

Taiwan 5th – 18th May 2013 Trip Report

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This report covers a trip to Taiwan by Peter and Rosemary Royle in May 2013. Our trip was led by a local guide, Richard Foster, and consequently it does not give full details of all the birding sites, as we didn't actually know where we were all the time! However, we have tried to give a flavour of what birding is like on Taiwan and what you can expect to see.

It was a very successful trip and we would thoroughly recommend Taiwan as a birding destination which also has lots of other interesting things to do and see.

INTRODUCTION

We had booked a BirdTour Asia trip (see www.birdtourasia.com) to Sichuan starting May 20th so we thought that while we were out in that part of the world we would visit a few other places as well. So we travelled to Chengdu in Sichuan, where the trip started, via **Hong Kong** and **Taiwan**.

This proved very productive – in **Hong Kong** we had a day with Dave Diskin from Walk Hong Kong <http://www.walkhongkong.com/> going to Tai Po forest and Mai Po mudflats on May 3rd. It was a little late for the best wader passage but in the event we got 11 lifers in Hong Kong including the much-wanted Broad-Billed Sandpiper, Long-toed Stint, and best of all, a flock of Black-faced Spoonbills, thus taking the pressure off the trip to Taiwan! The waders were all in summer plumage and provided very close viewing. There were also a few good passerines which we would not get a chance to see again including Hainan Blue Flycatcher.

So then we moved on to **Taiwan** which has a good list of endemics (a bit of a moveable feast) and promises spectacular birds such as Swinhoe's and Mikado pheasants.

We booked a guided tour in advance with Richard Foster of Taiwan Ecotours, now known as Taiwan Birding <http://taiwanbirding.com/>. We just emailed to ask for a more-or-less standard trip for two people for the dates we wanted and it was all fixed very quickly (after he initially lost our email – I think he can sometimes be a bit scatterbrained so persevere!) . We later added Lanyu to the itinerary – the total cost Taipei to Taipei for 9 days was US\$4,300 including everything, which was a bargain. We travelled in Richard's 4x4, stayed in a range of interesting accommodations, ate some fantastic meals and even learnt some Chinese! Richard hails from Northern Ireland originally – he fetched up in Taiwan many years ago, met a local girl, married her and settled in southern Taiwan. He speaks fluent Mandarin which makes it easy for him to communicate with the locals.

The itinerary turned out to be very flexible and differed from the original plan – it was changed based on our success with the birds and problems with the weather. Richard just booked hotels and ferries by phone as we went along.

Richard's birding skills are not red-hot but quite sufficient to find the necessary species and he is equipped with bird calls etc. The only endemics we dipped on were Taiwan Thrush and Taiwan Varied Tit. (The thrush is known to be very difficult, but I think in retrospect we could have tried harder for the tit) Our attempt to find birds on our second stab at high elevations was scuppered by the weather. In the event we saw 122 species of which 51 were lifers which we were happy with. (The list could have been longer if we had been to any wetland sites but we did not bother)

There were additional benefits to visiting Taiwan apart from the birds – excellent scenery, fantastic food, friendly people, really interesting culture (like China before the Communists) and Polynesian culture on Lanyu. Knowing this we allowed days at the beginning and at the end of the birding trip to sample a bit of Taiwanese culture and life in Taipei and I am very glad we did.

Also there are mammals – the Red & White Giant Flying squirrel was well worth finding. It was really cute, just google it if you don't believe me - even Birdquest have got a photo of it. Also butterflies and moths - Richard can run a moth trap which he keeps at one of the guest houses if his clients are interested. (We were very interested but also shattered so we decided to pass) One night at Dasyueshan we came across a group of students with an MV light and a sheet – we stopped to take a look and they had some terrific moths.

But beware weekends and holidays – forests reserves and resorts can get incredibly busy. And don't try to stakeout pheasants at weekends unless you are happy to sit with a row of photographers.

A FEW PRACTICAL NOTES

Preconceptions: We had at first imagined, as I expect most other people do, that Taiwan is covered in wall-to-wall factories and habitation. Whilst this is to some extent true in the Western plains (though even there the industrial units are often in villages and between fields and not in huge industrial areas) once you get up into the mountains there is very little habitation at all. The Taiwanese seem never to have farmed or cultivated in the mountains, or even made much use of the forests and the timber, so that there are huge expanses of untouched forest clothing quite high mountains which provides a large area for the native flora and fauna. However, the Taiwanese do now exploit these areas for recreation so they can be very busy at weekends.

Language We saw hardly any other Europeans while we were there so it's not surprising that most people do not really speak English. This especially applies to restaurants which may have an English menu, probably with pictures, (the Bradt guide tells you if they have) but that may not help you if you have to fill in a form to order the meal which is all in Chinese! Pointing works fine and a nearby teenager will probably help you out. However, the tube system, trains, motorways and airports have English translations and the road names in Taipei usually have the phonetic Roman script version of the name. Suffice to say we spent 3 days in Taipei with no problems. Note that taxi drivers will never speak English – you must have the Chinese version of your destination written down preferably with a phone number so the taxi driver can phone up and find out where it is. One small problem with Taiwanese place names is that the Romanised version of them is very variable – e.g. Diuliu or Doiuloiu, which makes maps confusing and English-language Sat Navs difficult.

Guide books. Neither the Bradt Guide or the Lonely Planet are very good – the Taipei maps are impenetrable – you cannot work how to fit them together – and neither of them have a map of the Taipei tube which I printed off from the web. I think the LP is marginally more useful and it has more on wildlife.

Flights: We flew to Hong Kong from Heathrow then on from Hong Kong to Taipei with Cathay Pacific. We found that by breaking our journey in Hong Kong the price decreased significantly! For Taipei to Chengdu we flew China Airlines – an inconvenient time arriving at 22:30 (and it was late) but it is the only flight available. You can now fly from Taipei to a number of major cities in China, which is a fairly recent development, presumably to cater for the masses of Chinese tourists.

Maps: We picked up an excellent free map (Taiwan on one side, Taipei on the other) from an information booth at a tube station..

Bird books: You only need one – “Birds of East Asia” by Mark Brazil

Hotels: I will just mention the hotel we used in Taipei – we found it on the Web and it was excellent. “The Royal Biz Taipei” was a smart small hotel with lovely rooms well away from the other tourist hotels and only 5 mins (interesting) walk from the Dongmen tube station. The staff were very attentive and spoke good English.

The Taipei tube system: Truly excellent – though don’t use it to the extent you never walk around the streets! Each tube station has many exits as they often double as underpasses – carefully consult the underpass maps as it is perfectly possible to come out of the wrong exit and set off in completely the wrong direction.

Food: We never had a bad meal and some of the best were from truly grubby little places which we would never have considered if we had not been with Richard! Most things are freshly stir-fried with plenty of leafy veg. on offer. The fresh flying fish on Lanyu was superb. Note that Taiwanese eat very early in the evening – 6:00 pm would not be unusual. You may struggle to find a meal after 7:30.

Night markets are great fun for trying things out – we ate far too much at the Kenting night market but the best things were prawn pancakes, sweet potato chips with plum powder, grilled tiny octopuses and “Fried Milk Balls” (no idea!), steering well clear of the Duck necks.

The Ching Ye Shin Le Yuan (or Chingye Shinleyuan) restaurant in Taipei is inside an old factory building in a culture park. They do freshly prepared food and a huge buffet for a fixed price which makes it easy for foreigners though you might not fancy the pig’s jowl much. They don’t speak English but your accommodation will book it for you.

At the other end of the culinary scale, Pot Noodles (local brands) are widely eaten – many Visitor Areas and lodges will have a hot water supply for making them and for making tea.

Birding in Taipei: One of the classic places to find Malaysian Night Heron is in the centre of Taipei. The best known site is the Botanic Gardens, where we eventually found two birds at the far side of the gardens from where we had come in. We also found several very tame juvenile birds in the Chang Kai Shek Memorial Park which were completely oblivious to passers by.

To the north of the city, accessible by tube, is Guanda Nature Park, an expanse of marshes and pools important for migration. Not much around at this time of year but pleasant to sit in the hides after tromping the streets all day.

Temples: I really don’t think you can visit Taiwan without visiting a temple. They are fascinating places and much used as part of every-day life – often by 20-something smartly dressed girls who are presumably praying for a husband/faithful husband/baby etc. Try the Boa-an or the Longshan in Taipei – the first is a “City God” temple, the second Buddhist but it was hard to tell the difference. If you don’t want to go into Taipei then any roadside temple will do, and there is quite a famous small temple, called the Crane Temple, not far from Huben (Fairy Pitta location)

Modern Taiwan: Most residents of the cities seem to get around on Vespa-style scooters – you will see them everywhere. And the Taiwanese are obsessed by cartoon characters – e.g. Hello Kitty. All young people have a mobile phone clamped to their ear or being tapped on by their fingers. The countryside is much more old fashioned.

Weather: We did have some very wet un-birdable weather on one day so you should make sure you have some extra days in your itinerary to allow for this at this time of the year which is technically the beginning of the rainy season.

Taipei: We are not city people at all but we enjoyed Taipei. The streets are fun to walk around, the temples fascinating, the tube system excellent, it is mostly very clean and there are clean public toilets everywhere. However, it is not sterile and uninteresting – the main streets are modern but as soon as you head off down a little alley it all changes.

Visiting Lanyu: We caught the ferry from H(M)aubitou (near Kenting) in the very south of the island – it was a 2½ hour trip. It can be very rough but although there was a swell when we went it was not rough. We arrived on Lanyu in the mid-afternoon and the boat leaves Lanyu mid-afternoon (but not every day). Some people manage all the endemics in a couple of hours so I guess you could leave the next day if you were lucky. Catching the ferry from Haubitou means that you do have drive the whole length of the island to get there. However, the Taroko Gorge was shut while we were there so we could not easily get to Taitung where the plane and the other ferry depart from.

Visiting Lanyu does take a big chunk out of the time allowed for the itinerary – at least 2½ days – and the birds are truly not very exciting. However the culture is interesting - very Polynesian and completely unlike the rest of Taiwan. And it makes a nice change from mountain forest birding.

7/11 stores: These were an absolute blessing and they were everywhere. A good one will, in addition to a fair range of groceries etc, have an ATM and toilets, serve hot food and coffee and will be air-conditioned. (You can even pay your utility bills there apparently) We often bought our lunch there either to eat in or take out. Rice triangles were very good – sort of take-away sushi but you have to know how to open them as an inner layer of packaging separates the rice from the seaweed outer. Tea Eggs are always on offer, simmering in unappetising saucepans – they just seem to be hard-boiled eggs cooked in strong tea and are very cheap. The soft white buns stuffed with custardy cream were a favourite of ours, as was Dr Brown’s iced coffee in a can.

OUTLINE ITINERARY: (Richard Foster tour in yellow)

5	Sun	Arrive in Taipei from Hong Kong
6	Mon	A day exploring Taipei – Boa-an Temple, Hsiahai City God temple, Dahua market area, Da’an Park.
7	Tue	Pick up from Taipei and out to Wulai (hot springs resort). In late afternoon drive 2 hours to a city centre hotel at the foot of the mountains west of Dasyueshan
8	Wed	Slowly move up through the elevations to Dasyueshan Park Lodge.
9	Thu	Bird the area up the road from the lodge and around the Dasyueshan lodge.
10	Fri	Birding back down the road from the Dasyueshan lodge, then drove down to the plain and further southwards staying in a small guesthouse.
11	Sat	A very wet morning – we drove up to the summit of Hehuanshan. Headed back down and drove further south to an Eco-lodge near Xitou.
12	Sun	Birded the local area then set off south to Houbitou to catch the ferry to Lanyu. On Lanyu, An abortive wet walk in Flycatcher Gully
13	Mon	On Lanyu. Flycatcher Gully then drove around the island
14	Tue	Explored the island a bit more and caught the ferry in the afternoon. Stayed overnight in Kenting and went to the night market.
15	Wed	Explored coastal areas and Longluan Lake. Drove north to Douliou where we stayed in the excellent Metro Hotel.
16	Thu	Fairy Pitta day Then explored higher up in the same area, going to a forest area which was very busy indeed.
17	Fri	Took a mid-morning bullet train back to Taipei. Explored more of Taipei – Chang Kai Shek Memorial Park, Botanic Gardens, Longshan Temple

18	Sat	Visited Guanda Temple and Guanda Bird reserve north of the city. Flight in the evening to Chengdu.
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MORE DETAIL ON THE BIRDING ITINERARY: (endemic species are marked in bold)

Tuesday 7th: Richard picked us up from the hotel and we drove for some time up into nearby hills to Wulai. This is a Hot Springs resort with an aboriginal population but we were here for the birds. Our target was Taiwan Blue Magpie which occupies an altitude not often visited during the rest of the trip so it is good to get it out of the way. We walked a fair range of paths and roads picking up new birds such as Chinese and Black Bulbul, **Taiwan Whistling Thrush** and Grey Treepie and we heard plenty of **Taiwan Barbets** though they were harder to see. Eventually as we were driving along through the village Peter shouted “Magpies” and indeed there were two **Taiwan Blue Magpies** right near the road posing very well for us. Having achieved this valuable tick, and as the rain came in, we drove back down from Wulai and then south for about 2 hours to a large town at the base of the Dasyueshan mountain road where we stayed in a city centre hotel.

Wednesday 8th: We set off slowly upwards towards Dasyueshan, stopping at various agricultural areas where we picked up Collared Finchbill, Plain and Striated Prinias, Rufous-capped Babbler, **Taiwan Hwamei**, **Taiwan Scimitar-Babbler** and **Grey-cheeked Fulvetta**. We also had decent views of a **Taiwan Bamboo-partridge**, which after calling non-stop for about ½ an hour, decided to fly across the track and then walk back across the track into the bamboo. We were pleased about this as we had heard this can be a difficult bird to see. We had lunch standing on an old bridge where we watched Plumbeous Redstart, Common Kingfisher and Dipper – also Grey-chinned Minivets attacking the car mirrors. After lunch we entered the mountain forest proper. We stopped first at KM 17 where after only two minutes (Peter was still getting his camera from the car) we had stunning views of a male **Swinhoe’s Pheasant** as it strolled across the road to the feeding area and then pecked around for a bit. Once the male had departed, the female appeared. Then we drove on up the road finding White-tailed Robin at a small waterfall, to KM47 which is the site for Mikado Pheasant. No success (though plenty of little squirrels and chipmunks) and then it rained heavily but we did have close views of **White-whiskered Laughingthrush**, **Steere’s Liocichla**, also our first **White-eared Sibias** – this latter bird, though noisy and common, was surprisingly hard to see well. **Taiwan Yuhinas** were common and very attractive. We stayed in the Dasyueshan Forest Reserve lodge in a very pleasant cabin. Food was adequate, though probably the worst of the trip, and if you want it hot you need to be there at 6:00!

Thursday 9th: Early start for the Mikado pheasant stakeout – nothing. After breakfast, we then walked around the grounds of the lodge where there were good parties of tits including the local Coal Tit with a crest and just one **Yellow Tit**. Then we drove up the road to a regular stake-out for **Taiwan (or Sombre) Bush Robin**, which obliged very well, followed by another fruitless Mikado Pheasant session. We then drove up to the 50KM visitor area and walked around various paths and around the buildings. This was quite productive finding **Taiwan Fulvetta**, Yellowish-bellied Bush Warbler (with the unfeasibly high song) and Brownish-flanked Bush Warbler feeding altogether in a small clearing. We also found some Vinaceous Rosefinches behind a shed - unfortunately only females. We also eventually found a **Taiwan Bush-warbler** having strolled up and down a suitable bit of road trying to tempt one with a tape; just as we were giving up a bird started singing below us, came up to roadside level and kept on singing apparently for ever! Once these Bradypterus warblers start they never seem to stop! At the bottom edge of the lower car park we managed to tempt out a **Taiwan Shortwing** and we also had good views at the same spot of a **Collared Bush Robin**, which are lovely birds.. There was no sign of the Golden Parrotbill – this area is where Richard often sees them. Then back down the road to the **Mikado Pheasant** spot – this time, at last, we were lucky with a lovely male bird and we actually drove away while he was still there. Flushed with success we tried the “Little Forktail” waterfall again – and yes, he was there too! On a roll now we tried for the **Taiwan Wren Babbler** – not good views, only glimpses, but that would do. Now for the **Taiwan Barwing** – it took a while but we eventually found a pair, also seeing **Rufous-capped Laughingthrushes** while searching. At some stage during the day we also saw a **Flamecrest** but unfortunately they were not very good views.

Friday 10th: An early morning walk around the lodge grounds where we had better views of Rufous-capped Laughing Thrushes: also Nutcrackers and a **Rusty Laughingthrush**. After breakfast we went for a walk on our own through the forest from the lodge to a lower car park – it was truly beautiful forest, mostly deciduous trees such as maples and liquid-amber plus the evergreen trochodendron overshadowed by huge pines and hemlocks. Not too many birds but we did find another Yellow Tit – again only one in a big flock of tits. After lunch we walked a trail looking for Taiwan Hill Partridges but with no success so we moved down to the car park at KM 23 where recently some photographers had managed to attract these shy birds with grain. We waited for 2 hours, sat on the concrete edge of the car park, peering down a steep slope. Eventually 3 **Taiwan Hill Partridges** came into distant view casually pecking through the forest litter. Later, the birds came right up the slope close to the car park where the grain had been scattered, but I was the only one to see them! Then we drove on down the mountain and further south to the base of Hehuanshan where we stayed in small guesthouse belonging to a friend of Richard's near Wushe.

Saturday 11th: It rained overnight and it was still raining in the morning. We at last had good views of the Barbet from the hotel balcony. We drove up to the top of Hehuanshan (our last chance for high altitude species) in terrible weather. Eventually the weather eased slightly and we drove on to an old bit of paved car park and waited for the weather to improve a bit more. It didn't but we did see a Collared Bush Robin, heard a Taiwan Bush Warbler singing and had good views of male Vinaceous Rosefinches feeding on some spilt rice. We even managed to film them in the horizontal rain! No sign of any Accentors but lots of people getting off coaches in yellow plastic macs to see the completely non-existent "view". We decided to call it a day and drove back down, stopping briefly at the famous "Blue Gate Trail" to have a quick look but the rain was still sheeting down so we gave up. We drove back down the hill and then southwards to escape the rain. We stopped at a bridge near "Yellow Butterfly Valley" where we had good views of various swallows and swifts. Stayed overnight in an Eco-lodge with lots of butterflies.

Sunday 12th: Birdwatched around the lodge before breakfast and in a nearby cleared area next to the hills afterwards. This area had flowering trees and was hopping with birds, most noticeably **Red Orioles** looking amazing in the morning sunshine. We also saw Besra, **Taiwan Green Pigeon** (one of the birds we were expecting on Lanyu) and White-backed Woodpecker. Drove on to Haubitou to catch the midday ferry to Lanyu – it left early! The crossing was not very birdy – just a few Bulwer's Petrels. On arriving Richard hired a car and we found some nice accommodation, semi underground. We made our first visit to Flycatcher Gully – this once rocky and unknown footpath has now been upgraded with board-walks, notices and nature trails. Building all this must have caused some disturbance but apparently the jury is still out on whether it's a good thing as it does make access much easier. However, on this occasion it rained on us and we did not see much at all apart from the ever present Brown-eared Bulbul and Lowland White-eye. We had an excellent meal in the little restaurant near to the guest house – it was heavingly busy for some reason. The Flying Fish was truly succulent.

Monday 13th: Went to the bridge over Flycatcher Gully and had excellent close views of two Taiwan Green Pigeons. After a sumptuous breakfast at Ya-ken we went back to Flycatcher Gully in decent weather – but no birds. However, there was a group of men cutting down a tree to make a traditional boat, for which they cut the tree complete with one buttress to make the upstanding prow. Then it rained again. This time we carried on and the rain eventually stopped. Then the sun came out and so did the birds – suddenly we could see Japanese Paradise Flycatchers flitting around in the trees – where were they before? We probably saw about 6 or 7 males altogether including right near the tree-cutters!. There were also Emerald Doves but no Cuckoo-dove. Then we carried on driving round the island seeing plenty of Brown Shrikes and Cattle Egrets plus a flock of Yellow Wagtails. We stopped at Yang Ching farm - more a set of large allotments really with people tending them – and walked through the woods at the back where Peter managed to find two roosting **Lanyu Scops Owls**. Just as we were turning round to return to the car Rosemary spotted some movement low down – a Philippine Cuckoo Dove at last! As we left we were treated to a slice of quite the most tasty water melon I have ever had. Then on around the island admiring the decorated boats, interesting murals and the drying Flying Fish. Another excellent meal.

Tuesday 14th: We explored various places in the morning managing to find Lesser Coucal (a lifer for us) and the *phillipinus* race of the Blue Rock Thrush. On to the boat at 3:00 pm for a calm crossing – a few more birds this time including Streaked Shearwater, a lifer for us. Overnight in Kenting and a visit to the night market.

Wednesday 15th: Explored the coastal area near Kenting where we had good views of **Styan's Bulbuls** plus some good butterflies such as Taiwan Birdwing and Taiwan Swallowtail. We also watched in amazement as a Taiwan Bamboo Partridge walked across the path behind us in full view and in a leisurely fashion! Offshore there were Black-naped Terns. In a grassy area we found Oriental Skylarks and at Kenting Lake we ticked off Chinese Spot-billed Duck. It got extremely hot at lunchtime so we gave up and then headed north in the car to Diuliu where we stayed in the Metro Hotel, from whose balconies you can watch for Savannah Nightjars which live on the roofs – we could hear them but just could not see one.

Thursday 16th: Fairy Pitta day. Met with our local guide at Huben village then followed him in the car some way out of the village and across some fields. We then parked and walked up a stony little river valley and after waiting for a while we eventually had good views of a Pitta, flying around with a leaf in his beak. Whilst waiting for the Pitta, we had close views of Dusky Fulvetta. Then back near the car we had excellent views of **Black-necklaced Scimitar-babbler**. Happy with the morning we decided to drive up the hill to a Forest Education Area which turned out to be teeming with people – think 50 coaches. It was also starting to rain and while Richard had a snooze we took pictures of White-tailed Robins and I managed to see a Vivid Niltava. Then the rain got heavier and we called it a day and went back to the hotel.

Friday 17th: Richard drove us to the nearest bullet train station where we caught the train to Taipei - about £25 single for the 1½ hour journey along half the length of the island. An interesting experience.

Taiwan Bird List May 2013

English Name	Latin Name	
BULWERS PETREL	bulweria	bulwerii
STREAKED SHEARWATER	calonectris	leucomelas
GREAT CORMORANT	phalacrocorax	carbo
MALAYAN NIGHT HERON	gorsachius	melanolophus
BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERON	nycticorax	nycticorax
PACIFIC REEF EGRET	egretta	sacra
LITTLE EGRET	egretta	garzetta
INTERMEDIATE EGRET	egretta	intermedia
PURPLE HERON	ardea	purpurea
GREY HERON	ardea	cinerea
EASTERN CATTLE EGRET	bubulcus	coromandus
EASTERN GREAT EGRET	ardea	modesta
MALLARD	anas	platyrhynchos
CHINESE SPOT BILLED DUCK	anas	zonorhynca
CRESTED SERPENT EAGLE	spilornis	cheela
BESRA SPARROWHAWK	accipiter	virgatus
CRESTED GOSHAWK	accipiter	trivirgatus
MOUNTAIN HAWK EAGLE	nisaetus	nipalensis
TAIWAN PARTRIDGE	arborophila	crudigularis
SWINHOES PHEASANT	lophura	swinhoii
MIKADO PHEASANT	syrmaticus	mikado
TAIWAN BAMBOO PARTRIDGE	bambusicola	sonorivox
WHITE BREASTED WATERHEN	amaurornis	phoenicurus
MOORHEN	gallinula	chloropus
BLACK WINGED STILT	himantopus	himantopus

GREATER SAND PLOVER	charadrius	leschenaultii
GREENSHANK	tringa	nebularia
COMMON SANDPIPER	actitis	hypoleucus
TURNSTONE	arenaria	interprex
BLACK NAPPED TERN	sterna	sumatrana
ASHY WOOD PIGEON	columba	pulchricollis
RED COLLARED DOVE	streptopelia	tranquebarica
SPOTTED DOVE	streptopelia	chinensis
PHILIPPINE CUCKOO DOVE	macropygia	tenuirostris
EMERALD DOVE	chalcophaps	indica
WHITE BELLIED GREEN PIGEON	treron	sieboldii
TAIWAN GREEN PIGEON	treron	formosae
LARGE HAWK CUCKOO	cuculus	sparverioides
HIMALAYAN CUCKOO	cuculus	saturatus
LESSER COUCAL	centropus	bengalensis
COLLARED OWLET	glaucidium	brodiei
LANYU SCOPS OWL	otus	botelensis
SAVANNAH NIGHTJAR	caprimulgus	affinis
SILVER BACKED NEEDLETAIL	hirundapus	cochinchinensis
PACIFIC SWIFT	apus	pacificus
HOUSE SWIFT	apus	affinis
COMMON KINGFISHER	alcedo	atthis
TAIWAN BARBET	megalaima	nuchalis
WHITE BACKED WOODPECKER	dendrocopos	leucotos
FAIRY PITTA	pitta	nympha
ORIENTAL SKYLARK	alauda	gulgula
BARN SWALLOW	hirundo	rustica
STRIATED SWALLOW	cecropis	striolata
GREY WAGTAIL	motacilla	cinerea
WHITE WAGTAIL	motacilla	alba
EASTERN YELLOW WAGTAIL	motacilla	tschutschensis
GREY CHINNED MINIVET	pericrocotus	solaris
COLLARED FINCHBILL	spzixos	semitorques
CHINESE BULBUL	pycnonotus	sinensis
STYANS BULBUL	pycnonotus	taivanus
BROWN EARED BULBUL	hypsipetes	amaurotis
BLACK BULBUL	hypsipetes	leucocephalus
BROWN SHRIKE	lanius	cristatus
WHITE THROATED DIPPER	cinclus	cinclus
COLLARED BUSH ROBIN	tarsiger	johnstoniae
PLUMBEOUS REDSTART	rhyacornis	fulliginosa
WHITE TAILED ROBIN	cinclidium	leucurum
LITTLE FORKTAIL	enicurus	scouleri
BLUE ROCK THRUSH	montecola	solitarius
TAIWAN WHISTLING THRUSH	myophonus	insularis
TAIWAN BUSH ROBIN (SOMBRE)	tarsiger	formosanus
TAIWAN SHORTWING	brachypteryx	goodfellowi
RUFIOUS CAPPED BABBLER	stachyris	ruficeps
RUSTY LAUGHINGTHRUSH	garrulax	poecilorhyncus
STEERES LIOCICHLA	liocichla	steerii
TAIWAN BARWING	actinodura	morrisoniana
TAIWAN FULVETTA	alcippe	formosana
DUSKY FULVETTA	alcippe	brunnea
GREY CHEEKED FULVETTA	alcippe	morrisonia
WHITE EARED SIBIA	heterophasia	auricularis
TAIWAN YUHINA	yuhina	brunneiceps
WHITE BELLIED ERPORNIS	erpornis	zantholeuca

WHITE WHISKERED LAUGHINGTHRUSH	<i>garrulax</i>	<i>morrisonianus</i>
TAIWAN LAUGHINGTHRUSH (HWAMEI)	<i>garrulax</i>	<i>taewanus</i>
RUFOUS CAPPED LAUGHINGTHRUSH	<i>garrulax</i>	<i>ruficeps</i>
TAIWAN SCIMITAR BABBLER	<i>pomatorhinus</i>	<i>musicus</i>
TAIWAN WREN BABBLER	<i>pnoepyga</i>	<i>formosana</i>
BLACK NECKLACED SCIMITAR BABBLER	<i>pomatorhinus</i>	<i>erythrocnemis</i>
BROWNISH FLANKED BUSH WARBLER	<i>cettia</i>	<i>fortipes</i>
YELLOW BELLIED BUSH WARBLER	<i>cettia</i>	<i>acanthizoides</i>
TAIWAN BUSH WARBLER	<i>bradypterus</i>	<i>alishanensis</i>
RUFOUS FACED WARBLER	<i>abroscopus</i>	<i>albogularis</i>
FLAMECREST	<i>regulus</i>	<i>goodfellowi</i>
STRIATED PRINIA	<i>prinia</i>	<i>criniger</i>
PLAIN PRINIA	<i>prinia</i>	<i>inornata</i>
VIVID NILTAVA	<i>niltava</i>	<i>vivida</i>
JAPANESE PARADISE FLYCATCHER	<i>terpsiphone</i>	<i>atrocaudata</i>
BLACK NAPED MONARCH	<i>hypothymis</i>	<i>azurea</i>
BLACK THROATED TIT	<i>aegithalos</i>	<i>concinus</i>
COAL TIT	<i>parus</i>	<i>atter</i>
GREEN BACKED TIT	<i>parus</i>	<i>monticolus</i>
YELLOW TIT	<i>parus</i>	<i>holsti</i>
EURASIAN NUTHATCH	<i>sitta</i>	<i>europaea</i>
JAPANESE WHITE-EYE	<i>zosterops</i>	<i>japonicus</i>
PHILIPPINE WHITE-EYE	<i>zosterops</i>	<i>meyeri</i>
VINACEOUS ROSEFINCH	<i>carpodacus</i>	<i>vinaceus</i>
SCALY BREASTED MUNIA	<i>lonchura</i>	<i>punctulata</i>
TREE SPARROW	<i>passer</i>	<i>montanus</i>
COMMON MYNA	<i>acridotheres</i>	<i>tristis</i>
JAVAN MYNA	<i>acridotheres</i>	<i>javanicus</i>
RED ORIOLE	<i>oriolus</i>	<i>ardens</i>
BRONZED DRONGO	<i>dicrurus</i>	<i>aeneus</i>
EURASIAN JAY	<i>garrulus</i>	<i>glandarius</i>
TAIWAN BLUE MAGPIE	<i>urocissa</i>	<i>caerulea</i>
GREY TREEPIE	<i>dendrocitta</i>	<i>formosae</i>
MAGPIE	<i>pica</i>	<i>pica</i>
SPOTTED NUTCRACKER	<i>nucifraga</i>	<i>caryocatactes</i>
LARGE BILLED CROW	<i>corvus</i>	<i>macrorhynchus</i>