



ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

Sulawesi & Halmahera Wallacean Endemics

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Red-backed Thrush

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Rockjumper Birding Tours



Satanic Nightjar



Tour Summary

After eventually all gathering in one place at our hotel in Makassar, we took a short walk to Fort Rotterdam before taking a brief rest to recover from our inbound flights, some of which were severely delayed! We then made our way to a few fish ponds and rice paddies on the outskirts of town where we picked up loads of mud and a nice selection of birds, including Chestnut and Scaly-breasted Munias, three species of kingfisher, Little and Whiskered Terns, Javan Pond Herons and our only Clamorous Reed Warblers of the tour. Some attractive Bali Cattle (Banteng) were also admired. We ended the day with drinks out over the water, a '77 class reunion and a very nice introduction to local cuisine.

The next day began with a fairly early wake-up and dawn at the roadside with pink rice and green bread! Much traffic was present too but this didn't deter us from sauntering down the winding road in search of our target bird species. We started our successes with brief views of Sulawesi Hornbill, topped by much better looks at a pair of Piping Crows perched atop a leafless tree. We then had great views of a small group of very responsive Black-ringed White-eyes, our main quarry for the morning. A surprise sighting of a Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker meant that we were to see all three flowerpeckers in one short morning, as well as a soaring Sulawesi Serpent Eagle, Moor Macaque and Ashy Woodpecker to boot. We then rapidly picked up White-shouldered Triller and Barred Buttonquail near the airport, where we also stopped to admire a feral colony of Streaked Weaver before moving swiftly away to lunch at the departure gates. A delayed flight meant there was little time to stop during the long drive from Palu to Wuasa and the only birds we picked up were White-necked Myna and our first Knobbed Hornbill.

For our first day in Lore Lindu we departed for the park at 04:30, arriving in time to take in great views of a pair of cooperative Cinnabar Boobook. We then enjoyed some cake, rotis and numerous cups of delicious kopi for breakfast before embarking on our hike up the much-anticipated Anaso track.

Sightings were few and far between for the first hour as we focused on making our way up, through the still dark forest. Nevertheless, we did bump into a magnificent perched Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle and a very close Snowy-browed Flycatcher. Then, as the light began to improve, we found ourselves stopping more regularly for new and exciting species, much to the appreciation of those needing regular breathers! Highlights included numerous Fiery-browed Starlings, a brief Sombre Pigeon, Maroon-backed Whistler, several Streak-headed White-eyes, Sulawesi Leaf Warbler, Glossy Swiftlet, sought-after Diabolical Nightjar, Blue-fronted Blue and Turquoise Flycatchers, White-eared Myza and a handful of vocal Mountain Tailorbirds. After lunch in the forest we wended our way back down the mountain, mostly through heavy rain showers.



Purple-bearded Bee-eater



Back on the road, we found ourselves in slightly better weather so we moved down to the shores of Tambing Lake. There, amid some more open forest and taller trees, we had great views of Citrine Lorikeet, a Rusty-breasted Cuckoo, Black-naped Oriole and a Sulawesi Thrush, tossing leaves about in a low epiphyte. On our way back to Wuasa, we stopped at the edge of the forest for Black-naped Fruit Dove and a nesting Dwarf Sparrowhawk, whilst White-bellied Imperial Pigeon put in an overhead appearance for a bonus. Lastly, we found Spotted Kestrel and Short-tailed Starling perched in palm trees on the edge of town.

We went back up the Anaso track for our second morning in the park, though most of us only went up as far as the landslide. Our target there, of course, was the spectacular Purple-bearded Bee-eater. Three, possibly four, of these beauties put in an appearance not long after our arrival but were not the only new birds seen during our time there. Other goodies included a pair of Cerulean Cuckooshrikes, Hylocitrea (finally!) and Citrine Canary-flycatcher. After admiring and photographing the delightful bee-eaters for a little while longer, those of us who had stopped our ascent at this spot went back down to the lower reaches and birded along the road, while others continued birding the higher reaches, bagging Sulawesi Flycatcher and further views of Sombre Pigeon.

After lunch and reuniting as a group once again, we birded around Tambing Lake and along the road to Wuasa for a second time. During this excursion we added Sunda Teal, Little Bronze Cuckoo, Grosbeak Starling, Grey-rumped Treeswift, fly-by Rufous-bellied Eagle and an unusually showy Black-billed Koel to the list, whilst a second visit to the Dwarf Sparrowhawk nest gave us our only Sulawesi Drongo of the trip. A little further down the road, we stopped for Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher which performed nicely.

Breakfast at Sendy's at 05:30 saw the dawn of our final day in the Lore Lindu area. We then drove up through the mist to the forest, where Maggie spotted a Red-eared Fruit Dove for our first great sighting of the day. We tried for Great Shortwing, but only managed to hear the bird and decided to return later. We walked down the road, to the lake and back, seeing Superb Fruit Dove, Pygmy Cuckooshrike, a handful of Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpeckers, Cerulean Cuckooshrike flying over, a group of around four Malia near the lake and another pair of bee-eaters back at the Red-eared Fruit Dove site. Sadly, however, only one person got on to Great Shortwing during our second try. Herds of bystanders were a less-appreciated sight and sound!



Sulawesi Scops Owl



After this, we returned to Mama Sendy's for a final lunch, drove back through the forest and down the other side of the mountain for our journey back to Palu. One of the stops along the way provided us with great views of our first White-necked Mynas, while closer to Palu we stopped at a riverside where we saw Pale-headed and Black-faced Munias, large numbers of Blue-tailed Bee-eater and a Savanna Nightjar. We then made one more stop before the hotel, picking up a flock of Pale-bellied Mynas in almost no time at all! Dinner, Wi-Fi and a hot shower were enjoyed by all.

The following day we flew back to Makassar and on to Manado. From there, we undertook the long drive to Kotamobagu, seeing Cinnamon Bittern and Buff-banded Rail along the way.

We left for our first excursion in the Dumoga Bone area at 04:00 the next morning, arriving in the dark but, unfortunately, also in the rain. We still managed to see Sulawesi Scops Owl and Great-eared Nightjars but the rain did eventually begin to negatively impact the birding and we spent most of the morning sheltering at the viewpoint with little to look at. We took short walks during breaks in the weather but all we managed to pick up was Green Imperial Pigeon, White-rumped Triller and Yellow-billed Malkoha before heading to lunch.

After lunch we tried to make our way to Molibagu but a landslide had unfortunately blocked the road. We then went to Toraut but were unable to cross the now raging river. Instead, we had to settle for standing by the riverside where we at least we saw Oriental Hobby, Knobbed Hornbills and numerous Spotted Harriers. We had coffee and left our disappearing island on the river bank, from where we went directly to see a Sulawesi Masked Owl - brilliant!

The following morning we left for Tambun for a second attempt, this time arriving in an even heavier deluge! Amazingly, however, our perseverance paid off and we were whisked away from our breakfast shelter to see a rather bedraggled but much-appreciated Maleo. We sat around in the rain for the rest of day, seeing Sulawesi Cicadabird, Bay Coucal, Purple-winged Roller, Great and Pygmy Hanging Parrots, and a handful of Barred Rail before returning to town early.





Early the next morning, we (well, most of us!) set off up Gunung Ambang to see Matinan Flycatcher. This we did in great time, allowing us to search a little longer for Scaly-breasted Kingfisher. Unfortunately, the kingfisher only showed well to a few of us, never to be seen again. Next was a seemingly interminable drive to Tangkoko. First being held up for two hours by street parades, we experienced one traffic jam after another, mostly associated with Independence Day celebrations. At least we were able to enjoy being a part of the festivities but we could have done with the extra sleep! Our arrival in Tangkoko saw nothing more than a quick dinner and a rush to bed!

Thankfully, our full day in Tangkoko meant very little driving, and we were able to start birding only moments after sunrise. The first birds to reach our list were an assortment of columbids, including Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon and Silvery-tipped Imperial Pigeon. Next to fall were Blue-rumped Parrots and Green-backed Kingfisher. Quality birds like these were to continue putting in first appearances and we soon had the healthier portion of our targets in the bag. This was, of course, with a little local help and we were very grateful to those who assisted to tee-up Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher, Red-backed Thrush, Sulawesi Scops Owl and Lilac Kingfisher, to name just a few. Back to camp for a brief lunch and we found ourselves out in the field again, only this time we took to the waters of the nearby bay where we saw Great-billed and Ruddy Kingfishers, White-rumped Cuckooshrike and a handful of other goodies before one last excursion before nightfall. This final jaunt was back in the forested reserve and we were able to pull Ochre-bellied Boobook, Sulawesi Nightjar and Spectral Tarsier out of the hat.

For our last morning on Tangkoko we set up our scopes upon a hill overlooking some nearby forest. From there, we spotted numerous Silvery-tipped Imperial Pigeons, Yellow-breasted Racket-tail, Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon, Ornate Lorikeet, White-faced Dove, Sulawesi Hornbill, Eclectus Parrot (!) and Pygmy Hanging Parrot. Following that, we drove to the airport and boarded our flight to Ternate, from where we boarded our boat to Halmahera. It wasn't the most enjoyable of boat rides but we did manage to find our target species, Beach Kingfisher.

Shortly after our arrival, we headed off into the hills where we birded along forested sections of the road, until dusk. Our first two sightings there were Paradise-crow and Cinnamon-bellied Imperial Pigeon, both of which were much-appreciated! Other significant sightings that afternoon included the ever-popular White 'Cocky', Blyth's Hornbill, Moustached Treeswift and Blue-and-white Kingfisher. Our first attempts at finding the three nocturnal bird species later that evening were as unsuccessful as most of the subsequent attempts were to be.





Lilac Kingfisher

We began the fairly long journey to Subaim with a bit more birding along the same road as the previous afternoon. Common Paradise Kingfisher, Molluccan Monarch, Grey-headed Fruit Dove and Cream-throated White-eye all put in an appearance and I even managed to survive an attack from a Shining Flycatcher! Few birds were picked up during the rest of the journey but we did get a chance to familiarize ourselves with a clove tree. Yes, a tree!

Our afternoon in Subaim began with yet another rain shower for the trip, though it was short-lived. This allowed us time for an afternoon stroll and to pick up one of our only Halmahera Flowerpeckers, Northern Golden Bulbul, Rufous-bellied Triller and Gurney's Eagle.

A very early start saw us reaching the upper sections of Foli with plenty of time to do some night birding. Unfortunately, despite the time put in and how close we came, the score remained: Nightbirds - 3, Rockjumper - 0. At least the Standardwing put in an appearance, and what an appearance it was! This uplifting sighting was memorable indeed and it wasn't long before we set off with high spirits, to find more birds. A fantastic selection of parrots put on a show and we had barely walked a couple of kilometres before it was time to turn back for lunch. Highlights of the morning included Violet-necked and Chattering Lorys, Red-flanked Lorikeet, Moluccan Hanging Parrot, Moluccan Flycatcher, Blue-capped Fruit Dove and Dusky Brown Oriole. We chatted away the warmer parts of the day before heading out for a final walk and a few more great birds. Loads of Grey-headed Fruit Doves were seen again, as were Goliath Coucals, Moluccan Starlings, Spectacled Imperial Pigeons and a Great Cuckoo-Dove!

The following morning, one last try for nocturnal birds in the Subaim area finally broke our string of bad luck and we were very pleased to see a Moluccan Scops Owl, especially so well. Shortly afterwards, we watched a Moluccan Cuckooshrike while munching on our chocolate-spread sandwiches and heard our first of many Ivory-breasted Pittas. Creeping down to the streambed below, we were able to get closer to the pittas than some of us expected – if only it hadn't flown in behind us, where few people were looking. Black-chinned Whistler behaved a little better and we soon made our way back to the cars where we were able to dry off from yet more rain!

The drive back to Sidangoli was punctuated by numerous Oriental Dollarbird sightings and another great lunch but nothing else of much interest. This allowed us to bird more forest close to town and to make another nocturnal excursion. Need I remind you what happened!?



**Sombre Kingfisher**

A pre-breakfast trip was as unsuccessful but it placed us in position for Sombre Kingfisher nice and early in the morning. So, with much white bread flung about, we proceeded to play the call and were greeted within minutes by a pair of these lovely birds – a great start indeed! We then tried our luck with the pitta again but a Dusky Megapode was the only ground-dweller to put in an appearance. Nevertheless, a welcome sighting by all! A lot of work and not many rewards were expected given our earlier successes but we appreciated what we got and took some time off in the heat of the day, returning to the road for one last afternoon and evening. No Boobook again.

We took our score on night birds to 66% with one final try and a spectacularly close view of one rather displeased Moluccan Owlet-nightjar! "Kaching!"...in the words of one of our participants! A little more birding and farewell to Halmahera it was, as we shot across the bay to Ternate for lunch and an opportunity to do some laundry. We circumnavigated the island for the last part of our day, stopping at Tolire Crater Lake and a viewpoint overlooking Tidore Island and Halmahera in the distance. Birds seen along the way included Tri-colored Grebe, Channel-billed Cuckoo, Torresian Crow and a very responsive Large-tailed Nightjar.

A late morning lie-in preceded our flight to Manado and the drive up to Gunung Mahawu, where the only significant sighting was Isabelline Bush-hen. We then enjoyed our last scrumptious dinner together and in the company of some wonderful marine life before retiring to our hotel.

Having bid farewell to two participants the previous night, those of us continuing on to Bali set off in the early morning for our flight to Denpasar, via the airport halls of Makassar – not that we changed seats or airplanes! This brought to an end another successful and thoroughly enjoyable tour of northern Wallacea; a tour that will not only be remembered for the wet days and illnesses, but rather for the great selection of birds, good food and even better company!

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Annotated List of Birds recorded

Nomenclature and taxonomy follows the IOC 4.3 list of: Gill, F. and Wright, M. Birds of the World: Recommended English Names. Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press.

(ES) – Endemic to Sulawesi; (EM) – Endemic to Moluccas; (EI) – Endemic to Indonesia

(H) – Heard only

Total species recorded: 232 (including 8 heard only)

Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

Wandering Whistling Duck *Dendrocygna arcuata*

We encountered this species on several occasions during our time in the Dumoga Bone area.

Pacific Black Duck *Anas superciliosa*

A pair of these birds were seen in flight, near Dumoga Bone.

Sunda Teal (EI) *Anas gibberifrons*

We had great views of this species at Lake Tambing, Lore Lindu NP.

Megapodes Megapodiidae

Maleo (ES) *Macrocephalon maleo*

Heavy rain during our two days in Dumoga Bone certainly made things difficult. Indeed, we had to return to Tambun for a second morning after failing to find this species the first time. Fortunately, we ended up with great views of one of these unusual birds. We also, of course, had the privilege of releasing a couple of chicks into the wild, so ensuring future Rockjumper trips can enjoy the same success we had!

Philippine Megapode (Tabon Scrubfowl) *Megapodius cumingii*

A handful of individuals and pairs were seen on the forest floor at Tangkoko.

Dusky Megapode (EI) *Megapodius freycinet*

One lucky participant bumped into three of these shy birds at the Standardwing site while the rest of us had to wait a few days to get our first views. Not only that, but we had to stand very patiently while I slowly coaxed one in, close to its nest mound near KBP. Reward was due!

Grebes Podicipedidae

Tricoloured Grebe *Tachybaptus tricolor*

We enjoyed wonderful scope views of these colorful little grebes at Tolire Crater Lake, Ternate.

Hérons, Bitterns Ardeidae

Cinnamon Bittern *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

We stopped near some rice paddies while *en route* to Dumoga Bone, where we had great looks at a couple of these birds and some Buff-banded Rails.

Striated (Little) Heron *Butorides striata*

We had our first looks at this species during our excursion to some rice paddies near Makassar, on day one. Others were sighted near Karaenta, Lore Lindu NP and in Tangkoko.

Javan Pond Heron *Ardeola speciosa*

We had many scattered sightings of breeding and non-breeding birds, mostly in paddyfields near Makassar, Lore Lindu and Dumoga Bone.



Eastern Cattle Egret*Bubulcus coromandus*

This widespread species was commonly encountered throughout the tour.

Purple Heron*Ardea purpurea*

We enjoyed several sightings of this widespread species.

Great Egret*Ardea alba*

We took note of this species on our first birding excursion, on day one.

Little Egret*Egretta garzetta*

A few scattered sightings were had of this widespread species, throughout the tour.

Pacific Reef Heron*Egretta sacra*

A couple of these birds were seen during our trip to the mangroves near Tangkoko.

Frigatebirds Fregatidae**Great Frigatebird***Fregata minor*

We fortunately only had to search through two frigatebird flocks to find this species, specifically an adult male. This was during our drive from Sidangoli to Subaim.

Lesser Frigatebird*Fregata ariel*

We had a great sighting of many on Halmahera.

Cormorants, shags Phalacrocoracidae**Little Pied Cormorant***Microcarbo melanoleucos*

We had good looks at some of these distinctive birds during our first excursion in Makassar.

Kites, Hawks & Eagles Accipitridae**Barred Honey Buzzard (ES)***Pernis celebensis*

We caught up with this species on our final morning in the Lore Lindu area, where it was seen soaring above a distant hill.

Sulawesi Serpent Eagle (ES)*Spilornis rufipectus*

Two birds were seen well near Kareanta Forest, others were seen around Lore Lindu NP.

Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle (ES)*Nisaetus lanceolatus*

We enjoyed outstanding views of an adult perched near the Anaso track in Lore Lindu NP.

Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle*Lophotriorchis kienerii*

One adult was seen cruising over the forest near Tambing Lake, Lore Lindu NP.

Black Eagle*Ictinaetus malayensis*

We had two separate sightings of this species. The first of these was of an adult soaring over the forest near the road, on our journey from Lore Lindu NP to Palu – unbeatable!

Gurney's Eagle*Aquila gurneyi*

We enjoyed a handful of sightings of these large raptors during our time in Subaim, Halmahera.

Spot-tailed Sparrowhawk (ES)*Accipiter trinotatus*

We heard one of these birds calling in the canopy at Tangkoko. Unfortunately, we only spotted it as it dashed through the foliage, never to be seen again.

Variable (Grey-throated) Goshawk*Accipiter hiogaster griseogularis*

We had surprisingly few sightings of this species on Halmahera but we were all present on most occasions.

Dwarf (Small) Sparrowhawk (ES)*Accipiter nanus*

An active nest near Wuasa allowed us some wonderful views of this tricky species, on two consecutive days.

Vinous-breasted Sparrowhawk (ES) *Accipiter rhodogaster*

Just two of us were lucky enough to see this species. This was during our final morning at Tangkoko.

Spotted Harrier *Circus assimilis*

We had magnificent views from the riverside at Dumoga Bone NP.

Black Kite *Milvus migrans*

Small numbers of this widespread species were seen near Dumoga Bone.

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

This bird was commonly encountered throughout Halmahera but our first sighting was at Dumoga Bone.

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Individuals were seen during our full day in Tangkoko, followed by others on Halmahera.

Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae

Barred Rail *Gallirallus torquatus*

We enjoyed studying these birds at length whilst having breakfast (and sheltering from the rain!) on our second day at Tambun.

Buff-banded Rail *Gallirallus philippensis*

A handful of these birds were seen during our drive to Kotamobagu from Manado.

Isabelline Bush-hen (ES) *Amaurornis isabellina*

After hearing this species at a couple of sites, we finally laid eyes on one during our final afternoon, at Gunung Mahawu.

(H) Pale-vented (Rufous-tailed) Bush-hen *Amaurornis moluccana*

A couple of these birds were heard during our time on Halmahera.

Purple [Black-backed] Swamphen *Porphyrio porphyrio [indicus]*

This species was seen in wetlands near Dumoga Bone only.

Buttonquail Turnicidae

Barred Buttonquail *Turnix suscitator*

A pair of these great little birds were seen scurrying along a drainage canal at Makassar airport.

Stilts, Avocets Recurvirostridae

White-headed Stilt *Himantopus leucocephalus*

We saw at least two of these birds during our first afternoon excursion, in Makassar.

Plovers Charadriidae

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*

A handful of these birds were also only seen on our first afternoon excursion.

Sandpipers, Snipes Scolopacidae

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*

Briefly seen on the first day, near Makassar.

Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos*



Seen on the first day of the tour and again near Palu.

Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*
Small numbers of these smart birds were seen on the first afternoon of the tour, near Makassar.

Whiskered Tern *Chilodoniastri hybrida*

Seen with the above species.

Pigeons, Doves Columbidae

Rock Dove *Columba livia*

Seen in urban areas throughout the tour.

Red Turtle (Collared) Dove *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

Commonly encountered during the first half of the tour, particularly around Palu.

Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*

Some members of the group had sightings of this species on Sulawesi while others caught up on Halmahera.

Slender-billed (Brown) Cuckoo-Dove *Macropygia amboinensis*

This widespread species was seen regularly throughout the tour in forested areas.

Great Cuckoo-Dove *Reinwardtoena reinwardtii*

We had brief but great views of one of these birds in Foli.

White-faced (S. Black Pigeon) C-Dove (ES) *Turacoena manadensis*

Unfortunately, only two of us managed to glimpse this species, at the Tangkoko viewpoint.

Common Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*

A handful of these fast-flying forest dwellers were seen flashing by at various sites on Halmahera.

Another was seen on/near its nest, atop a palm frond above a small forested streambed near Subaim.

Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon (EI) *Treron griseicauda*

We had several sightings of this bird at Tangkoko, most of which came from the viewpoint, on our final morning there.

Red-eared Fruit Dove (ES) *Ptilinopus fischeri*

This fine-looking endemic was seen especially well in Lore Lindu where some were even seen nest-building by the roadside!

(H) Oberholser's Fruit Dove (ES) *Ptilinopus epius*

Always a tough endemic, we at least heard one calling at Tambun, Dumoga Bone.

Superb Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus superbus*

We had prolonged scope views of one of these birds on our final morning in Lore Lindu NP. Our only other sightings came from Gunung Ambang.

Blue-capped Fruit Dove (EM) *Ptilinopus monacha*

We had just three sightings of this species on Halmahera and Ternate – two at Foli and another at Tolire.

Grey-headed Fruit Dove (EM) *Ptilinopus hyogastrus*

Pleasantly common on Halmahera, we enjoyed scope views of plenty.

Black-naped Fruit Dove *Ptilinopus melanospilus*

Females and males were seen in Lore Lindu NP and in Dumoga Bone.

White-bellied Imperial Pigeon (ES) *Ducula forsteni*

The distinctive booming of this species was heard throughout our time in Lore Lindu NP though we had surprisingly few sightings.



Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon (ES)*Ducula radiata*

A few of us were lucky to see this species from the viewpoint at Tangkoko, constituting our only sighting of the tour!

Green Imperial Pigeon*Ducula aenea*

This was the most conspicuous species during our time in the Dumoga Bone area.

Spectacled (White-eyed) Imperial Pigeon (EM)*Ducula perspicillata*

We enjoyed great scope views of this species in Foli, where numbers seemed unusually high.

Cinnamon-bellied Imperial Pigeon (EM)*Ducula basilica*

One of the first birds we laid eyes upon on Halmahera!

Pied Imperial Pigeon*Ducula bicolor*

We encountered this attractive species on several occasions during our time on Halmahera.

Silver-tipped (White) Imperial Pigeon (ES)*Ducula luctuosa*

We had rather unsatisfactory views of this species on our full day in Tangkoko but had numerous brilliant sightings the following morning. Indeed, these birds were particularly common at the viewpoint.

Sombre Pigeon (ES)*Cryptophaps poecilorrhoea*

Most of us had brief views of this rare pigeon in Lore Lindu NP.

Cuckoos Cuculidae**Bay Coucal (ES)***Centropus celebensis*

We braved the rain on a few occasions during our two days at Tambun, Dumoga Bone NP, seeing this species a couple of times as reward.

Goliath Coucal (EM)*Centropus goliath*

We had a few encounters with this impressive coucal, seeing both adults and juveniles clamoring about the thick growth on Halmahera.

Lesser Coucal*Centropus bengalensis*

This widespread species was seen on a number of occasions in open secondary habitat throughout the tour.

Yellow-billed Malkoha (ES)*Rhamphococcyx calyborhynchus*

This striking bird was found on every day in the north of Sulawesi.

Black-billed Koel (ES)*Eudynamis melanorhynchus*

Heard regularly but seen well on only a couple of occasions - in Lore Lindu and Dumoga Bone national parks.

Channel-billed Cuckoo*Scythrops novaehollandiae*

A small flock of these monstrous cuckoos were seen at the Tolire Crater Lake.

Little (Gould's) Bronze Cuckoo*Chrysococcyx minutillus*

We had great views of one in Lore Lindu NP.

Brush Cuckoo*Cacomantis variolosus*

We scoped one of these noisy birds at KBP.

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo*Cacomantis sepulcralis*

We had our first sighting near Tambing Lake in Lore Lindu NP.

(H) Moluccan Drongo-Cuckoo (EI)*Surniculus musschenbroeki*

This cuckoo was heard singing in the distance, at KBP.

Barn Owls Tytonidae**Sulawesi Masked Owl (ES)***Tyto rosenbergii*

We were treated to superb perched views of a pair, near Kotamobagu, on our first full day there. Then, on the following day, some of us returned to get great video footage of the pair, emerging from the same roost!

Owls Strigidae

Moluccan Scops Owl

Otus magicus

Of the three nocturnal birds that we searched for on Halmahera, this one gave up relatively easily. Nonetheless, seeing one and seeing it so well was a welcome relief.

Sulawesi Scops Owl (ES)

Otus manadensis

We thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of having a trio of these birds as permanent company at our lodging in Tangkoko! Not that the pair we saw in the reserve were not appreciated, even if they weren't the Boobooks we had climbed to see!

Ochre-bellied Boobook (ES)

Ninox ochracea

A real treat this year as we enjoyed fabulous views of a pair at their day roost in Tangkoko.

Cinnabar Boobook (ES)

Ninox ios

A fabulous pair showed very well in Lore Lindu NP, just prior to breakfast and our climb on the first morning there.

(H) Halmahera (Moluccan) Boobook (EM)

Ninox hypogramma

Without a doubt, this species cost us the most sleep of any bird on the tour. Furthermore, it had the cheek to not show itself even once!

(H) Speckled Boobook (ES)

Ninox punctulata

Most of us heard this species near our accommodation at Lore Lindu NP.

Nightjars Caprimulgidae

Satanic (Diabolical/Heinrich's) Nightjar (ES)

Eurostopodus diabolicus

Even without the name, this is one devilishly good-looking bird! Something we all got to admire, up-close, on a few occasions, in Lore Lindu NP.

Great Eared Nightjar

Lyncornis macrotis

Plenty of these huge, very vocal birds were seen well, pre-dawn, at Tambun, Dumoga Bone.

Large-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus macrurus

One bird showed exceptionally well during our evening excursion on Ternate.

Sulawesi Nightjar (ES)

Caprimulgus celebensis

One bird showed well in Tangkoko.

Savanna Nightjar

Caprimulgus affinis

We had great views of this species, near Palu.

Owlet-nightjars Aegothelidae

Moluccan Owlet-nightjar (EM)

Aegotheles crinifrons

Boy, did we work hard for this species!?! All I can say is that I'm really glad we saw the species and saw it so well! This was, of course, on our final morning on Halmahera.

Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

Grey-rumped Treeswift

Hemiproctus longipennis

Perched and flying birds of this species were seen at a handful of sites, including Lore Lindu NP and Tangkoko.



Moustached Treeswift

Hemiprocne mystacea

Surprisingly scarce during our trip, with just one sighting on our first afternoon on Halmahera.

Swifts Apodidae

Glossy Swiftlet

Collocalia esculenta

This species was commonly encountered at all forest sites.

Sulawesi (Moluccan) Swiftlet (ES)

Aerodramus sororum

We stopped briefly, while *en route* to Palu from Wuasa, to look at a mixed flock of swift containing some of these birds.

Uniform Swiftlet

Aerodramus vanikorensis

This is another common species that we saw almost daily.

Asian Palm Swift

Cypsiurus balasiensis

Some of us saw this species during our transfer from Tangkoko to Manado.

House Swift

Apus nipalensis

Small flocks of these birds were seen in and around Makassar.

Rollers Coraciidae

Purple-winged Roller (ES)

Coracias temminckii

One wet and bedraggled, not to mention uncooperative, individual was seen during one of the many periods we were huddling from the rain at Tambun.

Oriental Dollarbird

Eurystomus orientalis

In our fruitless search for the other species of dollarbird, we ended up scoping countless individuals of this species.

Kingfishers Alcedinidae

Green-backed Kingfisher (ES)

Actenoides monachus

We had great views of this wonderful species at Tangkoko. We also enjoyed their eerie calls while eating breakfast there on two occasions.

Scaly-breasted Kingfisher (ES)

Actenoides princeps

A tough customer and one that won't be forgotten by some, given our experience on Gunung Ambang! Suffice to say that some went home very happy, others less so.

Common Paradise Kingfisher

Tanysiptera galatea

We were pleased to coax into view an elegant adult while birding along the road from KBP to Subaim.

Lilac (-cheeked) Kingfisher (ES)

Cittura cyanotis

We found this beauty at Tangkoko, where we marveled at a single, perched bird for over twenty minutes!

Great-billed (Black-billed) Kingfisher (ES)

Pelargopsis melanorhyncha

This species completed our roundup of endemic Kingfishers in Tangkoko when we successfully tracked it down in the Mangroves there.

Ruddy Kingfisher

Halcyon coromanda

One boat-full of participants was lucky enough to glimpse this species in the same mangroves as the above species.

Blue-and-white Kingfisher (EM)

Todiramphus diops

A pleasantly common endemic on Halmahera, we had several nice sightings at the edge of forest during our time on the island.



Sombre Kingfisher (EM)

Todiramphus funebris

A small group of us bumped into this species while strolling the Standardwing trail at Foli but the rest of us had to wait until a couple of days later to catch up. Fortunately, on both occasions, the views were sensational.

Collared Kingfisher

Todiramphus chloris

This widespread species was common throughout the tour in degraded habitats.

Beach Kingfisher

Todiramphus saurophagus

We eventually, in spite of boatmen efforts, managed to obtain good views of this species during our boat trip to Sidangoli.

Sacred Kingfisher

Todiramphus sanctus

First seen in the Makassar area, later seen at a handful of sites throughout the tour.

Common Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis

A few birds of the endemic subspecies *hispidoides* were seen around Makassar, Dumoga Bone and in Tangkoko.

Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher (ES)

Ceyx fallax

We all had amazing views of this colourful gem at Tangkoko, thanks to our network of local scouts, of course.

Variable Dwarf Kingfisher

Ceyx lepidus

One of these stunning little kingfishers was seen very well while birding along a road near Sidangoli.

Bee-eaters Meropidae

Purple-bearded Bee-eater (ES)

Meropogon forsteni

This wonderful endemic was seen exceptionally well in Lore Lindu NP, on more than one occasion!

Blue-tailed Bee-eater

Merops philippinus

One very large group of these birds was seen near Palu.

Rainbow Bee-eater

Merops ornatus

Our only sighting of this species on Sulawesi came from Makassar on day one, while sightings on Halmahera were very regular.

Hornbills Bucerotidae

Sulawesi (Dwarf) Hornbill (ES)

Penelopides exarhatus

Our first encounter with this species, at Kaerenta Forest, was very unsatisfactory. Most of us, however, had much improved looks on our last morning in Tangkoko.

Knobbed Hornbill (ES)

Aceros cassidix

The sound of this species' heavy wing beats were a regular feature in healthy forests in Sulawesi, as were sightings of this spectacular bird!

Blyth's Hornbill

Rhyticeros plicatus

Pleasantly common on Halmahera but always an appreciated species.

Woodpeckers Picidae

Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker (ES)

Dendrocopos temminckii

This tiny woodpecker was encountered on a handful of occasion during our time in Lore Lindu NP, always in association with mixed bird parties.

Ashy Woodpecker (ES)

Mulleripicus fulvus



This hefty endemic was first seen at Kaerenta Forest with further good views in Lore Lindu NP and at Tangkoko NR.

Caracaras, Falcons Falconidae

Spotted Kestrel (EI)

Falco moluccensis

Our first sightings came from the Lore Lindu area, after which many more came from Halmahera.

Oriental Hobby

Falco severus

We had splendid scope views of one at the Toraut River, Dumoga Bone.

Cockatoos Cacatuidae

White Cockatoo (EM)

Cacatua alba

Plenty of these 'cockys' were seen well on Halmahera and Ternate, always accompanied by a 'cockaphany'.

Parrots Psittacidae

Great (Sulawesi) Hanging Parrot (ES)

Loriculus stigmatus

A number of these birds were seen in Tambun though few ever sat still for long!

Moluccan Hanging Parrot (EM)

Loriculus amabilis

We enjoyed good views of this species at Foli.

Pygmy (Small) Hanging Parrot (ES)

Loriculus exilis

This scarce species was seen briefly at Tambun and, for much longer, at the Tangkoko viewpoint.

Violet-necked Lory (EI)

Eos squamata

Numerous, noisy and brilliantly colored, these popular parrots were not going to go unnoticed for even one day during our time on Halmahera. What a pleasure!

Ornate Lorikeet (ES)

Trichoglossus ornatus

We all had great views of this super species while birding around the viewpoint at Tangkoko.

Citrine (Yellow-and-green) Lorikeet (ES)

Trichoglossus flavoviridis

Another stunning parrot that we had great views of! In this case, however, our successes came from trees near Tambing Lake, Lore Lindu NP.

Chattering Lory (EM)

Lorius garrulus

We had amazing views of more than a few pairs of these beautiful birds at Foli, Halmahera.

Red-flanked Lorikeet

Chamosyna placentis

Much more numerous on our visit to Foli than I expected, these parrots were seen throughout the day, perched and in flight!

Red-cheeked Parrot

Geoffroyus geoffroyi

We enjoyed plenty of fine sightings of perched and flying birds in the forests of Halmahera.

Yellow-breasted Racket-tail (ES)

Prioniturus flavicans

Small groups of this smart endemic were practically omnipresent during our morning at the Tangkoko viewpoint.

Golden-mantled Racket-tail (ES)

Prioniturus platurus

Flocks of this species were a regular sight, and sound, during both of our hikes up the Anaso track in Lore Lindu NP.

Great-billed Parrot (EI)

Tanygnathus megalorynchos

These impressive birds were sadly only seen in flight during our time in Foli.

Blue-backed (Azure-rumped) Parrot

Tanygnathus sumatranus



These birds were common in Tangkoko, only it took until the last morning there for most of us to get satisfactory views.

Eclectus Parrot *Eclectus roratus*

Numerous on Halmahera, where we saw several colorful males on every day. Four individuals seen at Tangkoko were likely escapees but the record is worth noting, in case.

Pittas Pittidae

Red-bellied (Blue-breasted) Pitta *Erythropitta erythrogaster*

This widespread but extremely attractive pitta was seen incredibly well at two separate sites – Tambun and Tangkoko.

Ivory-breasted Pitta (EM) *Pitta maxima*

This monster of a pitta almost always requires great effort to see. Unfortunately for some, the effort still came with no reward. Others, however, managed to get some great, albeit brief views.

Honeyeaters Meliphagidae

Dusky Myzomela *Myzomela obscura*

We had great views of a handful at Foli, Halmahera.

Sulawesi Myzomela (ES) *Myzomela chloroptera*

We enjoyed scattered sightings of this pretty endemic during our time in Lore Lindu NP.

White-streaked Friarbird (EM) *Melitograis gilolensis*

We found a couple of these birds on a daily basis in KBP and at Foli.

Dark-eared Myza (Lesser Str Honeyeater) (ES) *Myza celebensis*

We bumped into this species on more than a few occasions in Lore Lindu NP, mostly while birding along the road.

White-eared Myza (Greater S. Honeyeater) (ES) *Myza sarasinorum*

Several birds were seen in the higher areas of Lore Lindu NP, along the Anaso track.

Australian Warblers Acanthizidae

Golden-bellied Gerygone *Gerygone sulphurea*

These songsters were not uncommon during the first few days of the tour.

Woodswallows Artamidae

White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhynchus*

This widespread species was commonly seen throughout the tour.

Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

Moluccan Cuckooshrike (EM) *Coracina atriceps*

We were treated to just one sighting of this species, whilst eating breakfast at the roadside, near Subaim.

Cerulean Cuckooshrike (ES) *Coracina temminckii*

Small numbers of these enormous cuckooshrikes were seen in Lore Lindu NP.

(H) Pied Cuckooshrike (ES) *Coracina bicolor*

Often a tricky species to track down, I wasn't especially surprised that we only heard a few birds at Tangkoko.

White-rumped Cuckooshrike (ES) *Coracina leucopygia*

As per usual, a small group of these birds was seen near the mangroves at Tangkoko.



White-bellied Cuckooshrike*Coracina papuensis*

Seen over two consecutive days during our time on Halmahera.

Halmahera Cuckooshrike (EM)*Coracina parvula*

Always a low density bird, we were thrilled to coax two distant birds into close view, along the road to Sidangoli.

Pygmy Cuckooshrike (ES)*Coracina abbotti*

Sometimes a scarce bird, we were fortunate to get more than a couple of sightings in Lore Lindu NP.

Common Cicadabird*Coracina tenuirostris*

We stumbled upon this species during our morning at Foli.

Sulawesi Cicadabird (ES)*Coracina morio*

We had good views of individuals and pairs at Tambun and the Tangkoko viewpoint.

White-rumped (Sulawesi) Triller (ES)*Lalage leucopygialis*

Much to the relief of some, a small flock of these flighty birds finally sat still long enough for all to view. This happened on both visits to Tambun.

White-shouldered Triller (EI)*Lalage sueurii*

Our first sightings were at the Makassar airport, where we all had great views.

Rufous-bellied Triller (EM)*Lalage aurea*

We enjoyed many great views of this striking species in the forests of Halmahera.

Whistlers and Allies Pachycephalidae**Maroon-backed Whistler (ES)***Coracornis raveni*

After some persistence we obtained great views of a male during our first visit to the Anaso track.

Sulphur-vented (Yellow-) Whistler (ES)*Pachycephala sulfuriventer*

This species was seen and heard throughout Lore Lindu NP.

Black-chinned Whistler (EM)*Pachycephala mentalis*

We first called in a cracking male while standing in the forest, waiting for Ivory-breasted Pittas to call. Others were seen, randomly, over the course of the next two days.

Drab Whistler (EM)*Pachycephala griseonota*

We taped in a very cooperative pair along the road to KBP on one occasion.

Figbirds, Orioles Oriolidae**Dusky-brown (Halmahera) Oriole (EM)***Oriolus phaeochromus*

We had good views of this scarce species on more than a few occasions while birding in Foli.

Black-naped Oriole*Oriolus chinensis*

A widespread and often common species, found on several days on Sulawesi.

Drongos Dicruridae**Hair-crested Drongo***Dicrurus hottentottus*

Plenty of these noisy creatures were seen well throughout Sulawesi.

Sulawesi Drongo (ES)*Dicrurus montanus*

A single individual was seen at Lore Lindu NP, close to the Dwarf Sparrowhawk nest.

Spangled Drongo*Dicrurus bracteatus*

This was a regularly encountered species on Halmahera.

Fantails Rhipiduridae

Willie Wagtail

Rhipidura leucophrys

This species was seen daily on Halmahera, where they were most common near human habitation, even nesting on telephone wires.

Rusty-bellied Fantail (ES)

Rhipidura teysmanni

These sprightly little birds were pretty common in Lore Lindu NP.

Monarchs Monarchidae

Pale Blue Monarch (ES)

Hypothymis puella

We had sightings of this relatively 'new' species at Karaenta, Dumoga Bone and in Tangkoko.

Moluccan (Spectacled) Monarch (EM)

Symposiachrus bimaculatus

Several of these attractive birds were seen well in the forests of Foli and KBP.

Note: This species is sometimes lumped with Spectacled Monarch.

(H) White-naped Monarch (EM)

Carterornis pileatus

Unfortunately, this species was only heard at KBP.

Moluccan (Slaty) Flycatcher (EM)

Myiagra galeata

A beautiful songster and a cracking little bird that we found on several occasions while birding at KBP and Foli.

Shining Flycatcher

Myiagra alecto

Who can forget our first encounter with this apparently sometimes very aggressive species! This and all future sightings were, of course, all on Halmahera.

Crows, Jays Corvidae

Slender-billed Crow

Corvus enca

We had scattered sightings across Sulawesi though the majority came from the northern parts of the island.

Piping Crow (ES)

Corvus typicus

A pair of these unusual birds was seen very well in Kaerenta forest.

Long-billed Crow (EM)

Corvus validus

Seen daily on Halmahera.

Torresian Crow

Corvus orru

We had great views of one near Tolire Crater Lake, Ternate.

Birds-of-paradise Paradisaeidae

Paradise-crow (EM)

Lycocorax pyrrhopterus

Sometimes a tricky species to see well, we were fortunate that this was one of the first birds we saw on Halmahera!

Standardwing (Wallace's Bird of Paradise) (EM) *Semioptera wallacii*

Scrambling down the hill to the viewing site, we could hear the distinctive calls of this species long before our arrival. This no doubt added to the anticipation but it did little to prepare us for the sight of this truly bizarre bird. We watched for quite some time as an excited male moved from branch to branch, displaying to all around. A spectacle indeed and a highlight for sure!

Hylocitrea Hylocitreidae

Hylocitrea (Yellow-/Olive-flanked) Whistler (ES) *Hylocitrea bonensis*



With its new status as the only member in its family, this bird has become a significant reason for many birders to visit Sulawesi. Unfortunately, it is by no means an easy target and we had to wait until our second trip to Anaso track for our first and only views!

Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae

Citrine Canary-flycatcher

Culicicapa helianthea

Surprisingly, we didn't see this species until our second day in Lore Lindu NP, but it was fairly frequently encountered thereafter.

Bulbuls Pycnonotidae

Sooty-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus aurigaster

This introduced species was plentiful in secondary habitat throughout Sulawesi.

Northern Golden Bulbul (EM)

Thapsinillas longirostris

Pleasantly common, we found numerous birds daily during our birding adventures on Halmahera.

Malia (ES)

Malia grata

It took some patience and a little effort but we all managed to get views of these unusual birds in Lore Lindu NP. Further sightings came from Gunung Ambang.

Swallows, martins Hirundinidae

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica

Small numbers were seen at scattered sites throughout Sulawesi & Halmahera.

Pacific Swallow

Hirundo tahitica

This species was common throughout the tour.

Cettia warblers and allies Cettiidae

Mountain Tailorbird

Phyllergates cuculatus

Despite being common in Lore Lindu, where its distinctive song was an almost permanent feature, individuals were only occasionally seen.

Leaf warblers and allies Phylloscopidae

Sulawesi Leaf Warbler (ES)

Phylloscopus sarasinorum

We had several sightings of this subtle endemic throughout Lore Lindu NP.

Reed Warblers and allies Acrocephalidae

Clamorous Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus stentoreus

A few of these birds were seen on the first afternoon of our tour, near Makassar.

Grassbirds and allies Locustellidae

Chestnut-backed Bush Warbler (EI)

Locustella castanea

We detected more than a few of these mouse-like skulkers by their distinctive calls but it did take a little time for everyone to get decent views. All sightings came from Lore Lindu NP but we did hear more on Gunung Ambang.

Tawny Grassbird

Megalurus timoriensis

We scoped one of these in agricultural fields on the outskirts of Wuasa.



Cisticolas and allies Cisticolidae**Golden-headed Cisticola***Cisticola exilis*

Idris called a couple of these birds into view in a clearing on the edge of Lore Lindu NP.

Fulvettas, Ground Babblers Pellorneidae**Sulawesi Babbler (ES)***Trichastoma celebense*

We found small numbers of this species in virtually every forest in Sulawesi.

White-eyes Zosteropidae**Streak-headed White-eye (Dark-eye) (ES)***Lophozosterops squamiceps*

We had multiple sightings of this aberrant white-eye in the forests of Lore Lindu NP.

Mountain White-eye*Zosterops montanus*

A single flock was seen in Lore Lindu.

Lemon-bellied White-eye (EI)*Zosterops chloris*

We found this species in secondary habitats near Palu and the surrounding areas of Lore Lindu.

Black-ringed White-eye (ES)*Zosterops anomalus*

This south Sulawesi endemic can be scarce but we enjoyed outstanding views of this unique-looking white-eye on our walk through Karaenta Forest.

Cream-throated White-eye (ES)*Zosterops atriceps*

Our first encounter with this species was in forest close to Sidangoli, on the morning of our drive to Subaim. The views were great but not all of us managed to get on to the bird. Fortunately, we encountered another small group later in the morning.

Black-crowned (-fronted) White-eye (EI)*Zosterops atrifrons*

Small numbers were seen in the forest of Lore Lindu NP and on Gunung Ambang.

Starlings, Rhabdornis Sturnidae**Metallic Starling***Aplonis metallica*

This species was very common throughout Halmahera.

Metallic Starling*Aplonis panayensis*

Just a few of us saw this species while in the Tangkoko area.

Moluccan (Island) Starling (EI)*Aplonis mysolensis*

We found a pair of these scarce starlings on our afternoon walk in Foli.

Short-tailed Starling*Aplonis minor*

We enjoyed daily sightings of this species in Lore Lindu NP.

White-necked Myna (ES)*Streptocitta albicollis*

We found this striking species near Lore Lindu NP, in Dumoga Bone and in Tangkoko.

Fiery-browed Starling (ES)*Enodes erythrophris*

Another striking starling, frequently seen well in Lore Lindu.

Grosbeak Starling (Finch-billed Myna) (ES)*Scissirostrum dubium*

We first found this species in the lower areas of Lore Lindu, where it was common, and later in Dumoga Bone.

Pale-bellied Myna (ES)*Acridotheres cinereus*

We took a chance on a site near Palu and it paid off. Mere moments after exiting our car we discovered a flock of these localized endemics!



Thrushes Turdidae**Red-backed Thrush (ES)***Geokichla erythronota*

What a bird! We sat down on the forest floor to admire one of these cracking birds, only to find another that sat within five feet of us, preening on a branch. These and all other sightings of the species came from Tangkoko.

Sulawesi Thrush (ES)*Cataponera turdoides*

We watched in amazement as one of these supposedly shy birds searched for food in an epiphyte, mere meters away, in Lore Lindu NP.

Great Shortwing (ES)*Heinrichia calligyna*

A single bird showed briefly to some of us, on our final morning in Lore Lindu NP.

Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae**Sulawesi Flycatcher (ES)***Muscicapa sp*

It was unfortunate that the nest we visited had been destroyed but one of us was lucky enough to bump into this species on the Anaso track.

Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher (ES)*Cyornis omissus*

We coaxed a colorful male into view during one of our return drives to Wuasa.

Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher (ES)*Cyornis hoevelli*

We had a handful of good views of this species during our time in Lore Lindu NP.

Matinan Blue Flycatcher (ES)*Cyornis sanfordi*

After an early morning ascent along the muddy slopes of Gunung Ambang we were all rewarded with outstanding views of this little bird.

Turquoise (Island Verditer) Flycatcher*Eumyias panayensis*

We enjoyed numerous great sightings of this conspicuous songster in Lore Lindu NP.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher*Ficedula hyperythra*

Several birds were seen well by everyone in Lore Lindu NP.

Little Pied Flycatcher*Ficedula westermanni*

A couple of stunning little males of this widespread flycatcher were seen well in Lore Lindu NP.

Pied Bush Chat*Saxicola caprata*

A couple of these birds were spotted from the bus during our very long drive to Tangkoko, though not by all of us.

Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae**Yellow-sided Flowerpecker (ES)***Dicaeum aureolimbatum*

We picked up a few of these birds in Karaenta and again on Gunung Mahawu.

Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker (ES)*Dicaeum nehrkorni*

We had one unexpected sighting in Karaenta Forest and a couple more in Lore Lindu NP.

Halmahera (Flame-brst) Flowerpecker (EM)*D. schistaceiceps erythrothorax*

One of these little stunners gave us extended views during our first afternoon outing near Subaim.

Grey-sided Flowerpecker (ES)*Dicaeum celebicum*

Seen in Karaenta, Tangkoko and on Gunung Mahawu.

Sunbirds Nectariniidae**Brown-throated Sunbird***Anthreptes malacensis*

Surprisingly few of these birds were seen during our tour, though most of us caught up at Karaenta or on the final morning in Tangkoko.

Black Sunbird *Leptocoma sericea*

This was a common species in secondary growth throughout the tour.

Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*

This was also a common species in secondary growth throughout the tour.

Old World Sparrows Passeridae

Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

Commonly seen in larger towns and cities throughout the tour.

Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

Black-faced Munia (EI) *Lonchura molucca*

We enjoyed nice scope studies of this localized species in secondary habitat near Palu and again during a lunchtime stop between Sidangoli and Subaim.

Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin) *Lonchura punctulata*

This widespread species was found at numerous sites around Sulawesi, including Palu and Makassar.

Chestnut Munia *Lonchura atricapilla*

We found this species almost everywhere in secondary habitat, throughout the first half of the tour.

Pale-headed Munia (EI) *Lonchura pallida*

We had brief views of a few near Makassar airport and great views of many more near Palu.

Finches Fringillidae

(H) Mountain Serin *Serinus estherae*

Unfortunately, despite hearing this species on a few occasions during our time in Lore Lindu NP, we weren't able to spot any.

Annotated List of Mammals recorded

Sulawesi Dwarf Squirrel *Stigocuscus celebensis*

Fairly frequently encountered in Lore Lindu NP.

Montane Long-nosed Squirrel *Hyosciurus heinrichi*

Also seen in Lore Lindu NP but far less frequently than the above species.

Lowland Long-nosed Squirrel *Hyosciurus ileile*

Our only sightings of this species were in Tangkoko.

Spectral Tarsier *Tarsius spectrum*

We enjoyed great views of these little guys on our final evening in Tangkoko.

Moor Macaque *Macaca maura*

We all had great looks at this species in Kaerenta Forest.

Sulawesi Crested Macaque *Macaca nigra*

Large troops of these monkeys are a major attraction of Tangkoko, where they have become very habituated as a result. We encountered one of these troops on our first morning there and thoroughly enjoyed the close-ups.



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