

## Kuala Selangor & Berjaya Hills 2015



*Splendid male Mountain Peacock-Pheasant Polyplectron inopinatum, Berjaya Hills, Bukit Tinggi.*

This is a short note on birding done around Kuala Lumpur. On our main trip to western Sumatra we decided to stay one night on both ways around KL (to where our international flight arrived). We stayed one night in Kuala Selangor, July 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> and one night in Berjaya Hills, August 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> respectively.

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### Kuala Selangor

A classic birding destination with easy access to mangrove forest and a small patch of coastal secondary forest. There are basic huts at the visitor center. On walking distance there are a few food opportunities in the town center.

<http://www.kuala-selangor.com/kuala-selangor-nature-park.html>

Access: By taxi from KLIA, 1h 35 min, 141 RM. We arranged for the same driver to pick us up the following day at 10AM to drive back to KLIA2 for our AirAsia flight to Padang, Sumatra.

Accommodation: Chalet (2 pax), Kuala Selangor Nature Park, 60 RM/night. Booked upon arrival.

Highlights: Little Bronze Cuckoo, Laced Woodpecker, Common Flameback, Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker, Mangrove Whistler, Mangrove Blue Flycatcher, Common Palm Civet. There are very few records of Mangrove Pitta in the last years. Barred Eagle-Owl could occur. A few more migrants would maybe make a winter visit more rewarding.



*Kuala Selangor Nature Park.*



*Little Bronze Cuckoo Chrysococcyx minutillus peninsularis.*



*Laced Woodpecker Picus vittatus.*



*Abbott's Babbler Malacocincla abbotti olivacea.*



*Common Palm Civet Paradoxurus hermaphroditus.*



Sketch map of Kuala Selangor Nature Park. Generally easy birding. There is a broad track going from the main center through secondary forest to the mangrove area where there is a loop track around a wetland. Another short loop stretches out into the mangroves on the western end of the reserve. There is no access to the sea/mudflats as map suggest (platforms broken since long). There are a couple of watching towers.

Best birding around the edge of the secondary forest. Fewer birds inside the mangrove forest, although Mangrove Whistler easy here.

## Berjaya Hills

**Access:** Rental car. There might be public alternatives to reach Berjaya Hills, but you're pretty dependent on a vehicle while there. There are scheduled buses from the hotel to the Japanese Gardens but its inflexible, and you won't be able to get there early in the morning. Driving is straight-forward from KL, following E8 northeast, turnoff toward "Bukit Tinggi"

**Accommodation:** Unbelievably kitchy Colmare Tropicale Resort was booked online via agoda.com. The resort is a popular weekend destination for KL residents.

**Highlights:** Mountain Peacock-Pheasant(!), Orange-breasted Trogon, Black-thighed Falconet, Scaly-breasted Bulbul, Buff-breasted Babbler, Purple-naped Sunbird, Pin-tailed Parrotfinch(!), Dusky Leaf Monkey.

**Birding:** The birding is easy around the Japanese Gardens (Taman Jepun) and Botanical Gardens above the resort. There has been a landslide on the back of the Japanese Gardens which has cut off a small road making it excellent for birding. We found the area pretty birdy on our both visits (one evening and one morning). Late evening we stopped between the Colmare Tropical resort and the gate to the gardens (where there is a very small amusement park "Flying Fox"). On the east side of the road there is a small area previously cleared now grassy where we amazingly had first one and then two Pin-tailed Parrotfinches flying over calling! Good bird to get!

**Arrangement:** I won't post the exact position of the Mountain Peacock-Pheasant here. This site has been known for a couple of years now, and is probably the only stake-out for the species anywhere. Local birder and photographer Adrian Lim is the one to be contacted, he owns a house close to the resort and have been feeding the pheasants for quite awhile, and usually one or more birds pass through the area most mornings between 7-9AM feeding for a few minutes. They have grown accustomed to birders and the views can be spectacular. Three other local birders where at the same spot on our morning visit, they had brought a photo-hide, which is not necessary, as the birds aren't too shy. Rarely also Ferruginous Partridge and Malaysian Rail-Babbler occur in this area. Adrian is careful to claim that he is not a professional guide and won't take any charges. If he can't meet you at the spot (weekends being the best shot), he can give you detailed information. He is a warm and charming person. Thank you for your hospitality!  
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Closed road section behind Japanese Gardens, Berjaya Hills.



Buff-rumped Woodpecker *Meiglyptes tristis grammithorax*.



Orange-breasted Trogon *Harpactes oreskios uniformis*.



Gold-whiskered Barbet *Psilopogon chrysopogon laetus*.



Dusky Leaf Monkey *Trachypithecus obscurus*.

## List of birds: Kuala Lumpur, July 25<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> & August 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

Following IOC World Bird List 5.3 (July 2015) ([www.worldbirdnames.org](http://www.worldbirdnames.org)). In total: 88 species, including 4 heard onlys (HO), 3 species on The IUCN Red List for Threatened Species (2014.3), 1 Peninsular Malaysia endemic. Subspecies notations are foremost literature-based.

- 1 **Mountain Peacock-Pheasant** *Polyplectron inopinatum* VU Endemic to Peninsular Malaysia  
1 male Berjaya Hills 8.8.
- 2 **Asian Openbill** *Anastomus oscitans*  
15 e.r. 7.8
- 3 **Black-crowned Night Heron** *Nycticorax nycticorax nycticorax*  
3 KS 26.7.
- 4 **Striated Heron** *Butorides striata javanica*  
1 KS 26.7.
- 5 **Grey Heron** *Ardea cinerea juoyi*  
Max 10 KS 25-26.7.
- 6 **Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta garzetta*  
Max 8 KS 25-26.7.
- 7 **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus vociferus*  
1 e.r. 26.7.
- 8 **Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus intermedius*  
30 25-26.7, 1 e.r. 7.8.
- 9 **White-breasted Waterhen** *Amauornis phoenicurus phoenicurus*  
1 KS 26.7.
- 10 **Black-winged Stilt** *Himantopus himantopus*  
1 KLIA 25.7.
- 11 **Red-wattled Lapwing** *Vanellus indicus atronuchalis*  
2 KLIA2 7.8.
- 12 **Rock Dove** *Columba livia*
- 13 **Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis tigrina*  
1 e.r. 7.8.
- 14 **Little Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia ruficeps malayana*  
3 Japanese Gardens 7.8.
- 15 **Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica indica*  
1 KS 26.7.
- 16 **Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata*  
Max 6 e.r. 25-26.7, 1 e.r. 7.8.
- 17 **Pink-necked Green Pigeon** *Treron vernans*  
Max 75+ KS 25-26.7.
- 18 **Thick-billed Green Pigeon** *Treron curvirostra curvirostra*  
3 KS 25.7.
- 19 **Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis intermedius* (HO)  
1h KS 26.7.
- 20 **Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus malayanus* (HO)  
1h KS 25.7.
- 21 **Little Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx minutillus peninsularis*  
1 + 1h KS 25.7.
- 22 **Nightjar sp** *Caprimulgus sp*  
1 seen in flight at dawn KS 26.7.
- 23 **Glossy Swiftlet** *Collocalia esculenta cyanoptila*  
5 BH 7.8.
- 24 **Germain's Swiftlet** *Aerodramus germani*  
Many KS 25-26.7.
- 25 **Silver-rumped Spinetail** *Rhipidura leucopygialis*  
3 BH 7.8.

- 26 **Cook's Swift** *Apus cooki*  
2 BH 7.8, 1 e.r. 8.8.
- 27 **Orange-breasted Trogon** *Harpactes oreskios uniformis*  
1 Japanese Gardens 7.8
- 28 **Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis orientalis*  
1 flew S, KS 25.7.
- 29 **Stork-billed Kingfisher** *Pelargopsis capensis malaccensis*  
1 + 1h KS 26.7.
- 30 **White-throated Kingfisher** *Halcyon smyrnensis perpulchra*  
1 e.r. 25.7, 1 e.r. 26.7.
- 31 **Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris humii*  
10 KS 25-26.7.
- 32 **Rhinoceros Hornbill** *Buceros rhinoceros rhinoceros* (HO) **NT**  
2h BH 7.8, 2h BH 8.8.
- 33 **Lineated Barbet** *Psilopogon lineatus hodgsoni*  
1h KS 25.7, 2 KS 26.7.
- 34 **Golden-whiskered Barbet** *Psilopogon chrysopogon laetus*  
4 Japanese Gardens 7.8, 1h Japanese Gardens 8.8.
- 35 **Black-browed Barbet** *Psilopogon oorti* (HO)  
1h BH 7.8, 1h BH 8.8.
- 36 **Blue-eared Barbet** *Psilopogon duvaucelii duvaucelii*  
3 BH 7.8, 1h BH 8.8
- 37 **Coppersmith Barbet** *Psilopogon haemacephalus indicus*  
1 + 1h KS 25.7, 2h KS 26.7.
- 38 **Sooty Barbet** *Caloramphus hayii*  
8 BH 7.8, 1 BH 8.8.
- 39 **Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopos mouccensis moluccensis*  
1 KS 25.7.
- 40 **Laced Woodpecker** *Picus vittatus*  
3 KS 25.7, 5 KS 26.7.
- 41 **Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanese javanese*  
4 KS 25.7, 9 KS 26.7.
- 42 **Buff-rumped Woodpecker** *Meiglyptes tristis grammithorax*  
3 BH 7.8.
- 43 **Black-thighed Falconet** *Microhierax fringillarius*  
3 BH 7.8.
- 44 **Golden-bellied Gerygone** *Gerygone sulphurea sulphurea*  
3 KS 25.7, 5 KS 26.7.
- 45 **Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia horizopectera*  
2 KS 25.7, 1 KS 26.7.
- 46 **Pied Triller** *Lalage nigra nigra*  
5 KS 25.7, 2 KS 26.7.
- 47 **Mangrove Whistler** *Pachycephala cinerea*  
2 KS 25.7, 5 KS 26.7.
- 48 **Blyth's Shrike-Babbler** *Pteruthius aeralatus cameranoi*  
1f BH 7.8.
- 49 **Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis maculatus*  
5 KS 25.7, 5 26.7.
- 50 **Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus nigrescens*  
2 KS 25.7.
- 51 **Malaysian Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica longicauda*  
8 KS 25.7, 10 KS 26.7.
- 52 **Slender-billed Crow** *Corvus enca compilator*  
30+ KS 25-26.7, 5 e.r. 7.8.
- 53 **Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus ambiguus*

- 1 KS 25.7, 1 KS 26.7.
- 54 **Black-crested Bulbul** *Pycnonotus flaviventris caecillii*  
2 BH 7.8.
- 55 **Scaly-breasted Bulbul** *Pycnonotus squamatus webberi* NT  
4 BH 7.8.
- 56 **Stripe-throated Bulbul** *Pycnonotus finlaysoni finlaysoni*  
5 BH 7.8.
- 57 **Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goiavier*  
15+ KS 25-26.7, 1 BH 7.8.
- 58 **Olive-winged Bulbul** *Pycnonotus plumosus plumosus*  
2 KS 25.7, 1 KS 26.7.
- 59 **Cinereous Bulbul** *Hemixos cinereus cinereus*  
8 BH 7.8.
- 60 **Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica gutturalis*  
2 KS 25.7.
- 61 **Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica javanica*  
20+ KS 25-26.7, 10+ BH 7.8.
- 62 **Rufous-bellied Swallow** *Cecropis badia*  
2 BH 7.8.
- 63 **Yellow-bellied Warbler** *Abroscopus superciliaris sakaiorum*  
2 BH 7.8, 1h BH 8.8.
- 64 **Yellow-bellied Prinia** *Prinia flaviventris rafflesi*  
3 KS 25.7, 5 KS 26.7, 4 BH 7.8.
- 65 **Common Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sutorius maculicollis*  
1 KS 25.7, 5 KS 26.7.
- 66 **Ashy Tailorbird** *Orthotomus ruficeps cineraceus*  
5 KS 25-26.7.
- 67 **Grey-throated Babbler** *Stachyris nigriceps davisoni*  
5 BH 8.8.
- 68 **Pin-striped Tit-Babbler** *Macronus gularis chersonesophilus*  
3 BH 7.8.
- 69 **Abbott's Babbler** *Malacocincla abbotti olivacea*  
3 KS 25.7, 10 KS 26.7.
- 70 **Buff-breasted Babbler** *Pellorneum tickelli tickelli*  
3 BH 8.8.
- 71 **Oriental White-eye** *Zosterops palpebrosus auriventer*  
15 KS 25-26.7, 10 BH 7.8.
- 72 **Asian Glossy Starling** *Aplonis panayensis striqata*  
80+ KS 25.7, 5 KS 26.7.
- 73 **Javan Myna** *Acridotheres javanicus*  
Introduced. Many KS.
- 74 **Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis tristis*  
5 e.r. 25.7, 5 e.r. 26.7, 1 e.r. 7.8.
- 75 **Oriental Magpie-Robin** *Copsychus saularis musicus*  
5 KS 25.7, 3 KS 26.7, 8 BH 7.8.
- 76 **White-rumped Shama** *Copsychus malabaricus tricolor*  
2 BH 8.8.
- 77 **Mangrove Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis rufigastra rufigastra*  
1 juv KS 25.7.
- 78 **Verditer Flycatcher** *Eumyias thalassinus thalassoides*  
1 BH 7.8.
- 79 **Greater Green Leafbird** *Chloropsis sonnerati zosterops*  
2 BH 7.8.
- 80 **Blue-winged Leafbird** *Chloropsis cochinchinensis moluccensis*  
8 BH 7.8.

- 81 **Brown-throated Sunbird** *Anthreptes malacensis malacensis*  
1m KS 25.7.
- 82 **Purple-naped Sunbird** *Hypogramma hypogrammicum nuchale*  
1 BH 7.8.
- 83 **Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis ornatus*  
3 KS 25-26.7.
- 84 **Little Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera longirostra cinireicollis*  
2 BH 7.8, 1 BH 8.8
- 85 **Grey-breasted Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera modesta modesta*  
1 BH 7.8.
- 86 **Streaked Spiderhunter** *Arachnothera magna magna*  
1 BH 8.8
- 87 **Pin-tailed Parrotfinch** *Erythrura prasina prasina*  
3 BH 7.8.
- 88 **White-rumped Munia** *Lochura striata subsquamicollis*  
2 KS 25.7.



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