

# **Western Java, Indonesia**

**(Gunung Gede, Carita, Pulau Dua & Muara Angke)**

**22-30 July 2006**

**Björn Anderson**



*Banded Pitta at Carita*

## General

Stig-Uno Svensson and I spent eight days of birding at some classic birding sites in western Java. We spent 4.5 days at Gunung Gede, 2 days at Carita and a few hours at Pulau Dua and Muara Angke respectively. Lots of good birds, excellent scenery at Gunung Gede and many friendly people made it a perfect week. Highlights in terms of birds were Javan Hawk-Eagle, Chestnut-bellied Partridge, Javan Plover, Sunda Coucal, Javan Scops-Owl, Javan Frogmouth, Salvadori's Nightjar, Waterfall and Volcano Swiftlets, Javan Trogon, the three Barbets, Javan Cochoa, White-breasted Babbler, Spotted Crocias and amazingly close encounters of Tawny-breasted Parrotfinches.



*SUS at the summit of Gunung Gede.*

## Itinerary

22/7

This was essentially a travel day starting from Beijing in the early morning. After waiting for my travel companion at Jakarta airport for a few hours, we were swiftly transported to Cibodas, where we checked in at Freddy's Homestay in the late evening.

23/7

Together with Eddie, we left Freddy's at 5.00 and walked up the street to the entrance of Gunung Gede National Park. We birded along the main trail all the way up to Air Panas Hot Springs during the entire day. Many of the Gede specialties were seen like Javan Hawk-Eagle and Javan Cochoa. In the late afternoon we descended to the waterfalls anticipating a nice Salvadori's Nightjar show. In spite of us searching intensively, only Eddie scored briefly on the Nightjar and we realized a repeat visit was called for. From the waterfall we walked slowly back to Cibodas looking for nocturnal birds, but it was surprisingly quiet. One Sunda Scops-Owl put in a performance.

24/7

Another early morning with pre-dawn nocturnal birding along the lower parts of the main trail. By dawn we were at HM21 with good views of Crocias and a distant flock of Minivets. Later in the morning we continued further along the main trail and spent considerable time looking in vain for the Trogon. In the mid-afternoon we continued even higher to Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede, where we put up our tent after having admired a rather showy Tawny-breasted Parrotfinch (feeding at 30 cm distance from my head!). We birded a bit along the trail towards Pangrango, until it was time to descend to Kandang Batu and look for Dusky Woodcock. We searched diligently for it even long after it had been dark, but none was to be found. After our second climb of the day to Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede we rather quickly fell asleep in spite of all the noisy young campers.

25/7



*Sunrise above the clouds at the summit of Gunung Gede.*

At 4.30 we departed for the summit climb in order to be at the crater around sunrise. The tough climb was certainly well worth the effort as the scenery was absolutely stunning. A brilliantly blue sky with the first rays of sun shining on the double volcano and casting a long shadow of the Gede summit on the surrounding low-lying clouds. Can it look much better? There was however a more specific reason than that that had brought us to the crater rim and about one hour later we had satisfactorily seen a few of the very localized Volcano Swiftlets. Before long we headed downhill again to look for Horsfield's Thrush and Mountain Serin. Both proved difficult and the closest we got was Eddie pointing out a calling Serin. We spent time in the forest above Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede until midday, when we gave up and went down for another shot at the Trogon. It took us quite a while until Eddie found a pair with a begging young. This family entertained us at very close distance until we decided to leave them alone again. It was getting time for our appointment with Salvadori by the waterfall. At dusk we were positioned just below the middle fall and right at dusk the Nightjar came sweeping in and decided to land on a rock only four meters away from me. Even though it did not hang around for long it provided some very satisfying views. The nocturnal walk back down to Cibodas was rather uneventful, with very few birds calling. We rounded off the evening with a walk through the Botanical Garden, but failed in turning up the wanted Javan Scops-Owl.



26/7



*Dawn view over the two volcanoes Gede (left) and Pangrango*

This morning we dedicated to the Botanical Garden. Pre-dawn we chased a Javan Frogmouth and a Sunda Scops-Owl, but neither gave up itself. Shortly after sunrise we had seen several Yellow-throated Hanging-Parrots and we continued with good views of the tiny Pygmy Tits. The rest of the morning was spent looking for White-bellied Fantail at one of the few remaining sites at Gede. Eventually we gave up on this one and went for a cool beer and a short rest instead. Recharged we set off for a quick dash up to the waterfall to look for Waterfall Swifts that are sometimes said to be seen above the waterfall in the mid afternoon. During one hour we saw good numbers of swiftlets and amongst them there were several Waterfall Swifts.

At 17.00 we were back at the park entrance and met up with Eddie for some more nocturnal birding, this time at Mandalawan. We walked down a trail that is supposed to hold Javan Frogmouth and at dusk a couple of birds called and at least a male was seen perched rather high up in the trees. A Sunda Scops-Owl called and a Brown Wood-Owl flew past before dusk. Next was a new try for the Javan Scops-Owl in the Botanical Garden and one bird showed at its favorite branch, although in retrospect this is most likely not Javan Scops-Owl. We also saw and photographed a couple of begging juvenile Scops-Owls that were significantly larger than what we expected Sunda Scops-Owls to be. Before returning home we played hide-and-seek with a female Javan Frogmouth, although she appeared to be too shy to show off.

27/7

This was our last morning and it was planned for a final attempt at Sunda Thrush. Disappointed we woke up at 5.50 and realized that we had over-slept the crucial 30 minutes. Within no time we rushed up to the trail, but it was probably already too late for any thrush. Neither did we find anything else that was new, so by 9.00 we retreated to Freddy's and had lunch and packed up. At 11.30 we left Cibodas for 4.5 hours drive to Carita on the west coast of Java. By 16.00 we had checked in at Sunset View Hotel and were heading up the trail towards the waterfall. Banded Pittas were calling and it did not take us long before we were admiring one bird singing in full view for as long as we wanted. We walked the trail to about HM30 by the time it got dark. On the return walk we heard several Sunda Scops-Owls and Javan Frogmouths, the latter of which we saw one male nicely.

In the evening we were invited to join a party for tourist guides next door to our hotel. A remarkable event to say the least.

28/7

This day we walked the same trail again towards the waterfall at Carita. The first two km was in the dark, but the only nocturnal birds were a couple of Large-tailed Nightjars. The waterfall is at about HM35 and we spent most of the day between there and HM30 in order to maximize our chances for the rare endemic White-breasted Babbler. It took us a good nine hours before we scored, but then the views were really good. The hacked and degraded forest was not very rich in birds in general. The endemic Black-banded Barbet was frequently heard, but only seen once. Banded Pittas called here and there with one hopping on the trail. By midday I took the opportunity to cool down by taking a quick swim in the river. At dusk we started to walk back the 3 km to the hotel. Much the same birds as last night and then it started to rain the last 15 minutes walk.

29/7

The last attempt to find Javan Barred Owlet along the same trail proved unsuccessful. A pair of Barred Buttonquails showed off unusually well on the track. By 11.00 we were back at the hotel for a quick bite and packing up.

By noon we left with an arranged car to take us via Pulau Dua to Jakarta. At 14.00 we had reached the fish-ponds at Pulau Dua and started to walk towards the mangroves where Javan White-eye has been seen. It did not take us long to see a few Javan Plovers, which proved invaluable, as later we found that the Muara Angke site had disappeared. We spent the rest of the day looking for White-eyes in the incredibly mosquito-infested mangroves. This species of mossie seems to land on the skin with its "pipe" first, as they bit amazingly fast. At dusk we made our way back to the car accompanied by loads of displaying Savanna Nightjars. Best of all was a Slaty-breasted Rail that we flushed twice, a rather widespread bird that had eluded me until now.

From Pulau Dua we continued to Jakarta where we eventually found a hotel located reasonably close to Muara Angke, which was our target site the next morning.

30/7

From Sanno Hotel, we took a taxi 15 minutes to the main entrance to Muara Angke Nature Reserve. By 6.00 at dawn we walked down the seriously degraded boardwalk and reached a point where we could overlook the marshy area. White-browed and Ruddy-breasted Crakes were seen, but not the key Sunda Coucal. After half an hour, we decided to walk along the grassy bank running along the southern perimeter of the reserve in order to get around to the back side. As the views were rather poorer, we returned to the boardwalk and it then did not take us long before the highly endangered Sunda Coucal made an appearance. Soon after another was seen, so the mission was completed rather easily.

We then birded the area and also walked clock-wise around the wetland, much to our disappointment as the entire area where the Javan Plovers were supposed to be had been completely transferred to a building area for living compounds. In the very spot where Javan Plovers were seen fairly recently, there was now a large church! The back side of the wetland did not look so promising, so we soon gave up and took a taxi to where we were hoping to get a boat to Pulau Rambut in the Thousand Islands. Rambut is an island within scooping distance from the shoreline, where many herons and storks breed. I had visited this spot 14 years ago and we were now hoping to arrange a boat to get us across. The taxi driver had good intentions and took us to a marina where many boat-trips were arranged to the Thousand Islands, but unfortunately it was not the jetty I had hoped for, but actually far more to the east. This meant that chartered boats were extremely expensive 1.5-2 Mrupees! We gave up this idea and instead found ourselves sipping a beer in a café.

The afternoon was spent having lunch and resting at the hotel. In the evening I went to the airport and flew back to Beijing, while SUS had another night and day to kill before his flight to Sweden.

## **Weather**

The weather God was with us all the time and almost during the entire trip we had sunny and clear weather. One afternoon at Gede there were a few drops of rain and one evening at Carita it rained quite heavily but it never affected the birding.

## **Logistics**

Even though traveling in Indonesia is fairly straightforward, with some people speaking English and lots of small and cheap mini-buses, we made the decision to arrange transport with Indra from Freddy's homestay and through the hotel at Carita. Both are extremely overpriced, but for us it guaranteed a swift and efficient means of transport, minimizing hassle and maximizing time in the field.

## **Site descriptions**

### Gunung Gede



*Ratu crater at Gunung Gede and a view over the sister volcano Pangrango.*

Gunung Gede is by far the most well-known birding site on Java and is a must to visit in order to pick up the majority of the key birds. We spent 4.5 days on the mountain, but could easily have spent another one or two, as we missed a couple of species on the higher altitudes (Woodcock, Serin and Horsfield's Thrush). The best place to accommodate you is Freddy's Homestay in Cibodas. Freddy speaks good English and his two sons, Indra and Eddie, know where to find the birds. For booking, call Indra at 081315434143 or email at Indra Ferdinand [fecote@yahoo.com].

## Carita

Carita is a beach resort for people from Jakarta. By the time we visited it was rather deserted due to the large tsunami on south Java the previous week and rumors about continuous earthquakes. The main birding is a long a 3.5 km long trail that leads to a waterfall (where else does forest trails lead to in this part of the world?). Within a couple of hundred meters from the trail-head, there are at least three hotels (Sunset View, Black Rhino and something like Niguadharna) of which we opted for Sunset.

The forest is much degraded and logging is still going on in the area and really good forest only existed in small strips along the steepest river valley. Still, many of the key birds can still be found in more open logged forest.

## Pulau Dua

Although Pulau means “island”, this is actually not an island, but a patch of mangrove forest and coastal scrub. We had not planned to visit this site and therefore lacked specific gen. However, we hired a local guide from Carita that knew the area and had seen the target Javan White-eye once. The area is either accessed by boat from some place west of the mangroves, or as we did, across an area of fish-ponds. We drove on poor and bumpy roads and arrived at a village due south of the mangroves. From this village we walked along banks through the area of fish-ponds. This had the pleasant advantage of producing the much wanted Javan Plover as well as a trip-list boosting selection of water-birds including my ex-jinx Slaty-breasted Rail. We spent about three hours in the late afternoon looking for White-eyes amongst the common Flyeaters. The White-eye has been reported from the mangrove strip to the right when you access it from the south. Whether this is the best or even a good site for Javan White-eye, we did not have a clue of. As it is basically along the way between Jakarta and Carita it could anyway be seen as a good place to stop by, especially since the Javan Plovers at Muara Angke now are gone.

## Muara Angke

Muara Angke is a tiny wetland reserve in the northwestern suburbs of Jakarta and is still a good place to connect with the rare Sunda Coucal. Until you reach it, you will think that there is no way the general area could hold such a rarity. Even when reaching it, there may be doubts! The wetland is nowadays surrounded by buildings and constructions and I guess it would just take a quick decision to wipe it out completely. The area is accessed from a gate in the fence along the southern edge. Entry is along a boardwalk that has seen better days a long time ago. Beyond the houses, the boardwalk continues for maybe 100 meters until it is completely unpassable. The flip side could be that it looks like they are trying to restore it and even better there is a tiny section that is newly built that leads off to the left to the wetland. This is where we walked to the end and saw two Coucals at 7.00-7.20. The flop side is that this new section will probably not last very long due to the extremely poor design. At this place we also had excellent views of White-browed and Ruddy-breasted Crakes. It is also possible to see Coucals while walking along the south end of the reserve, i.e. on the grassy bank, or round the back if you follow the reserve clock-wise to the back end.

Jakarta is probably full of hotels, but there seems to be few around Muara Angke. One such is Sanno Jakarta Airport Hotel, Jalan Pluit Raya Selatan, Blok M, ph: 021-6606060, which is just 10-15 minutes by taxi from the reserve. From this hotel it only takes about 30 minutes to the airport.

## Birds

Assignment to subspecies is mostly made by literature references, rather than actual field identification. HM means HektoMeter and refers to the trailmarkers at Gunung Gede as well as at Carita.

Little Black Cormorant, *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

One at the fish-ponds at Pulau Dua.

Oriental Darter, *Anhinga melanogaster melanogaster*

Two at Pulau Dua.

Gray Heron, *Ardea cinerea jouyi*

A few at Pulau Dua and a few at Muara Angke.

Purple Heron, *Ardea purpurea manilensis*

One at Pulau Dua and about five at Muara Angke.

Great Egret, *Ardea alba modesta*

20+ at Pulau Dua.

Little Egret, *Egretta garzetta nigripes*

Common at Pulau Dua.

Javan Pond-Heron, *Ardeola speciosa speciosa*

Common at Pulau Dua and Muara Angke.

Cattle Egret, *Bubulcus ibis coromandus*

Seen near Jakarta.

Striated Heron, *Butorides striatus javanicus*

Common at Pulau Dua.

Black-crowned Night-Heron, *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*

A few at Muara Angke.

Glossy Ibis, *Plegadis falcinellus*

Ten at Pulau Dua.

Pacific Black Duck, *Anas superciliosa rogersi*

Eight at Pulau Dua.

Brahminy Kite, *Haliastur Indus intermedius*

One at Pulau Dua.

White-bellied Sea-Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

One at Carita.

Crested Serpent-Eagle, *Spilornis cheela bido*

Heard twice at Gunung Gede and two were seen at Carita.

Black Eagle, *Ictinaetus malayensis malayensis*

One soaring over the forest at 1900 masl and two seen at the waterfall at Gunung Gede.

Javan Hawk-Eagle, *Spizaetus bartelsi*

Seen at Gunung Gede with two together soaring over the forest at 1700 masl. Also one juvenile heard begging at Blue Lake. One unidentified Hawk-Eagle was seen distantly at HM 21 at Gunung Gede.



*Javan Hawk-Eagle*



Spotted Kestrel, *Falco moluccensis microbalia*

A total of at least four birds at the waterfall at Gunung Gede.

Chestnut-bellied Partridge, *Arborophila javanica javanica*

Frequently heard at Gunung Gede at most altitudes, often in the mornings and evenings. Two groups heard scratching in the leaf litter above the waterfall turn-off. One of these groups had pulli and the two adults were seen very well.

Red Junglefowl, *Gallus gallus bankiva*

One heard above Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede.

Barred Buttonquail, *Turnix suscitator suscitator*

One pair was seen exceptionally well as they strolled around on the wide path at Carita.

Slaty-breasted Rail, *Gallirallus striatus gularis*

One flushed twice at the fish-ponds at Pulau Dua.

White-breasted Waterhen, *Amaurornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Common at Muara Angke.

Ruddy-breasted Crake, *Porzana fusca fusca*

Two seen very well at Muara Angke.

White-browed Crake, *Porzana cinerea*

A total of four seen very well at Muara Angke.

Purple Swamphen, *Porphyrio porphyrio indicus*

Two at Muara Angke.

Common Moorhen, *Gallinula chloropus orientalis*

About ten at Muara Angke.

Javan Plover, *Charadrius javanicus*

Four single birds seen at the fish-ponds at Pulau Dua. Not seen at the recent site at Muara Angke, most likely because the former site is now transferred to a number of living compounds, so presumably the plovers had no option but to vanish.

[Far Eastern Curlew, *Numenius madagascariensis*

One Curlew, probable of this species, was seen briefly in flight at the fish-ponds at Pulau Dua.]

Common Sandpiper, *Actitis hypoleucos*

One at the fish-ponds at Pulau Dua.

Island Collared-Dove, *Streptopelia bitorquata bitorquata*

Common at Pulau Dua and Muara Angke.

Spotted Dove, *Streptopelia chinensis tigrina*

A few at Cibodas Botanical Garden, Carita and Pulau Dua.

Pink-necked Pigeon, *Treron vernans*

5-10 at Muara Angke.

[Green-spectacled Pigeon, *Treron oxyura*

Two seen by Eddie above Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede, but alas only glimpsed by us.]

Pink-headed Fruit-Dove, *Ptilinopus porphyreus*

One heard above Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede, one juvenile seen well at Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede and one heard at HM4.



*Immature Pink-headed Fruit-Dove*

Yellow-throated Hanging-Parrot, *Loriculus pusillus*

A total of about ten seen at Cibodas Botanical Garden.

Sunda Cuckoo, *Cuculus lepidus*

Frequently heard at Gunung Gede.

Plaintive Cuckoo, *Cacomantis merulinus lanceolatus*

A few heard at Gunung Gede.

Brush Cuckoo, *Cacomantis variolosus sepulcralis*

A few heard, one male seen at the waterfall turn-off, one heavily barred immature at 1600 masl and one male at HM12, all at Gunung Gede.

Asian Drongo-Cuckoo, *Surniculus lugubris lugubris*

One heard at Carita.

Chestnut-breasted Malkoha, *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris curvirostris*

Two at Cibodas Botanical Garden.

Sunda Coucal, *Centropus nigrorufus*

Two seen at Muara Angke. The first was seen at 7.00 sitting near the top of a small patch of low bushes in the middle of the floating vegetation. The second appeared at 7.20 near the top of a large bush. Both went into the bushes after 10-15 minutes respectively.

Sunda Scops-Owl, *Otus lempiji lempiji*

One heard pre-dawn at HM 3 at Gunung Gede and post-dusk it was heard again and then we also saw it perched above the trail. One heard at Mandalawan and one heard at Cibodas Botanical Garden. Two juveniles seen at Cibodas Botanical Garden seemed to be a few cm too large for Sunda S-O. Three heard at Carita and one also heard near the hotel in Charita. Very small, upward-inflected note every 7 seconds. One Scops-Owl seen at Cibodas Botanical Garden was claimed by Eddie to be Javan, but this is most likely incorrect.



*Immature Scops-Owl at Cibodas Botanical Garden, potentially Sunda S-O, but looked significantly larger.*

Brown Wood-Owl, *Strix leptogrammica*

At Gunung Gede one was heard at HM19 and one was seen in flight before dusk at Mandalawan.

One seen flying at dawn at Carita and one heard soon before dusk near the waterfall at Carita.

Javan Owlet, *Glaucidium castanopterum*

One heard at HM4 at Gunung Gede in the early morning and one heard a few hundred meters before the waterfall at Carita at 11.00 respectively 12.00.

Javan Frogmouth, *Batrachostomus javensis javensis*

Two heard and one seen at Mandalawan, two heard at Cibodas Botanical Garden, four heard at HM12-13 and one heard at HM25 at Carita of which one male seen well.



*Javan Frogmouth*

Large-tailed Nightjar, *Caprimulgus macrurus macrurus*

One pair at HM20 at Carita and two birds probably of this species flushed during daytime at Carita.

Savanna Nightjar, *Caprimulgus affinis propinquus*

50+ seen around the fish-ponds at Pulau Dua. Many seen during daytime, and at dusk they were “everywhere”.



*Savanna Nightjar*

Salvadori's Nightjar, *Caprimulgus pulchellus bartelsi*

Seen very briefly by Eddie at the waterfall at Gunung Gede one evening and then seen well by all of us two evenings later at 4 meters distance. Seen at 18.12 immediately below the middle fall, as it came flying low over the bushes and then landed on a rock right by the trail.

Waterfall Swift, *Hydrochous gigas*

20+ seen at 14.30-15.00 above the waterfall at Gunung Gede.

Cave Swiftlet, *Collocalia linchi linchi*

Common at Gunung Gede, Carita, Pulau Dua and Muara Angke.

Volcano Swiftlet, *Aerodramus vulcanorum*

Three seen at the Rutu crater at Gunung Gede about one hour after dawn and two more seen on the way down to Kandang Badak.

Black-nest Swiftlet, *Aerodramus maximus maximus*

Several seen at Carita and Pulau Dua.

Edible-nest Swiftlet, *Aerodramus fuciphagus fuciphagus*

Several at lower altitudes at Gunung Gede. Many unidentified swiftlets seen in the lowlands.

Javan Trogon, *Harpactes reinwardtii*

A pair with young at 1800 masl at Gunung Gede. This species took us many devoted hours to find, but at the end we were rewarded with superlative views.



*Javan Trogon*

Small Blue Kingfisher, *Alcedo coerulescens*

About five at Pulau Dua.

Collared Kingfisher, *Todirhamphus chloris palmeri*

About five at Gunung Gede, a few at Carita, Pulau Dua and Muara Angke.

Fire-tufted Barbet, *Megalaima pyrolophus*

One heard and one seen at 2000 masl at Gunung Gede.

Brown-throated Barbet, *Megalaima corvine*

One heard at 1600 masl and two at HM21, plus one elsewhere. All at Gunung Gede.

Black-banded Barbet, *Megalaima javensis*

Four heard near the waterfall at Carita and one seen when perched in the mid-story.

Flame-fronted Barbet, *Megalaima armillaris armillaris*

5+ heard and one seen at Gunung Gede.

Blue-eared Barbet, *Megalaima australis australis*

Two at Carita.

Sunda Woodpecker, *Dendrocopos moluccensis moluccensis*

Three at Carita.

Crimson-winged Woodpecker, *Picus puniceus puniceus*

One heard and seen at HM 18 at Gunung Gede.

Banded Broadbill, *Eurylaimus javanicus javanicus*

One heard below the waterfall at Gunung Gede and one seen at the forest above Cibodas Botanical Garden.



*Banded Broadbill*



Banded Pitta, *Pitta guajana affinis*

About 20 heard, of which three seen well, at Carita. One individual was especially obliging and stayed in full view for 10-15 minutes...



*Banded Pitta*

Pacific Swallow, *Hirundo tahitica mallopega*

Several around Cibodas and Cibodas Botanical Garden as well as at Muara Angke.

Lesser Cuckoo-shrike, *Coracina fimbriata fimbriata*

One at Cibodas Botanical Garden.

Small Minivet, *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus saturatus*

About five at Carita.

Sunda Minivet, *Pericrocotus miniatus*

Gunung Gede: one heard below the waterfall, one flock of about ten at HM21 and one flock of about ten in the forest above Cibodas Botanical Garden.

Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike, *Hemipus hirundinaceus*

Several heard and seen at Gunung Gede and one at Carita.

Sooty-headed Bulbul, *Pycnonotus aurigaster aurigaster*

One at Muara Angke.

Orange-spotted Bulbul, *Pycnonotus bimaculatus barat*

Ay Gunung Gede one was seen briefly near the waterfall, one seen well at HM21 and two seen at Rutu crater.

Yellow-vented Bulbul, *Pycnonotus goiavier analis*

Several at Carita and common at Pulau Dua and Muara Angke

Grey-cheeked Bulbul, *Alophoixus bres bres*

Two at Cibodas Botanical Garden and one at Carita.

Sunda Bulbul, *Ixos virescens virescens*

Two at 1600 masl at Gunung Gede.

Greater Green Leafbird, *Chloropsis sonnerati sonnerati*  
One at Carita.

Common Iora, *Aegithina tiphia scapularis*  
Several at Carita, Pulau Dua and Muara Angke.

Javan Whistling-Thrush, *Myophonus glaucinus*  
Common at Gunung Gede, often seen along the trails and several came happily in for almost hand-feeding.



*Javan Whistling-Thrush*

Island Thrush, *Turdus poliocephalus fumidus*  
A few heard and two seen well between Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede and Rutu.



*Island Thrush*

Lesser Shortwing, *Brachypteryx leucophrys leucophrys*  
Common at Gunung Gede where often heard and sometimes seen, mostly below the waterfall.

White-browed Shortwing, *Brachypteryx montana montana*  
A few seen and heard at higher altitudes at Gunung Gede.

Zitting Cisticola, *Cisticola juncidis malaya*  
Three at Pulau Dua.

Bar-winged Prinia, *Prinia familiaris prinia*  
One near the waterfall, several at Carita, Pulau Dua and Muara Angke.

Yellow-bellied Prinia, *Prinia flaviventris rafflesi*  
Five at Muara Angke.

Plain Prinia, *Prinia inornata blythi*  
Two at Muara Angke.

Javan Tesia, *Tesia superciliaris*

Several seen elegantly and many more heard at Gunung Gede.



*Javan Tesia*

Sunda Bush-Warbler, *Cettia vulcania vulcania*

Common from Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede and above.

Clamorous Reed-Warbler, *Acrocephalus stentoreus siebersi*

One at Muara Angke.

Mountain Tailorbird, *Orthotomus cuculatus cuculatus*

Ten at Gunung Gede.

Common Tailorbird, *Orthotomus sutorius edela*

At least one at Gunung Gede and several at Carita.

Olive-backed Tailorbird, *Orthotomus sepium sepium*

One at Carita.

Mountain Leaf-Warbler, *Phylloscopus trivirgatus trivirgatus*

Two sightings above the waterfall at Gunung Gede and one of them at a nest.

Sunda Warbler, *Seicercus grammiceps grammiceps*

Common at Gunung Gede.



*Sunda Warbler*

Yellow-bellied Warbler, *Abroscopus superciliaris vordermani*

Two at Carita.

Fulvous-chested Jungle-Flycatcher, *Rhinomyias olivacea olivacea*

Three at Carita.

Snowy-browed Flycatcher, *Ficedula hyperythra vulcani*  
About ten seen at Gunung Gede, mostly at higher altitudes.



*Snowy-browed Flycatcher*

Little Pied Flycatcher, *Ficedula westermanni hasselti*  
Common at Gunung Gede, mostly heard.

Indigo Flycatcher, *Eumyias indigo indigo*  
Fairly common at Gunung Gede, mostly above the waterfall.

Pale Blue-Flycatcher, *Cyornis unicolor harterti*  
Two in the forest above the Cibodas Botanical Garden.

Grey-headed Canary-flycatcher, *Culicicapa ceylonensis ceylonensis*  
One heard in the forest above the Cibodas Botanical Garden.

Oriental Magpie-Robin, *Copsychus saularis javensis*  
One at Muara Angke.

Sunda Blue Robin, *Cinclidium diana diana*  
Fairly common at Gunung Gede all the way from the trail-head to above the Hot Springs. Mostly heard, but frequently seen hopping on the trails.

Sunda Forktail, *Enicurus velatus velatus*  
One seen briefly at the waterfall at Gunung Gede and three seen between Blue Lake and the junction.



*Sunda Forktail*



Javan Cochoa, *Cochoa azurea*

At Gunung Gede one male and a female were seen near a fruiting tree at 2000 masl and probably the same female the day after.



*Javan Cochoa*

Rufous-tailed Fantail, *Rhipidura phoenicura*

5-10, mostly below the waterfall, but also at Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede.

Pied Fantail, *Rhipidura javanica javanica*

5-10 at Pulau Dua and a few at Muara Angke.

Rufous-fronted Laughingthrush, *Garrulax rufifrons rufifrons*

Five seen at 1900 masl and a few others heard and seen at Gunung Gede.



*Rufous-fronted Laughingthrush*

Horsfield's Babbler, *Malacocincla separium separium*

Common, mostly heard, below the waterfall at Gunung Gede and several at Carita.



*Horsfield's Babbler*

Black-capped Babbler, *Pellorneum capistratum capistratum*

At least five heard and two seen at Carita.

Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler, *Pomatorhinus montanus montanus*

Three at 2000 masl at Gunung Gede and probably the same birds the day after.



*Chestnut-backed Scimitar-Babbler*

Eyebrowed Wren-Babbler, *Napothera epilepidota epilepidota*

A few heard and a couple seen at Gunung Gede.

Pygmy Wren-Babbler, *Pnoepyga pusilla rufa*

Commonly heard at Gunung Gede, but only one seen.

White-breasted Babbler, *Stachyris grammiceps*

Two at Carita. Found at 15.00 after a long day of searching between HM30 and the waterfall.

Eventually one was found and then it and another came in to a recording of the call and also sang its song twice. They were seen at the second stream crossing the trail below the waterfall.

White-bibbed Babbler, *Stachyris thoracica thoracica*

One at HM5 at Gunung Gede and another heard below the waterfall.

Crescent-chested Babbler, *Stachyris melanothorax melanothorax*

Fairly common at Gunung Gede, mostly below the waterfall and one at Carita.

Grey-cheeked Tit-Babbler, *Macronous flavicollis javanicus*

20+ at Carita, where we struggled with the identification due to the poor picture in the book.

White-browed Shrike-Babbler, *Pteruthius flaviscapis flaviscapis*

Several heard and seen at Gunung Gede.

Chestnut-fronted Shrike-Babbler, *Pteruthius aenobarbus aenobarbus*

A frequent member of mixed species flocks at Gunung Gede and one at Carita.

Javan Fulvetta, *Alcippe pyrrhoptera*

Common at Gunung Gede, mostly at lower altitudes.

Spotted Crocias, *Crocias albonotatus*

One flock of five of this splendid babbler at HM21 at Gunung Gede.



*Spotted Crocias*

Pygmy Tit, *Psaltria exilis*

Two plus a few at Cibodas Botanical Garden. This is an amazingly tiny bird with drab plumage, but bright legs.

Golden-bellied Gerygone, *Gerygone sulphurea sulphurea*

Common at Pulau Dua and several heard at Muara Angke.

Great Tit, *Parus major cinereus*

One at Cibodas Botanical Garden.

Velvet-fronted Nuthatch, *Sitta frontalis velata*

About five at Carita.

Blue Nuthatch, *Sitta azurea nigriventer*

A common component of mixed species flocks at Gunung Gede, mostly at higher altitudes.



*Blue Nuthatch*

Ruby-cheeked Sunbird, *Chalcoparia singalensis phoenicotus*

About ten at Carita.

Olive-backed Sunbird, *Cinnyris jugularis ornatus*

Two at Pulau Dua and one at Muara Angke.

White-flanked Sunbird, *Aethopyga eximia*

One male seen briefly when flying across near the waterfall and later a few seen at Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede and Cibodas Botanical Garden.

Scarlet (Javan) Sunbird, *Aethopyga mystacalis*

Two seen near the waterfall at Carita

Little Spiderhunter, *Arachnothera longirostra prillwitzii*

A few seen at Gunung Gede and Carita.

Streaky-breasted Spiderhunter, *Arachnothera affinis affinis*

A few at Carita.

Blood-breasted Flowerpecker, *Dicaeum sanguinolentum sanguinolentum*

5-10 seen at Gunung Gede.

Oriental White-eye, *Zosterops palpebrosus buxtoni*

Two seen at Cibodas.

Javan Grey-throated White-eye, *Lophozosterops javanicus frontalis*

Fairly common at Gunung Gede, mostly below the waterfall.

Ashy Drongo, *Dicrurus leucophaeus leucophaeus*

Several at Gunung Gede and a few at Carita.

Lesser Racket-tailed Drongo, *Dicrurus remifer remifer*

About five at Gunung Gede.

White-breasted Woodswallow, *Artamus leucorhynchus amydrus*

One at Muara Angke.

Racket-tailed Treepie, *Crypsirina temia*

One at Muara Angke.

Javan Myna, *Acridotheres javanicus*

About ten at Muara Angke.

Black-winged Starling, *Sturnus melanopterus* ssp

Two or four at Muara Angke. Maybe escaped birds as they did not seem to have the really dark back of the western Java subspecies.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow, *Passer montanus malaccensis*

Commonly seen in the villages.

[Streaked Weaver, *Ploceus manyar manyar*

Two female-type birds seen at the fish-ponds at Pulau Dua, where also a Streaked Weaver's nest was seen. One female-type bird with unstreaked breast and not-so-big bill was seen at Muara Angke.]

Red Avadavat, *Amandava amandava punicea*

One at Muara Angke.

Tawny-breasted Parrotfinch, *Erythrura hyperythra hyperythra*

At least five at Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede, one at Rutu and two at Hot Springs. One of the highlights at Gunung Gede was seeing these so well.



*Tawny-breasted Parrotfinches*

Javan Munia, *Lonchura leucogastroides*

Four at Cibodas Botanical Garden and two at Carita.

Nutmeg Mannikin, *Lonchura punctulata nisoria*

20+ at Carita and 20+ at Muara Angke.

[Mountain Serin, *Serinus estherae*

Eddie pointed out one calling briefly above Kandang Badak at Gunung Gede.]



## Mammals

### Leopard

One heard at the lower section of the trail at Gunung Gede and droppings later found on the trail.  
Identified by Eddie, who said that one roams this area.

### Black Monkey

Several sightings at Gunung Gede.

### Grey Monkey

Several sightings at Gunung Gede.

### Lori sp

Three seen during nocturnal spotlighting at Carita.



*Lori sp*

### Squirrels, rats and bats

These came in all sorts of sizes and shapes...