

Thailand 14.3-4.4 – 2003

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General info

For backpacking-birders Thailand is *the* place to be. Thailand has extensive local transportations which are both reliable and fairly comfortable. Most of the roads are paved and in good condition. It's always easy to find accommodation and price is never a problem. The food is equally cheap, the Thai cuisine is world-famous and well worth its good reputation. As if this isn't enough, Thai people are always happy to help you. As a backpacker-birder in Thailand, things often run almost too smoothly. With local transportations, tuk-tuks and hitch-hiking with friendly Thais as well as friendly Western birders, we managed to cover the different sites we wanted to visit. Our budget was quite restricted (around 12 USD/person/day), but still we used less money than our budget permitted most of the days. With only 21 birding days we concentrated our birding to the northern and central parts of the country. Looking back we're more than satisfied with the result. There were mainly two places we surely would have gladly spent some more time at, and these places were Kaeng Krachan and Doi Ang Khang. Both were great sites with enormous birding potential. And the trip to Khao Yai could have been at least one day shorter.

Literature

A Field Guide to the Birds of South-East Asia, Craig Robson (2000)

Lonely Planet Guide – Thailand (2002)

Several trip-reports from internet:

Roger Ahlman, Northern and central Thailand 15.1-4.2 2000 (www.club300.se)

Nick Moran, Finding Spoon-billed Sandpiper in Bangkok 2003 (www.surfbirds.com)

Barry Cooper and Gail Mackiernan, Northern Thailand 5-22.2 2001 (www.surfbirds.com)

Moira and Graeme Wallace, Central and northern Thailand 20.1-20.2 2002 (www.birdtours.co.uk), also check www.worldtwitich.com for the latest news.

Itinerary at a glance

14-15.3 Khok Kham

16-19.3 Kaeng Krachan NP

20-21.3 Chiang Dao (Mallee's)

22-23.3 Doi Chiang Dao NP (Den Ya Khat substation)

23-24.3 Doi Ang Khang

24-25.3 Thaton plains

26-29.3 Doi Inthanon NP

31.3-4.4 Khao Yai NP

Site info including accommodation and transport (in chronological order)

Remember that *all the prices are for two people*. We're hoping that the following information could be at use for other backpacker birders. We have tried to provide the costs for most of the transportations. It's easier to bargain with tuk-tuk drivers and MC-drivers when you have at least a glimpse of information about what others have paid...

Khok Kham

There are excellent directions in the Nick Moran report. To avoid confusion we won't give any further directions. On our first day at the site, our tuk-tuk driver misunderstood the directions given and took us to a temple some 30 minutes away from the school. Around this place there were large amounts of Red-necked Stints and Pacific Golden Plovers. The salt-pans covers huge areas also in the Khok Kham surroundings, and shorebirds could probably turn up at other sites as well. If you're short of time, try to find Mr Tii who will show you the right place. Khok Kham turns incredibly hot early in the morning, so we had to leave after just a few hours birding on the second day. On the first day when we arrived in the early afternoon, the sky was cloudy and the temperature was not over-whelming. So early morning or late afternoon is our best tip for getting the most out of a visit to Khok Kham. Don't forget to stop by the Bird-centre café, where there is a notebook with latest sightings.

Transportation: Bus: Bangkok International Airport-Northern Bus Station 30 B, Taxi + Bus: Northern-Southern Bus Station 61 + 30 B, Bus: Bangkok (Southern Bus Station)-Samut Sakhon 80 B, Taxi: Samut Sakhon Drop-off point – Samut Sakhon Town 71 B, Auto-rickshaw: Samut Sakhon-Salt Pans 170 B the first day, 80 B the second day...(guess the guy on the first day was rather satisfied with our payment), Auto-rickshaw: Salt Pans-Samut Sakhon 60 B. Bus: Salt pans-Samut Sakhon 20 B.

Accommodation: We found a decent guesthouse in the central parts of the town, 220 B.

Good birds: Spoon-billed Sandpiper 1 2y (there were at most four birds present during the winter 2002-2003, only one bird was still around when we arrived), Ruddy Turnstone 1, Lesser Sand-Plover 500, Greater Sand-Plover 3, Collared Kingfisher 1.

Others have seen: Asian Dowitcher, Great Knot, Ruddy-breasted Crake

Kaeng Krachan

The park entrance fee is 200 B/person (should be cheaper for students, which we realized after our visit). The ticket can be bought at the HQ at opening hours. To be able to avoid the hassle of every day getting your entrance ticket, you could probably come to a deal with the staff at HQ. Buying tickets in advance or something like that. Another way is buying the ticket at the park entrance gate. This should probably not be encouraged, but it may work. The best deal for birding is to have your own camping gear. You could then stay as long as you want inside the park. Just remember to bring all the food you need. We joined a group of Thai students to enter the park the first day. We arranged with a tent and food on the same evening that we arrived at HQ (since we didn't have any cooking supplies, we had to buy LOTS of bananas, crackers and water. On the first night, some park rangers at the camping site let us use their cooking facilities, which meant a nice meal of noodles for dinner). We left early in the morning and drove to the end of the road (km 35ish) where you have a spectacular view of the park with morning mist covering the slopes. On the way down we were dropped off at the camp site at km 16. The next day we met three Canadian birders: Diane, John and Heather Haiselmayer (a huge thanks to all of you, if you ever read this!). They were very generous and let us join them for the next three days of birding. This meant we left the park each evening and had to drive back on the early mornings. On the 16th we birded mainly km 16-17 and also briefly at km 32 and 35. The 17th we birded km 26-28 and even higher km's, at dusk we were at km 16. The 18th we were dropped off at km 19 and walked back to km 16. And finally on the 19th we once again birded around km 16-18. On our way from the park we were dropped off at Tha Yang from where we took the bus to Bangkok. The best birding areas in KK are as described previously: km 16-18 (19) and km 26-28. There is one passable path going from km 16 (the camping ground) to km 17. This path crosses a small stream several times. All other birding is done from the main road.

Transportation: Bus: Samut Sakhon-Phetchaburi 120 B, Bus: Phetchaburi-Tha Yang 30 B, MC: Tha Yang-Kaeng Krachan NP HQ 350 B. Bus: Tha Yang-Bangkok Southern Bus Station 160 B.

Accommodation: The first night we rented a tent for 160 B and stayed at the HQ. The second night we camped inside the park for 200 B. Then followed by two nights at Sunnee's Bungalows at KK town (300 B). Sunnee's is beautifully located by a small stream. Though, we never saw it in day-light(!).

Good birds: Rufous-bellied Eagle 1 ad, Ferruginous Wood-Partridge 1 (km 17), Chestnut-breasted Malkoha 2, Grey-rumped Treeswift 15, Bamboo Woodpecker 1 pair (km 32), Buff-rumped Woodpecker 1 pair (km 28), Great Slaty Woodpecker 3 (km 16-18), Dusky Broadbill 1 pair, Banded Broadbill 1 pair, Black-and-yellow Broadbill 1 pair (km 16), Swinhoe's Minivet 1, Buff-vented Bulbul 1, White-throated Rock-thrush 1m (km 16), Large Scimitar-Babbler 3, White-hooded Babbler 4, Sulphur-breasted Warbler 1, Rufous-browed Flycatcher 1m, Sultan Tit 4, Grey-breasted Spiderhunter 2, Crested Jay 2.

Others have seen: Grey Peacock-Pheasant, Streak-breasted Woodpecker, Bay Woodpecker, Plain-pouched Hornbill, Brown Fish-Owl, Red-legged Crake, Ruddy-breasted Crake, Blossom-headed Parakeet, Eared Pitta, Giant Pitta, Blue Pitta, Chestnut-naped Forktail, Olive Bulbul, Streaked Wren-babbler, Ratchet-tailed Treepie.

Chiang Dao

At Mallee's ask for the booklet about birds at Chiang Dao, here there is plenty of information about birding trails and latest observations in the area around Mallee's and the wat. We actually found this area quite hard to bird.

The activity was quite low. The best birding was around the wat, which by the way is beautifully located, surrounded by limestone forest. An Aussie-birder we met saw a Rusty-naped Pitta one morning. The service and food at Mallee's was impeccable. If you are planning to visit Doi Chiang Dao remember that you have to buy the ticket at the office near Mallee's. Mallee herself will be able to arrange a transport to Doi Chiang Dao.

Transportation: Bus: Chiang Mai- Chiang Dao 58 B. We walked and hitch-hiked from the main road to Mallee's.

Accommodation: Mallee's Bungalows 300 B.

Good birds: Asian Emerald Cuckoo, Siberian Blue Robin, White-crowned Forktail, Asian Stubtail, Purple-naped Sunbird, Striated Yuhina, Striated Swallow.

Others have seen: Javan Frogmouth, Hodgson's Frogmouth, Rusty-naped Pitta, Limestone Wren-babbler, Eye-browed Wren-babbler, Streaked Wren-babbler.

Doi Chiang Dao

This place was rather easy to bird. We spent most of the time around the substation. There is one track running from the backside of the houses, we followed this one for some kilometres. We also birded the main road. The Giant Nuthatches were found close to the substation. Since the forest at this altitude is completely different from the forest at Mallee's, also the birds are different. As usual, try to find blooming trees which often holds lots of different birds. We found the *phylloscopus* warblers to be extremely hard to identify. The best chance of seeing Mrs Hume's Pheasant should be to walk (or drive) along the main road from the substation.

Transportation: Taxi: Chiang Dao-Den Ye Khat Substation 1600 B. Car entrance fee: 30 B. Entrance fee (2 students): 200 B.

Accommodation: We actually slept under the sky in our sleeping bags. There were no problems at all, and as long as there is no rain it shouldn't be any.

Good Birds: Banded Bay Cuckoo, Stripe-breasted Woodpecker, Burmese Shrike, Rust-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, White-necked Laughingthrush, Grey-headed Parrotbill, Giant Nuthatch, Yellow-streaked Warbler, Slender-billed Oriole, Chestnut Bunting.

Others have seen: Mrs Hume's Pheasant, Little Pied Flycatcher.



Chestnut-crowned Laughing-Thrush, Doi Inthanon N.P.

Photo: Johan Stållberg

Doi Ang Khang

The birding at Doi Ang Khang is really good. At km 21,3 (exit Trekker's route) the birds are everywhere, we spent one whole morning in a very limited area and saw new birds all the time. The first hundred yards from the main paved road goes through some nice forest, you then approach a forest clearing. Around this clearing is where we spent most of our time. It should also be possible to continue down a track from the forest clearing, we never found this track though, or at least we thought that the tracks we found didn't look interesting, but we never tried them on the other hand. Be sure to spend a lot of time at km 21,3! At km 20 on the right-hand side of the road (going up the mountain) there is a place called the orchard. The only areas that looked interesting were a deserted area which might once have been an orchard, but we never found anything that looked like a maintained orchard either, so at least we think we found the right place... The orchard should be the best place to find the Spot-breasted Parrotbill. We found both a male and a female White-bellied Redstart here. From km 20 there is a Trekkers route going up to the top of the mountain. We climbed the mountain (nice view but no birds at all).

Transportation: Bus Chiang Dao-Doi Ang Khang 88 B, Taxi (share): Doi Ang Khang bus drop-off – Doi Ang Khang (km 20): 200 B. We hitch-hiked our way down from the mountain.

Accommodation: Once again we slept under the sky in our sleeping bags, and once again no problems...

Good birds: Dark-backed Sibia, Chestnut-vented Nuthatch, White-bellied Redstart, White-browed Piculet, Siberian Rubythroat, White-tailed Robin, Crested Finchbill, Red-faced Liocichla, Grey-sided Thrush, Bianchi's Warbler, Little Pied Flycatcher, Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher, Large Niltava, Ashy Woodswallow.

Others have seen: Brown Wood Owl, Cutia, Scarlet Finch, Red-tailed Laughingthrush, Spot-breasted Parrotbill, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker, Spot-winged Grosbeak, Spot-breasted Laughingthrush, Lesser Rufous-headed Parrotbill, Hodgson's Frogmouth.

Thaton plains

This is perhaps a better site in the winter than in March. Jerdon's Bushchat which can be found along the river, is mainly a wintering guest. However, Thaton plains offer a nice contrast to the "forest-birding" of Doi Inthanon and Doi Ang Khang. And there is a completely different composition of bird-species. Thaton is good for wintering Siberian passerines as well as migrating birds. We walked along the river eastward for about 4-5 km. At this point the river became divided into several smaller streams and it was difficult to proceed any further. It looked quite good for Jerdon's Bushchat (a lot of elephant grass was growing here).

Transportation: Songthaew: Ang Khang-Thaton totally 80 B. Songthaew + Bus: Thaton-Chiang Mai 160 B.

Accommodation: Thip's Travellers House, located close to the bridge at Thaton, 150 B.

Good birds: Barred Buttonquail, Oriental Pratincole, Pied /Eastern Marsh Harrier, Bluethroat, Red-throated Pipit, Richard's Pipit, Black-faced Bunting, Wryneck.

Others have seen: Jerdon's Bushchat, Grey-headed Lapwing, Small Pratincole, Singing Bushlark, Siberian Rubythroat, Lanceolated Warbler, Long-billed Plover, Pintail Snipe.

Doi Inthanon

It's easy to hitch-hike within the park. We birded mainly the classic sites: Summit Marsh, km 37, km 34,5, the Black-tailed Crake Pond, and finally km 13. Four days were spent in the park, and we could have spent at least one more day here. All sites are quite straight-forward. At km 34,5 there is one track going from the jeep track to the left after just some 100 meters (there is some bamboo growing on the left hand side at this point). This smaller track leads to a small creek which was quite productive. We only followed the jeep track a few hundred yards (this is where we saw the Long-tailed Broadbills, BirdQuest heard one Rusty-naped Pitta here just before we arrived), so we don't know if it's worth any further exploration of the jeep track. Or if it's enough to go on the smaller track down to the stream. The birding can potentially be good from the paved road probably anywhere on the mountain at least on the upper parts. At km 13 we first walked on the ridge going away from the road (White-rumped Falcon, Collared Flaconet, White-bellied Woodpecker), and then followed the partly dry riverbed back to the road. Search the streams for Black-backed Forktail. There are good opportunities to see raptors from km 13. As mentioned by others it's a necessity to visit the Summit Marsh at dawn, BEFORE the Thai tourists enter the board-walks. There are some waterfalls (Vachiratharan Waterfalls) at km 20 where both White-capped Water Redstart and Plumbeous Water Redstart should be easy (we didn't stop here since we had seen many of those in India one month earlier).

Transportation: Bus: Chiang Mai- Cham Thong 46 B. Taxi (or actually a friendly English-speaking Thai we met in Cham Thong who gladly gave us a ride up the mountain): Cham Thong-Mr Daeng's Birding Café 300 B. Songthaew(x3): Doi Inthanon-Chiang Mai 20+70+40 B. On the mountain there was quite easy to hitch-hiked from Mr Daeng's to the summit and vice versa. It could be a bit difficult to get a ride early in the morning. You can also hire Mr Daeng (if he has the time) to drive you to the summit (which we did once) and/or to km 13.

Accommodation: We stayed at the classic room, for birders on a low budget, on Mr Daeng's backyard. He's just a great guy and as a backpacker birder you're grateful to say the least. He doesn't charge you for the room. Off course we ate all our dinners at his café. We tried to support his business in every way we could, and hopefully future birders will do the same, he's a true asset to all visiting birders at Doi Inthanon.

Good birds: Km 13: Black Baza, Rufous-bellied Eagle, Collared Falconet, White-rumped Falcon, Japanese Sparrowhawk, White-bellied Woodpecker, Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush, Grey-headed Parakeet, Swinhoe's Minivet, Red-billed Blue Magpie, Blue-and-white Flycatcher, Black-tailed Crake. Km 34,5: Black-throated Parrotbill, Brown-breasted Flycatcher, White-tailed Robin, Slaty-bellied Tesia, Long-tailed Broadbill. Km 37: Mountain Bamboo Partridge, Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo, Green Cochoa, Grey-sided Thrush, Rufous-backed Sibia (km 35), Black-eared Shrike-Babbler, Spectacled Barwing (km 38), Slaty-bellied Tesia, Spotted Bush-Warbler (km 35). Summit Marsh: Rufous-throated Partridge, White-browed Shortwing, Siberian Thrush, Dark-sided Thrush, Ashy Wood-Pigeon, Black-throated Parrotbill, Orange-flanked Bush-Robin (1 km before the summit along the paved road).

Others have seen: Speckled Piculet, Black-headed Woodpecker (km 13), Purple Cochoa (km 37), Sapphire Flycatcher, Pygmy Blue Flycatcher, Slaty-backed Flycatcher, Vivid Niltava, Rosy Minivet, White-headed Bulbul, Maroon Oriole, Silver Pheasant, Rusty-naped Pitta, Black-backed Forktail (km 13), Black-breasted Thrush, Rufous-winged Buzzard (km 13), Russet Bush-Warbler, Fire-capped Tit, Yellow-bellied Flowerpecker.

Khao Yai

One of the oldest and most well-managed parks of Thailand. A classic birding site with a great trailing system. The best trail is trail 6 from where you can have most of the interesting species. Trail 6 is so much better than any of the other trails that you probably wouldn't need to go anywhere else. You have to be patient though. It was on our fourth and fifth attempt on the trail we got lucky with Pittas, Ground-Cuckoos and Firebacks. For Backpackers the dormitory provides a very cheap alternative for accommodation. It's quite easy to hitch-hike within the park. Don't forget to make a trip to the fantastic bat cave just outside the park entrance. This can be arranged from the park HQ (800 B). A truly amazing experience to watch the millions of bats leaving the cave at dawn. Search for raptors soaring around the cave at dusk, both Peregrine Falcon and Oriental Hobby have occurred.

Transportation: Bus: Chiang Mai-Pak Chong 840 B. Songthaew: Park entrance- Pak Chong 20 B, Bus: Pak Chong-Bangkok International Airport 220 B, Airport taxes: 1000 B.

Good birds: Siamese Fireback, Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler, Abbott's Babbler, Wreathed Hornbill, Great Hornbill, Silver-backed Needletail, Heart-spotted Woodpecker, Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo, Blue Pitta, Eared Pitta, Ashy Minivet, Large Scimitar-babbler, Peregrine Falcon, Banded Broadbill, Ashy Woodswallow.

Others have seen: Brown Hornbill, Silver Pheasant, Rosy Minivet, Golden-crested Myna, Black-and-buff Woodpecker, Pale-capped Pigeon, Dusky Broadbill, Long-tailed Broadbill, White-throated Needletail, Blyth's Pipit.



List of bird-species observed in Thailand 14.3-4.4 2003

Total: 350 species

Little Grebe	
Great Cormorant	
Little Cormorant	
Grey Heron	
Great Egret	
Intermediate Egret	
Little Egret	
Cattle Egret	
Chinese Pond Heron	
Javan Pond Heron	2 Khok Kham 15.3.
Striated Heron	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	
Black Baza	2 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Black-winged Kite	1 Thaton 25.3.
Brahminy Kite	
Crested Serpent-Eagle	
Harrier <i>sp.</i>	2f Thaton 25.3.
Northern Goshawk	1 Chiang Dao 20.3.
Japanese Sparrowhawk	1 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Shikra	
Rufous-bellied Eagle	1ad km 26 Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1 2y km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	2 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Mountain Hawk-Eagle	2 Kaeng Krachan 18.3, 1 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3, 1 Khao Yai 3.4.

<u>White-rumped Falcon</u>	1 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Collared Falconet	2 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Common Kestrel	
Peregrine Falcon	1 Bat Cave, Khao Yai 3.4.
<u>Rufous-throated Hill-Partridge</u>	1 Summit Marsh, Doi Inthanon 26.3, 10 Summit Marsh 28.3.
Scaly-breasted Partridge	5 km 16-18, Kaeng Krachan 19.3, 4 km 16-18, Kaeng Krachan 20.3, 5 Doi Inthanon 26.3, 1 Khao Yai 1.4.
<u>Ferruginous Wood-Partridge</u>	1 km 17, Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
Mountain Bamboo-Partridge	1 Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Red Junglefowl	
<u>Siamese Fireback</u>	1 pair Khao Yai 2.4.
<u>Black-tailed Crane</u>	1 Doi Inthanon 29.3.
White-breasted Waterhen	
Black-winged Stilt	
Oriental Pratincole	5 Thaton 25.3.
Red-wattled Lapwing	
Pacific Golden Plover	max 25 Khok Kham 14-15.3.
Little Ringed Plover	
Kentish Plover	
Lesser Sand Plover	500 Khok Kham 15.3.
Greater Sand Plover	3 Khok Kham 15.3.
Spotted Redshank	max 10 Khok Kham 14-15.3
Common Redshank	
Marsh Sandpiper	e.g. 200 Khok Kham 14.3.
Common Greenshank	
Green Sandpiper	
Wood Sandpiper	
Common Sandpiper	
<u>Ruddy Turnstone</u>	1 Khok Kham 15.3.
Red-necked Stint	max 300 Khok Kham 14-15.3.
Temminck's Stint	3 Khok Kham 14.3.
Long-toed Stint	max 60 Khok Kham 14-15.3.
Curlew Sandpiper	max 30 Khok Kham 14-15.3.
<u>Spoon-billed Sandpiper</u>	1 2y Khok Kham 14-15.3
Broad-billed Sandpiper	75 Khok Kham 15.3.
Brown-headed Gull	max 300 Khok Kham 14-15.3.
Whiskered Tern	100 Khok Kham 14-15.3.
Gull-billed Tern	1 Khok Kham 14.3.
Caspian Tern	max 50 Khok Kham 14-15.3.
Little Tern	
Rock Pigeon	
<u>Ashy Wood-Pigeon</u>	1 Summit Marsh, Doi Inthanon 28.3.
Red Collared Dove	
Spotted Dove	
Barred Cuckoo-Dove	1 Thaton 25.3, 1 Khao Yai 4.4.
Emerald Dove	1 km 17, Kaeng Krachan 19.3.
Thick-billed Green-Pigeon	15 Khao Yai 1.4.
Mountain Imperial-Pigeon	7 Doi Chiang Dao 23.3, max 3 Doi Inthanon 26-28.3, 1 Khao Yai 2.4.
Vernal Hanging-Parrot	3 Khao Yai 1.4, 1 Khao Yai 3.4.
Grey-headed Parakeet	5 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Large Hawk-Cuckoo	1 km 34,5, Doi Inthanon 28.3.
<u>Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo</u>	(ssp. <i>niscolor</i>) 1m km 37, Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Banded Bay Cuckoo	1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Plaintive Cuckoo	e.g. Kaeng Krachan, Doi Inthanon.
Asian Emerald Cuckoo	1m Chiang Dao 20.3, 2 Chiang Dao 21.3.
Violet Cuckoo	1m km 17-18, Kaeng Krachan 18.3, 1m+1f Chiang Dao 21.3.
Green-billed Malkoha	
<u>Chestnut-breasted Malkoha</u>	2 km 17-18, Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
<u>Coral-billed Ground-Cuckoo</u>	2 Khao Yai 3.4.
Greater Coucal	

Lesser Coucal	1 Chiang Dao 21.3, 1 imm Doi Chiang Dao 22-23.3, 1 Khao Yai 2.4.
Collared Scops-Owl	1 heard Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Collared Owlet	Kaeng Krachan, Doi Inthanon.
Asian Barred Owlet	Kaeng Krachan.
Brown Hawk-Owl	Kaeng Krachan.
Great-Eared Nightjar	Kaeng Krachan: 2 heard 16.3, 1 17.3, Khao Yai: 1 31.3, 2 2.4, 1 heard 3.4.
Grey Nightjar	1 heard Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 1 heard Doi Ang Khang 23.3.
Large-tailed Nightjar	max 8 Kaeng Krachan 16-19.3, 1 heard Khao Yai 3.4.
Himalayan Swiftlet	1000 km 16, Kaeng Krachan 18.3. (Just before some heavy rain falls)
Silver-backed Needletail	1 Khao Yai 2.4.
Brown-backed Needletail	10 km 16, Kaeng Krachan 18.3, 10 Khao Yai 2.4.
Asian Palm-Swift	5 km 16, Kaeng Krachan 16.3.
Fork-tailed Swift	
Little Swift	Chiang Dao.
<u>Grey-rumped Treeswift</u>	15 km 16, Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
Orange-breasted Trogon	1f km 16, Kaeng Krachan 16.3, 3 Kaeng Krachan 19.3, 5 Khao Yai 2.4.
Red-headed Trogon	1 km 27, Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1 Chiang Dao 21.3, 2 Khao Yai 31.3, 3 Khao Yai 2.4.
Common Kingfisher	
Blue-eared Kingfisher	1 km 17, Kaeng Krachan 18.3, 1 Khao Yai 3.4.
<u>Banded Kingfisher</u>	1 km 16-17, Kaeng Krachan 19.3.
White-throated Kingfisher	
Black-capped Kingfisher	1 Khok Kham 14.3.
Collared Kingfisher	1 Khok Kham 15.3.
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	1 km 16, Kaeng Krachan 16.3, 3 Khao Yai 1.4.
Chestnut-headed Bee-eater	tot 3 Khao Yai 1-2.4.
Indian Roller	



Silver-eared Langur, Kaeng Krachan N.P.

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Dollarbird	3 km 16-18, Kaeng Krachan 16-17.3, 1 Khao Yai 1.4.
Eurasian Hoopoe	
Wreathed Hornbill	1 Khao Yai 1.4, 1 Khao Yai 4.4.
Oriental Pied Hornbill	Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai.
Great Hornbill	2 km 16-17, Kaeng Krachan 19.3. 8 Khao Yai 1.4, 1 Khao Yai 3-4.4.
Great Barbet	e.g. 1 Kaeng Krachan 16.3, 1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, Doi Inthanon.
Green-eared Barbet	2 km 16, Kaeng Krachan 16.3.
Golden-throated Barbet	max 4 Doi Inthanon 26-28.3.
Blue-throated Barbet	(ssp. <i>davisoni</i>) 1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
<u>Moustached Barbet</u>	e.g. 7 Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 2 Khao Yai 31.3.
Blue-eared Barbet	1 Kaeng Krachan 16.3, 1 Khao Yai 31.3.
Coppersmith Barbet	1 Kaeng Krachan 19.3.
<u>Eurasian Wryneck</u>	1 Thaton 25.3.
<u>White-browed Piculet</u>	1 Doi Ang Khang 24.3.
Grey-capped Pygmy Woodpecker	
<u>Stripe-breasted Woodpecker</u>	3 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.

Rufous Woodpecker	1 km 26, Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1 km 19, Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
<u>White-bellied Woodpecker</u>	2 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Lesser Yellowname	
Greater Yellowname	
<u>Laced Woodpecker</u>	1m km 16, Kaeng Krachan 19.3.
Grey-headed Woodpecker	
Common Flameback	3 km 18, Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
Greater Flameback	
<u>Bamboo Woodpecker</u>	1 pair km 32, Kaeng Krachan 16.3.
<u>Buff-rumped Woodpecker</u>	1 pair km 28, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Heart-spotted Woodpecker	2 km 16, Kaeng Krachan 16.3, 1f Khao Yai 2.4.
<u>Great Slaty Woodpecker</u>	3 km 16-18, Kaeng Krachan 16-19.3.
<u>Dusky Broadbill</u>	1 pair km 19, Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
Banded Broadbill	2 km 17, Kaeng Krachan 19.3, 1 Khao Yai 3.4.
<u>Black-and-yellow Broadbill</u>	1 pair km 16, Kaeng Krachan 16.3 & 19.3.
Silver-breasted Broadbill	tot 10 Kaeng Krachan 16-19.3, 2 Khao Yai 31.3.
Long-tailed Broadbill	1 pair km 34,5, Doi Inthanon 28.3.
<u>Eared Pitta</u>	1 pair + 1f seen Khao Yai 3.4.
<u>Blue Pitta</u>	2 heard + 1 seen Khao Yai 2.4, 1 heard Khao Yai 3.4.
Red-rumped Swallow	
Striated Swallow	2 Chiang Dao 20.3.
Yellow Wagtail	2 Khok Kham 14.3.
Grey Wagtail	
Paddyfield Pipit	
Richard's Pipit	10 Thaton 25.3.
Olive-backed Pipit	
Red-throated Pipit	1 Thaton 25.3.
Large Cuckoo-Shrike	
Black-winged Cuckoo-Shrike	e.g. 4 Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 2 Khao Yai 2.4.
<u>Swinhoe's Minivet</u>	1 km 28, Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Ashy Minivet	1 pair Khao Yai 2.4.
Grey-chinned Minivet	
Long-tailed Minivet	
Short-billed Minivet	
Scarlet Minivet	
Bar-winged Flycatcher-Shrike	
<u>Crested Finchbill</u>	7 Doi Ang Khang 24.3.
Striated Bulbul	1 Doi Inthanon 26.3, 2 Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Black-headed Bulbul	
Black-crested Bulbul	
Red-whiskered Bulbul	
Brown-breasted Bulbul	e.g. Doi Ang Khang
Sooty-headed Bulbul	
Stripe-throated Bulbul	
Flavescent Bulbul	
Streak-eared Bulbul	e.g. Khok Kham.
Puff-throated Bulbul	e.g. Chiang Dao, Khao Yai.
Ochraceous Bulbul	Kaeng Krachan.
Grey-eyed Bulbul	Kaeng Krachan.
<u>Buff-vented Bulbul</u>	1 km 28, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Mountain Bulbul	
Ashy Bulbul	
Black Bulbul	
Common Iora	
Great Iora	e.g. Kaeng Krachan.
Blue-winged Leafbird	
Golden-fronted Leafbird	
Asian Fairy-Bluebird	
Brown Shrike	(ssp. <i>cristatus</i>) 1m Chiang Dao 20.3, 10 Thaton 24-25.3.
Burmese Shrike	1 Doi Chiang Dao 23.3, 2 Doi Ang Khang 23.3.

Long-tailed Shrike	
Grey-backed Shrike	(ssp. <i>tephronotus</i>) 1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 1 Khao Yai 1.4.
White-browed Shortwing	c.10 Summit Marsh 26 & 28.3.
<u>Siberian Rubythroat</u>	1f Doi Ang Khang 24.3.
<u>Siberian Blue Robin</u>	2m Chiang Dao 20.3, 3f Chiang Dao 21.3.
<u>Orange-flanked Bush-Robin</u>	1f Doi Inthanon 28.3.
Bluethroat	1 Thaton 25.3.
Oriental Magpie-Robin	
White-rumped Shama	e.g. Kaeng Krachan, Khao Yai.
<u>White-bellied Redstart</u>	1f Doi Ang Khang 23.3, 1m Doi Ang Khang 24.3.
White-tailed Robin	1m Doi Ang Khang 24.3, 1m km 34,5, Doi Inthanon 28.3.
Slaty-backed Forktail	1 km 13, Doi Inthanon 28.3.
White-crowned Forktail	2 Chiang Dao 21.3, 2 Doi Chiang Dao 23.3.
<u>Green Cochoa</u>	2 km 37, Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Common Stonechat	10 Thaton 24-25.3.
Pied Bushchat	1 Thaton 24.3.
Grey Bushchat	3 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
<u>White-throated Rock-Thrush</u>	1m km 16, Kaeng Krachan 16 & 19.3.
Chestnut-bellied Rock-Thrush	1f Doi Chiang Dao 23.3, 1m Doi Ang Khang 23.3.
Blue Rock-Thrush	
Blue Whistling-Thrush	
<u>Siberian Thrush</u>	1m Summit Marsh, Doi Inthanon 26.3, 1f km 37, Doi Inthanon 26.3.
<u>Dark-sided Thrush</u>	2 Summit Marsh 26 & 28.3.
<u>Grey-sided Thrush</u>	1 Doi Ang Khang 24.3, 1 km 37, Doi Inthanon 26.3.
Eyebrowed Thrush	2 Doi Ang Khang 24.3, 2 Doi Inthanon 26.3, 8 Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Abbott's Babbler	max 4 Khao Yai 31.3-3.4.
Buff-breasted Babbler	3 Chiang Dao 20-21.3.
<u>Large Scimitar-Babbler</u>	3 km 28, Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1 Khao Yai 2-3.4.
Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler	3 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
White-browed Scimitar-Babbler	1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 1 Khao Yai 31.3, 1 Khao Yai 1.4.
Pygmy Wren-babbler	max 7 Doi Inthanon 26-29.3.
Rufous-fronted Babbler	e.g. 10 Kaeng Krachan 17-19.3.
Golden Babbler	3 Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1 Doi Ang Khang 24.3, 2 Doi Inthanon 26.3.
Grey-throated Babbler	max 10 Chiang Dao 20-21.3.
Striped Tit-babbler	e.g. 2 km 27, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Chestnut-capped Babbler	2 Thaton 24-25.3.



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Yellow-eyed Babbler	2 Thaton 25.3.
White-crested Laughingthrush	8 Doi Inthanon 29.3, max 10 Khao Yai 31.3-3.4.
Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush	1 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Greater Necklaced Laughingthrush	2 km 18, Kaeng Krachan 18.3, 4 Kaeng Krachan 19.3, 2 Chiang Dao 21.3.
<u>White-necked Laughingthrush</u>	2 Doi Chiang Dao 23.3.
Black-throated Laughingthrush	1 km 27, Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1 Chiang Dao 20-21.3.
White-browed Laughingthrush	5 Doi Ang Khang 24.3.

Chestnut-crowned Laughingthrush	5 Doi Ang Khang 24.3, max 6 Doi Inthanon 26-28.3.
<u>Red-faced Liocichla</u>	3 Doi Ang Khang 24.3.
Silver-eared Mesia	2 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 3 Doi Ang Khang 23.3, max 5 Doi Inthanon 26-28.3.
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	1m km 32, Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 2f Doi Inthanon 27.3.
<u>Black-eared Shrike-Babbler</u>	1 pair km 37, Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler	1 pair Doi Inthanon 27.3.
<u>White-hooded Babbler</u>	4 km 27, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Spectacled Barwing	1 km 38, Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Blue-winged Minla	2 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 2 Doi Inthanon 26.3.
Chestnut-tailed Minla	20 Doi Inthanon 26-28.3.
Rufous-winged Fulvetta	8 Doi Inthanon 26-28.3.
Brown-cheeked Fulvetta	4 Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 5 Chiang Dao 21.3.
Grey-cheeked Fulvetta	15 Doi Ang Khang 24.3, Doi Inthanon.
Rufous-backed Sibia	2 Doi Inthanon 26-27.3.
Dark-backed Sibia	max 5 Doi Ang Khang 23-24.3, e.g. 5 Doi Inthanon 26.3.
Striated Yuhina	3 Chiang Dao 20.3.
White-bellied Yuhina	e.g. 1 Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
<u>Black-throated Parrotbill</u>	5 Summit Marsh, Doi Inthanon 26.3, 3 km 34,5, Doi Inthanon 27.3.
<u>Grey-headed Parrotbill</u>	1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Slaty-bellied Tesia	3 Doi Inthanon 27-28.3.
<u>Asian Stubtail</u>	2 Chiang Dao 21.3.
<u>Spotted Bush-Warbler</u>	1 Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Buff-throated Leaf-Warbler	2 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 1 Doi Ang Khang 23.3.
<u>Yellow-streaked Warbler</u>	2 Doi Chiang Dao 23.3.
Radde's Warbler	3 Kaeng Krachan 16-17.3, 2 Chiang Dao 21.3, 5 Thaton 25.3, 1 Doi Inthanon 29.3, 1 Khao Yai 1.4.
Buff-barred Warbler	1 Doi Inthanon 26.3, 1 Doi Inthanon 28.3.
Yellow-browed Warbler	
Hume's Leaf-Warbler	(ssp. <i>mandelli</i>) 1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 5 Doi Ang Khang 24.3.
Ashy-throated Warbler	2 Doi Inthanon 26.3, 1 Doi Inthanon 28.3.
Arctic Warbler	1 Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Two-barred Greenish Warbler	Doi Chiang Dao, Doi Ang Khang.
Pale-legged Leaf-Warbler	1 Khao Yai 31.3, 1 Khao Yai 1.4.
Eastern Crowned Warbler	6 Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Blyth's Leaf-Warbler	
White-tailed Leaf-Warbler	
<u>Sulphur-breasted Warbler</u>	1 km 27, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Grey-crowned Warbler	3 Chiang Dao 20.3, 1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Bianchi's Warbler	1 Doi Ang Khang 23.3. (most of the <i>Seicercus</i> warblers were left unidentified)
Chestnut-crowned Warbler	1 Doi Ang Khang 24.3, 1 Doi Inthanon 26.3, 2 Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Yellow-bellied Warbler	5 Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Zitting Cisticola	
Bright-headed Cisticola	5 Khao Yai 2-4.4.
Plain Prinia	1 Thaton 24.3.
Rufescent Prinia	1 Khao Yai 1.4.
Grey-breasted Prinia	2 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Yellow-bellied Prinia	1 Thaton 24.3.
Hill Prinia	2 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 1 Doi Inthanon 26.3.
Mountain Tailorbird	
Common Tailorbird	
Dark-necked Tailorbird	
Yellow-rumped Flycatcher	1f km 16, Kaeng Krachan 19.3.
Red-throated Flycatcher	4 Thaton 24.3, 1m Khao Yai 31.3.
Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher	1 Doi Ang Khang 24.3.
<u>Rufous-browed Flycatcher</u>	1m km 28, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	2m1f Doi Inthanon 26-28.3.
Little Pied Flycatcher	2m1f Doi Ang Khang 24.3, 1m Doi Inthanon 28.3.

Blue-and-white Flycatcher	1m km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3, 1 pair Khao Yai 2.4.
Large Niltava	1m Doi Ang Khang 24.3, 1m Doi Inthanon 26.3, 1m Doi Inthanon 28.3.
Small Niltava	1m Doi Inthanon 26.3.
Rufous-bellied Niltava	1m Doi Chiang Dao 23.3.
Chinese Blue-Flycatcher	1m km 18, Kaeng Krachan 18.3, 1m Khao Yai 3.4.
Hill Blue-Flycatcher	1 pair Chiang Dao 21.3, 1 pair Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 2m Khao Yai 3.4.
Dark-sided Flycatcher	1 km 26-28, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Asian Brown Flycatcher	1 Doi Inthanon 29.3, 1 Khao Yai 31.3, 2 Khao Yai 2.4.
<u>Brown-breasted Flycatcher</u>	1 km 34,5, Doi Inthanon 28.3.
Verditer Flycatcher	1 Doi Chiang Dao 22-23.3, 1 Doi Ang Khang 24.3, 1m Doi Inthanon 26.3, 3 Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Grey-headed Flycatcher	
Asian Paradise-Flycatcher	e.g. 1 Doi Chiang Dao 23.3.
Black-naped Monarch	e.g. 3 Kaeng krachan 16.3, 1m Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Yellow-bellied Fantail	4 Doi Inthanon 26 & 28.3.
White-throated Fantail	(ssp. <i>celsa</i>) 2 Chiang Dao 20.3.
Great Tit	
Yellow-cheeked Tit	3 Doi Inthanon 26-27.3.
<u>Sultan Tit</u>	max 4 km 16-17, Kaeng Krachan 16-19.3.
Chestnut-vented Nuthatch	1 Doi Ang Khang 23.3, 1 Doi Inthanon 27.3.
Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	e.g. 1 Kaeng Krachan 16.3.
<u>Giant Nuthatch</u>	2 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Thick-billed Flowerpecker	1 Chiang Dao 21.3.
Plain Flowerpecker	1 Khao Yai 2.4.
Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	2 Khok Kham 15.3.
Ruby-cheeked Sunbird	1m km 27, Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
<u>Purple-naped Sunbird</u>	1f Chiang Dao 21.3.
Olive-backed Sunbird	
Mrs Gould's Sunbird	(ssp. <i>angkanensis</i>) 15 Doi Inthanon 26.3.
Green-tailed Sunbird	2m2f Kaeng Krachan 17.3, 1m Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Black-throated Sunbird	1m Thaton 24.3.
Crimson Sunbird	2 Chiang Dao 20.3.
Little Spiderhunter	1 pair km 32, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
<u>Grey-breasted Spiderhunter</u>	1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Streaked Spiderhunter	4 Doi Chiang Dao 23.3.
Chestnut-flanked White-eye	5 Chiang Dao 21.3.
Japanese White-eye	
Oriental White-eye	15 Thaton 25.3.
<u>Crested Bunting</u>	15 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
<u>Chestnut Bunting</u>	1 pair Thaton 25.3.
<u>Black-faced Bunting</u>	20 Doi Chiang Dao 23.3.
Common Rosefinch	
White-rumped Munia	
Scaly-breasted Munia	
Plain-backed Sparrow	1 pair Kaeng Krachan town 19.3, 2 Khao Yai 2.4.
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	
Baya Weaver	7 Thaton 25.3.
Asian Pied Starling	
Black-collared Starling	1 Kaeng Krachan town 19.3.
Common Myna	
White-vented Myna	1 Khok Kham 15.3.
Hill Myna	
Black-naped Oriole	10 Khao Yai 2.4, 3 Khao Yai 4.4.
Slender-billed Oriole	15 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3.
Black-hooded Oriole	1 Chiang Dao 22.3, 2 Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Black Drongo	
Ashy Drongo	(ssp. <i>leucogenis</i>) 1 km 28, Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Crow-billed Drongo	2 Doi Inthanon 29.3.

Bronzed Drongo	
Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo	
Hair-crested Drongo	
Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	
Ashy Wood-Swallow	1 Doi Ang Khang 23.3, 3 Chiang Mai 25.3, 1 Khao Yai 4.4.
Crested Jay	2 km 17, Kaeng Krachan 18.3.
Eurasian Jay	(ssp. <i>leucotis</i>) 1 Doi Chiang Dao 22.3, 1 Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Red-billed Blue Magpie	1 km 13, Doi Inthanon 29.3.
Common Green Magpie	4 Kaeng Krachan 18.3, 1 Khao Yai 31.3.
Grey Treepie	4 Kaeng Krachan 17.3.
Large-billed Crow	

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