

## B2A Lesser Sundas 2015 tour report. 26 July - 14 August

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Flores, Komodo, Timor, Sumba + Bali extension

This file contains our tour bird list only.  
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the great atmosphere and superb places visited on our website at;  
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### **Wandering Whistling Duck** *Dendrocygna arcuata*

50+ at the Yumba Wetlands which are a 40 min. drive from Waingapu town, Sumba

### **Pacific Black Duck** *Anas superciliosa*

Small group on Lake Ranamese, 30 min. away from Ruteng on Flores.

### **Sunda Teal** *Anas gibberifrons*

Two in flight Labuanbajo estuary. One with flock of Black Ducks at Mengitimbe wetland on Sumba.

### **Orange-footed Scrubfowl** *Megapodius reinwardt*

One seen on Komodo, heard at Potawanka road on Flores and heard at Langgaliru NP on Sumba.

### **Brown Quail** *Coturnix ypsilophora*

Seen Bipolo ricefields and good views in ricefields near Lewa on Sumba.

### **Red Junglefowl** *Gallus gallus*

A family party seen on Mt. Mutis, Timor and heard at Oelnasi forest.

### **Green Junglefowl** *Gallus varius*

Good views on Komodo and heard (superb sound) at Kisol on Flores. Also heard on Sumba and plenty good observations at Bali Barat on our Bali extension.

### **Little Grebe** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

A few on Danau Ranamese, Flores

### **Yellow Bittern** *Ixobrychus sinensis*

Singles observed both at Bipolo on Timor and Yumbu wetlands on Sumba.

### **Striated (Little) Heron** *Butorides striata*

Singles at Bipolo and Yumba coast on Sumba.

### **Javan Pond Heron** *Ardeola speciosa*

Quite common in rice paddies throughout incl. Bali.

### **Eastern Cattle Egret** *Bubulcus coromandus*

Small numbers throughout incl. Bali.

### **Great-billed Heron** *Ardea sumatrana*

A single bird seen on our Komodo day trip.

### **Purple Heron** *Ardea purpurea*

Single sightings at Labuan Bajo estuary, Bipolo wetland and Mengitimbe wetlands.

### **Great Egret** *Ardea alba modesta*

Only seen at Mengitimbe wetlands on Sumba and on Bali.

**Intermediate Egret** *Egretta intermedia*

A few sightings on each of the islands incl. Bali.

**White-faced Heron** *Egretta novaehollandiae*

About 10 birds at Bipolo.

**Little Egret** *Egretta garzetta*

Few at Menggitimbe Sumba and on Bali.

**Pacific Reef Heron** *Egretta sacra*

Komodo day trip, Labuan Bajo beach, Bipolo coast and Kupang from hotel. Both dark and white morph seen.

**Australian Pelican** *Pelecanus conspicillatus*

A single bird at Labuan Bajo beach, 30+ on beach near Kupang on Timor.

**Lesser Frigatebird** *Fregata ariel*

4 on the Komodo crossing, about 10 from Labuan Bajo beach and a single seen from the seaside hotel in Kupang.

**Brown Booby** *Sula leucogaster*

Distant "Gannets" seen by Martin on the Komodo crossing must have been this species...

**Little Pied Cormorant** *Microcarbo melanoleucos*

3 at Labuanbajo beach, few at Menggitimbe on Sumba and also seen a few in Bali on the tour extension.

**Little Black Cormorant** *Phalacrocorax sulcirostris*

Birds seen at same sites as for Little Pied above.

**Black-winged (-shouldered) Kite** *Elanus caeruleus*

Just 1 seen at a roadside stop on the drive from Labuan Bajo to Ruteng.

**Oriental Honey Buzzard** *Pernis ptilorhynchus orientalis*

Two seen briefly at Lake Ranamese Flores

**Pacific Baza** *Aviceda subcristata timorlaeensis*

Only 1 sighting, at Bipolo, Timor

**Short-toed Snake Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus*

Two soaring together at Kisol on Flores. One seen Bipolo and two good sightings near Lewa on Sumba.

**Flores Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus floris*

Good flight views of a single bird each at Golo Lusang and at Kisol.

**Rufous-bellied Hawk Eagle** *Lophotriorchis kienerii formosus*

Two birds at Golo Lusang. A couple sightings here may have been the same pair to perform each time.

**Bonelli's Eagle** *Aquila fasciata renschi*

Two rather distant eagles soaring together and seen at a roadstop near Puarlolo were ruled out to be Short-toed Eagle but there was some confusion about possible Flores Hawk at first. Two sightings of Flores Hawk later on in the tour made it clear they must have been Renschi's Eagle.

**Black Eagle** *Ictinaetus malayensis*

Very nice perched views in West Bali NP.

**Variable Goshawk** *Accipiter hiogaster*

Several seen on Flores; Komodo, Potowangka, Kisol...

**Brown Goshawk** *Accipiter fasciatus*

Singles observed at both Bipolo and Camplong on Timor.

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans affinis*

Several sighting on Sumba only.

**Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur indus*

Common coastal Flores, but also inland on Sumba.

**White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

A couple seen near Labuan Bajo on Flores and 1 imm. flew over forest at Langgarilu NP on Sumba, this is quite far inland...

**Spotted Kestrel** *Falco moluccensis microbalius*

Regular sightings.

**Peregrine Falcon** *Falco peregrines ernesti*

Nice performance at Oelnasi. Another one seen Menggitimbe on Sumba.

**Black-tighed Falconet** *Microhierax fringillarius*

Heard at Bali Barat on our extension.

**Buff-banded Rail** *Gallirallus philippensis philippensis*

Sightings at rice field near Ruteng Flores + Bipolo, Timor + Mangitimbe wetlands Sumba

**White-breasted Waterhen** *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

Seen at Labuan Bajo estuary on our beach walk. (Beach Thick-knee site)

**White-browed Crane** *Porzana cinerea*

Only seen at Bipolo, Timor.

**Australian Swamphen** *Porphyrio melanotus*

A few at Yumba wetlands near Waingapu, Sumba.

**Common Moorhen** *Gallinula chloropus*

Seen in ricefield near Ruteng on Flores and at Yumbu wetlands, Sumba.

**Red-backed Buttonquail** *Turnix maculosus*

A pair seen on the ground near Kupang beach, Timor.

**Sumba Buttonquail** *Turnix everetti*

We flushed at least 4-6 birds in no time once natural un-grazed grassland on the old coral bed was located at Yumbu. Measured by the enormous amount of this habitat to exist on Sumba these birds must be common. We located none in grazed grassland but once inland there is little pressure from grazing on the habit in Sumba. This was clear from the plane where we spotted an empty almost moonlike landscape on East Sumba. Nothing but Buttonquail habitat for as far as the eye can see...

**Beach Thick-knee** *Esacus magnirostris*

Single birds enjoyed at both Labuanbajo beach and Kupang beach.

**White-headed Stilt** *Himantopus leucocephalus*

Several counted on Kupang beach and at Menggitimbe wetland on Sumba.

**Masked Lapwing** *Vanellus miles*

No less than 3 birds were at Bipolo. Pretty much the only site for it in LS and said to be there only in the Austral summer.

**Pacific Golden Plover** *Pluvialis fulva*

A couple seen from a distance at Kupang beach high tide roost.

**Grey Plover** *Pluvialis squatarola*

Similar story as for Pacific Golden. No other sightings.

**Little Ringed Plover** *Charadrius dubius*

Recorded at Labuanbajo and Kupang beach and at Menggitimbe wetland.

**Javan Plover** *Charadrius javanicus*

Bali extension only; About 5 birds seen at close range in the salt pans near Bali Barat.

**Red-capped Plover** *Charadrius ruficapillus*

A pair showed well on Kupang beach and a few birds were at Bipolo wetlands.

**Malaysian Plover** *Charadrius peronii*

Excellent to pick along a pair of these at Kupang beach and nice to compare features with the Red-capped also present.

**Black-fronted Dotterel** *Euseyonis melanops*

An unbelievable find and a 1<sup>st</sup> for Indonesia photographed at Menggitimbe wetlands on Sumba. In fact this is the first record for SE Asia and only the second record outside of its home range of Australia and New Zealand. (old record of 1 collected in 1839 in South-India ) Peter got on it first and it was then confirmed by the whole group.

**Lesser Sand Plover** *Charadrius mongolus*

A few seen at Kupang beach.

**Greater Sand Plover** *Charadrius leschenaultii*

A few were at Kupang beach at the high tide roost.

**Black-tailed Godwit** *Limosa limosa melanuroides*

Small group on the high tide roost at Kupang beach.

**Bar-tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica baueri*

A couple only at Kupang beach.

**Whimbrel** *Numenius phaeopus variegatus*

Few at Labuan Bajo and Kupang beach.

**Eurasian Curlew** *Numenius arquata orientalis*

Single bird near Labuan Bajo

**Far Eastern Curlew** *Numenius madagascariensis*

Single bird on Kupang beach high tide roost.

**Common Redshank** *Tringa totanus*

Seen at Bipolo only.

**Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*

Few on Kupang beach and at Bipolo wetland.

**Wood Sandpiper** *Tringa glareola*

Bipolo wetland.

**Terek Sandpiper** *Xenus cinereus*

Several on Kupang beach

**Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*

Labuanbajo beach and Bipolo wetland. Also on Bali.

**Ruddy Turnstone** *Arenaria interpres*

Few on Kupang beach only.

**Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*

Few on Kupang beach and at Bipolo wetland.

**Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*

Single bird at Menggitimbe wetland on Sumba.

**Australian Pratincole** *Stiltia isabella*

Good numbers on Kupang beach, at Bipolo and Menggitimbe.

**Gull-billed Tern** *Gelochelidon nilotica*

Few at Labuan bajo, Kupang and Bipolo.

**Greater Crested Tern** *Thalasseus bergii cristatus*

The most commonly recorded Tern on the coasts.

**Little Tern** *Sternula albifrons*

Few on Kupang beach high tide roost.

**Bridled Tern** *Onychoprion anaethetus*

A couple on a buoy seen from our hotel at Kupang was a good find.

**Common Tern** *Sterna hirundo longipennis*

Few on Komodo crossing and Labuanbajo beach.

**Whiskered Tern** *Chlidonias hybrida*

Now and then a few recorded over rice paddies.

**Metallic Pigeon** *Columba vitiensis metallica*

Regularly heard on all islands but it was not until Mount Mutis on Timor that we had excellent views of a perched bird.

**Island (Indonesian) Collared Dove** *Streptopelia bitorquata bitorquata*

Few on Komodo, 2 at Labuan Bajo beach and also recorded regularly in Bali Barat on our extension.

**Spotted Dove** *Spilopelia chinensis tigrina*

Komodo, Bipolo, Sumba, Bali...

**Barred Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia unchall unchall*

Couple fly-by's at Danau Ranamese and Mt. Mutis

**Ruddy Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia emiliana emiliana*

Heard Puarlolo and 1 seen at Potowanka road Flores. Two seen on the Bali extension.

**Bar-necked Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia magna timorlaensis*

An otherwise quiet afternoon visit to Oelnasi got us this one. Certainly hard to find these days and a relief after we heard the previous tour group had missed it. We had a bird calling first, then David found it perched and it also showed very well in flight as it crossed the clearing we were in just meters from both us and the ground.

**Little Cuckoo-Dove** *Macropygia ruficeps orientalis*

Only seen on Sumba with a few seen daily at Langgarilu NP.

**Timor Black Pigeon** (TB Cuckoo-Dove) *Turacoena modesta*

Proved hard this year and despite lots of effort at Oelnasi we only got the briefest of flight views. Same bird also heard.

**Common Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps indica indica*

Regular sightings on Flores and Sumba. Also seen very well on the ground on the Bali extension.

**Pacific Emerald Dove** *Chalcophaps longirostris timorensis*

Quite common on Timor.

**Zebra Dove** *Geopelia striata*

Common at Bali Barat on our extension.

**Barred Dove** *Geopelia maugeus*

Common and easy to see on Komodo. Much less common on Flores with just 1 bird enjoyed. Regular on Timor and Sumba.

**Pink-necked Green Pigeon** *Treron vernans*

Bali extension only with a few sightings at Bali Barat.

**Sumba Green Pigeon** *Treron teysmannii*

Perfect scope views of 8 birds in bare branches at km51 near Lewa. Later two seen in flight at Langgarilu.

**Flores Green Pigeon** *Treron floris*

This and Flores Crow were our only target species left for our morning at Kisol. We were done finding those in half an hour! However we enjoyed scope views of 5 Green Pigeons perched in the open for much longer.

**Banded Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus cinctus*

Flores; albocinctus ; Perfect eye level views at a roadside stop between Labuan Bajo and Ruteng. Heard almost daily. Timor; cinctus ; Two birds enjoyed in the scope at eye level in soft late afternoon light on Gunung Mutis was a highlight. We also saw 3 birds in a fruiting tree at Oelnasi.

**Red-naped Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus dohertyi*

Lucky to get 1 bird perched out in the open at Langgarilu NP on Sumba.

**Rose-crowned Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus regina*

Plenty for good looks on our first morning at Bipolo. Our last morning at Bipolo however strangely produced none. Also heard and seen a few at Oelnasi.

**Black-naped Fruit Dove** *Ptilinopus melanospilus melanauchen*

Several seen well in a fruiting tree at Potowangka road. Heard Puarlolo. Few seen Kisol. Also a few on Sumba at km 68-71. Perfect scope views also of a male on the Bali extension.

**Green Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula aenea polia*

Regular Flores and Sumba.

**Dark-backed Imperial Pigeon** *Ducula lacernulata sasakensis*

Brief flight views on our first Golo Lusang visit. Heard a lot there. On our second visit we located one perched for good scope views.

**Lesser Coucal** *Centropus bengalensis sarasinorum*

Unbelievable close performance of 1 sitting out at Puarlolo. Usually much more shy and skulky behaviour.

**Greater Coucal** *Centropus sinensis*

Seen on the Bali extension only.

**Asian Koel** *Eudynamys scolopaceus malayanus*

Two on Komodo.

**Pacific Koel** *Eudynamys orientalis picatus*

Heard on Sumba

**Chestnut-breasted Malkoha** *Phaenicophaeus curvirostris*

Bali extension only with just 1 sighting.

**Shining Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx lucidus*

Single good sighting on Sumba at Langgarilu forest.

**Gould's Bronze Cuckoo** *Chrysococcyx russatus*

Couple sightings at Bipolo on Timor.

**Brush Cuckoo** *Cacomantis variolosus*

Heard on Timor.

**Rusty-breasted Cuckoo** *Cacomantis sepulcralis sepulcralis*

Male seen at Potowangka, more heard on Flores, also on Sumba.

**Plaintive Cuckoo** *Cacomantis merulinus*

Seen on the Bali extension only.

**Sunda Cuckoo** *Cuculus lepidus*

Good views at Golo Lusang, also heard Danau Ranamesa area.

**Eastern Barn Owl** *Tyto delicatula delicatula*

Heard on Timor at Oelnasi.

**Flores Scops Owl** *Otus alfredi*

Absolutely perfect experience at Danau Ranamese with a pair showing for as long as we wanted. I heard shutters go a 500+ times!!! And apart from shutter noise and excited group members making a racket, we could hear finally at last a Scops Owl with a nice sound...first for Asia? Anyhow the notoriously difficult to get Flores Scops Owl turned out easy cake for us.

**Wallace's Scops Owl** *Otus silvicola*

Heard at Potowangka road and at Danau Ranamese on Flores.

**Moluccan Scops Owl** *Otus magicus*

Heard at Potowangka road.

**Sumba Boobook** *Ninox rudolfi*

Several perfect views at km 51 forest near Lewa. Great photos by tour participant Marc Bulte.

**Timor Boobook** *Ninox fusca*

Took a while to pull in but in the end showed well at Oelnasi.

**Little Sumba Hawk-Owl** *Ninox sumbaensis*

This one came in only once but perched in the open gave great views to all and superb photos for Marc again.

**Sunda Scops Owl** *Otus lempiji*

Perfect score with a pair on the day roost at Bali Barat.

**Javan Owlet** *Glaucidium castanopterum*

Heard at Bali Barat NP.

**Mees's Nightjar** *Caprimulgus meesi*

First flushed up from the road in front of the car at Potowangka, this bird started to call from near the road. A short whirl of the tape had everyone enjoy perfect views as it circled us in the spotlight.

**Savanna Nightjar** *Caprimulgus affinis*

Heard Potowangka, daytime sighting at Menggitimbe and 1 at km 88 on Sumba.

**Grey-rumped Treeswift** *Hemiprocne longipennis*

About 5 birds seen on our Bali extension.

**Glossy Swiftlet** *Collocalia esculenta*

Plenty on Flores and Sumba.

**Timor Swiftlet** *Collocalia neglecta*

Plenty on Timor from by the sea up to 1900 masl on Mt. Mutis.

**Cave Swiftlet** *Collocalia linchi*

Bali extension only and common.

**Edible-nest Swiftlet** *Aerodramus fuciphagus*

Common on Flores. Also some on the Bali extension.

**House Swift** *Apus nipalensis furcatus*

One single bird from the car on the drive from Labuanbajo to Ruteng was the only sighting.

**Oriental Dollarbird** *Eurystomus orientalis pacificus*

Sumba and Bali

**Glittering Kingfisher** (White-rumped) *Caridonax fulgidus*

One seen well at our first afternoon at Potowangka road and another one here posing well for as long as we wished on our morning visit. One for brief views/photo a Puarlolo. Heard only in the distance at Kisol.

**Collared Kingfisher** *Todiramphus chloris*

Common, also inland.

**Sacred Kingfisher** *Todiramphus sanctus*

Quiet common along the coasts.

**Cinnamon-banded Kingfisher** *Todiramphus australasia*

Singles seen at Bipolo and Langgarilu.

**Cerulean Kingfisher** (Small Blue KF) *Alcedo coerulescens*

One seen on the Bali extension only.

**Blue-eared Kingfisher** *Alcedo meninting*

Bali extension only; Seen briefly perched in the monsoon forest at Bali Barat.

**Common Kingfisher** *Alcedo atthis floresiana*

The resident Flores subspecies with good photo opportunities at the resort pond of our lunch place in Ruteng.

**Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher** (Rufous-backed) *Ceyx erithaca motleyi*

After some effort trying to connect we enjoyed a bird busy fishing from its perch for 20 min. at Bali Barat.

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

Common throughout in open country.

**Rainbow Bee-eater** *Merops ornatus*

Common locally in or near forest like Bipolo.

**Chestnut-headed Bee-eater** *Merops leschenoulti*

Single sighting in coastal woodland at Bali Barat.

**Sumba Hornbill** *Rhyticeros everetti*

Total of 2 pairs seen perched from the road at Langgarilu and at least 5 perched and flight from km88 viewpoint.

**Oriental Pied Hornbill** *Anthracoceros albirostris*

Couple sightings at Bali Barat.

**Lineated Barbet** *Megalaima lineate*

Fairly common in Bali Barat NP.

**Coppersmith Barbet** *Megalaima haemacephala*

The attractive 'red-headed' form (as occurs also on Cebu and Negros in Philippines) seen well at Bali Barat NP.

**Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker** *Dendrocopus moluccensis*

Common in the forests of Flores.

**Laced Woodpecker** *Picus vittatus*

Nice sighting of a pair in coastal woodland at Bali Barat NP.

**Fulvous-breasted Woodpecker** *Dendrocopus macei analis*

Couple nice views of a pair at Bali Barat.

**Common Flameback** *Dinopium javanense*

Pair seen in West Bali NP.

**Yellow-crested Cockatoo** *Cacatua sulphurea parvula*

Several seen on Komodo only.

**Citron-crested Cockatoo** *Cacatua sulphurea citrinocristata*

Just 4 birds at Watumbela viewpoint on Sumba.

**Wallace's Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus flosculus*

At least 3 at Potowangka in flight. Single seen perched at Golo Lusang.

**Yellow-throated Hanging Parrot** *Loriculus pusillus*

Fly-by only, in West Bali NP.

**Leaf Lorikeet (Flores LK)** *Trichoglossus weberi*

Big flock of 100+ seen at a roadside stop between Puarlolo and Ruteng. This site is always passed-by on Lesser Sundas itineraries that do start with Sumba. Pity.

**Marigold Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus capistratus*

Fly-over few at Bipolo on Timor, perched pair at Langgarilu on Sumba.

**Olive-headed Lorikeet** *Trichoglossus euteles*

Only seen in flight at Mt. Mutis.

**Iris Lorikeet** *Psitteuteles iris*

Very nice perched views of a small flock at the afternoon feeding area of those on Gunung Mutis.

**Red-cheeked Parrot** *Geoffroyus geoffroyi*

Quite common throughout with regular good sightings.

**Great-billed Parrot** *Tanygnathus megalorynchos*

A few fly-over at Potowangka. Couple sightings on Sumba incl. a brilliant close eye-level flight view and a pair performing their mating ritual. (The male on top flips over his head left to right and back over the female's, this going on for almost 10 min.)

**Eclectus Parrot** *Eclectus roratus*

Flight views only on Sumba with more birds heard.

**Jonquil Parrot (Olive-shouldered P)** *Aprosmictus jonquillaceus jonquillaceus*

Commonly called Olive-shouldered Parrot these birds for sure wear bright red shoulder patches. Anyhow, these birds are reported increasingly rare and hard to find but we had no problems locating them in 3 areas. A perfect sighting at Bipolo and good for photo opportunities was followed by a pair at Oelnasi and another couple at Mt. Mutis.

**Elegant Pitta** *Pitta elegans*

Rather common on Flores (concinna) with sightings at Potawangka and Puarlolo. The star of the show though, was a bird very near our beach resort in Labuan Bajo. Photos in the report!

Extremely common on Sumba (maria) with birds calling back to the tape anywhere in the forest. They did not come in though and were rather hard to see.

**Javan Banded Pitta** *Pitta guajana*

Female seen leader only on our first day at Bali Barat. Good views both perched up on branch and hopping in undergrowth on the next morning in West Bali NP. Surprisingly common and adapted to degraded habitats incl. the driest open coastal scrub.

**Sumba Myzomela** *Myzomela dammermani*

One brief and one very good sightings at Langgarilu km71. Scarce and not easy to find.

**Black-breasted (-chested) Myzomela** *Myzomela vulnerata*

Rather common at Bipolo and a few seen on Mt. Mutis.

**Scaly-crowned Honeyeater** *Lichmera lombokia*

Only seen at Golo Lusang on Flores but common at this site.

**Indonesian Honeyeater** *Lichmera limbata*

Fairly common throughout.

**Flame-eared Honeyeater** *Lichmera flavicans*

A few sightings and heard more at Bipolo. Also at Oelnasi.

**Timor Friarbird** *Philemon inornatus*

Few at Bipolo. More common at Oelnasei.

**Helmeted Friarbird** *Philemon buceroides*

Common on Komodo, Flores and Sumba.

**Streak-breasted Honeyeater** *Meliphaga reticulata*

Quite common at Bipolo and Oelnasi.

**Golden-bellied Gerygone** *Gerygone sulphurea*

Regular sightings and heard throughout.

**Plain Gerygone** *Gerygone inornata*

Found at Bipolo a usual but especially common on Mt. Mutis.

**White-breasted Woodswallow** *Artamus leucorhynchus*

Surprisingly scarce in these corners (as compared with Philippines for example) with Bipolo being 1 site.

**Black-faced Woodswallow** *Artamus cinereus*

Up to 4 only at Bipolo seen on both our morning and afternoon visit. As compared with White-breasted at the same site it prefers the more open area further away from the forest edge.

**Black-faced Cuckooshrike** *Coracina novaehollandiae melanops*

Few at Bipolo only.

**Wallacean Cuckooshrike** *Coracina personata*

Flores; (floris) ; Seen twice, in flight at Potawangka and good long views of one at a roadside stop near Puarlolo. Sumba; (sumbensis) ; Heard only at km51 near Lewa.

**Javan Cuckooshrike** *Coracina javensis*

Bali Barat only; A nice pair on our tour extension.

**Pale-shouldered Cicadabird** *Coracina dohertyi*

Good views of a pair on Golo Lusang and two sightings of a pair on Sumba.

**White-shouldered Triller** *Lalage sueurii*

Regular sightings throughout.

**Black-winged Flycatcher Shrike** *Hernipus Hirundineceus*

Small group seen at Bali Barat only.

**Flores Minivet** *Pericrocotus lansbergei*

Quite common on Flores in good forest.

**Fawn-breasted Whistler** *Pachycephala orpheus*

Common at Bipolo, few at Camplong and Oelnasi.

**Rusty-breasted Whistler (Golden)** *Pachycephala fulvotincta*

Flores; (fulvotincta) ; Commonly encountered in forest. Looks exact like Yellow-throated on Timor... Sumba; (fulviventris) ; Common and "rusty-breasted" indeed.

**Yellow-throated Whistler (Golden)** *Pachycephala macrorhyncha calliope*

Fairly common on Timor and extremely 'white-throated' , looking similar to Golden Whistler on Flores.

**Bare-throated Whistler** *Pachycephala nudigula nudigula*

The Nightingale of Asia truly enjoyed on Golo Lusang on two mornings.

**Long-tailed Shrike** *Lanius schach bentet*

One at Oelnasi, heard on Sumba.

**Timor Figbird** *Sphecotheres viridis*

Few at Bipolo and Oelnasi.

**Olive-brown Oriole** *Oriolus melanotis melanotis*

Brilliant sighting of a pair at Bipolo incl. photographed. Very poor drawing in a guide to the Birds of Wallacea by Coates & Bishop. I mean, from a distance, doesn't even look like it.

**Black-naped Oriole** *Oriolus chinensis broderipi*

Regular on Flores only.

**Ashy Drongo** *Dicrurus leucophaeus*

Seen at Bali Barat only.

**Lesser Wallacean Drongo** *Dicrurus densus bimaensis + sumbae*

Common on Flores and fairly common on Sumba.

**Greater Wallacean Drongo** *Dicrurus densus densus*

Scarce with just a couple seen at Bipolo.

**Hair-crested Drongo** *Dicrurus hottentottus*

Seen on the Bali extension only.

**Greater Racket-tailed Drongo** *Dicrurus paradiseus*

Heard on Bali only.

**Racket-tailed Treepie** *Crypsirina ternia*

Seen twice at Bali Barat.

**Oriental Magpie Robin** *Copsychus saularis*

Few on the Bali extension only.

**Common Iora** *Aegithina tiphia*

Common in Bali Barat NP.

**Malaysian Pied Fantail** *Rhipidura javanica*

Few seen on the Bali extension only.

**Brown-capped Fantail** *Rhipidura diluta diluta*

Reasonably common in forest at all elevations on Flores.

**Northern Fantail** *Rhipidura rufiventris rufiventris*

Regular sightings on Timor.

**Arafura Fantail** *Rhipidura dryas*

Regular sightings on Timor. Few on Sumba.

**Black-naped Monarch** *Hypothymis azurea*

Fairly common on Flores and Bali.

**Asian Paradise Flycatcher** *Terpsiphone paradisi sumbaensis + floris*

More heard than seen but we got a few on Flores and a nice white morph long-tailed male on Sumba.

**Flores Monarch** *Symposiachrus sacerdotum*

Good looks of a couple birds at Puarlolo.

**Spectacled Monarch** *Symposiachrus trivirgatus trivirgatus*

Three sightings in forest near Lewa, Sumba.

**Broad-billed Flycatcher** *Myiagra ruficollis*

Couple seen at Oelnasi and 1 near Menggitimbe on Sumba.

**Flores Crow** *Corvus florensis*

5+ birds seen at Kisol, heard at Potowanka road

**Slender-billed Crow** *Corvus enca*

Single sighting on our Bali Barat extension.

**Large-billed Crow** *Corvus macrorhynchos*

Few throughout.

**Grey-headed Canary flycatcher** *Culicicapa ceylonensis*

May not be common on Flores as we didn't see any there. Quite a few seen on Sumba though.

**Cinereous Tit** *Parus cinereus*

A few on all islands incl. Komodo and on the Bali extension.

**Australasian Bush Lark** *Mirafra javanica*

Common at Yumbu grasslands on Sumba.

**Sooty-headed Bulbul** *Pycnonotus aurigaster*

Common Timor (introduced) and Bali (possibly introduced)

**Yellow-vented Bulbul** *Pycnonotus goiavier*

Common on Bali.

**Barn Swallow** *Hirundo rustica gutturalis*

Few sightings on each island.

**Pacific Swallow** *Hirundo tahitica javanica*

Fairly common on all islands.

**Striated Swallow** *Cecropis striolata striolata*

Few sightings on Flores and Sumba.

**Tree Martin** *Petrochelidon nigricans timoriensis*

Common on Timor.

**Crescent-chested Babbler** *Stachyris melanothorax*

On the Bali extension only; heard first day and seen very well next morning.

**Pygmy Wren-babbler (Cupwing)** *Pnoepyga pusilla*

Flores; (everetti) ; Showed well once on Golo Lusang, more heard.  
Timor; (timorensis) ; heard Mt. Mutis. Suspiciously similar sound to birds in Thailand etc...

**Mountain Tailorbird** *Phyllergates cuculatus everetti*  
Heard only on Golo Lusang, Flores.

**Sunda Bush Warbler** *Horornis vulcanius everetti*  
Seen and photographed on Mt. Mutis. Heard calling (no song). We also rescued a bird from a 'natural' snare at Oelnasi. It was fit for release and disappeared quickly in the undergrowth while calling.

**Russet-capped Tesia** *Tesia everetti everetti*  
A couple good views at Puarlolo. After that mostly heard in places like Golo Lusang and Danau Ranamese but also present almost at sea-level at Kisol.

**Timor Stubtail** *Urosphena subulata*  
Quite common by sound at Oelnasi and even Bipolo but hard to see. We did get good views though at Camplong.

**Timor Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus presbytes*  
Several sightings on Mt. Mutis.

**Flores Leaf Warbler** *Phylloscopus floris*  
Common at Golo Lusang.

**Yellow-breasted Warbler** *Seicercus montis floris*  
Heard at Golo Lusang.

**Australian Reed Warbler** *Acrocephalus australis*  
Seen Bipolo and Menggitimbe wetlands.

**Buff-banded Thicketbird** *Buettikoferella bivittata*  
Brief view at Bipolo, Camplong and Oelnasi.

**Zitting Cisticola** *Cisticola juncidis*  
Common throughout in rice and open fields.

**Golden-headed Cisticola** *Cisticola exilis lineocapilla*  
Regularly seen throughout.

**Olive-backed Tailorbird** *Orthotomus sepium*  
Common in coastal Sumba and even heard at our hotel grounds in Waingapu town. Like the Timor Red-eared Parrotfinch this is another nice (and funny) range extension discovered by a visiting birding tour group. They had been thinking cautiously it could be a new bird but really there is no way it would get on my list! Common in Bali on the extension of course.

**Cream-browed White-eye** (Yellow or White-browed) *Lophozosterops superciliaris superciliaris*  
A few at Golo Lusang.

**Crested White-eye** *Lophozosterops doherty subcristatus*  
Quite common at Puarlolo.

**Spot-breasted Heleia** *Heleia muelleri*  
Good views of a small group at Oelnasi. With some rare photos made.

**Thick-billed Heleia** *Heleia crassirostris*  
Quite common Puarlolo and other Flores highland sites.

**Flores&Sumbawa White-eye** *Zosterops unicus*  
Good views of the all yellow not so-Oriental White-eye at Puarlolo. Florbawa or Sumres White-eye??

**Mountain White-eye** *Zosterops montanus*  
Rather common Ruteng high forests and Mt. Mutis.

**Yellow-ringed White-eye** (Yellow-spectacled or Orange-fronted) *Zosterops wallacei*  
Common in lowlands of Flores and Sumba.

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

Seen on Komodo and on the Bali extension.

**Ashy-bellied White-eye** *Zosterops citronella*  
Regular sightings on Timor and Sumba.

**Short-tailed Starling** *Aplonis minor minor*  
Quite common throughout.

**Asian Glossy Starling** *Aplonis panayensis*  
Bali extension only.

**Javan Myna** *Acridotheres javanicus*  
Introduced Sumba. Also seen on Bali, native.

**Common Myna** *Acridotheres tristis*  
Introduced Bali, few seen roadside.

**Bali Myna** *Leucopsar rothschildi*  
Tour extension only; It was especially heartening to find a pair of Bali Myna's many miles away from any breeding station. The Bali Starling project is going well!!

**Black-winged Starling** *Acridotheres melanopterus*  
Bali extension only; First heard 4+ birds, then had rather perfect flight views in nice late afternoon light but also seen 1 perched.

**Chestnut-capped Thrush** *Geokichla interpres*  
A couple good views at Puarlolo took some work to get. For sure extirpated from Kisol these days. No song.

**Chestnut-backed Thrush** *Geokichla dohertyi*  
At least 3 nice sightings at Golo Lusang. Seen brief at Mt. Mutis. Good views on Sumba also by some of the group. Singing regularly.

**Orange-sided Thrush** *Geokichla peronii*  
A few very good views and photo opportunity for those quick enough at Bipolo. Only singing after playback.

**Island Thrush** *Turdus poliocephalus schlegelii*  
Common on Mt. Mutis where it occurs in very open forest and also shows well in the open. I've seen a few other much more elusive and scarce Island Thrush subspecies (out of 49)...

**Timor Blue Flycatcher** *Cyornis hyacinthinus*  
First seen well at Bipolo but experienced as very common on Mt. Mutis.

**Flores Jungle Flycatcher** *Rhinomyias oscillans*  
Another bird made "Flores" while it also occurs on Sumbawa... Several good views Danau Ranamese , Gole Lusang...

**Sumba Jungle Flycatcher** *Rhinomyias stresemanni*  
Two or 3 times good views at Langgarilu forest. [The other half of the Russet-backed Jungle-Fly split.]

**Fulvous-chested Jungle Flycatcher** *Rhinomyias olivaceus*  
The bird in the loop. Perfect sighting at Bali Barat.

**White-browed Shortwing** *Brachypteryx montana floris*  
Heard only (calls) at Golo Lusang.

**Rufous-chested Flycatcher** *Ficedula dumetoria dumetoria*  
Very brief but very good views out in the open at Puarlolo.

**Snowy-browed Flycatcher** *Ficedula hyperythra*  
Few encountered at Mt. Mutis.

**Sumba Flycatcher** *Ficedula harterti*  
No easy fellow and only seen once in a deep dark gully. Yet another evolutionary link to Philippines; compare with Cryptic!

**Little Pied Flycatcher** *Ficedula westermanni*  
Few seen. Golo Lusang, Mt. Mutis.

**Black-banded Flycatcher** *Ficedula timorensis*

Several heard at Oelnasi with 2 good sightings between us. Shy and hard to get with the whole group intruding in its habitat.

**Pied Bush Chat** *Saxicola caprata*

Taking advantage of deforestation these smart birds can only get more common than they already are.

**White-bellied Bush Chat (Timor Chat)** *Saxicola gutturalis*

We first had a surprise find of a male in coastal woodland near Kupang beach. Later also good views at Oelnasi and Camplong.

**Golden-rumped Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum annae*

Regular sightings at most sites on Flores.

**Thick-billed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum agile*

Sumba; (tinctum) ; I remember the 1 singing in a lone tree in extremely dry habitat near Menggitimbe. Couple more seen Sumba. Timor; (obsoletum) ; Seen at Bipolo. A very plain looking fellow sometimes called Modest Flowerpecker.

**Black-fronted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum igniferum*

Common in lowland areas of Flores; Labuanbajo, Potowangka, Kisol...

**Blue-cheeked Flowerpecker (Red-chested)** *Dicaeum maugei*

Fairly common on Timor. Seen Bipolo, Oelnasi and Camplong.

**Blood-breasted Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum sanguinolentum*

Bali; (sanguinolentum) ; Our find of 1 in coastal woodland just 50m from the sea left our local guide at Bali Barat puzzled. This normally is a highland species.

Flores; (rhodopygale) ; Quite common high up, like at Golo Lusang.

**Sumba Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum wilhelminae*

Common forest bird of the Sumba highlands.

**Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker** *Dicaeum trochileum*

Quite common on Bali. We saw several at Bali Barat.

**Brown-throated Sunbird (Plain-throated)** *Anthreptes malacensis*

Common Flores and Sumba, also seen Bali.

**Olive-backed Sunbird** *Cinnyris jugularis ornatus*

Seen Flores and Bali.

**Apricot-breasted Sunbird** *Cinnyris buettikoferi*

Quite common on Sumba.

**Flame-breasted Sunbird** *Cinnyris solaris solaris*

Regular sightings on both Flores and Timor.

**Eurasian Tree Sparrow** *Passer montanus*

A super delight to get these on almost every day of the tour.

**Red Avadavat** *Amandava amandava flaviventris*

This yellow-bellied form (all red in mainland SE Asia birds) seen near Ruteng and a few on Sumba as well.

**Zebra Finch** *Taeniopygia guttata guttata*

Several sightings on Timor and plenty on Sumba.

**Timor Red-eared Parrotfinch** *Erythrura coloria timoriensis*

Gunung Mutis is the area where an undescribed form of Parrotfinches were found as recent as 2012. They do look extremely (suspiciously) similar to the Red-eared Parrotfinches of Mount Kitanglad on Mindanao in Philippines. Such bold colours in exact the same spots simply cannot have evolved separate. Few Sulawesi birds, mainland Asia birds, the Bonelli's Eagle, Australia...it is interesting to see how these islands have received a sprinkle from just about anywhere. Well, we got to see them with no less than 5 sightings all in all. They go down as Timor Red-eared Parrotfinches in my book. The child needs a name I suppose while science may not be in a hurry for a description as the big news and credit of the find had already been taken by a birding tour group haha!! We are happy to share the location for any birders interested to see these look-alike Red-eared Parrotfinches. It is an easy accessible area not too far from Fatumnasi village at about 1500 masl. We have GPS coordinates to share. Simple request by email is all it would take.

**Javan Munia** *Lonchura leucogastroides*

Only on Bali, in the garden of our hotel in Denpasar.

**Black-faced Munia** *Lonchura molucca*

We only saw them on Flores a couple times.

**Scaly-breasted Munia** *Lonchura punctulata*

Common

**Five-colored Munia** *Lonchura quincolor*

Nice to find those in an area with rice terraces near Ruteng on Flores.

**Pale-headed Munia** *Lonchura pallida*

Few behind the guesthouse in Lewa on Sumba.

**White-headed Munia** *Lonchura maja*

Only on Bali, Denpasar hotel garden and a big flock in rice fields at a roadside stop halfway to Gilimanuk.

**Timor Sparrow** *Lonchura fuscata*

Couple in coastal woodland near Kupang beach, seen twice at Bipolo. Also sighting at Camplong.

**Paddyfield Pipit** *Anthus rufulus*

Flores ricefields, Mt. Mutis...

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