

THE PHILIPPINES

MINDANAO LUZON CEBU & CAMIGUIN

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TEAM Bill Simpson, Neil Bostock & Dan Pointon.

Also teaming up with; Dave Willis, Eddie Williams & Mark Turner from 8th - 18th Jan on Mindanao.
James Shergold and Harry Ramm 20th - 23rd Jan on Camiguin.

TRANSPORT

AIRPORT PARKING LHR Blue Circle Park and Ride. **£92.96** for 23 days.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS LHR to MNL 13 hrs 35 mins direct flight. **£688** return.

INTERNAL FLIGHTS	MNL- ZAM	1hr 50 mins direct flight	£66 inc 20kg check-in baggage. CEBU PACIFIC
	ZAM- CEBU	1hr 30 mins direct flight	£44 inc 20kg check-in baggage. PHILIPPINE
	CEBU-CGY	50 mins direct flight	£34 inc 20kg check-in baggage. CEBU PACIFIC
	CGM-MNL	2hrs stopover at CEBU	£70 inc 20kg check-in baggage. CEBU PACIFIC

DRIVING ON THE RIGHT

TOUR Mostly organised by **Pete Simpson**. Email; bigpetesimpson@hotmail.com See itinerary for details.

It would be difficult to separate all the costs involved due to the complicated nature of the trip, some of it booked and organised by Pete and some by us independently. We also shared parts of the trip and arranged some of the hotels, transport food etc ourselves. However it did work out quite cheap and very convenient sharing a lot of the expenses. I would definitely recommend contacting Pete to help arrange all or parts of a trip to this region.

PHILIPPINE EAGLE OWL organised by **Irene Dy** Email; irenedyod@gmail.com US\$200 including 4x4 car.
Irene is very professional and reliable and replies to emails or Whatsapp messages promptly.

MONEY, VISAS, TIME ETC

VISA Free 30 day visa on entry for UK citizens.

EXCHANGE RATE £1= 65 Philippine Pesos PHP.

TIME 8 hrs ahead of GMT

BOOKS, MAPS, RECORDINGS ETC**LITERATURE**

A Guide to the Birds of the Philippines.....Kennedy et al
Internet Trip reports.

E-BIRD for new and current information and sites.

MAPSME to mark all sites, hotels etc accurately, and to use as a Sat Nav.

SOUND RECORDINGS

Xeno Canto.

EQUIPMENT**OPTICS.**

LEICA 10x32 BN
KOWA TSN-553 Scope.

CAMERAS / LENSES ETC.

CANON EOS 5D Mk III.
CANON 400mm EF f5.6 L USM
CANON extender EF 1.4X II
B+W 77mm MRC Clear UV Haze (010) Filter
Remote Control RC-201
MANFROTTO R190 CX4 PRO tripod with fluid head.

SOUND EQUIPMENT

OLYMPUS LS-14 Linear PCM recorder.
RADIOSHACK mini-amplifier speaker.
JBL CLIP Bluetooth speaker.
SENNHEISER medium microphone.

TORCH

LED LENSER M17R

Needing virtually the same species, this was a trip that me and Neil have been kicking around for a few years as the balance between new sites appearing and species disappearing rocked back and forth. The Philippines certainly seemed a lot safer on this visit than when we were there in the 90's leading to a few more opportunities although the loss of forest has continued at an alarming rate. However, we did manage a lot of very good birds in the brief period we were there for giving us an idea about the possibilities for future similar targeted trips.

This was a packed trip full of birds that were virtually impossible, very difficult, or not split the last time I was in the Philippines (1994-96). We went to 13 sites on 4 islands with varying degrees of success. To help us maximise our time and chance of success we engaged the help of Mindanao resident Pete Simpson to sort out most of the logistics of access to the sites, the guides and the costs. He cleared it with Eddie Williams and Mark Turner for us to join their section from Mt Kitanglad through to PICOP and share those costs. This worked out well as Eddie and Mark were easy to get on with and entertaining, but I would have preferred an extra day at the Compostela Valley and maybe a few days at some other sites at Mt Kitanglad as these may have been better for Slaty-backed Jungle-flycatcher and Mindanao Serin.

We shoe-horned a few extra birds into the schedule in the first few days before meeting Eddie and Mark, with Irene Dy in Manila, Joel in Zamboanga, and Oking on Cebu before flying to Mindanao where we were reunited (after nearly 25years) with Carlito at Mt Kitanglad then Pete Simpson in Davao who looked after us through the various sites to the Compostela Valley. From here, we were transferred to PICOP for 5 days with Zardo. After this Pete arranged a minibus to the ferry to get to Camiguin where we had our final few days before flying back to Manila and then home.

Logistically the trip ran like clockwork due to Pete's attention to detail and organising skills and also a lot of organising and liaising from myself with the internal flights, hotels, guides etc. Some of the nailed-on birds were not so nailed on unfortunately (missing Chinese crested Tern and Japanese Night-heron) but the rest of my personal dips for the range (Mindanao Bleeding Heart, Dark-eared Brown-dove, South Philippine Dwarf-kingfisher, Slaty-backed Jungle-Flycatcher, Mindanao Serin) were more expected.

All the accommodation and food was fine and the guides up to scratch. As usual with the Philippines there were a few hiccups and changes to the plan but nothing too drastic that we couldn't deal with it.

Eddie Williams and Mark Turner allowed us to join their trip for a while on Mindanao, sharing costs, before they left with Dave Willis for Palawan and Luzon. We also bumped into James Shergold and Harry Ramm on Camiguin.

Overall the country seemed to have improved a lot since the nineties and contra to my experiences then, I would certainly not be so negative about the place anymore. The Philippines still has its places that are very dodgy but it does seem to have cleaned up its act a lot and I now look forward to the next trip!

SITES VISITED

LUZON

PHILIPPINE EAGLE OWL, MANILA

Close to Manila Airport T3, we stayed one night at the **Cozy Nest at 2 Palmtree Villa** for £36 for 2 beds..I got the floor....

On the return we booked the nearby **Montecito Newport City NAIA** for £59 for 3 beds so I got a bed this time!

The **PHILIPPINE EAGLE OWL** was organised with Irene Dy (**Whatsapp +639087212775** / happyowl.images@gmail.com) who collected us from our hotel at 1am and drove us to the well known site on the outskirts of the city.

This cost us US\$200 all in and we got some stunning views for several minutes.

Irene was very professional at all times and looked after us well depositing us back at the hotel by about 06.30.

CEBU

TABUNAN FOREST; LOWLAND LIMESTONE FOREST 400-800m.

We booked a 3 bed room for one night at the **OYO 428 Cebu Hilltop Hotel** for £23.53. Pete Simpson had arranged a car and driver to collect us from the airport and take us to **Okings house 10°26'11.0"N 123°49'05.5"E** (via the hotel to drop off the bags and check in) arriving well before dusk. My main target here was **CEBU BOOBOOK** and the currently lumped Cebu ssp of **Streak-breasted Bulbul** and **White-vented Whistler**. We also taped in a **BUFF-EARED BROWN-DOVE** split by HBWA.

Tabunan Forest was famous for **CEBU FLOWERPECKER** which I saw in 1995 and also **Cebu Black Shama**.

We saw everything but the Flowerpecker which is now possibly extinct. It is best to go with Oking into the forest and make a donation with him at Tabunan Village Hall as he has an uphill struggle protecting this patch of rare Cebu habitat and this helps keep the locals on board with the conservation.

MINDANAO

ZAMBOANGA WATERSHED; LOWLAND RAINFOREST BIRDING c700m - 800m.

We were met by Joel's representatives at the airport and taken to the **CT Boulevard Hotel** in Zamboanga City which had to be booked by Pete with the local government officials there. Zamboanga has been an area of conflict with Muslim separatists for many years but appears to be getting safer, although the government still wants to take no chances. We concentrated our short stay here up around the Baluno Forest Station and beyond, walking the road and waiting till after dusk before departing. On the first evening we walked a trail within the watershed leading to the DENR station but lower down than Baluno and closer to Zamboanga.

Amongst lots of good birds, my main targets that were seen were **MINDANAO LOWLAND SCOPS OWL, SOUTHERN SOOTY WOODPECKER, ZAMBOANGA BULBUL & ORANGE-LINED SUNBIRD.**

Other good birds included **Little Slaty Flycatcher** and **White-eared Tailorbird.**

GRANDE SANTA CRUZ ISLAND; SMALL OFFSHORE SANDY ISLAND

We were escorted here by Joel and 2 armed soldiers although it appeared to be a just a tourist island. My main target was **WHITE-VENTED WHISTLER** and also there was **Philippine Megapode**, both of which were seen within a few minutes.

MOUNT KITANGLAD; MONTANE FOREST & EDGE

We stayed at the **Del Monte Lodge** (where I stayed in 1994/95 meeting Tim Fisher for the first time and Carlito as a young man). From Dalwangan we drove a short distance through the pineapple plantations to where the bags were transferred to the horses and we walked up behind to get to the lodge by late afternoon. Carlito and his family stayed behind the Lodge and looked after us for the next three nights. He and his sons did the guiding and his daughters did the superb cooking. There was always plenty of food and drinks to be had and we could all split up and do our own thing here.

We all slept upstairs on the floor which was surprisingly comfortable...when you're knackered!

My targets here were highly unlikely being **SLATY-BACKED JUNGLE-FLYCATCHER** and **MINDANAO SERIN** (perhaps Sumilao and Chinchona provide slightly more sightings of these birds?) although we did manage **MINDANAO HIGHLAND SCOPS OWL.** Lots of other good birds here including **Philippine Eagle** clinging on!

The forest here has been severely hacked since my last visit although many of the birds are still there. We walked to the end of the trail at c 1900m where a sign prohibits further walking due to the land being tribally sensitive. Still a great place with lots of good birds.

DAVAO AREA; VARIOUS HABITATS

EDEN RESORT ; We transferred from Mt Kitanglad to here and teamed up with Pete Simpson and found Dave Willis in our room. The **JAPANESE NIGHT HERON** had cleared off a few weeks before leaving us to contemplate life.

Other birds of note here were **Ruddy Kingfisher** and **Cryptic Flycatcher.**

LAKE AGCO; We had an early morning start from Eden to get to the site for **MINDANAO MINIATURE BABBLER** on the west side of Mount Apo. Passing the earthquake destruction from October 2019, Pete had secured access to the site as the area had been closed off to the public. These tiny birds took some finding but then we were able to stay with the group as they moved about the earthquake-hit and virtually destroyed Park.

PANABO; A major blow was the **CHINESE CRESTED TERN** dip here. Despite up to 4 birds being present continually up until Jan 9th there was no sign all day on 13th. 4 birds then reappeared on 22nd just as we were leaving Camiguin for home and so just out of reach!

COMPOSTELA VALLEY (COMVAL); We only had one morning here arriving before dawn and concentrating on one forested gully and the area opposite as all of the targets were heard or seen there. The main bird seen here for me was **LINA'S SUNBIRD** and frustratingly we could only hear a **DARK-EARED BROWN-DOVE.** Other good birds heard were **Bukidnon Woodcock, Mindanao Highland Scops Owl** and **Bagobo Babbler.**

I would have liked more time here as there were obviously some good birds to be seen.

This sensitive site should only be attempted with Pete Simpson due to security issues.

PICOP; DEGRADED LOWLAND RAINFOREST LOGGING CONCESSION

Pete transferred us into another van to take us to Bislig where we checked in for **6 nights at the Paper Country Inn.**

We were now in the capable hands of Zardo, our guide for the next 5 days inside the logging concession. There were only a few areas that we went to here; the Cemetery Road 4 and also Road 42, both with a few short trails leading off. We also birded a quarry area for nocturnal birds and went to a village with ponds for **SOUTHERN SILVERY KINGFISHER.** The birding was a bit tough here in that we were usually up at 3am and not back to the hotel till 8-9pm at night leaving very little time for sleep after having a wash, food and doing the notes. My new birds here were **PHILIPPINE GREEN PIGEON,**

PINK-BELLIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON, MINDANAO BOOBOOK, MINDANAO WATTLED BROADBILL and CELESTIAL MONARCH as well as the **SOUTHERN SILVERY KINGFISHER**. Other good birds of note were **Mindanao Lowland Scops Owl, Chocolate Boobook, Rufous-lored Kingfisher, Azure-breasted Pitta and Short-crested Monarch**.

BISLIG; WET FARMLAND SURROUNDING A RUNWAY

We had 2 evenings here till dusk. We walked the whole length of the runway although the best area was the western end. There are lots of good birds here but my main target was **BLUE-BREASTED QUAIL** which seems to (and did) show consistently at the end of the runway. In the surrounding wet edges we also saw **Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler, Eastern Grass Owls** at dusk as well as a group of **Little-ringed Plovers** of the very distinctive **dubius** ssp.

CAMIGUIN SUR; LOWLAND RAINFOREST 400 - 600m. ALSO FARMLAND AT SEA LEVEL.

Ferry Balingoan to Benoni 200 PHP each one way running several times a day.

We had 3 nights in the **GV Hotel** in Mambajao **£7.50 each /night**. The hotel is directly opposite the road which leads south up to the hill to the site for all the birds which is c 10km away at a road bridge. Pete arranged a minibus to collect us from the port at Benoni on Camiguin to our hotel and for the next 2 days travel up and down to the best area for the birds. Harry and James had hired mopeds and had travelled up on those. If time permitted, you could easily arrange transport locally. My targets here were **CAMIGUIN BOOBOOK, CAMIGUIN HANGING-PARROT, DIMORPHIC KINGFISHER & CAMIGUIN BULBUL** which were all fairly easy with time, although a day may not be long enough to get decent views of the Hanging Parrot.

ITINERARY

Jan 2nd Dan parked his car on my drive and we picked up Neil from home before **a last visit to see our mate Dipper**. We then drove to park the car at LHR Fly Drive and took the late night direct flight to Manila.

3rd Arrived at Manila T2 at c 7.30pm and caught the free airport bus round to T3. We then walked the short distance to the **Cozy Nest at 2 Palmtree Villa**. Unfortunately the 3 bed apartment was only a 2 bed with a small settee so I kipped on the floor as we only had a few hours till Irene collected us at 1am anyway.

4th After a couple of hours of no sleep **we met the cheerful Irene Dy at 1am who then took us to the Philippine Eagle Owl** site where we birded till almost dawn. She then took us back to the hotel where we managed a few hours sleep before the **flight to Zamboanga on Mindanao**. Here we were collected by two of Joel's representatives who took us to check in at the **CT Boulevard Hotel** before driving us in a jeepney up to the nearby watershed. The jeepney broke down going up the first hill so we started walking and birding. We got a little help when the two reps caught us up on mopeds and ferried us to **the track which ran downhill through the forest to the Main Office by the river for the last two hours of light, and after dusk around the office**.

5th **Away by 04.30 to Baluno** with 3 stops to top up the jeepney radiator on route. In the end we elected to walk the last part of the way to and beyond the **Baluno Forest Station** there. We birded there all day from the road staying till dark. We then met Joel when we got back to the hotel and went for dinner and planned the next day.

6th Out to **Grande Santa Cruz Island** on a tourist boat with Joel and 2 armed guards...just in case... Easily saw the White-vented Whistler but the Megapode, although seen, was obviously a little shy on our visit. Back to the hotel by 10am and on to the nearby airport **departing for Cebu at midday**. After a slight mix up with our pickup point we finally got our driver to collect us and take the traffic-filled road to the **OYO 428 Cebu Hilltop Hotel**, and then on to **Tabunan Forest** for the evening session. We located **Oking** in the forest and owled successfully for a couple of hours.

7th **All morning and early afternoon at Tabunan with Oking** till it started to rain. **6pm flight to Cagayan De Oro** on Mindanao where we got a taxi to the nearby **Lohas Hotel** where we were now under the tour umbrella of costs food and accommodation.

8th **Met Eddie and Mark** in the morning and we all then went by **minibus to Dalwangan to meet Carlito**. I remember watching his face when I reminded him of his dog "Puppy love" from 25 years before. Thought he was going to cry! We all crammed into a jeepney with the bags and drove a short distance through the pineapple fields to where we then walked, while the horses took the bags and food up to **Del Monte Lodge**. Out before and after dusk.

9th Out by 06.30 after a night of rain and mist. **Walked up to c 1900m and back**.

10th **Out all day**. At the **Eagle viewpoint 10am - 1.30pm** then walked up to **nearly 1900m by dusk**. Walked back owling hearing **Mindanao Highland Scops** everywhere but seeing only 2 birds and losing my microphone in the process.



11th Away by 06.30 saying goodbye to Carlito and family and walked down to meet up with the next minibus at Dalwangan. It had been good to see Carlito and his family after so many years.

Got to **Eden Resort** by 2pm and met Pete Simpson and found Dave Willis in our dorm.

Eden trails till and just after dusk with few results. No sign of any Japanese Night Herons.....

12th Lake Agco all day.

13th Eden pre dawn till 10am then drove to Panabo where we fruitlessly searched for Chinese Crested Terns 11am - 17.30pm. we then drove on to the Compostela Valley (Comval) where we stayed in a **nearby hotel**.

14th Compostela Valley all morning, pre-dawn till 1pm. Parted company with Pete Simpson and we all got into the minibus to drive to Bislig. Here we met Zardo and went to the airfield for a couple of hours birding till dark.



Me

Zardo

Dan

Neil

Dave

Mark

Eddie

The Driver

15th-19th PICOP. Stayed at the **Paper Country Inn**. With Zardo, we concentrated mainly on **Road 42** and **4** birding along the roads and tracks off. We did a lot of night birding here as we struggled to get good views of the owls which meant that we hardly got any sleep as we also had 1.5 -2 hours travelling each way to add on. We managed some good birds

here despite the disappearing forest but it certainly didn't look good with logging continuing and plenty of hunters about. We usually split up and searched the areas in small groups or individually which spread the search out better and found us more birds. **Dave, Eddie and Mark left for Palawan on 18th** and me Dan and Neil tried Rd 42 walking to a new clearing and also had another session at **Bislig Airfield**.

20th Away by 7am **driving the 6.5 hours to Balingoan to catch the ferry to Camiguin**.

Caught the ferry at 2pm for 220 PHP and were met by our driver for the next few days who took us to the **GV Hotel** in Mambajao. Dan was in contact with 2 friends, James and Harry who had just arrived before us and already been up to the site in the wind and rain. They came up with us in our minibus and we birded till after dark.

21st - 22nd **Camiguin up the hill all day**.

23rd Early morning walking around **Mambajao farmland before taking the flight back to Manila** and the Hotel.

****END OF TOUR BEERS AROUND THE CORNER FROM THE HOTEL WITH DAN AND NEIL****

SYSTEMATIC LIST (HBWA)

1. **Philippine (Tabon)Scrubfowl** *Megapodius cumingii*. 2 birds, Grande Santa Cruz Island.
Seen close in the tangled undergrowth when we first landed in the morning but soon disappeared.
2. **ASIAN BLUE QUAIL** *Synoicus chinensis*. 2 birds, Jan 14th Bislig Airfield, Mindanao.
After walking the long grass in the late evening just before dusk 2 of these tiny birds flew up and landed only c3m away. I noticed one right by Dans feet as we closed in and got a few close but brief views of the male and female on the deck and in flight only 2-3 m away.
Also heard on the same evening in the adjacent long grassy farmland.
3. **Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus*. 2 vociferous birds at Comval flying across the road.
4. **Wandering Whistling-duck** *Dendrocygna arcuata*. 12+ noted at Bislig Airfield.



5. **Philippine Duck** *Anas luzonica*. 2 pairs of birds distantly at Zamboanga near the boat terminal (photo) and 4-8 birds in flight at Bislig Airfield.
6. **Red Turtle-dove** *Streptopelia tranquebarica*. A few at Bislig Airfield.
7. **Eastern Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis*. Several noted mainly around habitation.
8. **Philippine Cuckoo-dove** *Macropygia tenuirostris*. Heard Zamboanga, 11 seen at Mt Kitanglad and 4 birds at Comval.
9. **Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata*. 2 birds Zamboanga and a few roadside birds noted on 12th and 14th.



BUFF-EARED BROWN-DOVE



SHORT-BILLED BROWN-DOVE

10. **BUFF-EARED BROWN-DOVE** *Phapitreron nigrorum*. 2 birds, Jan 8th Tabunan Forest. HBWA split from White-eared and Short-billed Brown-Dove. Heard first and taped in where it sat calling in the bamboo (above left). Compare with Short-billed Brown-Dove above right and below showing a less contrasting and buffy moustachial stripe. Chin and throat buffy, and forehead concolourous with grey crown, not paler.



11. **Short-billed Brown-dove** *Phapitreron brevirostris*. 4 Baluran including at the nest (photo above right). 4 birds at Eden (photo above) feeding on the road, also 8 at PICOP and 2 on Camiguin.

12. **Amethyst Brown-dove** *Phapitreron amethystinus*. 4 birds coming in to roost at PICOP on 17th were the only birds seen although 2 more were heard there on 15th. Also 3 birds heard at Mt Kitanglad.
13. **DARK-EARED BROWN-DOVE** *Phapitreron brunneiceps*. 1 heard only 3-4 times, Jan 14th at Comval. Although the bird did move and came closer it remained in cover and frustratingly unseen.



14. **PHILIPPINE GREEN-PIGEON** *Treron axillaris*. 10 birds seen Jan 15th PICOP Rd 4 perching up in the morning sun. Another 4 birds were seen there on 18th including a pair found roosting at night. Heard calling at PICOP 5 days out of 6.



15. **PINK-BELLIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON** *Ducula poliocephala*. 2 birds, Jan 15th PICOP Rd 42 found perched up after heavy rain and scoped up. A further 3 birds heard over the next 2 days.
16. **Green Imperial-pigeon** *Ducula aenea*. 3+ seen and a few more heard only at PICOP.



17. **Black-chinned Fruit-dove** *Ramphiculus leclancheri*. 1, Jan 18th PICOP.



18. **Yellow-breasted Fruit-dove** *Ramphiculus occipitalis*. 4 birds, Jan 18th PICOP
Smart birds feeding on the roadside fruit trees in the early morning.



19. **Philippine Frogmouth** *Batrachostomus septimus*. 2 birds seen at PICOP where a further 7 birds were heard in all. Also 3 birds were heard at Del Monte Lodge, Kitanglad. ****Check out the eye****

20. **Great Eared-nightjar** *Lyncornis macrotis*. 1 heard at Baluno, 3 Mt Kitanglad and up to 4 a night PICOP.



21. **Philippine Nightjar** *Caprimulgus manillensis*. 3+ Zamboanga and up to 3+ a night at Mt Kitanglad where photod above. 1 noted from PICOP.



22. **Philippine Spinetail** *Mearnsia picina*. 10 birds at Baluno, Zamboanga and 18+ at PICOP in total where photod above. Fantastic birds to watch.



23. **Purple Needletail** *Hirundapus celebensis*. 50+ birds watched and photod above on the walk up to Del Monte Lodge, Mt Kitanglad. The speed of these birds was incredible with a loud whoosh as they shot overhead.

24. **Pygmy Swiftlet** *Collocalia troglodytes*. 8+ Zamboanga, 4+ on Cebu and fairly common at PICOP.



25. **Glossy Swiftlet** *Collocalia esculenta*. Fairly common, noted at Zamboanga, Mt Kitanglad (photo), all of the Davao area and on Camiguin. Not noted at PICOP.
**** IOC split as RIDGETOP SWIFTLET *C. isonata bagobo***, all sightings except Cebu.
**** IOC split as GREY-RUMPED SWIFTLET *C. marginata marginata***, Cebu. These were breeding in good numbers in the airport arrivals entrance at Cebu Airport and showed a noticeable, although ill-defined, greyish white rump band in flight although showing numerous dark streaks when seen perched. The field guide states this ssp on Camiguin Sur also.



26. **Uniform Swiftlet** *Aerodramus vanikorensis*. Birds seen in the lowlands thought to be this species. Seen at Zamboanga, PICOP and Camiguin Sur (photos).
****IOC split as AMELINE SWIFTLET *A. amelis amelis***. Looked quite long tailed with a slight fork.
27. **Philippine Swiftlet** *Aerodramus mearnsi*. 15 birds Jan 9th Mt Kitanglad where a further 6 were seen the next day over the farmland above Del Monte Lodge. Thought to be this species due to range and altitude as probably not identifiable in the field from Grey/Uniform/Ameline Swiftlet.
28. **Asian Palm-swift** *Cypsiurus balasiensis*. 2-3 birds at Camiguin Sur Airfield and the river mouth there.
29. **Black-faced Coucal** *Centropus melanops*. 2 individuals seen at PICOP.
30. **Philippine Coucal** *Centropus viridis*. Conspicuous in the evening at Bislig Airfield and also a few at PICOP. 1 seen on Camiguin.
31. **Violet Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*. Female seen at PICOP.
32. *Plaintive Cuckoo* *Cacomantis merulinus*. A few heard at PICOP.

33. *Brush Cuckoo Cacomantis variolosus*. 3 heard at Tabunan on Cebu.
34. **Philippine Drongo-cuckoo** *Surniculus velutinus*. 1 seen at Zamboanga and 2 at PICOP where several more were heard only.
35. **Philippine Hawk-cuckoo** *Hierococcyx pectoralis*. 1 Zamboanga above Baluno. And also heard at PICOP.
36. *Indian Cuckoo Cuculus micropterus*. 1 heard calling at Zamboanga.
37. *Barred Rail Hypotaenidia torquata*. Heard all over at Eden but I never managed to see any.
38. **Philippine Bush-hen** *Amaurornis olivacea*. 2 heard at Kitanglad and Comval and a pair taped from across the road at the Northern Silvery Kingfisher pond at PICOP. Very noisy and scolding calls!
39. **White-browed Crake** *Amaurornis cinerea*. 2 at Bislig and 1 in flight Mambajao on Camiguin.
40. **Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*. A few noted.
41. **Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*. Single birds at Bislig and Camiguin.



42. **Cinnamon Bittern** *Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*. Single birds at Bislig and Camiguin.
43. **Black-crowned Night-heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax*. 150+ Zamboanga.



44. **Rufous Night-heron** *Nycticorax caledonicus*. 5, Zamboanga in with the Black-crowned Night-Herons.

- 45. **Green-backed Heron** *Butorides striata*. Singles at Zamboanga and Panabo.
- 46. **Javan Pond-heron** *Ardeola speciosa*. 2 pond herons at Panabo and a few noted at Camiguin likely this sp.
- 47. **Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus ibis*. A few noted.
- 48. **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*. 3, Zamboanga and several at Bislig Airfield.
- 49. **Great White Egret** *Ardea alba*. C50, Zamboanga several with blue facial skin at the breeding colony. A few others noted at Panabo and in roosting flights over Bislig Airfield.



- 50. **Intermediate Egret** *Ardea intermedia*. A few groups at Bislig Airfield and at Mambajao (photo above).
- 51. **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*. A few on Mindanao and Camiguin.
- 52. **Chinese Egret** *Egretta eulophotes*. 4 birds together at Panabo.
- 53. **Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*. Noted at Panabo.
- 54. **Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*. A few hundred at Panabo.



- 55. **Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*. c10 **ssp dubius** on the tarmac near the terminal building at Bislig. Distinctive features were the broad yellow eye skin, extensive pinkish bill base and very pale fleshy legs.

56. **Greater Sandplover** *Charadrius leschenaultia*. 4 birds noted at Panabo.



57. **Greater Painted-snipe** *Rostratula benghalensis*. 2 birds at Mambajao one striking female of which did a nice fly-by past (above).

58. **Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus*. 10+ at Panabo of the ssp *variagatus* with the darker rump and tail.

59. **Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*. Several noted at Panabo.

60. **Bukidnon Woodcock** *Scolopax bukidnonensis*. Up to 2 displaying birds at the clearing near Del Monte Lodge, Mt Kitanglad in the evenings with the birds obviously feeding in the bracken and forest edge. Also 2 different individuals flushed from the path on the walk down at night above the Eagle viewpoint. Also, 2 birds distinctive rattle call heard only, although very close overhead at Comval in the morning.



61. **Pintail/ Swinhoe's Snipe** *Gallinago stenura/ megala*. Several snipe seen at Mambajao Jan 23rd. 2 snipes, without white trailing edges to the upperwings, that flew round together showed a c10% size difference with a noticeable difference in their flight calls with the larger bird sounding deeper and hoarser. Harry Ramm managed some spread tail photos that seemed to show Swinhoe's features.

- 62. **Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*. 8 noted at Panabo.
- 63. **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*. 3 birds noted in all, 2 on Mindanao and 1 on Camiguin.
- 64. **Grey-tailed Tattler** *Tringa brevipes*. 5 birds at Panabo.
- 65. **Common Redshank** *Tringa tetanus*. A few Mindanao.
- 66. **Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*. 8 noted Zamboanga.
- 67. **Marsh Sandpiper** *Tringa stagnatilis*. 5 noted Zamboanga.
- 68. **Black-headed Gull** *Larus ridibundus*. Common at Panabo.
- 69. **Little Tern** *Sternula albifrons*. Several at Panabo.
- 70. **Common Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*. 10+ Panabo.
- 71. **Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrid*, 1000+ Panabo.



- 72. **Eastern Grass-owl** *Tyto longimembris*. 1, Jan 10th Mt Kitanglad.
Also 2 birds seen very well at Bislig Airfield on both visits at dusk where photod.
- 73. **Chocolate Boobook** *Ninox randi*. A few heard most nights at PICOP but only seen really distantly hunting along the edge of a clearing on the morning of 17th from where it was calling.

- 74. **MINDANAO BOOBOOK** *Ninox spilocephala*.
At least 8-9 birds heard at PICOP Jan 15th-19th
but very difficult to actually see as they remained hidden at the tops of the largest trees.
1 calling bird was eventually tracked down briefly on the morning of Jan 18th but turned away when the camera came out!





75. **CAMIGUIN BOOBOOK** *Ninox leventisi*. A pair, Jan 20th and 21st Camiguin Sur. The birds were seen very well by the roadside but remained a little distant for the camera. The windy and rainy weather on the first evening didn't seem to affect them and they called quite frequently at early dusk and late dawn.



76. **CEBU BOOBOOK** *Ninox rumseyi*. 3 birds seen and maybe 2 more heard only, Jan 6th Tabunan Forest, Cebu out with Oking. The birds were very aggressive calling from dusk at least for 2.5 hours appearing

to have quite small territories. The first pair (below) showed well at the edge of a forest patch,



and the next bird (photo below) showed briefly but close, in the more open fields on the way back.





77. **Giant Scops-owl** *Otus gurneyi*. 1, Jan 8th Del Monte Lodge, Mt Kitanglad performed well but briefly but was only heard the next night. Another bird was also heard (by me.. the others actually saw it) at the Woodcock clearing. Also known as Mindanao Eagle owl.



78. **MINDANAO LOWLAND SCOPS-OWL** *Otus everetti*. 1, Jan 4th (left) and 5th (right) Zamboanga at each Forest station there. Also 1 seen at PICOP was a little tricky to see. AKA **Everett's Scops Owl**.



79. **MINDANAO HIGHLAND SCOPS-OWL** *Otus mirus*. 2 birds Jan 10th Mt Kitanglad at c 1600m although often heard from 1800-1600m usually in groups of at least 3, maybe more, almost sounding like a lek situation. Heard distantly from Del Monte Lodge and also heard only at Comval. This bird was photod by the side of the track and found while searching for another unseen bird calling.



80. **PHILIPPINE EAGLE-OWL** *Bubo philippensis*. 1, Jan 4th Manila site with Irene Dy. A superb bird at the regular site showed well for several minutes in the open canopy.

81. **Osprey** *Pandion haliaetus*. 1 at Bislig.

82. **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus*. 2 near Mt Kitanglad.



83. **Oriental Honey-buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*. 2 individuals at Mt Kitanglad (above left) of the distinctive *ssp P. p. philippensis*.

84. **Philippine Honey-buzzard** *Pernis steerei*. 1 Zamboanga and a perched bird at PICOP.
An imm (2 photos top right) at Kitanglad identified by photos on return with help from Pete Simpson and Des Allen.



85. **Philippine Serpent-eagle** *Spilornis holospilus*. 1, Zamboanga was photod and another heard at PICOP.

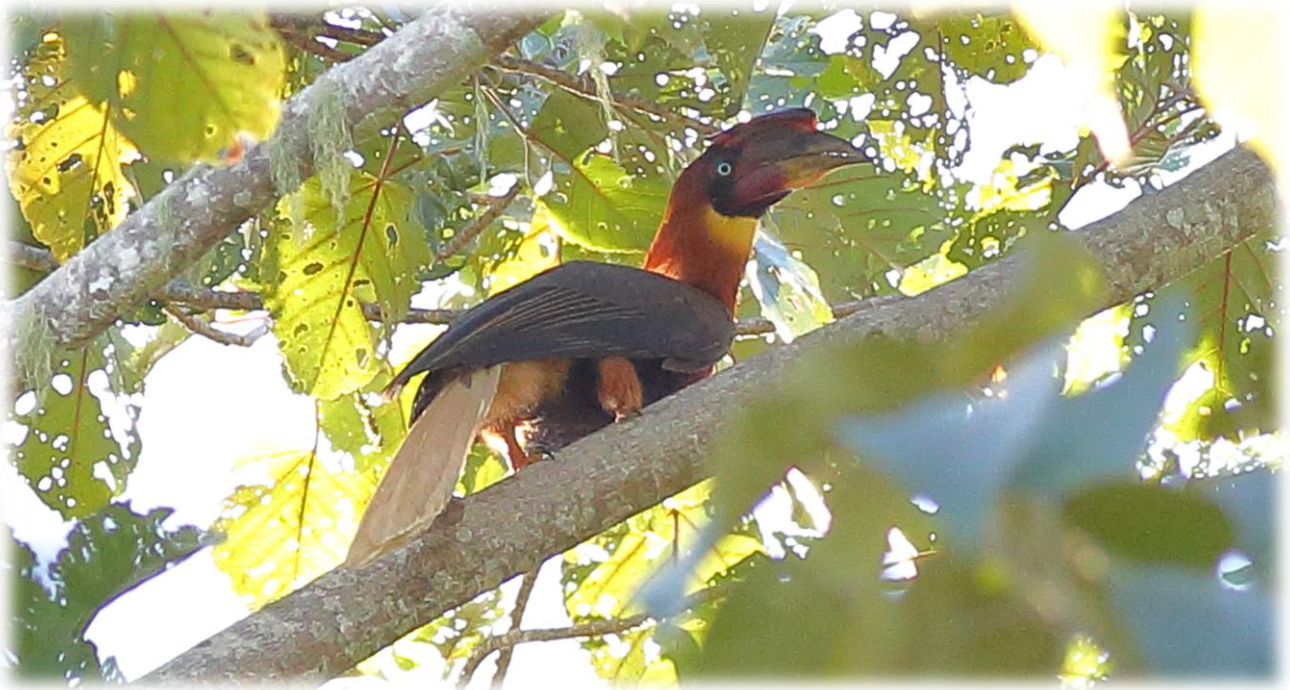
86. **Philippine Eagle** *Pithecophaga jefferyi*. Adult bird from the Eagle Viewpoint miles away ! Still a Monkey-eating Eagle though.. much better views in 1995!
87. **South Philippine Hawk-eagle** *Nisaetus pinskeri*. 3 birds, some calling and displaying, at Zamboanga.
88. **Pied Harrier** *Circus melanoleucos*. A superb male at Mt Kitanglad over the pineapple fields.



89. **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus*. Ad at Mt Kitanglad.
90. **Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur Indus*. A few noted.



91. **Philippine Trogon** *Harpactes ardens*. Heard at Zamboanga and 2 males at PICOP where photod.



92. **Southern Rufous Hornbill** *Buceros mindanensis*. 5 birds seen and a few more heard at Baluno, Zamboanga and heard only several times at PICOP.



93. **Writhed Hornbill** *Rhabdotorrhinus leucocephalus*. 10 birds together one morning at PICOP.

94. **Mindanao Hornbill** *Penelopides affinis*. 3, PICOP.

95. **Rufous-crowned Bee-eater** *Merops americanus*. 6+, Zamboanga.

96. **Blue-tailed Bee-eater** *Merops philippinus*. 1 bird Cagayan De Oro.

97. **Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis*. 2 birds Zamboanga.

98. **DIMORPHIC DWARF-KINGFISHER** *Ceyx margarethae*. 3 sightings, Jan 21st Camiguin all along the same dried up stream bed and 2 there the next day. Thought to relate to 1-2 pairs in the stretch from the road bridge up the hill for c400m. Dan and Neil also saw more birds on the other side of the road and further downhill also so probably quite common here although difficult to see perched.



99. **SOUTHERN SILVERY KINGFISHER** *Ceyx argentatus*. 1+, Jan 16th PICOP at a small garden flooded pool. 1, Jan 18th PICOP along the river at the waterfall site.

100. **Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis*. 1 on 6th Zamboanga.



101. **Ruddy Kingfisher** *Halcyon coromanda*. 1-2 birds at Eden along the river. The photo above was of a roosting bird taken just after dusk.

102. **Brown-breasted Kingfisher** *Halcyon gularis*. 1, Zamboanga, 2-4 Mt Kitanglad and 1 PICOP. Split from White-throated Kingfisher.





103. **Rufous-lored Kingfisher** *Todiramphus winchelli*. 3-4 heard at PICOP and 2-3 at Camiguin Sur at dawn where this female was photod.
104. **Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris*. Small numbers noted at Zamboanga, Tabunan, Mt Kitanglad, PICOP and on Camiguin.
105. **Coppersmith Barbet** *Psilopogon haemacephalus*. Noted or at least heard at most forest sites except Camiguin Sur. The red-faced ssp **cebuensis** was seen at Tabunan.



106. **Buff-spotted Flameback** *Chrysocolaptes lucidus*. 1, Jan 18th PICOP.



107. **SOUTHERN SOOTY WOODPECKER** *Mulleripicus fuliginosus*. 2 Males and 1-2 females, Jan 5th Baluno at Zamboanga. They started drumming towards the evening and we spent a long time tracking them down. The drumming tree they all gathered on as the sun started to go down was by the track just north of Baluno Forest Station. The tree had several holes in it with a Dollarbird roosting in one.

108. **White-bellied Woodpecker** *Dryocopus javensis*. 3 at Mt Kitanglad and 1, Comval.

109. **Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker** *Picoides maculates*. Male Mt Kitanglad, 2 at Comval and 2 PICOP.

110. **Philippine Falconet** *Microhierax erythrogenys*. 5-6 birds PICOP.

111. **Guaibero** *Bolbopsittacus lunulatus*. Fairly common at PICOP and 2-6 on Camiguin Sur.

112. **Philippine Hanging-parrot** *Loriculus philippensis*. Noted Zamboanga, Tabunan, Comval and PICOP.

113. **CAMIGUIN HANGING-PARROT** *Loriculus philippensis*. 5, Jan 21st Camiguin and 1 photod up the dry stream bed on 22nd with a further 3 heard only. A tricky bird to see well but by sitting quietly in the dry stream bed a few birds seemed to be feeding low down on some of the fruits well below the canopy. Differs in lack of sexual dimorphism and stronger blue colour around face. Wings and tail said to be longer.
***Not split by HBWA, but has now been split after amalgamation with Cornell BOTW.**



114. **Montane Racquet-tail** *Prioniturus montanus*. 30+ on Jan 9th Mt Kitanglad at c 1800m.

115. *Blue-crowned Racquet-tail* *Prioniturus discurus*. A few heard only at Zamboanga.

116. *Philippine Pitta* *Erythropitta erythrogaster*. 2 heard Tabunan, 1 heard at PICOP and 2+ heard Camiguin.

117. *Western Hooded Pitta* *Pitta sordid*. 5 heard only at PICOP.

118. *Azure-breasted Pitta* *Pitta steerii*. 1 heard only at PICOP.



119. **MINDANAO WATTLED BROADBILL** *Sarcophanops steerii*. A male, Jan 15th PICOP and another 2 birds in a mixed species flock on 19th on a different track. Strange pinkish-white supraloral line looked like missing feathers exposing the skin in the field.

120. **Golden-bellied Gerygone** *Gerygone sulphurea*. A few at Zamboanga.

121. **Philippine Oriole** *Oriolus steerii*. 3-5 noted at PICOP.

122. **Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis*. 1 male, PICOP.

123. **Yellow-bellied Whistler** *Pachycephala philippinensis*. 10+ from Zamboanga, Eden and Mt Kitanglad.



124. **WHITE-VENTED WHISTLER** *Pachycephala homeyeri*. 6 of the nominate **ssp homeyeri** Jan 6th Grande Santa Cruz Island, where photod, and 2 **ssp P. h. major** at Tabunan, Cebu.

125. **Scarlet Minivet** *Pericrocotus flammeus*. A black and yellow male, Jan 12th at Kidapawan, Mt Apo of the **ssp johnstoniae**. Also 6 at PICOP.

126. **McGregor's Cuckooshrike** *Malindangia mcgregori*. 2 males and 1 female Mt Kitanglad and 4+ Comval.

127. **Pied Triller** *Lalage nigra*. 3+ Tabunan, Cebu and 2 on the walk up Mt Kitanglad.



128. **White-breasted Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorhynchus*. Noted at PICOP and on Camiguin where photod.

129. **Black-and-cinnamon Fantail** *Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea*. 7+ Mt Kitanglad and a few at Comval.
130. **Mindanao Blue Fantail** *Rhipidura superciliaris*. Fairly common at PICOP and a few on Camiguin.
131. **Philippine Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura nigritorquis*. A few at Tabunan forest.
132. **Balicassiao** *Dicurus balicassius*. C10 noted at Tabunan forest, Cebu.
133. **Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicurus hottentottus*. several noted Zamboanga.



134. **Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*. C 10 Tabunan forest, 4 at PICOP.
Common on Camiguin up the dry stream bed where photod above. Of the birds seen well enough, these were of the **ssp H. a. catarmanensis** which differs in that the female shows largely male features, as in Camiguin Hanging Parrot. They also appeared a paler blue and lacked the black nape patch. *Note that ssp *azurea* is now also being reported on Camiguin perhaps being a recent colonist or cagebird escape, per Mark Sutton and Pete Simpson.



135. **Short-crested Monarch** *Hypothymis helenae*. Males seen at PICOP 17th, 18th and photod badly on 19th.
136. **CELESTIAL MONARCH** *Hypothymis coelestis*. Male, Jan 15th and another male on 19th PICOP with the same mixed flock as the Short-crested Monarch above and a Wattled Broadbill. The first bird was heard calling for several hours (a bell-like 3 note whistle uttered regularly) on and off, often for prolonged periods as it circled us high up in the canopy where it was eventually seen for a few seconds out in the open, although far from ideal for such a stunning bird. On 19th we heard it calling again but were in a much better position as the canopy was close to the path at the side of a steep valley. We eventually had this bird right in front of us just above eye level for c 10 seconds. The bird was a concolourous pale azure with the long shaggy crown feathers flicking about down the nape. Silvery underparts. From checking internet photos it is apparent that the colours seen are very dependent on the angle of view.



137. **Southern Rufous Paradise-flycatcher** *Terpsiphone cinnamomea*.
Several birds seen and heard at PICOP most days usually appearing to lead the mixed species flocks.



138. **Brown Shrike** *Lanius cristatus*. C 20 noted in all, all appearing to be of the ssp *lucionensis*.

139. **Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach*.
5-6 Mt Kitanglad above Del Monte
Lodge of the ssp *nasutus* with a solid
black cap and pale grey mantle.



140. **Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos*. A few noted on Mindanao.

141. **Citrine Canary-flycatcher** *Culicicapa helianthea*. 1 Mt Kitanglad at c1800m.



142. **Elegant Tit** *Pardaliparus elegans*. 4 Zamboanga, above and 1 on Cebu and 2 Mt Kitanglad.



143. **MINDANAO MINIATURE BABBLER** *Micromacronus sordidus*. 5+, Jan 12th Lake Agco area.
Aka **Mindanao Plumed Warbler**, this strange bird was so small that seeing the features were quite difficult. One of the best field features was the strong tail cleft (not viewable on the above photos) and the pale underparts with irregular dark mottling most noticeable across the breast. Photos revealed the long plumes extending back from near the breast sides and the contrasting yellow feet with darker tarsi. The pale rump was difficult to see in the field but sometimes the plumes could be seen extending out. Watched on and off over a period of c40 minutes.

144. **Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*. 3 birds singing at Mambajao, Camiguin.



145. **Golden-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis*. 3, Bislig Airfield singing.



146. **Rufous-fronted Tailorbird** *Orthotomus frontalis*. The above bird photod at PICOP Jan 16th.

147. **Black-headed Tailorbird** *Orthotomus nigriceps*. 1 Jan 16th and several more heard only at PICOP.



148. **White-eared Tailorbird** *Orthotomus cinereiceps*. 2 birds Jan 5th Baluno at Zamboanga calling by the track.

149. **Oriental Reed-warbler** *Acrocephalus orientalis*. A few at Bislig Airfield.



150. **Middendorff's Grasshopper-warbler** *Locustella ochotensis*. I, Jan 19th Bislig Airfield responded to the taped song by singing back. It showed initially well to Dan, but by the time we got there it responded but remained mostly in cover. Like a pale, washed out Pallas's Gropper.



151. **Long-tailed Grasshopper-warbler** *Locustella caudata*. Several heard but only 1 seen at Mt Kitanglad.

152. **Striated Grassbird** *Megalurus palustris*. Common at Mt Kitanglad and Bislig Airfield (photo).

153. **Tawny Grassbird** *Cincloramphus timoriensis*. 3 heard only at Tabunan, 3 seen Mt Kitanglad and 2 PICOP.

154. **House Swallow** *Hirundo javanica*. Several birds noted.

155. **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica*. Several birds noted.



156. **ZAMBOANGA BULBUL** *Hypsipetes ruficularis*. 2-4, Jan 4th Zamboanga Watershed and 20+ Baluno. Deep, unstreaked brick orange throat and dark greyish cap, appearing larger than Philippine Bulbul.

157. **Yellowish Bulbul** *Hypsipetes everetti*. Fairly common at PICOP.



158. **CAMIGUIN BULBUL** *Hypsipetes catarmanensis*. 2, Jan 20th Camiguin and at least another 30 sightings in the same area over the next 2 days. Although not particularly attractive, these birds had a fantastic, ethereal fluty song which filled the forest at dawn.

159. **Streak-breasted Bulbul** *Hypsipetes siquijorensis*. Up to 4, Jan 7th Tabunan Forest.

This **ssp monticola**, was often heard and usually in pairs in the same general area of forest at Tabunan. Fast moving and difficult to get a prolonged view, Oking took us up the hillside to a territory where I got prolonged perched views eventually.



160. **Philippine Bulbul** *Hypsipetes philippinus*. Common on Cebu and Mindanao.

161. **Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goiavier*. Several birds noted on Cebu, Mindanao and Camiguin.

162. **Yellow-wattled Bulbul** *Poliolophus urostictus*. 3+, Baluno and a few most days at PICOP.

163. **Philippine Leaf-warbler** *Phylloscopus olivaceus*. 3 birds at PICOP Jan 19th were my only birds seen well enough to be identified.



164. **Arctic Warbler** *Phylloscopus borealis*. 2-3 birds on Camiguin calling like the single note call of Arctic. Thought to be Arctic when compared with Japanese and Kamchatka Leaf Warblers on Xeno Canto. The bird photod above was roosting at Eden.

165. **Mountain Warbler** *Phylloscopus trivirgatus*. Several most days at Mt Kitanglad.

166. **Rufous-headed Tailorbird** *Phyllergates heterolaemus*. Up to 10 birds at Mt Kitanglad.



- 167. **Mindanao White-eye** *Heleia goodfellowi*. A few at Mt Kitanglad and Comval (photo).
- 168. **Rusty-crowned Babbler** *Sterrhoptilus capitalis*. Fairly common at PICOP, max of 10 Jan 15th.
- 169. **Mindanao Pygmy Babbler** *Dasycrotapha platen*. 2+ PICOP.
- 170. **Mountain White-eye** *Zosterops montanus*. Common at Mt Kitanglad and a few at Comval.
- 171. **Everett's White-eye** *Zosterops everetti*. 1 at Zamboanga, 2 at Comval, 2 at PICOP and common on Camiguin.
- 172. **Brown Tit-babbler** *Macronus striaticeps*. 5+ Mt Kitanglad and fairly common at PICOP.
- 173. **Sulphur-billed Nuthatch** *Sitta oenochlamys*. 1, Zamboanga and 2 at Mt Kitanglad.



- 174. **Chestnut-cheeked Starling** *Agropsar philippensis*. 10 birds on the walk back down from Del Monte Lodge.
- 175. **Stripe-headed Rhabdornis** *Rhabdornis mystacalis*. 4 birds at PICOP.



176. **Apo Myna** *Goodfellowia miranda*. C30, Jan 9th and 1 the next day Mt Kitanglad.

177. **Coledo** *Sarcops calvus*. Often commonly encountered at Zamboanga, Mt Kitanglad and PICOP.

178. **Asian Glossy Starling** *Aplonis panayensis*. Fairly common in the lowlands.

179. **Short-tailed Starling** *Aplonis minor*. Common up the hills such as Mt Kitanglad and Comval.



180. **Eyebrowed Thrush** *Turdus obscurus*. 90-100 in total at Mt Kitanglad (above). Also 3 at Comval.

181. **Island Thrush** *Turdus poliocephalus*. 3 birds at dawn at Comval.

182. **Philippine Magpie-robin** *Copsychus mindanensis*. 8+, Tabunan Forest, Cebu.



183. **Black Shama** *Kittacincla cebuensis*. 2 birds seen at Tabunan Forest, Cebu.

184. **Grey-streaked Flycatcher** *Muscicapa griseisticta*. 1-2 birds most days at Zamboanga and Mt Kitanglad. Also singles at PICOP and on Camiguin.

185. **Turquoise Flycatcher** *Eumyias panayensis*. Commonly seen at Mt Kitanglad. Also seen at Comval.



186. **Rufous-tailed Jungle-flycatcher** *Cyornis ruficauda*. 3 birds seen at PICOP Jan 16th -17th.



187. **Mangrove Blue-flycatcher** *Cyornis rufigastra*. 3+, Tabunan, Cebu (female top with male inset) and common on Camiguin in the dry river bed where we did most of the birding (female lower photo).

188. **Philippine Shortwing** *Brachypteryx poliogyna*. A few heard at Mt Kitanglad.

189. **Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni*. 2 males and a female Mt Kitanglad and 2 at Comval.



190. **Little Slaty Flycatcher** *Ficedula basilanica*. A pair Jan 4th Zamboanga Watershed in the last light of the evening. The male was quite showy in the darkness but the browner female remained harder to photograph staying back in the dense undergrowth.

191. **Thicket Flycatcher** *Ficedula luzoniensis*. Female at Mt Kitanglad Jan 8th. Aka **Bundok Flycatcher**.



192. **Cryptic Flycatcher** *Ficedula crypta*. 1, Jan 11th Eden along the stream and road.

193. **Pied Bushchat** *Saxicola caprata*. C20 noted in all.
194. **Philippine Leafbird** *Chloropsis flavipennis*. 1 PICOP.
195. **Olive-backed Flowerpecker** *Prionochilus olivaceus*. 2 Baluno, 5 at PICOP.
196. **Whiskered Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum propium*. 2 Jan 12th Lake Agco.



197. **Flame-crowned Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum kampalili*. Male and female Jan 12th Lake Agco.
198. **Bicoloured Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum bicolour*. Several noted Lake Agco, probably commoner elsewhere but difficult to identify at the top of the canopy.
199. **Orange-bellied Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum trigonostigma*. The commonest Flowerpecker seen.
200. **Red-keeled Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum australe*. Noted at Baluno, Tabunan and PICOP.
201. **Buzzing Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum hypoleucum*. 10+ Baluno, and noted at Lake Agco and PICOP.
202. **Pygmy Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum pygmaeum*. Single birds at PICOP Jan 17th and 19th.
Male and a female on Camiguin Jan 21st-22nd feeding in the mistletoe by the road bridge there.
All birds of the **ssp P.p. davao**.
203. **Fire-throated Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum luzoniense*. 6 birds Jan 12th Lake Agco of the **ssp D.I. apo**.
204. **Orange-tufted Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera flammifera*. 1, Eden Jan 13th.
205. **Naked-faced Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera clarae*. 1+, Jan 5th Zamboanga.
206. **Brown-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis*. 1, Jan 5th Baluno.
207. **Grey-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes griseigularis*. 1, PICOP.
A male on Camiguin Sur was thought to be this sp but not sure.
208. **Purple-throated Sunbird** *Leptocoma sperata*. 5+ PICOP and 10+ Camiguin Sur.
209. **ORANGE-LINED SUNBIRD** *Leptocoma juliae*. 6+, Jan 5th Baluno in Zamboanga. The birds liked to feed in the canopy of the larger and more open trees but occasionally came down to the bananas.
A split from the above Purple-throated Sunbird.
210. **Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis*. Several noted at Tabunan, Mt Kitanglad and on Camiguin.
211. **Magnificent Sunbird** *Aethopyga magnifica*. 2 males Tabunan.

212. **Metallic-winged Sunbird** *Aethopyga pulcherrima*. 2 males Baluno and several at PICOP.

213. **Handsome Sunbird** *Aethopyga bella*. 3-4 noted at PICOP.



214. **LINA'S SUNBIRD** *Aethopyga linaraborae*. 3 Males and 3 females, Jan 14th Comval.
The birds were possibly nesting or feeding young as they kept going back and forth to the same dense patch of roadside vegetation.

215. **Grey-hooded Sunbird** *Aethopyga primigenia*. 2 Mt Kitanglad.

216. **Apo Sunbird** *Aethopyga boltoni*. Poor views of a singing imm/ female type at c 1800m, Mt Kitanglad.

217. **Chestnut Munia** *Lonchura atricapilla*. Several at PICOP and on Camiguin.

218. **Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*. Several in the more urban areas.

219. **Cinnamon Ibon** *Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus*. 10+ Mt Kitanglad.



220. **Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus*. A few Mt Kitanglad looked very grey above and heavily streaked across the breast (photo). Several also at Bislig Airfield.

221. **Grey Wagtail** *Motacilla cinerea*. A few Mt Kitanglad and PICOP.

222. *White-cheeked Bullfinch* *Pyrrhula leucogenis*. 3 heard only Mt Kitanglad at c 1800m.

NEW SPECIES

BOLD UPPERCASE are Philippine Endemics.

1. **Asian Blue Quail** *Synoicus chinensis*.
2. **BUFF-EARED BROWN-DOVE** *Phapitreron nigrorum*.
3. **PHILIPPINE GREEN-PIGEON** *Treron axillaris*.
4. **PINK-BELLIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON** *Ducula poliocephala*.
5. **MINDANAO BOOBOOK** *Ninox spilocephala*.
6. **CAMIGUIN BOOBOOK** *Ninox leventisi*.
7. **CEBU BOOBOOK** *Ninox rumseyi*.
8. **MINDANAO LOWLAND SCOPS-OWL** *Otus everetti*.
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