

Java 24-30/7



Photo: Blue-tailed Trogon - Lars Petersson

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This was the third leg of our Indonesia tour, the first being Sulawesi and the second Halmahera. For those places see separate reports.

ITENARY

23/7 Arrived Jakarta late afternoon and took a taxi to Cibodas at the base of Gung Gede and Pangrango. We checked in at Freddy's homestay a few hundred metres below the Botanical garden.

24/7 We started with the Botanical garden and walked slowly up to the Blue lake. In the afternoon we walked up to the waterfall. Lars was a bit ill today.

25/7 We went with Freddy's sons to Puncak which is about one hour drive from Cibodas to see Javan Hawk-eagle at nest which we did. Roger was very ill today and could hardly make it back from the Hawk-eagle. In the afternoon Bengt and Lars walked the trail to above the waterfall.

26/7 Lars and Bengt started at 3.20 to climb the top. They reached Gn Pangrango at 9.20. They were supposed to go to Gn Gede for Vulcano swiftlet but took the wrong turn halfway up and climbed the wrong, and harder, peak. Roger was in no condition for physical work.

27/7 Today it was Bengt's turn to have a lay-in because of the same illness. Lars and Roger walked slowly up to HM38.

28/7 Transport with chartered taxi to Carita on the west coast together with one of Freddy's sons. Afternoon birding almost up to the waterfall.

29/7 The trail up to the waterfall all morning. We met someone with a rifle in the forest! Apparently hunting is going on and also birdtrapping. Afternoon transport to Jakarta.

30/7 Taxi to Muara Angke in the western outskirts of Jakarta. Birding from the tower over the declining marsh. We also took a short look near the coast north of Muara Angke. In the afternoon flight back to Sweden.

Freddy's homestay is the perfect place to stay for doing **Gunung Gede**. Freddy also knows the birds and he has a logbook and can give advice of how to bird at the mountain. His sons are both good birdwatchers and can be hired for guiding. **Puncak** is about an hour's car drive from Cibodas and here is a breeding site for Javan Hawk-eagle. Ask Freddy for arranging a trip to this place. All birdwatching is done along the only trail up the mountain so it is some rather hard days here. Allow four full days and try to avoid weekends when the mountain is full of noisy locals.

Carita on the west coast offers much the same type of birding; along one single trail to a waterfall. The forest is more open and the trail starts at sea level so it gets a bit hot during midday. There are several hotels near the start of the trail but not very many people when we were there.

On Java we did all the travelling by taxi as we felt a bit short of time and all of us have had a flu-like illness and we didn't feel like travel more than necessary. It's of course more expensive to charter a taxi than going by public transport but we considered it to be worth the money anyway.

JAVA 24-30/7

Little Black Cormorant
50 Muara Angke 30/7

Oriental Darter
5 Muara Angke 30/7

Grey Heron
1 Muara Angke 30/7

Purple Heron
5 Muara Angke 30/7

Cattle Egret
Common Carita 28-29/7

Little Egret
Seen Carita-Jakarta 29/7

Javan Pond-Heron
Common Muara Angke 30/7

Black-crowned Night-Heron
3 Muara Angke 30/7

Black Bittern
1 Muara Angke 30/7

Sunda Teal
5 Muara Angke 30/7

Crested Serpent-Eagle
1 Carita 28-29/7

Javan Hawk-Eagle
Ad+juv on nest near Puncak 25/7

Spotted Kestrel
2 Gn Gede 24-25/7

Chestnut-bellied Partridge
Up to 6 birds Gn Gede 25-27/7

Ruddy-breasted Crake
1 Muara Angke 30/7

White-breasted Waterhen
4 Muara Angke 30/7

Purple Swampphen
2 Muara Angke 30/7

Javan Plover
14 by the coast near Muara Angke 30/7
Common Sandpiper

1 by the coast near Muara Angke 30/7

Whiskered Tern

50 by the coast near Muara Angke 30/7

Wedge-tailed Green-Pigeon

2 Gn Gede 26/7

Barred Cuckoo-Dove

2 heard Carita 29/7

Emerald Dove

1 Carita 28/7

Red-breasted Parakeet

4 Muara Angke 30/7

Yellow-throated Hanging-Parrot

3 Puncak 25/7, 3 Botanical Garden, Gn Gede 25/7

Oriental Cuckoo

2 Gn Gede 24/7 and 3 27/7, 1 Carita 28/7

Plaitive Cuckoo

Singles daily Gn Gede

Violet Cuckoo

1 seen Carita 29/7

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha

2 Puncak 25/7

Sunda Coucal

2 Muara Angke 30/7

Javan Scops-Owl

1 lower part of the Gn Gede trail 25-26/7

Salvadori's Nightjar

3 at dusk near a cliff Gn Gede 24/7

Cave Swiftlet

Common Gn Gede

Black-nest Swiftlet

Common Carita and Muara Angke

Blue-tailed Trogon

2 Gn Gede 26-27/7

Collared Kingfisher

1 Gn Gede 24/7, 1 Puncak 25/7, 2 Carita 28/7 and 1 29/7, 1 Muara Angke 30/7

Blue-tailed Beeater

1 Muara Angke 30/7

Brown-throated Barbet

1 Gn Gede 24/7 and 1 27/7, more birds heard.

Orange-fronted Barbet
Seen and heard daily Gn Gede with up to 10 birds.

Blue-eared Barbet
3-4 heard Carita 28-29/7

Rufous Piculet
2 Carita 29/7

Common Goldenback
1 male Carita 29/7

Grey-capped Woodpecker
2 Carita 28/7 and 1 29/7, 1 Muara Angke 30/7

Crimson-winged Woodpecker
2 Gn Gede, by the Blue lake 27/7

Banded Broadbill
Heard daily Gn Gede, 1 heard Carita 28/7

Banded Pitta
1 seen Carita 29/7 and 2 more heard.

Pacific Swallow
Common Carita and Muara Angke.

Striated Swallow
2 Gn Gede 24/7, 2 Muara Angke 30/7

Black-winged Flycatcher-Shrike
3 Gn Gede 24/7, 3 Carita 29/7

Sunda Cuckoo-Shrike
1 Gn Gede 27/7

Small Minivet
3 Carita 29/7

Sunda Minivet
5 Gn Gede 25/7

Scarlet Minivet
4-5 Carita 29/7

Common Iora
Singles Carita 28-29/7

Greater Green Leafbird
1 Carita 29/7

Black-headed Bulbul
5 Carita 28/7 and 2 29/7. The birds where of the grey type.

Sooty-headed Bulbul
Singles Puncak 25/7 and 10 Muara Angke 30/7

Orange-spotted Bulbul
5 Gn Gede 24/7, singles Puncak 25/7

Yellow-vented Bulbul

1 Carita 29/7, 2 Muara Angke 30/7

Grey-cheeked Bulbul

2 Carita 28/7 and 2 29/7

Sunda Bulbul

3-4 Gn Gede 25/7 and 27/7

Ashy Drongo

3 Gn Gede 24/7 and 5 27/7, 4 Carita 29/7

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo

6 Gn Gede 27/7

Racket-tailed Treepie

4 Muara Angke 30/7

Pygmy Tit

4-5 Puncak 25/7

Great Tit

Fairly common Gn Gede and Carita.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch

5-10 Carita 28/7 and 10 29/7

Blue Nuthatch

10 Gn Gede 24/7 and 25 27/7

Black-capped Babbler

5 Carita 28/7

Horsfield's Babbler

1 Gn Gede 24/7 and 1 27/7

Eye-browed Wren-Babbler

3 seen + heard Gn Gede 27/7

Pygmy Wren-Babbler

Fairly common Gn Gede

White-breasted Babbler

2 near the waterfall, Carita 29/7

White-bibbed Babbler

Fairly common Gn Gede

Crescent-chested Babbler

Fairly common Gn Gede

Grey-cheeked Tit-Babbler

1 Carita 28/7 and 3 29/7

If one have the first edition of McKinnon it's impossible to identify this species as it is completely wrong depicted.

Javan Fulvetta

Common Gn Gede

Spotted Crocias

3 H32 Gn Gede 27/7

Rufous-fronted Laughingthrush
15 Gn Gede 27/7

White-browed Shrike-Babbler
4 Gn Gede 27/7

Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler
Fairly common Gn Gede.

Sunda Blue Robin
1 Gn Gede 26/7

White-crowned Forktail
1 Botanical Garden, Gn Gede 26/7

Sunda Whistling-Thrush
Singles Gn Gede

Island Thrush
4 Gn Pangrano 26/7

Sunda Warbler
Fairly common Gn Gede

Mountain Leaf-Warbler
Fairly common Gn Gede

Striated Grassbird
3-4 Puncak 25/7

Javan Tesia
Fairly common Gn Gede

Olive-backed Tailorbird
Fairly common Gn Gede

Mountain Tailorbird
Fairly common Gn Gede

Bar-winged Prinia
2 Puncak 25/7, 2 Gn Gede 26/7, 2 Muara Angke 30/7

Indigo Flycatcher
5 daily Gn Gede

Snowy-browed Flycatcher
Fairly common Gn Gede including recently fledged young.

Little Pied Flycatcher
Singles Gn Gede

Grey-headed Flycatcher
Singles Gn Gede

Rufous-tailed Fantail
4 Puncak 25/7, 10 Gn Gede 26-27/7

Pied Fantail
2 Muara Angke 30/7

White-breasted Woodswallow
1 between Carita and Jakarta 29/7

Long-tailed Shrike
1 Puncak 25/7, 1 Carita 28-29/7

Javan Myna
5 Muara Angke 30/7

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird
4 Carita 28/7 and 5 29/7

Copper-throated Sunbird
1 female Carita 28/7

Olive-backed Sunbird
1 Puncak 25/7

White-flanked Sunbird
Singles Gn Gede

Javan Sunbird
2 Carita 28/7

Long-billed Spiderhunter
1 Carita 29/7

Grey-breasted Spiderhunter
3 Carita 29/7

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker
1 Carita 28/7 and 2 29/7

Blood-breasted Flowerpecker
4 Botanical garden, Gn Gede 24/7, 3 Gn Gede 25/7

Oriental White-eye
Singles Gn Gede and Carita

Javan Grey-throated White-eye
Common Gn Gede

Tawny-breasted Parrotfinch
5 Gn Gede 27/7

Javan Munia
10 Jakarta airport 23/7

Eurasian Tree-Sparrow
Seen

Mountain Serin
10 upper part of Gn Gede 27/7