



## **TRIP REPORT**

**7D6N CENTRAL & EAST JAVA WILDLIFE TOURS**

**30 JULY-6 AUGUST 2024**



**Duration** : 7D6N

**Dates** : 30 July-6 August 2024

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**Locations** :

#### **Central Java**

- Petungkriyono lowlands
- Petungkriyono uplands
- Mendolo village
- Batang shoreline

#### **East Java**

- Alas Purwo National Park
- Baluran National Park

**Wildlife** :

- 4 primates
- 14 mammals
- 101 birds

*Cover image: a Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey with a baby*







*Banteng and other wildlife grazed in Sadengan, Alas Purwo NP*



*Javan Deer in Baluran NP*



## Overview

Seven days of fruitful wildlife tours saw 4 primates, 14 mammals and 101 bird species. Some of the highlights are **Silvery (Javan) Gibbon**, **Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey**, **Javan Chevrotain (Mouse Deer)**, with highlight birds **Green Peafowl**, **Javan Broadbill**, and many more.

## Tours



*A Red-breasted Parakeet and Eastern Spotted Dove*

Early arrival in Gambir train station, Jakarta gave advantages to our tour. While waiting for the train that takes us to Pekalongan, Central Java, some interesting birds were seen. **Pink-necked Green-pigeon**, **Coppersmith Barbet** and **Red-breasted Parakeet**, along with the common and widespread **Cave Swiftlet**, **Eastern Spotted Dove**, **Sooty-headed Bulbul** and **Eurasian Tree Sparrow**.

It was a nice introduction to the tour. The train took only four hours until we departed in Pekalongan, we headed to

Petungkriyono lowland forest to begin the primate session.

The forest is home for the good population of Javan Gibbon. It also became the working area for SwaraOwa foundation that works for the gibbon's conservation and its habitat.

Along the 6 km forest road side, three groups of **Spangled Ebony Langur** and a group of **Javan Gibbon** are seen. Birds are scarce, but we managed to add **Grey-rumped Treeswift**, **Scarlet Minivet** and **Grey-capped Emerald Dove** to the list. At SwaraOwa's field office, a pair of **Horsfield's Babbler** are seen around the area.

Mendolo village visited to have a nocturnal session. We were accompanied by the locals of the PPM youth community, to try to search for the Javan Slow Loris. But, during two hours of searching, no slow loris was found. The locals said it was seen right in the previous night, but no sighting at the time we visited the exact spot. In the absence of the slow loris, we managed to see **Javanese Flying Squirrel** and a clear view of a **Horsfield's Frogmouth** and a female of **Banded Kingfisher** slept. A **Malay Banded Krait** was also encountered during our walk.

The next morning gave better results for primates. A group of **Long-tailed Macaque** became the first primate to be seen followed by a group of **Javan Gibbon** seen, one with a baby! Then, the hardest one to look for, **Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey**, as we finally found a small group after a couple hours of searching. In the group, we saw also one female carrying a baby.

A **Black-striped Squirrel** found in a fruit tree, accompanied by a different group of **Spangled Ebony Langur**. **Grey-cheeked Green-pigeon** and **Cream-vented Bulbul** also join the party.

Birds seen are **Olive-backed Sunbird**, **Crested Serpent-eagle**, **Long-tailed Shrike**, **Orange-bellied Flowerpecker**, **Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker** and the Java and Bali endemic **Yellow-eared Barbet**.



*Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey with its baby*



*Javan Gibbon (left) and Spangled Ebony Langur (right), all seen having a baby*

On the way back to Mendolo to have a birding session, **House Swift** is seen flying around the bridge. While in Mendolo village, nine birds were seen, including two additional species to the list: **Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike** and the smallest woodpeckers in Java, **Rufous Piculet**.

Rain poured in the afternoon, making our session needs stop. During the nocturnal session, our second try to looking for the Javan Slow Loris also resulted in no sighting. But a **House**



**Srew** and unidentified mouse of a probably *Maxomys* species seen. The upperparts is brown, while its underparts are clean white.

On the last day, we visited upland forest (1,300 m) especially for birding. Birds seen are **Blue Whistling-thrush, Striated Grassbird, Blue Nuthatch, Pied Shrike-babbler, Javan Tesia, Freckle-breasted Woodpecker, and Black Eagle.**

From 1,300 m down to zero. On our way to catch the train to Banyuwangi, we visited the Batang shoreline, where plenty of waterbirds were observed as expected. A large number of **Glossy Ibis, Javan Pond-heron, Cattle Egret, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Great White Egret, Intermediate Egret, Little Egret.**



*Glossy Ibis*

A single **White-browed Crake** and **Common Moorhen**. A small flock of **Wood Sandpiper**, might early departure migration. **Cerulean Kingfisher** managed to see eventhough scope. **Zitting Cisticola, House Swallow, Javan Munia** and another **Olive-backed Sunbird.**

Travel continued to Semarang, to get a night train that took us to Banyuwangi, East Java. We departed early the next morning and headed to Alas Purwo National Park.

At the park, the main location is a vast savanna called Sadengan. It is one of the best areas to look for mammals. Just before getting to the savanna area, the beautiful **Javan Banded Pitta** crossed the road. Two birds seen on the right and left side of the road.

In the savanna, several mammals are grazed: **Banteng, Javan Rusa, Wild Boars, Long-tailed Macaque**, with **Green Peafowls** at a distance. The male entertained to attract females, opening its tail coverts making a huge fan. This behaviour is only seen during the breeding season. At the distance, up to three **White-bellied Sea-eagles** are seen and a flock of **Eastern Cattle Egrets.**



*Banteng and Javan Deer (left). Wild boars (right)*

At the hide, we enjoyed seeing a couple of birds: **Javan Banded Pitta**, **Rufous-browed** and **Horsfield's Babbler**. A **Red-billed Malkoha** and a female of **Oriental Paradise-flycatcher** are also seen around.

Even surprised, a **Javan Chevrotain (Mouse Deer)**, sneaked to the hide and drank in calmly! From recent camera trap research, this Java and likely Bali endemic found to have a healthy population exist in the park. Other mammals seen were **Plantain Squirrel** and **Black Giant Squirrel**.



*Javan Chevrotain (Mouse Deer)*





*Red Giant Flying Squirrel*



*Green Peafowl*

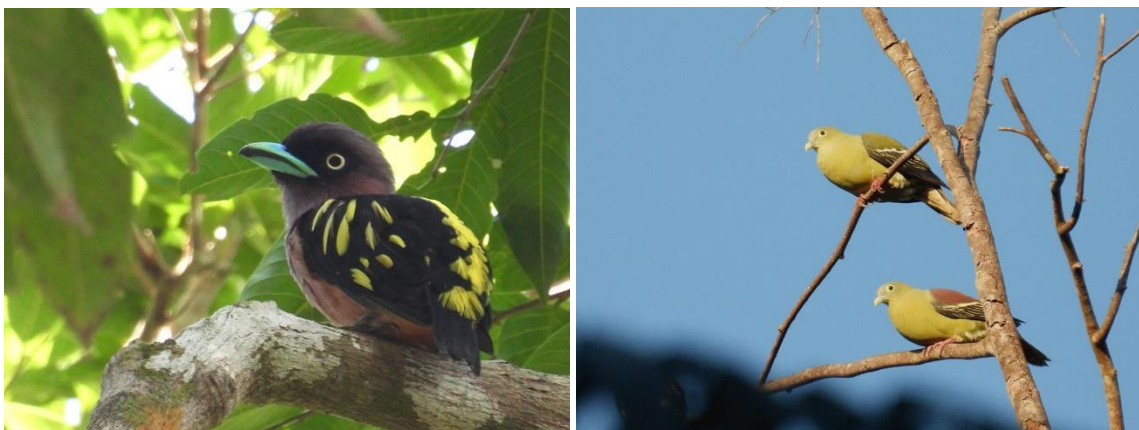




*Javan Banded Pitta (left), Rufous-browed Babbler (right)*

A pair of **Great Slaty Woodpecker** seen after a couple of minutes search. A stunning bird, one of the largest members of its family and now only recorded in a few areas in Java. In the forest surrounding, **Javan Broadbill** nicely perched in close distance. Another bird showed up briefly. **Oriental Dollarbird**, **Velvet-fronted Nuthatch**, **Olive-winged Bulbul**, **Racquet-tailed Treepie**, **Slender-billed Crow**, **Edible/Black-nest Swiftlet** and **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**.

The wildlife session continued in the afternoon. Following the birdwatching trail, the loud and noisy **Oriental Pied Hornbill**, **Black-banded Barbet**, and **Mangrove Whistler** were added. Back to Sadengan at dusk, we added **Lesser Adjutant** and **Brown-backed Needletails** to the list.



*Javan Broadbill (left), Grey-cheeked Green Pigeon (right)*

During the nocturnal session, a **Red Giant Flying Squirrel** is seen. While spotlighting along the road, several **Common Palm Civets** and another **Javan Chevrotain** were seen.

In the next morning the ranger reported an active nest of **White-bellied Woodpecker**. It was a wait to succeed, as the male of this big woodpecker came in silent, perched in front of the nest hole.



*White-bellied Woodpecker*

Baluran National Park on Java's northern corner became the next and last destination in our tour. It is just close to Alas Purwo in the southern tip, but a dramatically different area. Baluran is known as the driest area in Java, but surprisingly biodiversity rich.



*Changeable Hawk-eagle*

We entered the park in the afternoon and a black morph of **Changeable Hawk-eagle** perched nicely. Along the roadside, all three Java's pheasants are seen: **Red Junglefowl**, **Green Junglefowl**, and **Green Peafowl**. A **Large Cuckooshrike** added to our list.

We waited until the wildlife came to the water and **Javan Deer** came across. Birds seen are **Sunda Collared-dove**, **Java Sparrow**, **Scaly-breasted Munia**, **Sunda Pied Fantail**. A **Black-winged Kite** flying accross. Three immatures of **Black-winged Myna** came by with a **Javan**

**Myna**. A good sign of survival for that threatened species. Notable to add were **Orange-breasted Green-pigeon** and **Collared Kingfisher**.





*Black-winged Myna*

Another water pool visited resulted the **Southern Red Muntjac (Barking Deer)**! Thanks to the national park, we were allowed to stay until dark. Spotlighting on the way out of the park resulted in **Sunda Leopard Cat** and **Common Palm Civet**! Birds are **Sunda Scops-owl** and **Savanna Nightjar**.

Headed back early in the morning, the plan is to wait for Dhole. But, no sightings as we were stuck in a queue of visitors that came to catch up for the sunrise.

It was a slow pace of day as we headed to Bama. Birds added to the list are **Small Minivet**, **Pied Triller**, **Racquet-tailed Treepie**, **Great Tit**, **Black-thighed Falconet**, **Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker**, and another **White-bellied Woodpecker**.

Around the beautiful beach of Bama, a **Plantain Squirrel** and **Black Giant Squirrel** are seen. While headed out, a **Black Drongo** is seen following the **Javan Deer**. **Domestic Water Buffaloes** seen and that became our last mammal to the list.





*Domestic Water Buffalo*



*Southern Red Muntjac (Barking Deer)*





*Black Giant Squirrel*



*Plantain Squirrel*

## Systematic list

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### PRIMATES

#### Hylobatidae

1. Javan (Silvery Gibbon) *Hylobates moloch*\*

#### Cercopithecidae

2. Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey *Presbytis fredericae*\*
3. Spangled Ebony Langur *Trachypithecus auratus*\*
4. Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*

### MAMMALS

#### Soricidae

1. House Shrew *Suncus murinus*

#### Viverridae

2. Common Palm Civet *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*

#### Felidae

3. Sunda Leopard Cat *Prionailurus javanensis*

#### Suidae

4. Wild Boar *Sus scrofa*

#### Tragulidae

5. Javan Chevrotain *Tragulus javanicus*\*

#### Cervidae

6. Javan Deer *Rusa timorensis*\*
7. Southern Red Muntjac *Muntiacus muntjak*

#### Bovidae

8. Banteng *Bos javanicus*
9. Domestic Water Buffalo *Bubalus bubalis*

#### Sciuridae

10. Black-striped Squirrel *Callosciurus nigrovittatus*
11. Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus*
12. Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*
13. Javanese Flying Squirrel *Iomys horsfieldii*
14. Red Giant Flying Squirrel *Petaurista petaurista*

### BIRDS

#### Phasianidae

1. Green Peafowl *Pavo muticus*\*
2. Red Junglefowl *Gallus gallus*
3. Green Junglefowl *Gallus varius*

#### Columbidae

4. Sunda Collared-dove *Streptopelia bitorquata*
5. Eastern Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*
6. Zebra Dove *Geopelia striata*
7. Grey-capped Emerald Dove *Chalcophaps indica*
8. Pink-necked Green-pigeon *Treron vernans*
9. Orange-breasted Green-pigeon *Treron bicinctus*
10. Grey-cheeked Green-pigeon *Treron griseicauda*\*

#### Podargidae

11. Horsfield's Frogmouth *Batrachostomus javensis*

#### Caprimulgidae

12. Savanna Nightjar *Caprimulgus affinis*

#### Hemiprocnidae

13. Grey-rumped Treeswift *Hemiprocne longipennis*

#### Apodidae

14. Brown-backed Needletail *Hirundapus giganteus*

15. Cave Swiftlet *Collocalia linchi*

16. Edible/Black-nest Swiftlet *Aerodramus fuciphagus/maximus*

17. House Swift *Apus nipalensis*  
Cuculidae

18. Red-billed Malkoha *Zanclusotomus javanicus*  
Rallidae

19. Common Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*

20. White-browed Crake *Amaurornis cinerea*  
Ciconiidae

21. Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*  
Threskiornithidae

22. Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*  
Ardeidae

23. Javan Pond-heron *Ardeola speciosa*

24. Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*

25. Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*

26. Purple Heron *Ardea purpurea*

27. Great White Egret *Ardea alba*

28. Intermediate Egret *Ardea intermedia*

29. Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*

30. Pacific Reef-egret *Egretta sacra*  
Scolopacidae

31. Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*  
Strigidae

32. Sunda Scops-owl *Otus lempiji*

Accipitridae

33. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

34. Crested Serpent-eagle *Spilornis cheela*

35. Changeable Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus*

36. Black Eagle *Ictinaetus malaiensis*

37. White-bellied Sea-eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*  
Bucerotidae

38. Oriental Pied Hornbill *Anthracoceros albirostris*

39. Wreathed Hornbill *Rhyticeros undulatus*

Meropidae

40. Chestnut-headed Bee-eater *Merops leschenaulti*  
Coraciidae

41. Oriental Dollarbird *Eurystomus orientalis*  
Alcedinidae

42. Cerulean Kingfisher *Alcedo coerulescens*\*

43. Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*

44. Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*  
Megalaimidae

45. Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephalus*

46. Yellow-eared Barbet *Psilopogon australis*\*

47. Black-banded Barbet *Psilopogon javensis*  
Picidae

48. Rufous Piculet *Sasia abnormis*

49. Great Slaty Woodpecker *Mulleripicus pulverulentus*

50. White-bellied Woodpecker *Dryocopus javensis*

51. Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker *Picoides moluccensis*

52. Freckle-breasted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos analis*

#### Falconidae

53. Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*

#### Psittacidae

54. Red-breasted Parakeet *Psittacula alexandri*

#### Pittidae

55. Javan Banded Pitta *Hydrornis guajanus*\*

#### Eurylaimidae

56. Javan Broadbill *Eurylaimus javanicus*\*



Pachycephalidae  
 57. Mangrove Whistler *Pachycephala cinerea*  
 Vireonidae  
 58. Pied Shrike-babbler *Pteruthius flaviscapis\**  
 Campephagidae  
 59. Small Minivet *Pericrocotus cinnamomeus*  
 60. Scarlet Minivet *Pericrocotus flammeus*  
 61. Large Cuckooshrike *Coracina javensis*  
 62. Sunda Cuckooshrike *Coracina larvata*  
 63. Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*  
 Artamidae  
 64. White-breasted Woodswallow *Artamus leucorhyn*  
 Vangidae  
 65. Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike *Hemipus  
 hirundinaceus*  
 Aegithinidae  
 66. Common Iora *Aegithina tiphia*  
 Rhipiduridae  
 67. Sunda Pied Fantail *Rhipidura javanica*  
 Dicruridae  
 68. Black Drongo *Dicrurus macrocercus*  
 Monarchidae  
 69. Oriental Paradise-flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis*  
 Laniidae  
 70. Long-tailed Shrike *Lanius schach*  
 Corvidae  
 71. Racquet-tailed Treepie *Crypsirina temia*  
 72. Slender-billed Crow *Corvus enca*  
 Paridae  
 73. Great Tit *Parus major*  
 Cisticolidae  
 74. Zitting Cisticola *Cisticola juncidis*  
 75. Common Tailorbird *Orthotomus sutorius*  
 76. Olive-backed Tailorbird *Orthotomus sepium\**  
 Hirundinidae  
 77. House Swallow *Hirundo javanica*  
 Locustellidae  
 78. Striated Grassbird *Megalurus palustris*  
 Pycnonotidae  
 79. Sooty-headed Bulbul *Pycnonotus aurigaster*  
 80. Olive-winged Bulbul *Pycnonotus plumosus*  
 81. Cream-vented Bulbul *Pycnonotus simplex*  
 Scotocercidae  
 82. Javan Tesia *Tesia superciliaris\**  
 83. Yellow-bellied Warbler *Abroscopus superciliaris*  
 Timaliidae  
 84. Grey-cheeked Tit-babbler *Mixornis flavicollis\**  
 Pellorneidae  
 85. Rufous-browed Babbler *Pellorneum capistratum\**  
 86. Horsfield's Babbler *Malacocincla sepiaria*  
 Sittidae  
 87. Velvet-fronted Nuthatch *Sitta frontalis*  
 88. Blue Nuthatch *Sitta azurea*  
 Sturnidae  
 89. Black-winged Myna *Acridotheres melanopterus\**  
 90. Javan Myna *Acridotheres javanicus\**  
 Muscicapidae  
 91. Blue Whistling-thrush *Myophonus caeruleus*  
 Dicaeidae  
 92. Crimson-breasted Flowerpecker *Prionochilus  
 percussus*

93. Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum  
 trigonostigma*  
 94. Scarlet-headed Flowerpecker *Dicaeum  
 trochileum\**  
 Nectariniidae  
 95. Streaky-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera  
 affinis*  
 96. Ruby-cheeked Sunbird *Chalcoparia singalensis*  
 97. Olive-backed Sunbird *Cinnyris jugularis*  
 Estrildidae  
 98. Javan Munia *Lonchura leucogastroides\**  
 99. Scaly-breasted Munia *Lonchura punctulata*  
 100. Java Sparrow *Padda oryzivora\**  
 Passeridae  
 101. Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

## HERPETOFAUNA

Scincidae  
 Java Forest Skink *Sphenomorphus sanctus*  
 Varanidae  
 Asian water monitor *Varanus salvator*  
 Agamidae  
 Yellow-bearded Gliding Lizard *Draco haematopogon*  
 Elapidae  
 Malay Banded Krait *Bungarus fasciatus*  
 Megophryidae  
 Javan Horned Frog *Megophrys montana*

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