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## The Philippines

### 2 week Custom Tour (Luzon, Mindanao & Palawan)

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***Palawan Peacock Pheasant – St Pauls NP, Palawan (Rob Hutchinson/Birdtour Asia)***

Arriving in the early afternoon at Manila International Airport our intrepid group was soon on the road full of anticipation of what the trip would produce – the challenge, to find as many Philippine endemics as possible in just 2 weeks....

That first afternoon we made good time arriving at our first destination of Subic Bay in time for some late afternoon birding and new birds quickly appeared – entertaining Luzon Hornbills, Coletos, Colasisi, Guaiabero, Elegant Tits, Stripe-headed Rhabdornis, Philippine Serpent Eagles and the ubiquitous Philippine Bulbul all providing our first introduction to the fascinating Philippine avifauna while Purple Needletails passed quickly overhead, Blue-naped Parrots flew noisily around and we finished with the spectacular sight of hundreds of Blue-throated Bee-Eaters flying over to roost at dusk.

We made an early start the following morning, arriving at birding spot well before dawn although unfortunately the dawn chorus of Philippine Boobooks and Spotted Wood-Kingfishers didn't produce any sightings on this occasion. Any disappointment was short-lived however because with daylight upon us we flushed a large owl from roadside vegetation which perched in full view – a magnificent Philippine Eagle-Owl, one of the most difficult of the endemic owls to see and a great way to start the tour.

Windy conditions made the birding slow with the hoped-for Green Racquet-tail only heard and White-fronted Tit elusive but other specialties appeared on cue – White-lored Orioles, Blackish Cuckoo-shrike, Philippine Tailorbird and at the last minute a noisy group of Rufous Coucals, all put in their only appearances of the trip and we saw our first Red-crested Malkoha, Yellow-breasted Fruit-Doves, Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker, Island Swiftlet and several Philippine Falconets hunting from exposed snags above the canopy.

After a quick 'twitch' for Philippine duck among large rafts of wintering wildfowl in a nearby bay we were on the road again, this time heading to Mount Makiling where, despite heavy traffic, our arrival was again well timed with a late afternoon stroll producing several Barred as well as the hoped for endemic Spotted Buttonquail feeding in the open on a grassy track. Later that night we were treated to a great display by at least 3 pairs of calling Philippine Boobooks around our Lodge.

The following morning we started our hike up the mountain pre-dawn and were in position at first-light to try for the Spotted Wood-Kingfishers, which after a tense wait performed brilliantly, a male settling close by and allowing us to study his dazzling plumage.

Unfortunately poor weather closed in shortly afterwards and much of the rest of the day was spent birding in intermittent rain, nevertheless we continued to pick up good birds and by the end of the day the spectacular Scale-feathered Malkoha, skulking White-browed Shamas, Sulphur-billed Nuthatch, Grey-backed Tailorbird, Yellowish White-eyes, Pygmy, Red-keeled & Buzzing Flowerpeckers, Handsome Sunbird, Balicassio, Yellow-bellied Whistler, Philippine Drongo Cuckoo and Blue-headed Fantail had all been added to a growing list of endemics with Luzon Hornbill and Red-crested Malkoha seen again and a wintering Pechora Pipit and a glowing Rufous Paradise Flycatcher providing added value.

We returned to Manila in the evening and an early start the next morning saw us flying to Cagayan de Oro on Mindanao, just a short drive and a sweaty stroll away from our home for the next 3 nights, the basic but idyllically situated Del Monte Lodge on the slopes of Mount Kitanglad.

On our first afternoon we hiked just a short distance up the mountain and quickly added our first new endemics in the form of a group of Mindanao Hornbills, Rufous-headed Tailorbird, Brown Tit-Babbler and Cinnamon Ibon together with close range views of a skulking *mindanensis* White-browed Shortwing. Making our way into one of the remaining forest patches our recording drew an immediate response from a Bagobo Babbler which came in very close and circled us several times but in the dull afternoon light we obtained nothing more than glimpses of this elusive bird.

Making our way back to the Lodge, Tawny Grassbird was finally seen and we arrived back to find our first Streak-breasted Rhabdornis apparently settling down to roost for the night in a nearby dead tree and the often elusive Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo responded well to playback and gave us good views.

As dusk approached we soon heard the distinctive rattle of Bukidnon Woodcock and soon got great views in the spotlight as 2 birds roded directly over our heads, allowing us the rare opportunity to enjoy every feather detail! Inspired to try for some of the mountain's other night-birds we set out after dark, initially concentrating on the usually common Philippine Frogmouth but were disappointed to find them completely silent. On the contrary Giant Scops Owls were vocal and thanks to their distinct vocalizations we noted that both adult and juvenile birds were present. This is always a difficult species to see and it was not surprising that we twice came very close to seeing calling birds only for them to vanish unseen, persistence paid off however when we were able to locate a brilliant cinnamon-coloured juvenile staring down at us for as long as we wanted to watch! Amazingly our luck for the evening wasn't finished and when approaching the Lodge a dark shape which flew in front of us and landed in a nearby tree was captured in the spot-light and proved to be another owl, this time a *ninox*. With 3 difficult to identify species possible here we were fortunate to obtain good photographs and even luckier that after flying a short distance it began calling revealing its identity as a Chocolate Boobook, a very-near endemic being found on just one isolated Indonesian island outside the Philippines.

We started early the next morning in good weather for our hike up the mountain and upon taking a quiet side trail down into a steep forested valley we were soon watching the most impressive of the Philippines endemics – just one week prior to our arrival a nest of the Philippine National Bird, the Philippine Eagle, had been discovered in this valley and now we were being treated to fine views of a 2 month old Eaglet in this huge nest just below our vantage point. Better was to follow however with the appearance of an adult bird which perched nearby offering great views before flying in even closer and landing at super-close range almost above our heads, an awesome, unforgettable experience.

With adrenaline pumping and the weather still fine we opted to make a hasty ascent to try for the mountains higher altitude specialties and after a difficult walk on muddy trails, picking up Black-masked White-eye & Olive-capped Flowerpecker en-route, we were glad to arrive at the first forest patches where we were greeted by parties of Apo Myna perched in the tree-tops showing off their bizarre spiky hairstyles. Making our way into the forest we soon heard a Blue-capped Wood-Kingfisher responding to our imitations and making our way down into the valley enjoyed good views of this powerful forest kingfisher. Continuing upwards we flushed several pairs of Philippine Nightjars from close to the track before encountering lots of bird activity in a nice area of forest and right on cue the rare Apo Sunbird appeared with at least 3 individuals of this high altitude specialty seen and nice views of a Yellow-breasted Fruit Dove near our highest point.

Glad that the weather had held out long enough for us to find these specialties we began our walk down in light rain and when it became heavier a timely break in a small shelter produce an impressive flock of 25+ Philippine Bullfinch feeding close by. Continuing down a mixed feeding flock finally produced a group of McGregor's Cockoo-shrikes which had been heard earlier in the day, some of the group saw 5 noisy Mindanao Racquet-tails flying overhead in the mist and single skulking Red-eared Parrotfinch and Long-tailed Ground-Warblers were seen briefly. Back at the Lodge at dusk the resident Bukidnon Woodcock showed well and we got good views of Philippine Nightjars in the same clearing.



*Spotted Wood Kingfisher – Mt Makiling, Luzon*



*Blue-capped Wood Kingfisher – PICOP, Mindanao*

The following day we started with some early morning owling, again producing views of the juvenile Giant Scops Owl close to the lodge but the Frogmouths still remaining stubbornly silent. Having seen almost all the available birds we decided again to head for the higher parts of the mountain in a final attempt at the elusive Mountain Shrike missed the previous day. We started well with a Grey-hooded Sunbird posing in the open and this continued with views of Island Thrush, 2 fly-by Metallic Pigeons and a small group of Mindanao Racquet-tails circling noisily overhead allowing everyone views on this occasion.

Higher up we again found large numbers of Philippine Bullfinches with at least 40+ seen and located some fruiting tree frequented by noisy groups of Apo Myna which gave excellent close views. Unfortunately with the weather closing in again we again failed to locate the shrike so headed back to the Lodge for a well-deserved rest. Lower down the mountain with the weather now brighter we opted, despite fatigue now setting in, for another attempt at the previous days Bagobo Babblers – this proved a good choice as the birds again responded almost immediately and in better light than previously all managed to at least glimpse this elusive ground-dweller as it continually circled around us in the thick undergrowth, by no means satisfactory views but nevertheless more than most manage of this habitual skulker. In the afternoon we again hiked a short way up the mountain and at dusk had excellent views of a different pair of Bukidnon Woodcocks roding over a large clearing and a dark shape flying high overhead proved to be a bonus Australasian Grass Owl when viewed in the spotlight. After dark we tried for Mindanao Scops Owl but only managed to hear them distantly on this occasion and although we did finally hear Philippine Frogmouth calling in this area they again refused to show.

Early morning birding the next morning produced the usual fly-by views of roding Woodcocks and a short walk along the trails close to the lodge finally produced a tape-responsive Long-tailed Ground-Warbler which hopped up into the lower branches of a nearby tree and gave unusually good views as it called back to us. Sadly it was already time for us to leave this homely place and after a hot walk back down to Damitan the rest of the day was taken with the long drive, via Davao, to Bislig on Mindanao's east coast and our base for exploring the nearby PICOP logging concession.

We spent 3 full days exploring various logging roads and birding in the remaining areas of lowland forest. Although the birding could be slow here at times we worked hard and managed to find many of the specialties; -

The stunning electric-blue Short-crested Monarch showed well but distantly after we picked out its distinctive song and the much-wanted Celestial Monarch was finally located singing from high in the canopy on our final morning.

Careful stalking into the forest one afternoon produced excellent views of a calling Red-bellied Pitta and when we finally caught up with Azure-breasted Pitta the views were certainly worth the wait with this spectacular bird calling loudly from the canopy almost above our heads for more than an hour as we watched in awe as the bird filled the telescope allowing us to admire the vivid combination of dark green back, black head and lower belly, white throat and red vent contrasting with a gorgeous turquoise-blue breast.

One of the biggest surprises came when during the middle of the day we heard the quiet calls of a Blue-capped Wood-Kingfisher from a nearby gully and we were able to tape the birds closer for fantastic views. This species has rarely been recorded at PICOP but it would seem that the birds usual diurnal habits have led to it being rather under-recorded.

Continuing the Kingfisher Theme – the equally impressive although less-elusive Rufous-lore was seen well on our first morning when it perched high in nearby dead trees and another striking Kingfisher, the diminutive Silvery Kingfishers continue to frequent their favoured Pool and we were again treated to great views.

Both hornbills proved elusive with just one sighting of Rufous despite hearing them regularly and just a single Writhed seen.

Although White-bellied was commonly seen we located just a single Sooty Woodpecker but enjoyed great views while Philippine Trogons were noticeably quite with few heard and just 2 birds located although again the views were excellent.

Black-headed Tailorbird was typically skulking and it took some time and coaxing with the tape before we all had good views while after an initial frustrating encounter with a Streaked Ground Babbler late one afternoon, the next day they performed brilliantly and testing the close-focus ability of our optics.

Philippine Needletails were seen several times and on one occasion we enjoyed particularly spectacular views as they fed at low-level with continual high-speed fly –bys allowing us to see every plumage detail including the often hard to see white ‘arm-pits’.

We finally managed to see our first White-eared Brown-Doves after hearing them elsewhere but calling Amethyst couldn't be lured into view. A nice fruiting tree one morning produced nice views of both Black-chinned and Yellow-breasted Fruit-Doves feeding side-by side and in the same area a Pink-bellied Imperial Pigeon surprised us by reacting to our tape with a spectacular overhead display before landing in a nearby tree.

During boats of clear weather raptors showed well with Philippine Serpent Eagles common, several sightings of Barred Honey Buzzards and a single Philippine Hawk Eagle close overhead allowing us to soak up every plumage detail.

Night-birding here produced some good views of Philippine and Great-eared Nightjars while a Philippine Frogmouth growling at us from bushes nearby was lured into view and perched nicely overhead – particularly welcome after our lack of success with them at Kitanglad. Both Chocolate and Mindanao Boobook were heard, the latter even occasionally during the day, but neither were observed.

The lowland forest here is very species-rich and many more widespread species soon appeared; Pygmy Babbler were regularly seen but our difficulty in locating good feeding flocks meant that we had to wait until our final morning to get views of Rusty-crowned Babbler. Black-faced Coucal, Philippine Oriole, Black-and-white Triller, Yellowish Bulbul, Naked-faced Spiderhunter, Metallic-winged Sunbirds, Striped & Olive-backed Flowerpeckers, Blue Fantail and Pygmy Swiftlet were all new here.

On one day we departed the concession early and spent the late afternoon at the now disused Bislig Airfield. Small marshy pools here gave nice views of a pair of Philippine Ducks, several Wandering Whistling-Ducks, a single White-browed Crane, Black & Yellow Bitterns, and several Philippine Swampheens. At least 4 hunting Australasian Grass Owls offered great views here and at dusk several Philippine Nightjars included at least 2 perched on the runway.

On our fourth day after some final early morning birding we reluctantly left this bird-rich area and headed back to Davao, connecting with a flight to Manila for an overnight stay and an enjoyable evening exploring this vibrant city.

The next morning the now customary early start saw us flying to the tropical island of Palawan, our final destination of the tour.

We began with some relaxed birding at Garcelliano beach close to the airport, here on a rising tide we were able to pick out several Chinese among the egrets and subtle the subtle plumage and structural differences from the accompanying Eastern Reef Egrets. A good variety of shorebirds including close-up studies of both Sand-plovers, Red-necked Stints and Grey-tailed Tattlers.

After an enjoyable seafood lunch with Pygmy Flowerpecker in the restaurant garden, we began our drive towards Sabang, the base for exploration of Saint Paul's National Park. Our first stop was on the edge of the Mangroves at Buena Vista, where several Copper-throated Sunbirds were picked out among the more numerous Purple-throated and we recorded our first Little Spiderhunter of the trip.

Continuing further another well-timed roadside stop gave us a great run of Palawan endemics – a noisy group of Palawan Hornbills perched out in large trees in a nearby valley, Palawan Flowerpecker and a singing White-vented Shama showing in nearby scrub. In another area of forest a little further along the road our run continued with our first Palawan Blue Flycatcher, Ashy-headed Babblers, Palawan Swiftlets over a nearby clearing and two Hooded Pittas seen.

Arriving at the 'Lions Cave' area at dusk it wasn't long before we heard the weird cries of a Palawan Frogmouth and as Large-tailed Nightjars hunted around us, we were soon enjoying fantastic views of no less than 2 of these incredible creatures with wacky, punk-hairstyles staring down. Moving further into the forest a patient wait finally produced the distant crackling –call of our quarry, moving closer a short burst of playback and another wait and there it was.... A stunning Palawan Scops Owl staring down with huge orange eyes from just above our heads. Night-birding at its best!



*Palawan Scops Owl – St Paul's NP, Palawan*



*Chocolate Boobook – Mt Kitanglad, Mindanao*

Shortly after dawn the following morning we took a boat ride along the picturesque coastline from Sabang to the underground river for which the park is famous. This area is equally famous among birders for the male Palawan Peacock Pheasant which has frequented the area for several years now, and it was not long before we found him strutting his stuff at super-close range. This male, long believed to be a non-breeder has this year been joined by two female birds, which also gave great views, raising hopes that they might breed in the vicinity soon. Small groups of Philippine Scrubfowl were seen well feeding in the same area.

We could hear Racquet-tails flying noisily overhead but viewing was difficult so we positioned ourselves on the nearby limestone cliffs with a better view of the canopy where we could finally see Lovely Sunbirds singing high in the tree-tops and we all had good views of perched Blue-headed Racquet-tails, after several brief fly-overs, and a pair of Palawan Tits were picked out in the canopy back near the Rangers station. Taking a short boat ride back along the coast we stopped again, this time at the Central Park Station. Heading into the forest a pair of Red Junglefowl scuttled away into the leaf litter, our first Yellow-throated Leafbirds appeared and we soon heard the distinctive song of the Blue Paradise Flycatcher which although elusive eventually showed well to everybody.

Moving deeper into the forest a short burst of playback at a suitable looking gully soon bought a response and we were soon enjoying a spectacular pair of Falcated Ground-Babblers as they circled around us singing. With all our targets within the park seen we again took a short boat ride stopping this time at the end of the quiet sandy beaches which stretch away from Sabang and eventually located a pair of Malaysian Plovers roosting on the rocks offshore. Walking back to our hotel along the tropical beachfront we had great views

again of Eastern Reef Egrets with one bird putting on a particularly entertaining display as it chased and battled with a large fish in the shallows just in front of us.

After lunch we began our journey back to Puerto Princessa, again birding along the roadside en-route and this again produced excellent views of Palawan Tit, Palawan Flowerpecker, White-vented Shama and Blue Paradise Flycatcher while Fiery Minivet, Chestnut-breasted Malkoha and Ashy Drongos made their first appearances.

The next morning we arrived early at Iwahig Penal Colony for our visit to the Balsahan Trail and making our way along we were soon hearing the distinctive mournful song of the sites main speciality, the endemic Melodious Babbler. Seeing them proved somewhat trickier however as after brief views they settled to sing back from dense vegetation nearby. Fortunately after some gentle coaxing they suddenly moved position to another area and here we were all able to get good views as they sang and clambered around in the dense foliage. Oriental Dwarf Kingfishers were heard but not seen as they darted through the forest but White-vented Shammas, Blue Paradise Flycatchers and Palawan Hornbills were more obliging and Blue-naped Parrots showed well perched in the tree-tops. Heading back out into the nearby paddyfields, our first stop to search for waders was made all the more exciting by the sound of warning gun-fire filling the air indicating an attempted break-out by some of the inmates! We decided to try elsewhere and quickly found suitable dry paddyfields with Eastern Yellow Wagtails, Red-throated Pipits, Zitting Cisticola, Oriental Pratincoles and several flushed views of a pair of Blue-breasted Quail.

The nearby fishponds gave several flight views of Swinhoe's Snipe, a single White-browed Crake and both Yellow & Cinnamon Bitterns showed.

Heading south we broke the drive with a productive stop at a nice roadside marsh; lots of shorebirds including Pacific Golden Plover, Marsh Sandpiper and Red-necked Stint. Three species of snipe (Common, Swinhoe's and Pintail) tested our identification skills but a single male Painted Snipe was more straightforward.

After lunch at our beach resort in Narra it was time for us to board our out-rigger boats for the trip to Rasa Island, one of the few remaining strongholds for the endangered Philippine Cockatoo.

Unfortunately as is commonly the case, the winds were too strong for us to reach the roost on the north side of the island so we were glad when a group of 8 birds flew in and perched in the tree-tops on the west side of the island before flying off to roost.

In the late afternoon we landed and as dusk fell heard our first Mantanani Scops Owl, a small island specialist that extends only marginally beyond the Philippines.

In windy conditions the birds were not very vocal, then just as it was looking like our night-bird run might have met an untimely end, one bird responded from close by and we were soon enjoying fantastic close views as the bird perched nearby, just off the ground. This bird soon disappeared but it wasn't long before we again located them, this time two birds sat close together just above head height, and here they remained as we admired them, almost within touching distance before we finally drag ourselves away.

Heading back to Puerto Princessa the next morning a couple of hours in the early morning along a roadside section of forest produced a calling Palawan Flycatcher which eluded us, although compensation came in the form of good views of Rufous-tailed Tailorbirds, Ashy-headed Babbler and Blue Paradise Flycatcher with Melodious Babbler singing nearby.

A short flight back to Manila heralded the end of a fantastic trip to these fascinating islands; In just 14 days of birding we had recorded an impressive 282 species including 120 endemics plus 5 near-endemics extending only marginally outside the Philippines (Black-chinned Fruit Dove, Coleto, Rufous Paradise Flycatcher, Chocolate Boobook and Mantanani Scops-Owl) while a further 7 were heard only.

## Systematic Bird List

### Hérons, Egrets, Bitterns

Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>
Pacific Reef-Egret	<i>Egretta sacra</i>
Intermediate Egret	<i>Egretta intermedia</i>
Chinese Egret	<i>Egretta eulophotes</i>
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Javan Pond-Heron	<i>Ardeola speciosa</i>
Little (Striated) Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
Eastern Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus (ibis) coromandus</i>
Black-crowned Night-Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
Cinnamon Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus cinnamomeus</i>

Yellow Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus sinensis</i>	
Black Bittern	<i>Dupetor flavicollis</i>	
<b>Whistling Ducks, Shelducks</b>		
Wandering Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna arcuata</i>	
<b>Dabbling Ducks</b>		
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	
Philippine Duck	<i>Anas luzonica</i>	Philippine Endemic
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	
<b>Ospreys</b>		
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	
<b>Buzzards, Kites, Eagles, Vultures, Harriers, Hawks</b>		
Barred Honeybuzzard	<i>Pernis celebensis</i>	
ssp. steerei		
Brahminy Kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>	
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>	
Chinese Goshawk	<i>Accipiter soloensis</i>	
Crested Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela palawanensis</i>	
Philippine Serpent-Eagle	<i>Spilornis holospilus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Philippine (Monkey-eating) Eagle	<i>Pithecophaga jefferyi</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Hieraaetus kienerii</i>	
Philippine Hawk-Eagle	<i>Spizaetus (philippensis) pinskeri</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Falconets, Falcons</b>		
Philippine Falconet	<i>Microhierax erythrogenys</i>	Philippine Endemic
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	
ssp. ernesti		
<b>Megapodes</b>		
Tabon Scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius cumingii</i>	
<b>Junglefowl, Pheasants, Partridges, Quails</b>		
Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus philippensis</i>	
Palawan Peacock-Pheasant	<i>Polyplectron napoleonis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Blue-breasted Quail	<i>Coturnix chinensis lineata</i>	
<b>Buttonquails</b>		
Barred Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>	
Spotted Buttonquail	<i>Turnix ocellatus</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Rails, Crakes, Waterhens, Coots</b>		
White-browed Crake	<i>Porzana cinerea ocularis</i>	
Plain Bush-hen (H)	<i>Amaurornis olivacea</i>	Philippine Endemic
White-breasted Waterhen	<i>Amaurornis phoenicurus</i>	
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	
Philippine Swampphen	<i>Porphyrio pulverulentus</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Lapwings, Plovers</b>		
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	
Asian Golden-Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	
Little Ringed-Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	
ssp. dubius		
Common Ringed-Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	
Malaysian Plover	<i>Charadrius peronii</i>	
Lesser Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>	
Greater Sand-Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	
<b>Curlews, Godwits, Sandpipers, Snipes</b>		
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	

Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	
Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	
Grey-tailed Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus brevipes</i>	
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	
Pintail Snipe	<i>Gallinago stenura</i>	
Swinhoe's Snipe	<i>Gallinago megala</i>	
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	
Bukidnon Woodcock	<i>Scolopax bukidnonensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rufous-necked Stint	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	

#### Pratincoles

Oriental Pratincole	<i>Glareola maldivarum</i>	
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#### Terns, Noddies

Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybridus</i>	
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#### Doves, Pigeons

Pink-necked Green-Pigeon	<i>Treron vernans</i>	
White-eared Brown-Dove	<i>Phapitreron leucotis</i>	Philippine Endemic
ssp. <i>brevirostris</i>		
Amethyst Brown-Dove (H)	<i>Phapitreron amethystinus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Yellow-breasted Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus occipitalis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Black-chinned Fruit-Dove	<i>Ptilinopus leclancheri</i>	Near-endemic
Pink-bellied Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula poliocephala</i>	Philippine Endemic
Green Imperial-Pigeon	<i>Ducula aenea</i>	
ssp. <i>aenea</i> / <i>palawanensis</i>		
White-throated Pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis</i>	
Philippine Cuckoo-Dove	<i>Macropygia tenuirostris</i>	Philippine Endemic
Spotted Dove	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	
Zebra Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>	
Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	

#### Lorikeets, Cockatoos, Parrots, Racquet-tails, Hanging Parrots

Guaiabero	<i>Bolbopsittacus lunulatus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Philippine Cockatoo	<i>Cacatua haematuropygia</i>	Philippine Endemic
Blue-naped Parrot	<i>Tanygnathus lucionensis</i>	Near-endemic
Green Racquet-tail (H)	<i>Prioniturus luconensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Blue-crowned Racquet-tail	<i>Prioniturus discurus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Blue-headed Racquet-tail	<i>Prioniturus platenae</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mindanao Montane Racquet-tail	<i>Prioniturus waterstradti</i>	Philippine Endemic
Colasisi	<i>Loriculus philippensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
ssp. <i>philippensis</i>		
ssp. <i>apicalis</i>		

#### Cuckoos, Malkohas, Coucals

Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus pectoralis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>	
Brush Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis variolosus</i>	
Violet Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus</i>	
Asian Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>	
Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus velutinus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Common Koel (H)	<i>Eudynamys scolopaceus</i>	
Scale-feathered Malkoha	<i>Lepidogrammus cumingi</i>	Philippine Endemic
Chestnut-breasted Malkoha	<i>Zanclotomus curvirostris harringtoni</i>	
Red-crested Malkoha	<i>Dasylophus superciliosus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Lesser Coucal	<i>Centropus bengalensis</i>	
Philippine Coucal	<i>Centropus viridis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Black-faced Coucal	<i>Centropus melanops</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rufous Coucal	<i>Centropus unirufus</i>	Philippine Endemic

#### Grass Owls

Eastern Grass-Owl	<i>Tyto capensis amauronota</i>	
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**Owls**

Mindanao Scops-Owl (H)	<i>Otus mirus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mantanani Scops-Owl	<i>Otus mantananensis</i>	Near-endemic
Palawan Scops-Owl	<i>Otus fuliginosus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Philippine Scops-Owl (H)	<i>Otus megalotis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Giant Scops-Owl	<i>Mimizuku gurneyi</i>	Philippine Endemic
Philippine Eagle-Owl	<i>Bubo philippensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Chocolate Boobook	<i>Ninox randi</i>	Near-endemic
Philippine Boobook	<i>Ninox (philippensis) philippensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mindanao Boobook (H)	<i>Ninox (philippensis) spilocephala</i>	Philippine Endemic

**Frogmouths**

Philippine Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus septimus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Palawan Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus chaseni</i>	Philippine Endemic

**Nightjars**

Great Eared Nightjar	<i>Eurostopodus macrotis</i>	
Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>	
Philippine Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus manillensis</i>	Philippine Endemic

**Swifts, Needletails**

Island Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus amelis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Palawan Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus palawensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Philippine Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus mearnsi</i>	Philippine Endemic
Germain's Swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus germani</i>	
Glossy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>	
Grey-rumped Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia marginata</i>	Philippine Endemic
Pygmy Swiftlet	<i>Collocalia troglodytes</i>	Philippine Endemic
Philippine Needletail	<i>Mearnsia picina</i>	Philippine Endemic
Purple Needletail	<i>Hirundapus celebensis</i>	

**Treeswifts**

Whiskered Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne comata major</i>	
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**Trogons**

Philippine Trogon	<i>Harpactes ardens</i>	Philippine Endemic
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**Rollers**

Dollarbird	<i>Eurystomus orientalis</i>	
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**Kingfishers**

Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis bengalensis</i>	
Mindanao Silvery Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo (argentata) argentata</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rufous-backed Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx rufidorsa</i>	
Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>	
ssp. gouldi		
White-throated' Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon (smyrnensis) gularis</i>	
Rufous-lored Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus winchelli</i>	Philippine Endemic
White-collared Kingfisher	<i>Todirhamphus chloris</i>	
Spotted Wood-Kingfisher	<i>Actenoides lindsayi</i>	Philippine Endemic
Blue-capped Wood-Kingfisher	<i>Actenoides hombroni</i>	Philippine Endemic

**Bee-eaters**

Blue-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops viridis</i>	
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**Hornbills**

Luzon Hornbill	<i>Penelopides manillae</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mindanao Hornbill	<i>Penelopides affinis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Writhed Hornbill	<i>Aceros leucocephalus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Palawan Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros marchei</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rufous Hornbill	<i>Buceros hydrocorax</i>	Philippine Endemic
ssp. mindanensis		

**Barbets**

Coppersmith Barbet ssp. haemacephala ssp. mindanensis	<i>Megalaima haemacephala</i>	
<b>Woodpeckers</b>		
Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker ssp. validirostris ssp. fulvifasciatus	<i>Dendrocopos maculatus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Sooty Woodpecker ssp. fuliginosus	<i>Mulleripicus funebris</i>	Philippine Endemic
Great Slaty Woodpecker (H)	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>	
White-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>	
Greater Flameback ssp. haematribon	<i>Chrysocolaptes lucidus</i>	
Common Flameback	<i>Dinopium javanense everetti</i>	
<b>Pittas</b>		
Red-bellied Pitta ssp. erythrogaster	<i>Pitta erythrogaster</i>	
Hooded Pitta ssp. palawanensis ssp. Sordida (H)	<i>Pitta sordida</i>	
Steere's (Azure-breasted) Pitta	<i>Pitta steerii</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Martins, Swallows</b>		
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	
Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>	
Striated Swallow	<i>Cecropis striolata</i>	
<b>Cuckoo-shrikes, Trillers, Minivets</b>		
Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike ssp. difficilis / striata ssp. boholensis / kochii / panayensis	<i>Coracina striata</i>	
Blackish Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina coerulescens</i>	Philippine Endemic
Black-bibbed Cuckoo-shrike ssp. ripleyi / mindanensis	<i>Coracina mindanensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
McGregor's Cuckoo-shrike	<i>Coracina mcgregori</i>	Philippine Endemic
Black-and-white Triller ssp. minor	<i>Lalage melanoleuca</i>	Philippine Endemic
Pied Triller	<i>Lalage nigra chilensis</i>	
Fiery Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus igneus</i>	
Scarlet Minivet ssp. gonzalesi / johnstoniae	<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	
<b>Leafbirds, Ioras</b>		
Philippine Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis flavipennis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Yellow-throated Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis palawanensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>	
<b>Bulbuls</b>		
Black-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus atriceps</i>	
Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus goiavier</i>	
Yellow-wattled Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus urostictus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Grey-cheeked Bulbul	<i>Criniger bres</i>	
Sulphur-bellied Bulbul	<i>Iole palawanensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Philippine Bulbul	<i>Ixos philippinus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Yellowish Bulbul	<i>Ixos (everetti) everetti</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Drongos</b>		
Ashy Drongo	<i>Dicrurus leucophaeus</i>	
Luzon Balicassiao	<i>Dicrurus (balicassius) balicassius</i>	Philippine Endemic
Palawan Drongo	<i>Dicrurus (hottentottus) palawanensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mindanao Drongo	<i>Dicrurus (bracteatus) striatus</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Orioles, Fairy-Bluebirds</b>		

Dark-throated Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthonotus</i>	
Philippine Oriole	<i>Oriolus steerii</i>	Philippine Endemic
White-lored Oriole	<i>Oriolus albiloris</i>	Philippine Endemic
Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>	
Philippine Fairy-Bluebird	<i>Irena cyanogastra</i>	Philippine Endemic
Asian Fairy-Bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>	
<b>Crows</b>		
Palawan Crow	<i>Corvus pusillus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Large-billed Crow	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>	
<b>Tits</b>		
Palawan Tit	<i>Parus amabilis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Elegant Tit	<i>Parus elegans</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Nuthatches</b>		
Sulphur-billed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta oenochlamys</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Rhabdornis (Creepers)</b>		
Stripe-headed Rhabdornis	<i>Rhabdornis mystacalis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis	<i>Rhabdornis inornatus</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Babblers</b>		
Bagobo Babbler	<i>Leonardina woodi</i>	Philippine Endemic
Ashy-headed Babbler	<i>Malacocincla cinereiceps</i>	Philippine Endemic
Melodious Babbler	<i>Malacopteron palawanense</i>	Philippine Endemic
Falcated Ground-Babbler	<i>Ptilocichla falcata</i>	Philippine Endemic
Streaked Ground-Babbler	<i>Ptilocichla mindanensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mindanao Pygmy Babbler	<i>Stachyris plateni</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rusty-crowned Babbler	<i>Stachyris capitalis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Bold-striped Tit-babbler	<i>Macronous bornensis</i>	
Brown Tit-Babbler	<i>Macronous striaticeps</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Robins, Shamans, Thrushes</b>		
White-browed Shortwing	<i>Brachypteryx montana</i>	
ssp. mindanensis		
White-browed Shama	<i>Copsychus (luzoniensis) luzoniensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
White-vented Shama	<i>Copsychus niger</i>	Philippine Endemic
Island Thrush	<i>Turdus poliocephalus</i>	
ssp. katanglad		
Eyebrowed Thrush	<i>Turdus obscurus</i>	
<b>Old World Warblers</b>		
Arctic Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>	
Mountain Leaf-Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trivirgatus</i>	
ssp. flavostriatus		
Oriental Reed-Warbler (H)	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>	
Tawny Grassbird	<i>Megalurus timoriensis</i>	
Striated Grassbird	<i>Megalurus palustris forbesi</i>	
Philippine Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus castaneiceps</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rufous-fronted Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus frontalis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Grey-backed Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus derbianus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mountain Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus cuculatus</i>	
Rufous-headed Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus heterolaemus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rufous-tailed Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sericeus</i>	
Black-headed Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus nigriceps</i>	Philippine Endemic
Bright-capped Cisticola (H)	<i>Cisticola exilis</i>	
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	
Long-tailed Ground-Warbler	<i>Bradypterus caudatus</i>	Philippine Endemic
ssp. unicolor		
<b>Flycatchers</b>		
Grey-streaked Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa griseisticta</i>	
Mountain Verditer-Flycatcher	<i>Eumyias panayensis</i>	
ssp. nigriloris		

Mugimaki Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula mugimaki</i>	
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula hyperythra</i>	
Palawan Flycatcher (H)	<i>Ficedula platenae</i>	Philippine Endemic
Little Pied Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula westermanni</i>	
Palawan Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis lemprieri</i>	Philippine Endemic
Pied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura javanica</i>	
Blue Fantail	<i>Rhipidura superciliaris</i>	Philippine Endemic
Luzon Blue-headed Fantail	<i>Rhipidura (cyaniceps) cyaniceps</i>	Philippine Endemic
Black-and-cinnamon Fantail	<i>Rhipidura nigrocinnamomea</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mindanao Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone (cinnamomea) cinnamomea</i>	Philippine Endemic
Rufous Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone (cinnamomea) unirufa</i>	Philippine Endemic
Blue Paradise-Flycatcher	<i>Terpsiphone cyanescens</i>	Philippine Endemic
Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>	
ssp. azurea		
Celestial Monarch	<i>Hypothymis coelestis</i>	Philippine Endemic
Short-crested Monarch	<i>Hypothymis helenae</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Whistlers</b>		
Yellow-bellied Whistler	<i>Pachycephala philippinensis</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Wagtails, Pipits</b>		
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	
Eastern Yellow Wagtail	<i>Motacilla simillima</i>	
Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus lugubris</i>	
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	
<b>Wood-swallows</b>		
White-breasted Wood-swallow	<i>Artamus leucorynchus</i>	
<b>Shrikes</b>		
Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach nasutus</i>	
Brown Shrike	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>	
<b>Starlings</b>		
Short-tailed Glossy Starling	<i>Aplonis minor todayensis</i>	
Asian Glossy Starling	<i>Aplonis panayensis</i>	
Coletto	<i>Sarcops calvus</i>	Near-Endemic
Apo Myna	<i>Basilornis miranda</i>	Philippine Endemic
Eastern Hill Mynah	<i>Gracula religiosa palawanensis</i>	
<b>Sunbirds, Spiderhunters</b>		
Plain-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>	
Copper-throated Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma calcostetha</i>	
Olive-backed Sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>	
Purple-throated Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma sperata</i>	
ssp. sperata / trochilus		
Grey-hooded Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga primigenia</i>	Philippine Endemic
Metallic-winged Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga pulcherrima</i>	Philippine Endemic
Apo Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga boltoni</i>	Philippine Endemic
Lovely (Shelley's) Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga shelleyi</i>	Philippine Endemic
Handsome Sunbird	<i>Aethopyga bella</i>	Philippine Endemic
Naked-faced Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera clarae</i>	Philippine Endemic
ssp. clarae / malindangensis		
Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>	
ssp. dilutior		
ssp. flammifera		
<b>Flowerpeckers</b>		
Olive-backed Flowerpecker	<i>Prionochilus olivaceus</i>	Philippine Endemic
Palawan Flowerpecker	<i>Prionochilus plateni</i>	Philippine Endemic
Striped Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum aeruginosum</i>	Philippine Endemic
ssp. striatissimum / aeruginosum		
Olive-capped Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum nigrilore</i>	Philippine Endemic
Bicolored Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum bicolor</i>	Philippine Endemic

Red-keeled Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum australe</i>	Philippine Endemic
Buzzing Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum hypoleucum</i>	Philippine Endemic
ssp. cagayanensis / obscurum		
ssp. pontifex / mindanense / hypoleucum		
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum trigonostigma</i>	
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>	
Pygmy Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum pygmaeum</i>	Philippine Endemic
ssp. palawanorum		
ssp. pygmaeum		
<b>White-eyes</b>		
Everett's White-eye	<i>Zosterops everetti</i>	
Yellowish White-eye	<i>Zosterops nigrorum</i>	Philippine Endemic
Mountain White-eye	<i>Zosterops montanus</i>	
ssp. diuatae / vulcani		
Black-masked White-eye	<i>Lophozosterops goodfellowi</i>	Philippine Endemic
Cinnamon Ibon	<i>Hypocryptadius cinnamomeus</i>	Philippine Endemic
<b>Old World Sparrows, Weavers</b>		
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	
<b>Avadavats, Parrotfinches, Munias</b>		
Red-eared Parrotfinch	<i>Erythrura coloria</i>	Philippine Endemic
White-bellied Munia	<i>Lonchura leucogastra</i>	
Scaly-breasted Munia	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>	
Black-headed Munia	<i>Lonchura malacca</i>	
<b>Finches, Crossbills</b>		
White-cheeked Bullfinch	<i>Pyrrhula leucogenis</i>	Philippine Endemic

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