magpie, Bidoup Núi Bà National Park, Dam Long, 28 March 2022; © Jan van der Laan.
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Habitat of Dalat Bush Warbler (bushes in front) and Grey-crowned Crocias (trees on the right), 28 March 2022, southwest of Đà Lạt; © Jan van der Laan.

Left: Tim and Len having a break; right: good forest still present, both on 28 March 2022, southwest of Đà Lạt; © Jan van der Laan.

Pine tree habitat at Hồ Tuyền Lâm, good for Red-vented Barbet, Dalat Sibia and Vietnamese Crossbill (if present!). The deciduous part of the forest is good for Black-hooded Laughingthrush and Eye-browed Wren-Babbler, 30 March 2022; © Jan van der Laan.
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Habitat of the Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Annam Streaked Wren-Babbler, Black-headed Parrotbill and Langbian Sunbird at the Deo Nui San pass, Lăm Đồng, with Tim in the foreground, 30 March 2022; © Jan van der Laan.

Hide at the Deo Nui San pass with the view, good for Indochinese Magpie and Blue-rumped Pitta, 31 March 2002; © Jan van der Laan.

2nd hide at Tân Phú Forest Enterprise, good for Bar-bellied Pitta, 2 April 2022; © Jan van der Laan.
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Traffic in Ho Chi Minh City, without a single bicycle! 4 April 2022; © Jan van der Laan.

Landmark 81, with a height of 461 meter the tallest building in Vietnam, the second tallest building in Southeast Asia, and the 17th tallest building in the world, 4 April 2022, Thành phố Hồ Chí Minh (Ho Chi Minh City); © Jan van der Laan.