

Introduction

This trip to the famous surfing hot spot was made as a family vacation with my non twitching, but bird curious wife (she does not keep any lists). The choice of destination was actually hers, so after a little research like reading Björn Andersson's family trip in October 2005 (posted on club300.se/reserapporter) I agreed. Further research was quite easy; not much was to be found except the haunt of the now extinct (?) Bali Myna at the western tip of Bali Barat N.P. Therefore I will immediately point out – ***this is no hard core birding trip*** – this was a family holiday, but at the end I had bird watched a bit more than I actually had planned.

The choice of hotel, Segara Village at Sanur Beach looked as a good one, at least in advance. Well away from the touristy Kuta Beach. The surroundings felt a little bit more "close to nature" than Kuta. This strategy turned out to be a little bit of a hit. It was still not as green as I had thought, there were fewer terns and other seabirds than seen by B.A from Kuta Beach. The hotel garden anyway held quite a lot of good birds. The hotel itself we can definitely recommend, although it was at a stage of development within a hotel village complex. We were not inconvenienced by this. Nice staff and good service at the reception.

Logistics

We bought the whole package, flights, transfers and hotels from ABC-tours in Malmö. We flew with Malaysian Airlines to Denpasar, Bali with a few hours stop over in Kuala Lumpur on the way to Bali. Total cost for the flight was 8400 SKr/person. On the return trip we stayed overnight in Kuala Lumpur. We could then use a day flight back to Sweden. Malaysian Airlines is a very good company to fly with - new aircraft, good service and better leg room than with the often crowded "charter flights". The flight time Stockholm-Kuala Lumpur is about 11 hours, starting 13.10 local time and arriving 06.45 local time – the difference is 7 hours. The flight to Denpasar takes 3 hours.

Visas are bought on arrival at a cost of 25US and getting through the customs took quite a long time. Transfer from the airport to Segara Village was about 25 min and checking in at the hotel was easily done. The cost for the accommodation was 3675 SKr/person, American breakfast included.

Do not forget that there is a departure fee when leaving, which is to be paid while entering passport control. This fee was 150000 rupiah.

Traffic and transportation

There are at least two different taxi companies and around the hotels you can negotiate with private transportation. They had fixed prices on excursions in the neighborhood like Uluwatu, Nusa Dua, Bali Orchid Garden and other. We took a taxi one day (owing to a misunderstanding) and it turned out too be nearly as cheap as the private transportation. We did not use any local buses or other alternatives at all. Prices were not as cheap as one might imagine, at least not around the tourist areas. We managed to get some day trips a little cheaper because we tried to use the same driver by booking him a day or two in advance. This was easiest on longer trips like Bedugul or Pupuan, when we employed the driver for nearly a full day. If deciding in

a hurry, these drivers use a fare queue system. Twice we got drivers we were not pleased with. Prices are enclosed in the itinerary.
N.B 10000 rupiah is about 7 Swedish crowns or a about 0,7 euro (November 2008).

I did not use any local birder as a guide on this trip. There is one contact in the trip report mentioned in the beginning of the introduction. We did not see or meet any local birder until our last evening when we met a couple at the Mangrove Center south of Sanur. Unfortunately they did not speak English with any fluency.

Literature

I used the old Field Guide to the Birds of Borneo, Sumatra and Java by MacKinnon and Phillips. This seems to be the only field guide covering the Greater Sundas. I also had my MP3-player with sound recordings from Birds of Tropical Asia 3 by Jelle Sharinga.

Sites

Bali Barat N.P on the western part of Bali is well known for their Bali Myna rescue program and of course for the birding itself. We did not visit Bali Barat at all because getting there is very time consuming. Also it is necessary to stay overnight at one of the resorts in the neighborhood if one intends to visit the western part. Maybe a day trip to the eastern part of the national park could be an alternative.

Bedugul (Bali) Botanical Garden is situated some 60 km northwest of Sanur and was very good even though we did not turn up there until 9am. Still quite a lot bird activity and a lot of new species compared with the lowlands. Bedugul is about 1500 meters a.s.l. near lake Bratan. They charge a small entrance fee. The birding was very easy, just by following the drivable roads. We walked around in several types of habitat, some like an old beech forest at home in Sweden, and others just like a typical botanical garden with sparsely planted trees. This site is well worth a visit any time of the day.



The advertising sign at Nusa Dua Lagoons

Celu Sewage Farm/Nusa Dua Lagoons

The entrance to this area is almost opposite the well known Club Med golf hotel. The transport&tourist desk at our hotel did not know of the site, maybe because it actually is a sewage works. The site consists of a number of pools with small islands, which herons and cormorants use to breed on. The advertising for this site is that "anything can turn up". We scored with a Pacific Black Duck and Rufous Night Heron. Sunda Teal is always present and we even recorded a pair with small chicks. The number of ducks seems to differ a lot between mornings and afternoons, maybe also between high and low tide. This is also an excellent site to see both Sacred and Small Blue Kingfishers, as well as the more common Collared Kingfisher among all the herons and Little Pied Cormorant.

Mangrove Center

The entrance road appears quite quickly, shortly after passing the road to Benoa harbor, if one comes from Sanur. The sign for Mangrove Center is big but a little misplaced. They charge an entrance fee of 50000 rupiah (about 35 Swedish crowns or 3.5 euro). The site consists of a quite well maintained board walk of about 2 km, several platforms and observation towers. One can use one way out and another back. The far end is opposite Benoa harbour and if it is low tide the whole area between Benoa and the platform is a huge mudflat with stacks of waders and herons; although many of them a little distant. We went here three times, twice at low tide and once at high tide and all visits were late in the late afternoon.



Brahminy Kite

Benoa Harbour

This site is situated between Nusa Dua and Sanur. The entrance road is well signed and an easy left turn when coming from the north (from Sanur). A small entrance/road toll fee (I think 4000 rupiah) is collected when entering the area. As this is a harbour and a working site it was quite a job to find good places to bird from. We found a spot overlooking a small rocky islet and a mini mudflat. As soon as the tide started to go out this mudflat grew quickly. We never felt comfortable with our spot because too much work was going on around us all the time. Because of the inconvenience and the fact that we received a "normal" taxi we felt a little stressed and did not explore the harbour as much as we had intended when going

there. The best strategy seems to visit this site at low tide on a Sunday. There are nice mudflats and a lot of mangrove just before reaching the harbor itself that might be worth a visit. I did not notice any space to pull the car over along this heavy trafficked part of the road. However, to be dropped there and decide a later pick up with a driver might be a good alternative. This part of the site is not, at least for the moment, a working area.

Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan

We located this site out of from our road map, in order to see something more outside the touristy areas. We found the trip utterly good value, with nice scenery along the road when we left Denpasar behind us. This small but scenic waterfall is situated about 60km northwest of Tabanan, near the small town of Pupuan. The road was actually signposted, although it was small and hard-to-find. Our driver eventually found it after some effort and drove us up a rough track, which consisted of fist-sized stones embedded into the ground. So the 1.5 km road was really slow and bumpy drive. Once we stopped we were told that the waterfall was very hard to find without a local guide. However once you know where it is, one can just follow the narrow but very visible track through a plantation for a few hundred meters.

This site had quite similar species as Bedugul Botanical Garden so it is not necessary to go here at all. With hindsight we maybe should have tried a trip to the eastern outskirts of Bali Barat N.P instead.

Sanur

This is a quite general description of the surroundings of our hotel. One place is worth mentioning. Just a few hundred metres from the hotel entrance away from the beach entrance I found a road through a small settlement towards the backyard of the golf hotel. There was a football field and the "far end" of the golf course. This area had a few fig trees and also some big flowering trees. I went here a few times early morning and late afternoon. All in all I found this area quite rewarding, although the number of species was not too high.

Also the hotel garden itself was really good compared with many others I have visited. Highlights were Yellow-throated Hanging-Parrot, our only Island Collared-Dove, Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker, a pair of Savanna Nightjar and Lesser Frigatebirds flying by at breakfast a couple of times.

Itinerary

This trip actually started **11/9** with a 3 hour trip by train from Sundsvall to Arlanda airport. Pick up was arranged for transport to Ibis hotel, where we had an overnight stay. Had a lazy morning the next day, late breakfast and check-in at 11am and take off 13.25, a little late, towards Kuala Lumpur with Malaysian Airlines. Arrived at KL 7am on the

13/9 and after having waited a little less than 3 hours for the connection flight we were on our way to Denpasar, Bali. Arrived there at 12.45 and found ourselves lucky to have been seated in the front of the aircraft and walked rather quickly towards the immigration desk. Unfortunately though, the procedure here was a slow one. Paid the 25\$ visa fee and headed towards all the taxis where we easily found our pre-booked hotel transfer. 20 min later we were checking in at our hotel, Segara Village in Sanur. The surroundings looked promising and we quickly headed for a walk along the beach. Later in the afternoon I relaxed by the pool. At this very moment I found myself without bins when I heard the familiar call of hanging-parrots. To my surprise

they landed in a nearby palm and I rushed towards them. This caused a security guard to become a little curious about my behaviour. I explained and asked him to keep an eye on them while I rushed to our room to fetch the bins. To my surprise the birds were still around and I had excellent views of a female **Yellow-throated Hanging-Parrot**, a species I actually had not expected to see. Other good birds around the hotel garden on the first afternoon were **White-breasted Woodswallow** and **Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker**.

14/9. After a long and good night's sleep and a late breakfast we just went down to the beach and found ourselves a good spot where we enjoyed the weather until lunch. Most of the afternoon was spent by the pool. A couple of hours before sunset we walked the short distance to the golf course hinterland and birded for an hour and a half. Best bird there were a pair of **Coppersmith Barbet** of the beautiful local race *rosea*. In the evening while having a walk along the beach towards the "golf hotel" looking for a restaurant we heard our first calling **Savanna Nightjar**.

15/9. Got up early and had a morning walk around the area of the football field and the golf course. We birded in that area for nearly two hours. Good birds were **White-shouldered Triller**, **Indonesian Honeybird**, **Olive-backed Tailorbird** and **Grey-cheeked Pigeon**. After breakfast we decided to go to Bali Orchid Garden, a few km north of our hotel, to have a look round. The cost for the trip was 150000 rupiah (about 12 euro or 120Skr) and another 50000 rupiah was charged as an entrance fee. We walked around there for a couple of hours. Well after lunch we decided to take a trip to the Mangrove Center though it was low tide. We headed to the hotel reception and asked for a car. To our surprise we got the same driver as earlier in the day. We told him where we wanted to go and he agreed. To our further surprise he started to drive in the wrong direction, at least in my opinion, and yes we ended up at....Bali Orchid Garden. After a short discussion with locals we were soon on our way back again. Finally we found ourselves paying another 50000 rupiah as an entrance fee at the Mangrove Center. The cost for the trip was another 150000 rupiah. Started to walk along the board walk and after about 2 km we were looking over a huge area of mudflats. We ended the day up with a couple of hours at the "hide" at the far end of the board walk. Best bird by far was **Far Eastern Curlew**. Other good birds included a couple of passing by **Sunda Teals** and also a flying **Little Pied Cormorant**. To mention is also good views of both **Small Blue** and **Sacred Kingfisher**.

When we arrived back to our hotel we were greeted by a pair of **Savanna Nightjar** displaying around our cabin.

16/9. A very relaxing day along the beach and just a short trip to the area around the football field late in the afternoon. Nothing worthy of note was seen during the day.

17/9. I started with a pre-breakfast walk to the football field. Nothing in particular was seen. After breakfast we had a long walk to the south along the beach, all the way to the northern end of the mangrove. Had lunch on our way back and then a few hours of relaxation by the pool. Decided to go to Uluwatu temple in the afternoon. This famous temple is situated at the south end of Bali. The cliffs around are a breeding site for White-tailed Tropicbirds. Ordered transportation and was rewarded with a very nice driver. Fixed price of 300000 rupiah for the trip. The temple did collect a small entrance fee and they were very strict about clothing, both for men and women. The temple was as a tourist trap with loads of minibuses and

taxis as well as human visitors, especially in the late afternoon with herds of people waiting for the sunset. Also a lot of, more or less, aggressive monkeys to keep an eye on. After a little wait a beautiful adult **White-tailed Tropicbird** was seen flying along the cliffs and stayed around for a couple of minutes. More unexpected species were **Black-winged Starling** and **Javan Munia**. We were back at the hotel at dusk.

18/9. Full day trip to Ubud arranged at the tourist and transportation desk at our hotel a couple of days earlier. A fixed price of 600000 rupiah for the tour. We were taken to see batik, tree carving and art. We also had an hour just outside Ubud at the famous terrace rice paddies. Had lunch at Lotus restaurant in Ubud centre and afterwards we looked around a nearby market. Not much bird watching was done, except for a late afternoon hour around the football field.

19/9. We had a lazy morning until well after lunch when we were picked up by our pre booked transport for a visit at Nusa Dua Lagoon (or Celu Sewage Farm). Birded around the ponds for a couple of hours. Among the hundreds of herons and pond-herons we also saw **Little Pied Cormorant**, **Sunda Teal**, **Wandering Whistling Duck** and a **Pacific Black Duck**, which had been present for a year. **Small Blue Kingfisher** was easily seen flying between the small islands and **Sacred Kingfisher** was present in the mangrove. If anyone wonders, no it was not as smelly as one might think. We paid 300000 rupiah for this trip, entrance to the ponds is free.

20/9. Another lazy day, with an hour of birding in Benoa Harbour in the afternoon, which turned out to be a bit disappointing. First of all they ordered us a taxi and the harbour itself was not an easy birding spot. In the end the cost for the trip was not more than other transportation and ended around 150000 rupiah. I ended the day with an hour at the football field. Best bird of the day was actually seen in the hotel garden where a male(?) **Island Collared Dove** was paying a lot of attention to a female(?) Spotted Dove. This was the only Island Collared Dove we encountered during the stay.

21/9. A Lazy morning and rather late breakfast. We had arranged for a full day out on the sea with a local company called Bali Hai Cruises. They arrange several types of boat trips including diving and snorkeling. One of those, called ocean rafting, included a tour to the nearby Nusa Penida and Lembongan islands. For a cost of 79\$ we were picked up at our hotel well before departure. We visited the cliffs on the south coast of Nusa Penida where White-tailed Tropicbirds breed. We snorkelled twice (equipment included); we had lunch on the boat; a short visit to look at a sea weed farm and finally a visit to the a resort on Lembongan. We left Benoa Harbour 10.30 and were back 17.00 and after that a return transport to our hotel. This trip can be heartily recommended, the snorkeling was fantastic, the bird watching good with species like **White-tailed Tropicbird**, frigatebirds, a single **Bridled Tern** and the surprising **Lemon-bellied White-eye** on Lembongan. We had a really nice day on the sea and great value for the money.

22/9. Early breakfast and then we left for a full day at Bedugul Botanical Garden some 60 km northwest of Sanur. We left our hotel 07.15 and after a little more than two hours we were on site. Paid the entrance fee (I do not remember the sum, but it was not much) and started to explore the high trees right behind the gate. First two species seen were **Blood-breasted Flowerpecker** and **Javan Grey-throated White-eye**. The bird activity was not bad at all, even though we arrived a little late. A trip here is probably rewarding at any time of the day. We stayed here until lunch

when we started our journey back towards Sanur. Stopped en route for lunch at a roadside restaurant with a stunning vista. Then we asked our driver to take us through cocoa and coffee plantations on the way back. We were not disappointed although the road was partly in very bad condition – full of potholes. The cost for this trip was 500000 rupiah.



Slow birding along good roads in Bedugul Botanical Garden

23/9. Relaxing day along the beach until well after lunch, when we once again had decided to spend the afternoon at the Mangrove Center. On the walk back to the car we found a single bee-eater hunting from a look-out not far from the board walk. As the sun was setting it preferred a sunny part nearby for hunting. This included an area very close to where we were standing, with sightings in flight down to 5-10 meters and it perched only 50 meters distant. The key sign in flight was the black tail and the green and orange wings. While perched it looked like an 'odd' Chestnut-headed but differed in head pattern. This bird was finally determined as a **Rainbow Bee-eater**. A real surprise and a nice end of the day.

24/9. Once again a morning with an early breakfast and departure for a day trip. Today we headed northwestwards towards the small town/village of Pupuan. We had found a small waterfall on the road map called Blemantung just north of Pupuan so we decided to give it a try. The scenery in the surroundings not bad at all and a few good species were seen or heard, although several are the same as at Bedugul. We were told by the locals that it was very hard work both to find the track and then follow it towards the waterfall. OK, we paid 100000 rupiah to a local guide for the trip. If they just had showed us where the track started we would have not got lost; it was a well used track through a coffee plantation. Ticked off **White-crowned Forktail** along the stream and heard a calling **Javan Owlet** among other good birds. We paid 600000 rupiah for this trip.

25/9. Got up at dawn and went to Nusa Dua Lagoons for a few hours of pre-breakfast birding. I was rewarded with an adult **Rufous Night-Heron**. In the afternoon we once again visited the Mangrove Center for a couple of hours. There we met a couple of local birders and had a short conversation.

26/9. Departure day. We only had a short walk along the beach after breakfast, before leaving for the airport, only to be told that the flight from Kuala Lumpur was delayed more than four hours. So instead of an afternoon in Kuala Lumpur centre we had to sit at Denpasar airport. Arrived to our hotel at 23.30 and breakfast was to be served 05.30 the next morning. Transfer time from the airport to city centre is about one hour so we will never again book a hotel in the city centre. It is wiser to stay at one at the airport.

27/9. The flight back to Sweden departed in time. The last leg of our journey was a 3 hour train trip from Stockholm/Arlanda to Sundsvall.

Species list

Wandering Whistling Duck (*Dendrocygna arcuata*)

140 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9 and 11 there 25/9.

Pacific Black Duck (*Anas superciliosa*)

1 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9.

Have been present for a year in the lagoons I was told by a couple of local birders.

Sunda Teal (*Anas gibberifrons*)

2 flying by Mangrove Center 15/9 and 4 flying by there 23/9. At Nusa Dua Lagoons about 40, including a pair with 6 small chicks was seen 19/9 and about 150 there 25/9.

Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

Common Nusa Dua Lagoons, at least 100-150 seen both 19/9 and 25/9 and 5 flying over the Mangrove Center 25/9.

Rufous Night Heron (*Nycticorax caledonicus*)

1 adult Nusa Dua Lagoons 25/9.

Seems to be a reliable spot on Bali for this species.



Adult Rufous Night Heron

Striated Heron (*Butorides striata*)

1 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9 and 3 there 25/9, 2 seen Benoa Harbour 20/9 and 2 Mangrove Center 23/9.

Javan Pond Heron (*Ardeola speciosa*)

Common. 200 Mangrove Center 15/9 was the highest estimate.

Cattle Egret (*Bubulcus ibis*)

Common.

Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*)

1-6 along the beach in Sanur beach at low tide during the whole stay. 15-30 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19 and 25/9, 2 Lembongan Island 21/9 and 2 Mangrove Center 25/9.

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Common. Highest estimate was about 200 Nusa Dua Lagoons 25/9.

Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)

Common.

White-tailed Tropicbird (*Phaethon lepturus*)

1 adult Uluwatu 17/9 and 30 around the breeding cliffs at Nusa Penida Island 21/9.

Christmas Island Frigatebird (*Fregata andrewsi*)

10 seen off Lembongan Island 21/9.

About 30 frigatebirds seen around Lembongan and Nusa Penida islands were left unidentified due to a rolling boat and the distance. Probably this species but Lesser Frigatebird is a possibility.

Great Frigatebird (*Fregata minor*)

1 adult male and female off Lembongan Island 21/9.

Lesser Frigatebird (*Fregata ariel*)

5 Sanur Beach 14/9, 2 soaring over the hotel garden in the morning 17/9 and 8 soaring over the hotel garden at breakfast 21/9.

Brown Booby (*Sula leucogaster*)

8 Uluwatu 17/9 and 1 off Lembongan Island 21/9.

Little Pied Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*)

1-5 seen Mangrove Center, Sanur on every visit and 30-40 Nusa Dua Lagoons on both visits.



Little Pied Cormorant

Little Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax niger*)
About 30 Nusa Dua Lagoons on both visits.

Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur indus*)
2 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9.

White-bellied Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*)
1 seen along Sanur Beach 17/9.

White-breasted Waterhen (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*)
1 seen Sanur 15 and 16/9 on different locations. 10 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9 and at least 30 in the morning at Nusa Dua Lagoons 25/9.

Pacific Golden Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*)
1 Mangrove Center 25/9.

Grey Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*)
Seen at the Mangrove Center, Benoa Harbour and along Sanur Beach with 35 as highest number at the Mangrove Center 25/9.

Lesser Sand Plover (*Charadrius mongolus*)
A few along Sanur beach, 2 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9, about 25 Benoa Harbour 20/9 and 5-10 Mangrove Center on every visit.
Both Sand Plover species probably overlooked due to long distances.

Greater Sand Plover (*Charadrius leschenaultii*)
1 Benoa Harbour 20/9.

Bar-tailed Godwit (*Limosa lapponica*)
Up to about 50 were counted Mangrove Center 25/9. Also seen in Benoa Harbour.

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)

Small numbers were seen regularly along the coast except at the Mangrove Center and Benoa Harbour where the estimated number were at least 500 on a couple of occasions.

Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)

20-30 seen Mangrove Center on every visit. Also a single bird Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9 and 10 Benoa Harbour 20/9.

Far Eastern Curlew (*Numenius madagascariensis*)

A maximum of 8 was seen Mangrove Center 15/9 and 1-3 on the other two visits to the Mangrove Center and also 1 seen Benoa Harbour 20/9.

Common Redshank (*Tringa totanus*)

Common Mangrove Center and single birds seen Nusa Dua Lagoons 19 and 25/9 and 10 Benoa Harbour 20/9.

Common Greenshank (*Tringa nebularia*)

5 Mangrove Center 15/9, 1 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9 and 2 Mangrove Center 23/9.

Wood Sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*)

1 in a small pond outside Bali Orchid Garden 15/9, 1 Mangrove Center 15/9 and 2 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19 and 25/9.

Terek Sandpiper (*Xenus cinereus*)

1 Mangrove Center 15 and 25/9.

Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)

Common.

Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*)

5 Benoa Harbour 20/9.

Red Knot (*Calidris canutus*)

12 Sanur Beach 19/9, 5 Benoa Harbour 20/9 and 15 Mangrove Center 25/9.

Red-necked Stint (*Calidris ruficollis*)

25 Mangrove Center 15 and 25/9 and at least 200 Benoa Harbour 20/9.

Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*)

10 Benoa Harbour 20/9 and 15-20 Mangrove Center 23 and 25/9.

Great Crested Tern (*Sterna bergii*)

Common.

Black-naped Tern (*Sterna sumatrana*)

25 Nusa Penida Island 21/9.

Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)

2 Uluwatu 17/9.

Little Tern (*Sterna albifrons*)

2 seen along Sanur Beach almost every day, 10 Benoa Harbour 20/9 and 2-5 Mangrove Center 23 and 25/9.

Bridled Tern (*Sterna anaethetus*)

1 adult Nusa Penida Island 21/9.

Feral Dove (*Columba livia*)

Only seen twice, both times in Sanur.
Overlooked?

Island Collared Dove (*Streptopelia bitorquata*)

1 seen in our hotelgarden, Sanur during the second half of our stay.
Maybe not as common or overlooked as some reports suggests.



Island Collared Dove

Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*)

Common.

Ruddy Cuckoo-dove (*Macropygia emiliana*)

1 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Zebra Dove (*Geopelia striata*)

1 Sanur 17/9.

Pink-necked Green Pigeon (*Treron vernans*)

Common, especially around mangrove.

Outnumbered by next species around our hotel.

Gray-cheeked Green Pigeon (*Treron griseicauda*)

Common around Sanur, with about 50 as the highest count on a single day.

Identified almost every day.

A lot of unidentified green pigeons were seen flying over the hotel garden, especially late afternoons. This was probably a mix of both Pink-necked and Gray-cheeked.

Dark-backed Imperial Pigeon (*Ducula lacernulata*)

5 seen between Ubud-Bedugul (quite close to Bedugul) and 5 calling Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Yellow-throated Hanging Parrot (*Loriculus pusillus*)

1-4 (1-2 pairs) seen on several occasions in our hotel garden, Sanur and 5 flying by around the golf hotel 500 m north one morning.

A real surprise though literature says that this species is heavily trapped for the cage bird market and in fact that they also are nomadic. The first sighting was on our first late afternoon while I was relaxing by the pool when I heard the familiar call of "hanging-parrots". To my surprise they landed in a palm close to the pool and I could easily see one parrot hanging up side down. I asked one of the hotel security guards to keep an eye of the bird while I ran to our room to get my bins. I was rewarded with excellent observations of a female. After that the bins were brought everywhere during day time.

Sunda Cuckoo (*Cuculus lepidus*)

2 calling Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9 and 1 seen and heard calling 1 Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Plaintive Cuckoo (*Cacomantis merulinus*)

1 seen and heard singing Bali Orchid Garden 15/9.

Javan Owlet (*Glaucidium castanopterum*)

1 heard calling for a short while Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Savanna Nightjar (*Caprimulgus affinis*)

1 pair showed well and heard every night in the garden at our hotel. Another pair was heard around the golf hotel and a third pair was heard one km south of Segara Village (our hotel).

Cave Swiftlet (*Collocalia linchi*)

Common.

Pacific Swift (*Apus pacificus*)

1 Bali Orchid Garden 15/9 and 1 Sanur 26/9.

House Swift (*Apus nipalensis*)

20 Uluwatu 17/9.

Dollarbird (*Eurystomus orientalis*)

1 roadside bird between Sanur and Bedugul 22/9.

Javan Kingfisher (*Halcyon cyanoventris*)

1 roadside bird between Sanur and Bedugul 22/9. 1 pair Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9 and 1 roadside bird between Tabanan and Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Collared Kingfisher (*Todiramphus chloris*)

Common.

Sacred Kingfisher (*Todiramphus sanctus*)

1-3 seen on every visit to Mangrove Center and Nusa Dua Lagoons.



Sacred Kingfisher

Small Blue Kingfisher (*Alcedo coerulescens*)

2-8 seen Mangrove Center and Nusa Dua Lagoons, with highest number in the early morning at Nusa Dua Lagoons 25/9. Also 1 in the northern edge of the mangrove south of Sanur 17/9 and 1 Benoa Harbour 20/9.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater (*Merops philippinus*)

5 Mangrove Center 15/9 and 2 there 25/9. 2 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19/9 and 2 Lembongan Island 21/9.



Small Blue Kingfisher

Rainbow Bee-eater (*Merops ornatus*)

1 Mangrove Center 23/9.

Seen both sitting and flying around at very close range, down to 5-10 meters. When pointing this bird out in the field guide to a couple of local birders we meet on our last visit to the Mangrove Center they just answered me – ‘yes, yes’. I interpreted this that they knew about and had seen the bird themselves.

Black-banded Barbet (*Megalaima javensis*)

1 heard calling in a mixed plantation area when going back from, and not far from Bedugul 22/9.

Flame-fronted Barbet (*Megalaima armillaris*)

A total of at least 7 heard (1 seen) Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Coppersmith Barbet (*Megalaima haemacephala*)

2 pairs held territory and were heard calling frequently near the golf course, Sanur during our stay.

Brown-capped Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos moluccensis*)

1 Uluwatu 17/9, 1 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9 and 1-2 Mangrove Center 23 and 25/9.

Laced Woodpecker (*Picus vittatus*)

1 Mangrove Center 15/9.

Indonesian Honeyeater (*Lichmera indistincta limbata*)

1-2 seen Sanur a couple of times and also 2 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Golden-bellied Gerygone (*Gerygone sulphurea*)

Common, especially in and around mangrove.

White-breasted Woodswallow (*Artamus leucorhynchus*)

Recorded around Sanur with a maximum of 12 birds together, 1 also seen Lembongan Island 21/9.

Seen every day, except one.



White-breasted Woodswallow

Common Iora (*Aegithina tiphia*)

Fairly common.

White-shouldered Triller (*Lalage sueurii*)

1 male Sanur 15/9, 1 pair Uluwatu 17/9 and 1 male Mangrove Center 25/9.

Long-tailed Shrike (*Lanius schach*)

Fairly common. 1-5 seen around Sanur almost every day.

Black-naped Oriole (*Oriolus chinensis*)

Fairly common.

Black Drongo (*Dicrurus macrocercus*)

1 Sanur 14/9, 5 Uluwatu 17/9 and 1-2 Nusa Dua Lagoons 19 and 25/9.

Ashy Drongo (*Dicrurus leucophaeus*)

5 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo (*Dicrurus paradiseus*)

1 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Pied Fantail (*Rhipidura javanica*)

Fairly common. Seen with up to 5 Mangrove Center, at different spots around Sanur and at Nusa Dua Lagoons.

Black-naped Monarch (*Hypothymis azurea*)

1 male Lembongan Island 21/9.

Large-billed Crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*)

1-3 seen Mangrove Center on every visit and 1 Sanur 23/9

Great Tit (*Parus major cinereus*)

5 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9 and 2 Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

2 Mangrove Center, Sanur 15/9, 1-2 seen most days Sanur, 2 roadside birds between Sanur and Bedugul 22/9 and 2 Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Striated Swallow (*Cecropis striolata*)

1 Bali Orchid Garden 15/9 and 1 Sanur 21/9.

Bar-winged Prinia (*Prinia familiaris*)

Common.

Mountain Tailorbird (*Orthotomus cucullatus*)

2 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9 and 1 Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Olive-backed Tailorbird (*Orthotomus sepium*)

2 Sanur and 4 Mangrove Center, Sanur 15/9, 1 seen Sanur 25 and 26/9 (two different spots).

Sooty-headed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus aurigaster*)

Fairly common around Sanur. Also seen at Uluwatu and Lembongan Island.

Yellow-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus goiavier*)

Common.

Gray-cheeked Bulbul (*Criniger bres*)

1 Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Mountain Leaf Warbler (*Phylloscopus trivirgatus*)

5 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.



Yellow-vented Bulbul

Sunda Warbler (*Seicercus grammiceps*)

2 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Crescent-chested Babbler (*Stachyris melanothorax*)

1 singing Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Oriental White-eye (*Zosterops palpebrosus*)

5 Bedugul Botanical Garden 5 and about 20 Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Lemon-bellied White-eye (*Zosterops chloris*)

6 Lembongan Island 21/9.

Javan Gray-throated White-eye (*Lophozosterops javanicus*)

10 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Asian Glossy Starling (*Aplonis panayensis*)

Up to about 30 seen Sanur, with highest count 18/9.

Short-tailed Starling (*Aplonis minor*)

At least 30 Bedugul Botanical Garden 2/9 and 25 Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

White-vented (Javan) Myna (*Acridotheres javanicus*)

3 Uluwatu 17/9.

Black-winged Starling (*Acridotheres melanopterus*)

2 (a pair?) Uluwatu 17/9.

Must also be considered as a real surprise though this species not seems to be as common as literature and other reports suggest, at least outside Bali Barat N.P.

Sunda Whistling Thrush (*Myophonus glaucinus*)

2+1 (2 different spots) Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

White-crowned Forktail (*Enicurus leschenaulti*)

2 (a pair) Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Pied Stonechat (*Saxicola caprata*)

1 male and 2 female Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher (*Rhinomyias olivaceus*)

1 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Little Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula westermanni*)

3 males seen Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum trigonostigma*)

1 male Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Blood-breasted Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum sanguinolentum*)

About 10 Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9 and 5 Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan 24/9.

Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker (*Dicaeum trochileum*)

1-3 seen frequently around Sanur, also 2 males and 1 female in Ubud 20/9 and 2 females Mangrove Center 25/9.

Brown-throated Sunbird (*Anthreptes malacensis*)

1 pair Lembongan Island 21/9 and 1 male Bedugul Botanical Garden 22/9.

Olive-backed Sunbird (*Cinnyris jugularis*)

Fairly common. Frequently seen around Sanur during our stay. Also recorded Bali Orchid Garden, Mangrove Center, Lembongan Island, Bedugul Botanical Garden and Blemantung Waterfall, Pupuan.

Little Spiderhunter (*Arachnothera longirostra*)

1 seen briefly in a plantation between Bedugul and Ubud on our way back to Sanur 22/9.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)

Common.

Javan Munia (*Lonchura leucogastroides*)

Fairly common around Sanur. Common in harvested rice fields, for example around Ubud 18/9.

Scaly-breasted Munia (*Lonchura punctulata*)

Common in suitable habitat.



Scaly-breasted Munia

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