

Birding Malaysia and Singapore – 22nd June 2015

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A male Blyth's Frogmouth at its day roost at Pantí. Photo © Lim Kim Seng

Mike Newey, a birder from Canada, wanted to see a frogmouth and so we arrange an early visit to Pantí, the famed bird magnet 60 km north of Singapore. We got over the border into Johor quite quickly and were at Pantí by 6.15 am. I drove to the spot when a pair of Blyth's Frogmouths has been seen recently. It was getting bright by the time we reached the spot and a couple of frantic minutes went by before we found a male sitting quietly in a branch well hidden by leaves. We lost it again when it got bright and it took another half an hour of searching before we found it again, perched quietly on a higher branch. After we got some photographs, we left it alone and explored the area around the 5 km stream. We saw two White-handed Gibbons staring at us as we added Raffles's and Chestnut-breasted Malkohas, the rarely seen Olive-backed Woodpecker and a party of four Buff-rumped Woodpeckers.



One of four Buff-rumped Woodpeckers we saw at Pantí. Photo © Lim Kim Seng

We also explored the shrine and the temple trail and saw White-chested Babbler, Black-naped Monarch and Rufous-tailed Tailorbird to add to our growing list. The trogons and broadbills were however not cooperative and we didn't see them. We did see four different flowerpeckers and five species of sunbirds, so it wasn't a bad day.

We left Pantí at 12.00 pm with 65 species of birds seen and heard, and headed to Kota Tinggi for lunch. There was some congestion when we got to the causeway but thankfully we got through to the other side by 2.40 pm.

At 3.00 pm, we stopped by Lorong Halus Wetland to look for open country species and in particular, Savanna Nightjar. We saw it after a quick search of the reedbeds in desert-like conditions. Other birds located here included White-bellied Sea Eagle, Long-tailed Shrike, Paddyfield Pipit and Baya Weaver.

At 3.45 pm, we arrived at our final spot for the day, Pasir Ris Park. Mike had seen Spotted Wood Owls before but it was still a treat to see them again, roosting in the sanctuary of a tall tree. We also found a

flock of Oriental Pied Hornbills and then we stopped by the mangrove boardwalk. We were pleasantly surprised to see a roosting Buffy Fish Owl, much to Mike's delight, to end the day on a high.

Our day list was 91 species and this included one frogmouth, one nightjar and two owls. What a day!



A roosting Buffy Fish Owl at Pasir Ris Park. Photo © Lim Kim Seng

A Checklist of the Birds Recorded in Malaysia and Singapore on 22nd June 2015

Nomenclature, sequence and taxonomy follow IOC. Species highlighted in yellow indicate those that were "heard only".

#	English Name	Scientific Name
1	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>
2	White-bellied Sea Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>
3	Spotted Dove	<i>Spilopelia chinensis</i>
4	Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
5	Zebra Dove	<i>Geopelia striata</i>
6	Little Green Pigeon	<i>Treron olax</i>
7	Pink-necked Green Pigeon	<i>Treron vernans</i>
8	Raffles's Malkoha	<i>Rhinortha chlorophaea</i>
9	Chestnut-breasted Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus curvirostris</i>
10	Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>
11	Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>
12	Buffy Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa ketupu</i>
13	Spotted Wood Owl	<i>Strix selouto</i>
14	Blyth's Frogmouth	<i>Batrachostomus affinis</i>
15	Malaysian Eared Nightjar	<i>Lyncornis temminckii</i>
16	Savanna Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus affinis</i>
17	Whiskered Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne comata</i>
18	Scarlet-rumped Trogon	<i>Harpactes duvaucelii</i>
19	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus chloris</i>
20	Red-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis amictus</i>
21	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>
22	Red-crowned Barbet	<i>Megalaima rafflesii</i>
23	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Megalaima australis</i>
24	Brown Barbet	<i>Caloramphus fuliginosus</i>
25	Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopus moluccensis</i>
26	Banded Woodpecker	<i>Chrysophlegma miniaceum</i>
27	Checker-throated Woodpecker	<i>Chrysophlegma mentale</i>
28	Olive-backed Woodpecker	<i>Dinopium rafflesii</i>
29	Maroon Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus rubiginosus</i>
30	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>
31	Buff-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Meiglyptes tristis</i>
32	Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus galgulus</i>
33	Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>
34	Black-and-yellow Broadbill	<i>Eurylaimus ochromalus</i>
35	Dusky Broadbill	<i>Corydon sumatranus</i>
36	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
37	Green Iora	<i>Aegithina viridissima</i>
38	Lesser Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina fimbriata</i>
39	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>
40	Long-tailed Shrike	<i>Lanius schach</i>

41	White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>
42	Dark-throated Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthonotus</i>
43	Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>
44	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
45	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
46	House Crow	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
47	Puff-backed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus eutilotus</i>
48	Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus goiavier</i>
49	Cream-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus simplex</i>
50	Asian Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus brunneus</i>
51	Spectacled Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos</i>
52	Finsch's Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus finschii</i>
53	Yellow-bellied Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus phaeocephalus</i>
54	Hairy-backed Bulbul	<i>Tricholestes criniger</i>
55	Buff-vented Bulbul	<i>Iole olivacea</i>
56	Streaked Bulbul	<i>Ixos malaccensis</i>
57	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>
58	Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>
59	Rufous-tailed Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sericeus</i>
60	Ashy Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus ruficeps</i>
61	Chestnut-rumped Babbler	<i>Stachyris maculata</i>
62	Rufous-fronted Babbler	<i>Stachyridopsis rufifrons</i>
63	Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	<i>Macronous gularis</i>
64	Short-tailed Babbler	<i>Malacocincla malaccensis</i>
65	Sooty-capped Babbler	<i>Malacopteron affine</i>
66	White-chested Babbler	<i>Trichastoma rostratum</i>
67	Black-capped Babbler	<i>Pellorneum capistratum</i>
68	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>
69	Asian Glossy Starling	<i>Aplonis panayensis</i>
70	Javan Myna	<i>Acridotheres javanicus</i>
71	Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
72	Oriental Magpie-Robin	<i>Copsychus saularis</i>
73	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
74	Pale Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis unicolor</i>
75	White-crowned Forktail	<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>
76	Greater Green Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis sonnerati</i>
77	Lesser Green Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cyanopogon</i>
78	Blue-winged Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>
79	Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Prionochilus maculatus</i>
80	Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Prionochilus percussus</i>
81	Orange-bellied Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum trigonostigma</i>

82	Plain Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum minullum</i>
83	Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	<i>Chalcoparia singalensis</i>
84	Plain Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes simplex</i>
85	Brown-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes malacensis</i>
86	Red-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes rhodolaemus</i>
87	Purple-naped Sunbird	<i>Hypogramma hypogrammicum</i>
88	Van Hasselt's Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma brasiliana</i>
89	Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>
90	Baya Weaver	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>
91	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>



A friendly White-chested Babbler at Panti. Photo © Lim Kim Seng