

Thailand Birding & Nature Species List | February 18 – March 8, 2025 with Naturalist Journeys



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Over the course of three weeks, we explored a wide variety of habitats from lush montane forests north of Chiang Mai to the salt pans of Pak Thale a couple hours drive from Bangkok and the seasonal monsoon forest of Kaeng Krachan, observing an astounding array of bird (436 species) and other wildlife. Kaeng Krachan National Park, with all its spectacular rainforest birds from pheasants to broadbills, left the deepest impression on our group. Together with the impressive number of birds and places we visited, we also got to enjoy its fiery and lively cuisine, as well as appreciate the gentle friendliness of the Thai people. After tallying the votes for bird of the trip, there were over eighteen nominations including Ferruginous Partridge, Black-and-red Broadbill, Hodgson's Frogmouth, and Gray Peacock-Pheasant. However, the winner for **BIRD OF THE TRIP WAS A TIE BETWEEN SPOT-BELLIED EAGLE-OWL AND GREAT HORNBILL.**

BIRDS (436 species recorded, of which 7 were heard only):

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MAMMALS (15):

Northern Treeshrew *Tupaia belangeri* — coming to the bird hides outside of Kaeng Krachan NP

Lyle's Flying Fox *Pteropus lylei* — in the mangroves on our boat trip at Laem Phak Bia (03/04), as well as a large roost at the King's Project nearby

Indochinese Ground Squirrel *Menetes berdmorei* — one coming to the bird hide outside of Kaeng Krachan NP

Pallas's Squirrel *Callosciurus erythraeus* — the common 'fluffy' squirrel of Chiang Mai Province

Gray-bellied Squirrel *Callosciurus caniceps* — common around Kaeng Krachan NP

Finlayson's Squirrel *Callosciurus finlaysonii* — the default squirrel around Pak Thale

Himalayan Striped Squirrel *Tamiops mccllellandii* — the 'chipmunk' lookalike seen throughout

Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor* — we saw this large arboreal squirrel at Kaeng Krachan NP on a couple days

Dusky Leaf Monkey *Trachypithecus obscurus* — quite common at Kaeng Krachan NP

Crab-eating Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*

Lar (White-handed) Gibbon *Hylobates lar* — spectacular views of a family group crossing the paved road below the campground at Kaeng Krachan NP, as well as another family moving through the trees in the stream crossing area of the same park

Lesser Oriental Chevrotain *Tragulus kanchil* — seen at the hide outside of Kaeng Krachan NP

Javan Mongoose *Urva javanica*

Smooth-coated Otter *Lutrogale perspicillata* – group was super excited to see a large family group of these large otters crossing the road into some mangroves on the early morning of March 1st at Pak Thale

Leopard *Panthera pardus* – incredible views for most of the group while coming down from the higher part of Kaeng Krachan NP on (03/03)

REPTILES (7):

Flat-tailed House Gecko *Hemidactylus platyurus*

Tokay Gecko *Gekko gekko* — easy to see and vocal at night at Samarn Bird Camp

Spotted Forest Skink *Sphenomorphus maculatus*

Common Sun Skink *Eutropis multifasciata*

Common Water Monitor *Varanus salvator*

Barred Flying Dragon *Draco taeniopterus* – observed at the stream crossing area of Kaeng Krachan NP, where it literally glided onto tree in front of the group!

Forest Garden Lizard *Calotes ema*

BUTTERFLIES (in part):

Yellow Orange Tip *Ixias pyrne*

Orange Gull *Cepora iudith*

Common Yeoman *Cirrochroa tyche*

Common Bluebottle *Graphium sarpedon*

Straight Pierrot *Caleta roxus*

Dark Blue Tiger *Tirumala septentrionis*

Chain Swordtail *Graphium aristeus*