

# RAINBOW LODGE BIRD SURVEY

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I attempted to discover and record as many bird species as possible during my stay to help provide the basis for a lodge area bird list. Visual recognition was used whenever possible, but the majority of encounters with the birdlife here is aural in nature. The habitats around the lodge are dense with bamboo, making bird location frequently a challenge.

Any hope to build a more representative and complete list will require repeated observation throughout the calendar year. Certain families (eg. barbets) were underreported due to being silent at this time of year, while pittas were frequently heard during my stay.

There is also a complete lack of migratory species at this time of year, which, when present will add many more species to the list.

Seasonal rains, heavy at times, suppressed bird activity as well as my attempts to record it.

Observations generally began at first light and continued till dusk. As a result only one nocturnal species was recorded, a collared scops owl calling on the lodge grounds.

Multiple climbs were made above the lodge to explore the more heavily forested areas and a hike was made to and from the waterfall. A camping excursion to the rapids area was also included in the itinerary. The falls were visited by kayak as well. This provided me with an overview of the areas most frequently utilized by visitors at the lodge.

## SPECIES LIST

1. LESSER WHISTLING DUCK, *D. javanica*; riverine with 10 seen during the kayak trip to the falls
2. ORIENTAL DARTER, *A. melanogaster*; 1 seen at river confluence
3. CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE, *S. cheela*; 1
4. RED-WATTLED LAPWING, *V. indicus*; multiple vocalizations from downriver, probably associated with agricultural clearing
5. GREEN IMPERIAL PIGEON, *D. aenea*; most days with up to 6 in a flock
6. SPOTTED DOVE, *S. chinensis*; 3 sightings in cleared fields along river
7. EMERALD DOVE, *C. indica*; single and a pair seen in second growth behind lodge
8. TRERON green pigeon, unidentified to species; group of 4 in flight
9. VERNAL HANGING PARROT, *L. vernalis*; 3 days in forest above
10. GREEN-BILLED MALKOHA, *P. tristis*; seen 4 times both on hill above lodge and below in garden outside my cottage.

11. GREATER COUCAL, *C. sinensis*; daily in second growth scrubby areas around lodge and river.
12. COLLARED SCOPS OWL, *O. lettia*; calling outside bungalow
13. GREAT EARED NIGHTJAR, *E. macrotis*; one flushed from a presumed roosting site along the stream trail that runs on the northern part of the lodge property. Also seen at dusk over river.
14. GERMAIN'S SWIFTLET, *A. germani*; few seen at river landing near road
15. ASIAN PALM SWIFT, *C. balasiensis*; common
16. HIRUNDAPUS needletail; species identification uncertain, but appeared to be silver-backed, *H. cochinensis*, although brown-backed, *H. giganteus* is probably the species to be expected here. Multiple sightings of small groups over river.
17. ORANGE-BREASTED TROGON, *H. oreskios*; 1 seen and heard daily in forest above lodge.
18. RED-HEADED TROGON, *H. erythrocephalus*; 1 male responded to tape recording, allowing prolonged views at close range. Heard twice. Upper forest
19. BLUE-EARED KINGFISHER, *A. meninting*; 1 observed from kayak to waterfalls. A second unidentified Alcedo kingfisher was seen in flight near the rapids
20. BLUE-BEARDED BEE-EATER, *N. athertoni*; a group of 3 feeding in trees near Janet's house on 24<sup>th</sup>.
21. CHESTNUT-HEADED BEE-EATER, *M. leschenaultia*; most days singles seen along river
22. ORIENTAL PIED HORNBILL, *A. albirostris*; heard daily, 2 seen near rapids
23. GREAT HORNBILL, *B. bicornis*; heard twice on forested ridge above lodge
24. BLUE-EARED BARBET, *M. australis*; individuals heard on 2 days above
25. GREEN-EARED BARBET, *M. faiostricta*; one heard in forest near waterfall
26. LACED WOODPECKER, *P. vittatus*; a pair seen daily on lodge grounds and encountered 3 times in forest above lodge.
27. GREATER FLAMEBACK, *C. lucidus*; heard on 2 occasions above
28. BLACK AND BUFF WOODPECKER, *M. jugularis*; one observed in trees near Janet's house
29. BLACK AND RED BROADBILL, *C. macrorhynchus*; one seen flying along river below rapids
30. BANDED BROADBILL, *E. javanicus*; heard on trail to waterfall on 29<sup>th</sup>.
31. HOODED PITTA, *P. sordida*, heard most days both above and near lodge. One taped into view.
32. BLUE-WINGED PITTA, *P. moluccensis*; common around lodge in the scrub and bamboo. Taped into view.
33. BLUE PITTA, *P. cyanea*, heard daily above lodge. One flushed from trail. Unable to lure into view using tape.
34. SCARLET MINIVET, *P. speciosus*; male seen twice above with feeding flocks
35. LARGE WOODSHRIKE, *T. gularis*; one seen with feeding flock
36. BLACK-NAPED MONARCH, *H. azurea*; very common throughout
37. ASHY DRONGO, *D. leucophaeus*; a pair observed above lodge, calls heard most days

38. GREATER RACKET-TAILED DRONGO, *D. paradiseus*, very common throughout, very vocal.
39. RACKET-TAILED TREEPIE, *C. temia*; second growth scrub around lodge.
40. CRIMSON SUNBIRD, *A. siparaja*; common on lodge grounds
41. BROWN-THROATED SUNBIRD, *A. malacensis*; a male seen feeding in a flowering shrub on grounds
42. RUBY-CHEEKED SUNBIRD, *C. singalensis*; female seen on grounds
43. LITTLE SPIDERHUNTER, *A. longirostra*; one seen on grounds
44. SCARLET-BACKED FLOWERPECKER, *D. cruentatum*; very common throughout
45. BLUE-WINGED LEAFBIRD, *C. cochichinensis*, common in forest
46. ASIAN FAIRY BLUEBIRD, *I. puella*; common in forest, one of the most frequent vocalizations encountered above.
47. COMMON MYNA, *A. tristis*, few seen near cleared areas
48. COMMON HILL-MYNA, *G. religiosa*; conspicuous around lodge, especially calling
49. ORIENTAL MAGPIE ROBIN, *C. saularis*, female seen near lodge
50. WHITE-RUMPED SHAMA, *C. malabaricus*, very common throughout, especially in bamboo, frequent vocalizations heard
51. BLACK-HEADED BULBUL, *P. atriceps*; one on grounds
52. BLACK-CRESTED BULBUL, *P. flaviventris*; daily both above and around lodge
53. STRIPE-THROATED BULBUL, *P. finlaysoni*; common throughout
54. GREY-EYED BULBUL, *I. propinqua*; most days heard above, 2 seen
55. OCHRACEOUS BULBUL, *A. ochraceus*; common in small parties in forest above. Often seen at mid-levels
56. HOUSE (PACIFIC) SWALLOW, *H. tahitica*; few seen on river near rapids
57. YELLOW-BELLIED WARBLER, *A. superciliaris*; seen on 4 occasions, always associated with bamboo
58. PIN-STRIPED TIT-BABBLER, *M. gularis*; very common throughout, vocal
59. PUFF-THROATED BABBLER, *P. ruficeps*; encountered daily, vocal
60. ABBOTT'S BABBLER, *M. abbotti*; seen most days in forest above, tape responsive
61. SCALY-CROWNED BABBLER, *M. cinereum*; small groups seen 3 times in forest above lodge
62. WHITE-BROWED SCIMITAR-BABBLER, *P. schisticeps*; seen and heard daily throughout in small groups, often associated with next specie. Often in bamboo.
63. WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHING THRUSH, *G. leucolophus*, vocal groups encountered daily, including around the lodge.
64. DARK-NECKED TAILORBIRD, *O. atrogularis*; common throughout