

Birding Pantí – 6 & 7 June 2015

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A male Scarlet-rumped Trogon at Pantí. Photo © Lim Kim Seng

Due to traffic congestion at the border, we got to Pantí rather later than we would have liked. Don Hewes, a birder from Sydney, Australia, wanted to sample the birds at Pantí and so we arranged for a weekend trip in peak season, when a lot of the resident birds will be active. We got there close to 9.00 am(!) and explored the area around the tower. It was cloudy and humid. Our first birds of the day included Cream-vented and Buff-vented Bulbuls and a male Blue-winged Leafbird. Back on the road, we drove on slowly past the swamp and stopped at the temple trail. Action was slow as we added more common birds such as Raffles's and Chestnut-bellied Malkoha, Checker-throated Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Bulbul, Pin-striped Tit-babbler, Yellow-breasted and Crimson-breasted Flowerpeckers. The first bird to greet us was a gorgeous male Scarlet-rumped Trogon that was perched just above the road. We got great views and then moved into the temple trail. It was cooler and shady inside the old forest and

we encountered a wave of babblers comprising Black-capped, Chestnut-rumped, Chestnut-winged and Rufous-fronted. We stopped near the temple and added White-rumped Munia in the oil palm plantation.



A Yellow-bellied Bulbul peeps at us from the bushes at Panti. Photo © Lim Kim Seng

As the temperature rose, we returned to the main track and explored it all the way to the 7 km mark before turning back at 12.00 pm.

We had lunch, checked into our hotel and had a short siesta before returning for the afternoon birding session. It was generally quiet but we did add a calling Rufous-tailed Shama near the shrine, and had a fruitful evening stop at the 5 km stream where we spotted a roosting Buffy Fish Owl and a fly-by Blue-eared Kingfisher. We stopped at 6.30 pm. Back at Kota Tinggi, we had a sumptuous seafood dinner to celebrate our success at seeing some of Panti's fabulous birds and returned to our hotel for an early night's rest.

We were up early and were in Panti before 6.00 am. We drove along the main road in search of calling owls and nightjars but did not record any. We did however see a Large-tailed Nightjar and heard a distant Malaysian Eared Nightjar just before dawn broke. The only animal we saw during the pre-dawn drive was a large male Wild Boar.

At dawn, we spent some time exploring the clearing at the 8 km mark and then retreated into the forest, birding along the way, before stopping at the 5 km stream. Here we found another Scarlet-rumped Trogon, Maroon Woodpecker and the cracking Chestnut-naped Forktail. We also spent some time at the temple trail and found a small wave comprising Rufous, Checker-throated and Crimson-winged Woodpeckers, Raffles's and Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, Rufous-winged Philentoma and Yellow-bellied Bulbul.

We did one final check at the tower trail but it was quiet and then it rained. At 11.00 am, we left Panti having picked up 109 species in just one-and-a-half days of birding. Birds weren't the only wildlife present as we also saw quite a few mammals including Pig-tailed and Long-tailed Macaques, Dusky Leaf Monkey, Wild Pig, Common Treeshrew, and Slender, Plantain, Black-banded and Three-striped Ground Squirrels.



A Black-thighed Falconet perched on a tall tree at Panti. Photo © Lim Kim Seng

A Checklist of the Birds Recorded at Panti Forest Reserve on 6th and 7th June 2015

Sequence, taxonomy and nomenclature follow IOC. Species highlighted in yellow indicate those that were heard only while those marked with an asterisk indicate species that were seen outside Panti.

#	English Name	Scientific Name
1	Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>
2	Grey Heron*	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
3	Crested Serpent Eagle	<i>Spilornis cheela</i>
4	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatous</i>
5	Rock Dove*	<i>Columba livia</i>
6	Common Emerald Dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>
7	Little Green Pigeon	<i>Treron olax</i>
8	Pink-necked Green Pigeon	<i>Treron vernans</i>
9	Greater Coucal	<i>Centropus sinensis</i>
10	Raffles's Malkoha	<i>Rhinortha chlorophaea</i>
11	Red-billed Malkoha	<i>Zanlostomus javanicus</i>
12	Chestnut-breasted Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus curvirostris</i>
13	Chestnut-bellied Malkoha	<i>Phaenicophaeus sumatranus</i>
14	Violet Cuckoo	<i>Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus</i>
15	Banded Bay Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis sonneratii</i>
16	Plaintive Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis merulinus</i>
17	Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo	<i>Surniculus lugubris</i>
18	Indian Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>
19	Buffy Fish Owl	<i>Ketupa ketupu</i>
20	Malaysian Eared Nightjar	<i>Lyncornis temminckii</i>
21	Large-tailed Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus macrurus</i>
22	Grey-rumped Treeswift	<i>Hemiprocne longipennis</i>
23	Scarlet-rumped Trogon	<i>Harpactes duvaucelii</i>
24	Banded Kingfisher	<i>Lacedo pulchella</i>
25	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnenensis</i>
26	Blue-eared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo meninting</i>
27	Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>
28	Red-bearded Bee-eater	<i>Nyctyornis amictus</i>
29	Blue-throated Bee-eater	<i>Merops viridis</i>
30	Oriental Pied Hornbill	<i>Anthracoceros albirostris</i>
31	Rhinoceros Hornbill	<i>Buceros rhinoceros</i>
32	Red-crowned Barbet	<i>Megalaima rafflesii</i>
33	Blue-eared Barbet	<i>Megalaima australis</i>
34	Brown Barbet	<i>Caloramphus fuliginosus</i>
35	Banded Woodpecker	<i>Chrysophlegma miniaceum</i>
36	Checker-throated Woodpecker	<i>Chrysophlegma mentale</i>

37	Crimson-winged Woodpecker	<i>Picus puniceus</i>
38	Maroon Woodpecker	<i>Blythipicus rubiginosus</i>
39	Rufous Woodpecker	<i>Micropternus brachyurus</i>
40	Black-thighed Falconet	<i>Microhierax fringillarius</i>
41	Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot	<i>Loriculus galgulus</i>
42	Black-and-red Broadbill	<i>Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos</i>
43	Banded Broadbill	<i>Eurylaimus javanicus</i>
44	Dusky Broadbill	<i>Corydon sumatranus</i>
45	Golden-bellied Gerygone	<i>Gerygone sulphurea</i>
46	Rufous-winged Philentoma	<i>Philentoma pyroptera</i>
47	Common Iora	<i>Aegithina tiphia</i>
48	Green Iora	<i>Aegithina viridissima</i>
49	Lesser Cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina fimbriata</i>
50	Scarlet Minivet	<i>Pericrocotus speciosus</i>
51	White-bellied Erpornis	<i>Erpornis zantholeuca</i>
52	Dark-throated Oriole	<i>Oriolus xanthonotus</i>
53	Black-naped Oriole	<i>Oriolus chinensis</i>
54	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	<i>Dicrurus paradiseus</i>
55	Malaysian Pied Fantail	<i>Rhipidura javanica</i>
56	Black-naped Monarch	<i>Hypothymis azurea</i>
57	House Crow*	<i>Corvus splendens</i>
58	Black-headed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus atriceps</i>
59	Yellow-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus goiavier</i>
60	Olive-winged Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus plumosus</i>
61	Cream-vented Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus simplex</i>
62	Asian Red-eyed Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus brunneus</i>
63	Spectacled Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus erythrophthalmos</i>
64	Yellow-bellied Bulbul	<i>Alophoixus phaeocephalus</i>
65	Hairy-backed Bulbul	<i>Tricholestes criniger</i>
66	Buff-vented Bulbul	<i>Iole olivacea</i>
67	Streaked Bulbul	<i>Ixos malaccensis</i>
68	Pacific Swallow	<i>Hirundo tahitica</i>
69	Yellow-bellied Prinia	<i>Prinia flavicentris</i>
70	Common Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>
71	Dark-necked Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus atrogularis</i>
72	Rufous-tailed Tailorbird	<i>Orthotomus sericeus</i>
73	Grey-headed Babbler	<i>Stachyris poliocephala</i>
74	Chestnut-rumped Babbler	<i>Stachyris maculata</i>
75	Black-throated Babbler	<i>Stachyris nigricollis</i>
76	Chestnut-winged Babbler	<i>Stachyris erythroptera</i>
77	Rufous-fronted Babbler	<i>Stachyridopsis rufifrons</i>

78	Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	<i>Macronous gularis</i>
79	Fluffy-backed Tit-Babbler	<i>Macronous ptilosus</i>
80	Horsfield's Babbler	<i>Malcocincla sepiaria</i>
81	Moustached Babbler	<i>Malacopteron magnirostre</i>
82	Sooty-capped Babbler	<i>Malacopteron affine</i>
83	Rufous-crowned Babbler	<i>Malacopteron magnum</i>
84	White-chested Babbler	<i>Trichastoma rostratum</i>
85	Black-capped Babbler	<i>Pellorneum capistratum</i>
86	Asian Fairy-bluebird	<i>Irena puella</i>
87	Javan Myna	<i>Acridotheres javanicus</i>
88	Common Myna*	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>
89	Rufous-tailed Shama	<i>Copsychus pyrropygus</i>
90	White-rumped Shama	<i>Copsychus malabaricus</i>
91	Pale Blue Flycatcher	<i>Cyornis unicolor</i>
92	Chestnut-naped Forktail	<i>Enicurus ruficapillus</i>
93	White-crowned Forktail	<i>Enicurus leschenaulti</i>
94	Greater Green Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis sonnerati</i>
95	Lesser Green Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cyanopogon</i>
96	Blue-winged Leafbird	<i>Chloropsis cochinchinensis</i>
97	Yellow-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Prionochilus maculatus</i>
98	Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker	<i>Prionochilus percussus</i>
99	Orange-bellied Flowerpecker	<i>Dicaeum trigonostigma</i>
100	Plain Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes simplex</i>
101	Red-throated Sunbird	<i>Anthreptes rhodolaemus</i>
102	Purple-naped Sunbird	<i>Hypogramma hypogrammicum</i>
103	Van Hasselt's Sunbird	<i>Leptocoma brasiliana</i>
104	Little Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera longirostra</i>
105	Grey-breasted Spiderhunter	<i>Arachnothera robusta</i>
106	Eurasian Tree Sparrow*	<i>Passer montanus</i>
107	White-rumped Munia	<i>Lonchura striata</i>
108	Scaly-breasted Munia*	<i>Lonchura punctulata</i>
109	Paddyfield Pipit	<i>Anthus rufulus</i>