

# Sulawesi 3-17/7 1999



Photo: Sulawesi Scops Owl and Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher - Lars Petersson

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# **SULAWESI 3-17/7 1999**

This was the first leg of our Indonesia tour. The others being Hlamahera and Java. For those see separate reports.

## **ITINERY**

1-2/7 Departed Sweden from Gothenburg to Amsterdam and from there straight to Jakarta. We then only had one hour until the plane to Ujung Pandang, but we managed this. Arrived UP in the evening and waited in vain for our luggage. Apparently too short time in Jakarta for the airport staff to reload our stuff to the next plane. We were met by Robert from the Wira tour&travel agency that was prebooked from Sweden. They took us to a hotel Wisata in UP and we made a short birding stop en route as it was getting dark. The luggage arrived in the middle of the night to our hotel.

3/7 We had made a deal with the travel agent to pick us up early and go for an extra tour in the wetlands and ricepaddies for a couple of hours before the flight to Palu. Fairly productive birding and a nice introduction to Sulawesi. We arrived in Palu around noon and were met at the airport by Roy from Oued Datu which made most of our arrangements on Sulawesi. A two hour drive took us to Kamarora just inside the Lore Lindu NP. In the afternoon and evening we did some birding around the lodge.

4/7 We started with a walk along the waterfall trail in the morning and the afternoon was spent along the good mainroad up to Dongi-Dongi.

5/7 A predawn start and about one and a half hour drive up to Anaso, where we put up the camp and started to birdwatch. Most of the day was spent on the upper part all the way up to the pass.

6/7 We broke the camp and started to walk down to the main road. The jeep came later and continued to Lake Taming. On the way down we had gripping views of a Purple-bearded beeater and also Maroon-backed whistler. Afternoon was spent around Lake Taming and we arrived back at Kamarora in the evening.

7/7 Kamarora and the waterfall trail in the morning and the road up to about Dongi-Dongi during midday. Afternoon was transport back to Palu and a nice hotel, the Golden hotel. In the evening we had hamburger at kentucky fried chicken.

8/7 A rather nervous wait for our tickets to Manado. We got them only two hours before the flight. The plane made a short stop at Luwuk before landing at Manado. We were met by Jonny from the Oespindo travel agency in the north which Oued Datu has a partnership with. Jonny and the driver took us to Tangkoko, about 2 hours from the airport and we checked in at the Ranger's homestay, which was very good.

9/7 We were assigned with Yunus as guide and he took us around in the forest at the base of Gunung Tangkoko for most of the day and showed us a lot of birds.

10/7 Early start and a five hours sweaty walk up to the top of Gn Tangkoko. We managed to miss the Scaly-breasted kingfisher at the top but we saw a few other good birds and a very nice habitat on the upper parts.

11/7 A short walk in the morning before we were picked up by Jonny and the driver. They took us to

Dumoga Bone which took most of the day non-stop driving including a traffic jam. We checked in at the lodge at Toraut and were the only guests until three english birders arrived shortly afterwards.

12/7 We where assigned with Ojo as guide for the next days. He was good at fruiteating birds, which he had a special interest in. A lot of rain earlier had raised the waterlevel and the bridge across the river just behind the lodge was broken so we had to wade in kneedeep, raft water about 1 km downstream to cross the river and enter the forest. Inside there was a maze of obscure and badly maintained trails, which made birdwatching even harder than it normally is in the jungle. Afternoon was spent in the open areas along the river. In the evening we playbaced and spotlighted a Green-backed kingfisher just behind the lodge.

13/7 We where picked up in the morgning by Ojo and drove to Tambun, about half an hour away and soon heard and saw displaying Maleos. We also spend about an hour at Kosingolan which holds some wetland birds. The afternoon was spent inside the forest but this time we had found out that there was a big log across the river about 100 metres upstream from the lodge which made the rivercrossing much more comfortable. This log was also a good lookout post for birds at the edge of the jungle and along the river.

14/7 Ojo took us on a long walk in the forest to another river where we saw the Great-billed kingfisher which was very high on our list of most wanted birds. Afternoon along the river downstream.

15/7 A short morgning walk produced a limp Chinese egret in one of the pools down the road from the lodge. Jonny and the driver picked us up at 9 and drove us to Manado where we bought tickets for Ternate and went with a boat to Bunaken. We stayed in one of the homestays on the beach.

16/7 A lazy day on the beach and in the water with absolutely fantastic snorkeling. We went back to Manado in the afternoon and checked in at a Celebes hotel Manado near the harbour.

17/7 We took a taxi from the hotel to the airport and the plane for Ternate departed on schedule. Rain met us on Ternate. We took a taxi, with an english-speaking (!) driver to the speedboats that took us across the straight to Halmahera. From Sidangoli we took another taxi about 10 kms inland to Kali Bati Puti. The driver dropped us of at Anu´s place although he wasn´t there, only his wife, Mishke. She agreed to let us stay there for one night. The place is nothing but a wreck and a few days later Mishke took all her belongings and moved to Tobelo, where Anu already had moved to.

### **MISCELLAENOUS**

We tried to do the booking of the tickets from Sweden but the agency, Flygkompaniet in Gothenburg, failed to book the domestic flights and neglected to inform us until one and half week before departure! Fortunately I came in contact with Oued Datu travel agency in Palu who helped us with that. I strongly recommend any traveler in Sulawesi to use the agencies listed on next page to organize your trip. The agencies we used worked all very professional *and we got excellent value for money.*

This is the travel agency that helped us a lot and organized the trip to Lore Lindu  
PT. DUTA WISATA MANDIRI Tours and Travel  
Jl. Tanjung Dako No. 54  
Telp. 62-451-424446  
Fax. 62-451-425486  
PALU - Central Sulawesi  
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The guide was Royke Mananta, who now is a freelance guide. In a recent mail (sept 2000)he told me he has imroved a lot in birdwatching and even got a pair of bins and the Wallacea book. He has also taken birdwatchers to Lore Lindu and on the most recent trip they saw Sulawesi Woodcock. Roy´s adress is:

Royke Mananta  
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PALU - Central Sulawesi  
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In the south we had some help from:

Wira Tour & Travel  
Jalan Gunung Lokon No.25  
P.O. Box 1319  
Ujung Pandang - South Sulawesi  
Indonesia  
Tel (0411) 312298  
Fax (0411) 314652  
Email : wirats@indosat.net.id  
Contact person is Robert

In the north our trip was organized by Oespindo Tours and Travel and the contact is John Tinangon. Unfortunately I don´t have their e-mail or adress. Other travelagencies in the north are:

Metropole Express tours and travel  
Jl. Sam Ratulangi No. ??  
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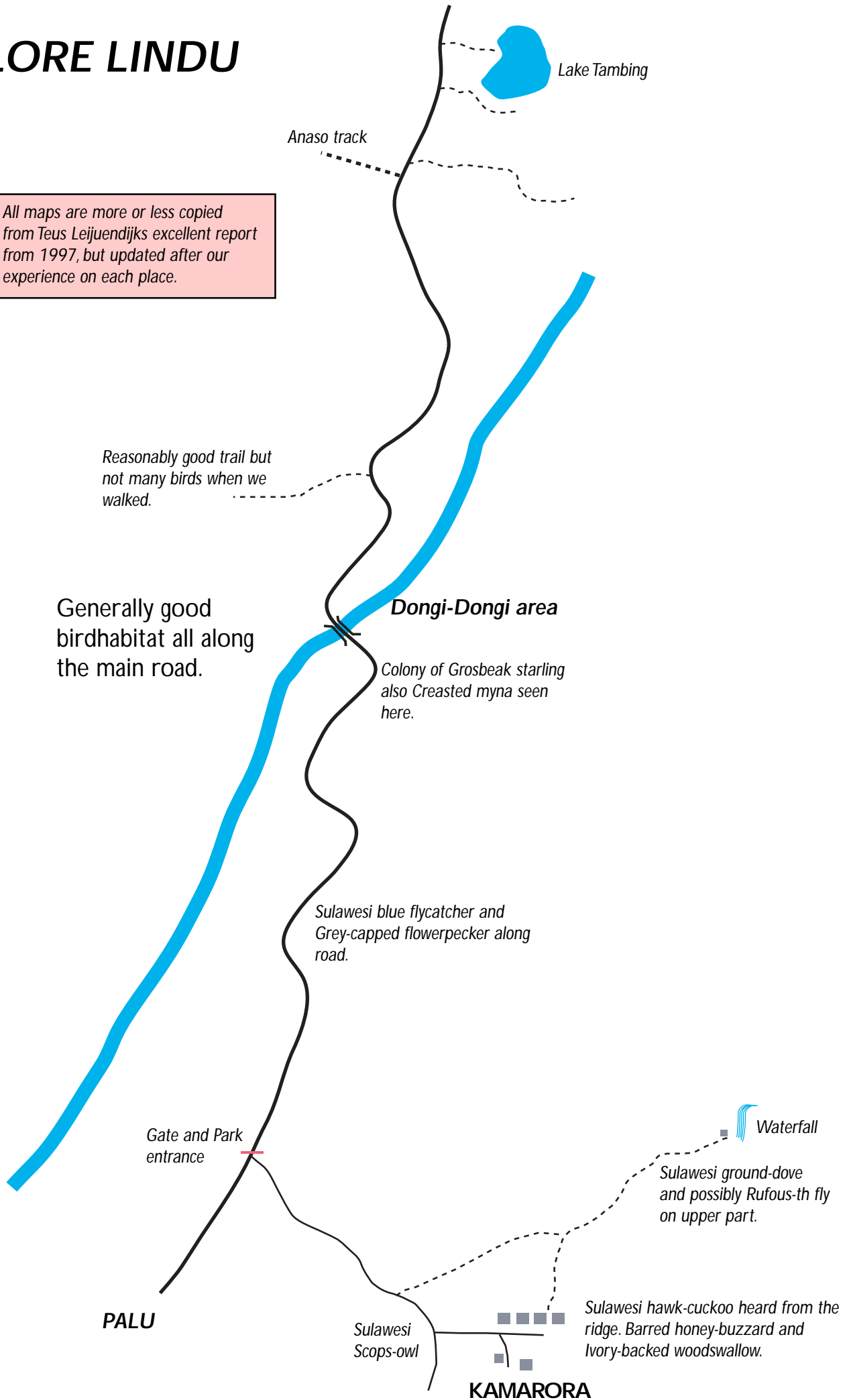
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Another possibility in the central is The Nature Conservacy, Duncan Neville who is English.

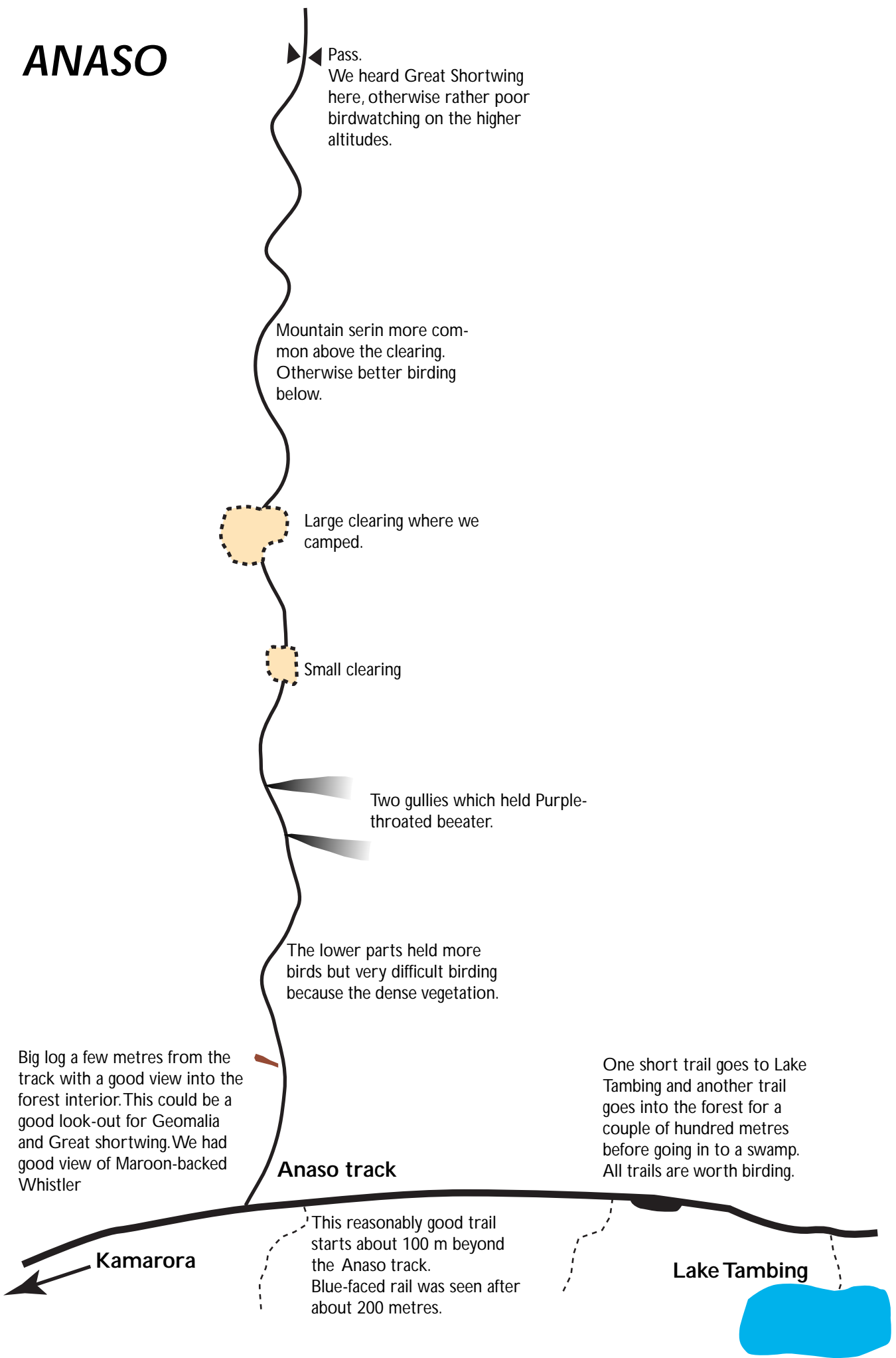
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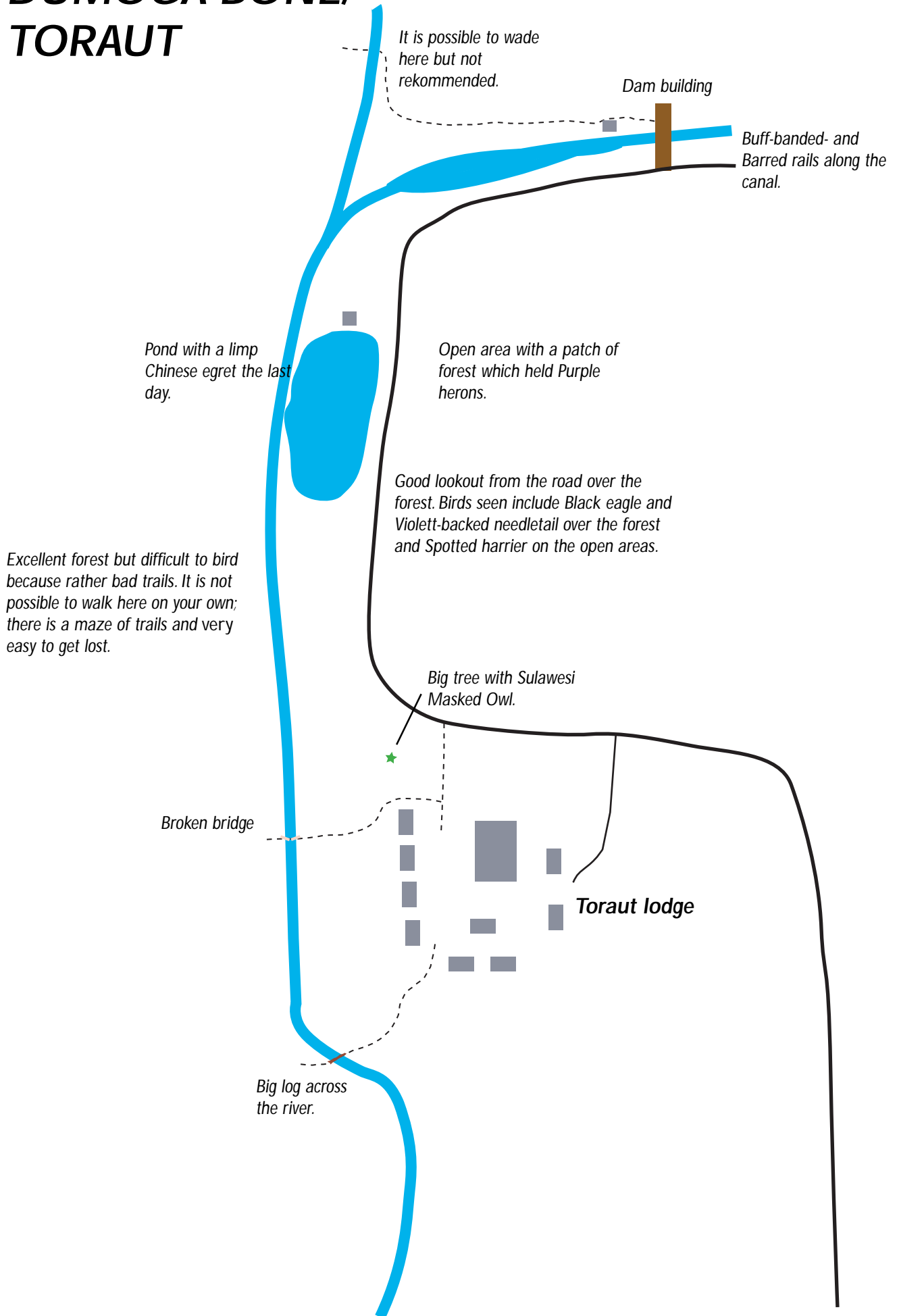
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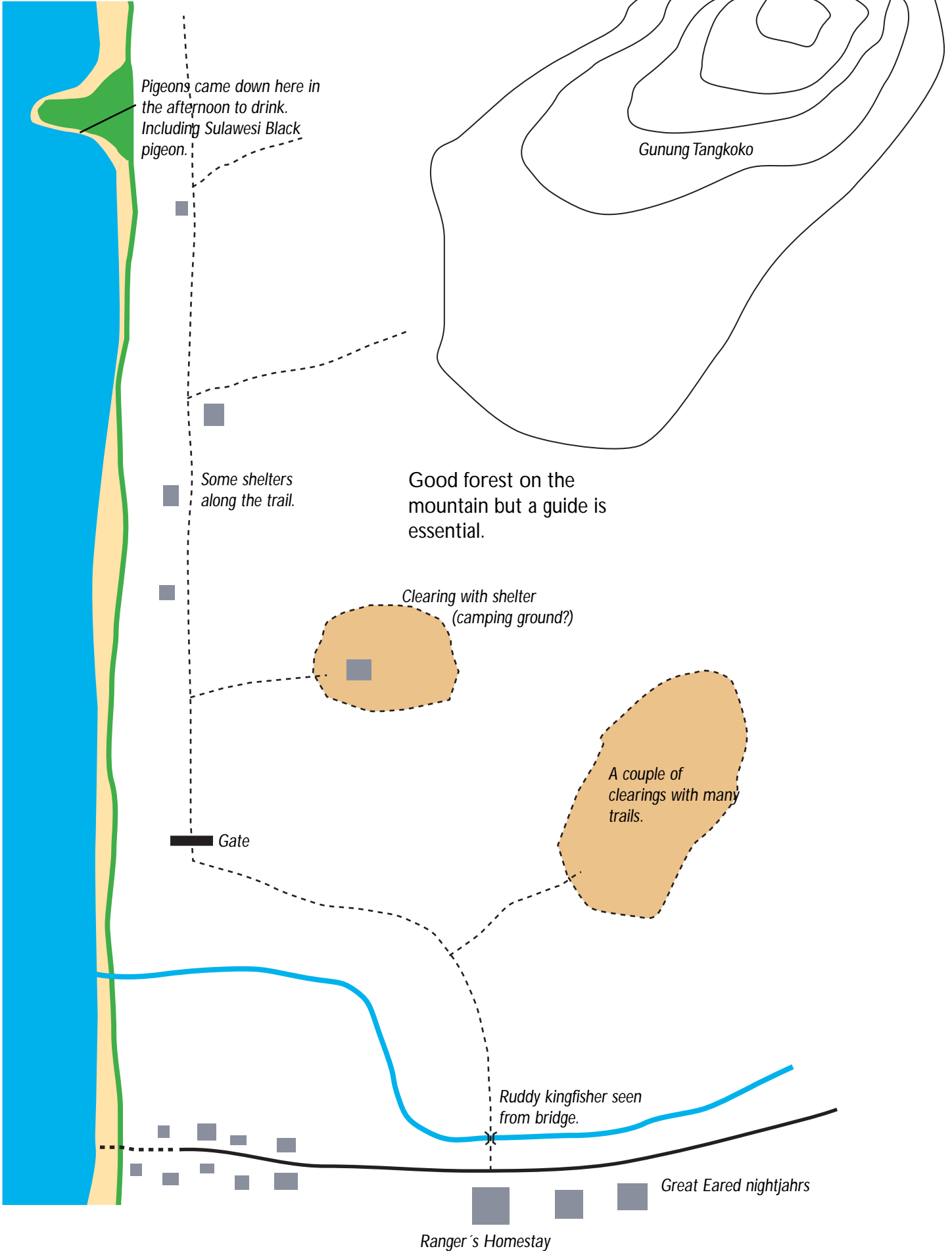
# ANASO



# DUMOGA BONE/ TORAUT



# TANGKOKO



Pigeons came down here in the afternoon to drink. Including Sulawesi Black pigeon.

Gunung Tangkoko

Some shelters along the trail.

Good forest on the mountain but a guide is essential.

Clearing with shelter (camping ground?)

A couple of clearings with many trails.

Gate

Ruddy kingfisher seen from bridge.

Great Eared nightjhrs

Ranger's Homestay



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Frigatebird sp.

3 Tangkoko 9/7

Little Pied Cormorant

2 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Darter

1 Lake Tambing, Lore Lindu 6/7, 1 Toraut, Dumoga Bone 13-14/7

Purple Heron

10 Ujung Pandang 3/7, 2 Lore Lindu 7/7, Common Toraut.

Little Egret

5 between Tangkoko and Dumoga Bone 11/7, Common Tambun-Toraut 13/7, Common Toraut-Manado 15/7.

Cattle Egret

50 Ujung Pandang 3/7, Common lower Lore Lindu 7/7, Common in the north.

Javan Pond-Heron

Common Ujung Pandang 3/7, Common in the north.

Little Heron

5 Ujung Pandang 3/7, 2 Tangkoko 9/7

Cinnamon Bittern

2 Ujung Pandang 3/7, 2 Toraut 11-15/7

Yellow/Schrenk's Bittern

1 Kosingolan near Dumoga Bone 13/7

Barred Honey-Buzzard

4 Kamarora 4/7 and 2 7/7, 1 Toraut 14/7

Brahminy Kite

1 Tangkoko 9/7, 1 Toraut 13/7, 1 Bunaken 16/7

White-bellied Sea-Eagle

1 Tangkoko 9/7

Lesser Fish-Eagle

2 Toraut 13-14/7

Sulawesi Serpent-Eagle

4 Kamarora 4/7, 1 Toraut 15/7

Spotted Harrier

1 female Toraut 12/7

Sulawesi Goshawk

1 Dongi-Dongi 4/7

Spot-tailed Goshawk

1 Anaso 6/7, 1 Tangkoko 9/7

Vinous-breasted Sparrowhawk

1 heard Kamarora 4/7

Black Eagle

2 Toraut 12-14/7

Rufous-bellied Eagle

2 in displayflight Anaso 5/7, 2 Toraut 14-15/7

Sulawesi Hawk-Eagle

1 Anaso 5/7, 2 Kamarora 6-7/7, 1 Tangkoko 9-10/7

Spotted Kestrel

1 Luwuk airport 8/7, 1 Toraut 14/7

Oriental Hobby

1 Toraut 13/7

Wandering Whistling-Duck

12 Toraut 12/7, 2+2 Tambun 13/7, 2 Tambun 15/7

Sunda Teal

150 Ujung Pandang 3/7, 2 near Dumoga Bone 11/7 and 13-14/7, 10 Toraut 12/7

Philippine Scrubfowl

2 Tangkoko 9/7

Maleo

5 displaying at Tambun 13/7

Blue-breasted Quail

3 Tangkoko 9/7, 1 Toraut 12/7

Red Junglefowl

4 Gunung Tangkoko 10/7

Buff-banded Rail

2-3 Tangkoko 9-10/7, 1 Toraut 12/7

Barred Rail

1 Saudara near Tangkoko 8/7, 1 Tangkoko 9 and 11/7, 2 Toraut 12-13/7

Blue-faced Rail

1 on a trail near the start of the Anaso track 6/7

White-browed Crake

2 Kosingolan near Dumoga Bone 13/7

Isabelline Bush-Hen

3 Tangkoko 9/7, 1 heard Toraut 12/7

White-breasted Waterhen

2 Toraut 12/7

Common Moorhen

3 near Dumoga Bone 13/7

Black-winged Stilt

10 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Grey-tailed Tattler  
3 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Australian Pratincole  
7-10 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Little tern  
25 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Whiskered Tern  
Common Ujung Pandang 3/7

Greater Crested Tern  
1 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Lesser Crested Tern  
5 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Rock Pigeon  
Common Ujung Pandang 3/7, 1 park entrance Lore Lindu 7/7

Red Collared Dove  
1 between Palu and Lore Lindu 4/7

Spotted Dove  
1 Manado 17/7

Brown Cuckoo-Dove  
Fairly common Lore Lindu, singles Dumoga Bone.

Sulawesi Black Pigeon  
4 Tangkoko 9/7 and 2 10/7, 1 Toraut 13-14/7.

Emerald Dove  
1 Tangkoko 9/7

Stephan's Dove  
1 Tangkoko 9/7 and 1 10/7

Sulawesi Ground-Dove  
1 upper Waterfall trail, Kamarora 4/7, 2-3 Toraut 12/7

Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon  
Singles Kamarora and 200 Dongi-Dongi, Lore Lindu, 50 Tangkoko 9/7 and 2 11/7, 2 Toraut 13/7 and 14/7.

Red-eared Fruit-Dove  
3 heard Anaso 6/7

Maroon-chinned Fruit-Dove  
3 heard Toraut 14/7

Superb Fruit-Dove  
1 Tangkoko 9/7, 10 Gunung Tangkoko 10/7

Black-naped Fruit-Dove  
1 Dongi-Dongi 4/7, 5 Tangkoko 9/7, 3 Toraut 12/7

White-bellied Imperial Pigeon

Fairly common lower parts of Lore Lindu. 5 Tangkoko 10/7, 2 Toraut 14/7

Grey-headed Imperial Pigeon

10 Kamarora 4/7 and 1 7/7

Green Imperial Pigeon

2 Kamarora 4/7, 50 Dongi-Dongi 7/7, 50 Tangkoko 9/7, common Dumoga Bone.

Pied Imperial Pigeon

30 Bunaken 16/7

Silver-tipped Imperial Pigeon

50 Tangkoko 9/7, 2 Toraut 13/7

Ornate Lorikeet

5 Kamarora 4/7, 4 Anaso 6/7, 25 Tangkoko 9-11/7, common Toraut 13-14/7

Yellow-and-Green Lorikeet

20+20 Anaso 5-6/7

Yellow-breasted Racquet-tail

3 Gunung Tangkoko 10/7, 4 Toraut 14/7

Golden-mantled Racquet-tail

Fairly common Anaso 5-6/7, 10 Tangkoko 9/7, Fairly common Dumoga Bone.

The two Racquet-tails are best told apart by voice.

Blue-backed Parrot

1 Kamarora 3/7, 10 Dongi-Dongi 6/7, 5 Tangkoko 9/7, common Toraut

Large Sulawesi Hanging-Parrot

1 Dongi-Dongi 6/7, 4 Tangkoko 10/7, 2+2 Toraut 13-14/7

Small Sulawesi Hanging-Parrot

1 Tangkoko 10/7, 2 Toraut 13/7

Sulawesi Hawk-Cuckoo

1 heard Kamarora 3-4/7.

The bird was heard during the night from the lodge at Kamarora.

Plaintive Cuckoo

2+1 Kamarora 3-4/7, 2 Tangkoko 9/7

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo

1 Kamarora 4/7, 3 Anaso 5/7, 1 Dongi-Dongi 7/7, 2 Tangkoko 9/7, singles Toraut and 1 on Bunaken 16/7

Gould's Bronze Cuckoo

1 Tambing, Lore Lindu 6/7

Drongo Cuckoo

1 heard Tangkoko 9/7

Black-billed Koel

1+2 along Waterfall trail, Kamarora 3-4/7

Yellow-billed Malkoha

Singles at Lore Lindu, Tangkoko and Dumoga Bone.

Lesser Coucal

3 Palu-Lore Lindu 3/7, 2 Kamarora 4/7 and 2 7/7, singles Toraut

Bay Coucal

5 seen Tangkoko 11/7, heard daily Dumoga Bone.

Sulawesi Masked Owl

1-2 seen at Toraut. The birds are nesting in a tall tree by the lodge and easily heard in the evening.  
A masked owl sp seen and heard briefly at the lodge at Kamarora 4/7.

Sulawesi Scops-Owl

2+1 heard and spotlighted at the lodge at Kamarora 3-4/7, 2 heard at Tangkoko 9/7, 1 heard Toraut 11/7.  
The birds at Lore Lindu sounds different from the birds in the north.

Ochre-bellied Boobook

1 heard Toraut

Great Eared Nightjar

2 Kamarora 3-7/7, 2 Tangkoko 10-11/7, 2 Toraut 12-15/7

Uniform Swiftlet

5+25 Toraut 13-14/7

Moluccan Swiftlet

Common Ujung Pandang 3/7, a flock of c 1000 at Dongi-Dongi mainly this species but probably also Uniform and Glossy.

Glossy Swiftlet

Seen at Ujung Pandang, Lore Lindu and Tangkoko.

Purple Needletail

5 Dongi-Dongi 4/7, 2 Toraut 13/7

Asian Palm-Swift

10 Lore Lindu 4/7, 2-3 Toraut 13/7

Grey-rumped Tree-Swift

2+4 Kamarora 6-7/7, 5 Tangkoko 9/7, 10 daily at Toraut 12-14/7

Green-backed Kingfisher

3 heard Tangkoko 9/7, 3 heard and one spotlighted at Toraut 12/7, 1 heard predawn Toraut 14/7.

Lilac-cheeked Kingfisher

1 heard Toraut 9/7, 1 seen Tangkoko 10/7

Great-billed Kingfisher

1 seen Dumoga Bone 14/7, 1 Bunaken 16/7

Ruddy Kingfisher

1 Tangkoko 10/7

Collared Kingfisher

5 Ujung Pandang 3/7, 5 Lore Lindu 4/7 and 7/7, 3 Tangkoko, singles Toraut

Sacred Kingfisher  
10 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Sulawesi Dwarf Kingfisher  
1 Tangkoko 9/7

Common Kingfisher  
1 daily Tangkoko, 2 daily Toraut

Blue-tailed Bee-eater  
50 Ujung Pandang 3/7, 10 Palu 7/7

Rainbow Bee-eater  
25+10+10 Tangkoko 9-11/7

Purple-bearded Bee-eater  
1 Anaso 5/7

Purple-winged Roller  
3 between Palu and Lore Lindu 3/7, 1 Kamarora 4/7, 2 Tambing 6/7, 1 Tangkoko 10/7, 1 Toraut 14/7

Sulawesi Dwarf Hornbill  
10 Gunung Tangkoko 10/7, 3 Toraut 13/7 and 1 14/7

Knobbed Hornbill  
Fairly common lower Lore Lindu, Tangkoko and Dumoga Bone

Sulawesi Pygmy Woodpecker  
2 Tambing 6/7, 2 Kamarora 7/7, 3 Tangkoko 9/7

Ashy Woodpecker  
1 Dongi-Dongi 4/7, 5 Tangkoko 9/7, 2 Toraut 14/7

Blue-breasted Pitta  
2 on the Waterfall trail, Kamarora 4/7, 2 Toraut 12/7 and 3 14/7

Pacific Swallow  
Common

Caerulean Cuckoo-Shrike  
2+10 Anaso-Tambing 5-6/7

Pied Cuckoo-Shrike  
1 on three occasions Toraut 12-14/7

White-rumped Cuckoo-Shrike  
2 Tangkoko 9/7, 3 Bunaken 16/7

Pygmy Cuckoo-Shrike  
1 Tambing 6/7

Sulawesi Cicadabird  
3 Dongi-Dongi 7/7, 4 Tangkoko 9/7

Sulawesi Triller  
4 Tangkoko 9/7

White-shouldered Triller

10 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Sooty-headed Bulbul

5 daily Tangkoko 9-11/7

Sulawesi Drongo

3 Tambing 6/7, 3 Gunung Tangkoko 10/7. A high altitude species.

Hair-crested Drongo

Fairly common Kamarora, Tangkoko and Toraut.

Black-naped Oriole

Singles at all places.

Slender-billed Crow

10 between Palu and Lore Lindu 3/7, 2 at Tangkoko and Toraut and about 25 between Tangkoko and Toraut 11/7

Piping Crow

Fairly common around Dongi-Dongi

Sulawesi Babbler

3 Tambing 6/7, 5 Kamarora 7/7, 5 Tangkoko 9/7, 2 Toraut 12/7 and 3 14/7

Malia

20 around Tambing 6/7

Great Shortwing

2 heard Anaso 5/7

Island Thrush

1 Anaso 5/7

Flyeater

5 Ujung Pandang 3/7, 10 Anaso-Tambing 5-6/7

Chestnut-backed Bush-Warbler

Singles heard Dongi-Dongi, Anaso and Tambing 4-6/7

Clamorous Reed-Warbler

3 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Mountain Tailorbird

Common Anaso 5-6/7

Sulawesi Leaf-Warbler

Common Anaso 5-6/7

Zitting Cisticola

5 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Golden-headed Cisticola

1 Kamarora 4/7

Island Verditer Flycatcher

2 Kamarora 4/7

Snowy-browed Flycatcher

1 male seen Taming 6/7

Little Pied Flycatcher

3 Anaso 5/7

Blue-fronted Flycatcher

4+3 Anaso-Taming 5-6/7

Sulawesi Blue Flycatcher

1 Dongi-Dongi 7/7

Black-naped Monarch

1 Kamarora 4/7 and 2 7/7, 10 Tangkoko 9/7, fairly common Dumoga Bone 12-14/7

Rusty-bellied Fantail

25 daily Anaso-Taming, Lore Lindu 5-6/7

Citrine Flycatcher

5 Kamarora 4/7 and 2 7/7, 2 Tangkoko 10/7

Yellow-flanked Whistler

2 Anaso 6/7

Maroon-backed Whistler

1 lower part of Anaso track 6/7

Yellow-vented Whistler

25 daily Anaso-Taming 5-6/7

White-breasted Wood-Swallow

Fairly common throughout.

Ivory-backed Wood-Swallow

5 Kamarora 4/7 and 7/7. A forest-species.

Asian Glossy Starling

2 Tambun 13/7, 2 Manado 15/7, 5 Bunaken 16/7

Sulawesi Crested Myna

2 Dongi-Dongi 4/7, 2 Toraut 14/7

White-necked Myna

Fairly common Lore Lindu and singles Dumoga Bone.

Fiery-browed Starling

Fairly common Lore Lindu.

Grosbeak Starling

Common in a few colonies at all sites.

Lesser Sulawesi Honeyeater

15 around Lake Taming 6/7

Greater Sulawesi Honeyeater

1 Anaso track 5/7



Brown-throated Sunbird

1 Kamarora 7/7, 1 Tangkoko 9/7, 2 Toraut 14/7

Black Sunbird

1 Dongi-Dongi 4/7, 1 Kamarora 7/7, 2 Tangkoko 9/7

Olive-backed Sunbird

2 Kamarora 3/7 and 1 4/7, fairly common Tangkoko 9-11/7

Crimson Sunbird

3 Kamarora 7/7

Yellow-sided Flowerpecker

5 Kamarora 4/7 and 2 7/7, 1 Tangkoko 9/7, 1 Toraut 12/7

Crimson-crowned Flowerpecker

1 Tambing 6/7, 5 Dongi-Dongi 7/7

Grey-sided Flowerpecker

5 Kamarora 4/7 and 10 7/7, 1 Tangkoko 9/7, 1 Toraut 12/7, 2 14/7 and 1 15/7

Mountain White-eye

Fairly common Anaso 5-6/7

Lemmon-bellied White-eye

25 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Black-fronted White-eye

Fairly common Lore Lindu and Tangkoko.

Streak-headed Dark-eye

Common Anaso-Tambing 5-6/7

Tree Sparrow

Common

Blue-faced Parrot-Finch

1 Anaso 6/7

Black-faced Munia

7 Ujung Pandang 3/7, 5 Tangkoko 9/7, seen Toraut 13/7

Scaly-breasted Munia

3 Kamarora 7/7

Chestnut Munia

Common Ujung Pandang and Palu 3-4/7

Pale-headed Munia

100 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Java Sparrow

30 Ujung Pandang 3/7

Mountain serin

50 Anaso 5/7