



# ROCKJUMPER

Worldwide Birding Adventures

## Sulawesi & Halmahera Wallacean Endemics

*Trip Report*  
*10<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2014*



Purple-bearded Bee-eater by David Hoddinott

Rockjumper Birding Tours



## Trip report compiled by Tour Leader: David Hoddinott

### Top 10 birds as voted by participants:

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| 1. Maleo                    | 6. Red-backed Thrush     |
| 2. Standardwing             | 7. Hylocitrea            |
| 3. Purple-bearded Bee-eater | 8. Blue-faced Rail       |
| 4. Knobbed Hornbill         | 9. Moluccan King Parrot  |
| 5. Chattering Lory          | 10. Ivory-breasted Pitta |

## Tour Summary

Surrounded to the north by the Philippines, to the east by New Guinea, the south by Australia and the west by Borneo, the two larger islands of Sulawesi and Halmahera form a significant part of central Indonesia's nearly 15,000 islands. On this particular and very successful tour we recorded a record 108 endemics out of a total trip list of 263 species, thereby emphasising that this is certainly one of the endemic hotspots of the world and a must-visit destination for any serious birder!

Our tour started off with an afternoon visit to an area of farmbrush and rice paddies near Makassar. Here we found a good variety of species including the range-restricted Javan Plover and, most importantly, the south Sulawesi endemic, Palebellied Myna. Other notable sightings included a splendid Spotted Harrier, White-headed Stilt, Long-toed Stint and breeding Little Tern, Sacred Kingfisher, Yellow-vented Bulbul, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Pied Bush Chat, Pale-headed Munia and Paddyfield Pipit. Chuffed with a great start to the trip, we headed back to our accommodations to freshen up and enjoy a welcome dinner.



Sulawesi Flycatcher by David Hoddinott

Early the following morning we paid a visit to the limestone crags of Karaenta Forest. Departing Makassar, we set off early to maximise our limited time as we had a flight to catch at midday. Arriving just as the sun's first rays hit the treetops, we were soon enjoying wonderful sightings of stunning Grey-sided and Yellow-sided Flowerpeckers, and you could actually feel the sense of excitement in the air as we notched up several endemics.



Cerulean Cuckooshrike by David Hoddinott

After enjoying our tea and coffee, we then quickly picked up our main target, the rather localised endemic Black-ringed White-eye, which showed splendidly as it sat just in front of us. Scanning the surrounding area we also observed several Blue-backed Parrots whizzing by. Other species seen here included the striking Piping Crow and very confiding Spot-tailed Sparrowhawk, lovely White-necked Myna and smart Black Sunbird. Thereafter we took a brief flight to Palu and then drove to the fabulous Lore Lindu National Park for a three-night stay.



We spent a most enjoyable time exploring the network of trails in Lore Lindu for a fantastic two full days. Some of the highlights during this time included magnificent the Purple-bearded Bee-eater (see photo above), three confiding Sunda Teal, Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle, Dwarf Sparrowhawk, Superb Fruit Dove, White-bellied Imperial Pigeon, numerous Golden-mantled Racket-tails, elusive Black-billed Koel, a cooperative pair of Cinnabar Boobook, stunning views of Satanic Nightjar at its daytime roost and some of us even managed to see the highly elusive Scaly-breasted Kingfisher, magnificent Knobbed Hornbill, Sulawesi Myzomela and the as yet undescribed Sulawesi Flycatcher, which was even observed feeding chicks at its nest. On several occasions we encountered good mixed species flocks including the tiny Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker, Cerulean and Pygmy Cuckooshrikes, shy Maroon-backed Whistler, Sulawesi Drongo, Rusty-bellied Fantail, Citrine Canary-flycatcher, the unusual Malia, Streak-headed White-eye, Fiery-browed Starling, Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher and Tawny-breasted Parrotfinch for a lucky few. A real bonus came in the



**Satanic Nightjars by David Hoddinott**



**Oberholser's Fruit Dove by David Hoddinott**

form of good but brief views of the very seldom-encountered Mountain Serin of the beautiful orange-coloured race (a good candidate for a separate species), whilst the lovely Ivory-backed Woodswallow was seen sallying for insects over the open glades in the forest. The whistler-like *Hylocitrea*, recently placed in its own family, was of course a major target and fortunately showed particularly well this trip with great sightings of three birds!

Leaving Lore Lindu, we next made our way back to Palu, locating several flocks of Black-faced, Chestnut and Scaly-breasted Munias en route, and even the cryptic Savanna Nightjar showed well.

The following morning we made an early departure for our flight back to Makassar, en route to Manado.

After arriving in Manado we immediately made our way to Dumoga-Bone National Park, where we commenced our explorations here by visiting several sections of lowland and mid-altitude rainforest. However, our birding only really got under way the next morning, with an early departure seeing us arriving again at the entrance to the park, this time at dawn, where we observed a fabulous nine Barred Rails! Two splendid Maleos were seen as well but only after a concerted effort, giving all of us superb scope views and even posing long enough for some photos. We were also very fortunate to see a tiny chick hatching at the captive breeding programme – what a great highlight this was and certainly a memory cherished by all! At times we weren't quite sure which way to look while in the park, as a splendid Green-backed Kingfisher made an appearance giving great scope views for all, and then a Red-



**Blue-faced Rail by David Hoddinott**



bellied Pitta was spotted and Yellow-billed Malkoha skulked through the vine tangles. Other highlights of our time here included Barred Buttonquail nonchalantly walking across a clearing, reclusive Oberholser's



**Ochre-bellied Boobook by David Hoddinott**

Fruit Dove giving extended views, Bay Coucal, a small flock of Sulawesi Hornbill, impressive Ashy Woodpecker, Pale-blue Monarch and Great Eared Nightjar at dusk. Well pleased with a most outstanding day's birding, we returned to our hotel for dinner and a good night's rest.

A visit to the Molibagu Road the following morning yielded some fabulous new species including a perched Sulawesi Goshawk, Chinese Sparrowhawk soaring, migrant Black Kite, quaint White-faced Dove, Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon, stunning male Black-naped Fruit Dove, lovely Lilac Kingfisher, impressive Knobbed Hornbill, several Pygmy Hanging Parrots, perched Yellow-breasted Racket-tail,

Sulawesi Myna and a male Crimson Sunbird.

Leaving the forest, we next made our way to some wetlands, which produced good numbers of Wandering Whistling Duck, several Sunda Teal, Yellow Bittern and Buff-banded Rail.

We then headed for another section of the park at Toraut Forest. Whilst enjoying a relaxed lunch we had superb scope views of Great Hanging Parrot and Speckled Boobook and, soon afterwards, one of the surprises of the trip as Dale (one of the participants) found a magnificent Blue-faced Rail, which we all managed to enjoy good views of. Incredible! A Pont crossing allowed us access into the forest proper, which was most rewarding with excellent scope views being had of a family group of Purple-winged Roller as well as Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle, Blue-backed Parrot and Silver-tipped Imperial Pigeon.



**Purple-winged Roller by David Hoddinott**

During one of our evening excursions here, we even managed to get magnificent views of Sulawesi Masked Owl – fantastic!!

Next we headed for Tangkoko Nature Reserve, stopping at Gunung Ambang en route. A muddy walk up the mountain was worthwhile as we found the desired target, Matinan Blue Flycatcher, which after some time showed very well, while several Spotted Harriers also gave good views.



**Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher by David Hoddinott**

Tangkoko was as fabulous as ever and rewarded us with wonderful sightings of both birds and mammals. Some of the highlights here included Philippine Megapode (a wonderful sighting as we watched two birds excavating nest holes at our leisure), a pair of Isabelline Bushhen, Silver-tipped and Grey-headed Imperial Pigeons that posed in the early morning light, three Sulawesi Scops Owls at their day roost (what a cutie!), smart Ochre-bellied



Boobook, Sulawesi Nightjar, fabulous Ruddy and Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfishers, and the beautiful cryptic Red-backed Thrush. We also enjoyed unforgettable sightings of a family group of Bear Cuscus and the tiny Spectral Tarsier.

Not that it stopped there: a boat trip along the Sampirang River then yielded our main target, the Great-billed Kingfisher, and after a considerable search, White-rumped Cuckooshrike!

Leaving Sulawesi, we next boarded a flight to Ternate and then proceeded on a boat trip to Sidangoli on the island of Halmahera – but not before our final early morning visit to Tangkoko, where we obtained superb views of Ornate Lorikeet and Sulawesi Cicadabird. The boat trip across to Sidangoli was interesting with great sightings of Beach Kingfisher in the mangroves, while overhead we enjoyed one Great and many Lesser Frigatebirds.



**Bear Cuscus by David Hoddinott**

Our time at KBP (Kali Batu Putih) forest produced some brilliant birds including superb views of Moustached Treeswift, the tricky Sombre Kingfisher, White-streaked Friarbird, smart Rufous-bellied Triller, lovely White-naped Monarch, Moluccan Slaty Flycatcher and Paradise-crow.



**Sulawesi Scops Owl by David Hoddinott**

During the drive to Foli we then recorded an immaculate Common Paradise Kingfisher and Northern Golden Bulbul.

The birding at Foli was superb and we recorded a good number of species including Blue-capped and Grey-headed Fruit Doves, the rare Chattering Lory, Moluccan Hanging Parrot, Blyth's Hornbill, Halmahera and Moluccan Cuckooshrikes, Dusky-brown Oriole, Long-billed Crow, Cream-throated White-eye, Moluccan Starling and Dusky Myzomela. The undoubted highlight here, however, was a

fabulous male Standardwing displaying to three females for half an hour! We all stood in awe as we watched this wonderful show, the male constantly waving his standards and dancing from branch to branch as soon as a female approached his display area. This truly was an incredible birding experience and one that I suspect we will all cherish for as long as we live!!!

We next continued with a visit to the forest around Gunung Uni-uni. Here we enjoyed some fantastic birding with great sightings of Moluccan King Parrot and Great Cuckoo-Dove, a magnificent Gurney's Eagle perched nearby and, on our night excursions, Moluccan Scops Owl and Moluccan Owlet-nightjar.

One of the forest trails had us all creeping stealthily along and into the undergrowth as we sought our main quarry here, the magnificent Ivory-breasted Pitta. After a



**Red-bellied Pitta by David Hoddinott**



good deal of patience and persistence, we were finally rewarded with superb views of this fantastic species – another major tour target in the bag, and what a beautiful bird to boot!

Returning to the island of Ternate by boat, we enjoyed good numbers of Red-necked Phalarope and a splendid and most sought-after Bulwer's Petrel. Once on Ternate itself we visited the Tolire Crater Lake and were rewarded with great scope views of the recently split Tricoloured Grebe and Torresian Crow.



Chattering Lory by David Hoddinott

On our last day back in Sulawesi we visited Gunung Mahawu, where we found the scarce Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker.... And so ended another wonderful and richly rewarding adventure through the world's number one endemic hotspot!

Our final night together on the island saw us enjoying a scrumptious farewell dinner followed by a good night's sleep, before catching our respective departure flights home; or, for those continuing on with our fabulous extension, to

Denpasar, Bali. Thanks once again to yet another wonderful group of enthusiastic and fun participants as well as a superb ground operations team. I am very much looking forward to travelling with you all again!

## 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

**Total species recorded: 263 (including a fabulous record of 108 endemics!)**

### Ducks, Geese & Swans Anatidae

#### **Wandering Whistling Duck**

*Dendrocygna arcuata*

About eighty birds were encountered at a wetland near Dumoga Bone National Park.

#### **Sunda Teal**

*Anas gibberifrons*

Our first sighting was superb views of three at Lake Taming in Lore Lindu NP. We later enjoyed good views of fourteen birds that showed well in a wetland near Dumoga Bone.

### Megapodes Megapodiidae

#### **Maleo (ES)**

*Macrocephalon maleo*

What a great bird! Two magnificent individuals perched up allowing for superb scope views for all. This was certainly one of the highlights of the tour!

#### **Philippine Megapode (Tabon Scrubfowl)**

*Megapodius cumingii*

We were treated with superb views of several birds in Tangkoko Nature Reserve. A real treat!

#### **Dusky Megapode**

*Megapodius freycinet*

This year they proved particularly elusive and we only observed two birds at Foli.



**Pheasants & Allies Phasianidae****King (Blue-breasted) Quail***Excalfactoria chinensis*

We heard one calling in farmbrush near Gunung Ambang.

**Petrels, Shearwaters Procellariidae****Bulwer's Petrel***Bulweria bulwerii*

We enjoyed superb views of one during the boat trip from Sidangoli, Halmahera to Ternate.

**Grebes Podicipedidae****Tricoloured Grebe***Tachybaptus tricolor*

We enjoyed wonderful scope views of at least 2 birds on the Tolire Crater Lake at Ternate.

*Note: This species is sometimes split from Little Grebe, P. ruficollis and is endemic to Java, Wallacea, New Guinea & Solomon Islands. IOC accepts this split.*

**Hérons, Bitterns Ardeidae****Yellow Bittern***Ixobrychus sinensis*

We enjoyed superb views of one at a wetland near Toraut Forest.

**Cinnamon Bittern***Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

One was seen very well during the drive to Lore Lindu NP.

**Striated (Little) Heron***Butorides striata*

Two birds were seen at wetlands near Pattene near Makassar and a further two during the boat trip at Tangkoko.

**Javan Pond Heron***Ardeola speciosa*

We had many scattered sightings of breeding-plumage birds in paddyfields throughout Sulawesi.

**Eastern Cattle Egret***Bubulcus coromandus*

This widespread species was commonly encountered throughout the tour in open fields.

**Purple Heron***Ardea purpurea*

We enjoyed scattered sightings throughout Sulawesi of this widespread species.

**Great Egret***Ardea alba*

We had a superb sighting of one near Dumoga Bone NP and another en route to Foli.

**Intermediate Egret***Egretta intermedia*

We found one bird in a paddy field at Pattene, near Makassar.

**Little Egret***Egretta garzetta*

A few scattered sightings were had of this widespread species throughout the tour including peak numbers of fifty at Pattene, near Makassar.

**Pacific Reef Heron***Egretta sacra*

At least two birds were seen during our trip to the mangroves near Tangkoko.

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

We enjoyed brief views of one flying with a flock of 20 lesser frigatebirds at Sidangoli.

**Lesser Frigatebird***Fregata ariel*

We had a great sighting of twenty two near Subaim, Halmahera.

**Ospreys Pandionidae**

**Eastern Osprey***Pandion cristatus*

We had superb views of one at the mangroves during the Tangkoko boat trip.

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

We had brief views of one at Dumoga-Bone NP.

**Pacific Baza***Aviceda subcristata*

We had brief views of one near Sidangoli, Halmahera.

**Sulawesi Serpent Eagle (ES)***Spilornis rufipectus*

Two birds were seen soaring above a ridgeline in Lore Lindu NP and another was scoped and seen exceptionally well at Tambun, Dumoga-Bone NP.

**Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle (ES)***Nisaetus lanceolatus*

We enjoyed good views of this endemic, several at Lore Lindu NP and one juvenile at Toraut Forest.

**Black Eagle***Ictinaetus malayensis*

This widespread species was seen twice in Lore Lindu NP.

**Gurney's Eagle***Aquila gurneyi*

We enjoyed outstanding views of one perched at Gunung Uni-uni and several more in flight including one at Tolire Crater lake on Ternate.

**Sulawesi Goshawk (ES)***Accipiter griseiceps*

Often a tough endemic to find, we were very fortunate to have good scope views of an adult on the Molibagu Road.

**Chinese Sparrowhawk***Accipiter soloensis*

We had good views of a male during our time on the Molibagu Road.

**Spot-tailed Sparrowhawk (ES)***Accipiter trinitatus*

We had splendid views of a pair at Kaerenta Forest.

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

We found this sleek species at a nest near Subaim and a further two at Gunung Uni-uni.

*Note: a species which is sometimes split from Variable Goshawk and endemic to the northern Moluccas. IOC does not accept this split.*

**Moluccan Goshawk (EM)***Accipiter henicogrammus*

One adult was seen by several participants at KBP and a probably juvenile at Foli.

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

Two juveniles were seen at their nest in Lore Lindu NP.

**Spotted Harrier***Circus assimilis*

We had magnificent views of one at Pattene near Makassar and a further three at Gunung Ambang.

**Black Kite***Milvus migrans*

Twenty of this widespread species were seen near Dumoga Bone NP.

**Brahminy Kite***Haliastur indus*

This bird was commonly encountered throughout the tour near coastal areas.

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

Several were seen during the boat trip at Tangkoko.

**Rails, Crakes & Coots Rallidae****Barred Rail***Gallirallus torquatus*



Pleasantly common and often conspicuous, we enjoyed great views of this attractive species on several occasions, including 9 birds near Tambun, Dumoga-Bone NP.

**Buff-banded Rail** *Gallirallus philippensis*

A magnificent four were seen in fields near Gunung Ambang.

**Blue-faced Rail (ES)** *Gymnocrex rosenbergii*

We had fantastic views of an adult of this rare species at Toraut Forest. A superb find by Dale

**Isabelline Bush-hen (ES)** *Amaurornis isabellina*

Always a secretive bird. Our best sighting was of a pair at Tangkoko.

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

A pair was heard at KBP on Halmahera as they scolded us loudly.

**White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

We enjoyed great views of one at Toraut Forest.

**White-browed Crake** *Porzana cinerea*

We enjoyed a good sighting of two in a rice paddie en route to Tangkoko. Another was seen in a rice paddie en route to Subaim.

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

One was seen briefly at a wetland near Dumoga Bone NP.

### Buttonquail Turnicidae

**Barred Buttonquail** *Turnix suscitator*

One bird showed briefly as we walked through the secondary scrub near Pattene, Makassar and another showed very well at Tambun, Dumoga-Bone NP.

### Stilts, Avocets Recurvirostridae

**White-headed Stilt** *Himantopus leucocephalus*

We enjoyed fabulous scope views of 80 in a wetland at Pattene, Makassar.

### Plovers Charadriidae

**Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*

We enjoyed superb views of 15 at Dongi-dongi near Palu and several more on the island of Ternate.

**Kentish Plover** *Charadrius alexandrinus*

We had fantastic views of 6 at Dongi-dongi near Palu.

**Javan Plover** *Charadrius javanicus*

We enjoyed great scope views of 9 at Pattene, Makassar.

**Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*

We had great scope views of one at Dongi-dongi near Palu.

**Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultia*

We had good views of one at Dongi-dongi near Palu.

### Sandpipers, Snipes Scolopacidae

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*

We had great views of 8 at Dongi-dongi near Palu.

**Common Redshank** *Tringa tetanus*

One was seen very well whilst en route from Kotamobagu to Tangkoko.

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*



We had great views of two at Pattene, Makassar and a further two at Dongi-dongi near Palu.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*

A dozen were seen at Pattene, Makassar and a further fifteen during the drive from Manado to Kotamobagu.

**Grey-tailed Tattler** *Tringa brevipes*

One bird showed for everyone at the entrance to the mangroves during our boat trip near Tangkoko.

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

We enjoyed scattered sightings throughout the tour.

**Sanderling** *Calidris alba*

One was seen by Jim at Dongi-dongi near Palu.

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*

We had good views of three at Dongi-dongi near Palu.

**Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*

We had wonderful views of three at Pattene, Makassar and a further one was seen during the drive from Kotamobagu to Tangkoko.

**Red-necked Phalarope** *Phalaropus lobatus*

We had wonderful views of 20 during the boat trip from Sidangoli to Ternate. A very pleasant surprise!

### Gulls, Terns & Skimmers Laridae

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*

We enjoyed wonderful views of three at Dongi-dongi near Palu.

**Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii*

Two were seen during the boat trip from Sidangoli to Ternate.

**Little Tern** *Sternula albifrons*

Twenty of these smart birds were seen at Pattene, Makassar where they were seen to be breeding.

**Aleutian Tern** *Onychoprion aleuticus*

Dale saw one very well during the boat trip from Sidangoli to Ternate.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo*

We had good views of six during the boat trip from Sidangoli to Ternate.

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*

We enjoyed superb views of 20 at Pattene, Makassar where some were in full breeding plumage.

### Pigeons, Doves Columbidae

**Rock Dove** *Columba livia*

Seen in small numbers in the larger towns and cities, including several sightings in Palu.

**Red Turtle (Collared) Dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*

We found 10 at Pattene, Makassar and several birds in the secondary habitat near Palu.

**Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis*

This common species was regularly seen in secondary habitat throughout the tour.

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

With a taxonomy still poorly understood, this widespread species was seen regularly throughout the tour in forested areas.

*Note: Slender-billed Cuckoo-Dove, M.amboinensis is sometimes split from Brown Cuckoo-Dove, M. phasianella. IOC accepts this split.*

**Great Cuckoo-Dove** *Reinwardtoena reinwardtii*



We had superb views of 2 at Gunung Uni-uni and a further one at KBP.

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

A magnificent pair was seen along the Molibagu Road.

**Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica*

One was seen briefly flying over the road en route to Lore Lindu NP and another briefly near Palu.

**Stephan's Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps stephani*

One was seen very well at Gunung Uni-uni.

**Pink-necked Green Pigeon** *Treron vernans*

This widespread species was scarce in the mangrove forest near Tangkoko where a few flew over briefly.

**Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon** *Treron griseicauda*

We had scattered sightings of this species including stunning scope views of ten along the Molibagu Road and several in Tangkoko NR.

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

This fine-looking endemic was seen briefly in Lore Lindu NP.

**Oberholser's (Maroon-chinned) Fruit Dove (ES)** *Ptilinopus epius*

Always a tough endemic, we had stunning views of one at Tambun, Dumoga-Bone NP.

**Scarlet-breasted Fruit Dove (EM)** *Ptilinopus bernsteinii*

What a super bird! Another tricky species, we were fortunate to find one at Foli and later another gaudy bird at Gunung Uni-uni.

**Superb Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus superbus*

A lovely bird. Four birds were seen well in Lore Lindu NP.

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

Several fine sightings were had of this specialty at Foli.

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

Pleasantly common on Halmahera, we enjoyed scope views of plenty including at least ten seen on one day near Foli.

**Black-naped Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus melanospilus*

A female was seen particularly well at Tambun, Dumoga Bone NP and a male along the Molibagu Road.

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

An attractive endemic, we had great scope views of this huge pigeon in Lore Lindu NP.

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

We had superb scope views of one at Tangkoko, another tricky endemic!

**Green Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula aenea*

The subspecies here has a distinct rufous nape and we found plenty throughout the tour with our first views at Tambun and several more including scope studies at Tangkoko.

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

A smashing bird, we enjoyed great scope views of one at KBP and another was seen at Foli.

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

Simply gorgeous views of four of this elegant species. One at Foli and three at Gunung Uni-uni.

**Pied Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula bicolor*

We first encountered this widespread species in the mangroves at Tangkoko where we observed 25 with further sightings at Foli and Gunung Uni-uni.

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



Often a scarce species, we first saw two flying over Toraut Forest with further good views in the forest of Tangkoko.

### Cuckoos Cuculidae

#### **Bay Coucal (ES)**

*Centropus celebensis*

A party of four of this noisy species was seen moving through the vine tangles at Tambun, Dumoga Bone NP.

#### **Goliath Coucal (EM)**

*Centropus goliath*

One great encounter was had of a group of five of this impressive coucal with large black and white adults and juveniles clamoring about the thick growth at Gunung Uni-uni, Halmahera.

#### **Lesser Coucal**

*Centropus bengalensis*

This widespread species was seen on a number of occasions in open secondary habitat throughout the tour, including great views of one at Gunung Ambang.

#### **Yellow-billed Malkoha (ES)**

*Rhamphococcyx calyborhynchus*

A striking bird, we found this species on several occasions at Dumoga-Bone NP and again at Tangkoko.

#### **Black-billed Koel (ES)**

*Eudynamys melanorhynchus*

Easier to hear than see, we first found an adult male that perched for good views in Lore Lindu NP with a further good sighting of a female at Tangkoko.

#### **Pacific Koel**

*Eudynamys orientalis*

We heard one calling near Gunung Uni-uni, Halmahera.

#### **Little (Gould's) Bronze Cuckoo**

*Chrysococcyx minutillus*

We had great scope views of one in Lore Lindu NP.

#### **Rusty-breasted Cuckoo**

*Cacomantis sepulcralis*

We had a few great sightings in Lore Lindu NP.

### Barn Owls Tytonidae

#### **Sulawesi Masked Owl (ES)**

*Tyto rosenbergii*

We were treated to superb perched views of an adult in Kotamabagu.

### Owls Strigidae

#### **Moluccan Scops Owl**

*Otus magicus*

It took us a few tries, but eventually we coaxed a bird out giving great views at Gunung Uni-uni.

#### **Sulawesi Scops Owl (ES)**

*Otus manadensis*

We had simply outrageous views of one during a night walk in Lore Lindu NP and a further three at a day roost in Tangkoko NR.

#### **Barking Owl**

*Ninox connivens*

One was heard calling at Foli.

#### **Ochre-bellied Boobook (ES)**

*Ninox ochracea*

A real treat this year as we enjoyed fabulous scope views of one at its day roost in Tangkoko NR

#### **Cinnabar Boobook (ES)**

*Ninox ios*

A fabulous bird showed exceptionally well in Lore Lindu NP.

#### **Halmahera (Moluccan) Boobook**

*Ninox hypogramma*

We spent a good deal of night birding searching for this species and heard it several times.

#### **Speckled Boobook (ES)**

*Ninox punctulata*



We had good views of this striking bird near Lore Lindu NP and another at a day roost near Toraut Forest.

### Nightjars Caprimulgidae

**Satanic (Diabolical/Heinrich's) Nightjar (ES)** *Eurostopodus diabolicus*

A gorgeous bird when seen well, we observed splendid views of four at their day roosts for close study of the detailed pattern across their breast and faces. What a stunner!

**Great Eared Nightjar** *Lyncornis macrotis*

Several of these huge vocal birds were seen well in the Dumoga Bone area at dusk where we enjoyed great views and a further three at Tangkoko NR.

**Large-tailed Nightjar** *Caprimulgus macrurus*

One bird showed exceptionally well at Foli and two more seen flying at KBP, Halmahera.

**Sulawesi Nightjar (ES)** *Caprimulgus celebensis*

One bird showed briefly over the forest in Tangkoko NR.

**Savanna Nightjar** *Caprimulgus affinis*

We had good views of two in farmbush near Palu.

### Owlet-nightjars Aegothelidae

**Moluccan Owlet-nightjar (EM)** *Aegotheles crinifrons*

A splendid calling individual perched for everyone to admire at Gunung Uni-uni.

### Treeswifts Hemiprocnidae

**Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiproctus longipennis*

Plenty of these widespread treeswifts were seen well at scattered sites throughout Sulawesi.

**Moustached Treeswift** *Hemiproctus mystacea*

Several of these huge and most impressive treeswifts were seen at KBP and Foli, Halmahera.

### Swifts Apodidae

**Glossy Swiftlet** *Collocalia esculenta*

This species was commonly encountered at all forest sites.

**Halmahera (Moluccan) Swiftlet (EM)** *Aerodramus infuscatus*

We had good views of thirty birds at Foli.

**Sulawesi (Moluccan) Swiftlet (ES)** *Aerodramus sororum*

Small numbers of this species were seen flying near Lore Lindu NP and later we enjoyed good views of several flying low over some fields on Gunung Mahawu.

*Note: a species which is sometimes split from Halmahera (Moluccan) Swiftlet, A.infuscatus. IOC accepts this split.*

**Uniform Swiftlet** *Aerodramus vanikorensis*

This is another common species that we saw in most lowland areas especially over disturbed habitat.

**Purple Needletail** *Hirundapus celebensis*

At least four birds were seen cruising along a ridge near Lore Lindu NP.

**Asian Palm Swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*

Six birds were seen alongside the road during our drive from Lore Lindu to Palu.

**House Swift** *Apus nipalensis*

Several were seen at our hotel in Makassar.



**Rollers Coraciidae****Purple-winged Roller (ES)** *Coracias temminckii*

A beautiful endemic, we found a family of five at Toraut Forest.

**Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*

Five were seen during the drive from Sidangoli to Subaim, Halmahera.

**Kingfishers Alcedinidae****Green-backed Kingfisher (ES)** *Actenoides monachus*

After tracking down one bird in Tambun for scope views we later found a spectacular male in Tangkoko.

**Scaly-breasted Kingfisher (ES)** *Actenoides princeps*

A tough customer, after a concerted effort we heard this extremely elusive species in Lore Lindu NP where several participants managed to see a female.

**Common Paradise Kingfisher** *Tanysiptera galatea*

We were pleased to coax into view an elegant adult while birding en route from KBP to Foli.

**Lilac (-cheeked) Kingfisher (ES)** *Cittura cyanotis*

We enjoyed exceptional views of this beauty on the Molibagu Road and another at Tangkoko, we marveled at a single bird perched through the scope for twenty minutes!

**Great-billed (Black-billed) Kingfisher (ES)** *Pelargopsis melanorhyncha*

After scanning through the mangroves near Tangkoko during our boat trip, we were pleased to find one monster bird that cooperated for excellent perched views.

**Ruddy Kingfisher** *Halcyon coromanda*

We had good views of one at Tangkoko, a shy and elusive species.

**Blue-and-white Kingfisher (EM)** *Todiramphus diops*

A fairly 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*

After some searching for this scarce endemic, our efforts were rewarded with stunning scope views of one at KBP.

**Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris*

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

**Beach Kingfisher** *Todiramphus saurophagus*

A striking bird with a white head, we found one that showed well along the mangrove edge on our boat trip to Sidangoli.

**Sacred Kingfisher** *Todiramphus sanctus*

One of these more widespread birds was seen at Pattene, near Makassar.

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*A few birds of the endemic subspecies *hispidoides* were seen well with the distinctive blue ear-patch.

Our first sightings were at Pattene, near Makassar with further views during the boat trip at Tangkoko.

**Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher (ES)** *Ceyx fallax*

We all had amazing views of one through the scope of this colourful gem at Tangkoko.

**Bee-eaters Meropidae****Purple-bearded Bee-eater (ES)** *Meropogon forsteni*

This wonderful endemic was seen in Lore Lindu NP with phenomenal perched views through the scope. One of the world's great bee-eaters!

**Blue-tailed Bee-eater***Merops philippinus*

A bird of open habitats, we found at least ten in farmbush near Palu.

**Hornbills Bucerotidae****Sulawesi (Dwarf) Hornbill (ES)***Penelopides exarhatus*

Often a tough endemic to connect with. We had brief views of a flock of five at Tambun.

**Knobbed Hornbill (ES)***Aceros cassidix*

A marvel of nature, the swooshing of heavy wings was a regular sight in healthy forests in Sulawesi with numerous outstanding views of this attractive endemic. Our first sighting at Lore Lindu was particularly good where we watched a male in the scope for a full ten minutes!

**Blyth's Hornbill***Rhyticeros plicatus*

Pleasantly common on Halmahera, we found this huge hornbill also found on New Guinea on a daily basis. We enjoyed a peak count of 15 on one day in Foli.

**Woodpeckers Picidae****Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker (ES)***Dendrocopos temminckii*

Never especially common, we had good views of five of this tiny woodpecker in Lore Lindu NP.

**Ashy Woodpecker (ES)***Mulleripicus fulvus*

This hefty endemic was first seen at Tambun with further good views at Tangkoko NR.

**Caracaras, Falcons Falconidae****Spotted Kestrel***Falco moluccensis*

Sixteen birds were seen in total during the tour with our first views at Kaerenta Forest.

**Cockatoos Cacatuidae****White Cockatoo (EM)***Cacatua alba*

Several noisy birds were seen well in Halmahera and Ternate, we recorded peak numbers of three at the latter site. They were also observed flailing their crests.

**Parrots Psittacidae****Great (Sulawesi) Hanging Parrot (ES)***Loriculus stigmatus*

Quite a few sightings were had of this small parrot in Dumoga Bone NP with multiple scope studies of perched birds.

**Moluccan Hanging Parrot (EM)***Loriculus amabilis*

We enjoyed great views in the forest at Gunung Uni-uni, including scope views of a perched bird.

**Pygmy (Small) Hanging Parrot (ES)***Loriculus exilis*

This scarce species was seen along the Molibagu Road where we scoped three cooperative individuals and again at Tangkoko.

**Violet-necked Lory***Eos squamata*

The colours on this bird have to be seen to be believed, and we enjoyed several sightings of bright red and purple birds, including perched views through the scope at Foli.

**Ornate Lorikeet (ES)***Trichoglossus ornatus*

Our first sightings were very brief flight views along the Molibagu Road and later seen better at Toraut Forest. Our best sighting was however at Tangkoko NR where we scoped a pair.

**Citrine (Yellow-and-green) Lorikeet (ES)** *Trichoglossus flavoviridis*

These fast-flying lorikeets were seen well at Lore Lindu NP, where we found up to a dozen.

**Chattering Lory (EM)** *Lorius garrulus*

We had good views of a pair of these beautiful and rare birds at Foli, Halmahera and later enjoyed outrageous views of a pair feeding on fruit at Gunung Uni-uni. One was also seen flying overhead at KBP and so we were particularly fortunate with our sightings of this rare species this year.

**Red-flanked Lorikeet** *Charmosyna placensis*

Plenty of these fast-flying lorikeets were seen well in the forests of Halmahera including scope studies.

**Red-cheeked Parrot** *Geoffroyus geoffroyi*

We enjoyed plenty of fine sightings of perched and flying birds in the forests of Halmahera; a great songster.

**Yellow-breasted Racket-tail (ES)** *Prioniturus flavicans*

Often a tough bird to obtain good views of, we had superb scope views of one along the Molibagu Road.

**Golden-mantled Racket-tail (ES)** *Prioniturus platurus*

More common than the preceding species, we had numerous views including fine flocks in flight in Lore Lindu and at Tangkoko. One was scoped at the latter site.

**Great-billed Parrot** *Tanygnathus megalorynchos*

An impressive species, we had good but brief flight views of two at Foli.

**Blue-backed (Azure-rumped) Parrot** *Tanygnathus sumatranus*

Our first sightings were of three at Kaerenta Forest, where we obtained brief views. We later enjoyed further great scope views of one at Tangkoko.

**Eclectus Parrot** *Eclectus roratus*

Still fairly numerous on Halmahera, we saw several colorful birds each day including several perched views.

**Moluccan King Parrot** *Alisterus amboinensis*

We had great views of four of these scarce birds at Gunung Uni-uni.

### Pittas Pittidae

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

Two of these widespread but extremely attractive pittas were seen incredibly well by everyone at Tangkoko.

**Ivory-breasted Pitta (EM)** *Pitta maxima*

What a magnificent species!!! After a great deal of effort we located two, one of which showed very well and we scoped it at Gunung Uni-uni. This was certainly one of the highlights of the trip!

### Honeyeaters Meliphagidae

**Dusky Myzomela** *Myzomela obscura*

We had great views of three at Gunung Uni-uni, Halmahera.

**Sulawesi Myzomela (ES)** *Myzomela chloroptera*

We enjoyed scattered sightings of this pretty endemic during our time on Sulawesi with great views at Lore Lindu NP.

**White-streaked Friarbird (EM)** *Melitograis gilolensis*





A species which can prove elusive on Halmahera, we enjoyed good views of one at KBP and later numerous sightings on a daily basis at Gunung Uni-uni.

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

This species was common in Lore Lindu with several nice views.

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

Harder to get good views of than the preceding species, several birds were seen in the higher areas of Lore Lindu along the Anaso track.

### Australian Warblers Acanthizidae

**Golden-bellied Gerygone** *Gerygone sulphurea*

Two birds were seen well in the forest of Lore Lindu NP.

### Woodswallows Artamidae

**White-breasted Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorhynchus*

This widespread species was commonly seen throughout the tour in secondary habitats.

**Ivory-backed (White-bckd) Woodswallow (ES)** *Artamus monachus*

A beautiful endemic, we had our first sightings in Lore Lindu with further views of several close perched birds in Dumoga Bone.

### Cuckooshrikes Campephagidae

**Moluccan Cuckooshrike (EM)** *Coracina atriceps*

We enjoyed cracking sightings of two of this large species in the forest at KBP and again a further three at Foli on Halmahera.

**Cerulean Cuckooshrike (ES)** *Coracina temminckii*

Six were seen and scoped during our time in Lore Lindu NP.

**White-rumped Cuckooshrike (ES)** *Coracina leucopygia*

Four vocal birds were seen very well in the mangroves near Tangkoko.

**White-bellied Cuckooshrike** *Coracina papuensis*

A widespread species, we found a few birds in open country on Halmahera.

**Halmahera Cuckooshrike (EM)** *Coracina parvula*

Always a low density bird, we enjoyed several sightings in the forest at Gunung Uni-uni and once at KBP.

**Pygmy Cuckooshrike (ES)** *Coracina abbotti*

Often a scarce bird, we had two sightings of this attractive cuckooshrike in Lore Lindu NP.

**Common Cicadabird** *Coracina tenuirostris*

One was seen at KBP, another at Foli and our final sighting was of one at Gunung Uni-uni.

**Sulawesi Cicadabird (ES)** *Coracina morio*

We had superb views of two at Tangkoko NR.

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

We had good views of two at Tambun, Dumoga Bone NP with a further sighting on the Molibagu Road.

**White-shouldered Triller** *Lalage sueurii*

Our first sightings were at Pattene, near Makassar and one was seen near Palu.

**Rufous-bellied Triller (EM)** *Lalage aurea*

A striking species, we enjoyed many great views in the forests of Halmahera, especially in Foli.



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

After a very persistent effort we obtained great views of a male up the Anaso track.

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

This species was seen in montane forest habitat in Sulawesi with numerous great views in Lore Lindu.

**Black-chinned (Australian Golden) Whistler***Pachycephala mentalis*

A common sound on Halmahera, a pair showed very well at Gunung Uni-uni.

**Drab Whistler (EM)***Pachycephala griseonota*

One was seen very well at Foli, Halmahera.

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

We had good views of this scarce species on two occasions in the forest of Foli.

**Black-naped Oriole***Oriolus chinensis*

A widespread and often common species, we found several birds in the lowlands of Lore Lindu NP.

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

Plenty of these noisy creatures were seen well throughout Sulawesi, especially in the north.

**Sulawesi Drongo (ES)***Dicrurus montanus*

Just a few birds were seen well in Lore Lindu often with small mixed flocks.

**Spangled Drongo***Dicrurus bracteatus*

This was a regularly encountered species on Halmahera in forest habitat.

**Fantails Rhipiduridae****Willie Wagtail***Rhipidura leucophrys*

This active bird was common in secondary habitat on Halmahera.

**Rusty-bellied Fantail (ES)***Rhipidura teysmanni*

Plenty of fine sightings were had of the sprightly little bird in Lore Lindu NP.

**Monarchs Monarchidae****Pale Blue (Black-naped) Monarch***Hypothymis puella*

Several were seen at Tambun, Dumoga-Bone NP where we found one nesting.

**Moluccan (Spectacled) Monarch (EM)***Symposiachrus bimaculatus*

One attractive male was seen well in the forest at KBP and two more at Gunung Uni-uni.

*Note: This species is sometimes lumped with Spectacled Monarch, S. trivirgatus. IOC accepts this split.*

**White-naped Monarch (EM)***Carterornis pileatus*

A splendid male was found in the forest of KBP on Halmahera.

**Moluccan (Slaty) Flycatcher (EM)***Myiagra galeata*

A beautiful songster, we found several males during our time at KBP.

**Shining Flycatcher***Myiagra alecto*

This is a widespread species that we saw very well near Gunung Uni-uni, Halmahera.

**Crows, Jays Corvidae**

**Slender-billed Crow***Corvus enca*

We had scattered sightings across Sulawesi with more birds noted especially in the north.

**Piping Crow (ES)***Corvus typicus*

A striking specialty and a great songster, we had brief views of two in Kaerenta Forest.

**Long-billed Crow (EM)***Corvus validus*

With a honking big bill, this species left a lasting impression from our several sightings in the forests of Halmahera.

**Torresian Crow***Corvus orru*

We had fair views of several near the Tolire Crater Lake, Ternate.

**Birds-of-paradise Paradisaeidae****Paradise-crow (EM)***Lycocorax pyrrhopterus*

Sometimes a tricky species to see well, we were fortunate to all have multiple scope views of exposed birds squawking on open limbs on two occasions in KBP forest.

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

After hearing a couple birds during our walk in the dark we were absolutely delighted to observe a male displaying to two females at close quarters and in good light. We watched in awe for a full half hour. This was certainly a major highlight of the trip!!!

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

This highly sought after monotypic family was high on some participants want list. It proved particularly difficult to find, however after a concerted effort we obtained superb views of three birds.

**Fairy Flycatchers Stenostiridae****Citrine Canary-flycatcher***Culicicapa helianthea*

A regularly encountered species in small bird parties, we had great views in Lore Lindu NP and at Gunung Mahawu.

**Bulbuls Pycnonotidae****Sooty-headed Bulbul***Pycnonotus aurigaster*

This introduced species was plentiful in secondary habitat throughout Sulawesi.

**Yellow-vented Bulbul***Pycnonotus goiavier*

We enjoyed good views of three at Pattene, near Makassar.

**Northern Golden Bulbul (EM)***Thapsinillas longirostris*

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

**Malia (ES)***Malia grata*

Another bird that is gradually increasing on people's 'want list' due to its unique characteristics, we enjoyed great sightings of this noisy species usually in threes foraging through the thick arboreal mosses and epiphytes in Lore Lindu NP.

**Swallows, Martins Hirundinidae****Barn Swallow***Hirundo rustica*

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

**Pacific Swallow***Hirundo tahitica*

This species was common throughout the tour.

### Cettia Warblers and allies Cettiidae

#### Mountain Tailorbird

*Phyllergates cuculatus*

Especially plentiful in Lore Lindu, several birds were seen in the thick vine tangles.

### Leaf Warblers and allies Phylloscopidae

#### Sulawesi Leaf Warbler (ES)

*Phylloscopus sarasinorum*

Abundant by voice, we had many quality sightings of this subtle endemic throughout Sulawesi with our largest numbers in Lore Lindu.

### Reed Warblers and allies Acrocephalidae

#### Clamorous Reed Warbler

*Acrocephalus stentoreus*

We enjoyed superb views of ten at Pattene, near Makassar.

### Grassbirds and allies Locustellidae

#### Chestnut-backed Bush Warbler (ES)

*Locustella castanea*

Moving on the ground like a mouse, we observed one during our time in Lore Lindu NP.

#### Gray's Grasshopper Warbler

*Locustella fasciolata*

One was heard calling near Gunung Uni-uni.

### Cisticolas and allies Cisticolidae

#### Zitting Cisticola

*Cisticola juncidis*

We had great views of four at Pattene, near Makassar.

### 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*

An aberrant white-eye, we enjoyed great views but always in small numbers in the forests of Lore Lindu NP.

#### Mountain White-eye

*Zosterops montanus*

Several small flocks were seen in the upper areas of Lore Lindu and Gunung Mahawu.

#### Lemon-bellied White-eye

*Zosterops chloris*

We found this species in secondary habitat at Pattene and the surrounding areas of Lore Lindu.

#### Black-ringed White-eye (ES)

*Zosterops anomalus*

An endemic to the southern forests of Sulawesi, we enjoyed outstanding views of this unique-looking white-eye with one particularly responsive bird showing well in good lighting at Kaerenta Forest.

#### Cream-throated White-eye (ES)

*Zosterops atriceps*

This species was uncommonly heard in the forests of Halmahera with some outstanding views in the forest at KBP.

#### Black-crowned (-fronted) White-eye

*Zosterops atrifrons*



Small numbers were seen in the forest of Lore Lindu NP and at Gunung Mahawu.

### Starlings, Rhabdornis Sturnidae

#### **Metallic Starling**

*Aplonis metallica*

This species was common throughout Halmahera with daily counts often over 20.

#### **Asian Glossy Starling**

*Aplonis panayensis*

A flock of twenty was seen during the drive from Manado to Kotamabagu.

#### **Moluccan (Island) Starling**

*Aplonis mysolensis*

We picked out several nice scope studies of this starling on Halmahera compared with its much more common cousin, the Metallic Starling.

#### **Short-tailed Starling**

*Aplonis minor*

We enjoyed good sightings of up to ten daily in Lore Lindu NP.

#### **Sulawesi (Crested) Myna (ES)**

*Basilornis celebensis*

A scarce bird and easy to miss during a tour. After a concerted effort we found six birds at Kaerenta Forest and a further one on the Molibagu Road.

#### **White-necked Myna (ES)**

*Streptocitta albigollis*

We found this attractive species at Kaerenta Forest and again in Dumoga Bone.

#### **Fiery-browed Starling (ES)**

*Enodes erythrophris*

Another striking starling, many birds were 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, and later a large dead tree full of these colorful birds in Dumoga Bone NP.

#### **Pale-bellied Myna (ES)**

*Acridotheres cinereus*

Two were seen very well at Pattene, Makassar.

### Thrushes Turdidae

#### **Red-backed Thrush (ES)**

*Geokichla erythronota*

What a bird! After a diligent effort by everyone to move slowly through a forested valley in Dumoga Bone NP we all enjoyed excellent scope studies of 2 of this gorgeous bird.

### Chats, Old World Flycatchers Muscicapidae

#### **Grey-streaked Flycatcher**

*Muscicapa griseisticta*

We had wonderful views of several at Foli and Gunung Uni-uni.

#### **Sulawesi Flycatcher**

*Muscicapa sp.*

We had amazing views of two birds including one feeding chicks at a nest. This is a rare and as yet undescribed species. The photos we obtained clearly show how different this species is to Grey-streaked Flycatcher.

#### **Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher (ES)**

*Cyornis omissus*

One stunning male was encountered in Lore Lindu NP, we coaxed a colorful male into view near a densely forested area of riparian habitat. We found another sub adult at Gunung Mahawu.

#### **Blue-fronted Blue Flycatcher (ES)**

*Cyornis hoevelli*

Nicely patterned with a pleasant song, we found several birds daily during our time in Lore Lindu NP.

#### **Matinan Blue Flycatcher (ES)**

*Cyornis sanfordi*

Only discovered relatively recently. After an early morning hike ascending the slope of Gunung Ambang we were all rewarded with outstanding scope views of one.



**Turquoise (Island Verditer) Flycatcher** *Eumyias panayensis*  
We enjoyed 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 stunning male of this widespread flycatcher was seen well in Lore Lindu NP.

**Pied Bush Chat** *Saxicola caprata*  
We had wonderful views of a pair at Pattene, near Makassar.

### Flowerpeckers Dicaeidae

**Yellow-sided Flowerpecker (ES)** *Dicaeum aureolimbatum*  
This is a pleasantly common endemic that we encountered frequently throughout the tour in Sulawesi.

**Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker (ES)** *Dicaeum nehrkorni*  
A tricky bird. We had brief views of one in Lore Lindu NP and a further three were seen very well at Gunung Mahawu.

**Halmahera (Flame-brst) Flowerpecker (EM)** *D. schistaceiceps erythrothorax*  
Another scarce species, we enjoyed great views of two males near Gunung Uni-uni.

**Grey-sided Flowerpecker (ES)** *Dicaeum celebicum*  
Plenty of this brightly-coloured flowerpecker were seen throughout our time in Sulawesi.

### Sunbirds Nectariniidae

**Brown-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis*  
We had several scattered sightings during the tour in secondary growth and forest edge with our best views in Dumoga Bone.

**Black Sunbird** *Leptocoma sericea*  
This was a common species in secondary growth throughout the tour with great views at Kaerenta Forest.

**Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis*  
This was also a common species in secondary growth throughout the tour.

**Crimson Sunbird** *Aethopyga siparaja*  
A stunning male was seen on the Molibagu Road.

### Old World Sparrows Passeridae

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*  
Commonly seen in larger towns and cities throughout the tour.

### Waxbills, Munias & Allies Estrildidae

**Tawny-breasted Parrotfinch** *Erythrura hyperythra*  
Some of us were fortunate to have great views of one at Lore Lindu NP.

**Black-faced Munia** *Lonchura molucca*  
We enjoyed nice scope studies of this localized species in the secondary habitat near Palu and again during the drive from Sidangoli to Subaim.

**Scaly-breasted Munia (Nutmeg Mannikin)** *Lonchura punctulata*  
This widespread species was found in the paddyfields at Pattene, near Makassar.

**Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla*



We found this species almost everywhere in secondary habitat throughout the tour.

**Pale-headed Munia (ES)** *Lonchura pallida*

We had good views of a few at Pattene, near Makassar and a further five near Palu.

### Wagtails, Pipits Motacillidae

**Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus*

We had great views of two at Pattene, near Makassar.

### Finches Fringillidae

**Mountain Serin** *Serinus estherae*

Two of these highly elusive birds were seen whilst birding on the Anaso track. One bird gave good but brief views as it perched atop a Juniper tree.

## Annotated List of Mammals recorded

**Bear Cuscus** *Phalanger ornatus*

We enjoyed wonderful scope views of a family of three in Tangkoko NR.

**Sulawesi Dwarf Squirrel** *Stigocuscus celebensis*

We enjoyed good views of five in Lore Lindu NP.

**Montane Long-nosed Squirrel** *Hyosciurus heinrichi*

We found this species on several occasions in Lore Lindu NP.

**Lowland Long-nosed Squirrel** *Hyosciurus ileile*

Two were seen in the lowlands of Tangkoko NR, Sulawesi.

**Spectral Tarsier** *Tarsius spectrum*

We enjoyed simply amazing views of one of these adorable animals in Tangkoko NR, from only a few feet away.

**Moor Macaque** *Macaca maura*

We were fortunate to see a troop of fifteen at Kaerenta Forest.

## Annotated List of Reptiles recorded

**Monitor Lizard sp.**

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